Bullitt Lodge 155 Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 13th, Bullitt Lodge No. 155 had its annual Christmas Party with “Santa”. The house was full of members, their families, guests and children. A wonderful day of fellowship and a meal, prepared by the Order of Eastern Star Chapter #183 of turkey, ham, dressing and covered dishes was had by all. Santa listened to the long requests of the children and gave candy canes to each. Each child will receive a picture of them sitting on Santa’s lap. The Masonic Widows were called to come forth and have a picture taken with Santa and were given a small gift of appreciation. Thirteen widows were present at this party.

Pictured front row: Jessie Walls, Master; Carlie Walls; Lori Walls; Isabelle Walls; Frank Walls, PM; and Jim McClure, PM. Back Row: Kenneth Rigdon, Junior Warden; John Coburn, Secretary; Aaron Wales, Senior Warden; James Rogers, Chaplain; and Jim Bullis, Treasurer.

Each year at the annual Bullitt Lodge # 155 Christmas Party, a monetary donation to IRSF (International Rett Syndrome Foundation) for research is presented. This year’s donation as in past years, of $742.00 was made in “The Memory of Michaela Lee Walls”. Michaela passed away on May 3rd, 2009, the daughter of Past Master Frank Walls and his wife Lori.

Cassia Lodge 272 Delivers Christmas Spirit

Brothers John W. Embry and Harold Ray West of Cassia Lodge No. 272 delivered Christmas baskets to the Brothers and Widows residing at Lakeview Care and Rehab Center in Morgantown, Kentucky.

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L. TODD EASTHAM
Grand Master

Leadership in the East

As we head into the Masonic Light Seminars over the next few months, I wanted to address the Brethren with a topic that we can never get enough of, that being quality leadership in the East. The reason should be quite apparent to most, but for some, the rationale will be entirely foreign. It has been said that a leader is someone who influences and directs people in a way that wins their obedience, confidence, respect, and loyal cooperation in achieving a common objective. That being said, my view on leadership aside from a purely academic standpoint is someone who is first willing to lead, secondly knows how to lead, and finally has the ability to make the decisions that no one else can make and live with those consequences.

I had the occasion to read a short talk about a teacher who cherished a long standing desire to become a Master Mason. His petition to the Lodge in the town where he resided was accepted and he passed investigations as well as the ballot. He presented himself and took the Entered Apprentice degree, but never returned. The Brethren of the Lodge concluded, the short talk author lamented, that they had made a mistake in electing that particular Entered Apprentice because of his apparent lack of interest. It was actually not a lack of interest that caused him to go out of the door, never to return. It was the disappointment and disillusionment over the performance of the Master of that Lodge who caused the initiate an insult to his intelligence. This was because the Leadership of the Masonic Fraternity in that community was careless, sloppy, and crude. The Master was attempting to do something for which he was not prepared, and because he was trying to give good and wholesome instruction on subjects he knew nothing about, a good man was lost forever to Freemasonry. I wonder how many prospective Masons in our own jurisdiction may go the same way, and never return to us because of our shortcomings and our refusal to perform the various degrees in the completeness and spirit they were intended.

Contrary to popular belief, the Secretary of the Lodge is not the Master, but rather a valuable resource of knowledge and wisdom. So often, a new Master looks to the Secretary for aid and assistance on issues pertaining to the Book of Constitutions, Lodge Governance, Rules of Order, General Etiquette, or other matters that may be of benefit at any given time during a meeting. This is because the Secretary has usually been in his station for a number of years and quite honestly seems to “know what is going on”. I believe more than one person in a Lodge should have the sufficient knowledge and leadership abilities to govern the Lodge, namely the Master. In him rests all the power vested him by his own peers, and he should step up to the challenge and not be part of a puppet regime in which he is guided by the “good old boys” who have always run the Lodge. Everyone has their own style of leadership, and mine will differ from our Grand Master’s. I would hope this Brother is leading, guiding, and superintending his Lodge, not following. We should all hope that he is not dictatorial in nature, but has taken to heart the Ancient Charges and Regulations of our order and is applying them as we speak.

The Book of Constitutions speaks volumes as it relates to a Master and his duties and prerogatives, they are included but not limited to the following:

To preside and have general supervision over his lodge and decide questions of law and order, but any member of the lodge may appeal from the decision of the Master to the Grand Master and from his decision to the Grand Lodge.

To see that the by-laws and resolutions of his lodge are observed, and that the constitution, rules, and edicts of this Grand Lodge are duly obeyed.

To see that monthly reports are promptly made to this Grand Lodge.

To attain such proficiency in the work as will enable him to conduct the ceremonies of his lodge in a creditable manner.

To call communications of his lodge as provided in Section 107.

To attend the communications of the Grand Lodge, or if unable to attend, to see that his lodge is represented thereat.

The Master of a Masonic lodge is the custodian of its charter and cannot delegate that authority to another. Upon him is laid the responsibility of its care, and to him the Grand Lodge looks for its preservation. As a lodge cannot be opened in the absence of its charter, it is the duty of its Master to always have that instrument in the lodge and ante-room at all communications of the lodge.

No lodge should elect any brother, either as Master or Warden, unless he manifests such care and zeal for Masonry as to induce the belief that he can and will qualify himself to preside according to the laws and usages of Masonry.

When installed, the Master’s authority to preside over the lodge is complete, and his acts, within the scope of that authority, are binding.

My Brothers, the station of Master is a high honor, but with it comes a high price to be paid. To live up to the expectations of others, as well as his conscience sometimes is a fine line to walk. I guess it can be summed up in these simple words: lead, follow, or stand aside for it is the future of the Lodge, and the future of the Grand Lodge as a whole that hangs in the balance with each decision of a Master, be it good, or be it poor.

Look well my Brothers to the Ancient Usages and Customs we follow, and accept nothing but the best you have within you. I along with the Grand Line Officers know that continuous improvement is something that we must always strive for. We look forward to seeing you all at the Masonic Light Seminars, and hope your travels find you safe, healthy, and happy.
By this time all lodge installations are over and the new (and recycled) officers have been charged with their duties, and have settled into the responsibilities of their respective offices. Each of you is to be commended for assuming those duties and responsibilities for a time. Hopefully, the Secretary of each lodge has taken his duty seriously and has forwarded the information regarding the new lodge officers to the Grand Lodge Office in order to prepare the Masonic Directory for 2010. Each year a few of the Secretaries fail to get the information to the Grand Lodge Office in time to be included in the Directory. Consequently, that makes the Directory less useful than it would be if all lodges are listed in the same. The Directory is quite helpful to the Grand Lodge Officers and those Masons who wish to visit lodges throughout the Commonwealth. So, if you care to attract visitors to your lodge, make sure your lodge is listed in the Directory.

Lodge and Taxes

Contrary to what many believe, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and its constituent Lodges do not classify under Federal, State, County, or City Codes as charitable organizations and are, therefore, liable for various taxes that apply according to many tax laws. The IRS classification for the Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges is 501(C)(10) Fraternal Non Profit and as such, does not relieve them from paying certain taxes such as property taxes, sales taxes, unemployment taxes, income taxes (in certain cases), and probably others that do not readily come in mind. Each year I report to the IRS the Gross Receipts of each Lodge, as it is reported to me on the Lodge Officers form, as a blanket report for all the Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction. As long as the receipts of the Lodges are less than $25,000.00 yearly- unless you receive notification from the IRS otherwise- I can make the report for you, provided I have the information requested on the Officers Form, signed by the Secretary and under the Seal of the Lodge. If gross receipts of your Lodge are $25,000.00, or more, yearly then you must submit a completed Form 990 to the IRS on your own. Since the tax codes are so complex, I am somewhat reluctant to advise Lodges on their tax situations and/or liabilities. Therefore, if I have created any doubts in your mind about individual Lodge tax responsibilities, I suggest that you contact either the IRS or a reliable tax consultant to clear up any questions that may come to mind.

Lodge Liability Insurance Coverage

Sometime ago I asked our local insurance carrier, the Wells Fargo Company, to furnish this office with a general summary of the two types of insurance coverage, provided by the Grand Lodge Blanket Insurance Coverage, that is the most common concern of most Lodges. Since the information is still current, I think it would be beneficial to print it again, as follows:

RE: 1. Liability Insurance 2. Workers Compensation Insurance

As you know, your Lodge is provided Liability Insurance Coverage by a master policy through Grand Lodge. That policy covers your normal Lodge activities, whether they occur in your building or elsewhere (Examples: Parade, Picnic, etc). The policy, however, is not meant to cover operations not usual for a Lodge. If, for example, you hold a regular Fish Fry, your Lodge should have a separate Liability Policy to cover the operation. Additionally, if you let other groups use your Lodge, you need separate Liability Coverage.

The Grand Lodge also provides a workers compensation policy to cover the employees usual to a Lodge. Typically your Lodge may have a person doing clerical work or general maintenance of the Lodge facility. The policy is not designed to cover people who are hired to do other work not closely affiliated with the operation of the Lodge. If, for example, the Lodge owns farm property, and hires individuals to work on the farm, your Lodge should purchase its own workers compensation policy to cover those employees. Remember, the Master Workers Compensation Policy is provided to cover the employees that are usual to the operation of your Lodge.

Wells Fargo Company address:
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Each January a “Memorandum of Insurance” certificate, summarizing the coverage each Lodge has, is mailed to each Secretary. Note that this insurance covers only Lodge activities; it does not extend coverage to the building. If the Lodge owns the building, additional Liability coverage is a must in order to protect the Lodge and it membership against liability claims.

If you have specific questions regarding the Insurance coverage, you may direct them to either the Wells Fargo Agency (Jack Matthews) at the number listed above, or this office-whichever best suits you.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE CLOSED

The Grand Lodge Office will be closed Monday, February 15, 2010 in observance of Presidents Day.

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, before Brother Washington was elected to office on April 6, 1789, 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&A 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 14 Presidents listed in the article are:

Brother Peyton Randolph (1774) Virginia
Brother Arthur St. Clair (1787) Revolutionary War Officer
Brother David Rittenhouse (1787) Scientist
Brother Alexander Hamilton (1788) Founding Father
Brother James Madison (1789) Father of the Constitution
Brother James Monroe (1817) Last President of the Confederation
Brother Thomas Jefferson (1801) President of the University of Virginia
Brother James Madison (1809) Father of the Constitution
Brother James Madison (1817) Last President of the Confederation
Brother James Madison (1829) Last President of the Confederation
Brother James Madison (1837) Last President of the Confederation
Brother James Madison (1841) Last President of the Confederation
Brother James Madison (1845) Last President of the Confederation
Brother James Madison (1853) Last President of the 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)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use.

—WENDELL JOHNSON
Ill. John E Moyers PGM 33º Retires as SGIG

At the annual New Year’s Day celebration at the Valley of Louisville Scottish Rite, Ill. John E. Moyers PGM, 33º, announced his retirement as SGIG. His retirement was effective at midnight, December 31st, 2009. Brother John served the Orient of Kentucky A.A.S.R. as Deputy, Supreme Council in 1990-1991. He has served the Orient of Kentucky as SGIG from 1991 through 2009.

Brother Moyers PGM 33º served the craft of Kentucky as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1976-1977.

Brother Moyers PGM 33º has served the Orient with the greatest dedication to all of Freemasonry. We in the Orient of Kentucky thank Brother Moyers for his years of service, and would like to wish Brother John and Pauline the very best for years to come.

Brother Moyers, PGM 33º announced that effective, January 1st 2010, Brother Ill. Roger Barnett, PGM 33º has been appointed as Deputy of the Supreme Council.

All Mason’s Day
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY
February 25, 2010
8:00 am.
All Masons to gather at Hiram #4 in Frankfort for breakfast (8xx.xx)
11:00 Convene in Room 111 in The Capitol Annex (behind capitol)
Guest Speakers; TBA
Lunch 12:30 -1:30pm
2:00pm
Convene on House side inside Capitol Kentucky House of Representatives will recognize Grand Lodge Officers and Kentucky Freemasonry
On the House Floor, Where a proclamation will be read.
2:45pm
Convene on Senate side inside Capitol Kentucky Senate will recognize Grand Lodge Officers and Kentucky Freemasonry On Senate Floor
Where a proclamation will be read
3:15pm
Meet with Governor Steve Beshear

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There will be a Called Communication of Lancaster 104 F&AM at the Covington Scottish Rite Temple on Tuesday
May 4th - 7:00 pm
Guest Speaker
S. Brent Morris Ph.D., 33º
Masonic author and lecturer will speak at a Called Communication of Lancaster 104 at the Covington Scottish Rite Temple 1533 Madison Avenue - Covington, KY Following the meeting there will be a book signing with Brother Morris

Dinner at 6:00 pm:
Please call or e-mail for reservations
Meeting at 7:00 pm
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* Books available for purchase at event

Special Thanks to Covington Scottish Rite Ladies of the Eastern Star
Bradford Lodge No. 123 raised 8 candidates to the Degree of Master Mason on Saturday, November 14, 2009. At their stated meeting in December, these Newly Raised Master Masons were examined and found to be very proficient. Worshipful Master Charles Donald Black Jr. (Chuck) with DDGM Jason Dietz, and the Officers of the Lodge posed for this picture with the class after the close of the meeting.

Harrison Lodge No. 122 raised 8 candidates to the Degree of Master Mason on Friday, December 18, 2009. At their called meeting to confer the Master Mason Degree on four Brothers, the first section was performed with Master Benjamin Bowen, presiding. After a fine meal and fellowship, they completed the Master Mason Degree with Brother Ron Smallwood of Hudsonville Lodge No. 262 presiding in the East. When completed, the four new Master Masons were presented with their Dues Cards, Leather Aprons and Kentucky Monitors as token gifts. Pictured, left to right: Hubert Curl, Master Mason; Steven Whitten, Master Mason; Master Benjamin Bowen; Phillip Wimpee, Master Mason; and Larry Pendleton, Master Mason. Congratulations!

Sievers Lodge No. 491 recently held an open installation for its 2010 Officers. Front row, left to right: Randy Smith, Senior Deacon; Daniel Sanger, Secretary; Mike Smith, Senior Warden; Glenn Blevins, Master; Mike Grigsby, Junior Warden; Lennis Rice, Treasurer; and Gary Sargeant, Junior Deacon. Back row: Scott Ladrigan, Senior Deacon; Jerry Webb, Secretary; Tom Compton, Master; Arthur Hawkins, Junior Deacon; Kenny French, Treasurer; and Don Sears, Chaplain. The friendship and fellowship inside the Lodge Hall was what Masonry should be everywhere.

Sunset Lodge No. 915 held an Open Installation of Officers on December 19, 2009. The following Officers were installed by Brother Harold Lee with Brother Joe Graves as Marshal. Front row, left to right: Lou Flam, Junior Warden; Harold Lee, Installing Master; Danny Duvall, Master; Joe Graves, Treasurer; Mike Ashley, Senior Warden; and Mike Smith, Junior Steward. Back row: Stanley Kurtz, Tiler; Damian Kunkel, Senior Steward; Luke Martin, Junior Deacon; Ray Jarred, Secretary; Wayne Anderson, Senior Deacon; Bill Petty, Chaplain.
Masonic Community Outreach

Fields Lodge 832 Coats for Kids

Fields Lodge No. 832, F.&A.M. donated $300.00 dollars to the Tri-City Area Coats for Kids Foundation. Picture from left to right are Silas Whitehead, Secretary; Charles Hensley, 2009 Treasurer; Tracey Kennedy Eldridge; President Coats for Kids Foundation; Sharon Kennedy, Vice President Coats for Kids Foundation; and J.J. Eldridge. The Coats for Kids Foundation supplied over 100 New Coats for Kids in the Tri-Cities during 2009. “The Coats for Kids Foundation is one of my favorite charities to help.” “I wish that more organizations and people would get behind this cause to help these kids stay warm in these cold winter months.” said Whitehead. Fields Lodge enjoys helping this foundation and has done so for many years and will continue helping it and other charities in its area for many more years to come.

Elkfork Lodge 755 Donates to Cops for Kids

Elkfork Lodge No. 755 Master, Ryan Arnett (right) present’s a check of $1000 to Brother Zach Haney (left) for a donation to the Cops for Kids Christmas Fund.

Pewee Valley Lodge 829 Helping Less Fortunate

Saturday, December 19, proved to be a busy day in the life of the members of Pewee Valley Lodge 829 F. & A.M. First they were involved in helping deliver food boxes to over 300 families. Then when finished they began delivering poinsettia’s to the Widoes of former members of their lodge. There were plenty of members involved and not all were able to end up in the same location for the picture. Right to left: Lawrence Thompson, PM, back for more poinsettias along with John Shaughnessy; Kevin Reardon (owner and supplier) and Andrew Gritton.

Jerusalem Lodge 9 – Presents Scholarship

James T. Roll, PM, Secretary of Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 presents nursing student, Jessica J. Brown, with the second installment of $500 to complete her $1000 Scholarship awarded to her by Jerusalem Masonic Lodge No. 9 for her first year in the nursing program. Jerusalem is fortunate to have had members leave some money to the Lodge upon their passing and their expressed wish was that the money be put into an interest bearing account with the interest used to provide scholarships to the local community college nursing program. Over the years they have been able to help several students financially achieve their dreams of obtaining their nursing degree. With sound leadership and watch care over the fund, Jerusalem Lodge hopes to carry on the wishes of their deceased Brothers for years to come.

Burnside Lodge 634 Donates to Hospice

Burnside Lodge No. 634 recently presented a check for $500.00 to Hospice of Lake Cumberland. From left are Don Elmore, Master; Kelly Roberts, Hospice Representative; Robert Stonecipher, Treasurer; and Hugh Turner, PM.

Mt. Gilead Lodge 255 Delivers Fruit Baskets

Members of Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255 recently distributed over 90 fruit baskets to Lodge Widows and local nursing home residents of Science Hill. Preparing the baskets were Les Singleton, Master; Dan Hamlin; Ron Hollard; Garry Patrick; and Claude Spaw.

photo by Donnie Brake
Cerulean Springs 875 – 50 Year Service Pins

At their annual Christmas dinner, Cerulean Springs Lodge No. 875, Master Jeff Broadbent presented 50 Year Service Pins to four Lodge Brothers, including his father, John. Picture, left to right: Jeff Broadbent, 50 Years; and Dessie Shivar.

Hugh Harris 938 – Service Awards

Photo 1: Master Eddie Helton presented a 25 Year Service Pin and Widow’s Certificate to Sara Richardson, Widow of Oscar Benjamin Richardson, who died on August 9, 2009.

Photo 2: Master Eddie Helton presented Paul Cummins with his 40 Year Service Pin.

Photo 1: Master Eddie Helton presented Ray G. Miracle with his 50 Year Service Pin.

Photo 2: 25 Year Service Pins presented to Stephen D. Trosper; Leamom Jones; and James H. Anderson.

Corydon 799 – 25 Year Service Pins

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St. John’s Day League of Kentucky

Brothers of Kentucky Grand Lodge Masons:

It seems like we no sooner get our Appeal Letter out, and it’s already time for another. It appears that very few of our Brothers read our Appeal last year, as it was the lowest return we have ever had in all the years we have been sending the appeal out.

We understand that everyone has been so used to getting the decal in the mail with the Appeal Letter and now feel like they are not getting anything for their money.

Brothers, we hope that you can understand that when our appeal monies drop down like it has in the past several years, we, like all organizations must cut costs. By putting our Appeal Letter in the Masonic Home Journal, we cut about $18,000 to $20,000 from our operating cost. This can be changed back to the old way, but only if the Masons of Kentucky help me.

Brothers, last year’s donations were $78,000, but that was because we were remembered in 2 of our Members wills. We can’t count on that every year, but we do want to count on you and your love for our Masonic Homes to be able to continue to be the largest contributor to Masonic Homes of Kentucky.

Brothers, we would also like to inform you that our Masonic Homes are the only real charity that we have left and are able to claim our donations off of our taxes. We ask you to please think of all of our Masonic Brothers and Widows that live here and depend on us for their care.

Brothers, give us as best as you can and you will be blessed beyond words. Thanking you in advance because we know you will answer this need wholeheartedly.

Fraternally Thine,

John E. Shelton, President

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First Lady focuses on kids

Along with being the lifelong partner of Most Worshipful Grand Master L. Todd Eastham, Angie Eastham is an obstetrics nurse and the mother of two children.

She knows the challenges of raising a family and has seen the problems faced by families of medically fragile children. When the Masonic Homes began planning a day care center for both typical kids and those with special challenges, Angie wanted to help.

Angie created One Step Closer, a special program to support the Kosair Charities Pediatric Day Care Center. Through the sale of limited edition pins, One Step Closer hopes to raise $10,000. If all the pins are sold, Angie has pledged to make a matching gift.

“We are thrilled by the First Lady’s initiative and support,” said Homes’ VP/Fraterna Relations John Cauley. “As we prepare to begin construction on the day care center in 2010, the First Lady is truly putting us one step closer to providing services to children who need them.”

A limited number of One Step Closer pins will be available every 2010 District meetings and will sell for $10 each.

Giving Tree sprouts new leaves

Gifts to the Giving Tree totaling $3,750 were celebrated on December 10 with a banquet and ceremony at Masonic Home of Shelbyville.

Donors included Solomon Lodge No. 5, W.G. Simpson No. 472 and Masonic lodges in District 17. Gifts to the Giving Tree fund special programs and initiatives for Masonic Home of Shelbyville residents.

Gifts of $300, $500 and $750 are commemorated with bronze, silver and gold leaves on the Giving Tree. Small stones commemorate gifts of $1,000 and large stones mark gifts of $2,500.

To learn more about the Giving Tree or to make a gift contact Phyllis O’Daniel (phone: 502.259-9627; e-mail: podaniel@mhky.com).
Worth a thousand words

Masonic Home of Louisville residents received an early visit from Santa Claus and his helper, Mel Baich, PM (Santo), and Ceci Hardin from Lyndon Lodge No. 960, visited with resident Kit Thompson. Lodge members met Kit at the Home’s G.I.-Namous Yard Sale last summer. When they learned she needed a Christmas tree for her room, the Lodge members happily provided one and spread holiday cheer.

Today’s Woman magazine kicked off the New Year with a “Tuesday’s with Today’s Woman” event at The Bistro in Club Olmsted. More than 100 women attended and enjoyed live music, make up and fitness demonstrations and healthy horse shoeies cooked up by The Bistro’s Chef Jared Guthrie and staff. Celebrating the successful event were (from left) VP Independent Living Anne McAfee, Sr VP Communications CJ Parrish, event organizer Wendy Anguiano, Today’s Woman Publisher Cathy Zion, Editor Anita Oldham and Assistant Editor Tiffany White.

Left: Social Services Director Vanessa Pianetti led a conga line during the annual New Year’s Eve bash at The Pillars Assisted Care Center at Masonic Home of Louisville. Along with live music and an hors d’oeuvre buffet, residents greeted 2010 with a balloon drop and champagne toast.

Arise: Rev. Tim Morrow danced with resident Janet McAllen.

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Established in 1867 as the first Masonic Home of its kind.

Officers of St. Matthews Lodge No. 906 presented the Home’s Bruce Lott with $5,000 at their November meeting. The Lodge members’ gift will furnish a resident’s accommodation in the new Care Center at Masonic Home of Louisville.
Right Angle Lodge No. 233

On Wednesday, December 30, 2009, Right Angle Lodge 233 installed their Elected & Appointed Officers for 2010. The Lodge held an open installation and Grand Master Todd Eastham was the Installing Master. More than 110 Masons and family members were present, with standing room only for about 30 people. This was the largest gathering at Right Angle Lodge since the dedication of the new Lodge Hall in the 1970’s. Pictured, left to right, top row: Robert Bassett, Senior Warden; Larry Eastham, Grand Senior Deacon; John Wright, Master; Todd Eastham, and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky; Barry Eastham, Grand Marshal. Middle row: Donald Gaskell, DDGM of District #24, Treasurer; Donald Yankey, Deputy Grand Master; and Chris Stout, Grand Junior Warden. Bottom row: Michael Razor, Junior Steward; Mark Galloway, DDGM #13; Wes Harrison, Senior Deacon; John Walker, Secretary; Jeremy Wilson, Marshal; Adam Morefield, Junior Warden; Tommy Bunch, Chaplain; Wayne Guinn, Junior Deacon; and Roy Maddox, Senior Steward.

Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255

Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255 recently held an open installation of Officers for 2010. Front row, left to right: Ron Hellard, Treasurer; Charles Sizemore, Senior Warden; Les Singleton, Master; Deckard Coates, Junior Warden; and Gene Palmer, Secretary. Back row: Dan Hamlin, Marshall; Joe Jasper, Installing Officer; Ron Hutchison, DDGM #22; Wayne Saylor, Senior Deacon; Claude Spaw, Junior Deacon; John Ray Jones, Junior Steward; Mark Hammond, Senior Steward; and Eddie Jernigan, PM Chaplain.

Fields Lodge No. 832

Fields Lodge held its annual election of Officers for the 2010 year and public installation on Saturday, December 26, 2009. Elected was David Sexton, Master; Kent Lewis, Senior Warden; Clay Slusher, Junior Warden; Britt Craig, Senior Deacon; Jason Smelling, Junior Deacon; Greg Owens, Treasurer; Silas Whitehead, Secretary; Jim Dixon, Chaplain, Bobby Short, Senior Steward; Elmo Banks, Junior Steward; Verlin Cress, Tiler; Brian Johnson, Web Master; and J.T. Caudill, Marshal. Friends and Family welcomed the newly elected Officers at the public installation which was conducted by Brother Luke Day. Fields Lodge No. 832, F&A.M. is located in Cumberland, Kentucky and meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Madisonville Lodge No. 143

On Tuesday December 15, Madisonville Lodge No. 143 installed its 2010 Officers. Hayden Gibson from Hanson Lodge performed the installation ceremony. Lodge was open to family and friends with over 57 people in attendance. Front row, left to right: Carl Snyder, Senior Warden; Dennis Moore, Master; Shawn Snyder, Junior Warden; and Don Moore, Chaplain. Back row: J.W. Durst, Senior Deacon; Daniel Franklin, Treasurer; Jeremy Pinegar, Junior Deacon; Keith Riddle, Senior Steward; Rodney Sumner, Junior Steward; Lawrence Moore, Tiler; and Alan Shepherd, Secretary.

Buechel Lodge No. 896

Buechel Lodge No. 896 held their installation of Officers on January 2, 2010. First row: Alex Carter; Ed Ackerman; Wayne Weaver; and John Moyers, PGM; Second row: John Cissell, Joe Cooley; Ray Wheeler; and Adrian Kroon; Third row: Jim Carter; Terry Tripplett; and Tony Sattich.
H.A.M. Henderson Lodge 515

H.A.M. Henderson Lodge No. 515 recently held their installation of Officers for 2010. Front row, left to right: Michael Crowe, Marshal; Gary Emberton, Chaplain; Johnnie Cross, Secretary; Jeff Geralds, Treasurer; Bobby Adams, Senior Steward; Gene Brown, Junior Steward; and Scott Turner, DDGM #11. Back row: Donnie Peden, Master; Chris Hughes, Senior Warden; Ricky Turner, Senior Deacon; and Barton Wilson, Tiler. Not pictured: Timmy Loyd, Junior Deacon.

Richmond Lodge No. 25

On Saturday, January 9, Richmond Lodge No. 25 held their annual Past Masters Night and also held an open installation of Officers. Deputy Grand Master Donald Yankey was the Installing Master as well as keynote speaker. This was the first open installation held at Richmond Lodge in many years. Pictured, left to right, top row: Mark Morrow, Marshal; Arthur Ray, Junior Deacon; Eugene Barnes, Chaplain; John Wright, Senior Warden; Bruce Bogley, Junior Warden. Bottom row: Darrell Vires, Installing Marshal; Adam Bryant, Senior Deacon; Donald Yankey, Deputy Grand Master; David Jones, Master; Mark Galloway, DDGM #13; Nathaneal Buchanan, Junior Steward; David Aines, Tiler; and David Emmitt, Senior Steward. Not pictured: Phillip Seyfrt, Secretary; and F. David Saylor, Treasurer.

McNeil Lodge No. 586

On Tuesday, January 5th, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Donald Yankey installed the McNeil No. 586 Officers for 2010 with Darrell Vires, PM Salt River, acting as Marshal. Left to right, front: Steve Wright, DDGM #15; Donald Yankey, Installing Officer; Larry Dangerfield, Master; Chris Stout, Grand Junior Warden; Darrell Vires, Marshal. Second row: Bob Neal PM, Asst Sec.; James Baugh, Junior Warden; Tony Miles, Senior Steward; Steve Miles, Junior Deacon; Donald Bailey, Jr. PM; Lee Hunt PM, Treasurer; and Quentin Johnson PM, Past DDGM, Secretary. Top row: Cory Stovall PM, Past DDGM, Marshal; Tim Waters, Senior Deacon; Jimmy Waters, Senior Warden; Tim Sanders Tiler; and Danny Walker PM Chaplain.

Whitesburg Lodge No. 754

At a recent meeting of Whitesburg Lodge No. 754, Officers for 2010 were elected.

Boone-Union Lodge No. 304

Boone-Union Lodge No. 304 Officers for 2010 were installed at an open installation on December 28, 2009 by Brother Garry Kelly, P.M., Installing Master, assisted by Brother James Robinson, P.M., Installing Marshal. Front row left to right,: Ernest R. Stratton, P.M., Chaplain; Barry Brinkman, Senior Deacon; John Richardson, P.M., Junior Warden; Mark Bingham, Senior Steward; Steven Schuetz, Junior Steward; and Michael Boffemmyer, Tiler. Back row: James Blackwood, Junior Deacon; Mark Evans, Senior Warden; Thomas Rosenacker, Jr., Master; Loren K. Rood, P.M. Secretary; J. Michael Richardson, P.M., Treasurer.

Bailey-Onton Lodge No. 538

After the annual oyster supper, which guests and the family of members were invited, an open installation for the new 2010 Officers was performed. Pictured, left to right: Dennis Dabbs, Junior Deacon; Ed Lambdin, Senior Steward; James Gish, Senior Warden; David Sutton, Master; Jesse Hurt, Junior Warden; Anthony Blue, Tiler; Mark Moser, Chaplain; Jim Bell, Junior Steward; Kent Preston, Installing Officer, Senior Deacon; and Isham Sellers, II, Secretary. Not pictured: Robert Forker, Treasurer.
Chris Brown  
Salt River Lodge No. 180 – Smithland, 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 Salt River Lodge No. 180 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 beloved and respected Brother; and

RESOLVED, that Salt River Lodge No. 180 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 condolences in their deep affliction, and 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.

Gary L. Sellers, Master; Anthony Morris, Secr.

Frank Vernon Gayheart  
Neel Lodge No. 833 – Drake, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Frank Vernon Gayheart, a true and faithful Brother for twenty-two years, who passed from this life on earth on December 23rd, 2009 to that Greatest Lodge on High.

WHEREAS, he having been a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it

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 used in the minutes of the Lodge.

Jason Holcomb, Master; Joe W. Wheet, Sr., Secr.

William Rau  
Florence Lodge No. 949 – Florence, Kentucky

In memory of Brother William Rau, a fifty-seven year member of Florence Masonic Lodge who passed away on November 10th, 2009 to that celestial Lodge on High.

WHEREAS, it has pleased almighty God 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 used in the minutes of the Lodge.

Michael D. Hon, Master; Ralph L. Biddle, Senior Warden; Albert R. Warner, Secr.

The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God.

Quoted in The Angels’ Little Instruction Book by Eileen Elias Freeman, 1994

Kentucky Order of the Eastern Star

SHERRY S. WHITT  
Worthy Grand Matron

COLE A. YOUNGER  
Worthy Grand Patron

February Itinerary

1. Inspection of Fordsville #326, District #13
2. Inspection of Acacia #46, District #13
6. District #17 School, Hopkinsville, KY
8. Inspection of Lewisburg #109, District #17
9. Inspection of Murray Star #433, District #22
11. Inspection of Linton #149, District #17
12. Inspection of Mayfield Star #443, District #22
13. OES Home Valentine Party
14. Valentine’s Day
15. Inspection of Dawson Springs #133, District #16
16. Courtesy Visit Southern Star #154, District #1
20. District #15 School, Henderson, KY
22. Inspection of Ermine Ford #9, District #15
27. PAGO – 9:30

District #1 School, Louisville, KY

Inspection of Bright Star #16, District #1

Kentucky Order of the Amaranth

HL ELLIE HICKS  
Grand Royal Matron

SK OWEN LOGSDON  
Grand Royal Patron

February Itinerary

Feb. 2nd – Melody Ct. #16, Installation
Feb. 6th – Minnie Selby #3, Vine Grove, KY Installation 1:00
Feb. 12th - Laurel Ct. #6, Installation
Feb. 13th - Friendship Ct. #22, Installation 4:00
Feb. 14th – Kentucky Ct. #1, Installation 2:00
Feb. 15th – Queen Victoria #20, Corbin KY
Feb. 20th – Queen Victoria #20, Corbin KY, Installation 1:00
Feb. 24th – Kentucky Ct. #1
Feb. 26th – Minnie Selby #3, Vine Grove, KY
### Top 10 Tax Tips

1. Do remember to include insurance as a deduction for your vehicle on your federal tax return...
2. Do deduct your health and long-term care insurance premiums on your federal tax return...
3. Do see if you qualify to deduct medical expenses on your federal tax return...
4. Do plan your medical procedures and expenses for the maximum deduction...
5. Do find out if you have any miscellaneous insurance expenses that can be deducted on your federal tax return...
6. Do see if you can deduct any job-related moving storage expenses...
7. Do check your previous federal tax returns for the above insurance deductions...
8. Don’t forget to report unemployment insurance benefits...
9. Don’t report casualty and theft losses reimbursed by insurance...
10. Don’t report worker’s compensation insurance benefits as income...

### MASONIC LIGHT SEMINARS

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As of 12/30/09
Waynesburg Lodge No. 328

On Saturday, December 26, Waynesburg Lodge No. 328 installed its Officers for 2010. Front, left to right: Doug May, Treasurer; Ketton Bowling, Senior Warden; Lee Bowling, Master; Michael Lewis, Junior Warden; and Gerald Lewis, Secretary. Back: Denvor Rose, Marshal; Jeremy Jones, Tiler; Lendell Bowling, Senior Deacon; Keith Bowling, Junior Deacon; Duvall Sims, Chaplain; Norman Rutherford, Senior Steward; and Lee Eldridge, Junior Steward.

Wheelwright Lodge No. 889

Dewey Owens, Master; Eddie Phillips, Senior Warden; Dean Hall, Junior Warden; Dan Collins, Secretary; Earl Hall, Jr., Treasurer; Kevin Tackett, Senior Deacon; Ernest Jackson, Junior Deacon; Doug Harvey, Senior Steward; Oliver Johnson, Junior Steward; and Jeffrey Mullins, Tiler were installed as Officers for 2010 at regular meeting on December 23, for Wheelwright Lodge No. 889.

Jerusalem Lodge No. 9

On December 28, Officers for Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 were installed by Brother Edward Anderson PDDGM and assisted by Brother George Coombs PDDGM as Marshal. A meal was served before the installation and refreshments were served after the installation. This was a joint open installation with Henderson No. 958. Several members and their families were in attendance. Front, left to right: Jonathan Self, Chaplain; Matthew McConnell, Senior Steward; Dale Fritts, Master; Gino Jefferies, Junior Steward; and George Coombs, Treasurer. Second row: Joe Hall, Senior Deacon; Steve Hall, Junior Warden; Jim DeArmond, Junior Deacon; and Edward Anderson, PDDGM. Back row: James Roll, Secretary; and Peter Perrone, Senior Warden.

Neel Lodge No. 833

At a stated meeting on December 10, 2009 Neel No. 833 elected Officers for 2010. Front, left to right: Gary Bennett, Junior Deacon; Roger Halcomb, Senior Deacon; Ronald Therlkel, Chaplain; Joe W. Wheet, Sr., Secretary; Josh Thornton, Senior Steward; Shannon Bennett, Junior Steward; and Wendell Wiley, Tiler. Back row: Grand Junior Warden, Chris Stout, Installing Officer; James Holcomb, Senior Warden; Jason Holcomb, Master; Larry Jones, Junior Warden; and Andy Dixon, Grand Lodge on Governmental Affairs, Installing Marshal. Not pictured: Worley Millard, Jr., Treasurer; and Scotty Honshell, Marshal.