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Greetings Brothers:

I, along with the Grand Lodge Officers performed the 100th Masonic Anniversary Ceremony for Stone Lodge No. 890 and the 150th Masonic Anniversary Ceremony for Phelps Lodge No. 482. It was celebrated by many Brothers, family members, and friends. We congratulate these lodges on reaching this point of longevity and were honored to have taken part in these historic events. A bright future for all of our lodges will be assured with high moral standards and Masonic teachings.

Veterans Day was on November 11, 2019. A day we set aside to honor our Veterans and to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in all our nation’s wars, to celebrate the contributions of all Veterans of Military service and ensure that an appreciation of the values they fought for will live on in all Americans. I had the opportunity to attend the 12th Annual Appreciation Day at the Danville National Guard Armory. We, the Masons of Kentucky, are proud to help sponsor this event.

It is my hope that each of you had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving Holiday. We have so much for which to be grateful—the many blessings we enjoy with our families, our friends and with our extended Masonic family, our freedoms and the food we have to eat. I cherish the Brothers that have become Friends over the years and am thankful for the opportunities Freemasonry gives and has given me.

The Ritual Competition has sparked interest in several lodges already. Some brothers are bantering back and forth about who will win this friendly competition. Creating an atmosphere that may lead to a positive transformation of the brother is the goal of Masonic Ritual. It is my hope that many brothers will participate in this meaningful ritual to raise the standard of excellence in our craft.

The Grand Master’s Traveling Trowel is off to a great start. Brothers, I encourage you to travel and claim the Trowel for your lodge. The friendships and memories that you make during your travels, you will always cherish. By traveling, you will continue to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection all across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Terri and I extend our warmest and most sincere good wishes to each of you, your families and friends in hopes of having a peaceful, wonderful and blessed Christmas season. May God continue to bless our great fraternity and God Bless America!

Brothers, I encourage each of you,

BE THAT MASON THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Fraternally Thine,

Geary F. Laird
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS,
GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F. & A.M.
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Right Angle Lodge #233

Some members of Right Angle Lodge 233, Winchester, continued with their weekly clean up of Reeves Memorial Cemetery on Old Muddy Creek Pike over the weekend. Providing a huge assistance with his skid loader was Rep. Les Yates, 73rd District Congressman from Winchester. As brush was being removed, 8 previously unknown tombstones were discovered, one being completely buried by 3 inches of dirt. Helping this weekend were Right Angle 233 members Randy Martin, Ben Joynt, and Steve Talbott. Non-members, but whose help was greatly appreciated were Martin’s wife, Janice, Rep. Yates, local historian Harry Enoch, and Arline Litchfield.

Aurora Lodge #633

Aurora Lodge recognized and honored the Veterans at their meeting in November - Thank you all for your service!

The Grand Lodge Of Kentucky Office

WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS ON:

December 24 and 25, 2019 FOR CHRISTMAS

December 31, 2019 AND JANUARY 1, 2020 FOR NEW YEAR’S

New QR Code

Brothers, to the right is a new QR code to connect to the Grand Lodge Website.

Give it a try by scanning it with your smart phone. Let us know what you think.

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**Casey Creek Lodge #536**

Photo Above: Casey Creek Masonic Lodge #536 presented bicycles to the attendance winners at ACES for the first nine weeks on October 25, 2019. Congratulations to the winners, Emma Burton and Shyia Smith, and to the other 124 boys and 122 girls who were eligible to win. These were the first two of ten bicycles donated to the school for this school year. Also, thanks to Walmart of Lebanon for their donation to help purchase the bicycles. Pictured L-R: Emma Burton, Marvin Martin, SR; Shyia Smith, and Carper Hayes, Treasurer.

Photo Below: The winners of the Casey Creek Masonic Lodge raffle; Lance Milby & John Belcher. Both winners chose the $500 gift card. Pictured L-R: at Downey’ Gun & Pawn in Columbia, KY, are Carper Hayes, Treasurer, Lance Milby, Dr. Steve Shaw, John Belcher, and Marvin Martin, SW.

**Highland Lodge #311**

Officers from Highland #311 presented 2 bicycles for attendance and a check for the school backpack program to Wrigley Elementary in Morgan County, KY. Pictured left to right Highland #311 Treasurer Larry Lykins, Secretary Jim Gazay and Worshipful Master Danny Hanies.

**Devotion Lodge #160**

Photo Above: Brothers Bill Hall and Les Durbin of Devotion Lodge #160 presented “Certificates of Appreciation” to Wal-Mart employees Dawn Hunt, Ashley Stevens, and Adam Wyle. These certificates recognized their work with our bicycle program. Members of Devotion Lodge purchased 24 bicycles and distributed them to six schools in Fayette County.

**District 20 Educational Video Conference**

The District 20 Educational video conference meeting will be held January 25, 2020 at 12 pm. at the Lexington Consistory located at 553 Rosemont Garden Lexington Kentucky.

If you are in District 20 and plan on signing in to the video conference at home or any other location please let me know by contacting me at tlmcfarland@windstream.net or by text at 859-494-5710.

Terry McFarland
DDGM District 20
November has been a great month for Vicco Lodge 929. On the 2nd of the month at a called meeting we raised seven Brothers to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Then on the 7th at our regular meeting we started six Entered Apprentice on the path to be Master Masons.

Edmonton Lodge #931
Master Daniel Glass Presented to Bro. Kendred Martin his 60 pin and certificate. Congratulations Brother!

Boaz Masonic Home Lodge #850
On November 12, 2019 Boaz Masonic Home Lodge #850 had a Master Mason Degree for 2 Brothers. Brother Alan Watson of Boaz Masonic Home Lodge and Brother John Journey of Swigert-Middletown Lodge were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the Scottish Rite Degree Team.

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Brother Larry Waggoner Master of Plain City Lodge No. 449 presenting 50 year pin to Brother Gerald Bob Woley a member of Williamson Lodge No. 802 Grand Lodge of Illinois. This was done as a courtesy for the Grand Lodge of Illinois. We all enjoyed a fine dinner prior to the presentation at our stated meeting on November 5, 2019.

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From left to right Brother Steve Logsdon DDGM #13, Worshipful Master Kevin Jump of Swigert-Middletown, Brother John Journey of Swigert-Middletown, Worshipful Master Tim Vanderhoof of Boaz Masonic Home Lodge, Brother Chester Watson and Brother Alan Watson of Boaz Masonic Home Lodge
B.S.A. EAGLE SCOUT
Eagle Scout George Anthony Wilson who recently earned his Rank of Eagle Scout proudly displays his certificate awarded to him by Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary Rose.

SWIGERT MIDDLETOWN LODGE #218 presented 8 bicycles to Middletown Elementary School as attendance incentives at our Past Masters Night.

Pictured below L-R: Master Phil Wells PT, Justin Matson, Principal of Middletown Elementary School, and Al Clark, Secretary.

ROBINSON-PLUMB LODGE #266
Photo #1 Above: Mike McGaha, Junior Warden (left) Robinson-Plumb Lodge #266, presented Jason Wilson (right) of Sproutlings with a donation of $3000 following Robinson-Plumb Lodge #266 5th Annual Car Show.

Photo #2 Below: Jason Wilson (center) of Sproutlings presented Bill McGrew Master (right), and Mike McGaha Junior Warden (left) of Robinson-Plumb Lodge #266 with a Bronze Apron for their support of Badge of a Mason Program following the $3000 donation.

GRANT LODGE #85
Grant Lodge 85 donated 25 small bags of candy to the Grant County Board of Education office.

On November 1st 2019 The board office held a trick or treat for the Special Needs class from Dry Ridge Elementary School.

The teachers, students and parents had a wonderful time trick or treating.

See Photo on Left
Knights of St. Andrew Masquerade Mystique Gala

On October 26, 2019 the Knights of St. Andrew of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville, Orient of Kentucky, held a fund raising event the Masquerade Mystique Gala. All proceeds benefited the Scottish Rite Foundation in support of Rite Care children’s speech therapy program.

The black tie event was open to the public and began with cocktails, photo opportunities and was followed by a presentation from Evan Williams to include a tasting of several bourbons. Dinner was presented and followed by dancing to the musical talents of the Wulfe Bros. and Doo Wops, featuring Amber Martin. We even had a special guest appearance by Dave Owen of the Monarchs. The event was a huge success with approximately $10,000 being raised.

Special thanks to all of our supporters including Kosair Charities, Owen Funeral Homes, L&N Credit Union, Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Evan Williams, Derb E Cigs, and all of the staff that supported us with their time and energy, especially Brother Rob Henry, the Scottish Rite Guard and Kitchen Staff. Thanks to Brother Tom Harper, Commander of the Knights, for all of his efforts and leadership.

Following the success of this event, the Knights of St. Andrews are planning to make this an annual event.

Photos by: John Adkins
The first Grand Lodge was formed in London, June 24, 1717. Dr. Andrew Prescott and Dr. Susan Mitchell Sommers in their paper, “Searching for the Apple Tree: Revisiting the Earliest Years of English Organized Freemasonry” enter into great detail to state that the Grand Lodge was not formed until 1721, having discovered recent proof in searching through the minutes of Antiquity Lodge #2, of London, a descendant of the lodge that met at the Goose and Gridiron, and according to James Anderson, was one of the original four London lodges. The Antiquity Lodge minutes also suggest that the founding Grand Master was actually the 2nd Duke of Montagu.

In the 1738 Constitutions, Anderson claims the Duke of Montagu, was the first of the nobility to be Grand Master, but was preceded by: Anthony Sayer - 1717, George Payne - 1718, John T. Desaguliers - 1719, and again George Payne -1720. It is also here, in the 1738 Constitution, that Anderson gives his history of the organization of the Grand Lodge. He says that four old lodges met at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles Street, in 1716 and agreed to revive the quarterly communications, the annual feast, and then meet again on St. John’ Day, 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron and where they elected Anthony Sayer, Grand Master.

The fact that Anderson did not mention his ‘history’ in his first Constitutions of 1723, and then only in the 1738 Constitutions, and there being no mention of a Grand Lodge before 1721 in the newspapers of the day or other confirmation pro or con, leaves Anderson suspect for his history. Considering the Antiquity minutes and ‘confirmation’ by Dr. William Stuckeley’s remarks, have led both Professors Prescott and Mitchell to conclude that Anderson’s story is fabricated and the first Grand Lodge was definitely founded in 1721 with the Duke of Montagu as Grand Master.

Let’s look at the Antiquity Lodge minutes “Book E”. It shows the meeting to be “A General Assembly of a Great Number of Freemasons” and lists the names of a large number of attendees. The Duke of Montagu swore on the Bible in part that he “firmly held and bound never to connive at any Encroachment on the Landmarks of the old Lodges in England or suffer the same to be done by his successors who shall also be bound by oath to the same.” The minutes go on to say, “This day the Free Masons of London in the name of themselves and the rest of their Brethren of England vested their separate and distinct rights and powers of congregating in Chapter & c. in the present old lodges in London in trust and the same was this day Publicly Recognised and Notified to their Brethren in Grand Lodge assembled. The Masters of the Old Lodges Accepted the Trust for their Lodges and were sworn accordingly.” There is no reason to doubt these minutes.

Add to this Dr. Wm Stuckeley’s “Commonplace Book” that he was made a Mason at the Salutation Tavern on January 6, 1721. He further stated that he was the first person to be made a freemason in many years and it was with great difficulty to find enough members to perform the ceremony. It is seems strange that the Salutation Tavern being in the same area as three of the four founding lodges, would have difficulty finding enough brothers to initiate Dr. Stuckeley. He also reiterated the lack of masons in London at that period during other occasions but it became a “public fashion” shortly after the installation of the Duke of Montagu.

Dr. Stuckeley’s record of the Grand Lodge of 1721 and the Installation of the Duke of Montagu is a most reliable source. It compares well with the Lodge of Antiquity’s minutes and adds much to Anderson’s lengthy report. Dr. Stuckeley was there! James Anderson was not! Dr. Stuckeley was well respected. He was a physician, a philosopher and one of the founders of the Society of Antiquaries. He investigated both Avebury and Stonehenge and help found a lodge at the Fountain Tavern, serving as its first Master.

There is much more in the Sommers- Prescott paper than room allows. I have seen no ‘papers’ as yet refuting the ‘Apple Tree’ paper from any Masonic scholar, but I am sure they will come. Professor Andrew Prescott’s reputation as a Masonic historian is impeccable as is Professor Susan Mitchell Sommers, however some things are difficult to understand. Would the election of gentleman Anthony Sayer as Grand Master over four lodges even be well attended or newsworthy? Would the election of a noble as Grand Master or action taken by the Masters of the ‘old lodges’, constitute anything more than the Grand Lodge was reaching out and growing? Dr. Stuckeley mentions in his account of the 1721 meeting that George Payne was a Grand Master, which is dismissed as a possible ‘assumption’ in the ‘Apple Tree’ report. However Anderson also mentions Payne as a Grand Master in his 1723 Constitutions, in the same context as Dr. Stuckeley. This seems too close the 1721 Grand Lodge meeting and if in error, should have been caught by one of the three hundred (so the newspapers say) in attendance. Could the answer simply be that the 1717 organization of four lodges came to fruition in 1721? No doubt other Masons will have questions.

Anderson was certainly guilty of elaborating in his 1738 Constitutions, and the Sommers- Prescott well-documented paper with 121 references, appears to be a bit harsh in their conclusions on many of those involved. Perhaps the answer lies somewhere between. -----What do you think?

The “Searching for the Apple Tree: Revisiting the Earliest Years of English Organized Freemasonry” as a paper is available to you by simply requesting it from the Covington Masonic Library at the email listed below. It is also available in the collection of scholastic Masonic papers titled “Reflections on the 300 Years of Freemasonry” available at most book stores (about $30.00). Your Library is also open for Study Groups and can provide books on any Masonic topic. Email for days requested. The Masonic Library – Covington is open Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm or for an appointment just email Bill Lorenz, Librarian: library.covsr@outlook.com
APPALACHIAN PAST MASTER’S SOCIETY

On Saturday, June 29th, 2019, the Appalachian Past Master’s Society held their annual meeting at Somerset Lodge No. 111 in Somerset, Kentucky. The meeting was opened by the Appalachian Past Master’s Society Degree Team, with President Mike McQueary (also of Somerset Lodge) presiding. A great time was had by all, followed by a super meal provided by the APMS and the Brothers at Somerset Lodge. A large gathering of members were in attendance to watch a total of 23 current or Past Masters join the Appalachian Past Master’s Society that day, and receive the “Order of Solomon.”

Officers elected for the ensuing year were President Anthony Skeans of Paintsville Lodge No. 381, Vice President Matthew Kirby of Irvine Lodge No. 137/Madison Lodge No. 183, and Secretary/Treasurer Bobby Danner of Krypton Lodge No. 905. A special thanks goes to the Appalachian Past Master’s Society Degree Team, outgoing President Mike McQueary for an excellent tenure as President, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Terry Bowman, and the wonderful Brothers of Somerset Lodge No. 111 for their assistance and hosting of the event and their hospitality. The Society was then closed, with a proposed date of holding next year’s event, at Paintsville Lodge No. 381 in Johnson Co. on May 30th, 2020.

The Orders of Commandery

Order of the Red Cross
Red Cross Masonry has long been seen as a prerequisite for the chivalric degrees, and is found in both the York & Scottish Rites with its full form within Knight Masonry. In Commandery we refer to it as the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and through it we follow Zerubbabel on his journey to rebuild the temple, and communicate the important lesson of truth.

Order of Malta
Finding its roots in the ritual of the ancient Knights Hospitaller, one of few chivalric orders that still exist in modern times, the Order of Malta with the Degree of Knight of St. Paul or Mediterranean Pass found within it introduces us to the history of this order and we learn why modern Knights Templar still venerate it today.

Order of the Temple
Within this body we find the pinnacle of Christian knighthood, and are challenged to embody and promote Christian virtues. Through it we are sent on a personal journey that brings us face to face with the martyrdom of Jesus Christ and our own mortality. Through this we learn that though our days are few the grave has been overcome, and our redeemer lives.
Events

Shively Lodge No. 951 and Lewis-Parkland Lodge No. 638 Consolidation

On Thursday, December 19, 2019 at Howard E. Reeves Masonic Building, 4221 Hillview Ave., Shively, KY. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.&A.M. will consolidate Shively Lodge #951 and Lewis-Parkland Lodge #638.

Refreshment will be served at 6:00 P.M. with the work to follow.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Geary Laird will consolidate the Lodges, and after that, a brief Tiled Meeting for the election of Officers will be held. This will be followed by an Open Installation of the newly elected Officers.

By-Laws

St. Matthews-PRP Lodge No. 906

At the first stated communication in January following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, St. Matthews-PRP Lodge No. 906 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Woodstock Lodge No. 639

At the next stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Woodstock Lodge No. 639 will be voting to amend its By-Laws by changing the meeting time from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and other possible By-Law changes. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Mountain Lodge No. 187

At the first stated communication in January following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Mountain Lodge No. 187 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Crescent Hill Lodge No. 456 Free to any Lodge that Needs Furniture

Crescent Hill Lodge 456 has Lodge room furniture consisting of Wardens chairs, Alter, Columns, and podiums that they wish to give to a Lodge in need, free of charge.

Please contact the Secretary at: caufieldii@me.com if your Lodge is interested.
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Louisville, KY 40218

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ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
ORIENT OF KENTUCKY - TERRI L. BOWMAN, 33°, P.G.M. DEPUTY

LXINGTON CONSISTORY — Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs., Scottish Rite Temple, Brook & Gray Sts., Louisville, 7:30 P.M. Kevin Reardon, 33°, Master of Council; Jon S. Dawson, 12°, KCCH, Venerable Master; Randolph Stark, 32°, KCCH, Secretary/Registrar; David White, 32°, Personal Representative.


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WY. KY. CONSORTIUM — Meets 3rd Thursday each month except Jan. & Feb., West Kentucky Scottish Rite Temple, 667 Park Ave., PO Box 555, Madisonville 42431. Robert M. Bradley, 32°, KCCH, Master of Council; Kenneth E. Vincent, 32°, KCCH, Venerable Master; James L. Butler, 33°, Secretary/Registrar; Robert W. Davenport, P.G.M., 33°, Treasurer; Christopher Lee Stout, 33°, Personal Representative.

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Landmark Lodge #41

Congratulations to Brother Gary W. Finnell (Past Master) on being inducted into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame at their induction ceremonies in September at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. Brother Gary was part of the Army Military Police. Attending with Brother Gary are L to R: Daughters Carrie & Gina, Gary & His Wife of 50 Years Linda. Congratulations!!