Harlan Lodge No. 879
Contribute to Worthy Cause

Woodstock Lodge No. 639
Awarded 60 Year Service Pin

Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829 – Installs 2009 Officers

On Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at a regularly stated communication Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829 held its Open Installation. A large crowd turned out for the Installation Dinner held below the lodge in the Fire House. Brother Roland Stayton preformed the Installation with P.M. Kevin Reardon assisting as Marshal. Grand Senior Warden Don Yankey, Grand Junior Warden Terry Bowman, and DDGM # 14 Jack King were there to represent the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Pictured above are the newly installed Officers along with Master Brian Willey receiving the gavel. A cup from Grand Master Herman Forrester was presented to the incoming Master. What a wonderful evening it was with Brian’s Mom and Dad flying in from Maine to witness the beautiful ceremonies. All Masonic Visitors were recognized and presented a special Pewee Valley Centennial Pin.

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Grand Master’s Message

I cannot thank these Brothers enough for being what they profess to be, men of Honor and integrity.

We as Grand Lodge Officers should be shouting their praises from the highest mountain tops. Unfortunately there is always a small segment of any membership who will not conform to the principles of our beloved Brotherhood. They disrupt their lodges with picks and quarrels, they will not conform to the Constitution, their conduct outside the lodge is un-Masonic, such behavior includes Spouse/Child Abuse, Alcoholism, Drug/Substance Abuse, just to name a few of these offenses that have come to our attention.

These so-called Masons must be removed from the Craft and should have NEVER been permitted to be a part of our Great Fraternity. The world is watching us and will judge a tree by the fruit that it bears!

It is time for each Lodge to do their duty to the utmost, investigate the men who knock at their doors, with the most thorough scrutiny, and vote for the good of the order, and confer impressive meaningful ritual that will touch the hearts of good men. Brothers, we can't change yesterday but together we can have an impact on tomorrow. Remember a journey of a thousand miles begins with just one step. **DO YOUR DUTY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF FREEMASONRY.**

HERMAN M. FORRESTER
Grand Master

One of the privileges of being Grand Master of Masons is the opportunity to travel and meet the most outstanding men in our great commonwealth. These dedicated Brethren live their daily lives living up to the lofty ideas and standards that Freemasonry teaches. I am so very proud to serve these men who devote their lives trying to be good Masons, husbands, fathers, churchmen and citizens. How blessed I am to serve with the Grand Lodge Officers, elected and appointed who are so dedicated not only to Freemasonry but to the Craft of Kentucky. I treasure and revere the great Freemasons of Kentucky.

Masonic Education Committee

This year the Committee on Masonic Education is planning the best year of conferences to date. We have placed much time and treasure in “Developing the Masonic Leader.” We will be introducing topics never before seen at our conferences. This year promises to be of the quality of any leadership conference that you might pay thousands of dollars to attend. Place these dates on your calendar now!!!

**February - 7** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Owensboro Masonic Lodge,
227 St. Ann St., 5th Floor
Masonic Building, Owensboro

**February - 14** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Rizpah Shrine Temple,
3300 Hanson Rd., Madisonville

**February - 21** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Louisville Scottish Rite,
200 E Gray St., Louisville

**February - 28** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Morehead Lodge,
746 W Main St., Suite 2, Morehead

**March - 7** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Bowling Green Masonic Lodge,
1601 Westen Ave., Bowling Green

**March - 21** 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
prior to District meeting
Perry Central High School

**March - 28** 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
prior to District meeting
North Laurel High School

**April - 11** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Newport Masonic Lodge,
827 Liberty St, Newport

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masonichomejournal@hotmail.com
As the birthday of the Father of our Country and our Masonic Brother George Washington is celebrated on February 22nd, many lodges are preparing to host a lodge program commemorating the event. Also during the month of February, a day is set aside to remember and honor all past Presidents of the United States for their service to our Country. And while we generally remember Brother George Washington as the “first” President, there were fourteen others who served as President, either of the Continental Congress, or the “United States” under the Articles of Confederation, until under the Constitution of the United States of America.

An interesting article, written by John R. Nocas, MPS (P.M., S.C.R.L.), appeared in the February, 2005 issue of the Southern California Research Lodge, F&AM Newsletter about the fourteen Presidents who served our nation in the Continental Congress, and later under the Articles of Confederation, four of whom were Freemasons, before George Washington was elected President of the United States. Brother Nocas termed these fourteen “OUR FORGOTTEN PRESIDENTS.” I would dare say that he picked an appropriate heading for his article and brought an interesting fact to our attention, of which I feel comfortable in saying, that not many of us, if indeed any of us, were aware.

The fourteen Presidents listed in the article are:

Brother Peyton Randolph
(1774) Virginia

Henry Middleton (1774-1775)
South Carolina

*Brother John Hancock (1775-1777)
Boston

Brother Henry Laurens (1777-1778)
South Carolina

John Jay (1778-1779)
New York

Samuel Huntington (1779-1781)
Connecticut

Thomas McKean (1781)
Delaware, May have been a Freemason, but no proof.

John Hanson (1781)
Maryland, First President under Articles of Confederation

Elias Boudinot (1782-1783)
New Jersey

Thomas Mifflin (1783-1784)
Pennsylvania

Richard Henry Lee (1784-1785)
Virginia

Brother John Hancock (1785–1786)
Reelected, but resigned in May, 1786, because of ill-health.

Nathaniel Gorham (1786-1787)
Massachusetts

Brother Arthur St. Clair (1787)
Governor of Northwest Territory

Cyrus Griffin (1788-1789)
Virginia

The first seven listed served as Presidents of the Continental Congress; the last eight listed served as Presidents of the “United States” under the Articles of Confederation.

The complete article appeared in the February, 1983 issue of the Philalethes Magazine.

(Reprinted from the April 2005 issue of the Masonic Home Journal)

SUSPENSIONS

Each year a few reports are received in this office of members being suspended on other than a Stated Communication of the Lodge-- most always on the last day of June. Section 176 of The Book of Constitutions specifies that the suspension of a member is to occur at the stated communication set in the summons and the suspension is complete at that time.

The suspended member may become reinstated the next day in accordance with Section 187, merely upon payment of the amount owing up to the time he was suspended. However, that does not alter or erase the fact that the suspension occurred, and should be recorded as such.

Further, if the suspended member is a Plural Member, it is the primary responsibility of the suspending Lodge to notify the other Lodge(s) of which he is a member of the suspension in order for them to take appropriate action. As a follow-up the other Lodge(s) also receives a notice of the suspension from the Grand Lodge Office as soon as the information is received from the suspending Lodge.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE CLOSED

The Grand Lodge Office will be closed Monday, February 16, 2009 in observance of Presidents Day.

(How are you doing Billy Adams?)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Abraham Lincoln needs no marble shaft to perpetuate his name; his words are the most enduring monument, and will forever live in the hearts of the people.

- OSBORN H. OLDROYD

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On Saturday, December 13, 2008, Harry R. Kendall Lodge No. 750 held its open Installation of Officers. A good crowd was on hand to enjoy dinner and the installation. Front row, left to right: Herb Edwards, Secretary; Ken Nichter, Senior Warden; Bruce Geoghegan, Master; and Dave Fry, Tiler; Back row: Romuel Toon, Treasurer; Ray Swanson, Senior Deacon; Paul Morris, Junior Deacon; and Marshall Geoghegan, Senior Steward. Not pictured: Jim Baber, Chaplain; and Donald Woods, Junior Warden.

Harry R. Kendall Lodge No. 750 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and are located at 7306 Fegenbush Lane. You are always welcome!

Lodge Officers for 2009 were recently installed at Freedom Lodge No. 643’s Open Installation and dinner. Officers for 2009, from left-right: Paul Davenport, Senior Deacon; Benny Decker, Treasurer; Ken Boshears, Senior Warden; Past Grand Master Percy Brown, Installing Master; Charles Sizemore, Master 2009; Stan Cornelius, Junior Warden; Ron Hutchison, Senior Steward/Ritualist; and Donnie Brake, Secretary.

Brother David Avera was recently installed as Master of Somerset Lodge No. 111. Brother Avera, a Past Master of the lodge dedicates 2009 to Brother William Scott Fountain, Senior Warden, in 2008 who suddenly passed away before accomplishing his dream of being Lodge Master. From left: Cloyd Bumbgardner, Installing Master; Joe Jasper, Installing Marshall; David Avera, Master; and John W. Johnson, DDGM District #22.

The newly elected and appointed Officers for Landmark Lodge No. 41, for 2009 are:Front, left row right: Lloyd Azridge, Installing Marshal; Charles Beagle, Chaplain; Ron Durbin, Senior Warden; Andy Dixon, Master; Harlan Walters, Junior Warden; Pete Padova, Senior Deacon; Charles Sutherland, Treasurer Emeritus; Chris Kolakowski, Past Master. Back row: Michael Ford, Secretary; Gary Finnell, Treasurer; and Michael Yount, Installing Master. Not pictured: Patrick Redding, Junior Deacon; Rob Forry, Senior Steward; Chad Stechschulte, Junior Steward; and Jon Andres, Tiler.
Burnside Lodge No. 634

Burnside Lodge No. 634 F&AM, 2009 Officers were recently installed by Grand Master Herman Forrester at an Open Installation and family dinner. Left to right, front row: Don Elmore, Senior Warden; John W. Johnson, DDGM Dist. 22; Billy Michael Taylor, Grand Senior Deacon; Most Worshipful Grand Master, Herman Forrester; Hugh Turner, Master; PGM, Percy Brown; Bobby Watt, Grand Tiler; and Mike Hill, Junior Warden. Back row: Benny Decker, Tiler; Don Price, Chaplain; Donnie Brake, Secretary; Robert Stonecipher, Treasurer; David Turner, Senior Deacon; Robert Lawson, Junior Deacon; Daniel Whitt, Junior Steward; and Vence Burke, Senior Steward.

photo by Jeremy Massengale

Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255

Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255, Officers for 2009 were recently installed at an Open Installation and dinner. Left to right, front row: Garry Patrick, Secretary; Les Singleton, Senior Warden; Dan Hamlin, Master 2009; Charles Sizemore, Junior Warden; and Ron Hellard, Treasurer. Second row: Deckard Coates, Junior Deacon; Josh Burton, Senior Deacon; Ronnie Decker, Chaplain; John Ray Jones, Senior Steward; Mark Hammond, Junior Steward; Noel Dick, Tiler; and DDGM Dist. #22, John W. Johnson. Back row: Joe Jasper, Installing Master; and Herb Stone, Marshall.

photo by Donnie Brake

Phelps Lodge No. 482

Phelps Lodge No. 482 held its Installation of Officers on December 27, 2008 St Johns Day. Brother Mark Caudill was the Installing Officer and David Haney was the Installing Marshall. Dinner was served before the Installation and was open to the families and friends of the Brothers. Left to right: Terry Kidd, Steward; David Haney, Marshall; James Hampton, Chaplain; Steve Ferrell, Treasurer; Loren Smith, Senior Warden; Chad Bailey, Senior Deacon; J. Tyler Greenhill, Master; Eddie Johnson, Junior Deacon; John "Skip" Holley, Junior Warden; Jerome Bowen, Tiler; Rick Sears, Secretary; and Albert Mabry, Steward.

Vine Grove Lodge No. 603

On December 27th, Vine Grove Lodge No. 603 held their 2009 Lodge Officers Installation. Present for the Installation were family and friends with a potluck supper supplied by Vine Grove OES Chapter 122. This years officers are left to right, front row: Jack Feemster, Treasurer; James Dean, Senior Deacon; Mike Stroud, Senior Warden; Mike Culbret, Master; Vince Winters, Junior Warden; and Warren Moore, Secretary. Second row; Rick Seekman, Chaplain; Dewy Warren, Tiler; Tim Butts, Junior Deacon; Gary Steffen, Junior Steward; and Rob Mineo, Senior Steward.

Jenkins Lodge No. 856

At a stated communication Jenkins Lodge No. 856 held an Open Installation of Officers for 2009. Pictured above are the Officers with Greg Bentley serving at Master for 2009.

Craftsman Lodge No. 722

Craftsman Lodge No. 722 recently held its Installation of Officers. Pictured, left to right, front row: Raymond Hatter, Tiler; John Sugers, Sr., Treasurer; Howard Thompson, Senior Steward; John W. Johnson, Dist. #22 DDGM; Larry Martin, Master; Tim Lawhorn, Secretary; and Donald Smithers, Chaplain. Back row: Raymond Sears, Senior Deacon; Freddy Floyd, District Committee; Bill Whitford, Junior Steward; Joe Jasper, District Committee; Darin Pratt, Senior Warden; Andy Greyolds, Junior Warden; and Charles Derring, Junior Deacon.
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Shelby Lodge No. 662

A near capacity crowd was on hand as Stephen R. Case was installed as Master of Shelby Lodge # 662. Friends, family, and Masonic visitors dined on an outstanding meal before the Installation. Visitors are always welcome. From left to right, front row: Steve Wright, PM, Trustee, Installing Marshal; Bill Vandergriff, Junior Warden; Steve Case, Master; Jeff Cozine, Senior Warden; Troy Goins, Junior Deacon; and Rick Nation, PM, Secretary, Installing Master. Second row: W. C. Goodlett, PM, Treasurer; Chris Brookshire, Senior Deacon; Daniel Marion, PM, Tiler; Mark Whittaker, PM, Chaplain, and Quinton Nation, Senior Steward. Not pictured: Ron Caughron, Junior Steward.

Hardburly Lodge No. 924

Hardburly Lodge No. 924 held its Open Installation on Saturday, December 20th. Pictured above is Master, Johnny Couch standing between Grand Senior Warden, Donald Yankey and Past Grand Master, Keith Dreier, along with his core of Officers for 2009. Past Grand Master Keith Dreier performed the Installation with Chris Stout as Marshall, Rick Nation as Secretary, and Gene Crady as Chaplain. The Lodge building was filled with visitors and guest from around the area. Many Lodges were represented, and a good time was had by all. Hardburly Lodge is located 3 mile from Hwy 550 Hardburly-Jake Branch Rd. (Hwy 1146), behind the Post Office.

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950

On Friday, January 2, 2009 John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, located in downtown Martin, Kentucky, held its Open Installation of Officers. P.G.M. Keith Dreier preformed the ceremonies, with Brother Chris Stout being the Marshall, Brother Rick Nation as Secretary, and Brother Gene Crady as Chaplain. Deput Grand Master L. Todd Eastham was on hand for the Installation. All were accompanied by their wives and introduced in the Lodge Hall before dinner. Left to right, front row: Allan Wright, Senior Warden; Mike Conley, Tiler; Bob Franklin, Senior Deacon; Virgil Isaac, Junior Warden; Dwayne Gibson, Master; Keith Dreier, PGM; L. Todd Eastham, DGM; Clifford Blanton, Treasurer; Rory Patton, Senior Steward; and John Turnley, Chaplain. Not pictured: Steve Lafferty, Secretary; Marty Tackett, Junior Deacon; and Bradford Martin, Junior Steward.

Right Angle Lodge No. 233

Right Angle Lodge No. 233, F.& A.M. recently elected and installed Officers for 2009. Left to right, front row: Robert E. Bassett, Senior Deacon; Isaiah C. Murphy, Senior Warden; William Danny King, Master; John D. Wright, Junior Warden; and Robert T. Jones, Secretary. Back row: John C. Walker, Treasurer; John T. Bunch, Chaplain; Jack O. Crouch, Marshall; Adam R. Morefield, Senior Steward; Charles W. Harrison, Junior Steward; Francis L. Murphy, Jr., Junior Past Master. Not pictured: Boyd D. Childers, Junior Deacon; and Harry L. Childers, Tiler. Installing Officers were Past Masters Robert T. Jones and John T. Bunch. Right Angle Lodge was organized in 1851.

Hood Lodge No. 839

On December 9, 2008 Hood Lodge No. 839 installed Officers for 2009. Kevin Reynolds, Master; Chris Popplewell, Senior Warden; Levi Burton, Junior Warden; Ronnie Kerr, Secretary; Jimmy Neat, Treasurer; Keith Reynolds, Senior Deacon; Kevin Burton, Junior Deacon; David Powell, Chaplain; Jeremy Burton, Senior Steward; Tommy Burton, Junior Steward; Harold Burton, Tiler; and Jody Burton, Marshall.

Jeffersontown Lodge No. 774

On Saturday, December 27th, 2008, Jeffersontown #774 F.& A.M. installed its Officers for 2009. Ill. John Moyers was the Installing Officer. In attendance were Grand Master Herman Forrester, Don Yankey, Grand Junior Warden, Billy Michael Taylor, Grand Senior Deacon, and Cecil Cassady, Grand Jr. Deacon. Left to right, front row: Cecil Cassady, Grand Junior Deacon; Don Yankey, Grand Junior Warden; Billy M. Taylor, Grand Senior Deacon; Herman Forrester, Grand Master; G. Michael Miller, Master; John Moyers, Past Grand Master-Installing Officer; John Perry, Senior Warden (Grand Chaplain); Roscoe Tidwell, Junior Steward; and Jaque King P.M., D.D.G.M. #14. Back row: Ed Bryant P.M., Treasurer; Charles O. Distler P.M., Tiler; Michael Pierce, Senior Deacon; Harold Woosley, Junior Warden; Tom Irwin P.M., Secretary; Michael Bryan P.M., Chaplain; Joe Bradburn, Senior Steward; and Brian Tucker, Junior Deacon.
Columbia Lodge No. 96 – Raises Four Master Masons

On December 18, 2008 Columbia Lodge No. 96 raised four Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Pictured, left to right: John W. Johnson, DDGM Dist. #22; Chris Coomer, Master; Bill Hart, DDGM, Dist. 11; Brothers Brandon Lewis; Matt Leverage; Bernie Dunn and Trent Taylor, Newly Raised Master Masons; and Bobby Watts, Grand Tiler. Congratulations!

Robert M. Sirkle Lodge No. 954 – Raises Three Master Masons

Robert M. Sirkle Lodge No. 954 recently raised three brothers to the Degree of Master Mason. Left to right: Michael Cox; Johnathon Hensler; and Shane Tucker.

Thanks to the outstanding job done by Legend Captain R.L. Trent, Congratulations to the three newly raised Brothers and all who participated in the excellent work.

YORK RITE-KOSAIR SHRINE
UNITY CLASS
An exciting opportunity to advance Freemasonry is occurring on July 18, 2009. A Master Mason may become a York Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine on the same day in the William Ryan York Rite / Shrine Unity Class.

Making this special event known to all Master Masons is vital to its success. You can help. The Masonic Home Journal will publicize information and materials about the day. We need volunteer financial supporters to help make the event and its’ publicity to Master Masons effective. Brothers, any financial gift can help.

Gifts of $100 or more will receive recognition as part of the special event. Gifts of $1,000 or more are especially valued.

We also solicit your participation as candidate, participant in the work, or sideliner.

All donations should be mailed to William F. Lile at 12017 Halifax Dr., Louisville, Kentucky 40245. These donations must indicate they are for the York Rite - Shrine 2009 Unity Class.

P.S. Your generous support will help to bring the light of Freemasonry to more good men.

Fraternally...

RALEIGH FOSTER
Grand Commander

JEFF RICHIE
Grand High Priest

HERMAN FORRESTER
Grand Master

ED BURTON
Illustrious Grand Master

RANDY COE
Potentate

Bush Lodge No. 703
Fred Williams - 60 Years Service

Fred Williams of Bush Lodge No. 703 Lida, Kentucky, receiving his 60 Year Service Pin on August 6, 2008. Fred was Past Master of Bush Lodge in 1954 and 1984. In attendance that day, in the photo were Grandson and Jr. Warden Brother Tim Williams, also Great Grandson and new Master Mason of Bush Lodge, Reed Williams, and Master Gary N. Fleming. Brother Williams past from this life August 22, 2008 to the “Great Architect of the Universe”. Everyone who knew him, especially Bush Lodge, will miss him greatly.

Loyal Lodge No. 930
Service Pin Awards

On August 9, 2008 Loyal Lodge 930 held a dinner to honor three Brothers who received their Service Pins. Front row: Rev. John D. Lambert-60 Years; Julian Welch-40 Years; Ulyss Fisher-50 Years. Back row: Daniel B. Williams, Secretary; Christopher B. Williams, Master; and William J. Baker, Treasurer.

Hazel Creek No. 842
50 Year Service Award

Brother Kenneth Abbott (left), was presented his 50 Year Service Pin and Gold Card by Brother Ronnie Whitney (right), Secretary of Hazel Creek Lodge.
The New Year brought new leadership to the Masonic Home of Louisville, with Lori A. Hess joining the team as executive director and administrator. Hess brings more than a decade of long-term care experience, previously serving as administrator of Regency Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Her career also includes serving as assistant administrator as well as work in admissions, social services and activities. Hess holds a bachelor’s degree in social work from the University of Southern Indiana.

The search for a new executive director created an opportunity to promote two Louisville staffers to round out the Home’s management team. Bill Grenier has been promoted to assistant administrator, and Dana Mahan has been named director of nursing. Grenier has been the Home’s DON since 2004, beginning his career in long-term care 15 years ago as a CNA. A registered nurse, Grenier holds a BSN degree from Indiana Wesleyan University and was named DON of the year in 2007 by KAHSA and KAHCF. Mahan has spent 15 of her 16 years in nursing at the Masonic Home, growing from an LPN working on the floor to serving as assistant director of nursing and director of educational development. She was instrumental in creating the Home’s Associate of the Month Program and has taught clinical nursing for Jefferson Community College, where she completed the RN program in 1999.

“Lori, Bill and Dana are committed to person-centered care, customer service and employee satisfaction,” said CEO Gary Marsh. “Their professionalism and creativity will truly make a difference for our residents, their families and our employees.”

Great Day of Service is April 18th

BY NEAL HARMON (124/54), DISTRICT #16 AMBASSADOR

As this year’s Great Day of Service approaches, I can’t help but reflect on last year’s workday on the Louisville campus. It was a wonderful chance to work with brothers from my district and across the state, and with MHKY residents and employees. We had a lot of fun while doing a service for the charity of Kentucky Masons.

I’m proud of the 20+ brothers from my District who spent a beautiful spring day serving our Fraternity and the Homes. Many were new brothers who got to see first-hand what Freemasonry in Kentucky has built—our Homes.

As we spread mulch, planted flowers and trimmed hedges, we gained experience in Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the most important tenets of our brotherhood. We completed the work before noon, showing what we could accomplish together. As with all things in Masonry, you get out of it what you put into it. This is definitely so with the Great Day of Service.

I encourage every Kentucky Mason to participate in the 2009 Day of Service. Bring friends, family members and potential Masons—there is enough work for everyone on the Louisville and Shelbyville campuses. My goal is to double the number of volunteers from District #16, and I would love to see an army of Masons and friends descend on the Homes to lend a hand. Contact your District Ambassador or your DDGM for more information.
Couple celebrates 50-year anniversary

Winston and Ruth Wilson met at Kroger where Ruth was a cashier and Winston was her bagger. “She could scan 10 items in the time other girls could scan one,” Mr. Wilson recalled.

Their friendship continued during Mr. Wilson’s tour in the U.S. Navy. When he returned two years later, Mr. Wilson proposed and on November 24, 1958, they were married.

Today, the Wilsons live in the Louisville Personal Care Center. Mr. Wilson, a member of Plumb No. 862 and Valley No. 511, could not be happier with the accommodations.

“If there is one thing I could let my Masonic brothers know is that this is the best place I have ever been,” Mr. Wilson said. “I started out at the VA, and it does not even compare with the Home. We’re so glad to be here.”

An attitude of gratitude

BY BRUCE LOTT, SR. VP MISSION ADVANCEMENT & CDO

As I write this letter, I have returned to the office after taking some time away to relax and celebrate the absolute joy of the season with friends and family. A change of pace and place almost magically refreshes and renews in many ways, including the realization that we have so much in life for which to be thankful.

During my time working with the Homes, I have repeatedly experienced the generosity of each of you who have made supporting the Homes, the charity of Masonry, a priority in your life. It’s a great feeling to see so many in the Craft demonstrate that part of their obligation by giving of their time, talents and treasure.

By the time you read this article, we will be well into the New Year…a year of promise and opportunities to make Masonry as good as it can be, and the privilege of helping care for those we serve at your Masonic Homes. Our hope is that each of you will continue what you have started.

May 2009 be a year of great joy and success for you and yours. It all begins with an attitude of gratitude.

Worth a thousand words

Above: Masonic Home of Shelbyville staff made sure residents and their families enjoyed holiday celebrations at the Home.

Right: Jane Johnson and Eunice Walker welcomed 2009 at the Louisville Personal Care Center New Year’s party.
February, 2009

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2009 OFFICERS
Gasper River Lodge No. 391

Following a delicious potluck dinner with chicken and dumplings, Gasper River No. 391 held its annual Installation of Officers with Most Worshipful Grand Master Herman Forrester as Installing Officer on Saturday, December 20, 2008. This is the home Lodge of the Grand Master, who was Master of this Lodge in 1976. This was an Open Installation with approximately 30 men and women present. Left to right, front row: Brandon Boone, Junior Deacon; Shaun Gipson, Tiler; Mike Taylor, Grand Senior Deacon; Terry Smotherman, Senior Warden; Herman Forrester, Most Worshipful Grand Master; Sammy Romines, Master; Bobby Watts, Grand Tiler; Dan Gipson, Treasurer; and Vern Wolf, Marshall. Second Row: James Stamps, Junior Stewart; Kenneth Gipson, Junior Warden; Ron Wolf, Senior Warden; Mike Manning, Chaplain; Dean Gipson, Secretary; and Kory Gipson; Junior Warden.

2009 TENTATIVE DISTRICT MEETING DATES
With time and location being announced in the Masonic Home Journal

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BY-LAWS

BEAR WALLOW LODGE NO. 231

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Bear Wallow Lodge No. 231 will vote to change its By-Laws. All members are strongly urged to attend.

HINDMAN LODGE NO. 689

At the stated meeting of Hindman Lodge No. 689 on December 1, 2008, a motion was made and agreed upon by those present to make an amendment to the By-Laws of the Lodge to change the date of our stated meetings from the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month to the 3rd Monday of each month. At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, a vote will be taken on the amendment to the By-Laws.

REEDYVILLE LODGE NO. 438

Reedyville Lodge No. 438 will vote to change their meeting night from the 4th Monday to the 2nd Saturday at the first stated meeting, in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal.

NOTICE

IRVINE LODGE NO. 137

At its regular stated meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009, Irvine Lodge No. 137 will hold an election for the office of Master, and any other office that may become vacant at that time. All members are urged to attend.

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WESDIE LEE WEBB
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2  Insp. - New Salem # 38, Dist. 10
3  Insp. - Park City # 128, Dist. 10
4  Insp. - Drake # 508, Dist. 10
5  CV - Drakesboro # 489, Dist. 14
7  District 9 Visionquest @ Columbia
   Insp. - Adair # 435, Dist. 9
9  Insp. - Greensburg # 232, Dist. 9
10  Valentine Party @ OES Home
14  District 18 School @ Paducah
   Insp. - Clara Henrich # 424, Dist. 18
16  Insp. - Grahamsville # 494, Dist. 18
17  Insp. - Esther # 5, Dist. 18
18  Insp. - Bardwell # 485, Dist. 18
21  District 2 School @ Lexington
   Insp. - Henry Clay # 398, Dist. 2
23  Insp. - Rising Star # 115, Dist. 2
24  Insp. - Mt. Sterling # 464, Dist. 2
25  Insp. - Richmond # 438, Dist. 2
28  District 20 School @ Glasgow
   CV - Glasgow # 257, Dist. 20

R. Howard Major, 32º KCCH
Mt. Gilead No. 255 – Christmas Outreach

The Brethren of Mt. Gilead No. 255 lodge prepared fruit baskets and presented them to residents of Hilltop Nursing Home and the Lodge's widows. From left are Garry Patrick, Chaplain; Claude Spaw, Steward; Lodge Master Eddie Jernigan; Ron Hellard, Treasurer; Noel Dick, Tiler; and Dan Hamlin, Senior Warden.

Sievers Lodge No. 491 – Family Services

The Brothers of Mt. Gilead Lodge also presented 34 Kmart Gift Cards to the deserving children at Science Hill Independent schools. The Lodge Brethren reminded all the true meaning of Christmas.

Burnside Lodge No. 634 – Hospice Donation

At a recent Burnside Elementary PTA meeting Burnside Lodge #634 members presented a $700 check for the school’s Angel Fund program. The program benefits needy children with school supplies, clothes and food for them and their families. Burnside Lodge came on board a few years ago and the money raised has increased each successive year. Pictured, left to right: BES principal, April Mounce; Kristie Hutchison; Brother Ron Hutchison; Master, John Gallagher; and Jill Goff, Family Resource Center Coordinator.

Miles Lodge No. 341 – Christmas Party

On December 10, 2008, Miles Lodge 341 held its annual Children's Christmas Party for the children in the community. Several of the children from the local churches performed a Christmas program for those in attendance. As you can tell from the photo above, the Children were not the only ones who enjoyed the events of the evening. Master David Murphy, received a gift from Santa for being a good boy this past year as well as an excellent Master.

Thanks to everyone, including Barker Chapter #79 OES for helping make this event possible for the children of the community.

Hospice of Lake Cumberland was recently presented a check by Burnside Lodge #634. Laura Kamperman, Director of Community Relations for Hospice receives the check from 2008 Lodge Master John Gallagher (left) and Hugh Turner, 2009 Master.
Clarence E. Ball
Harlan Lodge No. 879 – Harlan, Kentucky
WHEREAS, once again a Brother Mason, Companion and Knight has completed the designs written for him on the trestle board of life and having been called by the Grand Master of the Universe from the door to the eternal reward; and
WHEREAS, Harlan Lodge No. 879 F&AM, Harlan Chapter #165 RAM, Harlan Council #91 R&SM, and Duffield Commandery #42 KT, has lost a faithful Brother; and
WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of Kentucky R&SM has lost a distinguished Most Illustrious Grand Master from 1960, be it therefore
RESOLVED, that in the passing of Brother Clarence E. Ball who was faithful to God, the family has lost a beloved member, the fraternity a true and upright man and Mason, and the community a valuable citizen of high esteem; be it further
RESOLVED, that we extend to the family our deepest sympathy and commend the bereaved hearts to Almighty God, who brings peace to the troubled heart; be it further
RESOLVED, that the Charters of Harlan Lodge No. 879 and Harlan York Rite Bodies be draped in mourning for thirty days, a copy of these Resolutions be sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication, a copy sent to the family of Brother Ball and a copy be spread on the minute books of the Lodge and the York Rite Bodies in his memory.

Thomas Linvellie Branscum
Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874 – Pine Knot, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Thomas Linvellie Branscum who died November 1st, 2008.
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 Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874 F&AM in testimony of her 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.

Milford B. Creekmore, Sec.
James Earl Coin
Liveore Lodge No. 180 – Liveore, Kentucky
In memory of Brother James Earl Coin who died December 20th, 2008.
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 Liveore Lodge No. 186 F&AM in testimony of her 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. Millan, Master; Wallace R. Wigginton, Sec.

John M. Conlee
Landmark Lodge No. 41 – Versailles, Kentucky
In memory of Brother John M. Conlee who died December 29th, 2008.
WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call our Brother John M. Conlee to lay down his working tools of a busy life and join Him in eternal life in Heaven; and
WHEREAS, with Brother Conlee’s passing, his family has lost a beloved Husband and Father, the Fraternity a true and upright man and Mason, and the community a valued civic leader; and
WHEREAS, he having been a true and faithful Brother of our Fraternity for over forty-two years; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the family is extended our heartfelt sympathy and that the Charter of Landmark Lodge No. 41 be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days as a sign of respect; and be it finally
RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is hereby tendered to the family this fifth day of January, 2009, a copy be placed in the minutes of the Lodge, and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication.

Andy Dixon, Master; Michael Ford, Sec.

Dan G. Cornelius
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 these Resolutions 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 for publication.

Ed Hudson, Jim Hogue, Tommy Hurst
Hershell Gayle Ellis
Elkfork Lodge No. 755 – Elamton, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Hershell Gayle Ellis who died October 29th, 2008.
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 Elkfork Lodge No. 755 F&AM, Elamton, Kentucky in testimony of her 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.

Jerry Haney, James Easterling, Buford Littler
Orrvill Clay Fraley
Plephs Lodge No. 482 – Farmers, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Orrvill Clay Fraley, who passed away on September 2nd, 2008.
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 Celestial Lodge to that house not made by hands, but eternal in the Heavens.
WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call our Brother Fraley to lay down his working tools of life and to join Him in eternal life in Heaven.
WHEREAS, we have lost a faithful Brother, whose smile and laughter will now brighten the skies of Heaven, but whose memory will be treasured by us always, so be it
RESOLVED, the family be extended our heartfelt sympathy, and that the Charter of Plephs Lodge No. 482 be draped for thirty days, a copy placed in the minutes of the Lodge and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication.

Rick Sears, Sec.

John William Garner
Sievers Lodge No. 491 – Nancy, Kentucky
In memory of Brother John William Garner, who passed from this life on December 13th, 2008.
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; and
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 Sievers Lodge No. 491 F&AM of Nancy, Kentucky be draped for thirty days in testimony of our loss, and we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere and merciful Master of the Universe, 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 sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication.

Ray M. Watson, Master; Dan Sanger, Sec.

William David Hasank
Florence Lodge No. 499 – Florence, Kentucky
In memory of Brother William David Hasank, a 37-year member of Florence Masonic Lodge who passed away on December 5th, 2008 to that Celestial Lodge on High.
WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to unto Himself the Spirit of our deceased Brother; be it RESOLVED, that in his death the family has lost a true and worthy father and husband, the Fraternity an honorable and upright man and Mason and the community a valued citizen and leader; be it further
RESOLVED, that Florence Lodge No. 499 F&AM extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy and commend them to the One on High who brings peace and comfort to troubled hearts; be it further
RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution of Respect be sent to the family and a copy be spread on the minutes of the Lodge as a permanent record.

Mark K. Overstreet, Master; Michael D. Hon, SW; Albert R. Warner, SR.

Charles Eugene Jenkins, Jr.
Neel Lodge No. 833 – Drake, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Charles Eugene Jenkins, Jr., a true and faithful Brother for 29-years, who passed from this life on earth on December 11th, 2008 to that Greatest Lodge on High.
WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call our Brother from labor here on earth to that Grand Lodge on High; let it be
RESOLVED, that in his death we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends and direct them for comfort and consolation to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication, and a copy to be spread on the minutes of the Lodge.

Jason L. Holcomb, Master; Joe W. Wheelet, SR., Sec.

Roland Pichard
Apperson Lodge No. 195 – Louisa, Kentucky
WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment on December 26th, 2008 our beloved and respected Brother Roland Pichard, so 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, of Louisa, Kentucky be draped in mourning for thirty days; also be it
RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his family, a copy be spread on the minutes of this Lodge in his memory, and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication.

James R. Mullins, Sec.

Homer Short
Apperson Lodge No. 195 – Louisa, Kentucky
WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment on December 16th, 2008 our beloved and respected Brother Homer Short; so 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, of Louisa, Kentucky be draped in mourning for thirty days; also be it
RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to his family, a copy be spread on the minutes of this Lodge in his memory, and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication.

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Thursday, December 27, 2008 Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375 installed Officers for 2009. Left to right, front row: Chester Adkins, Senior Deacon; Jim Slusher, Treasurer; Neil McQuire, Junior Steward; Ronnie Williamson, Senior Steward; and Eddy Overstreet, Chaplain. Second row: Tim Layne, Junior Deacon; Darrel Brooks, Senior Warden; David Ratliff, Master; James Adkins, Junior Warden; Bob Staton, Secretary; and Gene Brooks, Tiler.

Officers for 2009 of Bailey-Onton Lodge # 538 were installed on December 27, 2008. Officers from left to right are: Ed Lambdin, Junior Steward; Freddie Preston, Chaplain; Kent Preston, Senior Steward; James Gish, Junior Warden; Robert Forker, Master; David Sutton, Senior Warden; Tom Raleigh, Treasurer; Bill Miller Junior Deacon; Isham Sellers, II, Secretary; and Anthony Blue, Tiler. Not pictured: Mark Moser, Senior Deacon. The O.E.S. prepared a great dinner for the members, their guests of oysters and ham, with many side dishes. After dinner, the stations were filled by an Open Installation.