



# The Kentucky Keystone



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*ME Companion Wendall L. Trent  
Grand High Priest Message*

Greetings fellow Companions;  
The April Area meetings are finished and were a great success except for the attendance, I had hoped for better. There was a lot of great information put out by the presenters. If you weren't there it was a great loss of good information on your part.

Fraternally,

*Wendall L. Trent*

Grand High Priest, 2016-2017

## **Grand High Priest Itinerary May 2017**

05/04/2017 Taylor Chapter #90  
05/05/2017 Morehead Lodge #654 annual scholarship spaghetti dinner  
05/06/2017 Highland York rite College Annual meeting  
05/11/2017 Jenkins Chapter #164  
05/12-13/2017 Covington Scottish rite Reunion  
05/13/2017 Hepburn Lodge #576  
05/15/2017 Carroll Chapter #55  
05/16/2017 Morehead York rite Bodies  
05/18/2017 Lexington Scottish rite  
05/19/2017 Morehead York rite RA RA Chili Dinner  
05/20/2017 E/A degree Morehead Lodge #654  
05/23/2017 Morehead Lodge #654  
05/26/2017 Morehead Commandery #53 Ascension Day Observance  
05/30/2017 East Central Past Masters Society Elkfork Lodge #755

## **Upcoming Chapter Events**

### **ALL CHAPTER DAY**

If any Chapter in the Commonwealth has potential candidates. Please bring them to Morehead for the Chapter Degrees.

\*JUNE 10th 2017 second Saturday in June Morehead Lodge 746 W. Main Street, Suite 2, bring your candidates and the work will be done.

\*August 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 4th Annual RA RA Dinner to be held at the Showroom in Danville, Ky. 2405 Lebanon Road Danville, Ky. 40422 Dinner to be served at 5 o'clock p. m. Tickets for this special dinner are \$30.00



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## ***70 Year Membership PIN***

On Saturday, April 15, 2017, Companion James V. Jones received his 70-year membership pin in the Chapter Body of the York Rite at the Area 1 Meeting of the Kentucky Grand Chapter held at Bowling Green, KY. Making this presentation was Larry E. Gray, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, who drove over 200 miles from his home in Greenfield, IN. He remarked that this is the only 70-year pin presentation that he made during his whole tenure as General Grand Secretary as well as the only one known to be made in recent known history of the organization.

Many members made positive comments on Companion Jones' dedication to Freemasonry.

He is a Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kentucky. Several Grand Chapter Officers were present, including Wendell Trent, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Following the meeting was a delicious barbecue dinner that was enjoyed by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward G. Anderson  
Committee on Publicity  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M.

## ***AFTER THE STORM***

***By  
Howard Coop***

One thing is sure: Life is not always what we want it to be. We want happiness and tranquility, but sometimes, unpleasant things happen, and at other times, raging storms pop up that appear to destroy our happiness and tranquility.

A day in my childhood remains vividly etched upon my mind. That spring day began as an unusually beautiful day. The sun, in all of its brilliance, rose, and I played outside in its warmth, but in the early afternoon, things began to change rather rapidly. Foreboding clouds appeared in the western sky, and in a short time, they became black and ominous. Brilliant lightening flashed, loud thunder clapped, strong winds blew, the old house shook, and hail beat hard upon the roof.

My sister, my brothers, and I, terrified by the raging storm, gathered around my mother. With a concerned look on her face, she looked out the window at the storm, and with calmness in her voice, said to us, "Don't be afraid. The storm will



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After a little while that seemed like an eternity to me, the winds ceased to blow, the black clouds began to lighten, and small rays of sun began to appear. Still looking through the window, my mother said, “Look! The storm is over! There’s a beautiful rainbow in the eastern sky!” And there was, and it was beautiful! It was the first rainbow I ever remember seeing.

That’s life, isn’t it? Storms come, and they appear to be devastating. For a while, they disturb our happiness and tranquility, but the storms pass, and life goes on. Kitty Wells, “the sixth most successful vocalist in the history” of Billboard charts, sang so beautifully, “Well, it looked like the sun wouldn’t shine anymore,” but “God put a rainbow in the sky.” Therefore, most of us can say with Matthew Henry, “After a storm comes calm,” and life settles back into a normal pattern, and our happiness and tranquility return.

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Scottish Rite (KCCH), Valley of Louisville*

## ***Grand Chapter History***

As many of you may know, we are currently compiling the Grand Chapter of Kentucky History for publication during the General Grand Convocation this year.

Any chapter or companion that wishes to contribute any information or highlights of your chapter, please have the information to me by the end of May 2017, we will make every attempt to include as much history as possible from Kentucky and individual chapters that will highlight Kentucky on a national and international level. ***Editor.***



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