

The Kentucky Keystone

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

Companions,

As the New Year begins I look forward to the many visits that I will make to your Chapters. I will make new friends as well as visit with many old friends; it is my hope that we can share many thoughts and ideas to help us shape the future of our fraternity. Please don't fail to tell the Grand Officers what you think when they come to visit, we need your input to help with the decisions that need to be made.

I want to remind all Secretaries and High Priest that Past Grand High Priest James G. Hogue is to receive all donations for the R.A.R.A. as he is the state chairman. Please remember this so that he can properly account

for the money and give credit to Chapters and individuals in Kentucky.

Please understand that my travels in the winter months will depend on the weather permitting safe travel.

As always I am here to serve the craft in any way possible do not hesitate to call if you need assistance. I wish you all a prosperous new year, may God bless you always.

Fraternally,

James H. King, Jr.

M.E. Grand High Priest

Grand High Priest Itinerary

Jan. 2, 2012	Daviess Chapter # 29
Jan. 3, 2012	Graham Chapter #80
Jan. 5, 2012	Franklin Lodge # 28
Jan. 11, 2012	Johnnie Ramsey # 149
Jan. 12, 2012	Hardin Chapter # 195
Jan. 17, 2012	Richmond Chapter # 16
Jan. 19, 2012	Rowan Chapter # 31
Jan. 24, 2012	Scottsville # 171
Jan. 26, 2012`	W.R. Selby Sr. Chapter # 4
Jan. 27, 2012	Covington Chapter # 35



The Fraternity

-Editorial-

Our fraternity, Freemasonry is by far the largest established and recognized fraternal order in the world. Freemason lodges are found in almost every country, and on almost every continent as such it could be expressed the earthly sun never sets upon the Masonic lodge.

A Fraternity is an association of likeminded men that come together with common interest, and that is exactly what Freemasonry is.

While the origins of Freemasonry are shrouded in mystery, it is clear it dates back to the dawn of civilization. The early Egyptians practiced many of the philosophies known to Freemasonry, and men practiced many of the operative skills as guilds formed in Europe during the Tenth Century. Written records of modern Freemasonry have been kept since 1717 with the formation of a general governing body called a Grand Lodge in England.

Masonry a secret society in that its Lodges are openly marked in the community and most everyone knows where they are located. The Grand Lodge of each state publishes a roster of the members of every lodge in the jurisdiction. Many of the Lodges have individual newsletters and/or websites which carry the names of the officers and members, as well. Thus it is, in the strictest sense of the word, a society with secrets, and these are limited to its obligation, its modes of recognition, such as pass words and grips, etc. and certain parts of its ritual.

Masonry is religious in character, but is not a religion. It is founded upon the basic principle of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, and everyone who comes to its lodges must express a particular belief about God, for this is the privilege of each individual and is not infringed upon by our Fraternity.

Freemasonry practices selective charities, founded on the principle of brotherly need which is not applicable in all cases that appear similar. No member has a specific claim upon the society for its charity, for this is not a right acquired by becoming a member of the society, rather it is a privilege.

Freemasonry invites no man, but is on the premise that all members come as an act of

their own free will and. During the coming year, take time to recognized that we are all on the same journey, and that we should strive to help, aid and assist each other through the troubles of live we face, TOGETHER.

Please Visit the Grand Chapter of Kentucky website for additional information regarding York Rite Masonry in Kentucky



www.yorkriteky.org

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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