Highland Lodge 311 of West Liberty
Disaster Relief in Action

Yocum Lodge No. 897 of Evarts, Kentucky and Wallins Lodge No. 666 of Wallins, Kentucky recently traveled to West Liberty with just over $2,000.00 in food, personal items, water, bedding and clothes for the people of West Liberty who were devastated by the March tornadoes. The Lodges also mailed a donation to Highland Lodge 311 who lost their Lodge in the storm. This is what the foundation of the Masonic Fraternity is about... Mason's not just helping Mason's, Mason’s “just helping.”

Highland Lodge 311 of West Liberty
Breakfast Fundraiser

Lancaster Lodge No. 104 held a breakfast fundraiser for the Brothers of Highland Lodge No. 311 who lost their Lodge during the March tornadoes. Brother Leonard Edwards, (left) Senior Warden of Lancaster Lodge No. 104 is shown, presenting Leslie Smith, (right) Secretary of Highland Lodge No. 311 a check for $1200.00. Brother Leonard collected additional donations of $500.00 from Wilmore Lodge No. 922 and Hart Lodge No. 61. A very special thanks to all the Brothers from the many Lodges who attended the breakfast and gave to assist Brothers in need.

May & June District Meetings

DISTRICT 6
MAY 12
Jerry Fletcher
D.D.G.M. 6
The annual meeting of District 6 will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Scottish Rite Temple, 668 South Park St., Madisonville, Kentucky.
Lunch will be at 12 noon for Master Masons and their ladies. Meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m.
Directions: Madisonville Scottish Rite Temple is located at 668 South Park Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, across from the City Park.

DISTRICT 10
MAY 18
Carl Moody
D.D.G.M. 10
The annual meeting of District 10 will be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 at South Warren High School, 8140 Nashville Rd., Bowling Green, Kentucky.
Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. (cst) for Master Masons and the ladies. Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. A Bluegrass Band will provide the music for the ladies.
Directions: 4 miles South of Bowling Green, on 31 West.

DISTRICT 8
MAY 15
Nathaniel Rock
D.D.G.M. 8
The annual meeting of District 8 will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the Ohio County Community Center, 130 East Washington Street Suite 106, Hartford, Kentucky 42347.
Meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. (cst).

DISTRICT 17
MAY 17
Lawrence F. Thompson
D.D.G.M. 17
The annual meeting of District 17 will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Crestwood United Methodist Church, 7214 Kavanugh Rd., Crestwood, Kentucky 40014.
Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. (est) for Master Masons and their ladies. Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.
Directions: I-71 to Exit 14 (Crestwood); go into Crestwood, cross railroad tracks in front of Pewee Valley Lodge, turn right, then first left onto Kavanugh Rd. Gene Snyder to Exit 30 (Pewee Valley/Anchorage) turn onto Hwy. 146 E to Crestwood, turn right onto Kavanugh Rd.; just before 3rd red light from Gene Snyder, Kavanugh Rd. is across the railroad tracks from Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829. Turn right across tracks then first left. Church is located on the right.

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**Grand Master’s Message**

Brethren,

All of the Lodges that were placed on Probation will be restored to good standing if you attend your District Meeting. The Educational Meetings are so very important for the future of our Fraternity. Every Officer of every Lodge should attend these Meetings every year. They change each year with new and better information.

Officers, please read the Book of Constitutions concerning what your duties are and learn what your Lodge can and cannot do. There seems to be so much confusion concerning Lodges that want to Consolidate. The BOC is a good place to find the answers to your questions.

June 30, 2012 is the deadline for all Lodges to be online with the Grand Lodge Office. We will help you anyway we can, but do not wait till the last minute. The Secretaries have talked to say the program really speeds up their work.

The Masonry Matters Program that is and will be discussed at all the District Meetings is truly one of the best programs a Lodge can do for the Community. The vision for this Program is our Worthy Brother and Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court, Bill Cunningham. We all owe Brother Cunningham a debt of gratitude for sharing his idea with us, but knowing Bill; he does it for the love of the Fraternity and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Thank you very much Brethren for what you are doing for Freemasonry. Your time and effort will help preserve our Honorable Fraternity for our Children and Grandchildren. Please continue to pray for each other and our men and women in harm’s way.

_God Bless and remember, we are as ONE_!  

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**DISTRICT 11 MAY 19**  
Les Russell  
D.D.G.M. 11

The annual meeting of District 11 will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the North McAlpine Elementary School, Center Sulpher Well Rd., Edmonston, Kentucky 42129.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon the meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m. Bring you own aprons.

Directions: I-65 South to the Horse Cave exit; turn left onto KY 218 take KY 218 through Horse Cave and approx. 15 miles until KY 677 South and KY 218 intersect with KY 314 turn right; approx. 3 miles KY 318 to James F. Keel #320 Lodge; turn right and go to the other end of Center bear left and take the Center Sulpher Wells Rd. approx. 3 miles; the school will be on the right. _DO NOT VEER RIGHT ONTO KY 1243._

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**DISTRICT 19 MAY 22**  
Robert H. Smith  
D.D.G.M. 19

The annual meeting of District 19 will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Covington Scottish Rite, 1553 Madison Ave., Covington, Kentucky 41011.

A special dinner theater will be at 6:30 p.m. (est) for Master Masons only. Dinner will be served in the setting of Shattuck’s Inn, May 22, 1775 and will feature a Masonic Play “The Fight” depicting Colonial and Loyalist Brothers at an after-Lodge supper. The District Meeting will follow in the newly restored auditorium. Directions: 12th Street exit from I-75; go east to Madison Ave; turn right.

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**DISTRICT 24 MAY 24**  
James Hayes  
D.D.G.M. 24

The annual meeting of District 24 will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at George Rogers Clark High School, 620 Boone Ave., Winchester, Kentucky 40391.

Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. for Master Masons only. Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

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**DISTRICT 25 JUNE 1**  
Bobby Griggs  
D.D.G.M. 25

The annual meeting of District 25 will be held on Friday, June 1, 2012 at Madison Central High School, Richmond, Kentucky.

Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. for Master Masons only. Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

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**DISTRICT 28 JUNE 2**  
Jim Hill  
D.D.G.M. 28

The annual meeting of District 28 will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Van Lear Masonic Lodge No. 885, Van Lear, Kentucky 41265.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. for Master Masons only. Meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m.

Directions: Hwy 321 to Hwy 1107; turn right onto Rt. 302; approx. 2 miles, Lodge is on the left, School House Hollow Rd. Follow the signs. Assisted parking will be provided.

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**DISTRICT 29 JUNE 2**  
Bobby Thomas  
D.D.G.M. 29

The annual meeting of District 29 will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Perry County Central High School, 305 Park Ave., Hazard, Kentucky 41701.

Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. for Master Masons only. Meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Directions: Entering Hazard from either direction on Hwy, 15, take the Ky 550 exit, turn left, continue about 1 mile, Perry Central High School on right. Question: bobby_t59@hotmail.com

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**DISTRICT 23 JUNE 9**  
Paul Todd Jones  
D.D.G.M. 23

The annual meeting of District 23 will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at New Rowan County Middle School, 499 Viking Dr., Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

Lunch will be at 12 noon for Master Masons only. Meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m.

Directions: from Lexington take I-64 East to Morehead Exit 137 West; turn left onto 32 towards Flemingsburg; turn left onto KY 3531; take first left onto Viking Drive.

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**DISTRICT 27 JUNE 9**  
Ernest Romans  
D.D.G.M. 27

The annual meeting of District 27 will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Poage Lodge No. 325, 1500 Central Ave., Ashland, Kentucky 41101.

Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. for Master Masons only. Meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.
A question often comes to the Grand Lodge Office about how much lodge information should be kept by the lodge Secretary. Our answer has always been to keep as much as you possibly can. Obviously, the personal information on the lodge membership is of utmost importance, both for the present and for future reference, and should be retained indefinitely. Some lodge Secretaries even keep other information on lodge members in their personal file when they distinguish themselves in the community, or in other ways. The same goes for other records such as lodge minutes, deeds, correspondence, insurance contracts, tax information, bequests, IRS information, etc. The history of the lodge is maintained in the minute book of the lodge proceedings and the membership records of the lodge, and these items should be protected and stored in a safe, secure and fire-proof location. Some item, such as cancelled checks, invoices, bank records, etc., may be destroyed when they are no longer useful. However, it is advisable to retain them as long as possible.

One basic item that should be preserved and filed properly is the original petition submitted for membership in the lodge, whether it is for the degrees or affiliation and it should be filed out completely by the petitioner and the lodge Secretary. The importance of doing this was brought to my attention recently when a lodge member, trying to reconstruct the membership listing of his lodge for a new Secretary, called the Grand Lodge Office for information on the membership and records for his lodge. He could locate only a few items to assist him, and the information requested on the forms he did find was not complete, and consequently not of much use to him; apparently, the previous Secretary did not think so was a high priority. The petition forms, if filled out completely by both the petitioner and lodge Secretary, contains all the basic information on the individual member, and should be retained for future reference in cases such as the one noted above.

As Secretaries, we are all too familiar with the loads of paperwork that we are required to deal with, and for the filing and maintenance of the same; however, with today's technology, it is much easier to record, maintain and store vital information, a worthy effort important to the preservation of the history of our lodges. So, be very conscious and selective in what you decide to discard or delete.

AWARDS ELIGIBILITY LIST
Each Lodge Secretary should receive the "Award Eligibility List" from the Grand Lodge Office in May 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 2012 are still available from the Grand Lodge Office. The price is $10.00 each which is the cost of printing. In addition you will be charged shipping and handling if we mail the Directory to you. A form is printed below for your convenience should you wish to place an order for one or more.

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
Wells Fargo Insurance Services
950 Breckenridge Lane Ste. 50
Louisville, KY 40257-8689
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 for liability or fire and casualty. If your lodge owns a building, you must carry additional insurance to protect your membership. That should be the case, you should contact a local insurance agency to determine the plan best suited for the needs of your lodge.

Grand Lodge Office Closed
The Grand Lodge Office will be closed Memorial Day Monday, May 28, 2012.

Thought for the Month
"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."
Thomas Jefferson

PLEASE PRINT:
Please send me ___ Masonic Directory(s). I understand I will be invoiced $10.00 per Directory PLUS shipping and handling ($2.50 + exact shipping cost).

Name: ____________________________________________

Lodge: ___________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Mail to: GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, F.&A.M. 300 MASONIC HOME DRIVE MASONIC HOME, KY 40041-9999

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 15th of October, 2012. 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 on Boards, Organizational Offices Held, References, and Masonic Affiliation and History. The resume may be submitted on regular stationery, mailed along with a recent photograph and postmarked no later than July 6, 2012.

Mail to the attention of the Secretary, Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc., 3761 Johnson Hall Drive, Masonic Home, KY 40041

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

Fraternally Thine, Nominating Committee 2012
Zoneton Lodge 964 & Okolona Lodge 853 Cookout Fund Raiser

On February 26, 2012, Brothers from Zoneton Lodge No. 964 and Okolona Lodge No. 853 contributed to a community fundraiser at the Hillview Government Center. The benefit was for the family of Trevor Nalley. Trevor is the son of an Okolona firefighter who has been hospitalized since November 2011 with severe paralysis. The fundraiser was a joint effort between many local organizations, and the Brothers of Zoneton and Okolona served as the cooks for the evening. The event raised over $6,000 for Trevor and his family, who must travel to and from the John Hopkins Center in Maryland. Pictured is Brother Kevin Brown, Senior Warden of Okolona Lodge who was the grill master for the event.

Richmond Lodge 24 Annual Country Ham Breakfast

Richmond Lodge No. 25 held their annual Country Ham Breakfast on March 31, 2012. The breakfast was a huge success with all the proceeds being donated to the Salvation Army, Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Eastern Star Home, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Masons Helping Masons Fund. Richmond Lodge also collected donations for the Eastern Kentucky tornado victims. A special thanks to all the folks who attended the breakfast, to the Eastern Star members who greatly assisted in preparing the breakfast and the York Rite Bodies for their assistance during the event.

Want to see Your Lodge in the Masonic Home Journal?
Email articles & photos by the 10th of each month to:
masonichomejournal@hotmail.com

Ft. Thomas Lodge 808

At the March stated meeting of Ft. Thomas Lodge No. 808, Master Paul Luersen (right) was honored to present his friend and Brother Floyd Basham his 60 year Masonic service pin.

MASONRY AT THE DOWNS

District 12 would like to invite you to a day at Churchill Downs where good food and good fellowship will be had by all. There will be an all you can eat buffet on Millionaires Row.

Date: Sunday, June 10, 2012
Time: Gates open at 11:00 a.m.
Cost: $40.00 per person

Reservations include a ticket, racing program and buffet for each guest. Five Dollars of each ticket sold will be donated to Our Fellow Masons and other tornado victims in West Liberty, Kentucky. Please reserve by June 1, 2012 – don’t miss out on the fun.

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Tickets will be distributed at Gate 10 (off Longfield Avenue) the day of the event at 11:00 am.

Contact: Rick Laird (502) 500-4404
Geary Laird (502) 417-6005
Ronnie Skipper (502) 724-7105
On January 7, 2012 Bullitt Lodge No. 155 F&AM in Shepherdsville, Kentucky held an open meeting for the purpose of installing the 2012 Lodge Officers. Front row: Joey Link, Junior Steward. Second row, left to right: Paul Bandy, Junior Deacon; Jason Perry, Senior Steward; Jeff Therian, Senior Warden; Jim Bullis, Master; Ken Bernardi, Junior Warden; and Larry Gearheart, Senior Deacon. Third row: Kenny Rigdon, Tiler; James Rogers, Chaplain; David Trevino, Treasurer; and Jamason Welker, Secretary.

Trimble Lodge No. 145 Officers for 2012. Front row, left to right: Talmadge Harris, Jr., Senior Deacon; William Harris, Senior Warden; Robert S. Binion, Master; Robert C. Binion, Junior Warden; and Roger Kitchen, Junior Steward. Back row: Brad Brammell, Senior Steward; Eugene Lambert, Tiler; Ottis Moore, Junior Deacon; George Easterling, Chaplain; Chris Stamper, Treasurer; and Ethan Wells, Secretary.

Right Angle Lodge No. 233 Officers for 2012. Front row, left to right: Travis McIntosh; Wes Harrison; and Ryan Sosby. Back row: Randy Martin; Jeff Bond; Richard Butcher; Don Gaskell; Johnny Walker; Church Harrison; Galen Hardey; and Jerod Bond.

On December 27, 2011 the elected and appointed Officers of Clinton Lodge No. 82 were installed with a good crowd of Brothers, family and visitors. A delicious meal was served and good Fellowship was had by all. First row: Bill Perry, Secretary; Archie Walker, Senior Warden; Larry Roberts, Master; Brook Dixon, Junior Warden; and Clinton Perry, Treasurer. Back row: Edward G. Anderson, Installing Master; Kevin Blythe, Tiler; Edward H. Gish, Chaplain; Tyler Holland, Junior Steward; William C. Gray, Senior Steward; and Carroll Dorroh, Installing Marshal.

On December 12, 2011 the following Officers for Paducah Lodge No. 127 were installed. Andy Seivers, Master; Bill Bowling, Senior Warden; Ralph Dixon, Junior Warden; James Burns, Senior Deacon; Andy Kelly, Junior Deacon; John Rogers, Treasurer; Charles Byerly, Secretary; Michael Mount, Senior Steward; Rodney Gordon, Junior Steward; Mark Cope, Marshal; and Ronnie Crenshaw, Tiler.

Swigert Middletown Lodge No. 218 Annual Charity Golf Scramble
440 N. Madison Ave., Middletown, KY 40243
Swigert Middletown Masonic Lodge is holding its sixth annual charity golf scramble, on the 19th of May 2012 at Eagle Creek Golf Course in Lagrange KY. 502-222-7927
The monies derived from the event will be going into a scholarship fund for Eastern High School seniors. Last year this event allowed us to give three scholarships to three deserving students to help defer their college cost.
We also give out food baskets at Christmas time to needy families in the Middletown area. Our goal is to help more families this year than the 13 families we assisted last year.
Entry fee is $75.00 per person which includes Greens Fees, cart, prizes and lunch.
Tee time is 8:00 am. To participate in this worthwhile event please contact Chairman Al Clark at 502-245-5280; Gary Hatfield 502-608-0743; or Phil Wells 502-494-1149.
SCOTTISH RITE ONE DAY CLASS
SATURDAY JUNE 9th 2012
Hosted by the Lake Cumberland Scottish Rite Club
Burkesville Baptist Church
370 N. Main St., Burkesville, KY 42717

DEGREES WILL BEGIN AT 8 a.m.
CENTRAL TIME

For Petitions and Information contact:
Thomas E. Dicken 33º PG&M 606-307-2690
Joe Strange 32º KCCH 270-459-2137
Lenville Piercy 32º KCCH 270-459-0786
Steve Muse 32 270-459-1390

WHEATLEY
MASONIC GOLF OUTING

The Wheatley Masonic Golf Outing this year will be on Monday, May 14, 2012. A Shot Gun Start will begin at 8:30 AM. Golfers should be on their carts by 8:00 AM. The location will be the Fairway Golf Course at Wheatley, Kentucky, located in Owen County on State Route 227.

Entry fee is $50.00 (payable at the golf course) which covers 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes and followed by a luncheon. There will be prize drawings after the event and the usual golf contest payoff. One free ticket for a prize will be given at check-in. Additional tickets may be purchased at $1.00 each. Please bring items for the prize drawings if you choose. Gilbert England will calculate all golf score prizes.

Please get your foursomes together and submit their names to any of the committee members listed below. Singles and doubles are acceptable and will be paired with others on the day of the event. Remember the reservation deadline for the Golf Outing is May 11, 2012.

P.S. – Non Masons and women are welcome to play in this golf outing. Note – Coffee and donuts are available from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Masonic Golf Committee
Leon Whitaker – (Chairman) 859/322-3267
E-mail whitaker848@aol.com
Forrest Webster – 859/250-7240
E-mail webster@insightbb.com
Vern Gregory – 859/816-3149
E-mail vemgreg@fuse.net
Lee Onkst – 859/468-4904
E-mail lindao@fuse.net

2012 DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

If lunch or dinner is to be served, they will eat one hour before meeting times. All meeting times are prevailing times.

Meeting facilities are to be announced at a later date.

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Two Locations

Buschemeyer Silver Exchange Inc.
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Louisville, Kentucky 40202
jimdavis18@aol.com 502-802-2425
502-587-0621
On April 6, 2012 Temple Hill Lodge No. 276 raised two Brothers to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Pictured, left to right: J. T. Hearn; Kyle Starks; and Master Richard Crittenden. A special thanks to Lakeland Degree team for conferring the degree.

On January 28, 2012, Woodstock Lodge No. 639 showed their support to The Valley of Cumberland DeMolay by making a donation to help them grow. Front row, from left: Caleb & Jacob Rogers, DeMolay. Back row: Tim Anderson, DeMolay Advisor; Michael Mcqueary, DeMolay Master Counselor; Mike Mcqueary, DeMolay Advisor; Paul Hall, Master of Woodstock Lodge; and Jeremy Puckett, DeMolay Advisor.

At the March 12, 2012, stated meeting of Devotion Lodge No. 160, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Robert W. Davenport, presented Worshipful Master, Bruce D. Burton, with a gavel crafted from an over 200-year old oak tree that was recently removed from the grounds of the Masonic Homes in Louisville. Inscribed on the bottom of the gavel is "1867," which represents the year the first Masonic Home was established in Kentucky. Pictured Bruce D. Burton, with Past Grand Master Robert W. Davenport making the presentation.

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY WEB PAGE

If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Web Page, you can do so by logging on at www.grandlodgeofkentucky.org

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.
Masonic Homes of Kentucky has earned a place among the nation’s top 50 non-profits to work for in 2012. This was the first year Masonic Homes has participated in the competition, which included a questionnaire regarding policies and practices, along with a survey completed by employees. The employee survey included 72 statements regarding leadership and planning, corporate culture and communications, role satisfaction, work environment, training, pay and benefits, and overall employee engagement.

Masonic Homes finished sixth among large employers (250 or more employees) and 31st overall.

“This honor is a reflection of the passion and commitment our employees have for the people we serve,” said CEO Gary Marsh. “It’s not about our policies or programs; it’s all about our residents.”

The Non-Profit Times sponsored the competition for the third consecutive year. Best Companies Group of Harrisburg, PA conducted the interviews and compiled the score sheets. Organizations with the overall best scores made the Top 50; those winners were subdivided into three categories—small, medium and large.

“Masonic Homes is a great place to work for a lot of reasons,” Marsh said, “but it is an outstanding personal experience for us as employees because we have an opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life every day.”

Resident gives timeless gift of art

Before Alyce Bernice Franklin moved into Sam Swope Care Center at Masonic Home of Louisville, she and her late husband enjoyed traveling. They collected a trove of art and artifacts.

The Franklin’s home was beautifully decorated by family friend and interior designer Don Glaser. At Alyce’s request, Don purchased a portrait by British painter Hugh Robert Entwistle (1783-1876) of his wife. The portrait graced a central mantel in the Franklin home for many years.

When downsizing for her move to the Homes’ Louisville campus, Alyce donated the portrait to Spalding University in Don’s honor. Dignitaries from the university, Alyce’s longtime friends Greg and Kathy Thomas, and Don Glaser attended a ceremony dedicating the portrait in late February.

The famous painting hangs in the staircase of Spalding University’s historic Tompkins-Buchanan-Rankin Mansion at 851 S. Fourth Street in Louisville.
IMO or IHO?

By Bruce Lott, Chief Development Officer

You may be wondering what these words mean. Actually, they’re not really words, but acronyms often used to describe special charitable gifts. IMO means in memory of and IHO stands for in honor of.

These non-words represent a golden opportunity to lift up and honor, or remember someone who holds a special place in your heart. Think who that might be—a parent, a teacher, a Masonic mentor, a fellow Brother in your Lodge, your pastor, and, of course your better half.

In the coming months there will be many chances to express your feelings—Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, Father’s Day, graduations and weddings. What great opportunities!

Of course, honor and memorial gifts can be made to your Masonic Homes. The Homes relies on such gifts to help defray daily expenses for our Masonic residents who depend on us for their care for the rest of their lives. Also, through mid-June, you still may purchase a brick or limestone in the Sam Swope Care Center Legacy Garden on our Louisville campus, offering a more concrete acknowledgment of that special person in your life.

Gifts may be made in many different ways, from simply writing a check to creating an arrangement that pays the donor a stream of cash for life.

To find out more, please contact me (phone, 502/259-9627; toll-free, 866/764-6631; e-mail, blott@mhky.com).

Worth a thousand words

Sam Swope Care Center at Masonic Home of Louisville received the 2011 Build Kentucky Award from the Associated General Contractors of Kentucky. The Care Center was nominated by Basse Mattingly Constructors, which managed the $40 million construction project.

Spraultings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool students took a break from classes to enjoy an Easter egg hunt on the Louisville campus.

Masonic Home of Louisville joined other St. Matthews Area Chamber of Commerce members to provide a week of meals to Fennville, Indiana tornado victims and responders. Hospitality Services staff made 100 meals, adding bottled water, hand sanitizer and trash bags to the shipment.

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Buford Lodge 494 – Entered Apprentice

On March 20, 2012 at a regular scheduled meeting of Buford Lodge No. 494 F. & A.M. in Midway three new members were initiated with the Entered Apprentice Degree. Front row, left to right: Chris Childers, Master Mason; Ryan Beatty, Entered Apprentice; Bruce Bemis III, Entered Apprentice; Bob Howard, Senior Deacon; Bob Russell, Tuty-Master; Dennis Whitaker, Entered Apprentice; and Pete Padova, Tiler. Second row: Rick Schad III, Junior Deacon; Arthur Smith, Senior Steward; Travis Smith, Chaplain; Herman Pittman, Junior Steward; Doyle Rambo, Master Mason; and Larry Wilson, Treasurer. Third row: David Jefferson, Senior Warden; Charles Beagle, Secretary; and Art Craig, Junior Warden.

Photo by Ron Durbin

Fort Campbell Lodge 946 – Past Master’s

Brother Jerry Vicars, Master, Fort Campbell Lodge No. 946, of Oak Grove, presented Brother Steven Grudzinski with his Past Master’s Apron and Certificate. The Brothers wish to acknowledge Brother Grudzinski for his leadership prior to and while serving as Master of our Lodge for year 2011. Brother Steve is an active duty member of the US Army in Fort Campbell and departs for Korea later this month. Thanks Brother; for your service, both to our Country, our Lodge and to Masonry.

Smithland Lodge 138 – Easter Egg Hunt

Smithland Lodge No. 138 hosted it’s annual Easter Egg Hunt, on Saturday, April 7, 2012. There were over 100 children hunting for eggs. Over 2,500 candy filled eggs were found. Easter baskets and prize eggs were handed out. Everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year’s hunt. Pictured, left to right: Ronnie Walker; Phil Thomason, Secretary; Michael Williams and Jerry Rupcke with their children, grandchildren and friends.

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The Kentucky Derby

TEN FASCINATING FACTS

The Kentucky Derby is sometimes called the “Most exciting two minutes in sports”. That’s because it lasts just about two minutes. But what a two minutes it is! Here’s a bit of trivia to help you understand and enjoy “The run for the roses” even more:

• The idea for the Kentucky Derby was thought up by explorer Meriwether Lewis. In fact, the land where it is run was donated by his relatives, the Churchills—thus the name Churchill Downs.

• The fastest Derby ever was run by Secretariat in 1973. He ran the race in 1:59.4 and is the only horse to have ever come in faster than two minutes.

• Although most Kentucky Derby winners have been males—geldings and stallions—three fillies have won the race. They were Favored Regret in 1915, Genuine Risk in 1980 and Winning Colors in 1988.

• Willie Shoemaker was the oldest jockey to ever win the Derby. He was 54 when he rode Ferdinand to win in 1986.

• On May 2, 1970 Diane Crump became the first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby.

• No matter when they are actually born, race horses are considered a year older on January first.

• Horses running for the roses lose an average of fifteen to twenty-five pounds during the race.

• An amazing total of eight Kentucky Derby winners have been bred by Calumet Farms in Kentucky.

• Racing rules hold that no racehorse may have a name that contains more than eighteen letters, so as to fit legibly on the racing forms.

• Presidential candidate Richard Nixon was in the house when the only Derby winner to be disqualified for cheating was busted in 1968.

Members of Jeffersontown Lodge No. 774 F.A.&M. and St. George Lodge No. 239 F.A.&M. join together to help beautify the grounds of the Masonic Home during the Great Day of Service. The day was full of hard work, great fellowship and good food.

On April 9, 2012 Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 welcomed three new Brothers into the Masonic Fraternity. There was a tremendous turnout for the meeting and Degree work. Two Entered Apprentices from their last meeting were in attendance to give their support. All three new Entered Apprentice’s were excited about becoming Masons and look forward in continuing through the Degrees in the months to come. Pictured, left to right: Derek Talley; Paul Harpole; Jason Ellis; Master Steve Hall; and Chaplain Bryce Hazelwood.

The new Brothers were presented with a special coin commemorating their special night by Chaplain Bryce Hazelwood. He also presented the coins to the previous meetings two new Entered Apprentices. Pictured, left to right: Derek Talley; Jason Ellis; Paul Harpole; and Chaplain Bryce Hazelwood.

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ALFORD LODGE NO. 925
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Alford Lodge No. 925 will vote to change their meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We encourage all members to attend.

BLOOMFIELD LODGE NO. 57
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Bloomfield Lodge No. 57 will vote to change its By-Laws. All members are urged to attend.

McLURE LODGE NO. 539
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, McLure Lodge No. 539 will vote to change its By-Laws. All members take notice.

RIVER CITY LODGE NO. 966
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, River City Lodge No. 966 will vote on changes to its By-Laws. All members are urged to attend.

TOMPKINSVILLE LODGE NO. 753
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Tompkinsville Lodge No. 753 will vote on changes to its By-Laws. All members should take notice and attend.

LOVELL G. BOGGS
Trimble Lodge No. 145
Grayson, 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 Trimble Lodge No. 145, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

JACOB LEE ELKINS
Orphans Friend Lodge No. 523
White Plains, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Jacob Lee Elkins who passed away March 9, 2012.
WHEREAS, it has pleased almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself the spirit of our departed Brother Jacob Lee Elkins to lay down his working tools and join Him in eternal life in Heaven; be it
RESOLVED, that in his death the family has lost a beloved husband and father, the Fraternity a true and worthy Brother and the community a valued citizen and leader; be it further
RESOLVED, that Orphans Friend Lodge No. 523 in testimony of its loss, drape its charter for thirty days and that we tender to the family our sincerest and deepest condolences.

JAMES MANNANAH, MASTER JAMES EPPICSON, SEC.

MANLIUS RAYMOND GOODRIDGE
Hebron Lodge No. 757
Hebron, Kentucky

WHEREAS, it having pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself the spirit of Brother Manlius Raymond Goodridge, to his just reward on March 19, 2012, and after having completed all earthly designs written for him on his 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 true and upright man and Mason and the community a valuable citizen; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Charter of Somerset Lodge No. 111 be draped in mourning for thirty days in respect of the passing of Brother Robert David Thompson.

MICHAEL GRIGSHY, MASTER CHARLIE MCKINLEY, SEC.

RAY WALTERS
Sievers Lodge No. 491
Nancy, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Ray Walters who passed from this life April 5, 2012.
Once again a Brother Mason having completed the designs written for him on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity into that house not made by human hands.
WHEREAS, the all wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved Brother; and WHEREAS, in his passing the family has lost a beloved member and the Fraternity an upright man and Mason; there be it
RESOLVED, that the Charter of Sievers Lodge No. 491 F&AM of Nancy, Kentucky, be draped for thirty days in testimony of our loss, and we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family and that it be published in The Masonic Home Journal and that a copy be made part of the minutes of the Lodge.

MACK CRAICKDON DONALD HAIND GARY DUNNING

Robert David Thompson
Somerset, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Robert David Thompson, a Master Mason who passed away March 16, 2012.
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 Robert David Thompson; and WHEREAS, Brother Robert David Thompson served his Lodge faithfully for many years; 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 the Charter of Somerset Lodge No. 111 be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days in respect of the passing of Brother Robert David Thompson.

Mick Craickdon Donald Haine Gary Dunning

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1 Valley No. 63, Dist: #1, Line Officer and Friendship, 7:30 p.m. EST
3 Derby Parade, Louisville KY
4 Dist: #5 Get Together
5 Dist: #5 School Pikeville KY 10:00 a.m. EST
6 Church
7 Anna O. Young No. 28, Dist: #5, Insp. 7:30 p.m. EST
8 Magefin No. 562, Dist: #5, Insp. 7:00 p.m. EST
9 Hashsuit No. 575, Dist: #5, Insp. 7:00 p.m. EST
10 Hester No. 54, Dist: #5, Insp. 7:30 p.m. EST
11 Adah No. 24, Dist: #5, Insp. 7:00 p.m. EST
12 Happy Mother's Day
18 Brenda's Bookworms Fundraiser - Dist: #5 Get Together
19 Dist: #15 School, Henderson, KY 10:00 a.m. CST
20 Grand Officer Party - Erika Pence Odom
21 Edmonton No. 470, Dist: #20, CV 7:30 p.m. EST
22 Loyall No. 274, Dist: #15, Insp. 7:30 p.m. CST
23 Queen Esther No. 1, Dist: #1, CV 7:30 p.m. EST
24 Russell No. 432, Dist: #8, Insp. 7:00 p.m. EST
25 Laurel Heights No. 288, Dist: #8, Insp. 7:00 p.m. EST

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On Saturday, March 31, 2012 the Appalachian Past Masters Society met at C. D. Ward Lodge No. 961 in East Bernstadt, Kentucky. The Past Masters Society was opened where the "Order of Solomon" was conferred on fifteen candidates. A light breakfast and a wonderful lunch were had by the sizable crowd at the meeting. After the election of Officers and discussion of other issues, the meeting was adjourned until 2013. Pictured below, President Gary N. Fleming poses with the Appalachian Past Masters Society charter for a photo, prior to the beginning of the meeting.

The newly admitted members were delighted to receive their dues cards and "Appalachian Past Masters pins".

President Gary N. Fleming passing the "official" gavel to newly elected President Frank Baker at the Appalachian Past Masters Society meeting.