

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

Time, Patience, & Perseverance



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**Grand Master**

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**LETTER FROM**  
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**215<sup>TH</sup> GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN KENTUCKY**

Brothers,

Let me begin by congratulating you on your appointment to serve as District Deputy Grand Master in your respective district, this coming masonic year. I selected you from amongst the Brethren in your District due to your knowledge, skill, and ability with regards to matters Masonic, as well as your leadership traits, conduct and dedication in general. In accepting this position of confidence and trust, you commit yourself to investing greatly of your time, while patiently leading your Brothers and persevering in the practice of all of the commendable virtues which ought to be embodied by Freemasons. Your role is that of liaison between the subordinate lodges and myself.

The role you are about to assume will be both challenging and rewarding. Amongst your varied responsibilities is the promotion of the initiatives and programs of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M. in your District. You will be expected to work closely with your Area Officer in the furtherance of this aim, and please keep me informed of any events that may affect our Fraternity.

This handbook, we hope, will assist you in the performance of your important duties, and provide you a thorough understanding of what is expected of you in the capacity of District Deputy Grand Master this year. Well informed leaders are better equipped to assist lodges and brothers in completing their work and resolving their issues, and also earn the respect and commendation of their Brothers.

Below are a handful of initiatives I have selected to promote, in an attempt to strengthen our lodges and brothers in particular, and the Craft in general:

1. Ritual proficiency & Masonic education
2. The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award
3. The Masons Helping Masons & Veterans Affairs Programs
4. The Grand Master's Statewide Traveling Gavel
5. Attendance at the District Meetings & Educational Conference
6. Adherence to the Book of Constitutions, Digest & Standing Resolutions
7. Supporting our Youth Groups: DeMolay, Rainbow & Job's Daughters
8. Supporting RiteCare

Through your determination and strong work ethic, I am confident the 2024-2025 Masonic year will be a success! Personally, I remain convinced that each of you will represent Freemasonry and our Grand Lodge with merit to yourself and honor to the fraternity. Please feel free to contact me directly, your Area Officer, or the Grand Lodge Office if you require any clarification or assistance in the discharge of your duties.

Fraternally thine,

*Mitchell A. May*

Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M.

## FOREWORD

This handbook defines the expectations and duties of those who assume the office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M. The information contained herein is provided to assist you as you serve in this capacity. It is imperative that you review this information in its entirety so that you are thoroughly prepared for your year as District Deputy Grand Master, and hopefully you will find the journey to be 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 the activities and programs of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. In your capacity as the official liaison between the Grand Master and the lodges and brethren 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 and 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 Book of Constitutions is about to occur, 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 term as District Deputy is completed, you will still labor amongst your Brethren in the quarries of Freemasonry.

#### 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 **three** times during your term. The first visit should be used for the purpose of introduction, and should be completed between your installation at Grand Lodge and the end of the calendar year. The second visit should be your official visit to that particular lodge, and should be completed between New Year's Day and your District Meeting. The third visit is to reassure the lodges of your commitment to them for the remainder of your term and should be completed following your District Meeting and prior to the conclusion of your term.

Plan your visits with the following in mind: inclement weather, holidays, work and family schedule, etc. Also, please utilize your District's Facebook page to remain knowledgeable of events within your district. Remember that your local Brethren were supportive of your selection and appointment, so take care that none of your lodges are neglected.

During the official visit, please highlight the Grand Master's selected programs and make sure that each lodge has an updated Book of Constitutions. Encourage them to update their by-laws regularly. Additionally, verify they are holding their stated meetings and forward any information regarding their lack of compliance to your Area Officer. Once you have completed your official visits, submit an email to your Area Officer and the Grand Master attesting to that fact.

As District Deputy Grand Master, you stand as a role model for others to emulate. Working together with your Brethren, the Area Officer, and myself, we can achieve tremendous success. Please feel free to suggest to your Grand Lodge Officers possible improvements to enhance the success of Grand Lodge initiatives in your district. Please communicate any concerns you may have 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 you occupy (please do NOT wear it with denim). Please wear your District Deputy Grand Master Apron and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky identification badge to ALL meetings, as well as functions of the Grand Lodge. If you attend an outdoor degree, business dress is NOT expected. At these outdoor degrees, please wear a plain white apron. The apron should only be worn on the outside of your coat or jacket. However, NEVER wear your District Deputy Grand Master Apron or identification badge to a masonic funeral service. Masonic funerals are to honor the deceased brother and comfort his family, and is meant to exemplify the belief that we are all on the same level, as is indicated by a plain white apron.

#### Speaking/Presenting

As you are the liaison of the Grand Master in your respective district, you should always speak just prior to the 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 District Deputy Grand Master. However, always remember that humility 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 and/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 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 Report to be completed by each lodge for your benefit. 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 District Deputy Grand Master, 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 landmarks and highway route numbers. Make certain that someone not familiar with the area can easily find it using only your directions.
2. Time of meeting including the prevailing time (Eastern or Central), as well as the time the meal will be served.
3. Indicate that the ladies are invited and welcome to attend the meal. Also note if there will be a formal Ladies Program 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 Grand Lodge of Kentucky ATTN: Masonic Home Journal, P.O. Box 99159, Louisville, KY 40269. If you use e-mail send it to:

**[masonichomejournal@grandlodgeofkentucky.org](mailto:masonichomejournal@grandlodgeofkentucky.org)**

A few suggestions to assist you with your District meeting:

1. For the meal, have at least two serving lines if possible.
2. Make special presentations to guests, and/or recognize Past District Deputy Grand Master's 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. Ladies ARE to be invited to the meal, and you may choose to have a formal Ladies Program during the tiled meeting. Please make this known in order for ladies across the state to be aware. If there is no formal program, then please 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 **WILL NOT** be opened prior to the District Meeting. We will open lodge promptly at the 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, Appendix A – Sample Agenda for Your District meeting is to be followed.

### **District Meeting Attendance Award 2024 - 2025**

An attendance award will be presented at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in October 2025 to those lodges who have the **Master PLUS 10%** of their total membership, or the Master and fifteen members present at the time of roll call for those lodges in excess of 150 members. For example, if a lodge has 30 members, the Master and three members must attend. If a lodge has more than 150 members, the Master and at least 15 members must attend to qualify for the 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 Support**

Masonic youth have, and continue to play, a valuable role in Freemasonry; all the while practicing and learning the tenets 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 also of their time.

### **Roles**

- District Deputy Grand Masters need to become familiar with the local chapters, assemblies, and bethels in their area or the closest one to their specific geographic area.
- Provide lodges with contact information.
- Advertise chapter, assembly, and bethe! events.
- Encourage Brothers to volunteer their time and think about becoming an advisor. Advise them 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.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **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.

### **Masons Helping Masons**

The Masons Helping Masons Program was designed to help our 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. By the sale of items which fund this program, such as ties, caps, coins and knives, we are able to have funds available to relieve the distressed.



## Masonry Matters

The Committee on Masonry Matters originated in far Western 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.

## First Responders

This Committee was established 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.

## Veterans Affairs

Through the Veterans Program, we honor our nation's bravest in several ways. We annually assist in funding and supporting our active duty 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 CONSTITUTIONS, DIGEST & STANDING RESOLUTIONS

It is essential that you become familiar with the Book of Constitutions, Digest, & Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky so that you may be better enabled to answer questions that no doubt you will be asked as you visit the lodges in your district. **Do NOT give answers to a Constitutional question from memory – instead, read from the section pertaining to the question in order to correctly guide the brothers to the appropriate answer.** This process will prevent misunderstandings of the question at hand. In instances where an interpretation of the Book of Constitutions, Digest & Standing Resolutions is required to settle an issue, refer the section in question to the Area Officer and/or the Grand Master. In most instances, the questions on Masonic law that may arise can be answered by reading or referring to the section pertaining to the issue. Be sure that all lodges in your district have an up-to-date Book of Constitutions. Each lodge received two copies of the updates for the Book of Constitutions following 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 Masonic law, using selected sections as topics of discussion, in order that the Craft may become familiar and comfortable with the Book of Constitutions. You may want to utilize the Constitutional Quiz provided by the Committee on Masonic Scholars to increase knowledge of our Masonic law.

Impress upon the lodge Secretary that he is to submit a list of newly elected and/or appointed officers of the lodge electronically. The electronic submission should be completed as soon as possible following the election of officers in December. This can, and should be, done prior to installation. In any case, the submission **MUST be received in the Grand Lodge Office prior to the close of business on Friday, January 10, 2025, regardless of whether the officers have been installed.**

Also, encourage the lodge Secretary to enter the information on the lodge income electronically in 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 the deadline being the 15th day of May. **Either way, ALL Masonic lodges must file electronically on the IRS Website to retain their tax-exempt status.**

## GRAND MASTER'S PROGRAMS, PINS & EVENTS

### Grand Master's Pin



This year, the Grand Master commissioned a pin to represent his theme for 2024-2025. The pin's overall shape is formed by a representation of the two brazen pillars within the outer porch of King Solomon's Temple, echoing the fact that our

fraternity is established in the strength of morality and upright behavior. The pillars support an arch, the stones of which are emblematical of the various branches of our masonic family working together to support the superstructure of Freemasonry. Engraved upon the keystone is the square and compasses, indicative of the fact that the blue lodge – Ancient Craft Masonry, remains the keystone of the wider Masonic family. The floor upon which the pillars are erected is a representation of the mosaic pavement of King Solomon’s Temple and reminds us that life is checkered with good and evil.

Also, upon the pavement rests an illustration of the monument placed over the grave of the celebrated artist, primarily consisting of a weeping virgin standing over a broken column with Time unfolding the ringlets of her hair. The weeping virgin and broken column conveys the sorrowfulness of the unfinished state of the Temple. The sprig of Acacia in her right hand represents the continual opportunity for rebirth and rejuvenation in our moral journey. The urn in her left hand served as a repository of the ashes of the celebrated artist and reminds us of our own eventual journey to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. The hourglass teaches us that as the sands run through it, so too does our own finite time upon this earth continually decrease, and harkens back to the fact that our lives transition from youth to manhood and on to old age. Time unfolding the ringlets of her hair reminds us that “Time, Patience & Perseverance” shall accomplish all things.

In the background, the sun rises in the East to open and adorn the day, and provide light to all within its luster. For the Grand Master, it is a personal nod to the Appalachian Mountains of the easternmost part of our state, where the sun rises each morning to light and govern our old Kentucky home!

Across the bottom is a banner inscribed with the name of our Grand Master. The entirety of the pin is antique brass in color, so as to represent the two famous brazen pillars and pay homage to one of his favorite sections of our ritual.

### Grand Master’s Veteran’s Pin



This year the Grand Master commissioned a pin celebrating our nation’s finest in true patriotic fashion. The design is centered around a blue shield, upon which is fashioned a gold square and compasses, superimposed over crossed unfurled Star-Spangled Banners. Across the top and bottom are banners with the words “Kentucky Veterans 2024-2025.” Proceeds from the sale of these pins support the Veterans Program of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

### Grand Master’s 225th Anniversary Coin



In celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the Grand Master commissioned commemorative coins to mark occasion. On the obverse is a representation of the Grand Master’s pin, along with the year “2024-2025,” surrounded by “M. W. MITCHELL A. MAY” and “GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN KY.” Along the circumference of the top half of the reverse is his theme “TIME • PATIENCE • PERSEVERANCE,” and along the circumference of the bottom half of the reverse are the words “225th ANNIVERSARY.” On the center of the reverse is a depiction of the Grand Lodge Seal. Proceeds from the sale of these coins will benefit the Grand Lodge “Masons Helping Masons” Program.

### 225th Anniversary Book

Two years ago, upon the request of the Grand Master, then Grand Master, M. W. E. Darren Wilson, established the Committee on Historic Preservation to research, update, edit and labor towards publishing, *The History of Freemasonry in Kentucky: The Stories of Our Subordinate Lodges & Past Grand Masters*, in time for the 225th Anniversary of our Grand Jurisdiction. Through many hours, and with the assistance of our various lodges and brothers their work is now ready for publication, and we hope will be of use to you and your lodges. Proceeds from the sale of these books will support the Grand Lodge “Masons Helping Masons” Program.

## Grand Master's ATV Rides

There will be three ATV Rides this year in Madisonville, Jenkins, and Wayland. The Madisonville and Jenkins rides will benefit the Grand Lodge "Masons Helping Masons" Program, and the Wayland event will be in support of the First Lady's Program. Specific dates, times, and locations will be announced on Facebook and in the Masonic Home Journal.

## Grand Master's Clay Shoot

The Grand Master's Clay Shoot benefiting the Grand Lodge "Masons Helping Masons" Program will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 in Bardwell, Kentucky. Specific details regarding this event will be announced on Facebook and in the Masonic Home Journal.

## Grand Master's Masonic Scholars Academy

This year, we are expanding the Masonic Scholars Program. When first implemented, it consisted solely of a quiz on our Book of Constitutions, Digest, & Standing Resolutions. That proved successful and has greatly benefitted the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction. Two years ago, a second element was added, to include two quizzes relating to the history of our Grand Jurisdiction. This year we will add three additional quizzes related to the tenets and symbolism of each of three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. Those Brothers who successfully complete the quiz relating to our Book of Constitutions, one of the history quizzes and each of the three quizzes on the three Degrees of Masonry will receive a medallion and diploma, signifying their commitment to seeking further light in Freemasonry. These medallions and diplomas will be presented at the 226th Annual Communication in October 2025.

**Book of Constitutions 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 Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts. The quiz is intended to spur discussion about the Constitutions 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 Freemasonry Quizzes** – 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 Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts. 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. Grant's book, *Doings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons 1800-1900*.

**Degree Quizzes** – Interested Masons who successfully complete one of the three quizzes, each based upon a specific Degree of Ancient Craft Masonry, 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 quizzes may be taken by all Masons including Entered Apprentice and Fellowcrafts, up to the highest Degree with which they have been invested. The quizzes consist of 20 multiple choice questions and 18 correct answers are required to achieve a passing score. A study guide will be made available, information for which has been compiled from various sources by well-informed Brethren.

## Masonic Ritual Competition

This year, the Grand Lodge will be conducting a ritual competition at various locations across the Commonwealth in the summer of 2025 to recognize and promote ritual excellence. The categories will be the Usual Interrogatories at the Door, the Apron Lecture, the Master Mason's Charge, and the Letter "G" Lecture. The dates and times will be announced in the Masonic Home Journal, and the locations will be as listed below. For further information, please contact the Chairman of the Committee on Ritual Competition.

- Clinton Lodge No. 82
- Bearwallow/Cave City Lodge No. 231
- Grand Lodge Office
- Covington Scottish Rite Temple
- Morehead Lodge No. 654
- Hazard Lodge No. 676

## Grand Lodge Scholarship Program

The Grand Lodge Scholarship will be awarded to one lodge in each of the three Areas that has claimed the Traveling Gavel and accumulated the most miles, starting on October 22, 2024 and ending on May 01, 2025. The lodges that qualify will receive a \$2,000 Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school graduate of their choice by the end of May, 2025. After May 01, 2025, the Lodges that claim the Grand Master's Traveling Gavel with the most miles accumulated in each

Area will be awarded a plaque of achievement at the 226th Annual Communication. The last date for claiming the Traveling Gavel is October 04, 2025. The lodge that claims it last will bring the Grand Master's Traveling Gavel to the 226th Annual Grand Lodge Communication at the Galt House Hotel 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 Statewide Traveling Gavel**

The Grand Master will have a Statewide Traveling Gavel Program. The Traveling Gavel location can be tracked using the locator found on the Grand Lodge of Kentucky website and/or the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Statewide Traveling Gavel Location Facebook Page (see Appendix D). It is important that you follow the directions contained in the Traveling Gavel 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 Gavel 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 Gavel case. The Traveling Gavel will be released into circulation at the close of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Rules for claiming the Gavel will be posted on the Location Facebook page and a copy will be included in the Traveling Gavel case.

Elected or Appointed Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters are not eligible to retrieve the Grand Master's Traveling Gavel.

### **District Mason of the Year Award**

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 05, 2025. This deadline will allow adequate time to have the plaques made and the District Deputy Grand Master time to arrange for the honoree to attend the district meeting.

### **District Traveling Gavel Program**

The District Deputy Grand Master is responsible for maintaining and promoting the District Traveling Gavel Program in his respective 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, and may NOT be claimed until just before the close of the meeting.

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 2024-2025**

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 226th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October, 2025. They must meet the requirements from October 22, 2024, through August 10, 2025. 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, 2025. The requirements for this award are based on input from individual lodges, Past Grand Masters, previous excellence programs and myself. 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 Lodge of Excellence Award Qualifications and Application.

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## 2025 DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

On Friday, meals should begin at 6:30 PM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:30 PM, **prevailing time**.

On most Saturdays there will be two District Meetings. For the afternoon meeting, the meal should begin at 11:00 AM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 12:00 PM, **prevailing time**. For the evening meeting, the meal should begin at 5:00 PM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 6:00 PM, **prevailing time** (unless otherwise noted).

Meeting facilities are to be determined by the respective District Deputy Grand Master. It is encouraged that you select a lodge hall, auditorium, or church sanctuary to host your District Meeting. Gymnasiums and similar spaces with poor acoustics should be **AVOIDED**.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>MEAL TIME</b>	<b>MEETING TIME</b>
Friday	February 28, 2025	5th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	March 1, 2025	7th	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Saturday	March 1, 2025	8th	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
Friday	March 7, 2025	11th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Friday	March 14, 2025	1st	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	March 15, 2025	2nd	8:30 AM	9:30 AM
Saturday	March 15, 2025	3rd	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Saturday	March 15, 2025	4th	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
Friday	March 21, 2025	18th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	March 22, 2025	23rd	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Saturday	March 22, 2025	27th	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
Friday	March 28, 2025	17th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	March 29, 2025	13th & 14th	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Saturday	March 29, 2025	20th	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
Friday	April 4, 2025	9th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	April 5, 2025	15th	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Saturday	April 5, 2025	16th	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
Friday	April 11, 2025	24th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	April 12, 2025	28th	11:00 AM	12:00PM
Saturday	April 12, 2025	31st	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
Friday	April 18, 2025	19th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Friday	May 9, 2025	25th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	May 10, 2025	29th	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Saturday	May 10, 2025	32nd	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
Friday	May 16, 2025	6th	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	May 17, 2025	10th	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Saturday	May 17, 2025	12th	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
Friday	May 30, 2025	22nd	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Friday	June 6, 2025	21st	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Saturday	June 7, 2025	26th	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
Saturday	June 7, 2025	30th	5:00 PM	6:00 PM

## 2025 MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

This year, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will present Masonic Education in the following three formats:

1. **WEBINAR:** A **video-conference** will be conducted on Saturday, January 25, 2025. The conference will be held at 12:00 pm EST (11:00 am CST), and will originate from the Grand Lodge Office in Louisville, Kentucky. Please consult with your District Deputy Grand Master about the location of the conference in your Masonic District. For a lodge to remain in compliance with the Book of Constitutions, it will need to be represented by the Master or another member of that respective lodge at the District Education Conference hub site. Each District Deputy Grand Master will have a sign in sheet available at their respective site. No Brother may represent more than one lodge at this event.
  - a. No meals are to be served, District Deputy Grand Masters MAY elect to have coffee and light refreshments.
  - b. Dress is casual
2. **MASONIC EDUCATION SERIES:** The Committee on Masonic Education has organized a series of virtual masonic education events this year. They will be hosted monthly, and will feature various masonic scholars and a variety of topics. For more information regarding these please follow your District Facebook Page and/or reach out to any member of the Committee on Masonic Education. Participation in this series is entirely optional.
3. **IN PERSON MASONIC EDUCATION EVENTS:** The Committee on Masonic Education will identify and promote the various in person masonic education opportunities that take place throughout the state this year, including speakers, festive boards, table lodges, etc. Participation in these events is entirely optional.
4. **DISTRICT MEETING:** Each District Deputy Grand Master shall select a Brother to deliver an educational presentation at their respective District Meeting (If the District Deputy needs assistance locating a speaker for their meeting, please reach out to the Committee on Masonic Education prior to January 01, 2025). The presentation should last approximately 10-15 minutes.

# GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## STANDING COMMITTEES

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**APPENDIX A**  
**SAMPLE AGENDA FOR YOUR DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MEAL SHOULD BEGIN ONE HOUR PRIOR TO START OF MEETING**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>COMPONENT</b>
15 Min.Prior	Begin seating members / Line up dignitaries
On the Hour	Open Lodge
00:02	Enter D.D.G.M., (Public Grand Honors, Crown & Gavel)
00:05	Enter Elected & Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, visiting D.D.G.M.s, and Grand Lodge Committeemen (Public Grand Honors)
00:09	Enter Grand Master, taken to the altar, escorted to the East, (Private Grand Honors, Crown & Gavel)
00:10	State of the District (Brief Synopsis, NOT individual lodge statistics)
00:20	Education Speaker
00:35	Roll Call of Lodges & Visitors
00:45	Recognize Veterans (Oldest Veteran given Public Grand Honors)
00:48	Recognize oldest member (Applause)
00:50	Recognize youngest Master Mason (Masonic Homes)
00:55	Call Lodge to Refreshment (Raffles if applicable)
Top of the Hour	Resume Labor
00:00	Masons Helping Masons Purpose & Masonic Scholars Recipients
00:05	Grand Master's Programs, Current Grand Lodge Events, and Legislation
00:20	Final Remarks of D.D.G.M.
00:30	Remarks of P.G.M.s (If present)
00:35	Remarks of Area Officer
00:45	Remarks of Grand Master

Time shall be given at the meal portion for presentations and/or for any appendant bodies to speak.

## APPENDIX B

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following order of introduction is the reverse of their order of entrance into the lodge room. It accounts for the fact that rank is introduced from lowest to highest. The Grand Master is introduced last, and alone. Introductions are made starting on the far right of the person performing the introductions. The line will form at the door (with the highest-ranking guest at the door, and the lowest ranking guest at the end of the line). All distinguished guests, except the Grand Master, are received together as one group, and are given Public Grand Honors west of the altar. 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 (NO CLAPPING).

#### Order of Precedence

- Deputy Grand Master (RW)
- Grand Senior Warden (RW)
- Grand Junior Warden (RW)
- Grand Treasurer (RW)
- Grand Secretary (RW)
- Past Grand Masters (MW) (by term of service)
- Grand Chaplain (RR)
- Assistant Grand Secretary (W)
- Grand Senior Deacon (W)
- Grand Junior Deacon (W)
- Grand Marshal (W)
- Grand Sword Bearer (W)
- Grand Pursuivant (W)
- Grand Historian (W)
- Grand Senior Steward (W)
- Grand Junior Steward (W)
- Grand Tiler (W)
- Assistant Grand Tiler (W)
- District Deputy Grand Master (W) (in his home district)
- Visiting District Deputy Grand Masters (W) (ascending by District number)
- Standing Grand Lodge Committeemen (W) (Alphabetized by Committee, Chairman of Committee before Committeeman of that committee)
- Special Grand Lodge Committeemen (W) (Alphabetized by Committee, Chairman of Committee before Committeeman of that committee)
- Heads of Scottish Rite (S.G.I.G. and Personal Representatives)
- Heads of York Rite (Grand Commandery, Grand Council, and Grand Chapter elected officers)
- Masonic Homes Board of Directors (B)
- Masonic Homes Executives (B)
- Masonic Homes Ambassadors (B)

The lodge should be called up when the distinguished guests enter. Introductions should begin with the lowest ranking Brother and proceed to the highest. The proper form is, "I present to you and the Craft here assembled...." Only Grand Lodge Officers and the District Deputy Grand Master (when making his official visit) are entitled to Public Grand Honors, however, if Grand Lodge Officers and others are introduced simultaneously, then all may receive Public Grand Honors.

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

**APPENDIX C**  
**LODGE INFORMATION REPORT**

(To be completed and returned to the District Deputy Grand Master by February 15, 2025)

LODGE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

ZIP

MASTER: \_\_\_\_\_ PROFICIENT: YES NO

SENIOR WARDEN: \_\_\_\_\_ PROFICIENT: YES NO

JUNIOR WARDEN: \_\_\_\_\_ PROFICIENT: YES NO

NO. OF RITUALISTS: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF VETERANS: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF FIRST RESPONDERS: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT COPY OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTION PRESENT AND ACCESSIBLE: YES NO

(NOTE: The small blue binder version is NOT the current version)

HAS THE SEC. FILED THE ANNUAL IRS FORM 990 OR 990-N FOR THE CURRENT YR? YES NO

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

NO. OF BICYCLES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF SCHOLARSHIPS: \_\_\_\_\_ BACKPACK PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

LODGE MASTER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FIRST VISIT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF OFFICIAL 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 Masonic Lodges, Grand Lodge of Kentucky
10	District #10 Masonic Lodges
11	District 11 Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM
12	District 12, Grand Lodge of Kentucky
13 &14	Grand Lodge of Kentucky Districts 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 & 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	Masonic Lodge District #23 Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. And A.M.
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	District 30 MTN Masons
31	GLKY District #31 F&AM
32	District # 32 Masonic Lodges
Statewide	Brother to Brother
Statewide	The GL of KY Grand Master's 2024-2025 Statewide Traveling Gavel
Masonic Homes	Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc.
Masonic Homes	Masonic Homes of Shelbyville
Statewide	GLKY Constitution
Regional	Eastern KY Masons
Regional	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

### BLUEGRASS RITUALIST AWARD 2024 – 2025

To qualify to receive this pin, a brother must prove that he has previously been or is currently functioning as a ritualist.

Ritualist: 100-125 pts. Senior Ritualist: 126-150 pts. Master Ritualist: 151+ pts.

A brother must perform work from the list below to achieve this prestigious recognition. All lectures must be given from memory and NOT read. Brother James A. Edington will be serving as Chairman of the Bluegrass Ritualist Award Program this year. Please consult him for any questions or clarifications.

Points	Work
5	Perform Senior Deacon for First Section of Entered Apprentice Degree
5	Perform Senior Deacon for First Section of Fellowcraft Degree
5	Perform Senior Deacon for First Section of Master Mason Degree
5	Confer Working Tools Lecture on Entered Apprentice Degree
5	Confer Working Tools Lecture on Fellowcraft Degree
5	Confer Working Tools Lecture on Master Mason Degree
5	Confer Charge on Entered Apprentice Degree
5	Confer Charge on Fellowcraft Degree
5	Confer Charge on Master Mason Degree
5	Confer Short Bible Lecture on Entered Apprentice Degree
5	Confer Short Apron Lecture on Entered Apprentice Degree
5	Confer Minor Speaking Part for Second Section of Master Mason Degree
5	Confer Address to a Newly Raised Brother
5	Confer Letter “G” Lecture on Fellowcraft Degree
5	Open a Master Mason Lodge by sitting in all three principle stations (WM, SW, JW)
5	Open a Fellowcraft Lodge by sitting in all three principle stations (WM, SW, JW)
5	Open an Entered Apprentice Lodge by sitting in all three principle stations (WM, SW, JW)
5	Confer the Entered Apprentice Obligation
5	Confer the Fellowcraft Obligation
10	Confer the Master Mason Obligation
10	Confer the First Section of the Entered Apprentice Degree
10	Confer the First Section of the Fellowcraft Degree
10	Confer the First Section of the Master Mason Degree
10	Confer Major Speaking Part for Second Section of Master Mason Degree (KS, JM, or Zeph.)
10	Can teach/coach the catechism on any degree through “reinvestment”
10	Confer the Second Section in the Entered Apprentice Degree (chart or slide)

To qualify for a Master Ritualist Award, you must confer at least one of the following:

20	Confer the Second Section “Stair” Lecture in the Fellowcraft Degree (chart or slide)
20	Confer the Third Section in the Master Mason Degree (chart or slide)
20	Confer Masonic Funeral Rite
20	Confer Annual Installation of Officers
20	Confer the Third Section in the Entered Apprentice Degree (chart or slide)

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## BLUEGRASS RITUALIST AWARD SCORESHEET

Points	Work	Completed
5	Perform Senior Deacon - 1st Section - Entered Apprentice	
5	Perform Senior Deacon - 1st Section - Fellowcraft	
5	Perform Senior Deacon - 1st Section - Master Mason	
5	Confer the Working Tools Lecture - Entered Apprentice	
5	Confer the Working Tools Lecture - Fellowcraft	
5	Confer the Working Tools Lecture - Master Mason	
5	Confer the Charge - Entered Apprentice	
5	Confer the Charge - Fellowcraft	
5	Confer the Charge - Master Mason	
5	Confer Short Bible Lecture – Entered Apprentice	
5	Confer Short Apron Lecture – Entered Apprentice	
5	Confer Minor Speaking Part – 2nd Section – Master Mason	
5	Confer the Address to Newly Raised Brothers	
5	Confer Letter “G” – 3rd Section - Fellowcraft	
5	Open a M.M. Lodge by sitting in all three principal stations M., S.W., J.W.	
5	Open a F.C. Lodge by sitting in all three principal stations M., S.W., J.W.	
5	Open a E.A. Lodge by sitting in all three principal stations M., S.W., J.W.	
5	Confer the Entered Apprentice Obligation	
5	Confer the Fellowcraft Obligation	
10	Confer the Master Mason Obligation	
10	Confer Entered Apprentice Degree - 1st Section	
10	Confer Fellowcraft Degree - 1st Section	
10	Confer Master Mason Degree - 1st Section	
10	Major speaking part in Master Mason – 2nd Section (K.S., J.M., or Zeph.)	
10	Can teach/coach the catechism on any degree through “Reinvestment.”	
10	Confer the 2nd Section – Entered Apprentice Degree (chart or slides)	
	<i>To be awarded Master Ritualist you must confer one of the following.</i>	
20	Confer the Staircase Lecture – 2nd Section – F.C. Degree (chart or slides)	
20	Confer the 3rd Section – Master Mason Degree (chart or slides)	
20	Confer Masonic Funeral Rite	
20	Confer the Annual Installation of Officers	
20	Confer the 3rd Section – Entered Apprentice Degree (chart or slides)	
<b>Total</b>		

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



## APPENDIX G

### GRAND MASTER'S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2024 - 2025



The Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award has strenuous achievement requirements and is the highest award a lodge can receive in this state. 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 226th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October 2025 to those lodges that complete twelve (12) of the sixteen (16) requirements between October 22, 2024 and August 10, 2025.

All applications must be signed by the Master, and attested by the Secretary along with the seal of the lodge. The applications must be received by the Grand Lodge Office no later than August 15, 2025.

#### REQUIRED TASKS CATEGORY

Lodges are required to complete all of five (5) tasks in this category.

##### 1. WIDOWS INITIATIVE

Your lodge must follow the Grand Master's Widows Initiative, or a variation that may work for your particular 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 OFFICERS

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 District Deputy Grand Master or Area Officer to be excused.

##### 3. RE-OBLIGATION CEREMONY

The lodge must conduct a re-obligation ceremony on the Master Mason Degree during a stated communication.

##### 4. BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS QUIZ

The Constitutional Quiz must be successfully completed by the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden serving in 2025.

##### 5. FIRST LADY'S PROGRAM

The lodge must contribute \$2.00 per member to support the First Lady's Program, which is RiteCare, our Scottish Rite charity which provides therapy to children with speech and language disorders. The contribution check should be made out to the "Grand Lodge of Kentucky" and in the memo line please include "RiteCare." The contribution check should be presented to the District Deputy Grand Master, Area Officer or Grand Master when they attend your lodge or at the District Meeting.

#### OPTIONAL TASK CATEGORY

Lodges are required to complete at least seven (7) of the tasks in this category.

##### 6. 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, 2025.

##### 7. MASONIC EDUCATION

The lodge must host a Masonic Education speaker at least three times at stated communications during the qualifying period.

##### 8. BLUEGRASS RITUALIST

Each lodge MUST have at least one current member who has received the Bluegrass Ritualist Award (either Ritualist, Senior Ritualist, Master Ritualist).



## **9. 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. Brothers from other lodges may be used for the Second and Third Sections of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degree. This must be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge, stating the date and officer delivering the degree. By ALL SECTIONS of all three degrees it is meant:

- Entered Apprentice Degree – First Section, Second Section, Third Section and Charge
- Fellowcraft Degree – First Section, Second Section, Third Section and Charge
- Master Mason Degree – First Section, Second Section, Third Section and Charge

## **10. COMMUNITY SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT**

Your lodge MUST participate in a community service project (i.e. blood drive, drug awareness, scholarship program, senior class picnic, roadside or cemetery cleanup, etc.).

## **11. VISITATIONS**

The Master and four members of the lodge must visit at least six (6) other lodges as a group during the qualifying period. At least three (3) of these visits must be to other lodges within their district. The report of these visits must show the dates, the lodges visited, and identify the members who participated in the visit.

## **12. OFFICIAL VISIT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

All elected and appointed officers of the lodge MUST be present at the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master to your lodge. If the District Deputy Grand Master 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 Master Mason Degree for the reception of the District Deputy Grand Master.

## **13. RESTORATIONS**

The lodge must establish a Committee on Restorations, and the Secretary of the lodge must provide the Committee with a list of Brothers suspended for non-payment of dues from their lodge. The Committee must contact the suspended Brothers and encourage them to pay their indebtedness and petition for re-instatement. Lodges that do so, and have three Brothers reinstate during the qualifying period, will have satisfied this requirement.

## **14. MASONIC YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT**

The Master and two other members of the lodge visit, as a group, a DeMolay Chapter, Rainbow Assembly, or Bethel of Job's Daughters OR invite a member of Masonic youth organization to speak/give a presentation at a meeting of your lodge, or a lodge dinner. Either option is acceptable. (Date and time of function must be recorded).

## **15. DISTRICT MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Obtain the District Meeting Attendance Award (Master PLUS 10% of lodge's membership attend District Meeting).

## **16. MASONIC HOMES INVOLVEMENT**

The lodge may choose one of the following:

1. Three members of the lodge participate in the Masonic Homes Kentucky Great Day of Service.
2. The lodge may host a fundraiser for the Sproutlings Pediatric Daycare Center located at the Louisville campus, with the proceeds directed to the sensory room for children with autism.
3. The lodge may adopt a resident at the Homes. Please contact Rick Reeve or David Young for further information.

Complete the form found on the following page and submit to the Grand Lodge Office no later than August 15, 2025. Do NOT submit any additional documentation at this time. The Lodge shall maintain and furnish supporting documentation upon request of the Grand Master.

**GRAND MASTER’S LODGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD  
MITCHELL A. MAY  
GRAND MASTER  
2024-2025**

We attest that \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ of District \_\_\_\_\_  
Has completed all five (5) required and at least seven (7) of the optional requirements, and is eligible to receive the 2025 Grand Master’s Lodge of Excellence Award.

**REQUIRED ITEMS**

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|--|-----|----|
| 1. <b>Widows Initiative</b> – The lodge kept in contact with and reported on their widows:           | Yes | No |
| 2. <b>Open Installation</b> – The lodge conducted an open installation with ALL officers present:    | Yes | No |
| 3. <b>Re-obligation Ceremony</b> – The lodge conducted a re-obligation ceremony during the year:     | Yes | No |
| 4. <b>Book of Constitutions Quiz</b> – The three principal officers successfully completed the quiz: | Yes | No |
| 5. <b>First Lady’s Program</b> – The lodge donated \$2.00 per member to the First Lady’s Program:    | Yes | No |

**OPTIONAL ITEMS**

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|--|-----|----|
| 6. <b>Officers Proficiency</b> – All lodge officers for 2025 were proficient on the Master Mason Degree:   | Yes | No |
| 7. <b>Masonic Education</b> – The lodge hosted three (3) masonic education speakers during the year:       | Yes | No |
| 8. <b>Bluegrass Ritualist</b> – At least one (1) lodge member has received a Bluegrass Ritualist Pin:      | Yes | No |
| 9. <b>Degree Work</b> – The lodge conferred ALL sections of ALL Degrees during the year:                   | Yes | No |
| 10. <b>Community Service</b> – The lodge completed a community service project during the year:            | Yes | No |
| 11. <b>Visitations</b> – The Master and at least four (4) other members visited at least six (6) lodges:   | Yes | No |
| 12. <b>Official Visit</b> – All lodge officers were present at the D.D.G.M.’s official visit to the lodge: | Yes | No |
| 13. <b>Restorations</b> – The lodge conducted the Grand Master’s restorations initiative:                  | Yes | No |
| 14. <b>Masonic Youth</b> – The lodge visited OR hosted a Masonic Youth Group:                              | Yes | No |
| 15. <b>District Meeting Attendance</b> – The lodge received the 2025 Dist. Meeting Attendance Award:       | Yes | No |
| 16. <b>Masonic Homes Involvement</b> – The lodge completed one of the approved support options:            | Yes | No |

Upon my sacred honor as a Master Mason and under the seal of this lodge, I hereby certify the information provided for the consideration of obtaining the Grand Master’s Lodge of Excellence Award to be accurate and true. I further understand the Grand Lodge of Kentucky may request supporting documentation for any claimed task.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Master’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary’s Signature

LODGE  
SEAL

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Master’s Name Printed

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Secretary’s Name Printed

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# APPENDIX H 2025 SIGN-IN SHEET

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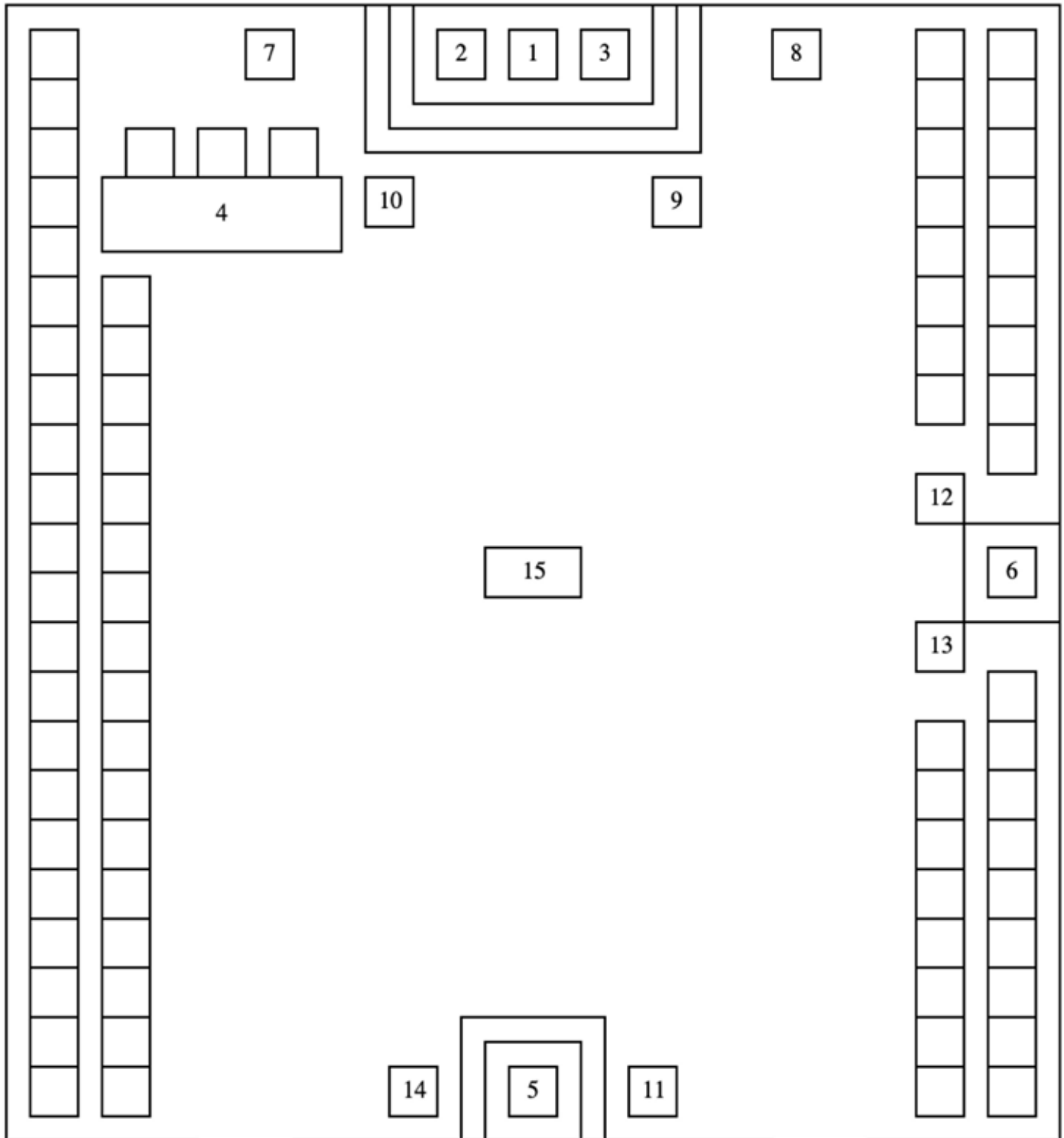
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# APPENDIX I

## HOW TO SET UP YOUR DISTRICT MEETING IN A LODGE ROOM



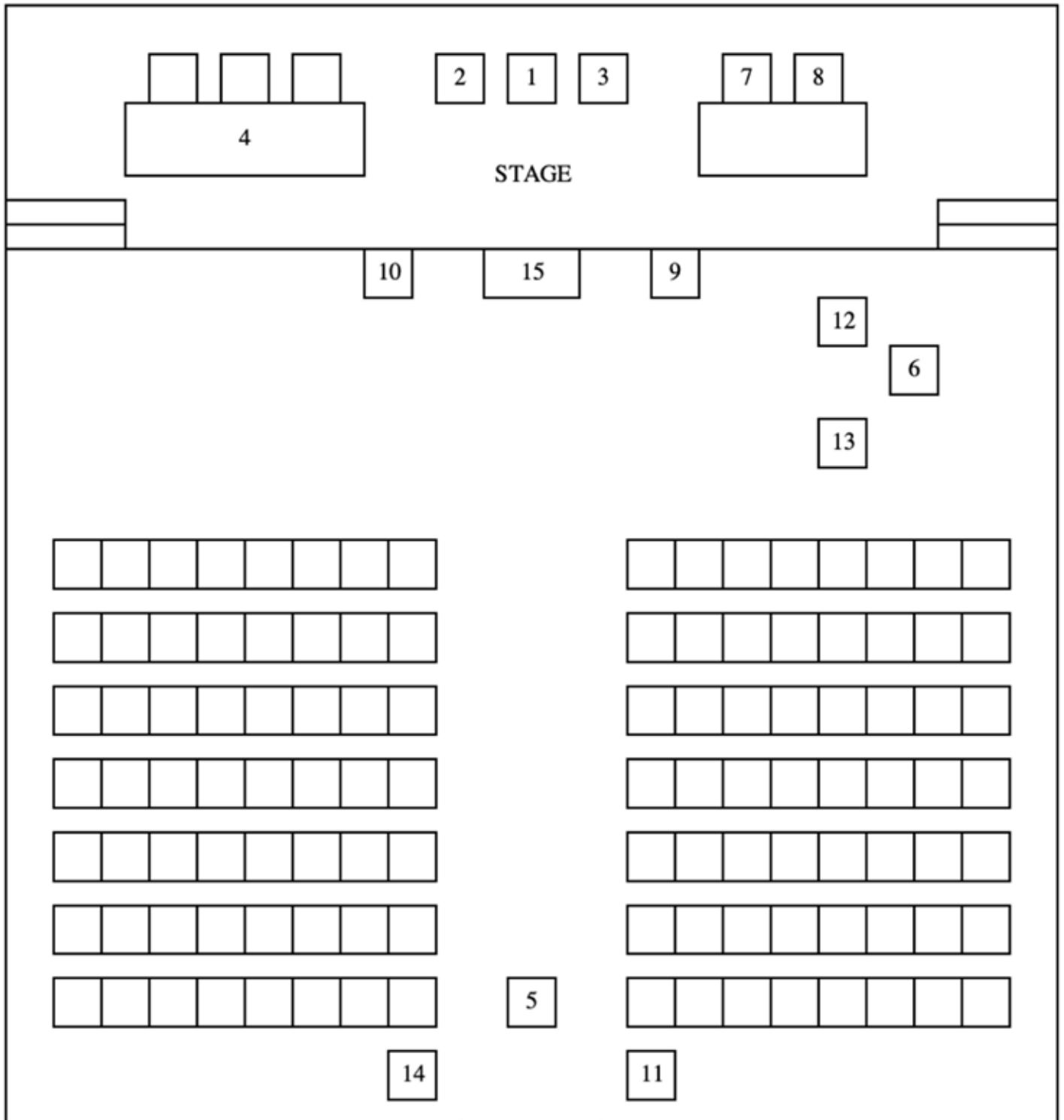
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- 2 Grand Master
- 3 Worshipful Master
- 4 Table for Elected Grand Lodge Officers
- 5 Senior Warden

- 6 Junior Warden
- 7 Treasurer
- 8 Secretary
- 9 Chaplain
- 10 Senior Deacon

- 11 Junior Deacon
- 12 Senior Steward
- 13 Junior Steward
- 14 Marshal
- 15 Altar

# APPENDIX J

## HOW TO SET UP YOUR DISTRICT MEETING IN AN AUDITORIUM



- 1 District Deputy Grand Master
- 2 Grand Master
- 3 Worshipful Master
- 4 Table for Elected Grand Lodge Officers
- 5 Senior Warden

- 6 Junior Warden
- 7 Treasurer
- 8 Secretary
- 9 Chaplain
- 10 Senior Deacon

- 11 Junior Deacon
- 12 Senior Steward
- 13 Junior Steward
- 14 Marshal
- 15 Altar



**MASONIC  
HOMES**  
—  
KENTUCKY

Masonic Homes Kentucky provides compassionate, aging care services throughout Kentucky. Our commitment to serving families and individuals all 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 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 Homes Kentucky'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, clothing and more.

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

#### **Contact**

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Development & Fraternal Relations

#### **David Young (224, 740, 997)**

Director of Fraternal Relations

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Luke Martin (180, 955, 997)  
Mitchell A. May (928, 997, 998)  
Cameron C. Poe (1, 999)  
Timothy D. Sanders (76, 586)  
Richard F. Short (111, 997)  
Christopher L. Stout (411, 999)  
William D. Vinson (917, 995, 997)  
E. Darren Wilson (3, 437, 997)  
Donald H. Yankey (586, 633)  
W. Michael Yount (5)



*Ada N. May*

**First Lady**

**RiteCare**

More than sixty years ago, the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite initiated a program to aid children with speech and language disorders in Denver, Colorado. The pilot program saw great success and led to the establishment of RiteCare clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Through the years, the program has grown and today more than 170 RiteCare programs exist across the United States, staffed with therapists eagerly awaiting children in need of their assistance. With the support of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, as well as the generosity of individual lodges and Masons, each of these facilities are staffed by speech-language pathologists and other trained personnel. Thousands of our nation's youth have benefited from the treatment received as a part of this program.

The ability to communicate is integral to the success of students, both in the classroom and while interacting with their peers. With the treatment received in RiteCare Centers, children have achieved levels of success that are remarkable; and while they might have remained otherwise educationally behind for life, they can now speak, read and lead productive lives. In Kentucky we have eight RiteCare locations, including: Louisville, Richmond, Henderson, Cold Spring, Wilder, Ashland, Louisa and Prestonsburg.

First Lady Ada N. May is passionate about RiteCare due to her love for children, and her desire to continue the strong Masonic tradition of caring for children in need and enhancing education. In an attempt to promote RiteCare and raise the necessary funds to maintain our clinics here in Kentucky, our First Lady commissioned a pin which is depicted above. The design includes a row of flowers, indicative of our First Lady's love for gardening and representative of the growth our RiteCare kids experience while receiving therapy. The flowers are positioned upon a sword and veil united. This emblem is reminiscent of our First Lady's love for the Order of the Eastern Star and her service as Adah in Jeanette DeVenny Chapter No. 584, O.E.S. The color blue alludes to the virtue of fidelity, as does the motto positioned upon the veil. "Semper Fidelis" is the motto of the United States Marine Corps, in which our Grand Master proudly served, and is translated to mean "Always Faithful." Our First Lady wishes to remind us to be always faithful to our obligations as Freemasons, aiding those less fortunate and spreading the light of education.

Supporting our First Lady's initiative this year is a wonderful way to demonstrate your commitment to continuing this strong tradition of supporting our youth. Pins may be obtained, or donations made, by contacting your District Deputy Grand Master, or a member of the Committee on Masons Helping Masons, Committee on Veterans Affairs or Committee on Fraternal Programs.

