Hiram Lodge 4 Gavel Presentation

On Monday, December 28, 2009 Hiram Lodge No. 4 Master Jeff Wiley presented Mrs. Nancy Estes, Widow of Past Master Don Estes the gavel used by Brother Don while serving as Master of Hiram Lodge.

Simpson Lodge 189 – Famous Oyster Dinner

On Monday, March 22, 2010, Simpson Lodge No. 189 held their regular monthly meeting across from the Henry County Courthouse in downtown New Castle, Ky. In their meeting they decided the date for their annual Oyster Dinner. They are known for their Oyster Dinners around the world, which they have been doing since the mid-1800’s. Everyone is invited to The Oyster Dinner on Monday, May 24, at 6:30 PM at their newly remodeled Lodge. Come on out and enjoy some oyster stew, rolled oysters, and bean soup, and a whole lot of Fellowship and interesting history. Family and friends are welcome. Pictured above is Master Jeff Nichols and his officers and members waiting to welcome you.

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May-June District Meetings

DISTRICT 8
MAY 8
Ron Bryan
D.D.G.M. 8

The annual meeting of Districts 7 & 8 will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the Community Center in Hartford, Kentucky at 1:00 p.m. Directions: Community Center is located behind the Courthouse.

DISTRICT 7
MAY 8
Chris McKee
D.D.G.M. 7

DISTRICT 22
JUNE 5
Ron Hutchinson
D.D.G.M. 22

The annual meeting of District 22 will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Jamestown Christian Church. Meeting to begin at 12:00 p.m. (est), and to be held in the Fellowship Hall of Jamestown Christian Church.

DISTRICT 16
JUNE 5
Gerald Mattingly
D.D.G.M. 16

The annual meeting of District 16 will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the Mackville Community Development Center, 10651 Main St., Mackville, KY 40069. Coffee & Donuts at 7:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. (est) Directions: from Bardstown, take HWY 150 to Springfield; drive through Main St., of Springfield; road splits, take HWY 152; travel approx. 12 miles to Mackville; Community Center (Old School) is on the right next to Fire Dept. From Lebanon, take HWY 55 to Springfield; at intersection of 55 and HWY 150 turn right onto HWY 150; follow directions above to Mackville Com. Center.

DISTRICT 24
JUNE 12
Don Gaskell
D.D.G.M. 24

The annual meeting of District 24 will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at George Rogers Clark High School, 620 Boone Ave., Winchester, KY 40391, meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. Directions: From I-64, exit 94, go south on Rt. 1958 to Rt. 627. Left at light, school on the right. From I-75, exit 95 to Rt. 627, north to Winchester, School on the right after 2nd light in Winchester.
Grand Master’s Message

L. TODD EASTHAM
Grand Master

JUST ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

One particular day, I had the honor of visiting a Brother lying in a hospital bed in Lexington after we finished one of the Masonic Light Seminars. Several of us were in attendance and all who visited were profoundly impacted that day by the truth before our eyes, but none more than I. As I drove up the road toward another meeting I attempted to reconcile in my mind one simple question. Why was he not being taken care of or visited as he should have been, given the fact that he had been lying there for over two weeks? I plainly remember him weeping in sadness at the fact that his own Lodge had done little for him, and most of the Masons in that District had left him there, alone. Some may have known of his circumstances, and some not, but in our age of Facebook, email, text messaging and the like I would think that the news should have spread rapidly. In darkness however there was light, as one cannot exist without the other. In a corner sat one lone Mason, tears in his eyes, who was ready to help, protect, and defend his Brother in any way needed. He had been by his side the entire ordeal. He was there for moral, physical, and emotional support. This lone Brother had shown his Masonic Light to all of us by being a man and honoring his word given at our Sacred Altar. He had mowed the sick Brother’s lawn, prepared his ground for a garden, taken care of mundane errand running and anything else he or his wife had needed. That is “Masonry in Action” and this singular Mason proved to me that as long as one candle burns, darkness will never overtake the light.

I was told by a Past Grand Master that I cannot change the hearts and minds of over 45,000 Masons, and he is probably correct, although I disagree. What I can do is concentrate on those who are Masons in name and nature, not the so called “ring wearers”. I can give esteem and thanks for the faithful few who stand up to the line and act like Masons should. I can learn from and stand in awe of just one Mason who makes a difference. I am still saddened by the entire incident, but also happy that a Brother was being looked after by someone who cared enough to do whatever, whenever, and wherever. I have heard that creed somewhere else and have seen it in action; it is the same one that most firefighters follow. They don’t leave a man behind, even if it means their own lives. We must ask ourselves if we are ready to do the same, and step out of the shadows into the brilliance of the true Light of Masonry. We must decide what we must do, take action on the idea, and follow through because failure to act is not acceptable any longer. Follow the example of this Good Brother for as I have been humbled, so should we all stand in amazement of the love shown that day. There has been enough talk and enough rhetoric regarding what it means to be a Mason when everyone already knows in their heart what it takes. I challenge every Mason in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to act like Masons or come once again to the Altar and be re-obligated. The Brotherhood needs each and every one of you, for it is the Fraternity we all revere and cherish. We have let the outside world creep into our Lodges but we have a chance to curtail it through our investigating committees and the ballot box. Help me get on with the business of assisting those who cannot do for themselves and those who are in need of what we can offer. Stand beside me now my Brothers, and together we can change the very fabric of history and strengthen the bonds of unity. If I did not believe that true Masons could take back our heritage, I would not be Grand Master, nor would I be a Mason.

Again Brothers, take care of each other and your widows, love one another, and take a stand with me for what is just, what is right, and what is true.

God Bless you all my Brothers,
Todd

Masonic News

Masonic Golf Outing

The Annual Masonic Golf Outing this year will be on Monday, May 17, 2010. A Shot Gun Start will begin at 8:30 AM. Golfers should be on their carts by 8:00 AM. The location will still be the Fairway Golf Course at Wheatley, Kentucky. This is located in Owen County on State Route 227. The entry fee is $45.00 (payable at the golf course) which covers 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes and followed by a luncheon.

Please submit your names by Friday, May 14, 2010 to one of the following:
Forrest Webster - 859/250-7240 or e-mail webster@insightbb.com
George Tither – 859/572-0318
Vern Gregory – 859/816-3149 or e-mail verngreg@fuse.net
Lee Onkst – 859/468-4904 or e-mail lindao@fuse.net
Leon Whitaker – 859/322-3267 or e-mail whitaker848@aol.com

All donations for the Masonic Homes should be made out to “The Masonic Homes of Kentucky.” Past Grand Master and Golf Committee Member, George Tither will be in charge of collecting donations for the Homes.

Magic Returns to the Temple

On Sunday, May 16, 2010, “The Magic and the Wonder” returns to Louisville. Headlining the show is Las Vegas magician Kevin James. James has made numerous TV appearances on shows “World Magic Awards”, “Masters of Illusion” and a 2007 appearance on “America’s Got Talent.” Also appearing will be comedy magician David Williamson and our own illusionist Brother Patrick Miller (224) and his wife Janice, with Paul Emmick, Fox 41 WDRB TV Meteorologist as Master of Ceremonies.

There will be three shows at 2:00pm, 4:30pm and 7:00pm at the beautiful Scottish Rite Auditorium, 200 East Gray Street. Ticket prices are $15 and $20. Tickets can be purchased by visiting or calling Kosair Charities (502) 637-7696, The Louisville Scottish Rite office (502) 584-6185 or by going on-line to www.LouisvilleMagicShow.com or the “Magic and the Wonder” Facebook page.

All net proceeds go to Kosair Charities and the Louisville Scottish Rite Foundation Childhood Language Development Program.
A couple of months ago I wrote an article for publication in the Masonic Home Journal (March 2010) about the multitude of anti-Masonic books that are available from bookstores and the internet, and which attempt to defame the Fraternity with outright distortions—and, in many cases—outright lies. A few days after the publication containing the article was mailed to the membership, I received a phone call from a member who wondered why I hadn’t followed up with some suggestions of books that portrayed Freemasonry in its true light. While realizing that each individual reader will determine for himself the ultimate worth of a book he chooses to read, and not claiming to be a qualified critic of Masonic literature or authors, there are several Masonic books I have found to be interesting and informative, and recommend for worthwhile reading.

Certainly, the two books by Brother John J. Robinson, Born in Blood: The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry, and The Pilgrim’s Path are high on the list. The new novel by Dan Brown, The Lost Symbol, though a work of fiction, certainly displays Freemasonry in a favorable light, and debunks many of the myths used by anti-Masons in their attempt to smear the Fraternity and is highly recommended. Another interesting and informative book is The Freemasons by British historian Jasper Ridley, which is a comprehensive history of the Fraternity worldwide, and well worth reading. Another is The Genesis of Freemasonry by David Harrison, another British author, dealing with the origin of Freemasonry and its development in England.

The above listing is just a few of the many books about Freemasonry available for Masonic study, and, since Freemasonry is a progressive science, they are there to assist you in extending your Masonic knowledge. You are therefore encouraged, on an evening when you have the time, to pick up one and go with the author on an interesting and informative Masonic journey.

Happy Reading!

AWARDS ELIGIBILITY LIST
Each Lodge Secretary should have received the "Award Eligibility List" from the Grand Lodge Office in early April for those eligible for the 50, 60, and 75 year Grand Lodge Veteran’s Awards. You will be sent instructions with your list that will explain specifically how to fill it out. Please follow these instructions precisely.

The plateaus in time that a Brother must reach to qualify for these awards are significant, and the Grand Lodge Office wants to ensure that those Brothers due the award receive it timely. So, we encourage you to give this review your close attention.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LODGES
Just a reminder to each Lodge Secretary, if you are communicating with another Lodge within the Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky in an official capacity, you may correspond directly with the said Lodge. However, any correspondence with a Lodge - or Grand Lodge - other than the one within whose Jurisdiction your Lodge is located must be transmitted through both Grand Lodge Offices.

This procedure is intended to insure that a complete record of the particular transaction is fully noted at each level. Following this policy also saves time in as much as Lodges, agreeable to Masonic Protocol, will not directly respond to correspondence from a Lodge outside their Jurisdiction - thus creating delays by stalling the correspondence.

Just remember, all out-of-state correspondence must be transmitted through the Grand Lodge Office.

MASONIC DIRECTORY
The Masonic Directories for 2010 are still available from the Grand Lodge Office. The price is $11.00 each which is the cost of printing (plus shipping and handling if by mail). A form is printed below for your convenience should you wish to place an order for one or more.

Masonic Home Journal

The Oldest Continuously Published Masonic Newspaper In The United States

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Should that be the case, you should contact a local insurance agency to determine the plan to suit the needs of your lodge.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.
- Friedrich Engels

GRAND LODGE BLANKET INSURANCE
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Jack Matthews
Well Fargo Insurance Services
950 Breckenridge Lane Ste 50
Louisville, Kentucky 40257-0809
Phone 502 425-9444

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MASONIC DIRECTORY ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT:

Name ____________________________ Lodge ____________________________
Address __________________________
Phone ____________________________

Please mail to: Grand Lodge of Kentucky, c/o Grand Secretary
300 Masonic Home Dr., Masonic Home, Kentucky 40041

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Masonic Community Outreach

Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255

Mt. Gilead Lodge No. 255 recently presented over $600.00 in gift cards to deserving children of Science Hill Elementary School. Pictured, left to right: Claude Spaw, Senior Warden; Les Singleton; Sandi Dick, Coordinator of Family Resource Center at Science Hill High School; Dan Hamlin, Master; and Garry Patrick, Secretary. Back row: Ron Hellard, Treasurer.

Woodstock Lodge No. 639

Woodstock Lodge No. 639, family and friends presented Kelly Leigh with a check for the Eubank & Woodstock Family Resource Center.

Lyndon Lodge No. 960

Lyndon Lodge No. 960 recently presented Lyndon’s Mayor Susan Barto with a plaque in appreciation for her service to the community and great relationship with Lyndon Lodge. Pictured, left to right, front row: James Baker, Junior Warden, Council Member; and Susan Barto, Mayor of Lyndon. Back row: Mel Borich, Master; Danny Baker; Jesse Haydon, Tiler; and Scott Robinson, Senior Steward.

Peewee Valley Lodge No. 829

Doug Flowers, Treasurer (left) of Peewee Valley Lodge No. 829 shown above presenting a check to Don Helton (right), for the Veterans Memorial to be established in the Crestwood area. Don is a member of the American Legion Post #39, and guest speaker on Veterans issues. Peewee Valley F&AM proudly supports Veterans.

Fortitude Lodge No. 47 Support Cub Scouts

Lodge was called to order and went to refreshments to welcome Boy Scouts Pack #153. Den #5 put on a flag presentation to the enjoyment of all.

Brother Ed Lentz accepts a check on behalf of Pack 153 from Master Shane Cravens to help support the future of the Cub Scouts.
Hiram Lodge 4

On Wednesday, February 3, 2010 Brother Robert J. Hutchinson, Secretary of Trinity Union Lodge No. 372 of Baton Rouge, Louisiana presented Brother Stephen Earl Simon of Hiram Lodge No. 4 his 50 year pin and certificate at his residence in Louisiana.

Taylor Lodge 164

Master Jeff Wiley, presented Brother Les Larsen, PM, his Past Masters Apron as Master of Hiram Lodge No. 4 for the 2009 year on December 28, 2010.

Jeffersontown Lodge 774

On Saturday, March 13, 2010 Jeffersontown Lodge No. 774 presented Brother Ralph Martin his 50 year service pin and certificate. Brother Mark Galloway, DDGM 13 presented Brother Martin with a Kentucky Masonic pin, the Kentucky Grand Masters pin, and the Kentucky Grand Master’s Masons Helping Masons necktie. Brother Galloway announced that a donation had been made to the fund in honor of Brother Martin.

Robert Burns Lodge 163


Somerset Lodge 111

Brother Charles Robert Bowen, was recently presented his 60 year service pin by Somerset Lodge No. 111. Pictured, left to right: Brother Bowen, and Charlie McKinley, Secretary.

Robert Burns Lodge No. 163

Taylor Lodge 164

Boaz Lodge 850

Brother Tim Vanderroof, Secretary (right) of Boaz Lodge No. 850 presented a 50 year service award to Brother Robert Leroy Meyer at his home where he is recovering from a recent illness. Congratulations Brother Meyer.

Fred M. Gross Lodge 850

Brother Carl Wellman Sr. (left) received his James C. Long Service Award for 2009 from Paul Daniels, (right) 2008 recipient.

Jeff Bryant, Secretary of Fred M. Gross Lodge presented Pat Caniff his Past Masters Apron and plaque for 2009.

“Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try using ordinary situations.”
Jean Paul Richter

NOTICE • NOTICE
SOLICITATION FOR NOMINEES
FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MASONIC HOMES OF KENTUCKY, INC.

Dear Brethren:
The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc. will be held on Monday the 18th of October, 2010. Five Directors will be elected to serve for a three-year term. You must be a Kentucky Master Mason to be eligible for election to the Office of Director.

Directors are expected to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the Board, on the third Wednesday, serve on assigned committees (which require attendance at the committee meetings) and perform other duties as assigned by the Chairman of the Board or Executive Committee. Directors serve without remuneration. All Directors must own a Life Membership in the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc. which is two hundred and fifty dollars.

Candidates to be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors must submit a current resume including the following: Name, Address, Current Occupation, Phone Number, Education, Work Experience, Previous Experience of Board of Directors, Organizational Offices Held, References, and Masonic Affiliation and History. The resume may be submitted on regular stationery and mailed along with a recent photograph to the attention of the Secretary, Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc., 3761 Johnson Hall Drive, Masonic Home, KY 40041, postmarked no later than May 11, 2010.

We appreciate your interest in the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc.

Fraternally Thine, Nominating Committee 2010
Halfway Lodge No. 852

Halfway Lodge No. 852 Officers for 2010, pictured, front row, left to right: Windol Fisher, Chaplain; Ricky Stinson, Senior Warden; Tim Berry, Master; Adam Scott, Junior Warden; and Michael Jones, Secretary. Back row: Marcus Landers, Junior Deacon; Tyler Berry, Senior Deacon; Jesse Foster, Tiler; Jaime Jackson, Senior Steward; and Phillip Hooten, Junior Steward.

Woodstock Lodge No. 639

Woodstock Officers for 2010, front row, left to right: Joe Jasper, Installing Officer; Barry Erp, Junior Warden; James Gibson, Master; Chris Gates, Senior Warden; Vernon Wesley, Treasurer; Jeremy Bartley, Junior Steward; and Tim Anderson, Marshall. Back row: Jordan Dykes, Chaplain; Steve Bray, Senior Steward; Daniel Edwards, Junior Deacon; and Paul Hall, Senior Deacon. Not pictured: Eugene Brown, Tiler; and David “Shane” New, Secretary.

Hiram Lodge No. 4

On Monday, December 28, 2009 Hiram Lodge No. 4 held its annual installation of Officers. Left to right, front row: Joseph Conway, PGM, Installing Officer; James Miller, Senior Steward; Dustin Smither, Junior Warden; Jeff Wiley, Master; Tim Shera, Junior Warden; Monty Monfort, Junior Deacon; and Romuel Toon, Installing Marshall. Second row: Revel Lewis III, Tiler; Bill Gilbert, Treasurer; Bill Canon, Secretary; Ron Wise, Chaplain; Art Chaney, Senior Deacon; and John Semones, Assistant Treasurer.

Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938

Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938 of Corbin, Kentucky recently held an open installation of Officers. The installation was conducted by Acting Master Gary Flemming, assisted by Grand Marshall Eddie Helton, Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938. Officers, pictured, left to right, seated: Steve Merida, Senior Warden; Charles Childers, Master; and Clinton Rouse, Junior Warden. Center row: Nick Scott, Senior Deacon; Jacob Pennington, Junior Deacon; Philip Gregory, Treasurer; and Earl Jones, Secretary. Back row: Allen Rice, Senior Steward; Grady Burnett, Tiler; Gary Elliott, PM, Chaplain; and Brandon Bowman, Junior Steward.

Corydon Lodge No. 799

On Thursday, December 17, Corydon Lodge opened its doors to the public for a meal and had its annual installation of Officers. Pictured, left to right: Jeff Walker, Treasurer; Phil Armstrong, Senior Warden; Ryan Walker, Junior Steward; John Allee, Senior Deacon; Wayne Kellen, Chaplain; J. Husk, Master; Steve McLaughlin, Secretary; Felix Thomas, Installation Officers; and Hosea Smith, Junior Warden.

Fred M. Gross No. 953

On December 14, 2009 Fred M. Gross Lodge No. 953 installed Officers for 2010. Pictured, front row: Ron Musser, Senior Deacon; John Rowe, Junior Warden; Todd Eastham, Grand Master; Danny Kreger, Jr., Master; Steve Coburn, Senior Warden; Chaz Wireman, Junior Deacon; and Greg Stevens, Senior Steward. Back row: John Bond, Junior Steward; Jeff Bryant, Secretary; Danny Burke, Treasurer; Paul Daniels, Tiler; and Bill Tooley, Marshall.
Kentucky DeMolay’s Spring Conclave

Kentucky DeMolay’s Spring Conclave was held on March 26-28, 2010, in Jamestown, KY. Cody Stevens, State Master Councilor, conducted a congress session and elections were held for Kentucky DeMolay’s 2010 State Officers. The C. Frye Haley Memorial Priory also met and elected their new officers. The State officers and Priory officers will be installed at our Summer Conclave scheduled for July 15-18, 2010 in Jabez, Kentucky.

The elected State officers are: James E. Bowling of River Cities Chapter, State Master Councilor; Andrew Johnston of Bluegrass Chapter, Deputy State Master Councilor; Rafael Gonzalez of Cherokee Chapter, State Senior Councilor and Joshua Justice of River Cities Chapter, State Junior Councilor. The elected officers for the C. Frye Haley Memorial Priory are: Shawn Marcum, Illustrious Knight Commander; Rafael Gonzalez, Squire Commander and Austin Yates, Page Commander.

The Kentucky DeMolay Sorority participated in a Basketball free-throw competition and Lexi Porter was the winner of that competition. The Sorority met and made plans for the Summer Conclave and also began making center pieces for the grand banquet to be held at the Summer Conclave. On Sunday the members of the sorority received the “Men of Honor Talk” and received pins to present to their fathers or a male role model that has provided encouragement to them over the years. The Sorority also held their business meeting and the following officers will be installed at Summer Conclave: Miranda Klinglesmith, President; Miranda Elbert, Vice President; Meredith Doughty, Junior Vice President and Amanda Druin, Secretary.

The Spring Conclave was conducted under the leadership of 2009-2010 State Master Councilor Cody James Stevens. It was our privilege to welcome Dad Robert K. Tutt, Kentucky Executive Officer Emeritus. We were delighted also to have as guests, Robert Taylor, Active Member of International Supreme Council and Executive Officer of West Virginia DeMolay, Brother Michael Burge, PSMC, and Brother Mitch Combs, SMC of West Virginia DeMolay. Michael and Mitch were a tremendous addition to our Conclave bringing with them enthusiastic brotherhood from their great state.

Numerous ritual and athletic competitions were held, with awards being presented on Sunday morning. The Preceptor Corp competition champion was Bluegrass Chapter, with a seven member Preceptor team as follows: First Preceptor, Alex Johnston; Second Preceptor, Austin Yates; Third Preceptor, Andrew Johnston; Fourth Preceptor, Hannah Song; Fifth Preceptor Chandler Brennan; Sixth Preceptor, Josh Starnes and Seventh Preceptor, Harry Song.

The Sports competition champions are as follows: Arm Wrestling – Junior Division, Derek Sutherland of Northern Kentucky Chapter and Arm Wrestling – Senior Division, William Montgomery of River Cities Chapter; Track and Field – 100 Meter and 400 Meter, Branden Johnson of Bluegrass Chapter and for the mile, Mason Foster of Cherokee Chapter. It should be noted that Mason Foster competed in this event in his dress shoes, an awesome feat for any young runner.

The Punt, Pass and Kick Football Champion was Branden Johnson of Bluegrass Chapter. The Two-on-two Basketball – Junior Division champions were Jarred Spillman and Derek Sutherland of Northern Kentucky Chapter and the Senior Division champions were Brandon Crisp and Rafael Gonzalez of Cherokee Chapter. Bluegrass Chapter was the State Basketball Champion and Branden Johnson was named the MVP.

A 50-year DeMolay pin and certificate was presented to Brother Mark Galloway, PM of Suburban Lodge 740 and DDGM of District 13 on Sunday.

Kentucky DeMolay’s motto “Where the Fun is!” came true at the 2010 Spring Conclave as everyone went away with a feeling of lots of fun and the spirit of brotherhood.
MASONIC HOMES of KENTUCKY

Providing quality housing, health care and services that make a difference in people’s lives.

Going Above and Beyond for the Homes

Masonic Homes of Kentucky recognized its employees for outstanding service in 2009 at the annual Above & Beyond Appreciation Celebration, honoring three as Employees of the Year.

Occupational Therapist Jenny Kief was selected as Masonic Home of Louisville’s Employee of the Year. Renae Hunter, a CNA at Masonic Home of Shelbyville, was chosen as Shelbyville’s Employee of the Year. From the Louisville campus Maintenance Department, carpenter Shane Devitt was named Employee of the Year from the Corporate Group.

In addition to the Employees of the Year, 84 employees were honored with years of service awards, marking their longevity with the Homes. Masonic Home of Shelbyville’s Donald Carey and Carol Sanford received special recognition for completing 30 consecutive years of service.

Thirty-four employees received awards for perfect attendance during 2009.

Priceless volunteers make a difference

Four volunteers were recognized for their work in 2009 at the Homes’ Above & Beyond Appreciation Celebration.

“Thanks to our dedicated, compassionate volunteers, Homes’ residents receive outstanding care,” said CEO Gary Marsh. “Our volunteers help us make a daily difference in the lives of the people we serve.”

Volunteers perform clerical duties, organize storage areas, conduct crafts, visit with residents, help with special events, and everything in between. “Volunteers extend our staff and enable us to provide a level of service that is recognized among the industry’s best,” Marsh said.

Jerry Ford was selected as the Corporate Volunteer of the Year for his extraordinary customer service at The Bistro. From seating customers to busing tables, Ford’s involvement has helped turn one-time patrons into repeat customers.

Masonic Home of Shelbyville selected Forrest “Frosty” Cardwell (W.G. Simpson No. 472) as 2009 volunteer of the year for his five years of service. Frosty helps residents one-on-one, transporting them to events or just visiting. His brothers at W.G. Simpson lodge help out when the tasks require more horsepower, whether it is building a bench at the Great Day of Service or treating residents to a fish fry.

Masonic Home of Louisville honored Ken and Mary Lou Ballard for 15 years of service. The couple listens to the residents and helps them find the spiritual guidance they need through music and worship on Wednesday evenings.
Honoring Old Glory

The Louisville campus will welcome the sixth annual Flag Day celebration Saturday, June 12th. The celebration has grown over the years, according to VP of Mission Advancement Phyllis O’Daniel, becoming a community-wide observance.

“More than 50 color guard units representing military, law enforcement, scouting, fraternal and civic organizations participated in 2009, and the audience has grown to nearly 300,” she said.

“Masonic Homes is honored to host this tribute to our flag, our country and our American troops,” O’Daniel said.

Admission is free. Masonic Lodges and color guards wishing to participate are asked to register in advance.

To register a color guard or learn more, please contact Phyllis O’Daniel 502.753.8808; podaniel@mhky.com.

Homes’ in-home program takes root in Ashland

Masonic Homes is setting up shop in Ashland to help seniors and others live where they want—in their own homes.

The program, called Select Home Care Options, will offer care assessments and connect people with services designed to help them and their families. Already, Program Director Cindy Boone has begun recruiting staff, creating a data base of resources and discussing the volunteer role local lodges will play with Masonic leaders. Office space on U.S. 60 in Ashland has been leased.

Services will be tailored to meet each individual’s needs and delivered by professional providers. Lodges in the area will be recruited to help with special projects like building an accessible ramp or simply driving someone to a doctor’s appointment.

Initially, only counties in the FIVCO Area Development District will be served, according to Homes’ CEO Gary Marsh.

“Our pilot project is in Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Grayson and Greenup counties because Kentucky’s highest population of seniors live there, along with nearly 9,000 Masons,” Marsh said. “It is an opportunity to serve the most people and involve area lodges in volunteer activities that help their neighbors.”

Worth a thousand words

Louisville Care Center is on schedule for completion, and staff joined residents recently to view construction progress. From left to right standing: Physical Therapy Assistant Mike True, Executive Chef Keith Wayne and Assistant Director of Nursing Nikki Hallenbeck seated are residents Nancy Watkins, Charles Elston (Dwale Na 6) and Betty Hubbard.
Pieratt Lodge 725 – Plaque Presentation

Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Don Gaskill of District #24 presented a Plaque and Certificate to Andrew C. Lindon, Master for the year 2009. Alongside him is his Brother Jason Lindon, current Senior Warden of Pieratt Lodge No. 725, during his official visit to the Lodge on January 23, 2010.

Richmond Lodge 25 – Master Masons

Richmond Lodge No. 25 conferred the Master Mason Degree on four Brothers at their stated communication on Tuesday, February 9th. The Degree was conferred by Worshipful Brother David Jones, Master, with the assistance of the Brothers present. Pictured left to right, top row: John Wright, Senior Warden; Bruce Begley, Junior Warden; Adam Bryant, Senior Deacon. Bottom row: Leonard Kennedy, PM of Greenwood #903; Ben Kennedy; David Jones, Master; Adam Poff; and John Catron; William Howard.

Suburban Lodge 740 – Visits Indianapolis

Suburban Lodge No. 740 in Louisville, made their semi-annual visit to Keystone Lodge in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 27, 2010. They were greeted by a warm reception from a packed house. Suburban Lodge No. 740 conferred the Master Mason degree on two Fellowcraft Brothers. Worshipful Master Steve Tollifson said they are looking forward to Keystone visiting Louisville next year so the Kentucky Brothers can see it done Indiana style.

Sunset Lodge 913 – Three Generations

Entered Apprentice was conferred on Ricky Dattilo by Past Master Michael Mullins (Uncle) in the East; Past Master Roger Mullins (Uncle) as Senior Warden; Past Master Melvin Mullins (Grandfather) as Senior Deacon. Pictured, left to right: Melvin Mullins, Grandfather; Ricky Dattilo, Grandson; Roger Mullins, Uncle; and Michael Mullins, Uncle.

Bowling Green 73 – Membership Recognition

A.V. Harmon (center) was recognized at the stated communication on February 22, 2010 by Master Russell McElroy (left) and Bobby Jordan (right) for 69 years of continuous service. Brother Harmon was Initiated on July 26, 1941, Passed on 10/25/41 and Raised on 12/30/41. Thank You Brother Harmon for your continued support of our fraternity.

Utica Lodge 742 – Third Degree

Utica Lodge No. 742 conferred the Third Degree on February 4, 2010 and for the first time in the history of the Lodge three generations are members. Pictured, left to right: Guy Randall Atherton, 53 year member; Clint Aaron, Grandson; and Duane Randell, 28 year member.

Sievers Lodge 491 – Youngest Master Mason

John Ard, who is Sievers Lodge’s youngest Brother at 18 years of age, recently received his Master Mason Apron from his father, Brother Wayne Ard, a Past Master of Sievers Lodge.
Burnside Lodge 634 – Master Mason Degrees

Brother Richard Stephens, Jr., was recently raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the Brethren of Burnside Lodge No. 634. Pictured, left to right: Bob Boon, Junior Steward, also Brother Stephen’s father-in-law; Brother Richard Stephens; and Lodge Master Don Elmore.

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Burnside Lodge No. 634 raised three Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Pictured, left to right: Ernie Hampton; Gary Hampton; Robert Imhoff, Edwin Colyer, and Lindsey Glover, New Master Masons; Tommy Brake; and Lodge Master Hugh Turner.

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Paris Lodge 2 – Confers Master Masons

On Tuesday, March 16, 2010, Paris Lodge No. 2 F & AM conferred the Master Mason Degree on four new members. Receiving those honors were: Brothers Jeff Asbury, Joe Mullins, C. J. Tackett and Tim Conley. Paris Lodge No. 2 was ably assisted by its members and the area Masons who comprise the Masonic District 24 Degree Team directed by PM Gerald (Clay) Livengood (40). A delicious meal prepared and provided by Senior Deacon Mike Kendall and Junior Deacon Jim West was served prior to the meeting. Twenty-nine Masons were in attendance. Paris Lodge No. 2 meets the third Tuesday each month at 817 High Street in Paris. All area Masons are invited to come join us each meeting. Pictured, left to right, front row: Earl B. Sosby, Jr., Senior Warden; Charles K. McCann, Master; Brothers Jeff Asbury, Joe Mullins, Tim Conley, and C. J. Tackett, new Master Masons. Second row, left to right: Jonathan Hensler (954); Bennie P. Pigg, Junior Stewart; Past DDGM Wilson Wilder (40) PM; James A. Prince, Junior Warden; and Brother Ray Conley (Ohio), Father of Tim Conley. Back row, left to right: Harold Grooms (246) PM; Charles Garrison (18) PM; Dennie Ritchie (40 & 500) PM; and Denzil A. Vanderpool PM, Secretary.

Henry Lodge 249 – Entered Apprentice

On Monday, March 15, 2010, Henry Lodge No. 249 was proud to Initiate two new Entered Apprentices into its Lodge. The Degree work was well presented and enjoyed by the numerous visitors on hand from various Lodges throughout District #17. Pictured, left to right: John Suter, Master; Tony Walker, EA; Blake Button, EA; and Ben Spencer, Acting Master.

Vine Grove Lodge 603 – EA Degree

On February 6, 2010 Vine Grove Lodge 603 held a called meeting and initiated a new Brother into Freemasonry. Pictured on right: Charles Warner, New Entered Apprentice.
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**Hanson Lodge 766 – EA Degree**

On March 15, 2010 Hanson Lodge No. 766 held an Entered Apprentice Degree. Eight Brothers attended from eight different Lodges. Pictured, left to right: G. S. Hoffman, #252; Mack Stevenson, #244; Jeremy Pinegar, #143; T. Dume, #423; Tony Steward, #766; Jesse Beardon, #609; Bobby Lindsey, #548; and Dwight Majors, #347. This was the first time Hanson Lodge had this many Lodges attending a meeting.

A new member of Hanson Lodge No. 766 is the Grandson and Son of current members. Pictured, left to right: Joe Haywood, Grandfather; Chayson Dame, Grandson; T. Dume, Grandfather; and Kerry Dame, Father.

**B. R. Young Lodge 132 – Three Generations**

B. R. Young Lodge No. 132 is starting a family of Masters Masons, the Knight family. Pictured, left to right: Chester Knight, Son; J. C. Knight, Grandfather; and J. C. Knight, Father. They were recently honored by B. R. Young Lodge No. 132.

**Notice**

**JOHN T. CRANDELL LODGE NO. 457**

At the February 20, 2010 stated communication of John T. Crandell Lodge No. 457 following a notice in the Masonic Home Journal, the regular meeting time has been changed to the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. starting in March.

**RUSSELL SPRINGS LODGE NO. 941**

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Russell Springs Lodge No. 941 will hold an election for Senior Warden and any other Office that may become vacant at that time.

**ZEBULON LODGE NO. 273**

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Zebulon Lodge No. 273 will hold an election for Senior Warden and any other office that may become vacant at that time.

**Resolution of Respect**

**BRUCE ELBERT DAVIS**

Apperson Lodge No. 195
Louisa, Kentucky

WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment on March 2, 2010 our beloved and respected Brother Bruce Elbert Davis; be it RESOLVED, that in his passing, the family has lost a beloved member and Fraternity an upright man and Mason; therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Charter of Apperson Lodge No. 195 F&AM, Louisa, Kentucky be draped in mourning for thirty days; therefore be it RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family, one copy to The Masonic Home Journal for publication; JAMES R. MULLINS, SEC.

**By-Laws**

**CLINTON LODGE NO. 82**

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Clinton Lodge No. 82 will vote on a change to its By-Laws changing the meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**McNEIL LODGE NO. 586**

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, McNeil Lodge No. 586 will vote to change its meeting from the 3rd Saturday to 3rd Tuesday.

**HIRAM LODGE NO. 4**

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Hiram Lodge No. 4 will vote on changes to its By-Laws which includes dues, fees and over changes. All members are urged to attend.

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**J. L. SWINDLE**

New Roe Lodge No. 592
New Roe, Kentucky

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from labor here on Earth to His reward on high, our beloved Brother J. L. Swindle; and WHEREAS, in his passing the family has lost a true and upright man and Mason and the community a valuable citizen; therefore be it RESOLVED, that we extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved family and friends and direct them to comfort to Almighty God; be it further RESOLVED, that the Charter of New Roe Lodge No. 592 be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days in respect for the Passing of Brother J. L.

CHARLES A. BUTLER, SEC.

**COMMITTEE**

**MARVIN F. KELIEN**
Salt River Lodge No. 180
Mt. Washington, 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, 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 his loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that a copy of this Resolution 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, SEC.
CENTRAL KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF PAST MASTERS TO MEET
The Society of Past Masters of Central Kentucky will meet at Sun-
set Lodge No. 915, located at 221 Steedley Drive in Louisville, KY on
May 29, 2010. We will ‘eat’ at 6:30 P.M. and then ‘meet’ at
7:30 P.M.
All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the func-
tions of your Society. Current ‘sitting’ Masters as well as all Past Masters
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DEVOTION LODGE NO. 160

MAYSVILLE LODGE NO. 52—Meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30 P.M., 1215 E. Main St., Public Square, behind Walker’s Drug Store, John A. Barr, Sec., 225 E. Main St., 502-434-3743.

HARDIN LODGE NO. 41—Meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30 P.M., 221 S. Main St., Elizabethtown, H. E. Hires, Sec., 225 S. Main St., 502-270-8205.


BOWLING GREEN LODGE NO. 73—Meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30 P.M., 309 Main St., Bowling Green, 502-945-9848.

BOEING LODGE NO. 144—Meets 1st Sat., 7:30 P.M., 220 E. Main St., Madisonville, 606-878-5425.

BRECKINRIDGE LODGE NO. 70—Meets 12th & 15th of each month at 7:30 P.M., 811 Main St., Clarkson, B. Ronald G. Skipper, Sec., 697 Overdale Dr., Mount Washington 40047, 502-574-8690.


MCCUNE LODGE NO. 56—Meets 1st & 3rd Sat., 7:30 P.M., 927 University Ave., Covington 41017, 859-268-5605.


CIRCUIT COURT LODE NO. 966—Meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:00 P.M., 3350 Knott Av., Vine Grove 40175, 270-877-2294.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS


BURLINGTON LODGE NO. 494—Meets 1st & 3rd Fri., at 7:00 P.M. in Scottish Rite Temple, Hw y. 54, Fordsville on the 2nd Mon., 7:30 P.M. Roy D. Moxley, M.; James F. Rea, Jr., Sec., 3528 Round-table Loop, Owensboro 42303, 270-685-2618.


BARBERRY LODGE NO. 667—Meets 4th Fri., 7:30 P.M., 523 Park Rd., 2nd floor, Unit 2, Bardstown, 502-345-9333.

BEVERLY LODGE NO. 36—Meets 1st Mon., 7:30 P.M., 204 Vale St., Bardstown, 502-345-9333.

BRENTSBORO LODGE NO. 5—Meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30 P.M., Forestview Dr., Louisville 40219, 502-962-4087.

BALTICS LODGE NO. 605—Turns Lane, Louisville 40232, 228-926777.

BARDSTOWN LODGE NO. 3—Meets 1st & 3rd Fri., 7:30 P.M., 523 Park Rd., 2nd floor, Unit 2, Bardstown, 502-345-9333.


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Ft. Thomas Lodge 808 – Master Masons

Ft. Thomas Lodge No. 808 raised Brother Tom Morrison to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on December 29, 2009 at the Lodge’s annual sunrise degree. Breakfast was served to all present. Pictured left to right: George Tither, PGM Chaplain; Bob Peelman, Master; Tom Morrison; Joshua Morrison, Melrose Lodge #671 Norwood, Ohio (assisted in raising his father); and Bruce Harry PM, Senior Steward.

Officers of Ft. Thomas Lodge who took part in the raising of Brother Tom Morrison: First row: Ed Harber, Junior Warden; Eric Creech Jr., Junior Deacon; George Tither PGM, Chaplain; Tom Morrison, Candidate; Bob Peelman, Master; Joshua Morrison; George Gore, Tiler; and Jonathan Carter, Junior Steward. Second row: Justin Lingg, Warren Lodge #15, Indiana; Eric Creech, Senior Deacon; Ryan Engle, Secretary; Bruce Harry, Senior Steward; Chris Terry Melrose Lodge #671 Senior Warden; Jim Scott. Brother Morrison’s son assisted in raising his Dad.

Right Angle Lodge 233 – MM & Traveling Gavel

At their regular meeting on Saturday, January 23, Right Angle Lodge conferred the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Andrew Louis Caldwell (left) by Master John Right (right). The Degree was conferred by Worshipful Master John Wright, with the assistance of the Brothers present.

Also that evening, a group of ten Brothers from Stanton #352 came to claim District 24 Traveling Gavel. Pictured, left to right, back row: Warren Bowman, PM; John Brewer II, PM, Treasurer; Harold Branham, PM, Secretary; Steven Branham, Junior Deacon; and Thomas Brahman, Junior Steward. Front row: Terry Fraley, PM; Gerald Tharpe, PM, Senior Deacon; Daniel Thorpe, Master of Stanton #352; John Wright, Master of Right Angle #233; James Alton Hughes, Senior Warden. Not pictured: Daryl Collins, PM, Senior Steward; and Brother Gerald Tharpe is the maternal uncle of Master John Wright.