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Grand Lecturer Convention Schedule

Companions,

Below is my list for the Fall Convention schedule. I hope to see as many of you as possible as I complete the conventions for this Capitular year.

10/14	Hiram Chapter No. 62	27 th Capitular District
10/16	Midland Chapter No. 240	6 th Capitular District
10/27	Excelsior Chapter No. 164	25 th Capitular District
10/28	Wayne Chapter No. 276	24 th Capitular District
11/05	Pentaquit Chapter No. 309	4 th Capitular District
11/06	Bayview – Flatbush No. 298	2 nd Capitular District
11/11	Horseheads Chapter No. 261	22 nd Capitular District

Fraternally,

R.. E.. Gerry Irwin
Grand Lecturer

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Second Guessing Our Decisions

A FEW WORD FROM M..E.. John S. Jones

The remarks of this essay are directed to all the leaders of this Grand Chapter from the Grand High Priest to the District Deputy Grand High Priest to the Chapter High Priests and to Committee Chairman.

HEAR to prevent second guessing yourself. The hindsight effect (HE) is a term I use to describe what can happen when either:

1. People in our lives play armchair quarterback and tell us what we “should have done” or
2. We get stuck in the stress of the “second guess” and begin questioning our own ability to lead.

It is not so much what is said, but rather what a leader hears that makes the difference in contending with the hindsight effect. The only way a leader can win against the “HE monster” is to learn to “HEAR” well. To HEAR well is to possess an attitude of HUMILITY. EXPECT the best, AFFIRM the truth and RESIST the lie.

Those who HEAR well maintain an attitude of humility. Humility provides you the capability to accept constructive criticism without having to defend yourself and also provides you the ability to graciously dismiss the destructive criticism of armchair leaders.

Those that HEAR well expect the best. Great leaders expect themselves to be the very best leaders they can be. Armed with an understanding that they cannot lead effectively, without self-confidence they choose not to get caught in the mire of “why” questions (Why didn’t I do that or that? Why didn’t I think of that?). Instead, they optimistically pave their future by focusing on the “what” questions (What, in all that is being said, can help me better myself as a leader? What can I do better next time?)

Those who HEAR well affirm the truth. Great leaders affirm the truth of their calling to lead, affirm the truth of their commitment to lead, affirm the truth of their convictions as leaders. These leaders affirm what they have, not what they have lost, affirm the future, not the painful past, affirm the process of pressing on, not settling in.

Finally, those who HEAR well resist the lie. Great leaders resist the tempting lie that invites them to self-imposed leadership limitations. They resist self-doubt, depression and denigration and instead embrace self-discipline, determination and diligence.

John S. Jones

Most Excellent Grand High Priest - 2007

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Getting to Know Those Who Serve

R..E.. .Kenneth J. Fischer, Grand Captain of the Host



Kenneth J. Fischer after retiring from the New York City Police Department has operated a private investigations agency in New York City for over 25 years.

Ken has been the Master of Umland Lodge in the 9th Manhattan District, Kings County Lodge in the 1st Kings District and West Point Lodge in Orange Rockland.

Ken served as Grand Director of Ceremonies 2004-06 and is currently the District Deputy Grand Master for the Bronx District 2008-2010.

In Cryptic masonry – Ken is the sitting III. Master of Adoniram Council.

Ken is a Past Commander of Columbian Commandery No.1 and has been its Recorder for the past 7 years and served as the Grand Representative for Arkansas for six years.

Having joined Capitular Masonry in 1992, Ken has served the 1st Capitular District as its' AGL and DDGHP. Ken is a member and Trustee of Americus-Orient Chapter No. 138 in the 1st Capitular District and served as President of both the First Capitular District Association and Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests.

Ken currently serves our Grand Chapter as the Grand Captain of The Host.

Ken and his lady Marion have three children and are blessed with seven grandchildren.

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The Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests State of New York, Royal Arch Masons

Dear Companions, Brothers and Friends,

As president of the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests, O welcome you back from your short respite from our work in the quarries of Royal Arch Masonry and would like to remind you of our commitment to our craft through support of our Seventh Annual Dinner-Dance and Journal which is scheduled for Saturday evening November 15th. This year we will be honoring M..E.. Griffith Jones III, Grand High Priest of the State of New York, Royal Arch Masons.

As in the past, our sumptuous sit-down dinner will be preceded by a cocktail hour, at Koenig's Restaurant, 86 South Tyson Avenue, Floral Park, New York, from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. It promises to be a memorable event, with great fellowship and music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

In addition, a souvenir journal is being produced to help support Royal Arch Charities, and as a remembrance of the evening.

My Companions, please make your reservations for the Dinner-Dance early and purchase an advertisement in the journal. Promote this event in your Chapters and Lodges in order to awaken the Masonic membership. Bring your wife, Masonic and non-Masonic friends, neighbors and whoever would like to have a terrific evening.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

R..E.. Richard W. Loud

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PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESERVATIONS BY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

The Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests

Date : Nov 15, 2008

Time : 6:00 – 11:00 pm

Location:

Koenig's Restaurant

86 Tyson Ave

Floral Park, NY

Cost: \$60 per person

**Dress: Black Tie or Royal
Arch Red**

Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Albany

The Grand Chapter State of New York, RAM was well represented at Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Albany. Our Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Griffith Jones, III and the Grand Line were warmly received by the Most Illustrious Francis Karwowski, Grand Master, Cryptic Masons, State of New York.

