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District Deputy Grand Master

Handbook

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RICHARD F. "DICK" SHORT

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LETTER FROM RICHARD F. "DICK" SHORT, 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. Support of Masonic Youth Groups
- 2. Preserving History
- 3. The Grand Master's Traveling 24 Inch Gauge
- 4. The Masons Helping Masons, Veterans and First Responders Programs
- 5. Attendance at the Educational Conferences and District Meetings
- 6. Following and understanding our Masonic Constitution
- 7. The "Charity of Your Choice"/ Bicycles, Scholarships, etc.
- 8. The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award

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, Richard F. "Dick" Short 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 will 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:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 for your bennifit. 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:

- 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. <u>Indicate the ladies are invited to attend the meal. Also note if a Ladies Program will be provided during the tiled portion of the District Meeting.</u>

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: Grand Lodge of Kentucky, ATTN: Masonic Home Journal, PO Box 99159, Louisville, KY 40269. 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 with spouses. If there are ladies, then the ladies should go next with their spouse. All others to follow.
- 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. If no program, have them a comfortable place to gather
- 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!

OPENING OF DISTRICT MEETING

The lodge <u>will not</u> be opened prior to the district meeting. 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.

After opening the Agenda APPENDIX A is to be followed. **Note**: This is only a rough draft. A final agenda will be given out at your meeting.

DISTRICT MEETING ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2023 - 2024

An attendance award will be presented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication 2024 to those lodges who have the <u>Master, and 10%</u> of their total membership, <u>or the Master and fifteen members</u>, 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.)

MASONIC YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT

Masonic youth have, and continue, to play a valuable supporting role in Freemasonry; all the while, practicing and learning the tenants of our gentle craft. Aiding and guiding these young adults is a rewarding experience and I urge you to seek out local chapters, assemblies, and bethels where you or your lodges can be of service. In addition, you will assist local lodges in connecting with Masonic youth and encourage them to not only provide financial support, but that of their time.

Roles

- District Deputy Grand Masters need to become familiar with the local chapters, assemblies, and bethels in their area or closest one to a specific geographic area.
- Provide lodges with contact information.
- Advertise chapter, assembly, and bethel current events.
- Encourage Brothers to volunteer their time and think about becoming an advisor. Advise on how to become an advisor or provide them with information to learn more.
- While speaking with lodges, encourage them to visit local chapters, assemblies, and bethels.
- Stimulate discussion on how lodges are able to financially support local chapters, assemblies, and bethels.

COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate with the various subordinate lodges to procure, edit, and proof a historical sketch of each respective lodge. They shall utilize the compilation of historical sketches collected by Past Grand Master James N. Saunders as a basis for their work. The end goal of this committee is to publish a multivolume set of the histories of the subordinate lodges, as well as a compilation of biographies of the Past Grand Masters, in conjunction with the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M.

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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, Grand Master Coins and knives, we are able to have funds available to relieve the distressed.

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

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 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 <u>must be received in the Grand Lodge Office prior to Sunday, January 14, 2024, even</u> 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 PIN

This years Grand Master's Pin is round with a white background, a gold band around the circumference. Inside is the 7 point badge, fire cross, EMS star and the Marine Corps emblem. My slogan, Masons 24/7 is on the badge along with our masonic symbols. I am humbled to serve the craft as I have served my community my whole life. We as Masons should live up to our obligations and set the example in our communities.



GRAND MASTER'S VETERAN'S PIN

This years Veterans pin is round with two dog tags in the center surrounded by the emblems of each branch of our military. On the dog tags you see a soldier standing for the flag and on the other you see the soldier kneeling at the grave. This is the proper respect we owe our veterans for the sacrifice they have given for our freedoms. Remember Thank a veteran each time you see one. The money raised from the sale of this pin will help fund our Veteran's Program at the Grand Lodge.



GRAND MASTER'S / VETERAN'S COIN

This year we will have a single coin representing the GM and Veterans. The coin will have the Grand Master's Pin on one side with the Veterans pin on the other side. The monies raised from the sale of this coin will be split between the Veterans program and Masons Helping Masons Program.Kentucky.





Coin Front

Coin Back

FIRST REPONDERS PIN

For the first time we will have a First Responders Pin to honor the sacrifices our first responders do for us daily. The monies raised from the sale of this pin will fund a \$2,000.00 donation to Special Olympics, which is a charity supported by a large number of first responders across the nation. Any additional funds raised will be put into the Grand Lodge Disaster Relief Fund.



GRAND MASTER'S ATV RIDES 2023-2024

We hope to 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. **DATES AND TIMES: TBA**

GRAND MASTER'S MASONIC SCHOLAR PROGRAM

This Program was started by M.W.P.G.M Cloyd J Bumgardner.

Books of Constitution Quiz

Interested Masons, who successfully complete the current year quiz will earn a certificate which may be presented at district meetings or sent electronically to the participant's lodge Secretary for presentation. The quiz is an open book test on the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and may be completed individually or in a group setting. The Quiz may be taken by all masons including EA's and FC's. The quiz is intended to spur discussion about the Constitution as well as initiate interest for further study. The quiz consists of 20 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 18 correct answers to pass. Successful completion of this program is one of the requirements for the Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award.

HISTORY OF KENTUCKY MASONIC LODGE QUIZ

Interested Masons, who successfully complete this quiz will earn a certificate which may be presented at district meetings or sent to the participant's lodge Secretary for presentation. The quiz is an open book test and may be completed individually or in a group setting. The Quiz may be taken by all masons including EA's and FC's. The quiz consists of 20 multiple choice questions and 16 correct answers are required to pass. A study guide will be made available, information for which was taken from H.B. Grants Book "Doings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Mason 1800-1900

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Grand Lodge Scholarship, originated by Past Grand Master Ernest C. Jackson, will be awarded to one lodge in each of the 3 Areas that has claimed the Traveling Gauge and accumulated the most miles, starting in October 18, 2023 until May 1, 2024. The lodges that qualify will receive a \$2000 Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school graduate of their choice by the end of May 2024. After May 31, 2024, the Lodges that claim the Traveling Guage with the most miles accumulated in each area will be awarded a plaque of achievement at the 2024 Annual Communication. The last date for claiming the Traveling Gauge is October 1, 2024. The lodge that has claimed it last will bring the 24 inch Gauge to the 225th Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Louisville, 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.

GRAND MASTER'S 2023-2024 STATEWIDE TRAVELING 24 INCH GAUGE PROGRAM

The Grand Master will have a Statewide Traveling Gauge Program. The Traveling Gauge, location can be tracked using the locator found on the Grand Lodge of Kentucky website and/or the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Statewide Traveling Gauge, Location Facebook Page (see Appendix D). It is important that you follow the directions contained in the Traveling Gauge 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 Traveling Gauge 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 Traveling Gauge case. The Traveling Gauge will begin at Salem Lodge No. 81, District 3, on October 19, 2023. Rules for claiming the Gauge will be posted on the Location Facebook page and a copy will be included in the Gauge Case.

As Masons, we are taught that the Gauge is an instrument used to divide our time equaly into three parts, eight hours for the service of God and the relief of a poor and distressed worthy brother; eight hours for our usual vocations, and eight for refreshment and sleep.

<u>Elected or Appointed Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters are not eligable to retrieve the Grand Master's 24 Inch Gauge.</u>

DISTRICT MASON OF THE YEAR

Each District Deputy Grand Master will nominate a Kentucky Mason, in their district, to be the "District Mason of the year." Upon review and agreement of the Grand Master, this Kentucky Mason will receive a Plaque and be recognized, at his district meeting, if in attendance. The deadline for submissions of nominations to the Grand Master is January 5, 2024. This deadline will allow adequate time to have the plaques made and the D.D.G.M. time to arrange for the honoree to attend the district meeting.

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 Guage

- 1. The traveling guage may be claimed from a lodge on any regular or lawfully called meeting, excluding only Masonic Funeral Rites.
- 2. The traveling guage 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 guage.
 - c. The Traveling Guage will be presented before closing the lodge.
 - d. The lodge receiving the gavel will notify the District Deputy.

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3. If the District Traveling Gavel has not moved in more than month sinse being claimed, the lodge holding it is encouraged to take the gavel to another lodge of their choosing in their district.

GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM, 2023-2024

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 2024 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. They must meet the requirements from September 1, 2023, through August 1, 2024. 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, 2024. The requirements for this award are based on input from individual lodges, Past Grand Masters, previous excellence programs and the Grand Master himself. The purpose of this program is to encourage lodges to become very active in their communities and in Masonic knowledge and procedures.

See Appendix G 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	Email
1	Bybby Allen	270-559-9049	bobbydallen73@yahoo.com
2	Perry Satterfield	270-493-2920	perry.satterfield@gmail.com
3	Marion Goodwin	270-556-5358	goodwinmarion62@gmail.com
4	Steven Grudzinski	931-206-2344	grudzinskisw@gmail.com
5	Dylan Lutz	270-577-4216	dylan@lutzserv.com
6	Bruce Outlaw	270-245-8080	bruceoutlaw369@gmail.com
7	Berry Spencer, Jr	270-314-1558	barryobky@icloud.com
8	Adam Hunter	270-256-3273	ahunter@stericycle.com
9	Charles Hagar, Jr	270-300-0806	hagar77@comcast.net
10	Rickie Stinson	270-618-0187	rickie.stinson123@gmail.com
11	Justin Short	270-427-8955	racegrs@yahoo.com

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

District	Name	Cell Phone	Email
12	John Murray	270-401-9009	john.murray410@topper.wku.edu
13	Gregory Raque	502-376-2067	knight734@gmail.com
14	James Brown	502-641-7406	thebrowns2001@att.net
15	Frank Walls	502-817-0243	
16	Mark Elliott	859-612-9576	wmelliott73@gmail.com
17	Joseph Young	859-322-9344	joeyoungksp@gmail.com
18	Robert Lainhart	859-866-4400	rclainhart@yahoo.com
19	Sean Weaver	859-462-6198	seanweaver48@gmail.com
20	Tristan Root	859-469-1137	zanraid@gmail.com
21	Anthony McCollum	606-677-0958	
22	John Rush	270-459-1955	

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

Distr	rict Name	Cell Phone	Email
23	Steve Talbott	859-321-4808	
24	Douglas Johnson	859-556-5081	dougjohnson1971@icloud.com
25	Travis Short	859-200-6565	lostintimeworks@yahoo.com
26	Lyle McClure	606-224-9566	lylemcclure11@gmail.com
27	Ethan Wells	606-315-4242	kyfreemason357@gmail.com
28	Joseph Smith	606-331-7214	smithjoe1860@gmail.com
29	George Turner	606-568-0738	gaturner.mail@gmail.com
30	Matthew Taylor	606-273-6474	matt.taylor86@outlook.com
31	Christopher Griffith	606-872-1689	cgriffith4343@yahoo.com
32	Jeffery Dotson	606-625-6581	jeffdotson@live.com

DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

On Friday meeting plan your meal time for 6:00 PM with meeting to start at 7:00 PM. Feel free to start meal time earlier if you desire.

Saturday meetings plan your meal one (1) hour prior to the meeting time and Start your meeting on time. Remember people will be traveling from other meetings and your meal should get started on time Do not wait for the Grand Line to eat.

Meeting facilities are to be determined by the District Deputy Grand Master. Refer to the Planning the District Meeting section of the handbook.

DAY	DATE	DISTRICT	TIME
Friday	March 1, 2024	1	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 2, 2024	2	9:00 AM
Saturday	March 2, 2024	3	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 2, 2024	4	6:00 PM
Friday	March 8, 2024	9	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 9, 2024	10	9:00 AM
Saturday	March 9, 2024	11	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 9, 2024	12	6:00 PM
Friday	March 15, 2024	27	7:00 PM
Saturday	March 16, 2024	28	9:00 AM
Saturday	March 16, 2024	31	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 16, 2024	32	6:00 PM
Saturday	March 23, 2024	24	9:00 AM
Saturday	March 23, 2024	25	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 23, 2024	26	6:00 PM
Friday	April 5, 2024	22	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 6, 2024	15	9:00 AM
Saturday	April 6, 2024	16	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 6, 2024	20	7:00 PM
Friday	April 12, 2024	17	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 13, 2024	18	9:00 AM
Saturday	April 13, 2024	19	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 13, 2024	23	6:00 PM
Friday	April 19, 2024	21	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 20, 2024	13/14	2:00 PM
Saturday	April 27, 2024	29	1:00 PM
Saturday	April 27, 2024	30	6:00 PM
Friday	May 3, 2024	5	7:00 PM
Saturday	May 4, 2024	6	9:00 AM
Saturday	May 4, 2024	7	1:00 PM
Saturday	May 4, 2024	8	6:00 PM

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 Conference in a three formats. They will include a video conference available online statewide. An educational program will be held at each District meeting across the state. Then we will release 3 additional training videos throughout the year on the Grand Lodge Website in the education area of the members only section.

A <u>video-conference</u> will be conducted on Saturday, January 27, 2024. 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.

APPENDIX A

SAMPLE AGENDA FOR YOUR DISTRICT MEETING

SAMPLE DISTRICT MEETING ITENERARY

MEAL 1-1.5 HOURS BEFORE START OF MEETING

BEGIN SEATING MEMBERS/ LINE UP DIGNITARIES

OPEN LODGE

ENTER DDGM- PUBLIC HONORS/ CROWN & GAVEL

ENTER ELECTED GL OFFICERS/ APPOINTED GL OFFICERS/ COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HONORS

ENTER GRAND MASTER/ TAKEN TO ALTAR THEN EAST

PRIVATE HONORS/ OFFERED CROWN & GAVEL

STATE OF DISTRICT/ BRIEF SYNOPSIS (10 MINUTES)

EDUCATION SPEAKER (20 MINUTES)

ROLL CALL OF LODGES/ VISITORS

RECOGNIZE VETERANS/ OLDEST VETERAN- PUBLIC HONORS

RECOGNIZE OLDEST MEMBER- APPLAUSE

RECOGNIZE YOUNGEST MASTER MASON- MASONIC HOMES

TOP OF HR - CALL TO REFRESHMENT/ RAFFLES IF APPLICABLE

BACK TO LABOR

FINAL REMARKS D.D.G.M.

AREA OFFICER ANNOUNCES ATTENDANCE AWARDS

FINAL REMARKS APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

GRAND MASTER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FINAL REMARKS GRAND MASTER

TIME SHALL BE GIVEN AT THE MEAL PORTION FOR PRESENTATIONS AND/OR FOR ANY APPENDANT BODIES TO SPEAK.

TWO HOUR TIME LIMIT FOR THE MEETING.

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:

Leadership of the Masonic Homes.

Heads of affiliated bodies. (Scottish Rite, York Rite, and other bodies)

Grand Lodge Committee Members. (Example: Worshipful Brother John Doe, Committee on By-Laws)

Current District Deputy Grand Masters from other Districts. (Example: Worshipful Brother John Doe, District Deputy Grand Master District 10)

Current Appointed Grand Lodge Officers. (Example: Worshipful Brother John Doe, Grand Senior Deacon)

Past Grand Masters. (Example: Most Worshipful Brother John Doe, Past Grand Master)

Elected Grand Lodge Officers. (Example: Right Worshipful Brother John Doe, Deputy Grand Master)

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

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE D.D.G.M. BY FEBRUARY 29, 2024

LODGE NAME	GE NAMENUMBER			
LODGE ADDRESS				
	STREET	CITY	ZIP	
GPS LOCATION* LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
MASTER			PROFICIENT: YES	NO
SENIOR WARDEN			PROFICIENT: YES	NO
JUNIOR WARDEN			PROFICIENT: YES	NO
# OF RITUALISTS# OF F	IRST RESPONDERS	# OF VETERANS		
CURRENT COPY OF CONSTITUTION	ON BOOK PRESENT AND	ACCESSIBLE: YES	NO	
*NOTE THE SMALL BLUE BINDER	R VERSION IS NOT THE C	URRENT VERSION		
HAS THE SECRETARY FILED THE A	ANNUAL IRS FORM 990 C	R 990-N FOR CURREN	T YEAR?	
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:				
# OF BICYCLES # O	F SCHOLARSHIPS	BACKPACK PROC	GRAM: YES NO	
OTHER				
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTI	ER		_ DISTRICT	
	(please	print)		
MASTER'S SIGNATURE		DAT	E	-
DATE OF FIRST VISIT	DATE OF (DEFICIAL VISIT		

APPENDIX D

MASONIC 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 Gavel
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

MASONIC BLUEGRASS RITUALIST AWARDS 2023 - 2024

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; Mark Hume, 859-582-7054, mark.hume@hyster-yale.com.

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 Mas	ster 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)

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".	
	To be awarded Master Ritualist you must confer one of the following.	
	You can obtain the points for any or all of them.	
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		
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DISTRICT:						_
DATE:						_
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APPENDIX F

DISTRICT MASON OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

District#:	District Deputy Grand Master:
Name of Kentuc	ky Mason in this district to be Nominated:
Nominees Inforr	nation
Lodge Name an	d Number:
Grand Lodge ID	#
Current Mailing	Address:
Reasons this K	entucky Mason should receive this award:
<u></u>	
D.D.G.M.:	Date: signature

The deadline for submissions of nominations to the Grand Master is January 01, 2024, and emailed to rfs57@windstream.net

APPENDIX G



GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2023 - 2024

The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award has very high achievement requirements and is the highest award a lodge can receive. Although the qualifications are set high, a lodge can choose those areas in which they currently excel and then look to the challenges that best suit the talents of its officers and members.

The award is designed to raise the overall proficiency of a lodge by encouraging it to broaden its horizons and increase its visibility and activity within its community. The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award will be presented during the 225th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October 2024 to those lodges that complete thirteen (13) of the fifteen (15) requirements-October 2023 through August 15, 2024.

All applications must be signed by the Worshipful Master and certified by the Lodge Secretary with his signature and the seal of the lodge. The applications must be received by the Grand Lodge Office by August 15, 2024.

REQUIRED TASKS CATEGORY

Lodges are required to complete all of these tasks in this mandatory category.

1. WIDOWS INITIATIVE

Your lodge must have an active Widows program with updates monthly in Lodge. The program is on the Grand Lodge website, along with supporting forms for your use. The Lodge must reflect the Widow and Shut In's activity in the Lodge's monthly meeting minutes.

2. OPEN INSTALLATION OF THE LODGE

All elected and appointed officers of the lodge must be present at their own Open Installation of the Lodge. ***Note: If an officer is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances, the lodge may apply to the DDGM & Area Officer to be excused.

3. OFFICERS PROFICIENCY

All officers of the Lodge consisting of the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Tiler must have a Certificate of Proficiency issued by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. If they are not in possession of one, they must have been examined and be recommended for a Certificate of Proficiency from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky by June 30, 2024.

4. BLUEGRASS RITUALIST

Each Lodge must have at least <u>two</u> members who have attained the honor of a Kentucky Bluegrass Ritualist within their lodge.

5. CONSTITUTION QUIZ

The quiz must be taken by The Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

6. EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER

Host an Educational Speaker at least twice during the year at a Stated Communication meeting.

7. MASTER MASON REOBLIGATION

Conduct a Master Mason Reobligation ceremony at your Lodge.

OPTIONAL TASKS CATEGORY

Lodges are required to complete at least 6 of these tasks in this optional category

8. DEGREE WORK

Your Lodge MUST perform all three degrees (ALL SECTIONS) with the Elected and Appointed officers of said Lodge during the year, even if they have to be MOCK initiations. This must be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge, stating the date and officers delivering the degree.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Your lodge must participate in a Community Service Project (Blood Drive, Drug Awareness, Scholarship Program). Sponsor or be involved together in a parade or other community function that would serve your county or area. This must be documented.

10. OTHER LODGE VISITATIONS

The Master and two of his principal officers (Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer or Secretary, plus 3 members must make a minimum of six visits, as a group, to lodges other than their own during the qualifying period. The report of the visits must show the dates, the lodges visited and identify the officers and members who made the visits. This is to be done with three visits within your District and three visits outside your District.

11. DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT

All elected and appointed offices of the lodge must be present at the DDGM< official visit. IF the District Deputy is an officer of the lodge, a member of the lodge will be substituted for him. No other substitutions will be allowed. The lodge will be opened in form on the Third Degree for the reception of the District Deputy Grand Master.

12. MASONS HELPING MASONS FUND

The lodge contributes an amount equal to or greater than \$2.00 per member to the Masons Helping Masons fund. Any lodge contributing \$2.00 or more per member will receive recognition by the Grand lodge of Kentucky. This cannot be an assessment, but it may be from lodge funds, passing the hat, donations or a fund raiser. (*To be used for future relief of lodge Brothers that may have been hit by a personal disaster, and not enough insurance or a Brother experiencing another financial needs*).

13. VISIT A MASONIC YOUTH GROUP

The Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden plus two other members make a visit, as a group, to a Chapter, Assembly and/or Bethel meeting during the qualifying period or have a representative of one

of the Youth Groups come to their Lodge and speak on behalf of their organization at a dinner. (Date and time of function must be recorded).

14. DISTRICT MEETING ATTENDANCE

Obtain attendance award of 10% of membership plus Worshipful Master at a District Meeting.

15. GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Participate in the Great Day of Service at one of the Masonic Homes Campuses.

Complete the form found in Appendix H and submit to the Grand Lodge office no later than August 15, 2024. **Do not submit any additional documentation at this time.** The Lodge shall maintain and furnish supporting documentation upon request of the Grand Lodg of Kentucky.

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD RICHARD F. SHORT, GRAND MASTER 2023-2024

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APPENDIX H

EDUCATION MEETING SIGN- IN SHEET

	DISTRICT:	Date		_
	Lodge			
Master				
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Chaplain				
Senior Deacon				
Junior Deacon				
Senior Steward			_	
Junior Steward			_	
Tiler			-	
		Members		



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, heath care and education.

Today, Masonic Homes Kentucky 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 Home'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 Homes of Kentucky, Inc. 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.

Contact

Masonic Homes Kentucky 330 Masonic Home Drive Masonic Home, KY 40041 Phone: 502.259.9627

Fax: 502.259.5290 info@masonicky.com masonichomesky.com

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First Lady Bonnie Short Selects Masonicare for Annual Support Campaign

Masonic Homes Kentucky was created in 1867 as an example of fulfilling the Masonic obligation to care for Masons, their wives, widows and children in their time of need. Though times have changed, the mission has not. Masonic Homes has nurtured a legacy of excellence and today it is recognized as a leader in providing award-winning care and services.

This legacy of caring continues through Masonicare, a program that provides charitable care and housing to Masons, their wives and widows who are unable to fully pay for their care and meet specific requirements. Residents are provided quality care and housing and general living necessities like wheelchairs, glasses, transportation, meals, clothing and more.

Masonicare residents of Masonic Homes require approximately \$1.5 million a year or \$215 per day. First Lady Bonnie Short is eager to help with this endeavour by promoting Masonicare as her program during the Year (2023-24). Bonnie has created a pin that can be purchased for \$10 with all proceeds benefiting Masonicare. It's a proud way to show your support for a program that provides so much.

Pins may be obtained, or Donations made by contacting your Masonic Homes District Ambassador.