First Lincoln Award Presented

At the recent Grand Lodge 210th Communication Grand Master Herman Forrester presented the first Lincoln Award to Pauline Moyers. Pictured, from left: John Cissell, Grandson; PGM John Moyers; Pauline Moyers; and Grand Master Herman Forrester.

photo by Donnie Brake

Mark Twain National Award Winners

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky honored for the first time in history Mark Twain National Award winners for 2008. The award is for Lodges that promote Masonic awareness in the Lodge and Masonic awareness in the community. This year Bewleyville Lodge No. 228 and Burnside Lodge No. 634 were honored.

Robinson Lodge 266 – Mason of the Year

Robinson Lodge No. 266, F&AM met on September 17, 2009 to celebrate the “Mason of the Year” award. The Master of the Lodge is to pick his choice of the members that he believes fits this award. Worshipful Master Charles H. Boston, Jr. chose Brother Joseph F. Mattingly, PM to receive the award. Brother Joe’s wife Peggy and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandson were in attendance.

Devotion Lodge 160 – Honorary Member

Illustrious John Moyers, S.G.I.G. and Secretary General of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite, receiving his Honorary Membership from Devotion Lodge’s Master, Chris Hall during Devotion Lodge’s Past Master Dinner on September 9, 2009.
Grand Master’s Message

L. TODD EASTHAM
Grand Master

An old legend which comes to us from the Napoleonic Wars tells of a youth, too young to fight, who was permitted to carry the regimental banner. During one bitter engagement his unit was advancing on the enemy under heavy fire. In his youthful zeal the boy went so far ahead of the regiment that he was almost out of contact. The commanding officer sent a runner bearing the message, “Bring the standard back to the line.” With heroic recklessness the lad sent back the ringing reply, “Bring the line up to the standard.”

One Past Grand Master, Dwight Smith, wrote the following, and with your indulgence I will paraphrase some of it:

“Abandon the “free will and accord” rule which has placed our Craft far above the mine rush of societies, and permit outright solicitation.

Go into the organized do-good business in a big way. Find an area of the human body that has not been exploited. Exploit it, set a quota, have a kick-off dinner, and ring the doorbells.

Subsidize other organizations right and left, and, in the doing, ignore, neglect and starve the parent body.

Hire press agents and to tell the world, like Little Jack Horner, what great boys we are. “Masonry is not getting its proper share of publicity,” complained one Grand Master. Never mind actions; concentrate on words.

Imitate Hollywood. Stage an extravaganza. Bring in all the groups that ever fancied themselves remotely related to Freemasonry. Form the parade, blow the bugle, beat the drums and cheapen the Fraternity.

Let Freemasonry “take a position” on public issues of the day. Stand up and be counted as members of the Grand Lodge family to yours, have and make a Happy Holiday for your loved ones or someone else in need, for the gift given is greater than the one received. Thank you and may God Bless and always watch over this great Fraternity and over those who cannot watch over themselves.

From our Grand Lodge family to yours, have and make a Happy Holiday for your loved ones or someone else in need, for the gift given is greater than the one received. Thank you and may God Bless and always watch over this great Fraternity and over those who cannot watch over themselves.

One of our great shortfalls in regard to Masonry as suggested by Brother Smith is not working, and it is time to do something right, better than anyone could ever do it, then move on to other projects. One of our great shortfalls in regard to the Fraternity is our lack of commitment, that being we need to decide what we will do, take action on the idea, and then slink back into our Lodges without sometimes the least thought of how we can be of service to this beloved Masonic Lady or her loved ones.

It is my contention that as we forget about them, they will forget about us and realize that they had been a Masonic Widow for years before their husbands had physically died. We are always screaming community service from the rooftops, but we overlook the fact that our Masonic Ladies are in and of themselves part of our communities. Remember once again our obligations to first serve our own members and their families, then the entire human family. Skipping step one, and moving to step 3 will not get us closer to our goals, but farther away.

One dinner a year to honor our widows is good, but not enough and only a token gesture in my humble opinion. In our jurisdiction alone, it is estimated that at any given time there are several thousand widows or more floating in limbo. Who is taking care of those who took care of us? They are the bedrock and foundation of our lives and should be treated as such. It is up to us to search them out, find out what needs if any they have, and see that they are met. They are our responsibility until the day they die or remarry, and should always be treated with the respect and dignity that they earned. One widow was heard to say this, “my husband always told me that I would be taken care of if he ever died, it has been 10 years, but it is nice to finally hear from you.” I will let you all be the judge of the truth and hopefulness in her words. Look deep within yourselves my Brothers and ask yourself one question, will my wife be looked after with the freedom, fervency, and zeal that Ancient Craft Masonry teaches? If the answer is no, then we have a larger problem than previously thought. We are all the leaders of our respective Lodge Craftsmen, and the truth can pierce the heart as deep as the sword.

In closing, one final thought:

When good men are summoned to the highest and best within them, they usually respond with the highest and best. We might be pleasantly surprised at the reaction of our Brethren if challenged to bring the line up to the standard where it belongs.

From our Grand Lodge family to yours, have and make a Happy Holiday for your loved ones or someone else in need, for the gift given is greater than the one received. Thank you and may God Bless and always watch over this great Fraternity and over those who cannot watch over themselves.

I wanted to personally express my sincerest thanks to all of those who attended, sent well wishes, and bestowed upon me such lovely gifts at my Grand Master’s reception.

In order that I leave no one out, thanks so much to the Elected and Appointed Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Committeeman, District Deputy Grand Masters, Appendant Bodies, and Distinguished Guests and Friends.

I wanted to also send a special thank you to Greenup Lodge #89 along with my wife Angie for the hard work they put into such a wonderful celebration of friendship and fun. To attempt to name everyone who gave of their time and effort would be presumptuous on my part, so please accept this humble note as a token of my personal thanks and regards.

May God Bless you all and this Great Fraternity.

L. TODD EASTHAM, GRAND MASTER
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HOLIDAY SEASON

As yet another year comes to a close, and we prepare to celebrate another Holiday Season, many of us are again saddened by the loss of family members, close friends and Brethren. It is a strong and understandable human trait to have these feelings of sadness, and even despair, in remembering those who were with us at this time last year- but have since been called to their heavenly reward.

However, in the beginning there was a great promise made to us by the Grand Architect of the Universe that should gladden our hearts and bring eternal light to crowd out this darkness of sadness and despair; His promise to care for those who put their trust in Him. With that happy thought in mind, we can take great comfort in the knowledge that our loved ones are in the arms of a loving and caring God, and are enjoying eternal bliss.

So as we move into the spirit of this meaningful Holiday season, on behalf of the Grand Lodge Office Staff, Mary, Christy, Jamie, Jeanne, Peg and yours truly, we wish for each of you the happiest of the Holiday Season, and may the “Reason for the Season” keep each of us mindful of our obligations to exemplify the tenets of our Fraternity, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; those tenets revered by Freemasons worldwide!!

GRAND LODGE OFFICE CLOSED

The Grand Lodge Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24-25, 2009, for the Christmas Holiday and Friday, January 1, 2009, for New Years.

LODGE SECRETARIES

Soon it will be time to elect and install the officers who will lead your lodge for the ensuing year. I realize, with all the activity, plus the holidays, which are so plentiful during this time of year, how easy it is to overlook some of the routine functions the lodge Secretaries must perform to keep our records current.

Listed below are several items that should be taken care of as soon as the information is available.

LIST OF LODGE OFFICERS AND MASONIC DIRECTORY FOR 2009

The next task facing the Grand Secretary’s Office is compiling the Masonic Directory. At the end of November each lodge should have received a form on which to list the officers elected for the year, the address and telephone number[s] of the three principal officers and the Secretary. As soon as the officers are elected, please complete this form and send it to the Grand Secretary’s Office as quickly as possible in order that we may process the information for the Directory. **DO NOT hold up the notice if a Junior Officer has not been elected or appointed at that time.** It is important that the Master and Secretary be listed in the Directory- any of the other officers may be reported at a later date as they are elected or appointed. Please note that you are to identify each officer by name and Lodge membership number. This procedure will reduce the opportunity for error in the Lodge Officer listing.

For the Directory to be meaningful, we must have it available as early as possible after the beginning of the new year. If the completed form from your lodge has not been received in the Grand Secretary’s Office before **January 10, 2009**, there is a good chance the officers of your lodge will not be listed in the Directory. Please do not let this happen.

Also, on the same form, we ask that you furnish the exact address, or location, of your lodge so that it can be easily found from the information provided in the Directory. It has come to our attention a number of lodges have relocated -- or their address has been changed -- with the old address still listed in the Directory. Hope-fully, with the information you provide, the new Directory can be brought up to date.

You should have been sent, with your officers sheet a PRE-ORDER form for ordering the Masonic Directory. Each lodge will receive one complimentary Directory. Others may be ordered through the Grand Lodge Office. The price of each will be determined by the cost of printing, plus shipping and handling.

IRS REPORTING FORM

Also, on the bottom of the Lodge Officers form mentioned above is a space to list the information required by the Internal Revenue Service from each Subordinate Lodge. The information received from the Subordinate Lodges is compiled in this office and a summary transmitted to the IRS. Failure on the part of a Lodge Secretary to respond may result in a visit from an IRS Representative -- and there are penalties involved that could be imposed for failure to report.

Be sure the form is **signed** by the Lodge Secretary and the seal of the Lodge is placed thereon.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

But I am sure that I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round...as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely.

— CHARLES DICKENS, A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Landmark Lodge No. 41 F&AM
Invites you to the Grand Junior Warden’s Reception and Dinner for
Christopher L. Stout
Oleika Shrine Center
326 Southland Drive, Lexington, Kentucky
Sunday, December 13, 2009
4:00 p.m. (e.s.t.)
Tickets are available for $10.00 per person and will be available at the door.
Please RSVP by December 5, 2009
Please make checks payable to Landmark Lodge No. 41
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Kosair Shrine Circus is Coming to Town!
FEBRUARY 4th to 7th, 2010
– TICKETS $14 $16 $20 –
Tickets go on sale at the Fairgrounds Box Office on December 7, 2009

All Masons and Shriners show your Dues Card for a $2.00 Discount Per Ticket

Poage Lodge No. 325 presented 50 Year Awards to two Brothers at a stated meeting held on November 3, 2009. The presentations were made by Most Worshipful Grand Master L. Todd Eastham and Past Master Marc I. Rosen. Pictured, left to right: Most Worshipful Grand Master L. Todd Eastham; C. M. Jackson, 50-Years; Park Hamlin, 50-Years; and Marc I. Rosen, PM, Poage Lodge.

In September 2008, Master Jody Jones presented Rev. William B. Miller his 60 Year Service Pin during a regular Masonic meeting held at Temple Hill Lodge No. 276 in Almo, Kentucky.

On October 1, 2009, Billy Phillips, Past Master of McKinney Lodge No. 631, presented Billy Hayes his 25 Year Service Pin. Congratulations Brother Hayes on your many dedicated years to the Masonic Order.
Paducah Lodge 127 Appreciation Dinner

Paducah Lodge No. 127 F&AM held their annual appreciation dinner and ceremony for organizations in the community that go beyond the call of duty to serve the citizens of the region. Recipients for this year’s awards were McCracken County Regional Jail, McCracken Regional Juvenile Detention Center and members of the local office for Parole & Probation. All members of these worthy organizations were invited to a spaghetti dinner served at the Lodge Hall and were presented with plaques documenting their sacrifice and service to the community.

N. H. Shaw Lodge 608 Helps Community

Recently Master Johnny Ashby of N. H. Shaw Lodge No. 608 presented a check of $200.00 to Captain Jack Eli for the Nortonville Southside Emergency Squad. This will be the third year N.H. Shaw Lodge help the squad. The Nortonville Southside Emergency Squad assist the ambulance and fire departments in the area and to an outstanding job.

Bullitt Lodge 155 Benefit Yard Sale

On Saturday, October 24th Masons from Bullitt Lodge No 155 organized a benefit yard sale for Brother Joey Link, in an example of Masons helping Masons. Brother Joey is a Past Master of Bullitt Lodge who has undergone leg amputation because of diabetes. Sadly Joey lost his job because of his disability and was in need of financial assistance. The members of Bullitt Lodge working under the direction of Brother Jack Raines and his wife Sharon, were able to raise over $3400.00 for Brother Joey during the yard sale. Along with cash a donation from the lodge and the assistance of the Masonic Board of Relief Joey’s financial future is secure.

Joey was Master of Bullitt Lodge in 1999. He has worked very hard for the lodge his entire Masonic career. He has selflessly maintained and repaired our HVAC units charging the lodge only for parts. Joey reports that his medical prognosis is good at this time. He looks forward to being able to return to lodge in the near future and continue his Masonic work, as he is able. A special thanks goes out to Bullitt Lodge and the Travelers Chapter – Widows Sons for their help with setting up the yard sale and providing refreshments.

Some of the many people who worked at the sale are pictured, from left to right: Rick Talbott; Wavy Mayes; Jack Raines; Scott Bailey; Glenn Gray; Sharon Raines; and Dave Griffis.

Masonic Temple Pavilion Dedication

On September 12, 2009, the Pavilion Kitchen was dedicated to the late Brothers Bill Hiles, PM & George Holcomb in honor of their years of service to the Masonic Fraternity and United Commercial Travelers.

The Dedication was done prior the the Annual “Feed the Kid’s” Connection Program sponsored by Devotion Lodge #160 and United Commercial Travelers. Brother Hiles and Brother Holcomb were instrumental in starting this annual event for disadvantaged children & adults in Central Kentucky. Their compassion and generosity in starting this annual picnic has touched the lives of many disadvantaged persons and will be felt for years to come.

Based on their many contributions, it was fitting to name the kitchen at the Masonic Temple Association Pavilion in honor of Brothers Hiles and Holcomb.

Present during the dedication were (from left to right): MTA Board Members Derek Phelps & Anthony Wright; Bill Hiles Jr.; Mrs. Virgie Hiles; Mrs. Mary Holcomb; Jim Stanley; UCT Carolyn Averitt; and MTA Board President Robert W. Davenport, PGM.

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Email articles & photos by the 10th of each month to:
masonichomejournal@hotmail.com
On October 3, 2009, Fort Campbell Lodge No. 946 had their 43rd Annual BBQ. Over the years, this has become a great tradition with some of the best BBQ and chicken found ANYWHERE! This year, Brother (Hillbilly) Mike Mathews, PM and currently District 4 DDGM heads up the firing of the smelting pot with help of other Brothers. Many thanks to all the Lodge brothers that made the BBQ a success again. Also, at an earlier date, the Fort Campbell Lodge conducted a community support project by holding a pancake breakfast to raise money for the Oak Grove Community Actions Program headed by Sgt David Tomlinson of the Oak Grove Police Department. Needy children are taken to a major department store and are allowed to shop for their presents. Ft. Campbell Lodge raised $1000.00 this year and presented a check to Sgt. Tomlinson for the program.

The Brothers of Right Angle Lodge No. 233 of Winchester, Kentucky conferred the Master Mason Degree on October 24, 2009 on Brother Kyle Richard Garrett. The first section was conferred by Brother John Wright, Acting Master. The second section was conferred by John Walker, PM; Don Gaskell, DDGM; and John Wright. Pictured, left to right: John Wright; Kyle Garrett; and Don Gaskell.

On June 11, Neel Lodge No. 833 conferred the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on Brother Josh Thornton, (right) who was raised by his father, Thomas D. Thornton, (left) Junior Warden. A meal was enjoyed by all.

Members of the Harlan County Sheriff’s Office and Sheriff Marvin Lipfird traveled 4 hours to visit the Grand Master of Kentucky Herman Forrester at his home Lodge at Bowling Green, Kentucky. District Deputy Grand Master of District 30 presented Most Worshipful Grand Master Herman Forrester a Gavel that opened each Lodge of District 30 during his Official Visits during 2009 and the District 30 meeting in Hazard, Kentucky. The Gavel was named the District Deputy Traveling Gavel of District 30.

Fort Campbell Lodge No. 946 BBQ Benefit

Neel Lodge 833 Raises Master Mason

Bowling Green Lodge No. 73 – Official Visit

Right Angle Lodge No. 233 – New Master Mason

Landmark Lodge No. 41 Past Masters Night

Landmark Lodge No. 41 F&A&M, Versailles, Kentucky, hosted a Past Masters and Awards Night Ceremony. Left to right, front row: Don Yankey; Charles Hahn; Andy Dixon; Charles Sutherland; Les Larson; Revel Lewis; and Chuck Smith. Second row: Ron Durbin; Chris Stout; Gary Finnell; Mike Ford; Steven Wright; and Jon Andres. Third row: Tommy Turner; Lloyd Albridge; Charles Beagle; and Rick Nation.
**Masonic News**

**Fred M. Gross 953 Pays Tribute to R. Gay Price, Past Grand Master**

With the grateful assistance of Sister Kathleen Price, Fred M. Gross Lodge No. 953 is proudly displaying a Memorial Wall to Past Grand Master, Brother R. Gay Price. Although one wall is not sufficient to show all the great things that Brother Price did for his Lodge and his community, Fred M. Gross Lodge is glad to display this memorial. Brother Gay was a good man and Mason in every sense of the word and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

**Cumberland Valley Lodge 751 Raises One**

Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 751 raised Brother Jason Gaddis to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 26, 2009. A delicious meal was served. Pictured, left to right: Herbert Gaddis, Master Mason, father; Jason Gaddis, Master Mason; and George Black, Master.

**Richmond Lodge No. 25 – Raises Three**

The Brothers of Richmond Lodge No. 25 conferred the Master Mason Degree on three Brothers at a regular communication on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Thirty-three Brothers were in attendance. Brothers Adam Bryant, Neal Buchanan, and Wesley Burberry were raised in a fine manner. Left to right, front row: John Wright, Junior Warden; Wesley Burberry; Adam Bryant; and Neal Buchanan. Second row: Bruce Begley, Senior Deacon; Mark Morrow, Master; and David Saylor, PM.

**McKinney Lodge 631 – Past Masters Night**


Also that evening, Bryce Roberts was passed to the Fellowcraft Degree. Pictured, left to right: Brother Bryce Roberts with his father, Past Master Steve Roberts.

**Lyndon Lodge 960 – New Master Mason**

Lyndon Lodge No. 960 recently raised Brother James Baker (left) to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason with the help of Fortitude Lodge No. 47, at their annual outdoor meeting. Brother Baker is Lyndon Lodge’s newest Master Mason. Congratulations!
Grand Master’s program targets the Homes

The Kentucky Corps of Longrifleman and a Greenup company aimed for a creative way to honor Grand Master L. Todd Eastham. They joined forces to build a custom Kentucky long rifle, two powder horns and a leather long hunter’s bag.

Builder of the custom rifle was Charles Wallingford from Favorite No. 581 and the gun barrel was constructed by Wayne Jenkins of Elkhorn No. 755. A.B. Conley from Salyersville No. 769 crafted the powder horns from scrimshaw work being completed by Tommy Barnett. The long hunter’s bag with inlaid Masonic emblem was designed and assembled by Bill Smith. Larry Eastham, vice chairman of the board and chairman of the executive board for safety and health consulting company McCulley, Eastham & Associates, financed the project.

The Grand Master donated the rifle and accoutrements, valued at $10,000, to the Masonic Homes and it serves as the incentive for his Kentucky Frontiersmen Program.

Tickets are $20 each. Buy one and get a commemorative pin; six or more also gets your name on a plaque; buy 13 or more and get a plaque and keepsake.

To learn more about the Kentucky Frontiersmen Program, contact the Homes’ VP of Fraternal Relations John Cauley (866.764.6631; jcauley@mhky.com).
Annual Communication is Grand for the Homes

Kentucky Masons showed their commitment to the Masonic Homes during the Grand Lodge of Kentucky’s Annual Communication. Past Grand Master Herman Forrester presented a check for $32,670 from the Masons Helping Masons program. During the year, Masons donated more than $70,000 to the program for Kentucky lodges and the Masonic Homes.

Members of Preston No. 281 and Devotion No. 160 continued the tradition of furnishing rooms for Homes’ residents by pledging to furnish rooms in the Louisville Care Center now under construction. Preston Lodge presented the Homes with $2,000 toward the lodge’s pledge to furnish two rooms. Devotion Lodge gave $1,000 toward its pledge to furnish one room.

Kilwinning No. 366 brought $2,000 representing proceeds from the lodge’s third annual car show. Mason Jar collections from the year yielded $200 from Russell No. 284 and $687 from Robert M. Sirkle No. 954. Aurora No. 633 members presented a $500 gift.

Homes capture five KAHSA awards

The Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging recognized five Masonic Homes employees as the state’s best at the association’s 2009 awards ceremony.

Receiving outstanding service awards from Masonic Home of Shelbyville were Dining Services Cook Carl Hudson and Therapy Team Leader Leslie Mann. From Masonic Home of Louisville, Winnie Pierpoint, MDS, was named the best in her field, Dining Services Manager Gary McCurdy received the Innovation Award and Memory Care Program Coordinator Kathy Wiedenholt was presented the Community Service Award.

KAHSA members statewide serve more than 12,000 people through mission driven, community-based organizations like Masonic Homes of Kentucky.

Nearly 700 people rely on the Masonic Homes for housing, healthcare and services every day. While many residents enjoy the holidays with their families, others face less festive celebrations. With your gift, you will help make the holidays special for everyone at the Masonic Homes by providing presents for each resident, especially those who need it most.

- I’ll help make the holidays special for a Masonic Home resident. Endorsed by my Holiday Gift to grant a resident’s Holiday Gift Wish.

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- I’ll help make the holidays special for a Masonic Home resident. Please use my enclosed Holiday Gift of $______ where it is needed most.

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Established in 1867 as the first Masonic home of its kind.
Jerusalem Lodge 9 Raises Master Mason

On Saturday, August 29, 2009, Matthew K. McConnell received his Master Mason Degree. Several visitors were in attendance from around Kentucky and Indiana. A breakfast was served before the Degree work. A great time was had by all. Pictured, left to right: Cletis Raleigh presenting his ring to it’s grandson, Matthew K. McConnell. A special moment indeed.

Mt. Gilead Lodge 255 New Master Mason

Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255 recently presented new Master Mason Eddie McCarthy with his Kentucky Monitor and dues card after Brother Eddie was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Pictured, left to right: Dan Hamlin, Master; and Eddie McCarty, Master Mason.

Somerset Lodge 111 – Somerset Colonel Honor

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Herman M. Forrester was presented with the honor of a Somerset Colonel during the District 22 Annual Meeting held in Somerset, Kentucky. Pictured, left to right: John W. Johnson, District #22, Deputy Grand Master; Most Worshipful Grand Master, Herman M. Forrester; and Chief of Police, Doug Nelson (Woodstock #639) presenting the award on behalf of the City of Somerset.

Mt. Gilead Lodge 255 – Past Masters Night

At a recent Past Masters Night at Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255, three new plaques with the names of Past Masters were unveiled by Lodge Master, Dan Hamlin and Past Masters that were present at the meeting. Brother Dee Coates, Lodge Historian presented a report on the history of the Lodge and its early Masters.

Freedom Lodge 643 Open House

Freedom Lodge No. 643 held an open house and cookout on Saturday, August 8, 2009. The Brethren and families enjoyed a great meal, gospel singing and informative discussion with District #22 Masonic Homes Ambassador, Ken Cooper.

Burnside Lodge 634 Past Masters Night

Have you seen the popular movie National Treasure “Book of Secrets”? This movie portrays how the Presidents of the United States recorded historical secrets in a well worn leather book that was hidden in Washington D.C.

Some set School System is, “A Tradition of Excellence since 1888” but which was only recently discovered not the only place that has a book of secrets. Somerset also has a book which was lost for approximately 100 years and the secrets in this book are linked to Somerset High School. The proud slogan of the Somerset School System is, “A Tradition of Excellence since 1888” but the Somerset School System, as we know it today, evolved from a school that was built on these grounds in 1863. This school from which the Somerset Schools are descended was a Masonic College.

From a historical viewpoint, our story begins immediately after the American Civil War of 1865 when this area of Kentucky was decimated because it was the only place in this area where children could obtain a formal education. The people, grateful for the school, celebrated the grand opening with two nights of public speaking, dancing, and feasts.

This story comes to present day when the Somerset Lodge, #111 Masonic Lodge, with membership ranks which read like pages from a history book. Famous American members of the Masonic Order include the Father of Our Country George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, over 300 Union and Confederate Officers during the American Civil War, WWII Generals Douglas McArthur and Omar Bradley, Presidents Andrew Jackson, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Gerald Ford, Astronauts Buzz Aldrin and John Glenn, Golfer Arnold Palmer, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, entertainers John Wayne, Will Rogers, Al Jolson, Red Skeleton and many other influential people in history.

The establishment of this school was of great historical importance because it was the only place in this area where children could obtain a formal education. The people, grateful for the school, celebrated the grand opening with two nights of public speaking, dancing, and feasts.

This story comes to present day when Ms. Anne Compton, daughter, of James F. Prather Jr., recently disclosed to Cloyd J. Bumgardner, Somerset Board employee and Past Master of Woodstock Lodge, that she had an important Masonic document in her possession which was handed down to her by her father. James F. Prather was a prominent citizen in Somerset and belonged to Somerset Masonic Lodge until his death in 1901. This well worn leather volume was the minute book from Somerset Masonic Lodge #111. It contained the minutes of the Lodge from October 18, 1873 through December 14, 1889. Ms. Compton gave the book to Mr. Bumgardner for safekeeping until the document could be reunited with Somerset Lodge #111.

This historical presentation took place at the Annual District Masonic Meeting held at the Center for Rural Development by the current District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) John W. Johnson. DDGM Johnson also recognized the importance of the document and made it’s presentation to Somerset Lodge a centerpiece of the meeting which was attended by over 350 people including Herman Forrester, Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky and other Masonic representatives from across the Commonwealth. With the benefit of 134 years of hindsight, Grand Master Forrester commented, “the Somerset Masonic College is a testa-

The Somerset Independent School System has graduated such luminaries as the revered statesman Senator John Sherman Cooper, who served on the Warren Commission, Four Star General Jack Gregory and Bea McMillan, football coach for Indiana, the Detroit Lions and the New York Jets.

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HENRY CLIFTON DUKE  
Once again a Brother Mason having completed the design written 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 a 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 being a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that Smithland Lodge No. 138 F&AM, of Smithland, Kentucky in testimony of its loss, drape its Charter 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 for publication, and a copy of this Resolution of Respect be made a part of the minutes of this Lodge.  
KEVIN D. BRYANT, MASTER; ANTHONY MORRIS, SECRR.

REV. JAMES MOONEYHAM  
Mountain Lodge No. 187 – Barbourville, Kentucky  In memory of Brother Rev. James Mooneyham, Jr., who died Sunday, October 18th, 2009.  
Once again a Brother Mason completed the design written 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 a 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 he having been a true and faithful member of our beloved Order; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that Mountain Lodge No. 187 of Barbourville, Kentucky F&AM, in testimony of its loss, drape the Charter in mourning for thirty days, and that we tender to the family our sincere condolences in their deep affliction.  
COMMITTEE

WILLIAM CARROLL HOLT

Dunavan Lodge No. 292 – Boston, Kentucky  WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, to call from labor here on Earth to his reward on high, our beloved Brother, William Carroll Holton, on October 17, 2009; and  
WHEREAS, Mr. Holton served his Lodge for over thirty-eight years; and  
WHEREAS, in his passing, the family has lost a true and upright man and Mason, and the community a valuable citizen; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that we extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved family and friends, and direct them for comfort to Almighty God; be it further  
RESOLVED, that the Charter of Dunavan Lodge No. 292 be draped for a period of thirty days in mourning for respect for the passing of Brother Holton.  
RICHARD E. MORGAN, SECRR.

WALTER C. (TUBB) HOPPER, JR.  
Mountain Lodge No. 187 – Barbourville, Kentucky  In memory of Brother Walter C. (Tubb) Hopper, Jr., who died Tuesday, September 22nd, 2009.  
Once again a Brother Mason completed the design written 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 a 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 he having been a true and faithful member of our beloved Order; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that Mountain Lodge No. 187 of Barbourville, Kentucky F&AM, in testimony of its loss, drape the Charter in mourning for thirty days, and that we tender to the family our sincere condolences in their deep affliction.  
COMMITTEE

ROBERT C. ROBERTS  
Irvine Lodge No. 137 – Nancy, Kentucky  In memory of Brother Robert C. Roberts, who passed from this life November 11th, 2009.  
Once again a Brother Mason having completed the designs on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity into that house not made by hands.  
WHEREAS, he having being a true and faithful member of our beloved Order; therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that Irvine Lodge No. 137 F&AM will be draped for thirty days in his honor and memory.  
COMMITTEE

GEORGE FLETCHER SINCLAIR  
Symsonia Lodge No. 917 – Symsonia, Kentucky  Although it saddens us that our Brother has been called home, we know that his soul is in the hands of a God that “doeth all things well.”  
WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call our Brother from labor to eternal refreshment; we therefore  
RESOLVE, to pray fervently for the comfort and well being of our Brother's family and to drape our Charter for thirty days in his honor and memory.  
WILLIAM D. VINSON, JR., MASTER; TOMMY VAUGHN, SECRR.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

WINTER emergency KIT for your car

Store this stuff in your trunk during the winter months, especially if a road trip is in your future:

• a blanket
• extra boots and gloves
• an extra set of warm clothes
• extra water and food, including hard candies
• an ice scraper
• a small shovel
• a flashlight
• windshield washer fluid
• windshield wipers
• flares
• jumper cables
• a tool kit
• tire chains
• a tire gauge
• a spare tire with air in it
• tire-changing equipment
• a first-aid kit
• paper towels
• a bag of abrasive material such as sand, salt or non-clumping kitty litter, which can provide additional traction if a tire gets stuck in snow.
• Also, keep the gas tank as full as you can to prevent the gas lines from freezing.

December, 2009
BY-LAWS

C. FRYE HALEY PAST MASTERS ASSOCIATION

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, C. Frye Haley Past Masters Association will vote on changes to its By-Laws. Plan on attending.

ZEBULON LODGE 273

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Zebulon Lodge No. 273 will vote on changing their meetings from the first and third Saturday, to the second and fourth Thursday.

NOTICE

BULLITT LODGE 155

St. John’s Day, December 27, is the day the Brothers of Bullitt Lodge No. 155 elect their Officers for the coming year. However, December 27, 2009 is a Sunday. Therefore, Bullitt Lodge will elect its Officers for the ensuing year at its regularly scheduled communication on Monday, December 21, 2009.

CANEVILLE LODGE 635

Caneville Lodge No. 635 will be voting at the January meeting for a merger/consolidation with another Lodge. All members are asked to attend this important meeting.

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HIRAM LODGE NO. 218 – Meets 2nd Sat. at 7:30 p.m. 308 Ann St. Leslie B. Lison, Mason, 502-703-4471.
SOLOMON’S NO. 5 – Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m. 711 Franklin Blvd. 1st Floor, Owensboro, KY 42301. Ben M. Bledsoe, Master, 270-685-4074.
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SWIGERT/MIDDLETON LODGE NO. 218 – Meets 4th Mon. at 7:30 p.m. 201 E. New Market St., Mount Vernon, KY 40456. John H. Smith, Master, 606-758-9405.
MILLS STEWART LODGE NO. 224 – Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Middletown Masonic Hall, 140 North Madison St., Middletown KY 40347. Robert D. Willard, Master, 606-297-2901.
BOWLLAW LODGE NO. 221 – Meets 1st & 3rd Friday. 720 Dix. Hwy, Cave City, care of from Wapogatow, Donnie A. Phillips, Gary M. Roy, Mike B. Hefner, 502-327-6400.
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233 S. Main St., across from Post Office, downtown Hardinsburg. James Hollow Dr., Louisville 40219, 502-968-3794.
1601 Western Ave., Bowling Green. William H. Fane, M.; James H. Hall, Sec., 1601 Western Ave., Bowling Green 42104; 270-991-2905.
125 Broadway, Brandenburg, 7:30 P.M. Benjamin P. Bowen, M.; Archie N. Dr., 2 blks. of S. Main St., Nicholasville. John C. Bourne, M.; Gary D. Lykins, Sec., 1104 AUBERRY CIR., Elizabethtown 42701, 270-846-1877.

BRECKINRIDGE LODGE NO. 67 – Meets 1st & 3rd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. 2737 S. Main St., LaGrange, above Karen’s Book Barn. Joel T. Townsend, M.; James W. Maddox, Sec., 905-836-5510.

ROBINSIDE LODGE NO. 391 – Meets 1st and 3rd Wed., 7:30 p.m. 1104 AUBERRY CIR., Elizabethtown 42701, 270-846-1877.
WILLIAMS LODGE NO. 532 – Meets 2nd and 4th Mon. at 7:30 p.m. 601 N. Main St., Bardstown, KY 40004. John W. Taylor, M.; Charles T. Russette, Sec., 601 N. Main St., Bardstown.

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LOWELL CEDAR LODGE NO. 7 – Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs., at 7:30 P.M. Battergate Loop, Owensboro 42303, 270-685-2618.

CREEKFIELD LODGE NO. 56 – Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. 204 Edgewood Dr. 231b S. Main St., Nicholasville. John C. Bourne, M.; Gary D. Lykins, Sec., 1104 AUBERRY CIR., Elizabethtown 42701, 270-846-1877.


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On November 8, 2009 Western Kentucky Widows Sons members and Brothers from over a dozen Lodges, joined with Brothers from 5 states, to host “Christmas in November” for the families and soldiers of the 2113rd Transportation Unit of the Kentucky National Guard. It seemed kind of odd, Santa on a Harley, catfish and chicken for Christmas. The 2113rd is preparing for deployment in a matter of weeks to Iraq and will not be able to have their normal Christmas activities. And while Santa, on a Harley, riding through a brand new Armory, to pass out Christmas presents seems like it would be the main event, for many kids, just being held by Dad one more time was what was most important.

Seeing this, the Brothers made some quick adjustments and put the kids on the bikes with Dad, and the party took off again. Tom, a Memphis Brother known as “TEACH” in a Santa suit and a host of elves in tow kept the kids laughing and Mom and Dad smiling all afternoon, as the elves passed out toys to 127 children.

This program is now in its 4th year of operation. Organized by the Widows Sons of Kentucky, and put on by various Masonic Organizations and Lodges, the National Guard and Army Reserve Units are provided Christmas parties and summer family picnic events. Earlier this summer two Reserve Units were hosted to a BBQ lunch, family events, a private reserved swimming pool, and a great show by the Rizpah Temple Shrine Clowns.

This time of year it is Christmas Dinners, stockings stuffed with toys for the kids, Santa, and formal dances for the adults, as well as ceremonies and presentations put on by the Brothers, some of whom travel as many as 400 miles to be part of the events.

From Dean Owen, WM Antioch Lodge #332 (and KY State Widows Sons’ Treasurer), “Brothers from Indy, Louisville, Memphis, St. Louis, and all over Southern Illinois come in to help us. This year was especially difficult emotionally, this unit is going into some very, very dangerous places, and their role is an extremely dangerous one. We really wanted to show them we care, and that they will not be forgotten when they are away defending this great Masonic idea we call America. More than 75% of the Widows Sons are prior military or law enforcement veterans, and a lot of our number are Active Duty military. We know first hand what our Brothers are going through who are in Iraq and Afghanistan and we want them to know there are men here who know their sacrifice, will help their families while deployed, and when they return we will welcome them with a Brotherhood that is as strong as what they knew in the military”.

In December, these efforts will transport this unit home from Camp Shelby to Paducah and then back again over the Christmas Break. According to Capt. John Harvey, Commanding Officer of the 2113rd, “The things the Masonic Community has done, is doing, and have committed to do for my soldiers is amazing. The military will give these soldiers leave, but many are young families, they do not have the financial resources to even get home for Christmas before final deployment into combat zones. With the help of the Masons, these men and women will see their family one last time before going to war. We simply can’t say enough to convey our gratitude. The other thing is how well organized they are. They literally organize and put on almost the whole day’s activities, freeing up my people to work with families more one on one. When we first researched this, it was going to be a $36,000 project, but some how, the Masons very quietly assured us they could pull it off, and they have with no expectation of personal gain or anything. It is truly an amazing show of Brotherhood and caring, and it is so important to my Soldiers”.

If you would like to be involved in these efforts contact Dean Owen, WM Antioch Lodge #332, at dean@owencpa.com, or 270-554-0720. There is always a need for a set of hands who can help. And the emotional rewards are among the greatest a man can receive. If you wish to work with your local National Guard or Reserve Unit they can help your lodge establish a similar program.