On Veterans Day, November 11, 2015, Heritage Hospice, Inc. held their 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day at the Danville National Guard Armory.

Sharon Martin, Chairman along with her committee of volunteers, did a superb job again of putting all the pieces in place. The Grand Lodge Officers Todd Jones, Deputy Grand Master; Tim Sanders, Grand Senior Warden; and Gary Rose, Grand Junior Warden; along with the SGIG in Kentucky, Roger Barnett, were present to help serve over 1,300 meals for the Veterans in attendance. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky also donated financial support for the Veterans Appreciation Day ceremony. A good turnout of other Masons across the Commonwealth, also assisted in the many chores it took to put on this type of event. A special thanks goes out to Franklin Lodge No. 28 for cooking and preparing the delicious fish and barbeque.

Salyersville Masonic Lodge No. 769 recently presented a check for $2100.00 to the resource centers at all three elementary schools in Magoffin County. The money was used to purchase coats, socks, and shoes for needy children in the county. Salyersville Masonic Lodge No. 769 was pleased to know that many children will have warm coats as cold weather approaches. Salyersville Masonic Lodge No. 769 was rewarded by cards of thanks from the children that received the gifts. Current Master Brad Blair said “when I go out to work on those cold mornings it warms my heart to know that these kids will have a warm coat to wear.” Salyersville Masonic Lodge No. 769 does many things in the community from youth baseball sponsors to scholarships to graduating seniors. We are proud of Salyersville Lodge for stepping up to be a positive influence in the community. They are constantly looking for ways to let their Masonic Light Shine.

Brother Todd Jones, (left) Deputy Grand Master, presented Ernst Blanchet (right) with a Veterans Pin. Mr. Blanchet was recognized as the oldest Veteran in attendance, 102 years young.

The biggest thanks of all goes to all the Veterans who have served our country, and those who gave all, so that we may enjoy our Freedom today. God Bless those Veterans and this great Country.
Grand Master’s Message

CLOYD J. BUMGARDNER
Grand Master 2015-2016

Brothers, welcome to the December 2015 Grand Master’s Message. I want to thank you for placing your trust in me to fill the office of Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky during the ensuing year. I appreciate each and every one of you and the valuable work you do to improve yourselves, your Lodges, and Freemasonry in general. I know that I speak for the elected and appointed Grand Line Officers when I say that the support you have for Freemasonry is inspiring to each of us. Along those lines, a couple of areas of enthusiasm come into focus.

First, we are seeing very high levels of interest from Lodges working to attain the Grand Master’s Excellency Award this year. As promised, the award is attainable for small Lodges as well as large ones. If you look closely at the program requirements and options you will see that they are focused on helping Lodges improve their visibility within their communities and across Kentucky. In fact, improving our visibility was one strong theme we noticed when the results of the Grand Lodge surveys, sent to all Kentucky Lodges last year, were analyzed. Most requirements and options on the program came from those surveys and are, therefore, your ideas. I know that the Excellency Award will be much easier to attain this year for some of those Lodges which normally receive it. After deliberating on this situation we will make two additional awards at Grand Lodge this year. First and second place awards will be given to those Lodges that complete the most overall points on the program above and beyond the minimal requirement. These first and second place awards will be given to the qualifying Lodges in each of Areas 1, 2 and 3. A little good-natured competition is good between Lodges. I am excited to see how much you can do to put your Lodge in a positive light in your community. Once again, these awards are above and beyond the normal Grand Master’s Excellency Awards.

Second, I am truly overwhelmed with your efforts. I want to place bicycles in your local elementary schools to promote good attendance. Through this program, you are helping children develop the “I want to” attitude so crucial for success in today’s world. Unfortunately many children are in situations where a desire to work and achieve are not emphasized like they should be. By providing an incentive for good school attendance, you are helping children develop an “I want to succeed” attitude and, we all know that success breeds success. You are helping build children’s confidence which will be carried to the next generation. Thank you for your efforts and impact on our communities. Also, when you make these presentations, please get pictures and photo captions to your local newspaper and to The Masonic Home Journal. I do have one final note about the bicycle program. In a weak moment, I apparently was overheard saying that if all Lodges donated bicycles to their local elementary schools, I would ride a bike into the next Grand Lodge of Kentucky Annual Communication. Brothers, I did utter those words and, although the numbers aren’t in yet, I have been told by several people, who are in the know, to get out the training wheels.

Finally, I want to talk with you for just a minute, about the public perception of our Fraternity. I want you to ask yourself this simple question. Does your community, as a whole, know where your Lodge is located and does your community associate you with quality and good works? I mention this because another strong theme emerged from the Lodge surveys mentioned above. The theme was that the Blue Lodges of Kentucky need to be associated with a very important and noble effort that non-Masons understand. The organization mentioned most often on the Lodge surveys that did a good job in this area were the Shriners. Your returned surveys said that the public generally understands that Shriners do good works for children and that their symbol, the FEZ, is a very recognizable and trusted symbol. Brothers, if our Masonic Square and Compass is not viewed in a similar light in every community in our state, it is critical that we make it so. This is the time and this is the place for us to educate those who are Masons in their hearts, but not yet Lodge members, what we stand for.

In closing, you are the best assembly of men in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I know I speak for the entire Grand Line Elected and Appointed Officers when I say that we all appreciate you very much. Brothers, as we look to the future, I want you to continue to be PROUD KENTUCKY FREEMASONS!
At the 215th Grand Lodge of Kentucky Annual Communication the prestigious “Lincoln Award” was presented to Janet Crady by Grand Master Wilson K. Wilder. Sister Crady worked many hours to maintain the Hospitality Room during Grand Lodge. Special thanks to all the Brothers and Sisters who maintained a fantastic hospitality room.

Brother Sam Kirkland (right) was presented the “Daniel Boone Award” during the 216th Grand Lodge Communication. Making the presentation is Grand Master Wilson K. Wilder. Congratulations Brother Jim.

Brother Ken Cooper of Russell Lodge No. 284 and his wife Corinna were honored at the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Annual Communication by the Masonic Homes of Kentucky. Brother Ken recently retired as Masonic Home Ambassador of District #22. Brother Ken and his wife have donated many hours to the Masonic Home Fundraising efforts. Congratulations and thank you.

The Secretary of the Year award was presented to Brother Sam Kirkland of Mt. Sterling Lodge No. 23. Making the presentation, from left: Mary Justice; Roberta Douglas; Brother Sam Kirkland; Jamie Paulley; and Grand Master Wilson K. Wilder.
MASSONIC SERVICE AWARDS

Lewis-Parkland Lodge 638

Lewis-Parkland Lodge held their Pin Night and Brother Virgil T. Larimore (left) presented Brother Thomas J. Madden (right) his 50 Year Service Pin.

Blue Lick Lodge 495

Blue Lick Lodge No. 495’s Master James D. Anderson (right) presented Brother James Allen Murrell (left) his 40 Year Service Pin. Congratulations Brother Murrell on this impressive Masonic milestone.

Aurora Lodge 633

Master Harold Johnson (center) of Aurora Lodge No. 633 presented Steve Ward (right) and Luke Martin (left) with Honorary Memberships during a recent communication of the Lodge. Both Brothers also served at District Deputy Grand Master #13.

Albany Lodge 206

Albany Lodge No. 206 held a Pin Supper celebrating with the many Brothers who received their 25 and 50 Year Service Pins.

Hugh Harris Lodge 938

Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938’s Master Nick Scott (center), presented Brother Otis Edward Reeder (left), and Brother Clinton Rouse (right) with their 40 Year Service Pins and Certificates.

Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938’s Master Nick Scott (left), presented Brother Clarence Edward Griffith (center) his 25 Year Service Pin and Certificates. Pictured is Brother Griffith’s wife June, pinning her husband’s Service Award.

Lewis-Parkland Lodge No. 638 Past Masters and Pin Night was a tremendous success with many Brothers attending and enjoying the evening of fun and fellowship.
Pitman Lodge 124 – Chili Cook-Off

On November 7, 2015, the Brothers of Pitman Lodge No. 124 competed in the annual 99.9 Big Daug Toys for Kids Chili Cook-Off. They finished second place in the best chili category. Pictured, seated: Frank Owen Brockman; standing, left to right: Lewis Thompson; Jack Aumiller; Master Tim Davis; and Allen Crabtree.

Amaranth Supports Diabetes Research

Grand Court Order of Amaranth had a booth at the Harvest Homecoming, in New Albany, raising money for the Amaranth Diabetes Assn. and Ways & Means. Pictured: H.L. Delores Williamson, GAM; Mary Calloway, GAC; and Edward D Hall, Press Committee.

Rush Lodge 715 – Supports Sallies Garden

At Rush Lodge No. 715’s stated meeting on September 12, 2015, the Officers and members presented Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson K. Wilder with two checks totaling $3,125.00 to help support “Sally’s Garden” project. The funds were raised by both Rush Lodge and from the Brothers of District #27 by selling Grand Master’s Red Ties and Veteran Pins.

Pictured are the Officers and members of Rush Lodge No. 715 with Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson K. Wilder, Brothers Phillip Ray Burchett, DDGM #27, on the right, and James Wesley Napier, Masonic Homes Ambassador, on the left.

Aurora Lodge 633 & Suburban 740 Turkeys for the Homeless

Aurora Lodge No. 633 along with Suburban Lodge No. 740 got into the holiday season by donating 14 turkeys and 30 cans of yams to the local Salvation Army for Thanksgiving Day to help feed the many homeless in the area.
De signsthatRedirect

On a beautiful Friday morning, October 27, 1972, we were traveling northward on an ancient highway, now modernized. Known as the Highway of the Patriarchs, that old road goes north from Jerusalem through Judea, Samaria, Galilee, into Syria, and around the Fertile Crescent to that land we now know as Iraq.

Just north of Nablus while going through the valley of Barley-Vale, someone on the bus yelled, “Look!” With that, words of our guide were ignored and all eyes were focused upon a strange sight, a camel caravan that was going south.

Immediately, I thought of another caravan that, probably, traveled that same road about two thousand years ago. Led by a star and coming “from the east,” those in it, often called Wise Men, were on their way to Jerusalem where they stopped to pay respect to King Herod and seek further direction. After conferring with Herod, they left Jerusalem and were led by the star to a house in Bethlehem where they saw “a child and his mother.” “Kneeling down and worshiping” that child, “they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh,” gifts that were worthy of a king. Then, “having been warned,” their lives were redirected. They did not go back to Herod as he had asked them to do. Instead, they “returned to their home country by another route.”

Masons are men who, in their Masonic journey, have been taught to be wise enough, in all situations, to discern and follow the designs that are written upon life’s trestle board for them. Those designs are not meaningless markings but intelligent instructions that can, and sometimes do, redirect life and sent it on “by another route.”

So mote it be.

Pitman Lodge 124
Annual Hunters Breakfast

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, the Brothers of Pitman Lodge No. 124 held their second annual Hunters Breakfast and it was a great success. The Brothers that cooked and prepared the breakfast were Brent Burkhead, Dan Gerhardt, Jack Aumiller, Frank Owen Brockman, Dan Hayes, Tommy Cundiff, and Allen Crabtree.

Smith Lodge 775 – Gold Star Families Memorial Project

The members of Smith Lodge No. 775 raised money to support the construction of the first Gold Star Families Memorial in Kentucky. The Memorial project is the vision of Hershel “Woody” Williams, the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from the battle of Iwo Jima, WWII. Mr. Williams lives in Huntington, WV. He served in the United States Marines. Since Mr. Williams was a Marine, the local United States Marine Corps League took up the task of fundraising, design, and installation of the Gold Star Families Memorial.

The members of Smith Lodge presented a check to the Marine Corps League in May to go to the construction of the monument. Upon learning that the Lodge could be listed as a “major contributor” with a total donation of $1000, the membership suggested that the hat be passed. An additional $500 was collected and presented the following month to the Marine Corps League, bringing the total contribution to $1000.

The monument is under construction right now, mid-November, and is the first of its kind to be built in Kentucky. Smith Lodge is proud to have been a contributor to this project and the name of the Lodge will be engraved upon the major contributor stone “as a memorial to the time” that the Lodge actively supports Veterans. Mr. Williams’ vision is to see one memorial in each state in the union.

A gold star family, is one that has lost a family member in the service of our country. The memorial design is of a cutout of a service member to signify the missing person. When the sun shines on the monument, the shadow as well shows the missing person.

Smith Lodge also prepared a meal to honor Veterans and provided it to the United States Marine Corps League, Greenbo Detachment #1345. The meal was provided for the USMC League’s regular meeting the second Tuesday in November in honor of Veterans Day. That date also happened to be the birthday of the Marine Corps. The meal was well received and the cake was cut in Marine Corps tradition, with the sword. SEMPER FI!
Pewee Valley Lodge 829
Raises Three New Brothers

During a recent communication at Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829, three new Brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree as a Entered Apprentice. Pictured, left to right: EA Larry Pace; EA Robert Henry; Master Jeffrey Meade; and EA Nick McIntoch.

Order of Amaranth
Reception Entertainment

In September, Amaranth held a reception for HL Yvonne Shuck, Grand Royal Matron and SK Archie Smallwood, Grand Royal Patron, Order of the Amaranth. Amber Martin and her brother Rodney Crisp performed at the reception and everyone enjoyed the beautiful music.

Morrison Lodge 76 – Raises Four

On October 15, 2015, Morrison Lodge No. 76 raised four new Master Masons. Pictured, left to right: Samuel Reason, Jefferson-town No. 774; John Thompsett, Morrison No. 76; Matthew Chandler, Morrison No. 76; Alexander Elliot, Bewleyville No. 288; and Tim Sanders, (center) Grand Junior Warden.

Okolona 853 – Past Masters Night

On September 12, 2015, Okolona Lodge No. 853 held their Past Masters Night and good fellowship was enjoyed by all Brethren present. Pictured, Jerry Styles, Secretary and his great-grandson Zachary Smith, Okolona’s newest Master Mason.
A Grand year of support

The 216th Annual Communication marked the end of Brother Wilson Wilder’s service on the Homes Board of Directors.

During his service as Grand Master, Brother Wilder and his wife, Sally, raised nearly $36,000 to expand environments and programs for residents at Sally’s Garden – a memory care neighborhood at Masonic Home of Louisville. These funds have provided a new media center for Sally’s Garden, as well as new patio furniture for both Sally’s Garden and Masonic Home of Shelbyville.

The Homes also recognized Ken and Corinna Cooper as 2015 Friends of the Homes. Thanks to their tireless efforts, Masons around the state have become much more aware of the Homes’ mission and supported our residents with generous gifts.

During Grand Communication, Masons cast their votes for a new Masonic license plate, designed by fellow Masons. Danny Spurlock (Bush Lodge No. 703) created the winning design. The new license plate will be available in 2016. Masons must present their current dues card when they complete a new or renewal vehicle registration. Each license plate registration provides a $10 benefit to the Homes. And, for the first time, motorcycle owners will be eligible to purchase the new plate, provided at least 300 applications are received.

Giving Tree continues to grow

Recent donors to Masonic Home of Shelbyville’s Giving Tree program were recognized at a banquet and unveiling ceremony in October. Since its inception, the Giving Tree has raised over $85,000. Gifts to the Giving Tree allow Masonic Home of Shelbyville to provide its residents with special projects that enhance their quality of life.

Appreciation for this support is expressed in part by displaying donor names on a beautiful display that greets visitors upon entering the Home. Many of the donors choose to make their gifts in memory or honor of a special person in their life. To learn more about the Giving Tree or to make a contribution, call 1.866.764.6631 or email giving@mhkym.com.

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Green River Lodge 88 – Lamb Skin

During a recent communication of Green River Lodge No. 88, Master Scott Reece (left) presented Brother Adam Cardwell (right) with his Lamb Skin.

Master Scott Reece (left) presented Brother Timothy Hindsmann (right) with his Lamb Skin.

Past Master James D. Holcomb presented Brother John Hildreth his 40 Year Service Pin.

Neel Lodge 833 – Family & Awards Night

The Officers of Neel Lodge No. 833 express their gratitude to J. Scott Judy (pictured) for spending time to speak on behalf of the Homes and the six members and ladies for choosing to participate during this special night.

Master Scott Reece (left) presented Brother Leon Adcock (right) with his Lamb Skin.

Mrs. John Hildreth pictured pinning her husband John with his 40 Year Service Pin.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
The Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky wish to honor and acknowledge the continued support of William G. "Bill" Hlinton, PGM, PGHP, PGC, 33°. The bequests our Most Worshipful Brother left to the Grand York Rite, as well as other Masonic bodies, were unexpected, very generous, and greatly appreciated. The York Rite Grand Officers will design an annual award or other means of continuing to recognize our beloved Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 25, 2015
Merry Christmas!

Jan. 1, 2016
Happy New Year!

Jan. 9, 2016, 1:00pm (EST)
Royal Arch Masons Area Meeting, Franklin Lodge No. 28, 400 N. 4th Street, Danville, KY

Jan. 15, 2016, 6:00pm (EST)
Start of Royal Arch Chapter Festival, Paintsville Lodge No. 381, 408 Second Street, Paintsville, KY

Jan. 16, 2016, 8:00am (EST)
Conclusion of Chapter and Council Festival, Paintsville Lodge No. 381, 408 Second Street, Paintsville, KY

Jan. 16, 2016, 9:00am (CST)
Royal Arch Chapter Festival, Allen Lodge No. 24, 200 S. Green Street, Glasgow, KY

Jan. 30, 2016, 8:00am (EST)
Commandery Festival, Paintsville Lodge No. 381, 408 Second Street, Paintsville, KY

Feb. 6, 2016, 9:00am (CST)
Council and Commandery Festival, Allen Lodge No. 24, 200 S. Green Street, Glasgow, KY

**Masters**: Schedule a York Rite presentation for your Lodge! Your local York Rite Bodies will be glad help!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**
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"...Charity extends....
beyond the grave
through the
boundless realms
...of eternity..."

William G. “Bill” Hlinton 33°
PGM, PGHP, PGC

The Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky
By-Laws

BREATHTITT LODGE NO. 649
At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Breathitt Lodge No. 649 will vote on changes to its By-Laws. All members are encouraged to attend.

HEPBURN LODGE NO. 576
At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Hepburn Lodge No. 576 will vote on a By-Law change. All members are urged to attend.

Notice

CLAY CHAPTER #28
PRINCETON COUNCIL #43
PRINCETON COMMANDERY #53
At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Clay Chapter #28, Princeton Council #43, and Princeton Commandery #53 will hold elections for the Office of Treasurer and any other Office that may become vacant at that time. All members are urged to attend.

McKEE LODGE NO. 144
At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, McKee Lodge No. 144 will vote to increase Lodge Dues. All members are urged to attend.

December Itinerary

KENTUCKY ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PAUL MATTINGLY
Worthy Grand Patron

JoELLEN PERKINS
Worthy Grand Matron

Greetings

You might be the only gift they receive all year.

Visit them at home or in nursing facilities. You might be the only gift they receive all year.

Make a Brother's Christmas Special

Resolution of Respect

GARRY WILLIAM ALDRIDGE
Utica Lodge No. 742
Utica, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Garry William Aldridge who died October 16, 2015.

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 O. D. Henderson Lodge No. 457 R&SM, Irvine, Kentucky in testimony of her loss, the Charter was 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.

COMMITTEE

HAROLD DEWAIN HINA
Symsonia Lodge No. 917
Symsonia, Kentucky

In memory of Brother Harold Dewain Hina who passed from the bonds of this earth on October 10, 2015. Once again a Brother has finished the designs written for him on the trestle board of life, laid his working tools down, and passed onto eternity, to receive the rewards of a Master Mason.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to call our Brother to his heavenly reward; and WHEREAS, in his passing the Fraternity has lost a true and faithful Brother and his family a beloved member; therefore be it RESOLVED, that the family be extended our heartfelt sympathy, and that the Charter of Symsonia Lodge No. 917 will be draped for a period of thirty days in mourning for Brother Harold Dewain Hina and that a copy of his Resolution be sent to the family, and made a part of the minutes of Symsonia Lodge No. 917.

COMMITTEE

WILLIAM FORD TRELKELD
Grant Lodge No. 85
Williamstown, Kentucky

In memory of Brother William Ford Trelkeld who passed the bonds of this earth on October 23, 2015. Once again a Brother has finished the designs written for him on the trestle board of life, laid his working tools down, and passed onto eternity, to receive the rewards of a Master Mason.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to call our Brother to his heavenly reward; and WHEREAS, in his passing the Fraternity has lost a true and faithful Brother and his family a beloved member; therefore be it RESOLVED, that the family be extended our heartfelt sympathy, and that the Charter of Grant Lodge No. 85 will be draped for a period of thirty days in mourning for Brother William Ford Trelkeld and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family, and made a part of the minutes of Grant Lodge No. 85.

COMMITTEE
Does your Lodge have something to announce?
Place it on the Masonic Bulletin Board.
Send the information before the 10th of the month to:
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