



The Kentucky Keystone



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

Companions,

Many Companions have shared ideas with me so far this year and I am excited about the prospects for the future. Always remember that it is the responsibility of each of us to prepare for the future. We must think out of the box at times, but remember where our roots are planted and not lose the tenets we most revere. We are the oldest fraternity in the world and our precepts are so important in these trying times. May we always look to our forefathers for guidance and advice, that we may never be cast aside as imperfect as was the work of former times.

Remember the festivals this summer and support them with help and candidates if

possible. Please do not forget that all new members need a mentor and they need to know that we need them as well, contact them and encourage them to attend and be active.

Also we will have O.K.I. Council degrees including the Super Excellent Master Degree in Covington on August 4, 2012.

Companions I am honored to serve this Grand Chapter and the Companions of Kentucky as always contact me if you need anything and I will do all that I can to help. God bless each of you.

Fraternally,

James H. King, Jr.

M.E. Grand High Priest

Grand High Priest Itinerary

July 2, 2012	Daviess Chapter # 29
July 5, 2012	Franklin Lodge # 28
July 12, 2012	Ryan Commandery # 17
July 13, 2012	Apperson Chapter # 81
July 14, 2012	DeMolay Grand Conclave
July 18, 2012	Franklin Lodge # 28
July 27, 2012	Beaver Dam Chapter # 144
July 28, 2012	Grand Commandery Golf outing

Upcoming Events-2012

The Kentucky Grand York Rite Annual Sessions

The 2012 Kentucky Grand York Rite Annual Sessions will be held September 16-19 at the [Clarion Hotel in Lexington](#) (formerly known as Holiday Inn North). Web-site as soon as plans are finalized. It appears that the format will follow last year's agenda.

Kentucky York Rite Bodies Elections and Annual Reports

This is a reminder to all subordinate bodies, annual returns and elections will be coming due in the coming month. Please make sure your reports and election returns are reported to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible. Also assessments will be sent out soon as well. Make sure your membership count is correct and membership reports have been turned in to the Grand Secretary Officer by June 15, 2012.

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ANNUAL KNIGHT TEMPLAR GOLF SCRAMBLE

The 2012 Annual Grand Commander's Scramble to benefit the Knight Templar Eye Foundation will be held on July 28, 2012 at Wild Turkey Trace Golf Course, Lawrenceburg, KY. Start time is 8:30 am. Lunch will be provided.

The cost is \$50 per person, \$200 per team. Prizes will be given out for longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin, and closest to the pin second shot. First place will receive \$300 and a trophy; second place will receive \$200. We need the help and support of all Sir Knights in the Commonwealth to make this a success. Last year we raised \$2436 for our philanthropy, and with even more players and hole sponsors we can donate even more this year.

We are asking all Commanderies to sponsor a hole for \$100. Any Sir Knight as an individual may sponsor a hole for \$50. As an added feature this year we will have a traveling plaque which will be awarded to the winning Commandery that gets a team together of four Sir Knights.

Please send all sponsor checks and player fees to: Mark Elliott 166 Palm Drive Harrodsburg KY 40330

ONE DAY FESTIVAL IN LEBANON

The Lebanon York Rite Bodies will host a one day festival on Saturday, August 25, in conjunction with Kosair Shrine. Chapter Council and Commandery degrees and orders will be conferred beginning at 8 A.M. local time and Kosair Shrine will hold a ceremonial in conjunction with Ham Days on September 29 for York Rite members. In conjunction with Kosair Shrine's celebration of 125 years of service by charging a \$125 fee, the York Rite will also charge \$125 for the entire conferral, and this will include annual dues through December of 2012. More details will be available later. Bill Riggs, PGHP will act as the Registrar for this festival. billriggs@hotmail.com

One Day Festival Hopkinsville Kentucky July 21, 2012

The Hopkinsville York Rite Bodies will confer all of the degrees and orders of the York Rite on Saturday, July 21, at Hopkinsville Masonic Lodge #37, 103 Academy Drive, Hopkinsville, KY, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Coffee, juice and donuts will be available at 7:00, lunch will be served around noon, and the work should be completed around 5:00 P.M. All candidates from throughout the Commonwealth are welcome and any ritualist who would like to help may contact Secretary/Recorder Bobby Hayes at bobby.hayes@att.net or (270) 886-1694.

The Frankfort York Rite bodies are trying to get a class together for our annual 1 day festival. This 1 day festival will be the last Saturday in September. If you or anyone you know of would like to become a York rite mason please feel free to contact me via email or phone listed below.

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