Aurora Lodge 633 – Donates Wheelchair

Members from Aurora Lodge No. 633 had the privilege of presenting a new wheelchair to Jude Byers during a recent communication. Pictured, left to right: Steve Logsdon, PM; Roy Caudill, Secretary; Don Yankey, Grand Secretary; Dave Peters, PM, Senior Warden; Harold Johnson, Master; Past Grand Master of Kentucky Wilson K. Wilder; Holbert Judd, Chaplain; Ed Johnson, Junior Warden; Steve Sexton, Tiler; Harold Lee, Treasurer; John Miller, Senior Deacon; and Brandon McCoy, Senior Steward.

Waco Lodge 338 – Constitution Quiz

Waco Lodge No. 338 located in District #25 hosted a group of eight Brothers who gathered to complete the Constitution Quiz. Waco Lodge, Kingston Lodge, Richmond Lodge, Madison Lodge, O.D. Henderson Lodge, Irvine Lodge, and Mt Vernon Lodge were represented. Completion of the quiz satisfied a requirement for the Excellency Award. It was an educational process as well as a great time of fellowship. Some great discussions about several sections involved the Constitution. Thanks to Brother Darren Wilson for supplying the great chili. Plans are to schedule a similar event in the near future.

Big Spring Lodge 826

Great Day of Fellowship and Charity

Big Spring Lodge No. 826 hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the needy in their community. Many enjoyed the fellowship of Brother Masons. Their families served meals to the needy, local police and the security at Ft Knox. This has become a tradition at Big Spring Lodge No. 826. Hopefully the word will spread on the fellowship and meals for the less fortunate.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF ALL MASONS DAY ON FEBRUARY 2ND – AT THE CAPITAL

A Master Mason Degree will be Conferred in the State Chambers Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Grand Lodge will be Opening Lodge and Conferring First Section

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My Brothers all,

I hope all is well with you and yours this holiday season. I want to address two topics in this issue of The Masonic Home Journal and then leave you with my Masonic experiences of one day during the month of December. The two issues that I want to talk about include the good works you do during the holiday season so others can enjoy the example of giving and service set down by our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the second is the great respect and debt we owe our Veterans and serving in all branches of the United States Military.

First, as I am writing this article for The Masonic Home Journal, the weather outside is turning cold and Christmas is just around the corner. God has blessed each and every one of us beyond measure, and we all have much to be thankful for, not the least of which is that we are privileged to live in America. As your Grand Lodge Officers travel across the Commonwealth, we see many proud Kentucky Freemasons who provide food, clothing, shelter, gifts and HOPE to those who are less fortunate than we are. Your Grand Officers know firsthand how much support is given by you and your Lodge to widow’s programs, local schools, Masonic Homes of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge and a wide variety of other programs. The number of nursing home visits, fruit baskets delivered to widows, clothes and food to needy families, and all other kinds of charitable works reflect the type of servant leadership we should aspire to as men who believe in Biblical principles and the example set forth by the true Master Builder. I want to publicly thank each and every one of you for your acts of kindness and charity this season. You are doing the things we need to do in order to be relevant in today’s society. Many people are noticing and applauding your efforts. Also, many Lodges are pursuing the Grand Masters Excellency Award this year, and the numbers of bicycles being placed in schools to promote good student attendance are increasing rapidly. By positively influencing a child to improve his or her life by regularly attending school, you are helping chart the course of society. You are being successful at a huge task. I am very confident that all the elementary schools in at least two dozen counties now have bicycles donated by Masons. As another example of your good work, Brothers in Masonic District #2 have placed bikes in every public elementary school in the entire district! To underscore how well your work is proceeding, I want you to know that I am getting telephone calls from school administrators across the State asking, “Why are the Masons donating bikes to our schools?” I am very happy to tell them, “Because proud Kentucky Freemasons want our children to learn to read, become productive citizens, and improve their lives.” Brothers, I do not know how to convey the extent to which I am humbled before you as you complete this task which is bigger than any one person could ever hope to achieve. I can only say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The second item I want to address today is that of Masons supporting our military men and women. I am so very proud of Kentucky Freemasons for being patriotic and concerned about the welfare of our Veterans and those currently serving in our armed forces. Money generated through the sale of Grand Lodge of Kentucky Veteran’s Pins has, for several years, helped fund activities held by Lodges to honor our Veteran’s and Military Personnel through deployment parties, returning home parties, festivities, recognitions, etc. I want to strongly encourage our Lodges to hold similar events, or partner with other Lodges to do so, in their communities. The men and women who secure our freedoms and allow us to live in the “Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave” deserve much more than we can ever repay. Brothers, as you have heard me say many times before, “If you can read, thank a teacher. If you can read in English, thank the American soldier.”

Finally, I want to share with you three instances of Masonic Brotherhood I witnessed on Saturday, December 5, 2015 that show who you truly are in your hearts. First, as I was traveling from my home in Somerset to a Masonic Breakfast in Bardstown to honor our military personnel, I stopped at the Stanford McDonald’s for a cup of coffee. As I was ordering, I noticed a gentleman wearing a ball cap upon which was embroidered the Masonic Square and Compass. He, and several other members of Lincoln Lodge No. 60, were at the back table with a list of Masonic Widows names and addresses spread out before them. The Brothers were planning the fund raising, purchase, and delivery of Christmas Fruit Baskets to these widows, many of whom either lived alone or were in nursing homes. These men were taking a beautiful Saturday morning to do what we all swore we would do, look after our widows and be real men. When I arrived at the Veteran’s Breakfast in Bardstown, which was sponsored by Bardstown and Louisville area Lodges, I saw a room full of young men in dress uniform along with their ladies. The young men I met and talked to are devoted to our country, smart, well mannered, and prepared for leadership. On the advice of Brother Bill Riggs, I gave each man there one of my Veteran’s Pins which depicts Brother George Washington praying on bended knees for our troops at Valley Forge. I saw many potential proud Kentucky Freemasons at that dinner, if they know who we are and what we stand for. These young men would not have been assembled there this Saturday morning except for Masons who gave up their weekend, worked the breakfast to honor our military, and do what we all swore we would do, be real men. Finally, I travelled to the Grand Junior Warden’s reception held at Natural Bridge in Slade, Kentucky. An honest count showed 350 Masons traveled from every county in the Commonwealth to honor Gary Rose and renew old friendships and break bread with each other in the process. As the keynote speaker, Past Grand Master Herman Forrester said as part of his speech, “Masons suare to be real men.” Brothers, I share my Saturday, December 5, 2015 with you to emphasize that the bonds that bind us together are thrice strong and not easily broken. I deeply appreciate all you do to build up Freemasonry and pass it on to the next generation of real men.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!
A Guiding Principle by Howard Coop

A new year, a just few days old, is ahead. At this point, one thing is sure: We don’t know what the year will bring. However, based upon past experience, we can be reasonably certain that it will bring many pleasant and worthwhile experiences, but, unfortunately, it will bring some unpleasant experiences, or rough places in life’s road, intermixed with those pleasant experiences. That’s just the way life is.

Occasionally, it has become necessary for me to drive to some distant city about which I knew nothing. The road to that city was totally unknown to me. But a long time ago, I learned an important lesson: Seek good information and get a roadmap and faithfully follow the instructions. When I have done that, problems were solved, and I usually arrived at my destination with little or no difficulty.

On Tuesday evening, December 23, 1952, I learned another important lesson, and it is applicable for facing a new year or any other situation one faces in life. That evening, I went to Lancaster Lodge expecting an evening of light-hearted frivolity as I “rode the goat,” but the evening was far from that. The first Masonic lesson I learned, a guiding principle for life, was a profoundly overwhelming surprise to me: At the beginning of any great or important undertaking, always pause and invoke the aid of Deity. The Supreme Architect of the Universe faithfully writes designs upon life’s trestle board for us.

When, in the year ahead or at any other time, we discern and follow the designs of the Supreme Architect, we will overcome difficulties and achieve a good life.

So mote it be.

Masonic Education Meetings

DISTRICT 1, 2, 3
WHERE: Kenlake State Resort Park
542 Kenlake Road,
Hardin, Kentucky 42048
WHEN: January 30, 2016
HOW: Teleconferencing
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
MEAL: Breakfast begins at 6:00 a.m.

DISTRICT 11
WHERE: Allen Lodge No. 24
200 South Green Street
Glasgow, Kentucky
WHEN: January 30, 2016
HOW: Teleconferencing
TIME: 1:00 p.m. (est) 12:00 p.m. (cst)

DISTRICT 12, 13, 14
WHERE: Scottish Rite Temple
200 East Gray Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
WHEN: January 30, 2016
HOW: Teleconferencing
TIME: 1:00 p. m. (cst)

ATTENDANCE MANDATORY: Your Lodge MUST attend one of these meetings. It’s recommended that the MASTER, and three of his principle Officers attend, Junior Warden; Senior Warden; Secretary; and Treasurer.
**Fairdale Lodge 942 – Donate Bikes**

Fairdale Lodge No. 942 donated boy and girl bicycles to Fairdale and Coral Ridge Elementary Schools in Fairdale, Kentucky. Pictured are the Principals and Assistant Principals of each school, along with Brothers Reggie Paschael, Roger Bischoff, Bill Underwood; and Steven Lay. All are members of Fairdale Lodge No. 942.

**Smith Lodge 775 – Attendance Awards**

The members of Smith Lodge No. 775 of Flatwoods, Kentucky recently donated bicycles to local elementary schools to be used as attendance awards. Attendance is crucial for students to be successful at school. The bicycles were donated to the principals with instructions for them to set the criteria for the awards. Two bicycles were given to Russell Primary School, in Russell, Kentucky and two bicycles were given to Campbell Elementary School in Raceland, Kentucky. Each school was given a boy’s bicycle and a girl’s bicycle with helmets for each donation. Hopefully these will serve as incentives for students to attend school and work hard at their schoolwork.

**Crittenden-Dry Ridge Lodge 694 Baskets of Food for the Needy**

Brothers from Crittenden-Dry Ridge Lodge No. 694 prepared thirty Thanksgiving Meal baskets for local families, senior citizens and Veterans in need of assistance. The baskets were overflowing with all the food staples for a great dinner.

**Murray Lodge 105 – Donates to School**

Master Thomas Warren; Robert Sanders, Masonic Homes Ambassador; and Max Rogers, PM, from Murray Lodge No. 105 presented $250 checks to Lisa Hays and Jane Ann Turner, Resource Center Directors of Calloway and Murray High Schools.

**HAM Henderson Lodge 515 Donates to Resource Center**

HAM Henderson Lodge No. 515 raised $3,200 to donate to the Monroe County School District resource program to be used to buy gifts for needy students at Christmastime. Representatives from the school district were Superintendent Amy Thompson, Glenda Wilson, Jean Blazer, Glenna Gerals, and Sandy England. Presenting the check to Amy Thompson is Secretary Jeff Gerals. The generous Brothers of HAM Henderson Lodge made this fundraiser a great success.
Vine Grove Lodge 603 – Thanksgiving Meals

Vine Grove Lodge No. 603’s Master Rick Copeck (right), presents eight family Thanksgiving dinner vouchers to Vine Grove Elementary School Counselor Allison Scherer (left). The vouchers will feed eight families totalling 60 individuals. “Charity, relief, and community involvement are the cornerstone of Masonic values,” said Copeck. The Lodge worked with Bob Evans Restaurant and General Manager Randy Packman to help identify community families during this time of year and the continual support and donations that remain critical in advancing this tradition.

Burnside Lodge 634 – Contributes to Hospice

Burnside Masonic Lodge No. 634 presented Hospice of Lake Cumberland with donations on behalf of their deceased Brethren. Making the donation is Lodge Secretary and Past Master Donnie Brake (left) and representing Hospice, Executive Director Euthera McQueary (right). The three Brothers (Don Phillipi, Cleo Routin and George Troxell) who received hospice care before they passed, were all appreciative of the fine care given by Hospice of Lake Cumberland. The estate of Don Phillipi gave a Masonic knife to the Lodge, who in turn sold shares Hospice.

O.D. Henderson Lodge 437
Backpack Buddies Donation

O.D. Henderson Lodge No. 437 presented a check for the Estill County Backpack Buddies program serving the grade school children. Pictured, left to right: Bobby Griggs, Grand Junior Deacon; Greg Horn, Master; Amy Farmer, Director of Estill Backpack Buddies; and Terry Kirby.

Valley Lodge 511 – Donate Bikes

Valley Lodge No. 511’s Master Jamie Gonzales and Senior Warden Adam Uncleback had a great day at Dixie Elementary (left) presenting bicycles to be given in accordance with the Grand Master’s bicycle attendance program.

Freedom Lodge 643 – Fundraiser

Freedom Lodge No. 643 cooked up a storm during the Wayne County youth football games. The sell of concessions enables the Lodge to continue their “Christmas for Kids” program. Donations are always needed and welcomed.

W. G. Simpson Lodge 472 – Attendance Awards

Master Eric Burke (right) of W. G. Simpson Lodge No. 472 presented Principal Sharon Hubbard (left) of Owen County Elementary, four bicycles to be awarded as attendance incentives to four hard working students.
On November 9, 2015, Highland Park Lodge No. 865 held its annual Past Masters and Awards Night. Brother Cliff Ward (right) was presented his 70-Year Service Pin. They also had the pleasure of having their oldest living Past Master in attendance, Brother Melvin Strange, Past Master 1962.

On November 12, 2015, Burlington Lodge No. 264’s Master Rob Witzke (center) presented Brothers Bobby Engle (left) and Roy Cantrel (right) with their 40 Year Service Pins and Certificates of Recognition. A very good meal was served to a wonderful turnout including Danny Kemble, DDGM #18, and Brothers from seven different Lodges.

On November 9, 2016, Beaver Dam Lodge No. 420, and James T. Grant, DDGM #8, recognized the 65+ year members of the Lodge. Pictured, left to right: Brothers Ernest Boyd; William L. Danks; Wendell Sandeful; Master David McGregor; and James T. Grand, DDGM #8.

Brother Dennis J. Miller of Mason Lodge No. 678 was presented a Certificate of Honorary Membership to Lincoln Lodge No. 60 for services rendered at Lincoln Lodge at the regular stated communication held on November 16, 2015. Pictured, left to right: Don Miller, Senior Warden; Master Derek Gastineau; Brother Miller; and David Gambrel, Chaplain.

Yocum Lodge No. 897 held their annual Christmas dinner with over 50 in attendance and enjoyed a delicious meal of chicken, turkey, ham and all the country side dishes you can imagine. Service Awards were presented to four Brothers during the dinner. Pictured, left to right: Henry Shackleford, 25-Year Pin; David Gross, PM, Pin and Apron; Harry Gross, Life Member Pin; and Benny Dale Coleman, Life Member Pin.

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CENTRAL KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF PAST MASTERS TO MEET – SATURDAY – JANUARY 30

The Society of Past Masters of Central Kentucky will meet at Shively Lodge No. 951, located at 4221 Hilview Avenue in Shively (Louisville), KY on Saturday, January 30, 2016. We will ‘eat’ at 6:30 p.m. and then ‘meet’ at 7:30 p.m.

At this meeting we will attend to necessary business, induct new members, and also elect and install officers for the coming year. All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the functions of your Society!

Current ‘sitting’ Masters as well as all Past Masters of recognized Lodges are eligible for membership. Total fees, with dues for LIFE included, are $35.00.

For information contact: James B. Wall, Secretary, 7807 Bluebonnet Road, Louisville, KY 40258-2313 (502) 937-5372 E-mail: wjamesb@att.net.
William O. Ware Lodge of Research Elect David Victor Cassesa as Master

In ceremonies held on December 30, 2015, at Covington Masonic Temple, P. M. David V. Cassesa (Robert Burns Lodge #163) was installed as Master of William O. Ware Lodge of Research along with his elected and appointed officers, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Cloyd J. Bumgardner. Brother Cassesa, a Past DDGM, is well known in Masonic circles in Northern Kentucky. An active member of both the York and Scottish Rites, and Syrian Shrine, Brother David served as Commander of the Covington S. R. Scots Guard and currently serves as a Trustee. A lover of Masonic education, David Cassesa participates in Masonic discussion groups around Kentucky whenever possible.

A highlight of the evening was a well-received Masonic talk by retired lawyer and highly regarded speaker, Ed Vardiman, a Past Grand High Priest RAM, and Past Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine. Brother Ed is also a Knight of the York Cross of Honour and a 33rd Degree Mason, serving Covington Valley for 18 years as Secretary/Registrar.

After Installation Master Cassesa thanked the Brethren of Wm. O. Ware for the opportunity to serve such a meaningful organization, and remarked how honored he was to be installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Cloyd Bumgardner.

The Master then announced his plans for the year, and also to continue with top notch speakers as follows: March 30 - Kentucky’s own John Bizzack, nationally known Masonic speaker and author of several popular Masonic Books; June 29 - Carol Curtis, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, and Kentucky Ritual Historian and expert; and August 30 - Michael A. Halleran, Past Grand Master of Kansas, Masonic author and Publications Director of Macoy Publishing.

The above Dinner meetings will be at 6:00 pm followed by our Guest Speaker, and book signings.

Proper dress attire is requested.

Lincoln Lodge 60 – New Sign

Brother Dennis Miller of Mason Lodge No. 678 located in Ohio, presented the Brethren of Lincoln Lodge No. 60 with a new Lodge sign to be placed near the highway in front of the Lodge. The sign is to be placed on December 5, 2015 after the Lodge presents its annual fruit baskets to its widows. Pictured, left to right: Brother Bill Caudill; and Brother Don Miller.

Burnside Lodge 634 – Retires Flag

Burnside Lodge No. 634 recently held a flag retirement ceremony at the Lodge and had several veterans in attendance. The special guests, the veterans, took part in the retirement ceremony. Afterwards a great lunch was served to all who attended.

Wm. O. Ware Lodge of Research Welcomes Author John Bizzack

Kentucky’s own, nationally known speaker and Masonic author, John Bizzack will be the guest speaker at Wm. O. Ware Lodge of Research, Wednesday, March 30, announced Research Lodge Master David Cassesa. The Dinner Meeting will take place at the Covington Scottish Rite, 1553 Madison Avenue, at 6:00 pm and is open to all Master Masons.

Brother Bizzack, a member of Lexington Lodge No. 1, serves on the Education Committee, is coordinator of the Masonic History & Study Group for Lexington Lodge. Brother John also finds time to serve as editor/contributor to the “Craftsman on Line Masonic Magazine,” and a member of Rubicon Masonic Dinner Club. An author of six bestselling Masonic books, and numerous Masonic Papers, Brother John holds Masonic membership in several Research Lodges and Societies and is a highly sought after speaker, across the country.

Privately, John Bizzack is a 25 year veteran of the Lexington Police Department, retiring as Police Chief in 1996. He now holds the position of Commissioner of the Department of Justice training for the Kentucky Justice Cabinet. He is also the author of several books on criminal justice.

How fortunate Wm O. Ware Lodge of Research is to have Brother John as guest speaker.

Dinner Reservations at $20.00 per person are a must for this event.

Please contact Research Lodge Secretary Jon Mac for your reservations at greybeard1942@hotmail.com. All Master Masons are invited.

Proper attire is requested.

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River City Lodge 966 – Officer Installation

River City Lodge No. 966 recently installed its 2016 Officers welcoming Brother Jim Thomas as Master for his 10th time since opening the Lodge. Pictured: (right) Steven Lay, Junior Warden; and Archie Smallwood, Senior Warden. Brother Steven (below) has been an irreplaceable member of River City Lodge No. 966. Brother Lay has filled many positions within the lodge and is always eager to assist. Pictured, right: Brother Jim Thomas, Charter Master has been a devoted member since the Lodge opened. Brothers Steven and Jim have been devoted members of River City Lodge and are deeply appreciated for their many years of Masonic leadership.

Valley Lodge 511 – Presents Bibles

During a called communication at the Masonic Home of Louisville, Brother Jaime Gonzalez, (right) Master of Valley Lodge No. 511, presented Masonic Home Chaplain Tim Morrow (left) with 50 large print New Testaments and 50 Bibles to the Masonic Home of Louisville.

Aurora Lodge 633 – Past Masters Night

Aurora Lodge No. 633 recently held their annual Past Masters and Ladies night and had the pleasure of Brother Steve Logsdon and the Aurora Boyz providing the entertainment. The lovely Ms. Amber Martin sang along and everyone had a wonderful time.

Thomas C. Cecil Lodge 375 Raises Eight Master Masons

On November 21, 2015, Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375 of Pikeville, Kentucky raised eight Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Three of the eight are related, Harold Dean Thacker, Father; Harold Dwayne Thacker, Son; and Shawn Thacker, Grandson.

Aurora Lodge 633 – Widows Dinner

Aurora Lodge No. 633 held their annual Widow’s Dinner on November 23, 2015. The Lodge Brothers worked tirelessly preparing the delicious meal that was served to all the Widows of the Lodge. Aurora Lodge appreciates their Widows and it shows during this annual event.

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.
Louisville Campus adds assisted living services, expands independent living

Masonic Homes plans to add a 48-unit assisted living community. It also will add 120 independent living residences to its Miralea Active Lifestyle Community on the Louisville Campus.

Assisted living will offer personal support services such as meals, medication management, bathing, dressing and transportation. The community, Grove Pointe, will be built in place of the old healthcare center. Special features such as the building’s stone entryway and antique pottery tiles will be reclaimed and repurposed. Stained glass windows that were once part of the center’s chapel have already been repurposed in the Sam Swope Care Center.

Miralea will continue to grow with a new one-story building, located on the front east side of the campus. In addition to the life care benefits and amenities already offered at Miralea, The Meadow will feature an art studio and gallery, movie theater, spa and beauty salon and much more. Construction is expected to begin in late 2016.

Two retiring Board members honored

In November, long-time members Ronnie Bell, PGM, and Curtis Johnston, PGM were named Board Members, Emeriti. Ronnie Bell had been a member of the Board since 1993, and Curtis Johnson since 1999.

The Board also elected 2015-16 Officers: Martin Walters will serve as Chair, David Owen as Vice Chairman, John Sammons as Secretary and Ron Caughron as Treasurer.

Two Masonic Homes employees receive statewide awards

Two MHKY staff recently received statewide awards by the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF).

Dining Services Director Linda Wagner and her team received the Community Outreach Award for providing Thanksgiving meals to needy families.

Arthur Brock received the top Professional Achievement Award in Nursing care for designing a specialized dementia care program at Masonic Home of Shelbyville.

The honors were part of KAHCF’s 2015 Quality Awards banquet and annual conference.

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Smithland Lodge 138
Veteran’s Day Lunch

Smithland Lodge No. 138’s Veteran’s Day Dedication Appreciation Lunch was held on November 11, 2015, in Burna, Kentucky, at the American Legion Post #217. Between 250 – 300 guests were served lunch after the ceremony. In the first picture, left to right: Brad Winn, Secretary, Smithland Lodge 138; Ronnie Walker, Veteran Affairs Committee and Past Master; his wife Alice Walker; and Bobby Williams, Secretary, Carrsville Lodge #812. Second photo: Bob Mitchell, Post Commander; Bruce Dwingelo, Post Adjutant and Senior Warden, Salem Lodge #81. The third photo shows everyone enjoying the lunch at the American Legion Post #217. The pictured monuments have the names of 2400 Veterans who served and are now deceased. The names on the black monument are Veterans who lost their lives in service to our country.

Hebron Lodge 757
Veterans Potluck Dinner

Hebron Lodge No. 757 honored Veterans with a potluck dinner on Veteran’s Day. State Senator John Schickel (right) was the keynote speaker. Mrs. B. J. Hermann presented the Missing Man Memorial ceremony honoring our MIA’s and POW’s.
National Guard Christmas Breakfast
Honored Those Who Serve

Grand Master Cloyd J. Bumgardner (left) spoke to the men and women gathered together for breakfast, providing their facility for the event. The recent construction completed, the Church provided an elegant setting. The inside was beautifully decorated for the season, and was perfect for the event.

The local Bardstown National Guard unit uses their December meeting to recognize those soldiers who have been promoted or for special service during the year. This occasion allows the families the opportunity to witness their soldier receiving their hard earned recognition.

Approximately one hundred and fifty soldiers and their family members were fed breakfast by members of Duvall Lodge No. 6, Suburban Lodge No. 740, Bloomfield Lodge No. 57, Dunavan Lodge No. 292, and Aurora Lodge No. 633. Several wives added greatly to making this a successful event.

They were honored to have Most Worshipful Grand Master Cloyd J. Bumgardner present for the event. He spoke briefly to those assembled giving a quick summary of Freemasonry. He gave each soldier one of his Veteran Pins so that they would have a tangible reminder of Freemasonry’s support for their dedication and service.

Profound gratitude to Faith Worship Center and their Pastors Freddy & Becky Riggs for opening their facility for this event; to the Grand Lodge for providing the funding; to all those who volunteered and made this day a success; to any Brother who has ever bought a Veteran’s Pin, (your support funds these type programs); and to PGMs Don Yankey, Chris Stout, Rick Nation, and current, Grand Master Cloyd J. Bumgardner for seeing the value in promoting Service men and the Veteran’s Program.

And lastly, but most importantly, thank you to the Officers, Soldiers and the families of “Charlie” Battery, 2nd/138th Field Artillery for allowing us to honor you through Masonry in Action!

District 21 – Veterans Day

Members of Masonic Lodges in District 21 posed for a photo with the plaque they received to recognize their support of Heritage Hospice’s Veterans Appreciation Day.

Once again, the annual Heritage Hospice’s Veterans Appreciation Day was a huge success because of the hard work of Masonic Lodges in District 21. The Masonic Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM is a major supporter of the event. The Masons prepared 200 pounds of fish and 160 pounds of barbecue plus side dishes of beans, cole slaw and hush puppies to feed 1,234 hungry Veterans and their guests at this event at Danville National Guard Armory. The Veterans are from Boyle, Garrard, Lincoln and Mercer counties, the area served by Heritage Hospice. Sharon Martin, Heritage Hospice community and provider liaison is the event’s chairman. She appreciates the Masons’ dedication. It takes four days to prepare the food for the event and one of the chefs takes a week of vacation to prepare. Some of the rewards for their hard work are seeing a 102-year-old dance a jig after being recognized as the oldest Veteran, World War II Navy Veteran Ernest Blanchet, known for his love of dancing, kicked up his heels after receiving the honor. The Stanford man’s immediate audience was a circle of fellow World War II Veterans who always are asked to come to the front at Noon. George White, age 98, received special recognition as the second oldest attendee of the 32 World War II Veterans. In contrast, 21-year-old National Guard member Zachary Jones of Harrodsburg was recognized as the youngest Veteran. It is a very special day made possible by a devoted group of Masons.
RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

COLLEN D. BRATCHER
Highland Park Lodge No. 865
Louisville, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Collen D. Bratcher who died November 30, 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 Highland Park Lodge No. 865 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

THOMAS McCAWLEY, Jr.
Highland Park Lodge No. 865
Louisville, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Thomas McCawley, Jr., who died November 30, 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
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WHEREAS, he having been a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it RESOLVED, that Highland Park Lodge No. 865 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

ROBERT L. MILLER
Mercer Lodge No. 777
Harrodsburg, 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 Mercer Lodge No. 777 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

LYNN J. SAUVAGE
Smithland Lodge No. 138
Smithland, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Lynn J. Sauvage who died December 5, 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 Smithland Lodge No. 138 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

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JANUARY ITINERARY

Paul Mattingly
JoEllen Perkins

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Worshipful Grand Patron

JoEllen Perkins
Worshipful Grand Matron

8 District 15 Get Together at Paducah Lodge
9 District 15 School at Paducah Lodge, Paducah
10 District 15 – Church at Community Life Church, Paducah
11 – Estill # 73
12 – Murray # 433
13 – Mayfield Star # 443
16 ES Home Board Meeting
22 District 13 Get Together at Glencoe # 104
23 District 13 School at Henderson Lodge, Henderson,
1 – Henderson # 119
24 District 13 – Church at Belleview Baptist Church, Owensboro
25 1 – Stanley # 253
26 1 – Farrellville # 328

PGO Party – Lana Thomas, Grand Chaplain

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Whereas, he having been a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it RESOLVED, that Smithland Lodge No. 138 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

COMMITTEE

CHARLES EDWARD RICHARDS
Highland Park Lodge No. 865
Louisville, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Charles Edward Richards who died December 5, 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
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WHEREAS, he having been a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it RESOLVED, that Highland Park Lodge No. 865 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

COMMITTEE

DESSIE SHIVAR
Cerulean Springs Lodge No. 875
Cerulean, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Dessie Shivar who died December 1, 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 Cerulean Springs Lodge No. 875 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

RONALD CECIL TRUNNELL
Utica Lodge No. 742
Utica, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Ronald Cecil Trunnell who died November 14, 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 Utica Lodge No. 742 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.

COMMITTEE

Michael Kurt; Gary Atherton; Daryl L. Coffey

WHEREAS, he having been a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it RESOLVED, that Smithland Lodge No. 138 F&AM in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family.
** Notices **

** FERN CREEK LODGE NO. 955 **
At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in *The Masonic Home Journal*, Fern Creek Lodge No. 955 F&AM will hold elections for the Offices of Chaplain, and 2 Year Trustee and any other Office that becomes vacant at that time. All members are urged to attend.

** LINTON LODGE NO. 783 **
At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in *The Masonic Home Journal*, Linton Lodge No. 783 will vote to merge with Cadiz Lodge No. 121. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

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** HUGH HARRIS LODGE NO. 938 **

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Over 50 Past Masters from Hiram Lodge No. 4 and other visiting Lodges were in attendance at a recent Past Masters Night. Hiram Lodge No. 4 presented a check for $1000 to the Masonic Homes of Kentucky. 2nd pictured, left to right: John Sammons, Secretary, Masonic Homes Board of Directors; Acting Master Travis Wagers; and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky Cloyd J. Bumgardner.

50 Year Service Pin presentation, from left: Michael Baggett, PM; Brother Edsel Moore, 50-Year Service Pin; Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky Cloyd J. Bumgardner; and Acting Master Travis Wagers.

A special presentation was made by Past Grand Master and Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 4, Joe Conway to Brother Sterling Tracey, his 65-Year Service Pin. Pictured, from left: Most Worshipful Grand Master Cloyd J. Bumgardner; Joseph Conway; Sterling Tracey; and Acting Master Travis Wagers.

60 Year Service Pins were presented from left: Brothers Joseph Gatewood, and Raymond Miller. Making the presentations were Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky Cloyd J. Bumgardner; and Acting Master Travis Wagers.