Leitchfield Lodge 236
Gifts for Newly Adopted

Leitchfield Lodge No. 236 provided bicycles and beautifully wrapped gifts to three deserving, newly adopted children for Christmas. The children and their new family enjoyed the fun and fellowship at the Lodge.

DISTRICT 2
ROBERT SANDERS
D.D.G.M. 2

The annual meeting for District 2 will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Murray Lodge No. 105, 2036 Rt. 121 North, Murray, Kentucky 42071.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon and meeting will follow for Master Masons at 1:00 p.m. (CST).

Ladies are invited to lunch and entertainment will be provided.

Directions: Take 641 South to Murray, turn right onto 121 North, go 2 miles, Lodge is on right just before caution light.

DISTRICT 4
DAVID CORNELIUS
D.D.G.M. 4

The annual meeting for District 4 will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Cadiz Lodge No. 121, 38 Old Dover Road, Cadiz, Kentucky 42211.

Dinner will begin around 5:30 p.m. and meeting will follow for Master Masons at 7:00 p.m.

Directions: Travel West out of Cadiz approx. 1 mile; turn left on Highway 1175, 1st building on left.

DISTRICT 5
RANDALL WARE
D.D.G.M. 5

The annual meeting for District 5 will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, 461 Klutey Park Plaza Dr., Henderson, Kentucky 42420.

A light lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon and the meeting will follow for Master Masons at 1:00 p.m.

DISTRICT 6
RYAN PAGANO
D.D.G.M. 6

The annual meeting for District 6 will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the Scottish Rite Consistory, 668 Park Avenue, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431.

Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. (CST) and meeting will follow for Master Masons at 7:00 p.m. (CST).

DISTRICT 7
CARL ISOM
D.D.G.M. 7

The annual meeting for District 7 will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2017 at Lewisport Community Center, 15 Poll Street, Lewisport, Kentucky 42351.

Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and meeting will follow for Master Masons at 7:00 p.m.

March & April – District Meetings
Ladies are Welcome to All District Meetings Unless Noted Otherwise

utrca Lodge No. 742 presented 40 - Year Service Pins on December 1, 2016 during its regular meeting. Brothers who received their pins that evening were, Ollie Dale Atherton, Larry Ratliff, David Kidd, and Jeff Skinner, pictured with Lodge Master Duane Atherton (center).
Grand Master’s Message

Happy Spring My Brothers,

As our District Meetings are in full swing I hope you will attend and bring your lady with you so they can enjoy a great meal and fellowship with all the other ladies in the District and across the State.

We have several BIG events coming up in the next couple of months. On May 6 at Noon (EST). Favorite Lodge No. 581 annual Wild Life Dinner will be held at the Ewing Fire House across from the Lodge in Ewing, Kentucky. Then we have three 4-wheeler rides scheduled: (1) May 13 in Salyersville, Kentucky, contact Ryan Arnett for more information. (2) June 10 in Bardwell, Kentucky, contact Mike Terry

for more information; and (3) June 24 in London, Kentucky at Wildcat Off Road Park. Call the Park for more information. I hope you will come out and enjoy. By attending you will help raise money for the Masons Helping Masons Program. These rides are open to everyone. Invite family and friends and have a great day with us.

As I travel across this great State of ours I have enjoyed great fellowship and hospitality, plus great meals. The one thing that is going on across this State is a tremendous amount of Degree work in every District.

Brothers, you are doing the right thing by getting out into our communities and being the men and Masons we are, showing them what true Masons are everyday. Keep up the great work and thank you.

Please don’t forget to thank our Veterans for their service and our First Responders. Without them we could not enjoy doing what we love to do, being Masons. Thank you for your continued support this year. Together will we make a difference in our communities. I look forward to seeing you at a Lodge across the State soon!

Always remember to have a Mason Brother we must first be a Mason! May God bless each of you.

**MARCH & APRIL – DISTRICT MEETINGS CONTINUED**

Ladies are Welcome to All District Meetings Unless Noted Otherwise

**DISTRICT 12**

**DISTRICT 13**

**DISTRICT 14**

The combined annual meeting for Districts 12, 13, and 14 will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Louisville Scottish Rite Temple, 200 E. Gray Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202. There is FREE parking in the parking garage next door to the Temple.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon in the dining hall and the meeting will follow at 1:00 p.m. for Master Masons and their ladies. The meeting will be held under the Charter of St. Matthews Lodge No. 906 from District #14.

There will be a presentation for the ladies by a representative from the Order of the Eastern Star and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

All Lodges are reminded that the Lodge in possession of the District Traveling Gavel needs to bring the Gavel to the District Meeting, so the Lodge with the most Brothers attending may claim it.

**SYMSONIA LODGE NO. 917**

**2017 ANNUAL RABBIT SUPPER**

**Tuesday, March 21 – 6 p.m.**

**HELD AT**

Symsonia United Methodist Church
161 State Route 548 East, Symsonia, KY 42082

Open only to Entered Apprentice Masons Fellow Craft Masons • Master Masons

all proceeds go to:

Symsonia Education, and Masonry Matters Programs

**MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICES**

**FOR CONTACT INFORMATION CALL**

(270)-748-7837
Masonic Community Outreach

Beaver Dam Lodge 420
Bicycle Presentation

Beaver Dam Lodge No. 420 donated four new bicycles to the Beaver Dam Elementary School. Students will be selected by the school for having a perfect attendance record for nine weeks. Pictured, left to right: Master Beau Wright; Ginger Tichenor, Principal; Jason Bullock, Family Resources; and Ed Heflin, Secretary.

Rush Lodge 715 – Attendance Awards

Brothers from Rush Lodge No. 715 donated a total of twelve bicycles to two local elementary schools in Boyd County in January. Three girl and three boy bikes were donated to Cannonsburg and Summit Elementary Schools to promote education and attendance this year. Both Principals commented that this program was very popular last year and they were very appreciative. Pictured, left to right: Summit Elementary Principal, Master Kent Flanery; Paul Huff, Committeeman on Veterans Affairs; Brothers Ray Huff and Gary Shockey.

Preston Lodge 281 – Donation

Preston Lodge No. 281 had the honor of presenting four bikes and helmets to Principal Carol Ferry, and Assistant Principal Scott Gregory as part of the Grand Master’s Bicycle Program on January 31, 2017. The staff was excited to receive the bicycles as were the children who saw them. The bikes will be presented to four students at a time designated by the school. Brother Warren Miller, Secretary and John Phillips, Senior Warden coordinated the project and presented the bicycles to the school. Pictured, left to right: Brothers Warren Miller; John Phillips; Principal Carol Ferry; and Assistant Principal Scott Gregory.

Soldier Lodge 708 – Bicycle Presentation

Brothers from Soldier Lodge No. 708 presented Principal Josh Mabry of Tygart Elementary School with five bicycles for students who have perfect attendance. Pictured, left to right: Bill Bradley; Jacob Waddell; Josh LeMaster; Mark Burton; Principal Josh Mabry; and Bill Wilson.
150th Anniversary kicks off with a weekend of events

Masonic Homes of Kentucky kicked off its 150th year with a weekend of events including an Employee Documentary Premiere Breakfast and a Black Tie Gala. Both events featured the premiere of “Little City Beautiful” – a documentary that tells the story of the founding of Masonic Homes and the many children’s lives that were touched and transformed through living at the Home, through interviews and historic photos.

On January 13, Masonic Homes employees were invited to a breakfast premiere of “Little City Beautiful” that was held at The Olmsted; about 125 employees attended. Many are longtime employees and while they have not have worked at Masonic Homes the entire 150 years, many have dedicated several years of service.

The weekend continued with a black tie gala on Saturday, January 14 at The Olmsted, gathering together leadership, sponsors, alumni and friends. The Olmsted and Masonic Homes entrance were lit up with blue lights for the festive occasion, and guests spilled into the venue wearing gowns and tuxedos.

The evening featured cocktails, dinner by Masterson’s Catering, music by local band Kudmani, professional photographers, selfie sticks for group shots, and more. Guests went home with 150th anniversary branded champagne flutes and picture frames as gifts.

The year-long sesquicentennial celebration of heritage, hope and home will continue throughout 2017.

Support Masonic Homes of Kentucky by planning ahead

Cave Hill Cemetery lots available

Masonic Homes of Kentucky has a limited number of burial lots available for purchase in the highly sought after Masonic section of historic Cave Hill Cemetery. Lots are available with both monument and/or raised marker privileges. Support Masonic Homes of Kentucky by purchasing one or more of these elite lots at a substantial discount below fair market value.

For more information or to purchase a Cave Hill Cemetery lot contact Phyllis O’Daniel at (502) 753-8808 or podaniel@mhky.com.
Watch Little City Beautiful on KET

Little City Beautiful is a documentary that features interviews with pivotal Masonic Homes leadership, alumni, senior living industry leaders and others to show the thoughts for our founding 150 years ago, how we’ve adapted to current needs and how we are building for the future with that same mission at the heart of it all. The interviews are threaded together by a narrative recorded by well-known Masonic Homes teacher, Laura Johnson. KET will air Little City Beautiful throughout 2017.

March schedule:
• KETKY: Sunday, March 12 at 3 a.m. (ET)
• KETKY: Tuesday, March 14 at 12 a.m. (ET)
• KETKY: Tuesday, March 14 at 11 p.m. (ET)
• KETKY: Wednesday, March 15 at 5 a.m. (ET)
• KETKY: Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. (ET)
• KETKY: Friday, March 17 at 11 a.m. (ET)
• KET: Sunday, March 26 at 3 p.m. (ET)

SAVE THE DATE for these upcoming events celebrating our 150th anniversary

Great Day of Service
NEW DATE: Saturday, April 8
Shelbyville: Register at 7:30 a.m.
Louisville: Register at 8 a.m.
Our annual Great Day of Service will be a record-setting one. Along with yardwork on our Louisville and Shelbyville Campuses, we will set a Guinness World Record for the largest human Square and Compasses.

Sproutlings Golf Shamble
Monday, September 18
Big Spring Country Club
Join Masonic Homes at a charity golf shamble to benefit Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool. Proceeds from the tournament will provide special programs and equipment for medically fragile children at Sproutlings.

Not-So-Newlywed Game
Tuesday, July 25
Masonic Homes will host the second annual fund raiser, based on the 1970s television show, The Newlywed Game. The event will put popular couples in our community against each other for a night of laughs, jabs and “oh mys”. The winning couple will be crowned Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted.

For more information, contact Phyllis O’Daniel at 502.753.8808 or podaniel@mhky.com.
Augusta Lodge 80 had the honor and privilege of raising Robert Fulmer on January 21, 2017. They had over 25 Brothers in attendance including Grand Lodge Senior Deacon Coleman Waford and DDGM #19 James Fletcher. Master Gregory T. England and the Brothers of Augusta Lodge No. 80 would like to give many thanks for the support and help from the Brothers of Good Faith No. 95; Golden Rule-Covington No. 109; Robert Burns No. 163; Mt. Olivet No. 291; Henry Barnes No. 607; and Ft. Thomas No. 808 for the Degree work. Congratulations Brother Fulmer on the first step in your journey into Masonry.

Leitchfield Lodge No. 236 raised four new Brothers on December 6, 2016. Right Worshipful Grand Master Todd Jones (right) had the privilege of raising the new Brothers into the Masonic Brotherhood. The Brothers are Todd Williams, David Blaylock, Dustin Leslie, and Timothy Kerr.

Master Aaron (left) of Leitchfield Lodge No. 236 presented a certificate to their youngest Master Mason, Tristan Deering (right) who is 18 1/2 years old.
Right Angle Lodge No. 233 - 2017 Officers were installed on January 7, 2017. Seated, left to right: Galen Hardy, Senior Warden; Steve Talbott, Master; and Andrew Gaskell, Junior Warden. Standing: Randy Martin, Marshal; Jeremiah Duncan, Junior Deacon; Don Gaskell, Treasurer; John Walker, Tiler; Jeff Bond, Chaplain; Ryan Sesby, Secretary, and Randy Barnes, Senior Deacon. Not pictured: Terry Moore, Senior Steward.

Bush Lodge No. 703 at London, Kentucky held their Open Installation of Officers on January 13, 2017. Grand Junior Warden Geary Laird was the Installing Master and Grand Senior Warden Gary Rose was the Installing Marshall. About 65 Masons, family and friends enjoyed a ham and chicken dinner prior to the installation. Brother Laird and Brother Rose then presented some very impressive ritual work. Pictured, left to right: Kevin Gregory, Treasurer; William Mills, Junior Warden; Ralph D. Spurlock, Master; Keith Robinson, Senior Warden; and David Hibbitts, Secretary. Back row: Joey Gregory, Junior Deacon; Rodger Brown, Senior Deacon; Sam Rush, Junior Steward; Johnie Brock, Chaplain; James Black, Tiler; and Roger Rush, Senior Steward.

Bush Lodge Master Ralph D. Spurlock, Grand Junior Warden Geary Laird; Grand Senior Warden Gary Rose; and Hibbitts, Secretary Bush Lodge

Vine Grove Lodge No. 603 - 2017 Officers were installed on December 15, 2016 by the C. Frye Past Masters Association. Pictured front row, left to right: Dan Stogner, Senior Deacon; John Teegarden, Installing Officer; Jerry Hummel, Installing Marshal; Brook Collins, Senior Warden; Charles J. Copeck, Jr., Master; Michael Uhlig, Junior Warden; and Andrew Ahl, Senior Steward; Second row: Geary F. Laird, Grand Junior Warden; Rodney Veirs, Junior Deacon; Mickey Moore, Secretary; Richard A. Copeck, Treasurer; and Charles Copeck, Tiler. Not pictured: Alex Elliot, Junior Steward.

Vine Grove Lodge 603

Harlan County Lodges Installed by Grand Lodge of Kentucky

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The Grand Masonic Lodge of Kentucky were requested to come to Harlan County and perform an Open Installation of the Officers of all Lodges within District No. 30. After a hearty meal of “beans and greens” with all the trimmings and desserts, Grand Master Todd Jones and Officers from the Grand Lodge installed Officers from the following Lodges in District No. 30: Evarts, Harlan, Cumberland, Baxter and Pineville. Open installation is open to Masons families and friends and is done to show that Masons are still very much involved in the communities they live. The Grand Line Officers were very pleased with how they were received in Harlan County and of course left with any leftovers they could take.
The first annual “Holiday Black Tie Gala” of the Covington Scottish Rite Foundation was held on December 10, 2016 at the Metropolitan Club in Covington, KY. The Gala was a resounding success raising in excess of $18,000 and was attended by 80 members and their guests. Gala Chairman and Master of Ceremonies Bro. Kevin Sell, KCCH, Vice President of the Foundation shared with the attendees some of the accomplishments of the Foundation, adding emphasis to the Foundations most recent commitment to the Dyslexia program “Breaking the Code”.

Bro. Sell recognized the Covington Scottish Foundation Board members: Brothers Richard Knock, Chairman and President; Josh Quinn, Secretary; David Knock, Treasurer; Sheriff Chuck Korzenborn; Jeff Brooks and Tom Armstrong. Bro. Sell took this opportunity to thank the table sponsors for their commitment to the financial support of the “Rite Care” program; the table sponsors were: Kevin and Christi Sell; Roger Barnett, S.G.I.G. of Kentucky; and Bro. Rick Nation, Valley of Lexington Membership Chairman. All “Rite Care” providers were recognized and thanked for all they do in providing excellent care for the children that the CSRF serves. Additionally Bro. Sell recognized guests from the Sandy Valley, Tony Skeans and his wife Mary. Bro. Skeans was specifically thanked for being our eyes and ears in that part of our Valley, keeping us connected to their “Rite Care” needs. A special thanks was extended to the Michael Sharpe Trio for the dance music entertainment and Bro. Kelly Fulmer for his special Christmas piano music.

Bro. Sell introduced Bro. Richard Knock, 33º, Chairman and President of the Covington Scottish Rite Foundation. Bro. Knock thanked everyone for attending this very special occasion, the first “Black Tie Gala” of the CSRF. Bro. Knock recalled his first introduction to the Covington Scottish Rite Foundation was through his attendance at a black tie affair of the Foundation over 15 years ago; that event was organized by Bro. James Tharp 33º who was then President of the CSRF. Even though Bro. Tharp was unable to attend the Gala this evening, Bro Knock thanked him for introducing him to the CSRF. Bro. Knock recognized special guests Bro. Jack Steinman and his wife Joyce; Jack has been a Scottish Rite Mason for over 50 years. Joyce is the daughter of Edwin Landberg who was past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky in 1932, and was the lead Architect in the building of the Covington Scottish Rite Temple located at 16th Street and Madison Ave Covington, Kentucky. Also special recognition was extended to the guests who traveled the furthest to attend the Gala, they were Mike and Pam Napier of Macon, Georgia and Lyn and Barbara Brooks of Roanoke, Virginia. On behalf of the CSRF Bro. Knock thanked everyone for their attendance wishing them all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Recently at a stated meeting of the Lake Cumberland Scottish Rite Club/Valley of Lexington bicycles were presented to two lucky students of Jordan Christian Academy in Burnside, Kentucky. These bikes are part of the state-wide Grand Lodge of Kentucky “Bicycle Program to Promote Attendance in School.” Pictured, left to right, front row: Students Aaron Stephens and Makayla Burgess. Back row: Ron Hutchison - 33º, Vice-President; Craig Nowell - 32º, Secretary; Stan Oliver - 32º KCCH; Jamie Bray, 32º; Billy Miller, Church Pastor; and Donnie Brake - 33º, President.
I am a Master Mason in ________________________________ Lodge No. ______________________ F.& A.M.
located in ___________________________ State of __________________________

Print First Name ___________________________ Print Middle Name ___________________________ Print Last Name ___________________________

I am petitioning the Valley of:  
☐ Louisville  ☐ Lexington  ☐ Covington  ☐ Madisonville

Residence (Street Address) ___________________________ City ___________ State ______ Zip ______

Home Phone Number ___________________________ E-mail ___________________________

Wife's Name ___________________________

Firm's Name ___________________________ Type of Business ___________________________

Your Position (If retired, from what) ___________________________ Ph # ___________________________

Birth Month ______ Day ______ Year ______ Age ______ City ______ State ______

I support "The inculcation of Patriotism, respect for Law and Order and undying Loyalty to the principals of of civil and religious liberty and the entire separation of Church and State as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America."

I have never held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has. The statements in this petition are on my honor as a Mason.

I have lived in Kentucky _____ years and have never previously applied for any Scottish Rite Degrees and I now respectfully petition to receive the degrees from _____ to _____ inclusive promising always to bear true Faith and Allegiance to the Supreme Council of the 33rd and last degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Applicant Must Sign Name in Full (no initials)

Recommended by ___________________________ Sign Name in Full ___________________________ Print Name in Full ___________________________

Recommended by ___________________________ Sign Name in Full ___________________________ Print Name in Full ___________________________

Note: A minimum fee of $100.00 must accompany this petition.  
Fees $250.00 plus Dues $100.00

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Petition Presented Date ___________ Date Elected ___________ Date Notified ___________ ☐ Cash ☐ Check
Amount of Fees Paid $ ___________ Balance of Fees Due ___________ Amount of Dues Paid ___________
Barker Lodge No. 129 - 2017 Officers. The C. Frye Past Masters Association Installed the Officers. Pictured left to right: Raymond Ralph, Senior Deacon; Rick Nickson, Senior Warden; John Teegarden, Installing Officer; Gerald Ralph, Master; Gary Huggins, Junior Deacon; John Jolley, Secretary; Don Cress, Junior Warden; Jerry Hummel, Installing Marshal; Lee Broome, Treasurer; and Greg Bartlett, Senior Steward. Not pictured: Patrick Jolley, Chaplain; Junior Lucas, Junior Steward; Jeff Wright, Marshal; Johnny Roeder, Tiler.

Meeting Creek Lodge No. 641 - 2017 Officers were installed on December 10, 2016 by the C. Frye Past Masters Association. Installed the Officer. Pictured left to right: Paul Sigman, Senior Warden; Jerry Hummel, Installing Marshal; John Teegarden, Installing Officer; Tiler; Lee Legaspy, Junior Warden. Second row: Danny Goodman, Treasurer; Carl Goff, Senior Deacon; Jerry Jones, Master; Elmer Loyal, Chaplain; and Everett Hallisy, Secretary. Not pictured: Newton Sandifer, Junior Deacon; Arvil Cundiff, Senior Steward; Chester Knight, Jr., Junior Steward; and Richard Riddle, Marshal.

W. G. Simpson Lodge No. 472 - 2017 Officers; Floyd Rocksmith, Master; Cheyenne Beatty, Senior Warden; Scott Cook, Junior Warden; Robert Karsner, Chaplain; Brian Stigers, Assistant Secretary; Steven White, Senior Deacon; Charles Brock, Junior Deacon; David Fleming, Junior Steward; Nathan Cook, Treasurer; Dallas Cohorn, Tiler; Installing Officers: George Brooks, Installing Acting Master; and Ronnie Wise, Installing Marshal.

Richmond Lodge No. 25 – Officers for 2017

Past Master of Goshen Lodge No. 503, Joe W. Wheet (right), shook hands and offered support and guidance to incoming 2017 Master Brother Scott Rogers (left).
On January 13, 2017 the new Officers were Installed for the coming year. The Installing Officer was Tom Bevington, Past Int’l President who travelled from Cincinnati for this special occasion. Pictured, left to right: Dr. Barry Denton, Walcott Representative; Maurice Meador, Chaplain; Bruce Pelham PP, Secretary; Archie Smallwood PP, President; Michael McConnell PP, Vice-President; Tom Bevington, Past Int’l Pres., Installing Officer; John A. Cauley PP, Treasurer; and John Pickard PP, Masonic Representative. They are hopeful of club growth in their new location at the new Kosair Shrine Temple which is a real show place. They meet on the second Friday of each month and all guests are welcome to join them at 11:00 A.M. for lunch and Masonic fellowship with the meeting at Noon. They invite one and all to join them and get 2017 off to a rousing start.

B. R. Young Lodge No. 132 - 2017 Officers were installed on December 20, 2016 by the C. Frye Past Masters Association. Pictured left to right: Joseph Barany, Jr., Treasurer; John Teegarden, Installing Officer; Jerry Hummel, Installing Marshal; Junior Brown, Junior Steward; Bill Gehr, Marshal; Steve Hagerdahl, Senior Steward; and Brian Perkins, Senior Warden. Second row: Hector Cruz, Senior Deacon; Jesse Sims, Secretary; Kelly Jagger, Chaplain; Paul Withington, Master; Michael Williams, Junior Warden; and Will Burden, Tiler. Not pictured: Matt Willis, Junior Deacon.

Kilwinning Lodge 506

Daylight Lodge 760

Gavel Lodge 570

Crescent Hill Lodge 456
**By-Laws**

BULLITT CHAPTER NO. 44 RAM
BULLITT COUNCIL NO. 114 R&SM

At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Bullitt Chapter No. 44 RAM and Bullitt Council No. 114 R&SM will have the second reading of proposed amendments to their By-Laws. This includes a proposed increase in dues for both the Chapter and Council.

RIGHT ANGLE LODGE NO. 233

At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Right Angle Lodge No. 233 will discuss amending its By-Laws on raising the cost of each degree and approval of Lodge usage for personal use or by other organizations. All members are urged to attend.

ZEBULON LODGE NO. 273

At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Zebulon Lodge No. 273 will vote on changes to its current By-Laws. All members are urged to attend.

**Notice**

BEWLEYVILLE LODGE NO. 228

At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Bewleyville Lodge No. 228 will hold a special election for Treasurer and any other Office that may become vacant at that time. All members are urged to attend.

BRIENSBURG LODGE NO. 401

At the next regular stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Briensburg Lodge No. 401 will hold an election for Junior Warden and any other Office that may become vacant at that time at the stated meeting March 16, 2017. All members are urged to attend.

KENTUCKY ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

PAULA COLEMAN
Worthy Grand Matron

JIM HOGUE
Worthy Grand Patron

**MARCH ITINERARY**

3 Insp. Lowmanville Chapter #497, Dist#5
4 GO Party for Doug Holbrook & Insp. Wheelwright Chapter #477, Dist#5
10 District 10 Meet & Greet - Goshen Chapter @ 6:00pm - Cost $10.00
11 District 10 School - FOP Lodge, 150 Corvette Dr., Bowling Green; Grand Officer Party for Ernie Davis following School; Live On Stage @ 5pm (dinner & gospel singing) - Cost $20.00
13 Insp. Banook Chapter #531, Dist#10
14 Insp. Green River Chapter #577, Dist#10
17 ESH - St. Patrick's Day Party
18 Insp. Russellville Chapter #530, Dist#10
20 Insp. Oakland Chapter #571, Dist#10
21 Insp. Ruth Electa Chapter #17, Dist#10
24 Insp. Edmonton Chapter #470, Dist#12
25 Grand Officers Party Joyce Baker & Connie Summers; Scottish Rite Temple, 1553 Madison Ave., Covington - Lunch @ 12; party @ 1:00; CV of Rosebud Chapter #39 assisted by Florence Star #559, Dist#3
27 Insp. Falmouth Chapter #481, Dist#3
28 Insp. Williamstown Chapter #301, Dist#3
30 Amaranth

**MAJOR DATE**

27 Insp. Falmouth Chapter #481, Dist#3
Does your Lodge have something to announce?
Place it on the Masonic Bulletin Board.
Send the information before the 10th of the month to:
masonichomejournal@hotmail.com
Over 100 Freemasons from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and several other states, gathered at the Mill Springs Battlefield Historic site located at Nancy, Kentucky (Pulaski County) on September 24, 2016 to hold a Master Mason Degree. Three Fellowcrafts were made Master Masons during this historic District #22 meeting. The Mill Springs Battlefield Site is of great historic value, it was the first battle of the Civil War that the Union won. On January 19, 1862 the Confederates lost over 120 men, many of whom are buried in a mass grave on the battlefield, and the Union lost 39 men, many who are buried in the nearby Mill Springs National Cemetery. This cemetery is one of the first twelve National Cemeteries authorized by Congress. Additionally, Sergeant Brent Woods from Somerset, Kentucky, a "Buffalo Soldier" and has a Congressional Medal of Honor from Somerset, Kentucky, is buried there. He received this recognition for service in the Indian Wars. In addition to the historical significance for our nation, the battle is of great Masonic significance also, both Union General George H. Thomas and Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer (killed in the battle) were Masons as well as were many other officers and enlisted men on both sides.

General George H. Thomas, known as the "Rock of Chickamauga" was in charge of the Union forces and is considered by many historians to have made a significant contribution to the Union winning the war. The town of Fort Thomas, Kentucky and Fort Thomas Masonic Lodge #808 carries his name. Brigadier General Felix Zollicoffer was a prominent newspaperman and United States Congressman from Tennessee who served in several important governmental positions. Although he did not support succession of Tennessee from the Union, he served in the Confederate Army. He was also a member of Cumberland Lodge #8 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Civil War historians indicate that Zollicoffer was a very capable Officer and his death was a great loss to the Confederacy. History records that the soldier who most probably killed General Zollicoffer was Colonel Speed Frye of the 4th Kentucky Infantry. Frye was a Kentucky Freemason, belonging to Franklin #28 Masonic Lodge in Danville, Kentucky.

The Mill Springs Battlefield Association complex is modern and includes the Mill Springs Battlefield, Confederate Cemetery, Visitor Center and Museum, Gift Shop, Civil War Library, Walking Tours, etc. The Mills Springs National Cemetery is adjacent to the Museum. Call Mill Springs Battlefield Director Monica DeCarlo at 606-636-4045 (or visit http://www.millsprings.net/) for more information.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky extends many thanks to the Mill Springs Battlefield Association Board members for allowing this Masonic Meeting to take place on the grounds. Members include: Dr. Bruce Burkett (President); Jonathan Fox (Vice-President); Kelly Crow (Secretary); Sandra Brans; Sandra Chapman; Rick Drake; Cheryl Greene; Ann Haney; Josh Jones; Carolyn Mounce; and Nelson Weaver.