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**District Deputy Grand Master
Handbook**

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COMMITMENT***



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LETTER FROM JAMES H. GIBSON, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Brothers,

Congratulations on your appointment as District Deputy for this fraternal year. You have been selected by the Grand Master and recommended by your Masonic brethren to serve the Craft in each of your Masonic Districts across this great Commonwealth. 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 to strengthen our Fraternity:

1. Ritual Competition Program
2. Proficient Ritual Work
3. The Grand Master's Traveling Ark
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 Masonic Leadership Academy
8. The "Charity of Your Choice"/ Bicycles, Scholarships, etc.
9. The importance of attaining "The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award"
10. The Masonic Lodge Improvement Grant

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

Fraternally Thine,
James H. Gibson 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 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 extraordinary 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 the 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 close of 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 said, 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 is needed) with directions using known land- marks 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 attend 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, Louisville, 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. If there are ladies present, they should always go next. 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. Please make this known in order for ladies across the state can attend.
5. Your meal must start no later than one hour prior to your meeting time. If you are having presentations, allow for the time needed. Please be aware of the time constraints as there may be another district meeting on the same day.
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.

DISTRICT MEETING ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2021 - 2022

An attendance award will be presented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication 2022 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 that 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 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. By sharing your life experiences to High School Students, you may help them make positive life decisions and career choices.

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 choose a local cemetery to adopt. Please inform your District Deputy, Area Officer, or the Grand Master if you choose this option.

Grand Lodge of Kentucky Golf Scramble to benefit the Veterans Program will be Saturday, May 14, 2022.

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 select-

ed 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 is to 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 16, 2022, 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 checkered floor and altar and Volume of the Sacred Law, which reminds us of our obligations. Also displayed on the pin are the symbols of our fraternity, which teaches us the many lessons of Freemasonry. Curving around the top of the pin is the Grand Master's slogan: "Character, Conduct, and Commitment" and on the bottom is the compass and square on a blue ribbon to symbolize the importance of our Blue Lodges. Centered across the back of the pin (in raised letters) is printed, "James H. Gibson" on one line, and "Grand Master 2021-2022" below that.



GRAND MASTER'S VETERANS PROGRAM/PINS AND COINS

The Grand Master's Veterans Pin proudly displays the American Eagle on the Compass and square guarding the American Flag. The eagle on this Veterans Pin represents United States military service in any part of the globe. The square and compass are at the top of the pin, symbolizing Masonic support for our Veterans.

The words "MASONS VALUE VETERANS" are inscribed on the square of the pin. Centered across the back of the pin in raised lettering, is printed, "James H. Gibson" on the first line, with "Grand Master 2021-2022" 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 Eagle, Flag, and compass & square 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 2021-2022

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 article number 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.

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Grand Lodge Scholarship, originated by Past Grand Master Ernest C. Jackson, will be awarded to one lodge in each Area that has claimed the Traveling Ark & Anchor and accumulated the most miles, starting in October, 2021 until May 5, 2022. The lodges that qualify will receive a \$1000 Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school graduate of their choice by the end of May, 2022. After May 31, 2022, the Lodges that claim the Ark & Anchor with the most miles accumulated in each area will be awarded a plaque of achievement at the 2022 Annual Communication. The last date for claiming the Ark & Anchor is September 1, 2022. The lodge that has claimed it last will bring the Ark & Anchor to the 223 Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Each lodge should be promoting visitation. Visiting other lodges can be very rewarding as it increases fraternal fellowship. The purpose of the Grand Lodge Scholarship Program is to aid in a student furthering his/her education.

The Ark & Anchor will begin by the Grand Master drawing the name and number of a lodge and delivering it personally. Once the lodge has received the Ark & Anchor, the location will be posted on the Grand Master's Traveling Ark & Anchor Facebook page along with the Lodge & District Facebook page of the lodge. The Traveling Ark & Anchor may be claimed by one or more brothers of a lodge. If the member/members are traveling less than 100 miles, the lodge that traveled the farthest shall receive it. Any lodge traveling over 100 miles to retrieve the Traveling Ark & Anchor may claim additional miles if

they have more brothers joining them. For example, if three brothers have traveled from one lodge over 100 miles to retrieve the Traveling Ark & Anchor, the first brother will count for the original miles (100 miles) and each brother will count for 75 miles each (150 miles) for a total of 250 miles traveled. The more members that travel from a lodge farther than 100 miles, the more miles you may accumulate.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Lodges may apply for a grant for up to \$2,500.00 to improve their lodges. There will be 2 grants awarded during Grand Master James H. Gibson's term. The grants cannot be used to pay assessments, dues, utilities, taxes, insurance premiums, or usual and customary lodge expenses. To ensure that the grant funds are used for lodge improvement, applying lodges must meet the constitutional requirements outlined in Article 20, Section 1 of the Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions. Grant applications will include the requirements to meet consideration. A Grant Committee has been formed to instruct and oversee the grant process. The lodges to which the Grand Lodge Officers or the Grant Committee belong are ineligible to apply for these grants unless no other lodge has applied before the deadline. Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2022, and grants will be awarded by July 30, 2022.

ALL MASONS DAY AT THE CAPITAL BUILDING IN FRANKFORT

This year on February 16, 2022 at 9:00am, we have the honor of celebrating All Masons Day at the Kentucky State Capital Building again, where the House of Representatives and the Senate will be recognizing Kentucky Freemasonry. We will have guest speakers from the House and Senate, break for lunch then be escorted to each Chamber for recognition. Hiram Lodge #4 will be having a breakfast at their lodge dining hall that morning starting at 7:30 before we move to the Capital Building.

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 or aspiring to be, 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 2021-2022 competition. The three categories of the competition will consist of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason's charge. This competition is open to EA's, FC's & MM's for the EA charge, FC's & MM's for the FC charge, and MM's for the MM charge.

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 19, 2022	7:00 pm CDT	Clinton Lodge #82 110 Masonic Drive Princeton, KY 42445
Saturday, August 20, 2022	10:00 am CDT	Bear Wallow-Cave City #231 702 North Dixie Highway Cave City, KY 42127
Saturday, August 20, 2022	3:00 pm EDT	Bullitt Lodge #155 376 High School Drive Shepherdsville, KY 40165
Friday, August 26, 2022	7:00 pm EDT	Crittenden-Dry Ridge Lodge #694 111 South Main Crittenden, KY 41030
Saturday, August 27, 2022	10:00 am EDT	Hazard Lodge #676 548 Main Street Hazard, KY 41701
Saturday, August 27, 2022	4:00 pm EDT	Morehead Lodge #654 746 West Main Street Morehead, KY 40351
Sunday, October 16, 2022	1:00 pm EDT	Grand Lodge Session 2022 at Holiday Inn University Inn Plaza 1021 Wilkinson Trace Bowling Green, KY 42103

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

GRAND MASTER'S 2021-2022 STATEWIDE

TRAVELING ARK & ANCHOR



The Grand Master will have a Statewide Traveling Ark & Anchor Program. The Ark & Anchor location can be tracked using the locator found on the Grand Lodge of Kentucky website and/or the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Statewide Traveling Ark & Anchor Location Facebook Page (see Appendix D). It is important that you follow the directions contained in the Ark & Anchor 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 Ark & Anchor 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 Ark & Anchor case.

As Masons, we are taught that the Ark & Anchor is the emblem of “a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life, to not become complacent in our lives and our labors and work toward the future”. The Ark & Anchor 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 up with 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, 2021-2022

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 2022 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. They must meet the requirements from November 1, 2021 through August 1, 2022. 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 15, 2022. 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

GRAND MASTER’S MASONIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

This year, the Grand Master is launching the Masonic Academy which will be held on a quarterly schedule starting on November 13, 2021. This will be a four-module training. Each class will focus on the integral characteristics of leadership beginning with the Attribute of Leadership, the Applications of Leadership, the Aspirations of Leadership, then culminating into the fourth module which will be focused on addressing qualities and characteristics of a Grand Lodge Officer and preparing for the future of freemasonry. Pre-registration will begin in September of 2021. All Master Masons interested in becoming a better leader in your lodge, or if you have aspirations of becoming a Grand Lodge Officer, then we encourage you to take part in this beneficial Academy. Pre-registration information will be made available in the September edition of the Masonic Home Journal.



DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

District	Name	Cell Phone	Email
1	Craig Sexton	270-709-4023	casexton09@outlook.com
2	David Howe	270-293-0618	ssg_howe@hotmail.com
3	James Shockley	254-315-2996	shockleyjames@yahoo.com
4	Perry Luttrull	270-348-1017	perryluttrull@yahoo.com
5	McGennis Adair	270-389-3856	Macadair72@gmail.com
6	Jason Byrd	270-991-7429	jason.byrd@ky.gov
7	James Peck	270-256-9593	peckjim509@gmail.com
8	Michael Boggs	502-445-4977	michaelboggs61@yahoo.com
9	Rick Nickoson	270-317-2643	rdnkrn1@hotmail.com
10	Scott Harp	270-991-1217	leroyharp@ky.gov

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

District	Name	Cell Phone	Email
11	Daniel Glass	270-590-8980	danielglass0806@gmail.com
12	Clay Ackiss	270-562-5520	fcackiss@gmail.com
13	Charles Morgan	502-419-1307	willisstewartlodge224@gmail.com
14	Jason Wilson	502-939-8563	jwilson@masonicky.com
15	Matthew Hallinan	502-643-5902	matthew.hallinan@trane.net
16	Steve Dotson	270-403-8482	sdotsonx5@gmail.com
17	Bill Jackson	502-594-6902	wjack0559@aol.com
18	Charles M. Gurren	859-819-0087	charlesgurren6@gmail.com
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District	Name	Cell Phone	Email
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25	Trevor Denney	606-688-9944	
26	Jacob Pennington	606-515-9429	Jwp40701@msn.com
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28	Anthony Skeans	606-791-2902	athonyskeans@gmail.com
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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 22, 2022. 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. 28, 2022	7:00 pm CDT	Madisonville Scottish Rite 668 Park Avenue Madisonville, KY 42431
Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022	10:00 am CDT	Columbia Lodge #96 411 Burkesville Street Columbia, KY 42728
Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022	5:00 pm EDT	Louisville Scottish Rite 200 E. Gray Street Louisville, KY 40202
Friday, Feb. 4, 2022	7:00 pm EDT	Crittenden-Dry Ridge Lodge #694 111 South Main Crittenden, KY 41030
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022	10:00 am EDT	Hazard Lodge #676 548 Main Street Hazard, KY 41701
Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022	4:00 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 2021 - 2022

On Fridays, meals will be at 6:00 PM and meetings at 7:00 PM unless otherwise notated.

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 4, 2022	27	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 5, 2022	28	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 5, 2022	29	7:00 PM
Friday	March 11, 2022	30	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 12, 2022	26	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 12, 2022	22	7:00 PM
Friday	March 18, 2022	1	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 19, 2022	2	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 19, 2022	3	7:00 PM
Friday	March 25, 2022	15	7:00PM
Saturday	March 26, 2022	12/13/14	4:00 PM
Friday	April 1, 2022	5	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 2, 2022	7	12:00 PM
Saturday	April 2, 2022	8	7:00 PM
Friday	April 8, 2022	9	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 9, 2022	11	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 9, 2022	16	7:00 PM
Friday	April 22, 2022	21	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 23, 2022	20	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 23, 2022	25	7:00 PM
Friday	April 29, 2022	17	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 30, 2022	18	12:00PM
Saturday	April 30, 2022	19	7:00 PM
Friday	May 6, 2022	24	7:00 PM
Saturday	May 7, 2022	23	7:00 PM
Friday	May 20, 2022	4	7:00 PM
Saturday	May 21, 2022	6	12:00 PM
Saturday	May 21, 2022	10	7:00PM

APPENDIX A

SAMPLE AGENDA FOR YOUR DISTRICT MEETING

SAMPLE DISTRICT MEETING ITENERARY

TIME	MEAL 1- 1.5 HOURS BEFORE START OF MEETING
15 MIN PRIOR	BEGIN SEATING MEMBERS/ LINE UP DIGNITARIES
ON THE HOUR	OPEN LODGE
00:02	ENTER DDGM- PUBLIC HONORS/ CROWN & GAVEL
00:05	ENTER ELECTED GL OFFICERS/ APPOINTED GL OFFICERS/ COMMITTEES PUBLIC HONORS
00:09	ENTER GRAND MASTER/ TAKEN TO ALTAR THEN EAST PRIVATE HONORS/ OFFERED CROWN & GAVEL
00:10	STATE OF DISTRICT/ BRIEF SYNOPSIS
00:25	ROLL CALL OF LODGES/ VISITORS
00:40	GUEST SPEAKER
00:50	RECOGNIZE VETERANS/ OLDEST VETERAN- PUBLIC HONORS
00:53	RECOGNIZE OLDEST MEMBER- APPLAUSE
00:55	RECOGNIZE YOUNGEST MASTER MASON- MASONIC HOMES
TOP OF HR	CALL TO REFRESHMENT/ RAFFLES IF APPLICABLE/ RECOGNIZE LADIES
00:05	BACK TO LABOR
00:05	MASONS HELPING MASONS/ PURPOSE/ CONSTITUTION QUIZ RECIPIENTS
00:10	GRAND MASTER'S PROGRAMS/ CURRENT EVENTS
00:25	APPENDANT BODIES (IF ANY) 2 MINUTES EACH
00:35	FINAL REMARKS DDGM
00:40	FINAL REMARKS PGM'S (IF PRESENT)
00:45	FINAL REMARKS AREA OFFICER
00:50	FINAL REMARKS GRAND MASTER
TOP OF HR	CLOSING

ATTENDANCE RULES FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS AND EDUCATION MEETINGS

It is the Master's responsibility to attend the District Meeting, Education Conference, and Annual Communication. One person will not be allowed to represent more than one lodge at either event. He may be counted as a member of any lodge he belongs to for attendance award purposes however he can only be the designated representative for one lodge. If he is Master of two or more lodges, he must choose an official representative for one of his lodges.

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

DATE OF FIRST VISIT _____ DATE OF OFFICIAL VISIT _____

LODGE NAME _____ # _____

LODGE ADDRESS _____
STREET CITY ZIP

GPS LOCATION* LATITUDE _____ LONGITUDE _____

MASTER _____ PROFICIENT _____

SENIOR WARDEN _____ PROFICIENT _____

JUNIOR WARDEN _____ PROFICIENT _____

OF RITUALISTS _____

OF FIRST RESPONDERS _____

OF VETERANS _____

CURRENT COPY OF CONSTITUTION BOOK _____ CD _____

- THE SMALL BLUE BINDER VERSION IS **NOT** THE CURRENT VERSION

UP TO DATE BY-LAWS _____ DATE WRITTEN _____

HAVE THE BY-LAWS BEEN APPROVED BY GRAND LODGE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE? _____

HAS A COPY OF MOST RECENT BY-LAWS BEEN SENT TO THE GRAND SECRETARY? _____

HAS SECRETARY FILED ANNUAL **IRS FORM 990 OR 990-N** FOR CURRENT YEAR? _____

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

BICYCLES _____

SCHOLARSHIPS _____

BACK PACK PROGRAM _____

OTHER _____

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER _____ DISTRICT _____

MASTER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

APPENDIX C

DDGM Worksheet, District No. _____

	Members Raised	Members Passed	Candidates Initiated	Date of Last Petition	70 + Year Members	50 Year Members	Total Members	Number of MM s	Number of FCs	Number of EAs	Lodge Number	Lodge Name
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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 Ark & Anchor
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 appropriate 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 Educational Incentive Program to
Promote Student Attendance**

Date:

_____ Lodge No. _____ Free and Accepted

Masons donates _____
(bicycles, laptops, scholarship, food assistance, backpack program etc. - name type of program) to:

_____ School, located in

_____, Kentucky as an incentive to promote good

student attendance during the 2021-2022 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 _____ to your school as an educational/attendance incentive.

APPENDIX G

MASONIC BLUEGRASS RITUALIST AWARDS 2021 – 2022

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

2021-2022

James H. Gibson, 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 November 1, 2021 and August 1, 2022.
- Step 5: All required paperwork must be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office before August 15, 2022.
- Step 6: Come to Grand Lodge Annual Communication in October 2022 and pick up your award!!!

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

1. Must have a member or members confer any one of the three degree charges or the opening or closing charge of a meeting. 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. Each lecture will be judged on its own merit and lecturers will be eligible to receive an award for each one. The delivery of one of these 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 2021-2022 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 de- tails.

CATEGORY 1 – MAINTAINING THE BROTHERHOOD

- A) **5 Points:** Fly the American Flag outside the lodge hall during each meeting (weather permitting).
- B) **10 points:** Read the Grand Master's monthly message from the Masonic Home Journal in open lodge each month.
- C) **10 Points:** Implement an automated calling system for your lodge. (Example: Phonevite System)
- D) **10 Points:** Lodge uses the long form petition which is available online instead of the old short form petition.
- E) **10 Points:** Host a First Responders Community Service Dinner, and their significant others. (Firefighters, State, Local Police/ Sheriff Dept., Rescue Squad, etc.). (Note: Family Night or Past Masters Night will not qualify for this)
- F) **20 Points:** At least three lodge members participate in the Great Day of Service at one of our Masonic Communities campuses.
- G) **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)
- H) **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 Homes "Adopt a Resident" Program. (For example: Send birthday and holiday cards, personal visits, telephone calls, fruit baskets etc. to a Masonic Homes resident). (Contact the Masonic Homes of Kentucky for more details. (502-259-9627).
- E) **10 Points:** Have at least one member of the lodge attain a Ritualist Pin, or advance to a higher award, during the 2021-2022 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) **20 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.
- G) **20 Points:** Have at least one Master Mason Member that can confer the Funeral Lecture. This can be either the Graveside Service or at the Funeral Home.

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.
- F) **20 Points:** Have a community service appreciation event (dinner at lodge, picnic, cookout, etc.) for first responders (Police, Fire, EMS, Rescue, etc..) and present them with a certificate of appreciation and place photo in local newspaper.
- G) **30 Points:** (10 points per bicycle, maximum of 30 points) Develop an Educational Incentive Program- Award a scholarship, laptop for virtual learning, or backpack/food program, donate a new bicycle(s) to your local school(s) or offer a resource support program of your choice to encourage attendance or academic incentives. You may partner with an appendant body, i.e., York Rite, Scottish Rite, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay or O.E.S. Chapter. Contact the principal to organize this activity. The principal should set the attendance or academic 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 broth-

ers to check or record events on electronic calendars).

- E) **20 Points:** The Master and seven of his officers attend their district meeting (Note: No make-up 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.

2021-2022 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) 20 pts		F) 20 pts
G) 20 pts		G) 10pts (up to 30pts)		
H) 20 pts				

Total Points from Each Category:

Category 1: _____

Category 2: _____

Category 3: _____

Category 4: _____

Category 5: _____

Grand Total: _____

Grand Lodge Use Only

<i>Required Items</i>	<i>Categories</i>	<i>Total Points:</i>
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!



The Key to Unlocking Awareness to Human Trafficking is You!

A program to support PATH Coalition to raise awareness about Human Trafficking.

Most Worshipful James Gibson-Grand Master and First Lady Sam Gibson

First Lady Sam Gibson and I have dedicated ourselves to help potential victims, actual victims, and survivors of human trafficking. We believe an important element is awareness and we have joined forces with the PATH COALITION of KY in an effort to do this.

Human trafficking is the exploitation of another individual for labor and/or sex through the use of fraud, coercion, or violence.

PATH stands for: People Against Trafficking Humans and their mission is to bring awareness of the realities of human trafficking. Their quest is to provide hope and healing to those affected by this modern-day slavery.

Led by a Board of Directors and home-based in Louisville, KY., PATH works with academic, community, and faith-based organizations in an effort to help meet the needs of the survivors of this crime.

They offer education sessions on trafficking, digital safety for youth and young adults, as well as other topics related to the understanding of human trafficking to high schools, colleges, hospitals, and more.

Sam and I have made a commitment to do what we can in the fight against this atrocity toward children and others. We realize how necessary it is to bring awareness, in hopes that we can help even one person. We believe that assisting the PATH Coalition in their endeavors has the potential to aid so many and prevent others from becoming victims. Sam and I have designed a lapel pin in the shape of a key which depicts not only our slogan, but our belief that “The key to unlocking awareness to human trafficking is you.” For a donation of \$10.00, this pin can be yours and show that you care about human trafficking. A lodge, private company, or any organization is welcome to make a donation or monetary gift to support the PATH Coalition. We are thankful for everyone that helps us in our fight against human trafficking. Please be the key. If you would like to learn more or have the First Lady speak to you or your organization about human trafficking and/or the PATH Coalition, please contact her at Sam.BeTheKey@gmail.com or 606-305-9417.

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

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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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