GRAND MASTER’S MESSAGE

A little over a year ago, I had the honor and privilege to be a Masonic Brother for the last time, no one asks your opinion on party affiliation or who comes home for the last time, no one is aware that they had completed training and their last flight home. As I then accompanied the military escort to the ramp and we arrived at the airport, I was one of those people who had not had much respect for our military. The plane first to go down to the ramp and guard the remains of our fallen hero, was gently placed on the cart. If you have ever seen baggage handlers work, they don’t know what gentleness is, but they did that day. I asked the driver to take good care of his cargo and his escort to the ramp. "No problem, Captain, he is one of ours," as he pointed to a military lapel pin that he proudly wore on his uniform when we confered the last sad rites for a fallen Masonic Brother? Remember, as a Kentucky Freemason, You Will Always Be One Of Ours!!!

Could you ever be more proud to be an American at that moment? How many times do you have you felt the same way when we confered the last sad rites for a fallen Masonic Brother? Remember, as a Kentucky Freemason, You Will Always Be One Of Ours!!!

To be his friend’s escort home. Needless to say, there were not many dry eyes in the cabin of that aircraft that day.

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Did you know...

Most people are aware of the fact that the Statue of Liberty was a gift of the French people after their own republic came into existence. However, many are not aware that there is a Masonic link to the statue. Frederic Bartholdi, a Mason, designed it and the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of its base with Masonic Rite.

GRAND MASTER’S NOVEMBER ITINERARY VISIT
http://www.grandlodgeofkentucky.org/

NOTICE!!! Solicitation For Nominations For Election To The Board Of Directors
Of The Masonic Homes Of Kentucky, Inc.

Dear Brethren:

The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc. will be held on Monday the 15th of October 2007. Five Directors will be elected to serve for a three-year term. You must be a Kentucky Master Mason, to be eligible for election to the Office of Director.

Directors are expected to attend the monthly meeting of the Board, serve on assigned committees (which require attendance at the committee meetings) and perform other duties as assigned by the Chairman of the Board or Executive Committee. Directors serve without remuneration. All Directors must own a Life Membership in the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc. Candidates to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors must submit a current resume including the following: Name, Address, Current Occupation, Phone Number, Education, Work Experience, Previous Experience on Board of Directors, Organizational Offices Held, References, and Masonic Affiliation and History.

The resume may be submitted on regular stationery and mailed along with a recent photograph to the attention of the Secretary, Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc., 240 Masonic Home Drive, Masonic Home, Kentucky 40401, postmarked no later than May 20, 2007. A blank resume form will be provided if requested from the Board Secretary.

We appreciate your interest in our Homes. Fraternally Thine, Nominating Committee.
BOWLING GREEN MASONIC Lodge #73 F & A M presented a check for $177.00, and 4 cases of non-perishable food items to Pam Hurt, Assistant Director of the Barren River Area Safe Space Organization (B.R.A.S.S.).

Ron Baldwin, Master of the Lodge said that their membership was made up of good men that wanted to help B.R.A.S.S. with their efforts in supporting the battered and abused women and children within the community.

Picture from left to right: Roger Doyle, Senior Warden; Ron Baldwin, Master; Pam Hurt, Assistant Director of B.R.A.S.S.; and Jerry McCormack, Secretary.
May 11 - District 23
Noah Logan, D.D.G.M.
The annual meeting of District 23 will be held on Friday, May 11 at Flemingsburg Elementary School, Flemingsburg, Kentucky.
Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. (est) with meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Master Masons only.
Directions: West Water Street is State Route 11 (Maysville Road) North. The school is located behind the Masonic Lodge.

May 12 - District 11
Roger D. Lyons, Jr., D.D.G.M.
The annual meeting of District 11 will be held on Saturday, May 12, at Austin Tracy Elementary School, 2477 Austin Tracy Rd., Lucas, Kentucky.
Lunch will be served for Master Masons only at 11:30 a.m. (est) with meeting to follow at 1 p.m.
Directions: From Glasgow; take Hwy. 31-E south 15 miles; turn left onto Hwy. 87; this is the Barren River State Park entrance on right; take Hwy. 87 2.5 miles, school is on the right.

May 12 - District 10
Lester Lee Gibson, D.D.G.M.
No information received. For information call Lester Lee Gibson 270-526-6152.

May 15 - District 27
Dewey D. Moore, D.D.G.M.
The annual meeting of District 27 will be held on Tuesday, May 15, El Hasa Shrine Temple, 13450 St. Rt. 180, Ashland, Kentucky.
Dinner will be served for Master Masons and their ladies at 5:30 p.m. (est) with meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Entertainment provided for the ladies by Don Riggsby.
Directions: Exit 181 off I-64; north on US 60 3.9 miles; turn right on St. Rt. 180 6 miles.

NEEL LODGE NO. 833
25 YEAR SERVICE PIN

Neel Lodge No. 833, Drake, Kentucky member, Bill Benefield (pictured at left) was presented his 25-Year Membership Pin by Past Master, Secretary, Joe W. Wheet, Sr.
Congratulations for 25 years of dedicated service to the Fraternity.

BUFORD LODGE NO. 494
OFFICIAL VISIT

Buford Lodge 494 Midway, Kentucky received their official visit from District Deputy Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at their first meeting in February.
Pictured, front row, left to right: Larry Wilson, Treasurer; Nathan Craig, Senior Deacon; Michael Yount, DDGM District 20; Len Ewen, Master; Ray Duncan, Junior Warden; and Mickey Peach, Tiler. Second row, left to right: Herman Pittman, Master Mason; Art Craig, Chaplain; Ben Vandgrift; Senior Warden; Charles Beagle, Secretary; Neil Craig, Senior Steward; and Jason West, Junior Deacon.

HALFWAY LODGE NO. 852
ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

On February 15, 2007, Halfway Lodge No. 852 the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on Tyler Berry. Tyler is the son of Brother Tim Berry and grandson of John Berry. There were 75 Brothers present and a great time was had by all.

GAVEL LODGE NO. 570
OPEN INSTALLATION OF 2007 OFFICERS

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GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY WEB PAGE
If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Web Page, you can do so by logging on at www.grand-lodgeofkentucky.org
Also visit the Masonic Home Journal at this site. The Web Page is now more updated and informative, so please visit us at the site listing above.
AWARDS ELIGIBILITY LIST

Each Lodge Secretary will receive the "Award Eligibility List" from the Grand Lodge Office in early May for those eligible for the 50, 60, and 75 year Grand Lodge Veteran’s Awards. You will be sent instructions with your list that will explain specifically how to fill it out. Please follow these instructions precisely.

The deadline in that a Brother must reach to qualify for these awards is significant. Be sure your Lodge is fully noted at each level. Following is a complete record of the particular transactions must be transmitted through the Grand Lodge Office.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Grand Lodge Office will close at 12:00 on Friday, April 6, 2007 in observance of Good Friday. In addition our office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2007.

KEYS FOUND

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky is in receipt of a set of keys that has the key chain from the fundraiser "Building for the Future" in the year 1999. The number on the key ring is 05504; however this number does not have a name attached to it in our records. The keys have some distinct key chains on it. If you have lost your keys or know of anyone who has please call the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at 502-893-0192, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Thought for the Month

"To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe."  -M. von Savant

THE MASONIC LIFE OF HENRY CLAY

In his political career Clay used his excellent negotiation skills to earn him the title “The Great Compromiser,” and “The Great Pacifier.” Clay is perhaps best known for “The Missouri Compromise.” The agreement was to let Maine be admitted as a free state and Missouri enter as a slave state, thereby keeping the balance of both slave and free states even.

As for Clay’s Masonic contributions; a famously written article in the Virginia Masonic-Herald Brother Christopher L. Murphy writes, that Clay received his three Masonic degrees in The Lexington Lodge #1 around 1801. He rose to become Master of the Lodge, the Grand Orator, and later rose to become, Grand Master of the Lodge of Kentucky.

Also, according to Murphy, Clay held Masonic conferences within the Senate chambers. In fact, records show this was the only Masonic conference on record to be held within the chamber. Although Clay loved and valued the Masonic teachings and principles, he became a supporter and Secretary of State under John Adams, a noted and outspoken anti-Masonic, Clay never deviated from the teachings of the fraternity. Clay actually paid a compliment to Freemasonry, “I would not denounce and formally renounce it (Freemasonry) to be made President of the United States.”

Therefore according to Murphy, “knowing Henry Clay’s passion, dedication, and complete personal commitment to that goal, what he said is probably one of the greatest compliments ever paid to the Masonic Order.” Unfortunately, the records of Lexington Lodge #1 were destroyed during the Civil War thus making any solid research on Clay virtually impossible.

Henry Clay passed away June 29, 1852 at the National Hotel in Washington D.C. due to complications with tuberculosis. According to the Henry Clay Estate website, “Just before the hour of noon, “The Great Compromiser” drew his last breath. At that point his life became a completed major chapter in the political history of the United States. Henry Clay had lived through and served in some political position for a half a century. No single statement would adequately cover his active public life.”

By Gerald Adams

HEBRON LODGE NO. 757
PAST MASTER’S NIGHT

On March 3, 2007 Hebron Lodge No. 757 held its Past Masters and Officers Dinner.

Pictured above, from left to right: Host, Master Tom Geimeier, Past Masters: Harold Vines; Kenneth Anderson; Fred Wege; Cecil Kenyon; James Phillips; and Larry Benne.

In addition our office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2007.

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Northern Kentucky Golf Outing
All set to golf at Fairway Golf Course on May 7, 2007
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All Masons and Friends Invited.

Names of players by foursomes helps get the show going on time. Carts and foursomes assigned in advance. Please contact Forrest Webster at 402-7240 or 859-341-8931 For Additional Information.
The best just got better
18 new assisted living apartments opening in May

When May flowers bloom, the Masonic Home of Shelbyville will open the doors to 18 new studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom assisted living apartments.

Located in the existing structure, the units fill the second floor of the original building. It has been completely rebuilt to offer modern safety and convenience features, as well as comfortable living quarters for seniors. Residents will have 24/7 access to attendant staff, as well as expanded dining services and activities program.

Opening the apartments marks a milestone for the Masonic Home of Shelbyville, according to Masonic Homes CEO Gary Marsh. “This is an important step toward offering a full continuum of care on our Shelbyville campus and becoming the senior living services provider of choice in the area,” Marsh said.

New studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments, all with full baths, will be ready for occupancy in May.

Louisville campus is site of national car show

The Masonic Homes of Kentucky Louisville campus will be alive with horsepower Memorial Day weekend with Mustangs Unbridled, a Mustang Club of America National Mustang and All Ford Show.

Hundreds of “pony cars” and other classic Ford models will be on display for the public beginning Friday, May 25. The show runs through Sunday, May 27.

The show is hosted by the Derby City Mustang Club, a non-profit social organization for people who love Mustangs, according to Club Vice President and event organizer Joe Walters. Proceeds from the show will benefit Koseir Charities, which funds medical care and provides other resources for children, and the Masonic Homes of Kentucky.

“Hosting a national Mustang show is a great opportunity to introduce our senior living services to classic car owners,” said Masonic Homes CEO Gary Marsh. “Our residents, employees and their families also will enjoy having the show on the campus.”

For sponsorship, exhibit and other event information, visit www.mustangsunbridled.com or contact Joe Walters (phone: 502/424-4345; e-mail: jw65must@yahoo.com).

Worth a thousand words

- Doris Cookley was crowned Sally’s Garden Valentine Queen.
- Royal chocolates awaited Carl McBride, Masonic Home of Louisville Valentine King.
- James Burgan (right) and Activity Assistant Estela Johnson cut the rug at the Masonic Home of Shelbyville Valentine Dance.
- Louis Brothers (left), a New Orleans native, and Sue Sandl’s celebrated March 8 at the Masonic Home of Louisville.
- Masonic Home of Louisville Bus Driver Larry Nalley enjoyed the Koseir Circus as much as the residents did.
- Masonic Home of Louisville Caregiver, Norman May, cut the rug at the Masonic Home of Louisville.
JERUSALEM LODGE NO. 9
FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE

On February 26, Jerusalem No. 9 hosted a Fellow Craft Degree. A great meal was served at 6 pm, followed by a short business meeting at 7 pm, and the Fellow Craft Degree followed at 7:18 pm.

There were seven lodges represented to watch two brothers, Steve W. Hall from Jerusalem No. 9 and James T. Gish from Bailey-Onton No. 538, receive their Fellow Craft Degree. Worshipful Master, John Cavanah obligated the new Fellow Crafts and PM William Gish taught the working tools. Great fellowship was had by all.

Edward Anderson, Grand Sword Bearer & Past DDGM for Distinct 5, gave the staircase lecture. He was outstanding in his presentation of this lecture and kept the attention of all in attendance.

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club will have their Country Ham Dinner on April 28, 2007 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Louisville Scottish Rite Temple, 200 East Gray St., Louisville, KY. The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs with Chef Peelman’s famous cheese biscuits and dessert, coffee, tea and milk: $6.00 for adults, $3.00 for children, with a maximum of $15.00 per family.

FT. THOMAS LODGE NO. 808
SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, April 15 3-7 p.m. • Sunday, June 17 3-7 p.m.

The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs with Chef Peelman’s famous cheese biscuits and dessert, coffee, tea and milk; $6.00 for adults, $3.00 for children, with a maximum of $15.00 per family. This will be an all you can eat dinner. It is open to the public, so invite all your friends and family.

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Resolutions Of Respect

Hubert E. Arms
Fenn Creek Lodge No. 953
In memory of Brother Hubert E. Arms who died February 20th, 2007.
WHEREAS, he having been a true faithful Brother of our Order, therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Charter of Fenn Creek Lodge No. 953 F&AM in testimony of his loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, a copy to be made a part of the minutes of the Lodge and a copy spread across the pages of The Masonic Home Journal.

James M. Toller
Crestline Springs Lodge No. 875
Crestline, Kentucky
In memory of Brother James M. Toller, a fifty year Mason, who passed to the Grand Lodge on High on February 11th, 2007.
WHEREAS, the all-wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved and respected Brother,
WHEREAS, in his passing the family has lost a beloved member and the Fraternity an upright man, Mason, therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Charter of our Lodge be draped for thirty days in his memory. One copy of this resolution and respects be sent to the family, and copy to The Masonic Home Journal for publication, and one copy of this Resolution be made part of the minutes of this Lodge.

Walter J. Ashtoff, Master
Melvin Mullin, Sec.

Christopher Wayne Johnson
Georgetown, Kentucky
Fenn Creek Lodge No. 953
WHEREAS, he has pleaded Almighty God in His infinite Wisdom to call our Brother, Christopher Wayne Johnson, who died February 10th, 2007, to his reward, having completed the designs written for him on life’s trestle board, passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received his inheritance, the white stone with the new written name thereon, and
WHEREAS, the all-wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved and respected Brother, and
WHEREAS, he having been a true faithful Brother of our Order, therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Charter of Fenn Creek Lodge No. 953 F&AM in testimony of his loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, a copy to be made a part of the minutes of the Lodge and a copy spread across the pages of The Masonic Home Journal.

Ira G. Hoover
Carson Ulica Lodge No. 742
Utica, Kentucky
WHEREAS, he having been a true faithful Brother of our Order, therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Charter of Carson Ulica Lodge No. 742 F&AM in testimony of his loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

HARLAN KALER
GEORGE W WARREN
DONALD LANTRIP
Symmes, Kentucky
WHEREAS, he has pleaded Almighty God in His infinite Wisdom to call our Brother, George Warren, who died on January 26th, 2007, to his reward, having completed the designs written for him on life’s trestle board, passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received his inheritance, the white stone with the new written name thereon, and
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RESOLVED, that the Charter of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 14 F&AM in testimony of his loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

Robert M. Cornell
Salt River Lodge No. 188
Washington, Kentucky
WHEREAS, he having been a true faithful Brother of our Order, therefore be it
RESOLVED, that Salt River Lodge No. 188 F&AM in testimony of his loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family, one copy to The Masonic Home Journal, and a copy of this Resolution of Respect be made a part of the minutes of the Lodge.

Robert E. Simpson
Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874
Lexington, Kentucky
WHEREAS, he has pleaded Almighty God in His infinite Wisdom to call our Brother, Robert E. Simpson, who died January 9th, 2007, to his reward, having completed the designs written for him on life’s trestle board, passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received his inheritance, the white stone with the new written name thereon, and
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FREDERICK GOEBELSPERGER
Hegdon
Newport, Kentucky
WHEREAS, he having been a true faithful Brother of our Order, therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Charter of Hegdon Lodge No. 704 F&AM in testimony of his loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family.

Resolutions Of Respect

Marsha Porter
Worthy Grand Matron
Sammy Perkins
Secretary
Grand Patron

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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