Will Your Lodge Be Ready?

With the change in our Constitution allowing 18 year olds to now join our Fraternity, one question faces our Lodges today. Will your Lodge be ready for this newer generation?

Our Masonic principles will more than pass the test, but our lodges will be faced with the challenge of providing programs and activities to involve this younger generation. As younger men knock upon our doors of admission, we need to ask them what it is they are seeking, and find ways to keep these younger men active once they come into our lodges.

We as Masons now have a great opportunity to be an important part in a young man’s life. With opportunity comes responsibility. And our responsibility as a Lodge is to make sure that we are ready.

March & April District Meetings

Bobby Danner
D.D.G.M. - 29
March 28 - District 29/30
Bobby Danner D.D.G.M. 29
Silas Whitehead D.D.G.M. 30
The annual meeting of District 29 & 30 will be combined and held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Perry Co. Central High School, Hazard, Kentucky.
Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. (est) for Master Masons and their ladies. Meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m. Brother Gerald Slone will perform a magic show for the ladies & children.
Directions: North; turn right onto ramp from KY 15, turn right onto KY 550 (Old KY 80), School is across bridge. South; turn right off KY 15, travel through Perry Co. Park to School.

Gary N. Fleming
D.D.G.M. - 25
March 28 - District 25/26
Gary N. Fleming D.D.G.M. 25
Luther Muncy D.D.G.M. 26
The annual meeting of District 25 & 26 will be combined and held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at North Laurel High School, 1300 E. Daniel Boone Parkway.
Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. for Master Masons only. Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.
Directions: Traveling South on 75, take exit 41, turn left, go 5 red lights on Hal Rogers/Daniel Boone Parkway, turn left arriving at school. Traveling North on 75, take exit 41, turn right, go 4 red lights, school is on your left. Traveling from Hazard/Hyden/Manchester, when you get to London, continueon Hal Rodgers Parkway, go to 2 red light and school is on your right.

Barker Lodge No. 129 – Christmas Party

On December 20, 2008, Barker Lodge No. 129 Lodge held its annual Christmas Party for the children of West Point. Seventy children, along with thirty adults enjoyed fruit, hot-dog’s, and a special visit from Santa who brought each child a toy.
One of our most senior kids (85-years young) John Jolley, Sr., is pictured explaining to Santa the size of the fish he hopes to catch with the fishing pole that Santa will bring.

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March & April District Meetings

Michael Terry
D.D.G.M. - 1
April 4 - District 1
Michael Terry D.D.G.M. 1
The annual meeting of District 1 will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Bardwell Lodge No. 499, Bardwell, Kentucky.
Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. (cst) for Master Masons only. Meeting to follow at 12:00 p.m.
Directions: Lodge is located on Highway 51 south of Bardwell, on the left in front of the fire station on Masonic Drive.

Darren C. Moore
D.D.G.M. - 2
April 4 - District 2
Darren C. Moore D.D.G.M. 2
The annual meeting of District 1 will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Marshall Co. High School, Marshall, Kentucky.
Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m. (cst) for Master Masons and their ladies. Meeting to follow meal.
Directions: Marshall Co. High School, 416 High School Road, Benton, Kentucky 42025.

Corydon Lodge No. 799 Celebrates 100th Anniversary

On Friday, October 28, 2008, Corydon Lodge No. 799 celebrated its 100th Anniversary. About ninety guests were present. Dinner was served and followed by an meeting open to the public. Henderson County Sheriff Ed Brady gave a very uplifting talk on the historic changes over the last 100 years. The Lodge received a letter of congratulations from State Senator Dorsey Ridley and a Certificate of Proclamation from Henderson County Judge Sandy Watkins, proclaiming that day as Corydon Masonic Lodge No. 799 Day.
The Grand Lodge Officers were given Honorary Memberships to the Lodge. Pictured, left to right, front row: John Perry, Grand Chaplain; J. Husk, Assistant Grand Tiler; Bobby Watt, Grand Tiler; Billy Taylor, Grand Senior Deacon; Jeff Walker, Master; Herman Forrester, Grand Master; Don Yankey, Grand Senior Warden; and Jack Hodges, Past Grand Master. Second row: David Skagg, Junior Deacon; Wayne Kellen, Senior Warden; Steve McLaughlin, Senior Deacon; Jim Heisler, Junior Steward; Scott Preston, Treasurer; Don House, Chaplain; John Allee, Senior Steward; Al Cummins; Jerry Horton, Junior Warden. Also present were past and present DDGM's; Keepers of the Works Committee and appointed dignitaries. Brother Ed Anderson of the Grand Lodge Publicity Committee was on hand to record the evening’s event in pictures. A great time was had by all!

Henderson Masonic Lodges Feed Ice Storm Linemen

The Masonic Lodges in Henderson, got together on February 6, 2009 and served the good linemen from in and out of our State a complete meal. They had been working for over a week trying to get power back on in Western Kentucky. Chicken Breasts, green beans, mashed potatoes, cooked apples, and rolls were served, along with cakes baked by one of our ladies, apple and cherry cobbler, and cookies. Over 120 of the people at Kenergy Corp. were served.
Following the storm created by Ike, there were 200 poles down. In the aftermath of this ice storm more than 2,500 poles were down. Many of the line-man said they had served following Hurricanes and Tornados but had never seen the devastation that we have here. These people worked daylight to dark helping the people of Kentucky and this was an honor for the Masons to come together and serve them for this one night.

Harry R. Kendall Lodge No. 750 Master Ritualist Award

Grand Senior Warden, Donald H. Yankey (right) presented Brother Herb Edwards PM the prestigious Master Ritualist pin on January 13, 2009.
Harry R Kendall Lodge No. 750 is used to having Grand Senior Warden Donald Yankey visit the Lodge, but on this night, he was there to pay a special tribute to Brother Herb Edwards, PM. Brother Herb was honored as the first recipient in the State of Kentucky to receive the Master Ritualist Pin.
In his acceptance speech, he mentioned that when he got into Masonry, he was inspired by two “old” men who put on the degree work. “I was amazed that a 92 year old man could know so much.” He vowed at that point to be as good as they were.
Brother Herb has done degree work for several lodges across the state over the years, and is recognized as the man to call if you have any questions about it. A Brother is quoted as saying, “You can follow along word for word in the Monitor, and it is truly amazing.”
The Ritualist is a new program under the Grand Lodge which is designed to develop Ritualists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. By providing a level of Excellency in the conferral of our work and opening lodges. (There are three levels of achievement, and the achievement of the award of Master Ritualist would be comparable to the prestigious Honor of being invested with the 33º Degree or KCCH.)
By the time this issue of the Masonic Home Journal is delivered the first of the District Meetings, will be upon us, with several more to follow during the remainder of the month. The line Officers along with the Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge within the District should attend the meeting. Other Lodge members who aspire to an office in the Lodge should, also attend; for they can learn much that will be helpful to them should they succeed and become Lodge Officers.

There is much to learn—both good and bad—from the experience of others and there is no sense in reinventing the wheel each year when it concerns Lodge leadership and the needs of the Fraternity. Well informed and knowledgeable Officers at the Lodge level is bad—from the experience of others and there and appointed Grand Lodge Officers of any jurisdiction are only the visual examples of the combined health and strength of the Lodges within that jurisdiction.

Consequently, somewhere along the line in seeking equilibrium, each Grand Lodge will reach a point of diminishing returns where the weakest Lodges overcome the effort of the more successful Lodges, and the Fraternity as a whole suffers as the result. Therefore, each Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky—each officer and certainly, each member should no, must make their best efforts to insure that the Lodge of which they are a member, strives to the utmost to be on the positive side of the equation so as not to detract from the efforts of others.

So make sure you are on the right team to move your Lodge forward and not one for whom some Brother has to carry part of his load.

MASONIC DIRECTORY

Lodge Secretaries, you should soon receive a Masonic Directory for your use. Additional Directories may be purchased from the Grand Lodge Office at cost plus mailing charges.

Again this year several Lodges that failed to submit the list of Officers elected and appointed will not be listed in the Directory, and several others were late in submitting the list. This oversight on the part of those Lodges makes the Directory late in completion and less useful to those who may wish to visit or contact those Lodges not listed than it would be otherwise.

Each year it is my hope that we can have all Lodges report the newly elected and appointed Officers prior to January 10 and have 100% of the Lodges included in the Directory. Again, this year we didn’t make it—Maybe next year!!!

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

In years past you received your activity summary in March. However, as you know, we are in the process of moving to a new system. All the activity for your lodge has been put in the new system and we are in the process of creating a report. It will “look” differently than ones you have received in the past and you may receive it later than usual. When you do receive it you should carefully review this report and compare it with your records and report any discrepancies to the Grand Lodge Office immediately. It is very important that our records match your Lodge records, so please review this report in detail.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“Character is much easier kept than recovered”

—THOMAS PAINE
On December 15, 2008 Brother Allen D. Butts Sr., was installed as the Master for 2009. Brother Butts and the other officers were installed by Brother James B. Wall and Brother George Ahart. The installation was proceeded by a family dinner complete with Santa visiting. Grand Senior Warden, Don Yankey and Grand Junior Warden, Terry Bowman were also in attendance. Officers for 2009: Alan D. Butts, Jr., Senior Warden; Joseph Scriber, Junior Warden; B.J. Anderson, Treasurer; Bob Bracy, Secretary; Larry Gritton, Chaplain; John Green, Senior Deacon; Victor Bruce, Junior Deacon; Randy Angel, Sr., Senior Steward; Dave Diersing, Junior Steward; Patrick Parks, Tiler.

The Officers of B.R. Young Lodge No. 132 for 2009 were installed by C. Frye Haley Past Masters Association on December 16, 2008. Pictured, left to right, first row: Paul Amos, Junior Steward; Chester Knight, Marshal; John Teegarden, Installing Officer; Jerry Hummel, Installing Marshal; Jesse Sims, Junior Warden; Bill Gehr, Chaplain; Everett Hallisy, Secretary; Joe Barany, Treasurer; and Paul Withington, Senior Steward. Second row: Heath Seymour, Junior Deacon; Chester Knight Jr., Master; Clayton Bastian, Senior Warden; Greg Dearborn, Tiler; and Russell Healey, Senior Deacon, not pictured.

The C. Frye Haley Past Masters Association on December 27, 2008 installed the Officers for Custer Lodge for 2009. Pictured, left to right, first row: Lavon Odell, Marshal; David Katz, Senior Steward; Dale Wood, Junior Senior; and Bob Denny, Chaplain. Second row: John Lord, Senior Warden; Jessie Shaw, Senior Deacon; Gary Lake, Junior Deacon; Delbert Kasey, Treasurer; and Ronnie G. Bell, Past Grand Master. Third row: John Teegarden, Installing Officer; Stanley Rhodes, Master; and Jerry Hummel, Installing Master. Not pictured: Charles Ebel, Secretary; Roger Ewing, Junior Warden and Charles Carman, Tiler.

On December 7, 2008, Pleasureville Lodge No. 410 held an Open Installation of Officers for 2009. Pictured, left to right: Elmer Thompson, Tiler; Bob Wolf, Junior Deacon; William Robertson, Senior Warden; Ben Spencer, Master; Charles Corolla, Junior Warden; Brad Steverson, Treasurer; Danny Enderis, Secretary; and Bill Jackson, DDGM-17.

Sievers Lodge No. 491

On January 3, 2009. Officers for 2009, left to right, front row: Lennis Rice, Treasurer; Glen Blevins, Senior Warden; Jeremy Puckett, Master; Mike Smith, Junior Warden; Dan Sanger, Secretary; and Jack Perry, Senior Steward. Second row: Joe Jasper, Installing Officer; Mike Grigsby, Senior Deacon; Randy Smith, Chaplain; Homer Davis, Junior Deacon; and Oscar Sandfur, Junior Deacon, not pictured.
On January 10, 2009 W. G. Simpson Lodge No. 472 held an annual installation of Officers. Pictured, left to right, front row: Tom Larimore, Grand Treasurer; Forrest “Frosty” Cardwell, Treasurer; Brett Brocksmith, Junior Warden; Bill Jackson, Master; Jacob Coley, Senior Warden; Gary Coley, Junior Deacon; Dallas Cohorn, Tiler; Joseph R. Conway, Grand Secretary; and Donald H. Yankee, Grand Senior Warden. Second row: Roger Barnett, Past Grand Master; Nathan Cook, Senior Deacon; William Cannon III, Senior Steward; Kermit Vermillion, Junior Steward; Sherman “Butch” Landrum, Secretary; and John Feamster, Assistant Secretary.

The Brothers of Richmond Lodge No. 25 elected and installed their Officers for 2009 at their stated communication on Tuesday, December 23, 2008. The Installing Officer was F. David Saylor assisted by Philip Seyfrit, both Past Masters of Richmond Lodge. Pictured, left to right, front row: Bruce Begley, Senior Deacon; David Jones, Senior Warden; Mark Morrow, Master; and John Wright, Junior Warden. Second row: David Aines, Tiler; Jason Storm, Senior Steward; Eugene Barnes, Chaplain; F. David Saylor, Treasurer; and Philip Seyfrit, Secretary. Not pictured: Gregory Tucker, Junior Steward; Arthur Ray, Junior Deacon; and Willard Reardon, Marshal.

On January 3, 2009 Bewleyville Lodge No. 228 F&AM held an Open Installation of Officers for 2009 on December 13, 2008. Guests included wives, friends and Brothers not only of Bewleyville Lodge but sister Lodges of Breckenridge County. Refreshments followed and good fellowship was had by all. The Installing Master was Past Grand Master Ronnie Bell of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Pictured, left to right, front row: Edward Adkisson, Chaplain; Glenn Hooks, Senior Warden; Richard Myldy, Master; Randall McCoy, Junior Warden; and Thomas Stith, Junior Steward. Second row: Kim Ashley, Treasurer; Keith Horner, Tiler; Gene Upchurch, Junior Deacon; David McCoy, Secretary; Robert Triplett, Marshal; James Griffin, Senior Deacon; and Grand Past Master Ronnie Bell, Installing Master.

On January 10, 2009 Officers were installed by Grand Master Herman Forrester. Front row, left to right: Josh Hinkle, Senior Warden; Chris West, Master; Rodney Lovern, Tiler; and Tilden Ellis, Secr. Second row: Keith Crum, Senior Steward; Giles Lovern, Senior Deacon; and Randy Rice, Chaplain. Third row: Kevin Web, Junior Warden; Kevin Crum, Junior Steward; Tom Hyden, Treasurer; and John Vanover, Junior Deacon.

Latonia Lodge No. 746 Officers were installed on December 18, 2008 at an Open Installation with Steve Belmont as the Installing Officer. Pictured, left to right, front row: Charles Yocom, Master. Second row: Roy McCoy, Installing Marshal; Chris Oaks, Senior Deacon; Tom Roundtree, Senior Warden; Lee Onkst, Junior Steward; Steve Belmont, Chaplain; Al Brock, Tiler; and George McCain, Junior Warden. Third row: Brian Bode, Treasurer; Phillip Saylor, Senior Steward; Robert Cooper, Assistant Secretary; and Vern Gregory, Secretary. Not pictured: John Furnier, Junior Deacon.

On Monday January 12, 2009, Ronnie Beck was installed as Master of Central Lodge No. 673 in Central City Kentucky. Front row, left to right: Bennie Stollings, Treasurer; Mack Scott, Junior Warden; Ronnie Beck, Master; James Blankenship, Senior Warden; Keith Tabb, Secretary; and Jerry Beck, Chaplain. Back row: Alan Knight, Tiler; Camron Laycock, Junior Deacon; Bradley Tabb, Senior Deacon; Walter Harper, Installing Marshal; and Roger Barnett, PGM, Installing Master. Brother Beck would like to thank everyone for coming out on this evening and making this a memorable evening for Central Lodge No. 673.
Suburban Lodge No. 740 held their Installation of Officers Friday, January 2, 2009. Pictured, front row, from left to right: John Perry, Grand Chaplain; Clinton Carrier, Junior Warden; Herman Forrester, Grand Master; Mark Galloway, Master; Don Yankey, Grand Senior Warden; Steve Tollefson, Senior Warden; Cecil Cassady, Grand Junior Deacon. Second row: Darrell R. Vires, Grand Marshal; Terry L. Bowman, Grand Junior Warden; Bobby Watts, Grand Tiler; Jack Riddle, Junior Deacon. Third row: Jack Flamm, Chaplain; Pat Boone, Senior Steward; Jon Elbert, Tiler; Jonathan Treadway, Senior Deacon; Mike Shuffit, Tiler; Dave Short, Junior Steward. A delicious meal of ham and all the fixins was provided by Southern Star Social Club. The meal was served by the young ladies of Lorraine Assembly and the young men of Cherokee DeMolay.

Pitman Lodge No. 124 recently held their Installation of Officers for 2009. Newly installed: Chris Kidwell, Master; Neil Harmon, Senior Warden; Steve Russell, Junior Warden; Kenneth Adams, Secretary; Frank Kidwell, Treasurer; David Cowherd, Senior Deacon; Terry Hayes, Junior Deacon; Greg Williams, Senior Steward; Roscoe Bowen, Junior Steward; Bobby Baker, Marshal; Gary Hunt, Tiler; Howard Asa, Chaplain; Bill Phillips standing in as Chaplain; Jackie Davidson, Newly Raised Brother; Joseph R. Conway, Grand Secretary and Installing Officer.

The newly elected and appointed Officers for Buford Lodge No. 494 F&A M. Midway, Kentucky for 2009 are: Front row, left to right: Doyle Rambo, Installing Officer; Robert Russell Tutty, Senior Deacon; Nathan Craig, Senior Warden; Ray Duncan, Master; Neil Craig, Junior Warden; and Herman Pittman, Junior Steward. Back row: Larry Wilson, Treasurer; Joe Brown III, Tiler; David Jefferson, Junior Deacon; Troy Ballard, Installing Marshal; Art Craig, Chaplain; Charles Beagle, Secretary; and Billy McDaniel, Senior Steward.

On January 16, 2009 at Sharpe, Kentucky, there was a lot of excitement in the air. Grand Master Herman Forrester and his Grand Lodge Officers arrived at Doric Lodge No. 737 to install James Peeler (center) as Master and his Officers at an open installation. Others in attendance were Past Grand Masters, Committeeen, District Deputies, Masonic Homes Ambassadors, Representatives, and Members of the Board of Directors. Some attending had driven over 400 miles to be there. There was barely enough room to bring the Officers west of the altar for installation. Before the Installation, there was a wonderful meal prepared by the members and their wives. Wonderful food, lots of fun, and great fellowship was had by all.

Master James Peeler stressed the importance of working together and what a lodge can accomplish when they set out to do a job. The entire Lodge wants to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for coming and making the installation a very memorable one.

Monticello Lodge No. 431 Officers for 2009 were recently installed by Most Worshipful Grand Master Herman Forrester in an open ceremony. Front row left to right: Grand Chaplain John R. Perry; Grand Senior Deacon Billy Michael Taylor; Grand Senior Warden Donald Yankey; D J Hewing, Senior Warden; Kenny Criswell, Master; Robbie May, Junior Warden; Grand Master Herman Forrester; Rev. Thomas Dicken, Past Grand Master, Chairman Grand Lodge Religious Relations; and Bobby Watts Grand Tiler. Back row: Jeremy Massengale, Secretary; Keith Gifford, Senior Deacon; Bob Gregory, Tiler; Ed Harrison, Treasurer; Bob Childers, Chaplain; David Piercy, Junior Steward; Sam Shelton, Senior Steward; Jim Blevins, Marshall; David Tucker, Junior Deacon; John W. Johnson, DDGM #22; and Gary Fleming, DDGM Dist. #26.

 Buford Lodge No. 494

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Devotion Lodge No. 676 Service Pin Awards
Brother Jack Chandler, member of Hazard No. 676 received his 50 Year Service Award Pin during complimentary work at Devotion Lodge 160’s Past Master Dinner on September 26, 2008. Presenting Brother Jack (center) his pin are Robert W. Davenport, PGM, and Joseph R. Conway, Grand Secretary of Kentucky.

Scott Lodge No. 702 Service Pin Awards
Master David Higgs (right) of Scott Lodge No. 702 presented Brothers R.C. Lynn (left) and Leo Kettering (center) with their 50 Year Service Pins during a ceremony held at Stamping Ground Christian Church just prior to Sunday morning services.

Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375 Service Pin Awards
On December 27, 2009 at the Open Installation of Officers at Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375, Brother Eddie D. Overstreet (far right) presented Brother Palmer Salisdury (left), and Brother Doug Hall (center) their 50 Year Service Pins, Brother Alvin Newsom (right) with his 60 Year Service Pin. Thomas C. Cecil Lodge thanks these Brothers for their many years of service to the Craft.

Billy H. Adams was also presented his 50 Year Service Pin. Pictured, Billy H. Adams, sitting, from left to right: Billy’s daughter, Nancy Richardson; Brother Bill Adams (Billy’s son), Robert W. Davenport, PGM, and Brother Joseph R. Conway, PGM, Grand Secretary of Kentucky.

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GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY WEB PAGE
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Also visit the Masonic Home Journal at this site. The Web Page is now more updated and informative, so please visit us at the site listing above.

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
Great Day for Service

By JOHN YATES (104), District # 21 Ambassador

An operative Mason applies his labors to the building of edifices with stone and mortar. We, as Free and Accepted Masons, labor to improve ourselves as men and Masons and in turn become better husbands, fathers and citizens. One of the stones laid in my labors as a man and Mason took place last spring at the Great Day of Service at the Masonic Home of Shelbyville.

It is truly “A Great Day for Service” for our philanthropy as Kentucky Masons as well as spreading that mortar that unites us as Masons. Last spring, as I and four of my Lodge Brothers from Lancaster 104 volunteered at the Shelbyville campus, we gave our time to labor and received so much more in return.

Brothers of Kentucky, I invite you to join us April 18th at either the Shelbyville or Louisville campus to work, fellowship and receive wages that outweigh money. Contact your District Ambassador or DDGM for more information. Hope to see you there!

Benefit magic shows planned

The Magic and The Wonder, a fast-paced Las Vegas-style show, will fill the Louisville Scottish Rite auditorium on Sunday, April 5.

The show will feature Janice and Patrick Miller, the Louisville couple whose magic has enthralled audiences across Kentucky and the nation. Joining the Millers will be Dan Speery, named 2008’s best new act at the World Magic Awards, and Michael Finney, named magician of the year by Hollywood’s Magic Castle and the Academy of Magical Acts.

Fox 14 Meteorologist Paul Emmick will be master of ceremonies for the three shows planned for April 5. Show proceeds will benefit Kosair Charities and the Louisville Scottish Rite Foundation’s Childhood Language Development Program.

Show times are 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. and tickets are $15 or $20. To purchase tickets,
Friday, January 9, 2009, Tadmor Lodge No. 108 F & AM held its Open Installation. Tadmor Lodge had Masonic visitors and friends of Masons from all around Kentucky. Front row, left to right: Barry Alexander, Junior Steward; Curtis Patton, Senior Deacon; Roland Morehouse, Senior Steward; Rick Nation, Installing Officer; Richard Ellis, Master; Gene Crady, Installing Marshal; Kenny French, Junior Warden; and Tom Compton, Senior Warden. Second row: Chris Stout, Installing Secretary; Sonny Hawkins, Junior Deacon; Tommy Ellis, Treasurer; and Don Sears, Chaplain. Back row: Jerry Webb, Secretary; and Don Sprague Tiler. Dinner was prepared by the Ghent Chapter # 441 Order of the Eastern Star and the ladies of the Lodge members. The food, fun, and fellowship was wonderful.

Harlan Lodge No. 879

Harlan Lodge No. 879 held an Open Installation of officers on January 3, 2009. Officers where installed by PGM Percy Brown with Deputy Grand Master Todd Eastham as Marshall. Front row, left to right: Bill Howard, Junior Steward; Jimmy Clem Sr., Senior Deacon; Deputy Grand Master Todd Eastham; W. Hollace Wilson Jr., Master; Ray L. Day II, Senior Warden; Kristopher Gilliam, Senior Steward; and David Blevins, Junior Deacon. Back row: Past Grand Master Percy Brown; Chester Clem, Treasurer; Todd Hensley, Chaplain; Jeremy Smith, Marshal; James W. Clem Jr, Junior Warden; and Rusty L. Howard, Secretary.

Devotion Lodge No. 160

On January 12, 2009 Devotion Lodge No. 160 F & AM held its annual Open Installation of Officers for 2009 at the Oleika Shrine Temple. Pictured from left to right: Lee R. VanHorn, Tiler; Christopher Ousley, Senior Steward; Jim Hinkle Jr., Senior Deacon; James L. Butler PM, Treasurer; Matthew E Dacey, Senior Warden; Joseph R. Conway PGM, Grand Secretary; Robert W. Davenport PGM, Installing Officer; J. Christopher Hall, Master; V. Thomas Lariimore, Grand Treasurer, Installing Marshall; Steven E. Nelson, Junior Warden; Anthony W. Wright PM, Secretary; David S. Noel, Junior Deacon; Kenneth Gilliam, Junior Steward; Jimmy A. McGinley PM, Chaplain

New Roe Lodge #592 F&M installed their 2009 Officers on January 10, 2009. Pictured above with the Grand Senior Deacon Billy Michael Taylor, are those officers present during Installation. Brother Taylor also serves as Treasurer of New Roe Lodge # 592.

On January 5, 2009 Graham Lodge No. 208 F&AM installed their 2009 Officers on Monday January 5, 2009. Front row, left to right: Bobby Watt, Grand Tiler; Garry Dewitt, Senior Deacon; Jeff Powell, Junior Deacon; Jeff Duncan, Senior Warden; J.W. Ragland, Master; Danny Rutheford, Junior Warden; and Matt McGuire, Senior Steward; Second row: Jerry Wimpee, Tiler; Jerry Wooten, Treasurer; Jimmy Jones, Marshal; and Ronnie Mayes, Secretary.

On January 3, 2009, Halfway Lodge #852 installed their 2009 Officers on Saturday January 3, 2009: Front, left to right: Michael Jones, Secretary; Windol Fisher, Treasurer; Ricky Stinson, Junior Warden; Russell Mills, Master; David Wood, Senior Warden; and Pat Cline, Chaplain. Back row: Tyler Berry, Junior Deacon; Adam Scott, Senior Deacon; Devlin Stewart, Senior Steward, Marcus Landers, Junior Steward; Tim Berry, Tiler.

The Masonic Lodges of Allen County are pleased to announce the election and installation of their officers for the New Year. Each lodge held a special open meeting where member's friends and family were able to watch the installation ceremony. A potluck meal was also served at each lodge in conjunction with the event.

The lodges were each honored to receive special guests from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM, the state's governing Masonic body. New Roe's installation was performed by Herman M. Forrester, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the state. Brother Forrester commended the lodges of Allen County for all their work in the community. The lodges hold fund raisers in support of Seniors' Up All Night, Special Olympics, The Center for Courageous kids and other local initiatives. They look forward to the continued support of the community in this upcoming year.


Devotion Lodge No. 160

On January 12, 2009 Devotion Lodge No. 160 F & AM held its annual Open Installation of Officers for 2009 at the Oleika Shrine Temple. Pictured from left to right: Lee R. VanHorn, Tiler; Christopher Ousley, Senior Steward; Jim Hinkle Jr., Senior Deacon; James L. Butler PM, Treasurer; Matthew E Dacey, Senior Warden; Joseph R. Conway PGM, Grand Secretary; Robert W. Davenport PGM, Installing Officer; J. Christopher Hall, Master; V. Thomas Lariimore, Grand Treasurer, Installing Marshall; Steven E. Nelson, Junior Warden; Anthony W. Wright PM, Secretary; David S. Noel, Junior Deacon; Kenneth Gilliam, Junior Steward; Jimmy A. McGinley PM, Chaplain

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changing the meeting date of the Lodge.

Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874 will vote on No. 808 F&AM as well as Brother Powell and Tither, PGM and father and son E. Creech, DDGM and the Officers of Ft. Thomas Lodge #808 F&AM. Pictured above are all the Officers, Brothers, and visitors of Ft. Thomas Lodge No. 808 F&AM as well as Brother Powell and Tither, PGM and father and son on a truly memorable birthday.

### Masonic News

#### Fort Thomas Lodge No. 808

**Historic Entered Apprentice Degree**

On January 2, 2009, Fort Thomas Lodge No. 808 F&AM made history for the first time in over 100 years by conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on Mr. Russell Eric Creech, Jr. on his 18th Birthday. Our new Brother is the son of DDGM District 19, Worshipful Brother Eric Creech. The degree was conferred by Most Worshipful Brother Gregory C. Powell, PGM and assisted by Most Worshipful Brother George Tither, PGM, Worshipful Brother Eric Creech, DDGM 19 and the Officers of Ft. Thomas Lodge #808 F&AM. Pictured above are all the Officers, Brothers, and visitors of Ft. Thomas Lodge No. 808 F&AM as well.

#### Sievers Lodge No. 491

**Apron Presentation**

Sievers Lodge No. 491 newly installed Master, Jeremy Puckett presented Past Master, Marvin Wasson with a new apron in appreciation for all the great leadership Master Marvin has shown in the Lodge this past year.

#### Wilhelm Lodge No. 720

**Past Masters Night**

Wilhelm Lodge No. 720 recently held its Past Masters Night and had five Past Masters present. Pictured left to right: Terry Kiper; Roger Carnes; Jimmy Anderson; Wayne Gibson; and Herb Popham. A huge meal was prepared and good fellowship was shared by all.

### Notice

#### Camp Knox Lodge No. 919

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in *The Masonic Home Journal*, Camp Knox Lodge No. 919 will hold an election for its Senior Deacon vacancy, and any other Office which may become vacant at that time.

#### Highland Park Lodge No. 865

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in *The Masonic Home Journal*, Highland Park Lodge No. 865 will hold an election for Junior Warden and any other Office that may become vacant at that time.

#### Progress Lodge No. 932

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in *The Masonic Home Journal*, Progress Lodge No. 932 will hold an election for Senior Warden and any other Office that may become vacant at that time.

### By-Laws

#### Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in *The Masonic Home Journal*, Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874 will vote on changing the meeting date of the Lodge. All are urged to attend.

### Kentucky Order of the Eastern Star

**DIANA FORD GILROY**

Worthy Grand Matron

**WESDIE LEE WEBB**

Worthy Grand Patron

### March Itinerary

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**Highland Park Lodge No. 865**

Historic Entered Apprentice Degree

Highland Park Lodge No. 865

This year the Committee on Masonic Education is planning the best year of conferences to date. We have placed much time and treasure of the quality of any leadership conference that you might pay thousands of dollars to attend. Place these dates on your calendar now!!!

**MARCH - 7**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Bowling Green Masonic Lodge, 1601 Western 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

**2 Insp., Bethlehem # 538, Dist. 20**

**3 Insp., Biola # 522, Dist. 20**

**4 Insp., Munfordsvile # 322, Dist. 20**

**5 Insp., Caverna # 252, Dist. 20**

**7 District 16 - Grand Officer Party for Grand Adah**

**6 Insp., Princeton # 315, Dist. 16**

**9 Insp., Ophelia # 55, Dist. 17**

12-18 Hawaii Trip

17 St. Patrick’s Day Party @ OES Home

21 District 8 School @ Casey Chapter # 30

23 Insp., Fidelis# 545, Dist. 8

24 Insp., Laurel Heights # 288, Dist. 8

25 Insp., Russell # 432, Dist. 8

26 Bring Greetings – Order of the Amaranth Gr. Court Session

28 District 15 Visionquest @ Henderson #186

29 Grand Officer Party for Associate Grand Conductress & Grand Ruth

CV – Henderson # 186, Dist. 15

100th Anniversary - Goel # 104, Dist. 13
Masonic Community Outreach

Wickliffe Lodge No. 625
Shelters Ice Storm Victims

Following the massive ice storm that struck Western Kentucky on January 27-28, 2009, Wickliffe Lodge No. 625 opened its physical facilities on Thursday, January 29, 2009 to provide food, warmth and shelter to many citizens who lost electricity, water and heat from their homes, including a woman in her late forties with both a two-year-old and an eight-year-old who lived in a car for three nights until the gasoline ran out. This effort was led by Brother Floyd Ashcraft assisted by the Worshipful Master, Harry Ashcraft, along with many of the lodge members. The Lodge members assisted by other local citizens cooked three hot meals per day for as many as 600 people per meal and provided overnight shelter for as many as fifteen guests per night.

Other lodge members went door-to-door throughout Ballard County to check on the needs of local citizens. The Lodge relied on a large generator (pictured) provided by the county government. Many organizations provided food and supplies, including the National Guard, Salvation Army, Red Cross, all area Baptist Churches, the local Mormon Church, Ballard County Detention Center, and the New Page Company (local paper mill). The National Guard used the lodge grounds to hand out MREs (meals ready to eat) on Friday and Saturday. When they left, they turned over this task to the lodge members. Many private citizens from surrounding states (Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee) made donations as well, including a couple from Jackson, Mississippi, who brought a van load of food, diapers, toiletries and cleaning supplies. They had sustained damage from a tornado two years ago.

The efforts of these Freemasons drew high praise from local civic leaders. Ballard County Judge Executive, Vickie Viniard, states, “If it wasn’t for the Lodge, there wouldn’t be any place for shelter on this side of town. We would like to thank them for their help. Also Judy Jackson, Director of Ballard County Senior Citizens, states, “Lodge members are to be commended for their help.” She is in charge of the Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Care and Ballard County Rural Housing, which consists of 47 apartments for county senior citizens.

Lyndon Lodge No. 960
Gift Card Presentations

Brothers Jesse Hayden (left) and Scott Robinson (right) gave out Christmas Gift Cards to one of the Masonic widows from Lyndon Lodge.

Wilhelm Lodge No. 720
Christmas Basket Program

Wilhelm Lodge No. 720 had its annual Fruit Basket Delivery. Several baskets were delivered to shut-in members and widows of Brothers. Pictured, left to right: Wayne Gibson; Steve Drake; and Mary Gibson. Baskets were also delivered to Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center, Grayson Manor, and Spring View Health and Rehabilitation.

Landmark Lodge No. 41
Valentines to Widows

On Saturday, February 7 Brothers of Landmark Lodge No. 41 distributed Valentines gifts to the widows of passed Brothers of the Lodge, and offered assistance in regard to the recent ice storm.

Bullitt Lodge No. 155 Christmas Party

On December 14th, 2008, Bullitt Lodge No. 155 held its annual Christmas Party with Santa Claus. The Masonic widows were invited, for fellowship with one another and a small token of our appreciation given to each by Santa Claus.

A presentation was made to the Frank & Laura Walls Family in the means of a donation to the “Rett Syndrome Research Foundation”. This donation is made each year in honor of Michaela, which has Rett Syndrome. Pictured in the above attachment is from left to right; Carlie, Laura, Past Master Donald Malone, Past Master and Dad, Frank Walls, holding Michaela. The Walls Family has one other child (not pictured) Isabelle.

Anyone wanting to make a contribution to the Michaela Walls Rett Syndrome Fund can do so by making donations c/o Bullitt Lodge No. 155, Michaela Wall Rett Syndrome Fund. Bullitt Lodge will direct all donations on to RSRF.
RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

BLAKE MOON
Russell Lodge No. 284 – Jamestown, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Joseph Blake Moon, who died on October 6th, 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 into the 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 Russell Lodge No. 284 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 a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge in his memory, and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal.

JEREMY PUCKETT, MASTER;
DONALD ORVILLE FOSTER, SEC.

ROY DARNELL HARRIS
Fields Lodge No. 832 – Cumberland, 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 into the 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 Roy Darnell Harris who was a thirty-nine year member of Fields Lodge No. 832, on January 1st, 2009.

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

RESOLVED, that the Charter of Fields Lodge No. 832 be draped for thirty days in his memory and we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence and a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family, a copy be spread on the minutes of this Lodge and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication.

JEREMY PUCKETT, MASTER;
DONALD ORVILLE FOSTER, SEC.

VERNON L. PARKER
Al E. Orton Lodge No. 628 – Dawson Springs, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Vernon L. Parker who died on October 2nd, 2008.

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 Al E. Orton Lodge No. 628 be draped for thirty days in testimony of our loss and we tend to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolences in their deep affliction, a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge in his memory, a copy be sent to the family and a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal for publication.

JEFFREY CRIDER, MASTER;
RAY BOCHERT, SEC.

WILLIS DALE PEAVLER
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 30 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 a copy be sent to The Masonic Home Journal.

L. GRANT MILLER; W. MARK ELLIOTT; JAMES G. HOGUE

THOMAS THORNTON
Covington Lodge No. 109 – Covington, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Thomas Thornton, Past Master raised on February 2nd, 1970, and died July 5th, 2008.

WHEREAS, our departed Brother has been a true and faithful worked in the quarries of Masonry; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a vacancy in our ranks that cannot be filled; therefore

RESOLVED, that in his memory the Lodge be draped in mourning for the proper period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in testimony of our loss, these Resolutions be adopted and a copy be sent to the family, to whom we extend our profound sympathy in their bereavement.

COMMITTEE

WILLIAM EARL WILSON
Covington Lodge No. 109 – Covington, Kentucky
In memory of Brother William Earl Wilson, Past Master raised on December 6th, 1958 and died September 11th, 2008.

WHEREAS, our departed Brother has been a true and faithful worked in the quarries of Masonry; and

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a vacancy in our ranks that cannot be filled; therefore

RESOLVED, that in his memory the Lodge be draped in mourning for the proper period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in testimony of our loss, these Resolutions be adopted and a copy be sent to the family, to whom we extend our profound sympathy in their bereavement.

COMMITTEE

Many people will walk in and out your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.
-- IRISH BLESSING
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Cassio Lodge No. 272

On January 5, 2009 the 2009 Officers were installed at Cassio Lodge No. 272. Front row, left to right: Daren Phelps, Senior Deacon; Andy Gidcumb, Tiler; Chris McKee, Master; Thomas Belicki, Junior Deacon; Brant Boone, Junior Warden; and John Embry, Senior Warden. Second row: Marty Jones, Treasurer; Nathaniel “Buster” Haynes, Marshal; Chris Burden, Chaplain; Andrew Deweese, Senior Steward; Brian McPhearson, Junior Steward; and Tim Thomas, Secretary.

St. Matthews Lodge No. 906

On December 15, the new Officers were installed by Brothers Harold Lee, Past Master, Aurora No. 633, assisted by Harold Noe of St. Matthews No. 906 as Marshal. Front row, left to right: Brandon S. Lykins, Junior Deacon; Gerald Atherton, Senior Deacon; John Pickard, Master; Randall Bell, Chaplain; and Bruce Pelham, Treasurer. Second row: J. R. Wilson, Junior Warden; Daniel T. Wolf, Senior Warden; Herbert Zimmerman, Secretary; Ramon Roig, Marshal; and Harold Lee, Installing Officer. Not pictured: Bruce Zimmerman, Tiler; Clifford Owens, Senior Steward; and Frank Pangburn, Junior Steward.

Cave City Lodge No. 790

On January 3, 2009, Cave City Masonic Lodge No. 790 Officers were installed. Front row, left to right: Ronnie Skipper, Acting Marshal; Terry Morgan, Treasurer; Charles Embry, Senior Warden; Jason Johnson, Master; Carlie Likens, Junior Warden; Doug Hatcher, Secretary; and Ralph Lawson, Installing Officer. Second row: Harry Spillman, Tiler; Wesel Kingrey, Senior Deacon; Albert Ferrell, Chaplain; Will Spillman, Junior Steward; Sam Sandfur, Junior Deacon; and Lance Nicholes, Senior Steward.

Dallasburg Lodge No. 621

On Tuesday, January 13, 2009 Dallasburg Lodge No. 621 held its Installation of Officers. A wonderful time was had by all. There were numerous Lodges represented from within the District #17 and as far away as Louisville, Frankfort, Versailles and Waddy. There were a total of five Past DDGM's on hand to watch the installation. Front, row, left to right: Bill Jackson, DDGM #17, Installing Secretary; Marshall Geoghegan, Installing Marshal. Back row: Gene Crady, Installing Officer; Keenan Suter, Treasurer; Don Towles, Chaplain; Leslie Towles, Senior Deacon; Rusty Towles, Senior Warden; Ron Burgess, Master; Lester Towles, Junior Deacon; Jim Alexander, Junior Warden; and Jackie Forsee, Secretary. Come on out for a visit on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7:30 p.m.