

# The Kentucky Keystone

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

Companions,

Greetings, I have had an opportunity to meet with many of the Companions in Kentucky since our Grand Sessions in September and have heard many positive things that are going on around the Commonwealth. I have seen Chapters with many new Royal Arch Masons serving as officers and participating in work and am pleased to report that many new proficiency cards have already been issued.

We are making much progress in our Chapters and I believe we are on the right track for our future. Companions keep up the good work and enjoy Masonry for it should be an enjoyment to all who come into contact with this wonderful Fraternity.

Please remember that there are going to be Festivals at different locations around the State over the next few months, help get candidates and help with the work. It has already been announced that Somerset York Rite will host a festival March 17, 2012 also there are plans to host one at Prestonsburg and Hopkinsville. I plan to attend as many as possible along with the other Grand Officers and hope to see many companions at these functions.

Remember companions the winter months are a great opportunity for us to pick up a ritual and work on a part. We learn ritual for a lifetime; the need never goes away so be willing to help your Chapter confer work. It will be appreciated by many and gives you a great sense of satisfaction

Fraternally,

*James H. King, Jr.*

M.E. Grand High Priest

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## Grand High Priest Itinerary

March 1	Apperson Chapter # 81
March 3	Paintsville Chapter # 131
March 5	Daviess Chapter # 29
March 8	Eastern Star Chapter # 34
March 12	Jo Daviess Chapter # 32
March 15	Franklin Lodge # 28
March 17	Somerset #25 Festival
March 22	Edmonds Chapter # 83
March 27	Harlan Chapter # 165
March 30	District 21 meeting
March 31	Bluegrass York Rite College # 104, Danville, KY

# ***“Masonic Week”*** ***Alexandria, Virginia***

By  
***J. William Riggs, PGHP***

Masonic Week, or AMD Week, as it is sometimes called, was held in Alexandria Virginia on the week of February 8th, through the 13<sup>th</sup>. It is an opportunity for members of several national Appendant bodies to come together for an annual gathering. And while some of the organizations have a presence in Kentucky, many don't and this Masonic Week is the best opportunity for Kentucky Masons to participate.

By my count, there were sixteen different bodies that gathered there. The Order of Athelstan; the Scarlet Cord; the Knights of the York Cross of Honor; the Order of St. Thomas of Acon; the High Council Societas Roscruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; the Philiaethes Society; the Grand Council of Knight Masons; the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, (presided over by our own William G. Hinton as Grand Preceptor); the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; the Royal Society of Knights Occidental; the Masonic Society; the Grand College of Rites; the Nine Muses Council # 13; the Allied Masonic Degrees; the Antiente Order of Corks; the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers; and the Operatives. I understand that many of these organizations may be unfamiliar to you, but they are all connected to York Rite Masonry.

Sometimes, Degree work, or Orders are conferred, but many use the time to address constitutional issues and the election and installation of the national officers. This is also a great opportunity to take a break from “Old Man Winter” and renew old acquaintances, while meeting new friends from around the country.

Kentucky has always been well represented, however, this year there were only two from Kentucky in attendance. Sir Knight William G. Hinton, who presided as the Grand Preceptor of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, and J. William Riggs, who represented Centurion Tabernacle LXXVI, HRAKTP. Knight Priest Riggs was appointed as Grand Outer Guard of the Grand College of the HRAKTP, he also attended a Board of Directors meeting of the R.A.R.A.

Companions and Sir Knights, if you want a truly unique experience, and possibility further your

Masonic education, make plans to attend next year. It is always held the second week of February, and generally in the Washington D.C. area.

## ***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 ritualists who would like to help may contact Secretary/Recorder Bobby Hayes at [bobby.hayes@att.net](mailto:bobby.hayes@att.net) or (270) 886-1694.*

## ***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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