

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F. & A. M.
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District Deputy Grand Master
Handbook

MASONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



GEARY F. LAIRD

GRAND MASTER

2019 - 2020

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LETTER FROM GEARY F. LAIRD, GRAND MASTER

Brothers,

Congratulations on your appointment as District Deputy for this fraternal year. You have been selected by me and recommended by your Masonic brethren to serve the Craft in each of your Masonic Districts across this great state. By accepting this appointment, you are agreeing to Help, Aid, and Assist the lodges in your district with whatever their Masonic needs may be.

You will find this job to be both challenging and rewarding. By accepting the position and responsibility of a District Deputy, you are agreeing to promote the programs of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in your District, work closely with your Area Officer, and keep the Grand Master informed of any events that affect our Fraternity.

The District Deputy Handbook will guide you in performing your duties and give you a good understanding of what is expected of you. A leader that is well informed will be able to help others solve their problems and gain the respect of their Brothers.

Below is a list of programs that we have chosen to promote that will strengthen our Fraternity:

1. Ritual Competition Program.
2. Proficient Ritual Work.
3. The Grand Master's Traveling Trowel.
4. The Masons Helping Masons and Veterans Programs.
5. Attendance at the Educational Conferences and District Meetings.
6. Following and understanding our Masonic Constitution.
7. The importance of staying visible in OUR community in a positive way.
8. The "Masonic Bicycles and Assistance in Schools Program".
9. The importance of attaining "The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award."
10. Effective investigating committees! We must guard the West Gate!
11. Outreach to Inactive Brothers Program.

With your dedication and hard work, we can be assured of a successful year. I have complete confidence in your ability to represent me, and The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, during the ensuing year. Always feel free to contact me, your Area Officer, or The Grand Lodge of Kentucky Office if you need any help performing these duties.

MASONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Fraternally Thine,
Geary F. Laird, Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Kentucky

FORWARD

The purpose of this handbook is to define the duties of the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. The information contained in this guide will assist you as you perform your official duties. Please review this information thoroughly since it can make your year as District Deputy Grand Master both productive and enjoyable.

PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The District Deputy Grand Master serves as the personal representative of the Grand Master in his respective Masonic district. Your duties include working closely with the Masters of the lodges in your district to help, aid, and assist them, and to promote Grand Lodge activities and programs. Since you are the official liaison between the Grand Master and the lodges in your district, it is important that you help maintain peace and harmony between our members. It is very important to use good judgment and never become involved in private piques and quarrels which may occur between brothers or lodges. Also, never publicly criticize another officer or member of the craft. If a situation needs to be addressed, please refer it first to your Area Officer and then the Grand Master. If a direct violation of the Constitution is about to take place, please use common sense as to how you handle the situation. It is very important to never publicly embarrass an officer or member of our fraternity. Remember, after your year as District Deputy Grand Master is over, you will still have to live among your brothers.

Travel

I encourage you to travel both within and outside your district. It would also be a good idea to travel to other district meetings before yours so you can see how the meetings proceed. Visit every Masonic lodge in your district at least twice during your time in office. The first visit is usually for purposes of introduction and the second should typically be your official visit to that Masonic lodge. Plan your visits around possible bad weather, holidays, your schedule, etc. I also encourage you to use the district Facebook page to keep up with events within your district. Remember that your local brothers recommended you for this appointment, so be careful that none of your lodges are neglected. During your official visitation of a lodge in your district, highlight the Grand Lodge programs, make sure each Lodge has an updated Book of Constitutions and urge them to update their By-Laws as needed. Also, verify they are holding meetings regularly and forward any needed information to your Area Officer. When you have completed your official visits, submit an email to your Area Officer and the Grand Master, advising us that this has been completed.

You are to serve as a role model for others in your district and work with your Area Officer and the Grand Master during your year of service. By working together, we can achieve uncommon results. Suggest ways to advance Grand Lodge programs in the district. Please communicate any concerns to the Area Officer and/or the Grand Master.

Dress/Appearance

You should attend lodge functions dressed in a coat and tie, as is deemed fitting for the office. Please wear your D.D.G.M. apron and Grand Lodge of Kentucky identification badge to all meetings and Grand Lodge functions. If you visit an outdoor degree, business dress is not expected. You may wear a plain white apron to outdoor degrees. The apron should only be worn on the outside of your coat or jacket. However, NEVER wear your D.D.G.M. apron and name badge to a Masonic Funeral. Masonic funerals are for the family of the deceased and is meant to show that we are all on the same level, as indicated by a plain white apron.

Speaking/Presenting

Since you are the direct representative of the Grand Master, you should always speak just prior to closing the meeting. Be prepared with a brief, pleasant, and non-judgmental message. When speaking, always consider the hour and be respectful of the time of your audience. If a long meeting has taken place, keep your remarks brief. Always be prepared with something to say, since it is expected that you do so. You should always stand when addressing the lodge. Conclude your remarks by thanking the Craft for their attendance and attention. You may close by simply saying, "Thank you for your hospitality and thank you for this courtesy."

Visiting Lodges

When visiting a lodge please use the following guidelines:

1. Be on time: Early arrival at meetings will allow you to get acquainted with the members of the lodge. If you happen to arrive late, make your entrance as inconspicuous as possible. ALWAYS apologize for your tardiness when called upon to speak, but do not make excuses about your lateness.
2. Be prepared: Convey information about Grand Lodge programs and planned events to the craft. It would help you to have the topics you want to cover written on index cards. Stress the need to improve all aspects of our fraternity.
3. Have a positive mental attitude: When you make any comments remember that once spoken they cannot be taken back. Your comments should always be both positive and enthusiastic. Enthusiasm is an element of success, and if you don't believe in what you are saying, the lodge members will most likely not follow your lead.
4. Use common sense: Present yourself with dignity and be respectful of your brothers. They will expect you to be confident as you are serving in the capacity of D.D.G.M. However, always remember that humbleness is a Masonic virtue that we should all practice, and is expected of you.
5. Avoid unnecessary conflict: Avoid becoming involved in all private quarrels and disagreements. If you see a problem developing, bring it to the attention of your Area Officer or the Grand Master. ***Otherwise, avoid being drawn into quarrels.***

PLANNING THE DISTRICT MEETING

It is a good idea to schedule a planning meeting with the appropriate representatives of each Masonic lodge in your district. Do so at a central location soon after your installation. The agenda for this meeting should include introductions of all present, the coordination of details of the district meeting, and specifics of other events during the year. Plan to make the facility for your district meeting convenient and accommodating for brothers traveling from within, as well as from outside, your district. Become familiar with the guidelines of this handbook and follow them when planning your district meeting. For a Sample District Meeting Agenda, see Appendix A. See Appendix C for the Lodge Information form to be completed by each lodge. Please provide a copy of the form to each lodge in your district. Ask the lodges to return the completed form promptly, so you can prepare your statistics. The D.D.G.M., or his designated representative, will present district membership totals and statistics at the district meeting.

The District Meeting is one of the most important events of the Masonic year. The success of your

meeting will depend upon the amount of planning and effort you put into it. Past District Deputy Grand Masters, lodge officers, members of the Craft in your District, and your Area Officer will help you with your meeting if you ask them. When all arrangements for your district meeting have been finalized, notify the Area Officer and the Grand Master.

Notice of Your District Meeting in Masonic Home Journal

The notice of your district meeting must be received by the *Masonic Home Journal* Staff by the 5th of the month, two months prior to the month of your meeting. Plans and details must be submitted and approved by the Grand Master and Area Officer prior to publication. For example, if your district meeting will be held in April, submit notice to the *Masonic Home Journal* by February 5th, to appear in the March issue.

The following information is required in your notice:

1. Location of the meeting (physical address if possible) with directions using known landmarks and highway route numbers. Make certain that someone not familiar with the area can easily find it using only your directions.
2. Time of meeting including the prevailing time (Eastern or Central), and whether or not a meal will be served.
3. Indicate if the ladies are invited to the meal, or if it is for Masons only. Also note if a Ladies Program will be provided during the tiled portion of the District Meeting.

Detail important information about your meeting along with a digital photo of yourself (unless a photo was taken at the D.D.G.M. Orientation) and mail this information to: Masonic Home Journal, 11620 Commonwealth Drive, KY 40299. If you use e-mail send it to:

masonichomejournal@grandlodgeofkentucky.org

A few suggestions to assist you with your District meeting:

1. If you have a meal, have at least two serving lines if possible.
2. Make special presentations to guests, and/or recognize Past D.D.G.M.'s of your district during the meal time.
3. To facilitate serving and to observe proper protocol:
 - a. Announce the serving instructions prior to the invocation.
 - b. You and your wife are to be served first. Next in line should be the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.
4. If ladies are invited for the meal, you may have a program for them during the tiled meeting.
5. Your meal must start no later than one hour prior to your meeting time, however, I would prefer that you start serving the meal 1 1/2 hours prior to the meeting time in order to make time for the special presentations as listed in #2 above.
6. Since this is a tiled meeting, make sure you have enough aprons. You may ask other lodges to help supply aprons for their members and guests.
7. Masonic Protocol specifies that the Grand Master is the last to speak before the lodge is closed.
Please begin your meeting on time!

****NOTICE OF CHANGE****

OPENING OF DISTRICT MEETING

The lodge **will not** be opened prior to the district meeting and called to refreshment as in the past. We will open lodge promptly at stated time when all members are present enabling all Brothers to witness the opening of lodge in full form and participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

The D.D.G.M. will have a completed State of the District Report, and will present the totals during the District Meeting. Masters, or their representatives, will introduce themselves, their lodges, and report on their participation in community activities and Grand Lodge programs. Please instruct them to keep their remarks clear and brief. Example: "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I am Hiram Abiff, Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 357 in Fellow Craft, Ky. We donated two bicycles to the local elementary school, gave a \$300.00 scholarship to the local high school, and sponsored a Little League baseball team. We held a fish fry to raise money for the HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) Fund, had an Ice Cream Social for our widows, and donated \$100.00 to Masons Helping Masons."

DISTRICT MEETING ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2019 - 2020

An attendance award will be presented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication 2020 to those lodges who have the Master, and 10% of their total membership, or the Master and fifteen members, present. For example, if a lodge has 30 members, the Master and three members must attend. **If a lodge has 150 or more members, the Master and at least 15 members must attend to qualify for this award.**

(If the Master is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances, the lodge may apply to the Area Officer or the Grand Master for relief. If the Area Officer and the Grand Master determine that the absence is justifiable, the lodge may then be considered to have met the requirements with a total of 10% of their total membership in attendance.)

COMMITTEE ON MASONS HELPING MASONS

The Masons Helping Masons Program was designed to help brother Masons who are in need. After a lodge has contributed to a brother's relief, the lodge may then apply to this program for additional help, if needed, for that brother.

This program was first started by M.W.P.G.M. Brother Herman Forrester for lodges, and expanded later to include individual brothers by M.W.P.G.M. Brother Chris Stout.

By the sale of items which fund this program, such as ties, caps, bandanas, and knives, we are able to have funds available to relieve the distressed.

COMMITTEE ON RITUALIST ADVISORS

This committee was created to advise and assist the Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in the conferral of the ritual including the opening and closing ceremonies.

We have two rituals, the KY RTL, (the Light Blue book) and the Kentucky Ritual, (the Dark Blue book) and two monitors, (Grants Trestle Board and the Kentucky Monitor), recognized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and approved for the use by the constituent lodges.

Your committee will use these approved books, along with supplemental materials furnished by the Grand Lodge, to provide the assistance and guidance you may need for the conferral of the work and

other ceremonies within the lodges of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

The purpose of the committee is not to correct, dictate, or do all the actual work for the lodges. No lodge will be forced to change anything they are currently doing. This committee will be available to provide any assistance, advice, and ritual help the lodges may need to bring them into compliance with the rules, regulations, and proper procedures adopted and approved by our Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON MASONRY MATTERS

The committee on Masonry Matters was started by Brother Bill Cunningham in far West Kentucky. It was designed to encourage lodges to get involved in our local schools, by helping with the various needs of the children which remain unfunded by existing public programs.

COMMITTEE ON FIRST RESPONDERS

This committee was started by M.W.P.G.M. Todd Jones, to recognize and honor our First Responders, the local men and women who put themselves in harm's way each day so that we may continue to enjoy the safety of the world in which we live.

I urge EACH lodge to honor them with a dinner, cookout, breakfast, special program, or event to show them, and others in our communities how important they are to us.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

This committee was established by M.W.P.G.M. and current R.W. Brother Donald H. Yankey, Grand Secretary, and with this program, we honor our veterans in several ways. We annually assist in funding and supporting our active military and veterans with events across our state.

This year we will continue going into the National, State, and local cemeteries to assist with cleanup and placing flags (done on the Saturday before) in preparation of Memorial Day, also known as Decoration Day. Flags should be retrieved by the following Tuesday.

If your lodge can't travel to one of the National or State Veteran Cemeteries, you may chose a local cemetery to adopt. Please inform your District Deputy, Area Officer and myself if you choose this option.

Grand Lodge of Kentucky Golf Scramble to benefit the Veterans Program, Saturday, May 9, 2020

Details will be announced when available in the Masonic Home Journal.

BOOK OF MASONIC CONSTITUTION

Become familiar with the index and articles of the Book of Constitution so you can answer questions you will be asked when you visit lodges. **Do not give answers to a constitutional question from memory - instead, read the section of the Constitution pertaining to the question in order to correctly guide the brothers to the proper answer.** This process will prevent misunderstandings of the question at hand. In instances where an interpretation of the Constitution is required to settle an issue, refer the questionable section(s) to the Area Officer, and the Grand Master, if necessary. In most instances the questions on Masonic law that may arise can be answered by reading or referring to the section of the Constitution pertaining to the issue.

Be sure that all lodges in your district have an up-to-date Constitution. Each lodge received two copies of the updates for the Constitution, after the most recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Encourage the lodge to refer to it often, as the laws governing our fraternity help to protect the integrity of our order. Suggest that each lodge periodically have brief programs on the Constitution, using selected sections as topics, in order that the Craft may become familiar and comfortable with the Constitution. You may want to utilize the Constitutional Quiz provided by the Committee on Masonic Scholars to increase the knowledge of our Constitution.

Impress upon the lodge Secretary that he submit a list of the newly elected and/or appointed officers of the lodge electronically. This electronic submission should be completed as soon as possible following the election of officers in December. This can be done prior to installation. In any case, the submission must be received in the Grand Lodge Office prior to Sunday, January 12, 2020, even if the officers have yet to be installed.

Also, encourage the lodge Secretary to enter the information on the lodge income, electronically on the Grand Lodge database. Additionally each lodge must file a 990-N Electronic Postcard on the IRS Website if their annual income is under \$50,000. Those over \$50,000 will fill out a 990EZ or regular 990 Form. This information is required by the IRS with a deadline being the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of their fiscal year. **Either way, ALL Masonic Lodges must file electronically on the IRS Website to retain their tax exempt status.**

GRAND MASTER'S PINS/SPECIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS

GRAND MASTER'S PINS

This year's Grand Master's Pin is round with a brass background. In the center of the pin is the square and compass with the letter "G", which symbolizes Masonry around the world. Also displayed on the pin are the tools of our fraternity, which teaches us the many lessons of Freemasonry. Curving around the top of the pin is the Grand Master's slogan: "Masons Making a Difference" and curving around the bottom is: "Grand Lodge of Kentucky F.&A.M." Centered across the back of the pin (in raised letters) is printed, "Geary F. Laird" on one line, and "Grand Master 2019-2020" below that.

GRAND MASTER'S VETERANS PROGRAM/PINS AND COINS

The Grand Master's Veterans Pin proudly displays the American Flag and Eagle holding the vector ribbon inscribed with the word "VETERAN". The eagle on this Veterans Pin represents United States military service in any part of the globe. The square and compass is at the top of the pin, symbolizing Masonic support for our Veterans.

The words "KENTUCKY MASONS SALUTING OUR VETERANS" are wrapped in a circular fashion around the outer circumference of the pin. Centered across the back of the pin in raised lettering, is printed, "Geary F. Laird" on the first line, with "Grand Master 2019-2020" on the second line, and "Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A. M." on the third line.

The front of the Grand Master's Veterans Coin is similar to the Grand Master's Veterans Pin displaying the American Flag and Eagle as stated above. The back of the coin displays the several branches of our military surrounding the square and compass. This patriotic coin is a tribute to our Nation's heroes.

Proceeds from the Masonic Veterans Pin and Coin sales will benefit Veteran Recognition Programs across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Many of our schools across the state hold assemblies and other such programs around Veterans Day to recognize and show support for our veterans. Schools are always looking for Veterans to speak at these events, so please volunteer and support this program.

GRAND MASTER'S ATV RIDES 2019-2020

We will continue to have the ATV rides at The ATV Park in Madisonville, Muddin' with the Masons in Williamsburg and Knott County Ride in Eastern Kentucky. All other events will be posted in the Masonic Home Journal and on the Grand Lodge website.

GRAND MASTER'S MASONIC SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Interested Masons, who are taking the quiz for the first time, may qualify for a Masonic Scholar pin this year by successfully completing an open book test on the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Masons from across the State of Kentucky contributed ideas for questions for the quiz. The quiz is intended to spur discussion about the Constitution as well as initiate interest for further study. The quiz consists of 25 multiple choice questions. The article where an answer can be found will be given. A brother must successfully give the letter answer and section. A brother must have at least 23 correct answers to pass. Successful completion of this program will count for points towards a lodge achieving the Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award.

MASONIC RITUAL COMPETITION INFORMATION
NO MEALS ARE TO BE SERVED
DRESS CASUAL - ALL COMPETITION TIMES ARE PREVAILING TIMES

The Grand Lodge will be holding a Ritual Competition to recognize the importance of ritual excellence within our Commonwealth. The purpose of the competition is to inspire lodges to focus on meaningful ritual to deepen members' and candidates' experiences, and to raise the standard of ritual excellence in our craft.

We know that many of you are excellent ritualists and we hope you will participate in the competition and be recognized for your efforts. The Kentucky Monitor by Henry Pirtle will be used as the primary source for judging purposes in the 2019-2020 competition. The three categories of the competition will consist of: Usual Interrogatories at the Door (Door Lecture), Bible Lecture, and Apron Lecture. This competition is open to all members including Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft; each participant can enter one or more of the categories.

The Ritual Committee will have further details on the program and how it will be conducted. Brethren whose interest is ritual proficiency and techniques will find the ritual competition most informative and beneficial. It is our hope that this will be a way of encouraging brothers to tackle new roles and passages.

The dates, locations and times for these competitions are as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Friday, August 21, 2020	7:00 pm CDT	Clinton Lodge #82 110 Masonic Drive Princeton, KY 42445
Saturday, August 22, 2020	10:00 am CDT	Bear Wallow-Cave City #231 702 North Dixie Highway Cave City, KY 42127
Saturday, August 22, 2020	3:00 pm EDT	Bullitt Lodge #155 376 High School Drive Shepherdsville, KY 40165
Friday, August 28, 2020	7:00 pm EDT	Crittenden-Dry Ridge Lodge #694 111 South Main Crittenden, KY 41030
Saturday, August 29, 2020	10:00 am EDT	Hazard Lodge #676 548 Main Street Hazard, KY 41701
Saturday, August 29, 2020	3:00 pm EDT	Morehead Lodge #654 746 West Main Street Morehead, KY 40351
Sunday, October 18, 2020	1:00 pm EDT	Grand Lodge Session 2020 at Galt House Hotel 140 N. 4th Street Louisville, KY 40202

These dates, times and locations will be in the Masonic Home Journal.

GRAND MASTER'S 2019-2020 STATEWIDE TRAVELING TROWEL PROGRAM

The Grand Master will have a Statewide Traveling Trowel Program. The Trowel location can be tracked using the locator found on the Grand Lodge of Kentucky website and/or the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Statewide Traveling Trowel Location facebook Page (see Appendix D). It is important that you follow the directions contained in the Trowel case to ensure that its location is kept updated, so all lodges have an opportunity to claim it. One or more Masons may claim the Trowel at any Masonic meeting. It must be claimed and presented in a tiled or open meeting to count. Make sure to follow the directions and sign the registry contained in the Trowel case.

As Masons, we are taught that the trowel is used to “spread the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers”. The Trowel may first be claimed by the lodge which travels the farthest, and has not already claimed it, otherwise by the lodge that has traveled the longest distance and never had it. The purpose of this program is to encourage Masonic Travel across the State of Kentucky.

DISTRICT TRAVELING GAVEL PROGRAM

The District Deputy Grand Master is asked to maintain and promote the traveling gavel program in his district. Each district should have a Traveling Gavel, and the District Deputy Grand Master should always know where it is located. It is his responsibility to keep the gavel traveling from lodge to lodge.

The guidelines below are only suggestions on how the District Traveling Gavel Program might work. **If your district has a program in place, then continue with it instead.** The purpose of this program is to encourage Masonic travel within the district.

The Traveling Gavel must be placed in clear view of all visiting Brothers.

Suggestions for claiming the Traveling Gavel

1. The traveling gavel may be claimed from a lodge on any regular or lawfully called meeting, excluding only Masonic Funeral Rites.
2. The traveling gavel may be claimed by:
 - a. Whichever lodge has the most visitors present.
 - b. If there is a tie, the lodge that traveled the farthest will receive the gavel.
 - c. The Traveling Gavel will be presented before closing the lodge.
 - d. The lodge receiving the gavel will notify the District Deputy.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM, 2019-2020

The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award is designed to raise the overall proficiency of a lodge by increasing visibility within the community and the fraternity. Lodges attaining the award will receive it at the 2020 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. They must meet the requirements from September 1, 2019 through August 16, 2020. All applications must be signed by the Master of the lodge and certified by the lodge Secretary, with his signature and the seal of the lodge. Applications must be received by the Grand Lodge Office by August 31, 2020. The requirements for this award are based on input from individual lodges, Past Grand Masters, previous excellence programs and the Grand Master himself. The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Program is point-based again this year.

The purpose of this program is to encourage lodges to become very active in their communities and in Masonic knowledge and procedures.

See Appendix H for the Grand Master's Excellence Award Program

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

AREA NO. 1 (GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN IS AREA OFFICER)

District	Name	Cell Phone	Home Phone
1	John Clint Blaine	270-841-0250	
2	Dan A. Lynn	270-331-4469	270-554-0506
3	Bruce E. Lyles	270-853-2745	
4	Perry Luttrull	270-348-1017	
5	Jimmie R. Horne	270-997-2681	
6	Bruce C. Outlaw	270-452-8740	270-676-3827
7	Jon Grantham		270-478-5030
8	Michael Boggs		502-445-4977
9	Rick Nickoson		270-317-2643
10	Alan Gass	270-392-0570	270-586-5441

AREA NO. 2 (GRAND SENIOR WARDEN IS AREA OFFICER)

District	Name	Cell Phone	Home Phone
11	Scott Reece	270-537-5354	270-524-7385
12	Pierre Janssen	502-262-8630	
13	Steve Logsdon	502-836-0448	502-543-8370
14	Charles R. Bowman	502-718-1555	502-254-0185
15	Stephen Hawkins	502-921-3420	
16	Allen Crabtree	270-789-9543	
17	Rob Henry	502-619-1580	
18	Jason L. Wallace	859-743-7637	
19	Tom Nitschke	859-638-2239	
20	Terry McFarland	859-494-5710	859-885-9254

AREA NO. 3 (DEPUTY GRAND MASTER IS AREA OFFICER)

District	Name	Cell Phone	Home Phone
21	Derek J. Gastineau	606-669-8955	
22	Michael T. Gibson	270-217-5768	
23	Wendall Lee Trent	606-776-9505	606-286-2854
24	Jeff Randolph	859-808-0028	
25	Greg Horn	859-582-9050	
26	Marvin L. Smith	606-304-0180	
27	Wes Napier	606-571-9245	
28	Eddie R. Hazelett	606-454-5776	606-789-4714
29	Greg Phipps	606-794-0977	606-754-7968
30	C. Bishop Johnson	606-269-1663	

MASONIC EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION
NO MEALS ARE TO BE SERVED
DRESS CASUAL - ALL MEETING TIMES ARE PREVAILING TIMES

This year the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will present the Masonic Education Conferences in a dual format. These formats will include a video-conference available statewide, and visits to six specific locations around the state by the Education Committee, scheduled as follows:

First, a video-conference will be conducted on Saturday, January 25, 2020. The conference will be held at 12:00pm EST, 11:00am CST, and will originate from the Grand Lodge Office in Louisville, Kentucky. Please consult with your District Deputy Grand Masters about the location of the conference in your Masonic District.

Second, The Grand Lodge Officers and Education Committee members will travel to six locations around the Commonwealth for Masonic Education Meetings. The same information will be presented in these meetings as was presented during the video-conference. The dates and times for these meetings are as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Friday, Jan. 31, 2020	7:00 pm CDT	Madisonville Scottish Rite 668 Park Avenue Madisonville, KY 42431
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020	10:00 am CDT	Columbia Lodge #96 411 Burkesville Street Columbia, KY 42728
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020	3:00 pm EDT	Louisville Scottish Rite 200 E. Gray Street Louisville, KY 40202
Friday, Feb. 7, 2020	7:00 pm EDT	Crittenden-Dry Ridge Lodge #694 111 South Main Crittenden, KY 41030
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020	10:00 am EDT	Hazard Lodge #676 548 Main Street Hazard, KY 41701
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020	3:00 pm EDT	Morehead Lodge #654 746 West Main Street Morehead, KY 40351

These dates, times and locations will be in the Masonic Home Journal.

DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE 2019 - 2020

On Fridays, meals will be at 5:30 PM and meetings at 7:00 PM

On Saturdays, early meeting meals will start at 11:30 AM and meetings at 1:00 PM. Evening meals will start at 5:30 PM and meetings at 7:00 PM, PREVAILING TIME. Meeting facilities are to be determined by the District Deputy Grand Master, after consulting with the lodges in his district. Please refer to page 4, Planning the District Meeting.

DAY	DATE	DISTRICT	TIME
Friday	March 6, 2020	11	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 7, 2020	22	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 7, 2020	21	7:00 PM
Friday	March 13, 2020	19	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 14, 2020	18	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 14, 2020	17	7:00 PM
Friday	March 20, 2020	1	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 21, 2020	2	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 21, 2020	3	7:00 PM
Friday	March 27, 2020	4	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 28, 2020	6	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 28, 2020	10	7:00 PM
Friday	April 3, 2020	16	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 4, 2020	15	* 11:00 AM
Saturday	April 4, 2020	12/13/14	* 4:00 PM
Friday	April 17, 2020	5	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 18, 2020	7	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 18, 2020	8	7:00 PM
Friday	April 24, 2020	27	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 25, 2020	28	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 25, 2020	29	7:00 PM
Saturday	May 2, 2020	23	7:00 PM
Friday	May 8, 2020	9	7:00 PM
Friday	May 15, 2020	25	7:00 PM
Saturday	May 16, 2020	30	1:00 PM
Saturday	May 16, 2020	26	7:00 PM
Saturday	May 30, 2020	24	1:00 PM
Saturday	May 30, 2020	20	7:00 PM

* District 15 Breakfast at Bullitt 7:00 AM-10:00 AM, meeting at 11:00 AM

*District 12/13/14 NOTE: the meeting will start at 4:00 PM

APPENDIX A

SAMPLE AGENDA FOR YOUR DISTRICT MEETING

- Meal - DO NOT OPEN LODGE BEFORE MEAL
- Open Host Lodge promptly at stated time, with Charter present
- Reception of District Deputy Grand Master
- Reception of Grand Lodge Officers and Distinguished Guests
- Reception of Grand Master
- Education Speaker/Presentation (5 – 7 minutes)
- State of the District Report (Presented by D.D.G.M. and Masters of lodges)
- District Deputy Grand Master Final Remarks
- Turn meeting over to the Area Officer
- Grand Lodge Agenda
- Grand Master Remarks
- Close Lodge

APPENDIX B

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following is the order of introduction and is in reverse order of their entrance. It takes into account that rank is introduced from lowest to highest, with the Grand Master entering last. Introductions are made starting on the far right of the person doing the introductions. The line will form at the rear, with the highest-ranking officer at the door. All distinguished guests are received together, in one large group, and given Public Grand Honors, three times three.

The Grand Master is always received last, by himself. He is introduced west of the Altar, then brought to the East, and given the Private Grand Honors, the three signs of Masonry.

Distinguished guests will be received in the following order:

1. Leadership of the Masonic Homes.
2. Heads of affiliated bodies. (Scottish Rite, York Rite, and other bodies)
3. Grand Lodge Committee Members. (Example: Worshipful Brother John Doe, Committee on By-Laws)
4. Current District Deputy Grand Masters from other Districts. (Example: Worshipful Brother John Doe, District Deputy Grand Master District 10)
5. Current Appointed Grand Lodge Officers. (Example: Worshipful Brother John Doe, Grand Senior Deacon)
6. Past Grand Masters. (Example: Most Worshipful Brother John Doe, Past Grand Master)
7. Elected Grand Lodge Officers. (Example: Right Worshipful Brother John Doe, Deputy Grand Master)
8. The Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky. (Example: Most Worshipful Brother John Doe, Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky) (Private Grand Honors – 3 signs of Masonry – EA, FC, MM) **(Please NO CLAPPING)**

The Lodge is called up when Grand Lodge Officers enter. The proper form is, "I present to you and to the Craft here assembled Worshipful Brother John Doe District Deputy Grand Master District No. 1 and Right Worshipful Brother John Doe, Deputy Grand Master." Only Grand Lodge Officers are entitled to public grand honors, however, if Grand Lodge Officers and others are introduced simultaneously, then all may be given public grand honors of "three times three".

After the initial reception of distinguished guests, the D.D.G.M. will explain how to give the Private Grand Honors. The Grand Master is presented West of the altar, introduced, and acknowledged by the D.D.G.M. who directs the Marshal or Senior Deacon to conduct the Grand Master to the East (to the right of the District Deputy). The Private Grand Honors are then given, the Grand Master is offered the crown and gavel, and is extended the courtesy to conduct the meeting.

Note: The initial line up places the Elected Grand Lodge Officers at the door. Even though they enter first, they are introduced last.

APPENDIX C

LODGE INFORMATION REPORT

Please complete and return to your DDGM

_____ Lodge No. _____

District No. _____

Number of EA's: _____ FC's: _____ MM's: _____

Total Members: _____ 50 Year: _____ 60+ Year: _____

Date of Last Petition: _____

Candidates Initiated: _____ Passed: _____ Raised: _____

Active Military & Veterans: _____

First Responders: _____
(active and former)

Scholarships Awarded: _____

Total Bicycles in Schools: _____

Other School Activities (Ex: Laptops, backpacks, etc.):

Other Community Activities:

APPENDIX C

DDGM Worksheet, District No. _____

	Lodge Name	Lodge Number	Number of EAs	Number of FCs	Number of MM s	Total Members	50 Year Members	70 + Year Members	Date of Last Petition	Candidates Initiated	Members Passed	Members Raised
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APPENDIX C

DDGM Worksheet, District No. _____

	Lodge Name	Active Military & Veterans	First Responders (active and former)	Scholarships Awarded	Bicycles Placed in Schools	Other School Support Activities (Backpacks, Laptops, tablets, supplies, etc)
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APPENDIX D

MASONIC DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGES

District	Facebook Page
1	District#1 Masonic Lodges, Grand Lodge of Kentucky
2	District #2 Masonic Lodges, Grand Lodge of Kentucky
3	District 3 GLKY
4	District 4 Masonic Lodges, Grand Lodge of Kentucky
5	District 5, Grand Lodge of Kentucky
6	Masonic District 6 Grand Lodge of Kentucky F & AM
7	Masonic District #7, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
8	Masonic District #8, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
9	District 9 Kentucky F&AM
10	District #10 Masonic Lodges
11	Masonic District #11, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
12,13,14	Districts 12,13 & 14 Masonic Lodges
15	District 15 – Kentucky Free & Accepted Masons
16	Masonic District #16, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
17	Masonic District #17, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
18	Masonic District #18 & 19, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
19	Masonic District #18 & 19, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
20	District 20
21	Masonic District #21, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
22	Grand Lodge of Kentucky, District # 22
23	District #23 Masonic Lodges
24	Masonic District #24, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
25	District 25
26	KY. Masons District 26
27	Kentucky Masonic District 27
28	District #28 Masonic Lodges
29	Kentucky District 29 Masons
30	Masonic District #30, Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
Additional	Kentucky Freemasons
Additional	Brother to Brother
Additional	GLKY Grand Master's Statewide Traveling Trowel
Additional	Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc.
Additional	Masonic Homes of Shelbyville
Additional	GLKY Constitution
Additional	Eastern KY Masons
Additional	Western KY Masons

All pages should be monitored for appropriateness of content and any inappropriate material removed by the administrator(s). The protocols governing social media found on the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Website must be followed.

APPENDIX E

Sample Letter to Donate Bicycle to School to Promote Good Student Attendance

Date:

_____ Lodge No. _____ , Free and Accepted

Masons donates _____ bicycle(s) to:

_____ School, located in

_____ , Kentucky as an incentive to promote good

student attendance during the 2019-2020 school year.

Signature of Master of Lodge

Date

Signature of School Principal/Designated Rep.

Date

APPENDIX F

TALKING POINTS FOR BICYCLE PRESENTATION

1. Local Masons know you need an education to succeed in today's world.
2. In order to be successful and improve your situation in life you need to be able to read, write and do math well. You also need to work hard and communicate well.
3. You must attend school regularly to learn the skills you need for success in life.
4. Your local lodge members want to encourage your students to attend school regularly and we are donating this/these bicycle(s) to your school for an attendance incentive.

APPENDIX G

MASONIC BLUEGRASS RITUALIST AWARDS 2019 – 2020

To receive this pin a brother must prove he has previously been or is currently a Ritualist.

(Ritualist 100 – 125), (Senior Ritualist 126 – 150), (Master Ritualist 151 – 240)

A brother must perform work from the list below to achieve this prestigious recognition. All lectures must be given from memory and not read. Consult with the Bluegrass Ritual Chairman, Dennis Moore, for more details.

Points	Work
5	Confer Senior Deacon 1st Section on EA
5	Confer Senior Deacon 1st Section on FC
5	Confer Senior Deacon 1st Section on MM
5	Confer the Working Tools lecture on EA
5	Confer the Working Tools lecture on FC
5	Confer the Working Tools lecture on MM
5	Confer the Charge EA
5	Confer the Charge FC
5	Confer the Charge MM
5	Confer Short Bible Lecture-EA
5	Confer Short Apron Lecture-EA
5	Confer Minor speaking part of MM second section
5	Confer the Address to a Newly Raised Brother
5	Confer Letter "G" lecture FC Degree
5	Open a MM Lodge by setting in all three principle stations M, SW, & JW
5	Open a FC Lodge by setting in all three principle stations M, SW, & JW
5	Open an EA Lodge by setting in all three principle stations M, SW, & JW
5	Confer the EA Obligation
5	Confer the FC Obligation
10	Confer the MM Obligation
10	Confer EA Degree first section
10	Confer FC Degree first section
10	Confer MM Degree first section
10	Major speaking part in MM second Section (KS, JM, or Zeph)
10	Can teach (coach) Lecture on any degree through "reinvestment"

To be a Master Ritualist you must confer at least one of the following:

- 20 Confer the Second Section "Stair" Lecture in the FC Degree (chart or slides)
- 20 Confer the Third Section in the MM Degree (chart or slides)
- 20 Confer Masonic Funeral Rite
- 20 Confer the Annual Installation of Officers
- 20 Confer the EA degree Third Section (chart or slides)

Points	Task	Completed?
5	Perform Senior Deacon 1st Section EA	
5	Perform Senior Deacon 1st Section FC	
5	Perform Senior Deacon 1st Section MM	
5	Confer The Working Tools Lecture on EA	
5	Confer The Working Tools Lecture on FC	
5	Confer The Working Tools Lecture on MM	
5	Confer the Charge EA	
5	Confer the Charge FC	
5	Confer the Charge MM	
5	Confer Short Bible Lecture-EA	
5	Confer Short Apron Lecture-EA	
5	Confer Minor Speaking Part of MM second section	
5	Confer the Address to Newly Raised Brothers	
5	Confer Third Section Letter "G" FC Degree	
5	Open a MM Lodge by sitting in all three principal stations M, SW, JW	
5	Open a FC Lodge by sitting in all three principal stations M, SW, JW	
5	Open a EA Lodge by sitting in all three principal stations M, SW, JW	
5	Confer the EA Obligation	
5	Confer the FC Obligation	
10	Confer the MM Obligation	
10	Confer EA Degree first section	
10	Confer FC Degree first section	
10	Confer MM Degree first section	
10	Major speaking part in MM second section (KS, JM, or Zeph.)	
10	Can teach (coach) Lecture on any degree through "Reinvestment".	
	<i>To be awarded Master Ritualist you must confer one of the following.</i>	
	<i>You can obtain the points for any or all of them.</i>	
20	Confer the Stair Lecture in the FC Degree (chart or slides)	
20	Confer the Third Section in the MM Degree (chart or slides)	
20	Confer Masonic Funeral Rite	
20	Confer the Annual Installation of Officers	
20	Confer the EA degree Third Section (chart or slides)	
Total		

NAME: _____
LODGE: _____
DISTRICT: _____
DATE: _____
PIN: _____

Upon my sacred honor as a Master Mason, I certify this record

SIGNATURE

APPENDIX H

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

2019-2020

Geary F. Laird, Grand Master

Directions:

- Step 1: Read and do the Required Items 1 through 5.
- Step 2: Read the choices of activities in Categories 1 through 5.
- Step 3: Decide which activities you are going to do to get 150 points. (You must complete at least 1 activity from each category)
- Step 4: All Required Items and activities must be completed between September 1, 2019 and August 16, 2020.
- Step 5: All required paperwork must be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office before August 31, 2020.
- Step 6: Come to Grand Lodge Annual Communication in October 2020 and pick up your award!!!

Required items for the Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award

1. Must have a member or members confer two of the three Entered Apprentice lectures listed: Usual Interrogatories at the Door (Door Lecture), Bible Lecture, and Apron Lecture. The Kentucky Monitor by Henry Pirtle will be used as the primary source. This must be done from memory, without books, notes or other aids and approved by a collared Grand Lodge Officer or District Deputy Grand Master. You may want to participate in the Ritual competition instead, to accomplish this. Two of the three lectures are needed to meet the requirements.
2. Must have MM Re-Obligation Ceremony. Have the Lodge open on the MM Degree with a Master Mason positioned at the altar to receive the obligation with the remaining Brothers behind him, their hand on the shoulder of the Brother in front of them. The Master or his designee, recites the MM Obligation, which all repeat in unison.
3. Annual Installation of Officers must be open to the Public.
4. Must have a member of the lodge pass the Masonic Scholar Quiz.
5. Must have at least three members participate in the Veterans Cemetery Program, or adopt a local cemetery. Check the Grand Lodge website, or ask your D.D.G.M., for details.

CATEGORY 1 – MAINTAINING THE BROTHERHOOD

- A) **5 Points:** Fly the American Flag outside the lodge hall during each meeting (weather permitting).
- B) **10 Points:** Implement an automated calling system for your lodge. (Example: Phonevite System)
- C) **10 Points:** Lodge uses the long form petition which is available online instead of the old short form petition.
- D) **10 Points:** Host a Friend to Friend Dinner and invite worthy men, and their significant others. (Consider inviting Coaches, Pastors, Professionals, Community Leaders, etc).
(Note: Family Night or Past Masters Night will not qualify for this)
- E) **20 Points:** At least three lodge members participate in the Great Day of Service at one of our Masonic Communities campuses.
- F) **20 Points:** Adopt a policy that the lodge will use a national criminal background check service on all petitioners (Example: Info Check USA. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has no affiliation with, and receives no proceeds from, this company)
- G) **20 Points:** At least three members of the lodge visit all lodges in district and three lodges out of district. (Verify by using a Masonic Passport.) *Attendance at your District Meeting will count as a visit to the lodge under whose charter the District Meeting is held.*

CATEGORY 2 – QUALITY OF WORK AND OUR OBLIGATIONS

- A) **5 Points:** Provide refreshments at each meeting.
- B) **10 Points:** Each Master appoints a committee which shall be responsible for outreach and communication with all the lodge's inactive and shut-in members.
- C) **10 Points:** The Master and at least 2 of the following officers: SW, JW, Secretary, Treasurer, attend the Education Conference, either by telecast or in person.
- D) **10 Points:** Participate in the Masonic Communities "Adopt a Resident" Program.
(For example: Send Birthday and Holiday Cards, personal visits, telephone calls, fruit baskets etc. to a Masonic Homes Resident) (Contact Bruce Lott at the Masonic Homes of Kentucky for more details. (502-259-9627)
- E) **10 Points:** At least one member of the lodge attains a Ritualist Pin, or advances to a higher award, during the 2019-2020 Masonic Year. (Example: If a member receives a Ritualist Pin, or a Ritualist advances to Senior Ritualist, or a Senior Ritualist advances to Master Ritualist, the lodge receives 10 points.)
- F) **10 Points:** Reach out and help another lodge in need. Masons should build a legacy of giving support to their brethren and our Masonic Families in times of need and hardship, and live the Masonic values of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

CATEGORY 3 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/MASONRY MATTERS

- A) **10 Points:** Award a scholarship to a high school or college student.
- B) **10 Points:** Enter a Masonic Float, either as a lodge or jointly with other Masonic Appendant Bodies, in a local parade.
- C) **10 Points:** Have a Masonic Information booth at a community event, county fair, or other local activity
- D) **20 Points:** Host a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross.
- E) **20 Points:** Support your local schools' Family Resource/Youth Service Center programs, such as backpacks, clothing, coats, shoes, food, supplies, laptops, tablet computers, etc.
- E) **40 Points:** (10 points per bicycle, maximum of 40 points) Donate a new bicycle(s) to your local elementary school(s) as an attendance or incentive award. You may partner with an O.E.S. Chapter. Contact the principal to organize this activity. The principal should set the attendance or incentive criteria. (See APPENDIX E for an example of a letter to have signed by school principal and presentation talking points).

CATEGORY 4 – THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY

- A) **5 Points:** Have *Who are the Masons and What do they Do?* and/or *What has Freemasonry Done for the World* brochures available for the lodge. The brochures may be purchased from the Masonic Service Association.
- B) **10 Points:** The Master, or his designated representative, will participate in your district Facebook page. (See APPENDIX D)
- C) **10 Points:** Support a Masonic Youth Group through finances or in-kind contributions (meeting place, etc.).
- D) **20 Points:** Host an appreciation dinner(s) for active duty military, veterans, first responders, police, and/or local community leaders. (Note: Past Masters Night or Widows Dinner will not qualify)

CATEGORY 5 – GOVERNANCE OF THE LODGE

- A) **10 Points:** Adopt a policy that "All officers will wear ties" during each tiled lodge meeting.
- B) **10 Points:** Establish a "Mason of the Year" program complete with a quality certificate.
- C) **20 Points:** The Master installs his own officers using the Installation Ceremonies in the Kentucky Monitor or the Kentucky Ritual, from memory.
- D) **20 Points:** The lodge adopts a cellular phone usage policy that specifies: "No cellular phone, or other electronic devices, will be used while the lodge is at labor on any degree, for social media, texting, or any other unnecessary activities." (*Note: a permissible exemption is for brothers to check or record events on electronic calendars.)
- E) **20 Points:** The Master and seven of his officers attend their district meeting (*Note: No makeup visits to other districts are allowed without approval by the Area Officer and the Grand Master*)
- F) **20 Points:** Establish a planning committee and develop a long-term growth plan for your lodge. The plan must be discussed and adopted in open lodge.

2019-2020 Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Scoresheet

Lodge Name, No.: _____ District No.: _____

Required Items: (answer yes or no for category completion)

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

MUST EARN AT LEAST 150 POINTS FROM CATEGORIES BELOW:

Circle each Activity completed. Must complete one Activity in each Category.

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
A) 5 pts	A) 5 pts	A) 10 pts	A) 5 pts	A) 10 pts
B) 10 pts	B) 10 pts	B) 10 pts	B) 10 pts	B) 10 pts
C) 10 pts	C) 10 pts	C) 10 pts	C) 10 pts	C) 20 pts
D) 10 pts	D) 10 pts	D) 20 pts	D) 20 pts	D) 20 pts
E) 20 pts	E) 10 pts	E) 20 pts		E) 20 pts
F) 20 pts	F) 10 pts	F) 10 pts (up to 40 pts)		F) 20 pts
G) 20 pts				

Total Points from Each Category:

Category 1: _____
Category 2: _____
Category 3: _____
Category 4: _____
Category 5: _____
Grand Total: _____

Grand Lodge Use Only

Required Items	Categories	Total Points:
1: Y / N	1: Y / N	Y / N
2: Y / N	2: Y / N	
3: Y / N	3: Y / N	<i>Award Earned:</i>
4: Y / N	4: Y / N	Y / N
5: Y / N	5: Y / N	

Master's Signature

Date

Lodge
Seal

Secretary's Signature

Date

Please make a photocopy or scan of this form for your records before mailing!



**A program to support Masonic Homes Kentucky's
Rehabilitation Program**

Most Worshipful Geary Laird, Grand Master, and First Lady, Terri Laird

Since its creation in 1867, Masonic Homes Kentucky has cared for adults and children for over 152 years, with dedicated attention to their quality of life, both while receiving care and afterward. They serve many individuals who require physical rehabilitation following surgery, falls, strokes, and hip or knee replacement, to name a few. Top-notch rehabilitation care is critical in helping these individuals return home to resume their lives to the highest degree possible. To provide that care, however, requires the best professional staff and equipment available.

The Homes' Louisville and Shelbyville rehabilitation departments have an excellent reputation, yet having all of the desired equipment isn't always possible, so staff maintains a "wish list" for equipment that exceeds their typical allowable budget. Their current list includes:

- **Bariatric motorized parallel bars** to allow larger individuals to utilize the equipment more easily and effectively (needed for Louisville Campus)
- **Vitastim Plus** to provide an improved approach for residents with swallowing difficulties. As many as 50% of long term care residents have some degree of difficulty with swallowing (needed for Louisville and Shelbyville Campuses).
- **Neurogym sit-to-stand trainer** to strengthen weight bearing muscles to increase standing ability and movement, especially in older residents (needed for Louisville and Shelbyville Campuses).

We know that at some point in a person's lifetime, they will have a need for rehabilitation services for themselves or a family member. For example, members of both of our families have required rehabilitation - our Mothers (double knee replacements) and Terri's Mother (back surgery for spinal stenosis). Also, Terri's sister received rehabilitation after a hospital stay.

We feel strongly about supporting Masonic Homes Kentucky's Rehabilitation Department to help people return to daily life and live in a normal way, therefore, we have chosen to establish a program for 2019-20 we call "Transforming Lives." Our goal is to raise approximately \$21,200 to purchase the equipment described above and have designed a special lapel pin which will be available for a small \$10.00 donation. In addition, lodges, companies, and other individuals may simply make a financial gift to the program. All gifts are welcome and very much appreciated. Please join us in this exciting venture!

Thank you for caring enough to help others, and for your participation in helping us reach our goal.

Terri and Geary Laird



Masonic Homes Kentucky provides compassionate care at beautiful campuses in Louisville, Shelbyville and Northern Kentucky. Our tradition of commitment to serving families and individuals began in 1867, when the first Masonic home in the nation opened its doors as a Widows and Orphans Home and Infirmary in Louisville, offering housing, meals, clothing, health care and education.

Today, Masonic offers daily living and specialized services to people of all ages, regardless of affiliation. Our extensive continuum of care includes independent living, assisted living, personal care, rehabilitation therapies, memory care, skilled nursing care, home care, dialysis and child development.

Through Masonic's Masonicare program, eligible Masons, their wives and widows are provided quality care and housing, as well as general medical and living necessities like wheelchairs, glasses, transportation, meals, clothing and more.

A 21-member Board of Directors governs Masonic. Directors are Masons elected to serve three-year terms, and the six elected Grand Lodge officers. A senior management team manages the day-to-day operations of the communities and the corporation.

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