

# *The Kentucky Keystone*

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

Companions,

Christmas is almost here again, as we prepare for gift giving and wonderful dinners with family and friends please do not forget the true meaning of this wonderful season. Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the life he gave for each of us. We should always remember those less fortunate especially now when they need our help and support so much.

There are many of you who have friends and loved ones serving in our armed forces protecting our freedom. We should all remember them during our holiday festivities and let them know we care and appreciate them.

There are many Masonic activities during the month of December and we will all be busy. So I will hope to see as many companions as possible during this Christmas season and look forward to the New Year with the hope that it will bring new companions for many of our Chapters and new ideas for the Companions of Kentucky to put to use. I believe our fraternity can and will be an important part of the future, so let us stand proud as leaders in a troubled world.

I hope to visit with many old friends as well as make new ones this coming year. We must continue the work to build and strengthen our Chapters. I commend everyone for their work thus far and thank you for your continued service as Royal Arch Masons.

Nancy and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

*James H. King, Jr.*

M.E. Grand High Priest

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## **Grand High Priest Itinerary**

<i>Dec. 1, 2011</i>	<i>Oleika Shrine Temple</i>
<i>Dec. 3, 2011</i>	<i>Bullitt Chapter # 44</i>
<i>Dec. 6, 2011</i>	<i>Mercer Lodge # 777</i>
<i>Dec. 8, 2011</i>	<i>Hardin Chapter # 195</i>
<i>Dec. 10, 2011</i>	<i>Wilderness Shrine Club Christmas party</i>
<i>Dec. 15, 2011</i>	<i>Frankfort Chapter # 3</i>
<i>Dec. 13, 2011</i>	<i>Bowling Green Chapter # 38</i>
<i>Dec. 16, 2011</i>	<i>Christmas Observance</i>
	<i>Winchester Commandery # 30</i>
<i>Dec. 17, 2011</i>	<i>Christmas Observance Ryan Commandery # 17</i>
<i>Dec. 21, 2011</i>	<i>Maysville Chapter # 9</i>
<i>Dec. 27, 2011</i>	<i>Franklin Lodge # 28 Officers Election</i>
<i>Dec. 30, 2011</i>	<i>Bluegrass York Rite College # 104</i>



## *Success in the Chapter*

*-Editorial-*

As we enter in to the holiday season, there are many things each of us should be thankful for, and likewise there are those who have passed on and we are saddened in their absence during this season.

We look forward to a New Year and new growth, with that we must continue to develop and grow our selves, if Capitulary Masonry is to continue. Leadership accomplishes successes and success accomplishes growth.

An essential component of our Order has been our Grand Officers and their commitment to leadership. This is highly espoused as a prerequisite to increase in membership. With this in mind, it is important to evaluate what leadership means in the context of our Order and how it can guide us in to the coming year. The basis tenants of successful leadership can be perceived as exercising power, holding formal positions, and serving as a positive role model for other members. This understanding of the many components to leadership is the key to develop future leaders. Future leaders have to be developed in order to both preserve the past, and take a hold in the future. This is the basis for positive leadership.

As new members come in to our order, we should continue the process of making them “better”. The future is only possible with growth. Growth is only possible with the continuing increase in membership and from those new members come new officers. New officers preserves our Order, and Chapter’s continue. Like minded men, will naturally seek each other’s company, a common Masonic Maximum, however it more valid today than ever in our history.

To grow and be successful, there must be leadership within our fraternity, those who express a interest in leaving our Masonic Bodies better than what they find it. We need men with vision, initiative, and a willingness to sacrifice the most precious commodity, their time. These are the keys to growth in each of our chapters. Only through leadership and hard work can Chapters be successful.

## *REMINDER*

*George P. Sallee One  
Day York Rite  
Festival*

*March 17, 2012*

*Donuts and Coffee at  
7:00 am, EST  
Degree work begins at  
8:00 am, EST*

*Somerset Masonic Hall  
105 North Main Street  
Somerset, Kentucky*

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