

# The Kentucky Keystone

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**ME Companion James H. King, Jr.  
Grand High Priest Message**

Companions,

We have talked much about membership this year and many of the Chapters are getting new members, but each year we lose several members in most Chapters due to nonpayment of dues. We need to do something positive to stop this loss. The Secretary always notifies each member at least three times of his debt to the Chapter, but do we really try to find out why these members are not paying their dues. I encourage each Chapter to make personal contact with all the delinquent members before they are suspended to inquire as to why they cannot pay or encourage them to retain their membership.

The East Central Conference held in Merrillville, Indiana was attended by the entire Grand line of all three York Rite bodies and several Past grand presiding officers, there were new ideas presented to help each state improve and strengthen the York Rite. Also the emerging leaders program was well attended and many young Masons received leadership training. As always Kentucky was well represented, my thanks to all who attended.

Nancy and I wish everyone a Happy Easter and may God bless you.

Fraternally,

***James H. King, Jr.***

M.E. Grand High Priest

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## Grand High Priest Itinerary

<i>April 2, 2012</i>	<i>Daviess Chapter # 29</i>
<i>April 5, 2012</i>	<i>Franklin Lodge # 28</i>
<i>April 9, 2012</i>	<i>Louisa Chapter # 95</i>
<i>April 12, 2012</i>	<i>Ryan Commandery # 17</i>
<i>April 13-14, 2012</i>	<i>Grand Chapter Indiana</i>
<i>April 16, 2012</i>	<i>Cynthiana Chapter # 17</i>
<i>April 19, 2012</i>	<i>Franklin Lodge # 28</i>
<i>April 23, 2012</i>	<i>Greensburg Chapter # 36</i>
<i>April 26, 2012</i>	<i>Benham Chapter # 170</i>

## ***“Modern Day Membership”***

*-Editorial-*

We as Capitular Masons have to realize the world has changed in the past seventy-five, fifty, even twenty-five years. In the good old days, men in their 20s and 30s would leave their job head home and after ingesting a meal prepared by their dutiful wife, indulge in the pleasantries offered by their nearby Masonic Body, as there would be little else going on during the after dinner hours. Today, men of that age have to brave a slow and painful rush hour as they drive home. Often, the wife is working, so dinner isn't piping-hot by the time he gets home. And then, despite television, local sports activities, organizations not even thought of when the century began and plain old exhaustion, he's expected to drive back into town to attend our Chapter. If that's the case, we had better have something to offer him. Far too often, we don't. In fact, we do things that seem designed to discourage that man from even coming back.

Years ago, the Masonic institution would have clearly offered the best after-work activities for a young man. Today, that young man can get world-class entertainment in his own home with the flick of a remote control switch. Chapters today have been placed in the uncomfortable position of trying to compete with the Internet, and the 30-inch box in the living room and a plethora of family events for those with children, which occupy more hours than are found in a day.

We must keep the lines of communication open to our new brethren, Show that you care about them, that you're interested in them, that you won't put undue pressure on them. Let us convey the idea of Royal Arch Masonry to our fellow brethren in our individual lodges. It is this addition of candidates that will benefit and expand our Fraternity and Chapters. Above all, remember these younger men are not only the future of your Chapter, but our great Order as a whole.

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