Burnside Lodge No. 634 members helped with the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection again this year. Packing and loading more than 11,800 shoeboxes to send Christmas gifts to children worldwide. Pausing for a photo break, from left to right are: Donnie Brake, Master; Jonah Mitchell; Robert Stonecipher, Treasurer; Bill Varner; John Gallagher, Senior Warden; Gary Hampton; Jim Brooks; and David Rogers.

BROTHE R VISITS WALES, ENGLAND

While on vacation, Brother Kirk Carter had the privilege of attending Lodge at St. Teilo Lodge No. 4755, in Llanelli, Wales. He had the honor of being escorted to Lodge by V.W. Brother Eric Mock, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Province of South Wales Western Division, and W. Brother Steve Hookey, Provincial Grand Secretary, Province of South Wales Western Division. He also attended Tenby Lodge No. 1177, in Tenby, Wales. This was the highlight of his trip.

BURN SID E LODGE NO. 634
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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F. KEITH DREIER, GRAND MASTER

My brothers, as we enter this new year of 2008. Let us renew our obligations to the fraternity. Our fraternity is the GREATEST fraternity on the face of this earth! It is our duty to move it forward and keep it safe. To make sure that this fraternity stays as great as it is, it is our challenge to make sure that the men we seek and let into our fraternity are the best that we can find.

Let us again approach our constitution and ritual. What is the most important committee ANY member can serve on? The investigating committee! We have become very lazy in our past years when any of us investigate a potential member. It is our duty to perform the best investigation that we can so that we do not regret letting in a person or persons that are not up to our standards. I cannot stress this more as over the first month and a half of my term as your Grand Master. I have already appointed 3 investigating committees and expelled one. Is this a reflection on our investigating committees? Brothers take the time it deserves to investigate every candidate or petitioner for the degrees. Our fraternity deserves it.

I have been very encouraged these past couple of months as I travel and talk to a lot of brothers about our Ritual. When you start talking about what binds us all together it is the Ritual. When you talk to brothers about degree work, what do they talk about? They all talk about, “Hey did you see so and so do the Skull lecture or so and so do the Apron Lecture”? Let us all take pride in doing our degree work. It is the best part of what binds us together as a band of brothers!

I had a conversation with a recently initiated young brother and his response was so correct! He loved the degree work! He told me that the young generation was all about the mysteries and the working behind the doors of a lodge. It is what he wants so much to work on and learn. This is the attitude that all of us should take about our Ritual Work.

Let us not forget that some of our greatest brothers were the founders of this country. Those men of their time were all about greatness. I believe that this fraternity is about greatness. It is without a doubt the single most historic group of brothers. It not only carries the distinction of being the Fraternity but also the mastermind behind the forming of our United States! If we all really think about the history that we have been handed we cannot let it just flounder. We must preserve it and bring it back to the GREATNESS it deserves. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson believed in this fraternity because they could TRUST their brothers with their lives. Can all of us say the same thing today?

Remember, we all meet on the level and take an obligation to protect each other. Let us not forget that, when we investigate and perform our rituals.

A Message from the First Lady

As most of you know, our son Brad Dreier is currently serving in the United States Army. He is now stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. He safely returned from a year tour of Iraq, and for that we are extremely grateful. In September of this year I was present at the York Rite Grand Session. The guest speaker of Ruth Simonson’s Ladies Lunch was Carol Alexander and what she had to say touched my heart and made me think. She has started an organization known as Operation Thank You. It was started to send Christmas cards to soldiers away from home, just so they would know we have not forgotten them and we do appreciate what they are doing. The outpouring of love was overwhelming. Over 18,000 Christmas cards were sent to the soldiers, each with a handwritten thank you inside this year. Along with the Christmas cards, they also manage to ship care packages and needed items. Carol is in contact with 65 Units in Iraq and Afghanistan. Operation Thank You is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation and is 100% volunteer. No one has ever been paid for any service. Carol’s motto is “One Person joining with many to serve our troops while they serve us”.

I believe that the Masonic Family in Kentucky could really make a difference in the lives of our service men and women. I am asking that each of you think about your freedom and what it means to you. How could we ever thank these brave men and women enough? I will have available for you to purchase for $10.00, a pin, to show your support of the troops. I will also have flyers available with the information concerning Operation Thank You and suggested items that the soldiers need if you would like to have your lodge put together their own Care Package. I will get you names of Units that are in need of “a gift from home”. There are many ways to show we care and if you have other suggestions, I would love to hear them. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 859-331-7240 or 859-431-0021.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am not a political person at all. You may be for the war or you may be against it, that is not what this is about. This is about those men and women, who are somebody’s children, away from home, frightened and in danger. We cannot forget them and what they are doing for us.

For further information concerning Operation Thank You, go to their website at www.ohiooperationthankyou.org

Grand Masters Itinerary

January 2008

3  Suburban 740 Installation
4  John W. Hall Installation
5  Educational Meeting Pikeville
6  Zebulon Installation
9  NAGM Meeting
10 Simpson 189 Installation
12 Educational Meeting Campbellsburg
12 Breckenridge Dedication
12 Breckenridge Installation
14 Fortitude 47
16 Home Board Meeting
17 Farmington Installation
19 Educational Meeting Bowling Green
19 Vine Grove
22 Boaz Masonic Home
23 NAGM Meeting
25 Good Faith 95
28 Highland Park 865
Freemasons are encouraged from the very beginning of their Masonic instructions to be seekers of the truth. So it would seem to be apparent that all people, especially Freemasons, should strive not only to seek the truth, but to practice it. I understand there are certain liberties taken when fisherman are telling of the prize catch they made. But subjecting their mounted prize to the measuring tape quickly brings them back to reality when they realize the fish hasn’t grown that extra inch or two, no matter how many times the story is told. Even if this type of exaggeration is tolerated in a good natured way, it only has the potential to affect the individual’s reputation for truthfulness. Not so when deliberate untruths are told about someone else; they have the potential to malign and slander another person—but no matter how many times the falsehoods are told or enhanced, they don’t alter the truth.

The incident(s) occurring at the recently concluded Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge certainly call attention to the importance of being truthful in our relations with our fellowman, more so for a Freemason, for deliberate untruthful statements and/or charges made against another is the most malicious form of thievery that one person can commit against another, no matter what the reason. And, like the example of the fisherman noted above, no matter how many time false statements are made or printed, they do not change the “Truth”. There is a lecture in one of the organizations of the Masonic Family that deals with this issue most eloquently in these words; “Truth is eternal and unchanging. Fidelity may waiver, Constancy may fail, Loyalty may falter, and Faith may grow dim, but truth never changes. Seek ye to know that which is true, and, having found it, hide it close in thine heart and make it thine own, and all these others, Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love shall be added to it”.

So Mote It Be!  

LODGE DUES-DELINQUENT  
A number of inquiries have been made to the Grand Lodge Office as to when a member is considered delinquent in the payment of dues and assessments to his Lodge(s). Section 154 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.& A.M., states that “The dues of all Lodges shall be due on January 1 each year, and payable in advance for the full year.” Therefore, it would seem logical to conclude that a member who had not paid his dues and assessments for the current year would be considered delinquent on the first day of January of that year. There may appear to be a discrepancy in the Section mentioned above since further on it states that “Dues for each year shall be delinquent on April 1, and the delinquent members shall be subject to suspension on the stated meeting of the Lodge in June.”

However, in that instance the reference to the term “delinquent” applies to the point at which a Lodge may consider the suspension of a member-or members- for non-payment of dues and assessments. Please keep in mind that the terms “delinquent” and “not in good standing” are not synonymous. The section referred to above merely sets the minimum time at which a member-or members- may be suspended for non-payment of dues- but does not set a limit on the time a Lodge may carry a member before suspension, if the Lodge chooses to do so. Further, a Lodge may, in the Lodge By-Laws; lengthen the time before suspension of a member (i.e. after one year, two years, etc.)-but may not shorten the time. That is to say, a member owing only the current years dues cannot be suspended before June of the year the dues become payable.

Realizing that Lodge dues and assessments are necessary to provide the funds required to keep our Lodges, the Grand Lodge, and or Masonic charities financially sound and viable, the most prudent approach would be to remit our dues to the Secretary of our respective Lodge immediately upon receipt of the dues notice, thereby, eliminating the necessity of the term “delinquent” from our Masonic vocabulary.

NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARIES  
Each year there are a number of new secretaries elected to that important office of the Lodge. The office of Secretary carries with it great responsibilities, second only to the Master, for the well being of the Lodge and it members. How well the Secretary responds to- and carries out his duties- is directly proportional to the success of a Lodge. An interested and knowledgeable Secretary is indispensable to the Master and his Lodge in moving our Fraternity forward, an uninterested Secretary will affect the Lodge in negative manner.

So if you are a newly elected Secretary, my advice to you is; first learn the duties of the Secretary; second, make sure you communicate clearly and fully with the Master; and third, develop an unconscious and natural “feel” for your particular Lodge and each member thereof. There are many responsibilities- but also many rewards if you can develop the right attitude. Welcome aboard and good luck!!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH  
Happiness is inward, and not outward; and so, it does not depend on what we have, but on what we are.  
- HENRY VAN DYKE
2008 Kosair Shrine Circus

Don’t be left out of the fun when the circus comes to town!

Thursday & Friday, February 7th - 8th
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10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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2008 LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCES

Your committee on Masonic Education is hard at work preparing for the upcoming Leadership Training Conferences across the Commonwealth. This year’s conferences will be different from years past with more choices and different topics.

The 2008 conferences will focus on Ritual, Community Awareness and Administration. Ritual is that which makes us Masons and we will explore why and how we do what we do. Community Awareness will focus on putting our lodges in the public eye through publicity and community involvement. Administration, the part most of us normally abhor will discuss proper budgeting, Grand Lodge reports and the keys to being a successful officer in your lodge. We are still in the process of refining our presentations and covet your suggestions. The members of this year’s committee are: John Cauley, Keith Tabb, Barry Eastham, Mitchell Phillips, Robert Nugent, Sheldon Sammons, and Mike Lively. If you have suggestions or questions do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members.

This year’s conferences will start promptly at 9:00 AM and will finish prior to 1:00 PM. All times listed are local times for the location hosting the event. The dates and locations are:

January
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
3 Inspection, Madisonville #390
5 School at Large
8 CV Crescent Hill #265
10 Inspection, Bonnieville #191

February
2 District #9 School
4 Inspection, Paulina
7 Inspection, Paris Marie
9 District #11 School
Inspection, J.R. Dink
12 Inspection, Morehead
14 Valentine’s Party at OES Home
Inspection, Guiding Star
15 Inspection, Casey
21 CI, Rob Morris
23 District #17 School
Inspection, Pt. Campbell
26 Inspection, Lexington

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Please plan now to attend one or more of these conferences in your area.
On October 6, 2007, Camp Knox Masonic Lodge No. 919, F&AM, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 439 and the Fort Knox Assembly of Rainbow No. 13, hosted the Widows of our Masonic Brothers. Each of the widows who were our honored guests received a red rose and a small token of our appreciation. A wonderful meal of schnitzel, red cabbage, potato salad and German desserts was prepared by Brothers Randy Crank and Alan Winkenhofer, with the assistance of the Eastern Star members. The meal was served by The Rainbow girls and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We sincerely thank the widows of our deceased Brothers for allowing us to honor them and for the great opportunity to bring our Masonic Family together on this night.

On November 16, 2007, five Brothers were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. A fish supper was enjoyed by all present. Pictured above, left to right: Jason Sheppard; Daniel Williams; Joshua Mitchell; Tony Jones; and Mark Henderson. Congratulations to all!

On July 10, 2007, Brothers Michael Smith and Russell Johnson were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Brother John Wayne Johnson, Master of Sievers Lodge No. 491, in Nancy, Kentucky.

On December 1, 2007, history was made at Shelby Lodge #662 F&AM. Past Master and current Secretary, Brother Richard T. Nation gave the "Lewis Charge" to his son Quinton Nation, as the Entered Apprentice Degree was performed. The Lodge Hall was full of Masons who had never seen or heard of the "Lewis Charge". There were Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers, and a host of visitors to witness the special event. A wonderful feeling of friendship and fellowship was in the air. Old friends and new Brothers will remember that eventful night in December. Congratulations to the Nation’s, pictured left to right: Rick; Quinton; and Sheldon.

Past Grand Master, Gregory C. Powell (right) presents Secretary, Elvin E. Helms Jr., (center) with dues card number one in Elvin E. Helms Lodge No. 962 as Ed Tanner, Assistant Secretary, looks on.

On December 11, 2007, Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938 installed its Officers for 2007. Front row, left to right: Steve Vaughn, Master; Second row, left to right: Steve Merida, Senior Deacon; Amon Couch, Senior Warden; Earl Jones, Secretary; Charles Childers, Junior Warden; and Clinton Rouse, Junior Warden. Third row, left to right: Brian Smith, Senior Steward; Gary Elliott, Chaplain; Jake Pennington, Tiler; Phil Gregory, Treasurer; and Nick Scott, Junior Steward.

Want to see Your Lodge in the Masonic Home Journal? Email articles & photos by the 10th of each month to: masonichomejournal@hotmail.com
BY-LAWS

BOWLING GREEN LODGE NO. 38
At the first stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Bowling Green Lodge No. 38, RAM will vote on replacing our present By-Laws with a new set of By-Laws.

PRESTONSBURG CHAPTER NO. 182
At the first convocation of Prestonsburg Chapter #182, R.A.M., following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Prestonsburg Chapter #182 will take action to amend its bylaws to read as follows:

DUES SECTION 17. The annual dues shall be $15.00, $1.00 of which shall be designated for R.A.R.A., and be payable January 1, each year. Fifty year members shall be exempt from paying dues. In the event that the Grand Chapter raises its assessment, the dues of Prestonsburg Chapter shall be increased by an equal amount without further action.

W.G. SIMPSON LODGE NO. 472
At the first stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, W. G. Simpson Lodge No. 472 will vote to raise the annual dues. All members are urged to attend. W. G. Simpson meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

CHEROKEE DEMOLAY NEW MEMBERS

Cherokee DeMolay is growing at a very rapid pace. Seventeen new members have joined the Chapter this year. Last year, we took in eight new members for the entire year. As you can see, we have doubled our number of new members from last year.

On December 3rd at our regular stated meeting, Cherokee conferred both degrees on two new members. We welcome Jordan Winemiller and Brendan Wise. Both of these young men attend Eastern High School.

ST. JOHN’S DAY LEAGUE MASONIC AFGHAN

The St. John's Day League is proud to unveil its newest Masonic offering - a Kentucky Mason-themed afghan. You won't want to miss out on this special opportunity as only 100 will be initially offered. This beautiful crafted afghan features several Masonic buildings that are an important part of Masonry in Kentucky.

This is sure to be a collector's item as well as something all Kentucky Masons will feel proud to be a part. Get your order in today!

If your lodge is planning a fundraiser, these afghans would be a wonderful auction item. Supplies are limited.

MASONIC BULLETIN BOARD

SOCIETY OF PAST MASTERS TO MEET

The Society of Past Masters of Central Kentucky will meet at St. Matthews Lodge No. 906, located in the Louisville-DeMolay Commandery Asylum, 1410 Gardiner Lane in Louisville, KY on Saturday, January 26, 2008. We will 'eat' at 6:30 P.M. and then 'meet' at 7:30 P.M.

All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the functions of your Society.

Current 'sitting' Masters as well as all Past Masters of recognized Lodges are eligible for membership. Total fees and dues for LIFE are $35.00.

For information contact: James B. Wall, Secretary, 7807 Bluebonnet Road, Louisville, KY 40258-2313 (502)937-5372. E-mail: wjamessb@bellsouth.net.

IROQUIOS ARCH WIDOW’S DEGREE

Iroquois Chapter #193 will be having a Royal Arch Widow's Degree on March 12, 2008.

We will be having a Covered Dish Dinner at 6:30 pm and the Meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

To be a candidate the lady must be a Wife of a Royal Arch Mason.

Need to get the news out about you Lodges upcoming events... place it on the Masonic Bulletin Board!

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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.grandlodgeofkentucky.org

Also visit the Masonic Home Journal at this site. The Web Page is updated and informative, so please visit us at the site listing above.

Happy New Year
On December 8, 2007, Brother Kevin Wayne Flener was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. First section was done by Brother Richard Salyer on his left and to his right DDGM of District #13, Reggie Paschal.

Hazard Lodge No. 515 donated $800 to be used for children’s Christmas gifts at the Gamaliel Elementary School.

Pictured, left to right: Glen Hensley, PM; Richard Counts, Master; Sidney Hurt - 25 Years; Wilbert Hurt - 25 Years; and Gene Brown.

In 1903, Salt River Lodge No. 180 made its first contribution to the Kristen Spaulding Memorial Fund for Cystic Fibrosis research. Each year a fund raising event is held including a golf scramble, bunco and lunch and annually a benefit fish fry. This year Salt River has contributed $3,200.00. The total contributions has been $11,000. Pictured at the fund raiser, is left to right: Darrell Vires, Past Master; Brian Vires, Past Master; Huberetta Spaulding (Kristen’s mother); Scott Watts, Master; Happy Spaulding (Kristen’s father); Bobby Grigby, Past Master; Tony Walls, Junior Steward; and Bob Baird.

MASSONIC MEMBERSHIP CARD

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who has sworn to defend and protect mine as I have sworn to defend and protect theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally, it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body, friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

It tells me that, and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a Society of Friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions.
Masonic Homes takes top honors among state health care facilities

The Masonic Homes of Kentucky captured three statewide awards and 11 best-of district honors in 17 categories from the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities.

Debra Finneran, Masonic Home of Shelbyville executive director and administrator, was named Kentucky’s 2007 Facility Administrator of the Year. Masonic Home of Louisville Director of Nursing Bill Grenier received the 2007 Director of Nursing Award. Louisville Activities Director Dama Manning, was named 2007’s Statewide Director of Activities.

Masonic Homes President and CEO Gary Marsh noted that the Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging had also honored Finneran and Grenier with the same statewide awards in September. “The professionalism and commitment Debra and Bill bring to the Homes every day certainly merits the highest honors Kentucky’s two long-term care associations can bestow,” Marsh said.

Finneran, Grenier and Manning were named the best in their respective fields in Kentucky’s Central District, which includes the competitive Louisville area. Five other Masonic Homes professionals also captured top district honors:

• The late JoAnne Abney, Masonic Home of Louisville longtime Social Services Director, for Social Services
• Shelbyville R N Leslie Mack for Nursing-RN
• Shelbyville CMT Debbie Murphy for Medication/Nurse Aide Award
• Shelbyville Occupational Therapist Jim Neiman for Medical Services
• Shelbyville Assistant Director of Nursing Angie Simpson for Administrative Nursing

In addition to individual winners, both Homes received prestigious district honors. The Masonic Home of Shelbyville won the Community Outreach Award recognizing consistent participation in local events and organizations. Sally’s Garden, the Memory Care Neighborhood at the Masonic Home of Louisville, won the Innovative Program Award and the Masonic Homes of Kentucky quarterly newsletter, The Messenger, received best-of honors.

“The recognition of so many of our staff and programs demonstrates our progress toward becoming the best senior living company in Kentucky,” Marsh said. “I could not be prouder.”

Headed south?

If your winter plans call for escaping to Florida, plan to connect with Grand Master Keith Dreier, other Grand Lodge officers and Masonic Homes of Kentucky staff.

A series of six winter meetings are scheduled around the Sunshine state so relocated Kentucky Masons and snowbirds can keep in touch with their home fraternity and the Masonic Homes. The meetings will be in these cities:

• Destin — Jan. 27
• Daytona — Jan. 29
• Jacksonville — Jan. 28
• St. Petersburg — Feb. 1
• Ft. Myers — Jan. 31

To reserve your place at a meeting, phone the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, 502.259.9627.
Sharing the Fruits of Our Labors

Most Worshipful Grand Master Keith Dreier and First Lady Debbie Dreier began their year of Masonic service by thinking of others. So the self-described “man in the banana business” and his wife launched Fruits of Our Labor to help those who are unable to fully pay for the care they receive at the Masonic Homes.

Masonicare is available to eligible Kentucky Master Masons and their wives and widows who are unable to fully pay for their care at the Masonic Homes. After other payment sources are exhausted, Masonicare funds health care and other services.

Last year, 53 Masonic Homes of Kentucky residents received nursing care and other services through Masonicare, thanks to the support of Kentucky Masons.

To provide brothers and sisters living in our Homes under Masonicare, the Dreiers invite you to support Fruits of Our Labor. Every dollar given under the program will go directly to Masonicare residents. The Dreiers are providing acknowledgement gifts as their personal thank you for your gift to the Masonic Homes.

Join the Grand Master and First Lady by sharing the Fruits of Your Labor to make a difference in the lives of Masonic Homes’ residents every day. Simply complete and mail the envelope enclosed in this issue of Masonic Home Journal, along with your gift.

Worth a thousand words

Masonic Home of Shelbyville residents, employees and their families brought the Candy Land Express to Shelbyville’s annual Christmas parade, winning second-place honors from the Chamber of Commerce.

Continuing a 19-year tradition, members of Warfield #882 and other Eastpoint-area lodges donated fruit and horehound candy to brighten the holidays at the Masonic Homes. Louisville Administrator Israel Ray (left) accepted the delivery from Herman Fletcher, Joe York, Jr., Jim Bedilion, Sheldon Sammons and Greg Sammons.

Louisville Administrator Israel Ray and Mission Advancement’s J Scott Judy served lunch to ABC’s Extreme Makeover crew while they built a new home for Patrick Henry Hughes’ family. Patrick’s grandfather had lived at the Louisville Home.

Sora Jo Hooper relaxed before showing off her Village Apartment’s holiday decor during the annual Crescent Hill Candlelight Tour of Homes. More than 200 people toured two left apartments on the Louisville campus.

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Neel Lodge No. 833, held awards, family and widows night Saturday, October 20th with potluck and entertainment from the Wagoners trio gospel singers. Brother James David Holcomb received his 40 year pin from his wife, Carol, and his son Worshipful Master Jason Holcomb, who is also District #10’s newly made District Deputy. Sister Louie White received her widows pin.

Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, located in Henderson, Kentucky, had its annual pin night on October 22, 2007. Approximately fifty people including wives, family and friends were present. The ceremony was open to the public.

Pictured above, 50-Year Pin recipients, left to right: J. Husk; Herbert N. Husk, 50-Year; Lee Echols, 50-Year; and John Cavanah, Master. Not pictured: Gilbert L. Cook; Robert E. Eldreth; Howard Odom; and Jack D. Williamson.

Rush Lodge No. 715 F&AM, held its annual awards dinner to honor members and their families. On Saturday, October 13, 2007, Past Masters, widows and Brothers were present to receive their 25, 40, and 50 Year Service Pins.

Pictured above, Brother John Curtis McComb is being pined by his lovely wife, Wonda. Brother John is a 60 year member of the Masonic order.

Congratulations to all the Brothers in attendance and their families for having serviced our beloved Fraternity all these many years.

Robert Burns Lodge No. 163 recently presented Brother Donald Sims (left) his 50-Year Pin, presented by DDGM of District #19, George T. Baker (right).

On October 9, 2007, Brother Michael Smith (left) was presented with his Master Mason Proficiency Certificate by Brother John Wayne Johnson, Master of Sievers Lodge No. 491, located in Nancy, Kentucky.

On September 11, 2007, Brother Otis Jack Perry was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by his father-in-law, acting Master, Joseph Jasper and Brother John Wayne Johnson, Master of Sievers Lodge No. 491.
2008 DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

If lunch or dinner is to be served, they will eat one hour before meeting times.

ALL TIMES ARE PREVAILING TIMES.

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Fleming Lodge No. 112 F&AM, presented 60 year membership award to Ivan Johnson of Lexington. Pictured, left to right: Calvin Donaldson, Secretary; Larry Johnson, nephew; Ivan Johnson, 60-Year; and Noah Logan, DDGM.

MAYTOWN LODGE NO. 656 - SERVICE PIN

Maytown Lodge No. 66 presented Brother Henry Ratliff with his 60-Year membership pin. Present was acting Master, George Canada, Vergil Hunt, Chaplain; and Shirley Halsey, Junior Deacon.

ARORA LODGE #633

DON YANKEY ELECTION

Newly elected Grand Junior Warden, Donald H. Yankey, was installed as Master of Aurora Lodge No. 633 on December 10, 2007. Pictured above are Howard W. Cross, PM (left) installing Marshall; and Donald H. Yankey (right).

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

WESLEY BALL
Progress Lodge No. 932 – Louisville, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Wesley Ball who passed from this life July 1st, 2007.

Once again a Brother Mason having completed the designs on life’s trestle board, has passed the portals of eternity into that house not made by human hands.

WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved Brother; and

WHEREAS, in his passing, the family has lost a beloved member and the Fraternity an upright man and Mason; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Charter of Progress Lodge No. 932 F&AM of Louisville, Kentucky, be draped for thirty days in testimony of our loss, 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 spread upon the minutes of this Lodge in his memory, and copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal.

JOHN HICE COPPINGER

Fields Lodge No. 832 – Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs written for him on life’s trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem, and hath received as his reward the white stone with the name of Charles Albert Center, written thereon.

WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment this beloved and respected Brother of our Fraternity and valued member of the community.

RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication, and a copy be spread on the minutes of the Lodge.

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FLEMING LODGE NO. 112 - SERVICE PINS

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

CHARLES ALBERT CENTER
Mt. Sterling Lodge No. 23–Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Charles Albert Center, who died October 24th, 2007.

Once again a Brother Mason having completed the designs written for him on life’s trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of Jerusalem, and hath received as his reward the white stone with the new name of Charles Albert Center, written thereon.

WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment this beloved and respected Brother of our Fraternity and valued member of the community.

RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication, and a copy be spread on the minutes of this Lodge.

DAVID F. CELLAR
Mercer Lodge No. 777 – Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs written for him on life’s trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem, and hath received as his reward, the white stone with the new name written 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 and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mercer Lodge No. 777 F&AM, Harrodsburg, Kentucky drape its charter in mourning, for a period of thirty days in testimony of our loss, 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 spread upon the minutes of this Lodge, and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal.

JIM DYER, SEC.

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CLAUSE THOMAS DENTY
Mercer Lodge No. 777 – Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs written for him on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received as his reward, the white stone with the new name written 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 and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mercer Lodge No. 777 F&AM, Harrodsburg, Kentucky drape its charter in mourning, for a period of thirty days in testimony of our loss, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family, a copy spread upon the minutes of this Lodge in his memory, and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal.

DALE PEAVER; KENNY BURKHEAD; MARK ELLIOTT

ROBERT E. FRAZIER
Fields Lodge No. 832 – Cumberland, Kentucky

WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved and respected Brother Robert E. Frazier on December 26th, 2007, be it

RESOLVED, that the charter of Fields Lodge be draped for a period of thirty days in his memory and a copy of this Resolution be sent to his family.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge.

JIM Dyer, SEC

CHESTER HOWARD
Mt. Sterling Lodge No. 23–Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Chester Howard, who died October 16th, 2007, be it

RESOLVED, in his passing the family has lost a beloved member and the Fraternity an upright man and Mason; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the charter of Fields Lodge be draped for a period of thirty days in his memory and a copy of this Resolution be sent to his family.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge.

JIM Dyer, SEC

JOHN R. JOHNSON JR.
Russell Springs Lodge No. 941

Russell Springs, Kentucky

In memory of Brother John R. Johnson, Jr., who died on November 8th, 2007, be it

RESOLVED, that the charter of Russell Springs Lodge No. 941, Russell Springs, Kentucky in testimony of our loss, charter 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 these Resolutions of Respect be published in The Masonic Home Journal.

MICHAEL PRESSON, SEC

JAMES DAVIS LEACHMAN
Utica Lodge No. 742 – Utica, Kentucky

In memory of Brother James David Leachman who died November 8th, 2007, be it

RESOLVED, that the design written for him on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received as his reward, the white stone with the new name written 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 being a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Utica 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.

COMMITTEE

THOMAS E. STOFER
Livermore Lodge No. 186 – Livermore, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Thomas E. Stofler who died October 17th, 2007, be it

RESOLVED, that the designs written for him on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received as his reward, the white stone with the new name written 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 being a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Livermore Lodge No. 186 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.

REX A. MILLER, MASTER; WALLACE R. WIGGINTON, SEC

CLAUDE WHITT
Progress Lodge No. 952 – Louisville, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Claude Whitt who passed from this life July 1st, 2007, be it

RESOLVED, that the designs written for him on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received as his reward, the white stone with the new name written 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 being a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Charter of Progress Lodge No. 952 F&AM, Louisville, Kentucky 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.

CHARLES HAROLD MARON, Sr.
Apperson Lodge No. 195 – Louisville, Kentucky

WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment on January 4th, 2007 our beloved and respected Brother Charles Harold Maron, Sr.; be it

RESOLVED, that in his passing the family has lost a beloved member and the Fraternity an upright man and Mason; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the charter of Apperson Lodge No. 195 F&AM, Louisville, Kentucky be draped in mourning for thirty days; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his family, a copy to be spread on the minutes of this Lodge in his memory, and a copy to be sent to The Masonic Home Journal.

JOHN C. FRY, SEC

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Right Worship Grand Junior Warden, Don Yankey and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Keith Drier at the Grand Junior Warden’s Reception held on December 1, 2007, at the United Auto Workers union hall with approximately 140 people present.