Burnside 634 – Freedom 643 Supports Masonic Homes

Recently, Ken Cooper (center), DDGM #22, Masonic Homes Ambassador accepted a check from Hugh Turner (left) PM, Burnside Lodge No. 634 and Stan Oliver (right), Master of Freedom Lodge No. 643 as they honor the Lodges and pledge to support the Masonic Homes and the Sam Swope Complex.  

photo by Donnie Brake

April District Meetings

DISTRICT 27
MAY 20
Phil Lewis
D.D.G.M. 27

The annual meeting of District 27 will be Friday, May 20, 2011 at El-Hasa Shrine Temple, 13450 State Route 180, Ashland, Kentucky.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Directions: Coming from the West to East on I-64 take Exit 185, turn left on State Route 180, Temple is about 1 mile on the right.

DISTRICT 29
MAY 21
Johnny Combs
D.D.G.M. 29

The annual meeting of District 29 will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Krypton Lodge No. 905, 13007 Hwy. 451, Krypton, Kentucky.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. with a tiled meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m. For Master Masons and their Ladies.

Directions: Coming from Hwy. 15, turn on Hwy. 28 towards Buckhorn Lake State Park. Drive to Chavies and turn onto Hwy. 451. Travel approximately 5 miles, Krypton Lodge will be on the left side of the road.

Ft. Thomas 808 – Christmas Walk

Ft. Thomas Lodge No. 808 participated in the 8th Annual Christmas Walk in the City of Ft. Thomas on December 5, 2010. Lodge was open to the public and served hot chili, hot chocolate, pastries and other treats to all who stopped by. This is just one of the many ways the Lodge promotes Masonry in the community.

James W. Alley 869 – Mason of the Year

At the James W. Alley Lodge No. 869 Christmas Dinner, held on December 11, 2010, Past Master, Brother Anthony Lafferty, was presented Mason of the Year Award by Worshipful Master, Ernie Gullett. Brother Anthony demonstrates his love for Masonry and Honor to the Fraternity by the time he dedicates to newly elected Brethren. He coaches them through the degrees. Anthony says he enjoys the fruits of his labor by watching them advance through the chairs and make it to the East. Brother Anthony is very deserving of this honor. Congratulations to Brother Anthony for his accomplishments and thank you for your many years of dedicated service.

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GRAND MASTER’S
DECISION
CALLED
COMMUNICATIONS

April 5, 2011

It has come to my attention there is some confusion among the Craft regarding an interpretation of Sections 107 and 108 of the Book of Constitutions as they apply to giving notice to members of Called Communications. First, I want to emphasize the importance of giving due notice to the membership of any and all Lodge Communications since the business of the Lodge is every member’s business and they should be afforded every opportunity to attend and take part if they choose. Dates and times of Stated Communications are set in the Lodge By-Laws, and should be known to every member of the Lodge. Called Communications, however, require a special effort in order to assure every member of the Lodge is afforded that opportunity to be present and take part in the business of the Lodge. This is very important in order to maintain the peace and harmony in the Lodge. However, there are, apparently, some who feel a spontaneous Communication may be called without any notice to the membership. Being aware of this, and after carefully reviewing the aforementioned Sections, consulting the Committee on Jurisprudence and the elected Grand Lodge Officers, I feel it necessary to make this decision.

Therefore, it is my determination that due notice of all Called Communications must be given to the membership of the Lodge either “(1) In writing, addressed to the Lodge membership or member affected with postage thereon prepaid, (2) Published in the Masonic Home Journal, (3) Announced to the Craft by the Master or someone lawfully acting in his place during a stated communication of the Lodge”. The only exception is the calling of a communication for conducting a funeral service for a Brother because of the time constraint; however, even in this case, every effort should be made to notify as many Brethren as possible. The elected Grand Lodge Officers unanimously concurred with me in reaching this decision.

Fraternally thine,

Donald H. Yankey
Grand Master

Progress Lodge 932 – My Father’s Award

Pictured above, left to right are Brother James Emmanuel Thomas, P.M.; Brother Archie R. Smallwood, Master; and Brother Danny Butler which is receiving a plaque denoted “Progress Lodge No. 932 F&AM proudly recognizes Calvin W. Butler, P.M. for his service as Secretary for multiple years and Master 1973 & 1988.” This was received in the memory of Brother Calvin W. Butler for his dedication not only to Progress Lodge but the Fraternity as well.

Mark your calendar...

All Masons Day

PICNIC

Saturday - July 23rd

On the grounds of
The Masonic Home Louisville Campus

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Look for more information in the
June issue of The Masonic Home Journal
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 insure 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 2011 are available from the Grand Lodge Office. The price is $11.00 plus 6% KY sales tax each plus shipping and handling. If you call the office (502-893-0192) and pay via credit/debit card we will waive the shipping charges on your order. You can order online at our webpage (go to www.grandlodge-ofkentucky.org and click the link on the left side panel to the Grand Lodge Store or type: http://shop.grandlodgeofkentucky.org into your browser). You can also order via e-mail at: Mary@grandlodgeofkentucky.org or James@grandlodgeofkentucky.org. OR you can send a letter requesting the number of directories you wish to order to: Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 300 Masonic Home Dr, Masonic Home, KY 40041. Supplies are limited.

GRAND LODGE BLANKET INSURANCE

By this time, each lodge Secretary should have received a Memorandum of Insurance statement from the Grand Lodge Office, showing the type, amount and a general description of the coverage each of the items in the agreement provides. You should file the same and use it as proof of coverage if, as you are most probably aware, insurance is a complicated business to most of us; consequently, it is well nigh impossible to prepare a general statement that would answer all the questions that may come to mind. However, if you find that you have specific questions concerning what is included in the coverage, and to what extent, you may call, either, this office, or contact;

Jack Matthews
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Phone 502 425-9444

The one insurance question we get most often in the Grand lodge Office concerns insurance on the lodge building. The blanket insurance carried by the Grand Lodge does not in any way include coverage on a lodge building, either liability or property. If your lodge owns a building, you must carry additional insurance to protect your membership.

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

Masonic Education Schedule

Brothers,
The Committee on Masonic Education has been working hard and is ready for the year. This year’s topics are Masonic Protocol and Etiquette, Importance of Memorizing Ritual, and The Constitution. Hope to see you at one of our meetings. Dates, places and times are as listed.

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FROM YOUR GRAND SECRETARY

JOSEPH R. CONWAY, P.G.M. Grand Secretary

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

““There is no worse lie than a truth misunderstood by those who hear it.””

---William James
James W. Alley 869
Service Awards

At James W. Alley Lodge No. 869, regular communication, held on January 24, 2011, Brothers Jackie D. Slone and Gary D. Francis were represented their 25 Year Service Pins by Master Douglas A. Harvey. Congratulations to our Brothers and thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the Fraternity. James W. Alley Lodge No. 869 meets every 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 PM; we invite all Brothers to attend.

Cadiz 121 – 60 Year Service Award

On December 9, 2010, Cadiz Lodge No. 121 presented Brother James T. Reynolds with his 60 Year Service Pin. The presentation was made by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Curtis Johnston and Brother Jame's lovely wife had the honor of giving him his pin along with a kiss. Brother Reynolds was presented to the floor by his cousin Charles Reynolds PM of E.W. Turner Lodge of Earlington, Kentucky. Brother Reynolds is a very loyal and dedicated member.

Boone-Union 304 – Service Awards

Brother Gilbert D. Turner recently received his 50 year service of membership from Ernest R. Stratton, Master of Boone-Union Lodge No. 304 in Union, Kentucky. Pictured, left to right: Gilbert D. Turner; Ernest Stratton, Master; Loren K. Rood, Secretary; and his son Gilbert V. Turner, a member of Walton-Verona Lodge No. 719.

Progress 932
60 Year Award

Master Brother Archie R. Smallwood (left) presented Brother Marvin E. Schwab (right) his 60 Year Service Pin at his home on December 21, 2010.

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Brother Donald E. Craft (center) recently received his 60 year service award from Ernest R. Stratton, (left) Master of Boone-Union Lodge; and Loren K. Rood, Secretary.
On Jan. 15, 2011 N.H. Shaw Lodge No. 608 F&AM held an open installation for the 2011 year at its Nortonville Lodge. There was good food and fellowship before the ceremony with Past Grand Master Barber Shelton presiding over the installation with Brother Doug Long being our Marshal. An excellent job was done and again we are blessed to have these two men in our Lodge. The other part of the ceremony was the presenting of the personal gavel of the late Past Master Larry Bowman to his widow Mrs. Martha Bowman. It was presented to her by the new Master Ted Wells, Larry’s nephew. It was a very special moment.

The new officers for 2011. Front row, left to right: William Dixon, Senior Warden; Ted Wells, Master, Derek Vincent, Junior Warden; John Koma r, Senior Deacon; and Barber Shelton, Past Grand Master. Second row: John Phillips, Junior Deacon; Chad Funkhouser, outgoing Master; Doug Long, Marshal; and Johnny Ashby, Tiler. Third row: Charles Foster, Chaplin; and Mike Adams, Treasurer. Not pictured: Joe Perkins, Secretary; Dale Somero, Senior Steward; and Matt Summers, Junior Steward. Congratulations to all new officers of N.H. Shaw #608. Thanks to all the family and friends that were present for supporting your Masons.

Have you made your contribution to the St. John’s Day League?
On December 13, 2010, Grand Master Donald Yankey installed the Officers for Fred M. Gross Lodge No. 953. Pictured, left to right, front row: Chaz Wireman, Junior Warden; Ron Musser, Senior Warden; John Rowe, Master; Donald Yankey, Grand Master of Kentucky; Charles Buckley, Asst. Grand Tiler; Donald Moore, Grand Senior Deacon; and Phillip Lewis, DDGM #27. Back row: Jeff Bryant, Secretary; Houston Trimble, Junior Deacon; Paul Daniels, Tiler; David Lewis, Chaplain; Danny Burke, Treasurer; and Bill Tooley, Marshal.

On January 1, 2011, the Officers of Shelby Lodge No. 662 were installed. A near capacity crowd made this public installation a very enjoyable night for all concerned. Pictured, front row, left to right: Jimmy Miller, Senior Deacon; Bob Neal, DDGM #15; Ron Caughron, Junior Warden; Chris Brookshire, Senior Warden; Bill Vandegriff, Master; Less Richardson, Junior Deacon; Rick Nation, Secretary; and Cecil Goodlett, Treasurer. Back row: Kennie Gibbs, Junior Steward; Mark Price, Senior Steward; and Mark Whittaker, Chaplain. The installation was conferred by Grand Junior Warden, Rick Nation, Installing Master and Steve Wright, Installing Marshal. Shelby Lodge meets the first Saturday of each month in beautiful downtown Waddy, Kentucky. We eat at 6:30 and meet at 7:30. Visitors are always welcome.

At a recent communication of Mintonville Lodge No. 392, Brother William Ronald Cain was elected as Master of the Lodge. Congratulations Brother Cain and serve your Brothers well.

At an open installation on December 27th, the following Officers of Boone-Union Lodge No. 304 were installed for 2011. Front row, left to right: Ryan Homer, Junior Steward; Thomas Rosenacker, Jr., Senior Deacon; Loren K. Rood, Secretary; Michael Howard, Treasurer; and Robert Brown, Senior Steward. Center: Hillard Newsome, Jr., Junior Warden; and J. Michael Richardson, Chaplain and Installing Master. Rear row: Mark Evans, Senior Warden; and Ernest R. Stratton, P.M., Master.
A. G. Hodges Lodge 297 – Raises Eight

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, A.G. Hodges Lodge No. 297 hosted a Master Mason degree raising eight new Master Masons. In a combined effort with Central Lodge No. 673 and Livermore Lodge No. 186, sixty people attended an all-you-can-eat breakfast at 8:00 a.m., work starting at 9:00. The work was conferred by Past Grand Master Curtis Johnston. Thanks to Brother Curtis for taking time out from his busy schedule to help. A.G. Hodges Lodge took pride in raising Grandfather, Wallace Smith; Son, Randy Smith; and Grandsons, Josh Smith and Jarad Taul. Also raised were Michael Tapp and John Scott of Central No. 673 and Steven Troy Humphrey and John Michael Wright of Livermore No. 186. Pictured, front row: Steven Troy Humphrey; John Michael Wright; John Scott; and Michael Tapp. Back row: Josh Smith; Randy Smith; Jarad Taul; and Wally Smith.

Hugh Harris Lodge 938

Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938 held their Open Installation of Officers on December 18, 2010. Standing, left to right: Installing Officers PDDGM Gary Fleming; Jacob Pennington, Senior Deacon; Allan Rice, Junior Deacon; Gary Elliott, Chaplain; Brandon Bowman, Senior Steward; Dewayne Adams, Junior Steward; Jeff Woods, Tiler; Earl Jones, Secretary; and Marshal PDDGM Phillip Gilbert. Seated: Phillip Gregory, Treasurer; Clinton Rouse, Senior Warden; Steve Morida; Master; and Nick Scott, Warden.

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.
Shelbyville Home ranked among America’s best

Masonic Home of Shelbyville has received a five-star overall ranking in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Nursing Homes for the second consecutive year.

Of more than 15,000 nursing homes surveyed, only one home in seven earned this designation, based on data and quality ratings from the federal government. The rankings highlight facilities across the nation providing high-quality care, serving as a worthwhile tool for millions of elderly Americans and their families in search of a nursing home.

The rankings are updated quarterly and rely on information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that sets and enforces quality standards for all homes enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid. Homes receive an overall rating of one to five stars from the government based on the number of stars earned in each of three categories: health inspections, nurse staffing and quality of care.

“Achieving this designation is a team effort, and the fact that it comes so soon after being named the 2010-11 Facility of the Year by our state association is a double affirmation of the exceptional care we provide,” said Shelbyville Administrator Debra Finneran.

“Homes at the top of our rankings have repeatedly shown high quality and deserve consideration,” said Avery Cornarov, Health Rankings Editor at U.S. News & World Report.

Smith tapped to serve District 26

Marvin L. Smith has been named Masonic Homes’ District Ambassador.

A Past Master of C.D. Ward No. 961 and a member of Clay No. 798, Smith also belongs to Scottish Rite and Oleika Shriner.

As an ambassador, Smith will serve as a resource for information about Masonic Homes facilities, services and programs for Masons in District 26, which includes Clay, Laurel, Leslie, McCreary and Whitley counties.

Smith lives in East Bernstadt with his wife, Sandra. Contact Marvin to speak to your lodge about Masonic Homes of Kentucky (phone: 606/843-9096; e-mail: sand_marv@windstream.net).

Sproutlings accepting pre-registration applications

Pre-registrations are now being accepted through June 15 for Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool on Masonic Homes’ Louisville campus, which will offer comprehensive care and development programs for children of all abilities. Registration forms are now available at sproutlingsdaycare.com or by phoning 502-753-8222.

Construction of the Kosair Charities Center, which will be Sproutlings’ home, is scheduled to be completed in July. Sproutlings is tentatively scheduled to open by mid-August.

Kim Boden, a former resource teacher with Jefferson County Public Schools, has been selected as director of Sproutlings. Boden holds a master’s degree in speech and language pathology and most recently was on faculty at Churchill Park School.

The center will be open 6 a.m. – midnight, Monday-Saturday, in order to support families and their unique scheduling needs. Approximately 50 nursing professionals, early childhood specialists and transportation assistants will work two shifts. Nutrition services, therapies and other support will be provided by existing campus staff.
New streets honor Conway and Larimore

Homes’ CEO Gary Marsh (center) presented Tom and Pat Larimore with a street sign that bears their name.

Joe and Peg Conway proudly displayed the sign for Conway Circle.

Masonic Homes’ tradition of recognizing Masons for outstanding service continued by naming two new streets on the Louisville campus Conway Circle and Larimore Lane.

“As our campus grows to provide more services, we took this opportunity to offer lasting recognition to the Conways and Larimores for their support and service to Kentucky Masonry and the Masonic Homes,” said CEO Gary Marsh.

Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Joseph Conway has chaired the Homes Board of Directors for seven years. During his leadership, the Homes has undergone unprecedented growth, adding new services to its existing campuses and successfully piloting a home and community-based services program in the Ashland area. Joe and Peg have participated in countless special events to honor employees and visit with residents. In 2010, Joe was recognized for outstanding board leadership by Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

Grand Treasurer Virgil T. Larimore, Jr. has served on the Homes’ Board for more than 30 years. Although Tom retired as a vice president with National City Bank, he has served Masonic Homes’ Board as treasurer and a counselor to Homes’ management on key financial issues. As chair of the Board’s endowment and finance/budget committees, Tom keeps the focus on the best interests of the Homes and our residents. Tom and his wife Pat rarely miss a special event at the Homes and are familiar faces to residents and staff.

“Masonic Homes of Kentucky is living our mission and achieving our vision with the support and dedicated service of Joe and Peg Conway, and Tom and Pat Larimore,” Marsh said. “We are honored to recognize them with this enduring reminder of their service.”

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On March 11, 2011, Highland Lodge No. 311 raised four Fellow-craft to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Ohio and West Virginia Lodges were well represented, plus area Lodges with over 65 Brothers in attendance. A great meal was prepared by the Brothers “potluck” style and a great time was had by all.

Jerusalem Lodge 9 – Welcomes New Brothers

On January 24, 2011, Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 welcomed a new brother to the Fraternity. James Brian Wingfield was regularly received as such. Several members were in attendance, along with several visitors. J.W. Steve Hall was the acting Master for the Entered Apprentice Degree. Before the Degree, a meal was prepared by Howard Odom and Danny Fox. Several brothers pitched in to clean up the kitchen after the meal.

On February 28, 2011, Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 welcomed a new Brother to the Fraternity. Johnny Griffin was regularly received as such. Several members were in attendance. P.M. George Coombs was the acting Master for the Entered Apprentice Degree. George currently serves the Lodge as Treasurer. A meal was prepared by W.M. Peter J Perrone, and enjoyed by all the Brothers in attendance.

On March 21, 2011, Brother Joseph R. Conway, Grand Secretary of Kentucky was overwhelmed with appreciation when presented an Honorary Membership certificate from St. Matthews Lodge 906 by Cecil C. McCool, Master. Our best wishes to Brother Conway now and in the future.

What Is the Masonic Board of Relief of Kentucky?

The Masonic Board of Relief of Kentucky was started to assist the Masonic Lodges of Kentucky with extra assistance of True and Worthy Brothers their Widows and Orphans applying as such. The Masonic Board Of Relief Of Kentucky was incorporated in 1944 and is still in existence today. The only change has been to the name it began with was the Masonic Board of Relief of Louisville, but this led to a lot of confusion over the years that the organization was for Lodge members in Louisville only. The name was then changed to Masonic Board of Relief of Kentucky. We have helped numerous Brothers and their families over the years. The money used has come from Lodges in Kentucky that have paid dues to the Masonic Board of Relief of Kentucky. Each member of the Masonic Board of Relief of Kentucky is a representative of the Lodges that have joined the Masonic Board of Relief of Kentucky. Each representative has a vote for their Lodge on the business that is presented before the board.

Having given you an idea of just a little insight of what we do the Masonic Board of Relief of Kentucky is in danger of closing. This is due to the Lodges not renewing their membership, nor the Brothers attending. A lot of the Lodges thought that we were closed already. Some did not know that we even existed. This is the reason for this publication in the Journal. We are wanting to tell all the Lodges and members that we exist and we are still here. Also we would want ask that you and your Lodge consider joining the Masonic Board of Relief of Kentucky. The dues are only 20¢ a member.
Jerusalem Lodge 9 – Lodge Highlights

Douglas Dale Fritts, Master of Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 at a recent communication, presented Masonic Bibles to his Officers in attendance.

Simpson Lodge 189 – Masons Helping Masons

On March 28, Simpson Lodge No. 189, located in New Castle, Kentucky held its regular stated meeting. Brother Gene Crady was asked to install Brother Forest Abbott (center) as the Junior Deacon, with DDGM # 17 Terry Gravemeyer (right) acting as Marshal. Master Bobby Clark (left) congratulated Brother Abbott as DDGM # 17 presented him the Masons helping Masons brick pin donated from the Lodge. A wonderful meal and fellowship was had by all. Simpson #189 serves a meal before each meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Come on out, we meet on the level (ground floor) across from the square (Court House) 4th Monday.

Fleming Lodge 112 – St. John’s Day

Brothers of Fleming Lodge No. 112 observed St. John’s Day. Pictured: Charles Spann, Master; Tony Jones, Senior Warden; Todd Jones, Junior Warden; Jessie Evans, Senior Deacon; John Catron, Junior Deacon; Barry Purvis, Treasurer; David Lee, Secretary; and Scotty Mitchell.

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RAIN LOCATION: Walton-Verona Lodge #719

District 25 – Meeting Highlights

On Saturday, March 12, 2011. Brother Earl Coffee happened to be the longest serving member present at the meeting at 67 years and is a Past Master of both Pond Fork No. 601 and Indian Creek No. 614. Brothers Flannery and Hoskins were raised to the Master Mason Degree just two weeks previously. This was a rare occasion to see the very oldest and the very youngest Masons present at one meeting. Following an inspiring speech given by Brother Dennis G. Mills, DDGM, everyone was very moved by Bro. Jason Newby, (617), who gave his touching story of his recent successful battle over leukemia with the help of many members in the district as well as the surrounding community. He sincerely thanked everyone for their undivided assistance during this ordeal and expressed gratitude for this example of Masonic charity in action. He is currently the youngest serving Past Master of his Lodge. The District #25 meeting turned out to be a historical occasion for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Robert C. Clark Lodge 646 – Master Mason

On February 1, 2011, the Brothers of Robert C. Clark Lodge No. 646 in Clay County held an exceptional celebration as they raised Brothers Kyle Smith, Bobby Day and Jason Smith to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The crowd was large, the work wonderful and the food excellent. A splendid time was had by all present. Pictured from left to right: Kyle Smith; Bobby Day; and Jason Smith receiving their aprons.
In memory of Brother Arlie E. Moore who passed away on March 11, 2011.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself the Spirit of our Brother, Arlie E. Moore, to lay down his working tools of life and join Him in eternal life in Heaven; be it

RESOLVED, that in his passing, the family has lost a beloved member and the Fraternity an upright and faithfull Brother; and

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

RESOLVED, that Jake Rice Lodge No. 606 in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

JEFF SCOTT, SEC.  

KENNETH LEE ROLPH  
Hebron Lodge No. 757  
Hebron, Kentucky  
WHEREAS, it having pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself the Spirit of our Brother, Kenneth Lee Ralph, to his just reward on January 6, 2011, and after having completed the designs written for him on life's trestle board; and

WHEREAS, our faithful Brother's column is broken and he has passed through the portals of eternity to join that great Celestial Lodge; and

WHEREAS, in his passing the family has lost a beloved member, the Fraternity an upright and faithful Mason, and who we hope to meet again in that Temple, that New Jerusalem, that house not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the altar of Hebron Lodge No. 757 F&AM of Hebron, Kentucky, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that we convey to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in this deep affliction, and that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the minutes of the Lodge, and a copy spread across the pages of The Masonic Home Journal.

TOM E. GEMMER, SEC.  

TORRENT LODGE 711  
Zachariah, Kentucky  

JAMES K. SHORT  
50+ Year Member – April 3, 2011  
In memory of our Brother who recently passed from this life.

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 Leitchfield Lodge No. 236, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tend to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

CHUCK JOHNSON, ROBERT THOMAS, CARL MILLER  

RAY F. HACKNEY  
Jake Rice Lodge No. 606  
Blaine, Kentucky  

In memory of Brother Ray Hackney who passed away on January 29, 2011.

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 Leitchfield Lodge No. 236, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tend to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

CHUCK JOHNSON, ROBERT THOMAS, CARL MILLER  

ARLIE E. MOORE  
Jake Rice Lodge No. 606  
Blaine, Kentucky  

In memory of Brother Arlie E. Moore who passed away on March 11, 2011.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself the Spirit of our departed Brother Arlie E. Moore to lay down his working tools of life and join Him in eternal life in Heaven; be it

RESOLVED, that in his passing, the family has lost a beloved member and the Fraternity an upright and faithfull Brother; and

WHEREAS, the All wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved and respected Brother; and

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

RESOLVED, that Jake Rice Lodge No. 606 in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

JEFF SCOTT, SEC.  

EDISON DWIGHT CREECH  
Fields Lodge No. 832  
Cumberland, Kentucky  

BE IT KNOWN, Almighty God has called from our midst to His re- ward in Heaven, Edison Dwight Creech on March 19, 2011.

BE IT ALSO KNOWN, the family and community has lost a true and worthy member; therefore

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that the members of Fields Lodge No. 832 extend to his family our sincere sympathy and commend them to Almighty God for comfort and the alter be draped for thirty days in respect; also

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, a copy of this Resolution be sent to The Masonic Home Journal, a copy to the family and a copy remain in the minutes of Fields Lodge.

CLAY SLUSHER, MASTER  
SILAS WHITEHEAD, SEC.  

MURRELL BUTCH EARLS  
Leitchfield Lodge No. 236  
Leitchfield, Kentucky  

In memory of Brother Murrell Butch Earls who died February 20, 2011.

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 Leitchfield Lodge No. 236, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tend to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

CHUCK JOHNSON, ROBERT THOMAS, CARL MILLER  

CARL LOOS  
Walton-Verona Lodge No. 719  
Walton, Kentucky  

It is with deep sadness that we write to inform the Craft in Kentucky about the death of Robert W. Hamilton, a member of Walton-Verona Lodge No. 719 &F&M for sixty-four years, May God bless Brother Hamilton and his family during their bereavement.

K.F. FULMER, SEC.  

JIM L. MILLER  
Leitchfield Lodge No. 236  
Leitchfield, Kentucky  

In memory of Brother Jim L. Miller who died February 27, 2011.

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

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CHUCK JOHNSON, ROBERT THOMAS, CARL MILLER  

CHARLIE SIZEMORE  
Clay Lodge No. 737  
Blaine, Kentucky  

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself the Spirit of our beloved Charlie Sizemore, a sixty-four year member, on January 2, 2011.

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

RESOLVED, that the charter of Clay Lodge No. 737 F&AM be completed and the masonic lodge become vacant.

ANTHONY HOLBROOK, MASTER  

BOYLING GREEN LODGE NO. 73  
Boylings Green, Kentucky  
WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from labor to Victory on High our beloved Brother Charlie Sizemore, a sixty-four year member, on January 2, 2011.

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

RESOLVED, that the charter of Clay Lodge No. 798 be completed and the masonic lodge become vacant.

BRANDON SAMPLER, MASTER  
JACOBY GAYLIE HOUSE, SEC.  

Notice  

BOWLING GREEN LODGE NO. 73  
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Bowling Green Lodge No. 73 will hold an election for Tiler and any other office which may become vacant at that time.

JAKE RICE LODGE NO. 606  
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Jake Rice Lodge No. 606 will hold an election for Tiler and any other office which may become vacant.

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By-Laws  
CRESCENT LODGE NO. 456  
At the second stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Doric Lodge No. 757 will vote on proposed changes to its By-Laws, including a dues rate increase for 2012. All members are urged to attend.

DORIC LODGE NO. 737  
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Doric Lodge No. 757 will vote on changes in its By-Laws concerning a dues increase and adding a second monthly stated communication. All members are urged to attend.

FIELDS LODGE NO. 832  
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Fields Lodge No. 832 will vote on proposed changes to its By-Laws, including a dues rate increase and meeting date changes. All members are urged to attend.

GRAHAM LODGE NO. 208  
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Graham Lodge No. 208 will vote to change its By-Laws. All members are urged to attend.

FRED M. GROSS LODGE NO. 953  
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Fred M. Gross Lodge No. 953 will be voting on By-Law changes. The proposed changes include a change in fee structure and small dues increase.

HOPKINSVILLE LODGE NO. 37  
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37 will vote on changes to its By-Laws. All members are urged to attend.
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3rd Rising Star #115 Dist. 1 - Inspection – 7 p.m.
5th Derby Parade
6th Halfway #267 Dist. 10 – Inspection
– 7:30 p.m.
9th Burkesville #380 Dist. 20 - Inspection
– 7 p.m.
10th Hissville #581 Dist. 20 – Inspection – 7 p.m.
12th Bonnieville #191 Dist. 20 – Inspection
– 7:30 p.m.
14th Dist. 6 School – Pantomime Show 6 p.m.
16th Edmonton #470 Dist. 20 – Inspection – 7 p.m.
17th Barren #80 Dist 2 – Courtesy Visit – 7:30 p.m.
19th Grayson #10 Dist. 4 - Inspection – 7:30 p.m.
20th Brilliant Star #153 Dist. 1 – 100th Celebration
– 7:30 p.m.
21st Dist. 8 School – Grand Officer Party 5 p.m.
Fidelis #545 Dist. 8 – Inspection – 7 p.m.
23rd Scottsville #60 Dist. 20 – Inspection – 7:30 p.m.
24th Elizabeth #145 Dist. 6 – Inspection – 7:30 p.m.
26th Adair #435 Dist. 9 – Courtesy Visit – 7 p.m.
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STEPPHENS BURG LODGE NO. 222 — Meets 1st Sat. at 7:00 P.M. at Lodge Hall, 906 N. 36th, 3 miles west of Cecilia. Kyle Wolfard, Electoral. Harold E. Armstrong, Sec. 270-201-0443.


WILLIS STEWART LODGE NO. 204 — Meets 1st & 3rd Mon. at 7:00 P.M. Woodlawn Masonic Temple, 5116 South Linn St., Lexington. James P. Muhizz, Electoral. Phillip E. Kornegay, Sec. 859-745-6495.

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CLAYSON LODGE NO. 129 — Meets 1st & 3rd Sat. at 7:00 P.M. 137 South Main St. M. Hard, Electoral. Michael L. Miller, Sec. 205-243-1591.


CROMWELL LODGE NO. 126 — Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. at 7:00 P.M. 1604 Parkway Drive, Louisville. Douglas O. Foley, Electoral. Thomas E. Nichols, Sr., Sec. 502-295-7818.

ST. GEORGE LODGE NO. 219 — Meets 2nd Fri. at 7:00 P.M. 215 South Main Street, Bardstown. Dennis Moore (143), Electoral. Robert J. Clark, Sec. 502-347-4431.

LEITCHFIELD LODGE NO. 256 — Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. at 7:00 P.M. 119 West Main St. M. H. and T. K. Money, Electoral. Michael L. Miller, Sec. 270-460-2115.


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Kentucky DeMolay Spring Conclave

The Kentucky DeMolay’s Spring Conclave was held on March 25-27, 2011, in Jamestown, KY with seven chapters participating and the best attendance at a Spring Conclave in years. Jimmy Bowling, State Master Councilor, conducted a congress session and elections were held for Kentucky DeMolay’s 2011 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 14-17, 2011, in Jabez, Kentucky.

The elected State officers are: Andrew Johnston of Blue Grass Chapter, State Master Councilor; Joshua Justice of River Cities Chapter, Deputy State Master Councilor; Harry Song of Blue Grass Chapter, State Senior Councilor and Josh Starnes of Blue Grass Chapter, State Junior Councilor. The elected officers for the C. Frye Haley Memorial Priory are: Cody Stevens of Cherokee Chapter, Illustrious Knight Commander; Tanner Stevens of River Cities Chapter, Squire Commander and Joshua Justice of River Cities Chapter, Page Commander and Brandon Crisp of Cherokee Chapter, Registrar. Two new members were initiated into the Priory, Brothers Austin Miniard and Joseph Perkins. The Priory will have a bake sale fundraiser at Suburban Masonic Lodge on Saturday May 14th followed by a lock-in.

We were delighted also to have as guests, the Honorable Dad Frank Haas of West Virginia DeMolay, Brother Michael Burge, FSMC, and Brothers Nate Gonzalez, Russell Gillespie, Sam Reese and Nick Baldwin from West Virginia DeMolay. Michael Burge was a great help by judging ritual.

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The Kentucky DeMolay Sorority met and made plans for the Summer Conclave and also made accordion photo albums. They baked some delicious apple pies for the meal Saturday evening. The Sorority made with great style. Blue Grass Chapter performed the song “What do Tigers Dream Of”. Everyone enjoyed the show.

Ritual and athletic competitions were held, with awards being presented on Sunday morning. The Preceptor Corp competition champion was Blue Grass Chapter, with a seven member Preceptor team as follows: First Preceptor, Alex Johnston; Second Preceptor, Austin Yates; Third Preceptor, Alex Sottile; Fourth Preceptor, Hansen Song; Fifth Preceptor Chandler Brennan; Sixth Preceptor, Josh Starnes and Seventh Preceptor, Harry Song. Alex Sottile joined DeMolay last month and this was his first ritual competition and he had a “word perfect” score. Way to go, Alex.

The Sports competition champions are as follows: Two-on-Two Basketball – Junior Division Champions were Derek Sutherland and Josh Hensley of Northern Kentucky Chapter and the Senior Division Champions were Brandon and Justin Crisp of Cherokee Chapter. The State Basketball Champion was Northern Kentucky Chapter and D’Andre Thompson of Northern Kentucky Chapter was named the MVP. Unfortunately, the Punt, Pass and Kick competition had to be cancelled due to heavy rain.

On Sunday, Brothers Tanner Stevens and Cody Geary were presented with their Representative DeMolay award. Twelve advisors and members of Blue Grass Chapter received their Lamp of Knowledge for completing all five leadership correspondence courses and they are: Dad Jubal Arledge, Mom Karen Arledge, Dad Jerry Johnston, Andrew Johnston, Alex Johnston, John Roark, Josh Starnes, Chandler Brennan, Hoi Cheng, Austin Yates, Hansen Song and Harry Song. Way to go Blue Grass Chapter!

Two new members were initiated into the Order, and they are: Brothers Joel Drake Shinkle and D’Andre Thompson of Northern Kentucky Chapter. Dad Tim Anderson of Valley of the Cumberland Chapter was presented the Advisor Honor Key for having more members initiated this year than the previous year.

Many thanks to Dad Jeremy Puckett of Valley of the Cumberland Chapter provided a scrumptious meal on Saturday evening of Bar-B-Que, beans and chips, which we all enjoyed very much! Also, many thanks to the State Mothers Club for providing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. One thing is for sure, Kentucky DeMolay might be “Where the Fun is”, but their Conclaves are where you can enjoy some great food and fellowship.