Grand Lodge of Kentucky
Open House and Dedication

1620 Commonwealth Drive
Louisville, Kentucky 40299

Open House
Saturday, July 13, 2019
Sunday, July 14, 2019
9:00 am - 5:00 pm - both days

Dedication of the Building
Sunday, July 14, 2019
2:00 pm

Directions
From 164 West bound take Blankenbaker Parkway Exit, turn left, follow to the second light and turn right onto Commonwealth Drive. Building is on your left.

From 164 East bound take Blankenbaker Parkway Exit, turn right, follow to the second light and turn right onto Commonwealth Drive. Building is on your left.
My Brothers All,

As you read this message we will be in the month of July which is the birth month of our great republic. July 4, 1776 is a date which is dear to Americans who treasure the heritage of self government left to us by our Masonic forefathers. Each year my family celebrated by traveling to West Liberty, in Morgan County. We went to the big city for the fireworks display, square dancing and to eat cheeseburgers and drink orange Nehi at a local restaurant. The trip was a wonderful experience for a Wolfe County plowboy like myself. There was also farm work to be done in July. Mom always looked for the early July rains that would make the tobacco (cash crop) and garden (food for the family) grow. By this time the tobacco I cultivated atop a 140 Farmall was too big to run over any more, and the toughest weeds required a hoe. To this day, one of my favorite pastimes is hoeing in the garden. This skill was perfected from hours of chopping weeds out of the tobacco patch. Also, there wasn’t much money floating around during this time, but what there was had real buying power. I remember setting tobacco at the rate of 50 cents per hour. After 10 hours of work I could buy more candy bars and soda pop than I knew what to do with (6 candy bars and 6 soda pop for fifty cents)! However, my parents taught me to save money and not be frivolous since it was so hard to get. Another lesson that I learned on the farm was that you worked till dark or until the job was done and you always pay day laborers at the end of each day.

As an older man I now understand that respect for our Nation, family, community; paying your debts and an appreciation of the gift of labor are all Masonic virtues. Even though I learned them as a child, the lessons were taught by the most important men in my life who were also Masons. They were my father, grandfather and uncle. I ask you to exemplify these same virtues so that your family and friends can see them as well.

To close this article, your Grand Lodge Officers and I are personally inviting you to join us and brother Masons from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the open house and dedication of the new Grand Lodge Office Building. It is located at 11620 Commonwealth Drive Louisville, Kentucky 40299. The open house is on Saturday, July 13, 2019 and Sunday, July 14, 2019 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - both days. The building dedication will be on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 2:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there for good fun and most importantly, good fellowship.

Do good unto all,

Fraternally Thine,

GARY C. ROSE
GRAND MASTER OF MASTERS,
GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F.& A.M.
Annual Charity Golf Scramble

Monday, September, 9

Join us at a charity golf scramble to benefit Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool.

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For more information contact Lisa Ammon at 502.753.8843 or lammon@masonicky.com
Burnside Lodge #634 & Point Isabel OES Chapter #582
Members of Burnside Lodge and Point Isabel Chapter placed flags on the gravesites of our HEROES, the veterans at Burnside Cemetery on Memorial Day Weekend. This was a tribute for their service and sacrifice.

Amity Lodge #40
Members of Amity Lodge cleaning up at the “Old” Cemetery in Millersburg KY.
L-R: Clay Livingood, James Howard, Clarence Lawson, Scott Wells and Wilson Wilder, PGM.

Right Angle Lodge #233
Some members of Right Angle Lodge 233, Winchester, did a lot of mowing and weed eating before placing American flags at the burial stones of veterans in Reeves Memorial Cemetery. It has veterans of World War I, WWII, and the Spanish-American War.
Pictured from left are Randy Martin, John Walker, Andrew Gaskell, and Steve Talbott.

Waynesburg Lodge #328
Members of Waynesburg Lodge helped place flags at Mill Springs National Cemetery on May 25, 2019.
Members preset were Master Ketton Bowling, JW Pete Wooldridge & Marshall Paul Lewis.

Landmark Lodge #41 and Buford Lodge #494
“Woodford County Masons” honor Woodford County Veterans & Masons by cleaning up the Bowman/Adams/Quisenberry Cemetery in southern Woodford County. Pictured post cleanup L to R: Chris Stout, Mike Niedwick, Jeremy Kifer, Earl Poynter, Charlie Beagle, David Collier, Gordy Ramsey & Johnny Mills. Taking the photo is Mike Ford.

Thomas DeVenny Lodge #928
On Sunday, May 25, 2019, seven Brothers of Thomas DeVenny Lodge No. 298 cleaned the veterans’ graves and placed flags at three local cemeteries in eastern Pike County. At one cemetery was the grave of Brother William A. Dotson, M.D., a charter member of our lodge, (the large obelisk at left). Several stones were turned over due to a large tree falling on them. Our Brothers reset those stones, including resurrecting the one we are surrounding in the photo, which is the grave of Brother James L. Dotson, father of Dr. Dotson. Brother James L. Dotson was a member of Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375 at Pikeville and died before the institution of Thomas DeVenny Lodge No. 928.

Those Brothers participating included: L. Kyle Ferrell, Master; W. Duane Dotson, Secretary; R. Dwain Dotson, SD; John A. Stevens, JD; Adrian T. Layne; B. Dustin Fields, SS; and Mitchell A. May, D.D.G.M. - District 28.
May 2019

Lebanon Lodge #87 / T.W. Wash Lodge #430
Brothers from Lebanon Lodge and T.W. Wash Lodge made a donation, to the three ladies pictured, to send four of their students to 4H Camp. (See Photo on Left)

Hazard Lodge #676
Above Left: Ronnie Stewart receiving his 50 year service pin from Paul Johnson, DDGM, District 39. Above Right: Dirk Flinchum, Past Master of Hazard Lodge No. 676, receiving his Master Ritualist Pin. Presenting were Paul Johnson, DDGM, District 39, Johnny Joe Combs, Chairman Ritualist Advisors Area 3-B, and Roy Combs, Past Master.

Paris Lodge #2 / Amity Lodge #40 / Paris-Marie OES Chapter #67
Paris Lodge Masons ably accompanied by Brothers from Amity Lodge along with members of the Paris-Marie Chapter placed American Flags on Veteran Graves in two different cemeteries. On May 11, 2019, they saturated the Evergreen Memory Gardens Cemetery with just over 480 flags in honor of the known Veterans buried there. The Masons wish to thank the Director, Barbara Elliott, for the outstanding support and their donation of the flags in conjunction with Mr. Jeff Johnson of the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home in Paris and the Kerr Brothers Funeral Homes in Lexington.

On Saturday, May 18, 2019, this commemoration effort went forward to cover the Paris Cemetery where another 700+ flags were placed by this hard working Masonic Team. Again, the Paris Masons wish to thank Mr. Clay Forsyth of the Hinton-Turner Funeral Home, Mr. Jeff Johnson of the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home, Mr. Rodney Dotson and Brother Bill Ferguson of the Central Kentucky Quick Lube & Tire, Brothers Bryan Smith and Earl B. Sosby, Jr. for their generous donations of the flags. That’s about 1200 flags for the two cemeteries. Past Master Earl B. Sosby, Jr., Colonel (R), USA, directed this effort for the local Masons. Others on the Masonic Team were: Master Walt Ryder, Sr. Warden Ronnie Wright, Treasurer George Lucky, Secretary Jim Prince, Sr. Deacon Bryan Smith, Jr. Deacon Denzil Vanderpool, Past DDGM Jimmie West, Past Master Robert Toller (Amity Lodge No. 40), Brother Greg Creech, Brother Scott Hampton, Brother John Morrow, Past Worthy Matrons Margo Kim and Linda McFarland.

Tadmor Lodge #108 / Ghent OES Chapter #441
Kaylee Goodman of Gallatin County High School was presented the “2019 Tadmor Lodge 108 and Ghent Chapter 441 O.E.S. Scholarship Award” by Master Harvey Beers and Worthy Matron Rose Ayers at the Gallatin County High School Awards Program. (See Photo Above)

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MERCER LODGE #777, F.&A.M.
12TH ANNUAL
TONY LEE HUFFMAN
MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMLBE
JULY 6, 2019

TEE OFF: 10:00 AM BRIGHTLEAF GOLF
Course Harrodsburg KY
$50/PERSON OR
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KINGSTON LODGE NO. 315
BATTLEFIELD GOLF COURSE
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9:00 SHOTGUN START

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Jack Farmer, PM, 859-979-4385

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2019
MUDDIN’ WITH THE MASONs
JELLICO CREEK
WILLIAMSBURG, KY

DIRECTIONS
Take 4th St. South to Jellico Creek Road
Travel approximately 8 miles
To Jellico Creek Road and turn Left,
Continue 10 miles and park along road
To make a U-turn on the right
SIDE OF JELLICO CREEK ROAD,
Lunch and Dinner Available
(additional cost)
Registration Starts at 8:00am
Rides Start at 9:00am
Primitive Camping Available
Live Music to Follow ride
$20 PER VEHICLE

ALL PROFITS GO TO OUR VETERANS FUND AND MASONs HELPING MASONs

Grand Masters 3rd Annual
ATV Ride & Poker Run
Sat. August 17th
Rain or Shine
Register at 10:00 Ride at 11:00

5699 Hopkinsville Road
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West Kentucky ATV Park

*Helmets req’d on ATV without rollicage! Be Safe! Have Fun!*

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Concessions Available

Proceeds to benefit Masonic Veterans and Charity Programs
Questions Contact: Robert Knowles 270-316-0538 OR Jason Bolin 270-256-4776
Right Angle Lodge No. 233 in Winchester Kentucky has a real “Traveling Man”. Brother Steve Talbott, PM started his goal to visit at least one lodge in every county in the Commonwealth in 2015. When asked about his journey he replied;

“I wanted to visit all 14 lodges in District 24. Belonging to Right Angle #233 in Winchester, I needed 13 more lodges to visit. So I started with Bath Lodge #55 on August 4, 2015. I liked visiting and traveling to different lodges, so I also started mixing in lodges from outside of our District.”

“In 2016, I went out west to visit friends in Arizona and California. I thought it would be fun to stop in every state along the way and visit a lodge that was meeting that particular night. So I made stops in Tennessee, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, went up into Nevada, back to California, and through Texas on the way home. Then on other trips I have visited two more lodges in Tennessee and three more in Florida.” After returning from these travels Bro. Steve started visiting lodges in and out of District 24. Traveling further and further to visit additional lodges and after reviewing his masonic passport he realized he had visited enough lodges in several counties to complete different districts.

Steve states, “I thought it would be impossible to visit a lodge in all 30 districts, but I became obsessed with trying.” On Sept. 5, 2017, he completed his goal of visiting at least one lodge in all 30 districts, when he visited Joppa Lodge #167 in Eddyville. That was a special day because that also completed the last entry in his passport and signified that he had been in 90 different lodges. “I only get one entry and stamp from a lodge. If I return to that lodge I don’t get a stamp. That way, every entry in my passport is from a different lodge.”

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Steve then went back through his passport and wrote the name of the county under the lodge entry. He also wrote down the number corresponding to how many different counties in which he had visited a lodge. His visit to Joppa Lodge #167 in Lyon County marked the 59th County in which he had visited a lodge, not counting out-of-state lodges.

So with his passport full and having visited a lodge in all 30 districts, and in almost HALF the 120 counties in Kentucky, he considered the possibility of visiting a lodge in ALL 120 counties!

So his journey continued. He got another passport, taped it to his first one, and hit the road again with a single purpose in mind, sit in lodge in all 120 counties. Nothing was going to stop him now, but he needed a plan. “I went to the Grand Lodge website and printed the map of Kentucky with the counties and districts outlined on it. I used a highlighter to mark the counties I had already visited a lodge to give me an idea of a route to take. I wanted to start in western Kentucky and get the furthest counties first and work my way back, so the trips would get shorter when I went out each time.”

He continued, “I went back to the Grand Lodge website and looked at the days EACH lodge met and what county it was in. Then I made a chart to plan what day I could visit a particular county. On top of that, I had other obligations here in Winchester. I have meetings of my own lodge, which I have never missed, plus Lexington York Rite, Winchester York Rite, Bingo nights we work for our lodge fund-raiser, and Scottish Rite. So some nights I could not travel because I don’t want to miss these other meetings. Then when I could go for a couple of days on the road I tried to find a lodge that would meet on a Monday, then spend the night and go to another on Tuesday night. They might not be in adjoining counties, but I would mark it off my map of counties and districts. I would sometimes run into the same people I had been in lodge with the night before. Sometimes lodges I wanted to visit would meet on the same night, so that meant another drive from central Kentucky to western Kentucky. Sometimes a lodge in one county would meet on a Monday night and a lodge in an adjoining county would meet on a Tuesday night of the FOLLOWING week so that was also another 4-hour trip each way. But I kept plugging away.”

Bro. Steve met Tim Berry, the Secretary of Halfway Lodge #852 at Austin Lodge #847 when he drove down to join the Southern Past Masters Society. Steve recalls “He even presented me with a ham for traveling the furthest.” Then, just by coincidence, they sat together in six different lodges. Steve commented, “Tim even vouched for me in one of them. I thought it would be nice to save his lodge for the last one in my journey.” Bro. Tim’s lodge, Halfway Lodge #852, would be the ultimate lodge visit in the 120th county.

So far Brother Steve Talbott has been in 154 DIFFERENT LODGES, not counting the repeat visits. “Some lodges around here I have been to five or six times.” Congratulations Brother Talbott, you are truly a “Traveling Man”.

Journey of a Travelling Man

by Jon S. Dawson, PM (239)
Greetings Brothers,

September will mark the completion of the second year for Randolph Starks as the Secretary/Recorder and myself as the Personal Representative in the Valley of Louisville. During that time, there have been some changes with the usual programs.

Within Freemasonry change can be a difficult thing to accept. We get comfortable with having the same routine, knowing what to expect, and having no surprises. We like our “traditions”, and we like them to be left alone. Everyone knows about the Past Masters’ corner that seems to exist in every lodge. It is the corner of the lodge from which we often hear the phrase “Well in my day we…. “ You can fill in the blank.

The Valley of Louisville retains some of its traditions such as the Widow’s night, Feast of Tishri, Flag Day, George Washington night, greeting everyone at the door, and the same format for meetings. These are the things that make the Valley comfortable to members. I would like to think we have also had a few changes in the past couple of years. The Memorial Service held by the Chapter of Rose Croix instead of a Maundy Thursday service of extinguishing and relighting the lights, having refreshments at every meal and not just certain meetings, and the complete renovation of a room.

Even more out of the norm will be our October 26 Masquerade Ball fundraiser. It is the first of its kind to be held at the Valley. This is a fundraiser for our Scottish Rite Foundation which supports the child language disorders philanthropy. It is also, not just for members. We are asking you to invite people outside of the fraternity to attend and donate to this worthwhile cause. You can contact the office to get additional information. We are asking each member of the Valley to help make this a successful event by either attending, inviting friends to attend, or if not able to attend to donate.

Brothers, I say this at every meeting of the Valley, but I want you to know that it is heartfelt. Thank you for the support that you show to the Valley. Your attendance, participation, promoting of Scottish Rite, and most of all friendship are greatly appreciated. While the leaders of the Valley can plan traditional and new events we must have your support to make it successful. In my view, it has been a successful two years. However, we can always find ways of improving.

If you have not been to the Valley of Louisville in a while or even in several years you are still heartily invited to attend any of our meetings and events. We look forward to seeing you again.

Fraternally,
David L. White, 33°, Personal Representative, Valley of Louisville

Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Louisville

The Knights of St. Andrew, Valley of Louisville was resurrected and reformed in December of 2010 under the leadership of Knight Commander Jeff Meade as a Service Unit to the Valley. Membership was open to all Scottish Rite Masons under the following conditions; Active Voting Members must be 32° Masons. Those masons recognized with Honours; K.C.C.H. or 33° may hold membership, but not as a voting member. Within six months the membership had grown to over twenty 32° members.

During that first year the Knights, worked on the Brother to Brother program, organized the Master Craftsman Class, presented the 29°, assumed the role of the army in the 32°, held two Knighting Ceremonies and held their first dinner honoring the Battle of Bannockburn.

Over the years the Knights of St. Andrew have served the Valley of Louisville as greeters, guides, and mentors to our new Brothers. They assist in any way they can, including fund-raising for the Scottish Rite Foundation.

That legacy of service continued in 2014 as the KSA put together a team to beautify the courtyard of the OES Home in downtown Louisville. This annual event was held, for it’s sixth year, on May 25, 2019 under the leadership of Knight Commander Tom Harper. As in the past few years we spread fifty bags of mulch, trimmed, raked and cleaned up the grounds. (see photo on right)

Any Scottish Rite Mason is invited to join the KSA. Our meetings are held at 5:30 PM prior to the 6:30 PM fellowship hour, preceding the Stated Scottish Rite Meeting at 7:30 PM held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month, except August when the Valley is dark.
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Enjoy an evening of Dining and Dancing
Entertainment by:
The Doo Wops and Wulfe Brothers
Featuring Amber Martin
Tickets: $75 each
(Semi-formal, Black Tie & Masks optional)
William Murray, the first Grand Master of Masons of Kentucky, was Master of Hiram Lodge #57, when he attended a convention of delegates from five Kentucky Lodges, held in Lexington, September 8, 1800. Chairman John Hawkins appointed Murray with four others to “draft a respectful address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, giving reasons that have induced these lodges to separate from its jurisdiction”. This beautiful letter, filled with dignity and respect, and likewise the reply from the Virginia Grand Lodge, should be a ‘must read’ for every Masonic Secretary on how to conduct business between lodges, the Grand Lodge and other masonic organizations.

Other organizational meetings took place, but it was on October 16th, 1800 the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was opened with the oldest Past Master, Worshipful James Morrison presiding and Brother Murray serving as Sr. Warden pro-tem. The election was conducted using the ‘Ahiman Rezon’ of Virginia and resulting in William Murray of Hiram Lodge being elected Grand Master. This, of course speaks very highly of Brother Murray, to be chosen the ‘first’ Grand Master of Kentucky Freemasons. Afterwards, Murray again served his home lodge as Master in 1802.

Much should be said of the co-operation and goodwill that permeated this convention. It is undeniable that Lexington Lodge, the largest of the five lodges, and who had done so much to see this event come to fruition, even hosting the event; could well have dominated the entire affair and elected one of their own as Grand Master. Instead Lexington Lodge chose to practice true brotherhood and avoid anything that may appear self-serving. This is not to say that Lexington Lodge members were not active, if not the most active members in the new Grand Lodge for years to come.

Recognized as a prominent attorney, Murray was an early settler to Frankfort. In 1791, he was appointed U. S. District Attorney, and also served as State Attorney General until 1795. Politically, Murray was a Federalist, and was a singular vote against the 1798 Kentucky Resolutions that would years later be used as a tool to justify the secession of the southern states from the union. It is recorded in the Statute Law of Kentucky, February 1797 Session, Murray was named one of four trustees of the land west of the Kentucky River and one mile around the public square of Frankfort; to see that this land became part of that city in the near future. He also donated land for Kentucky’s first Masonic Hall. On August 8, 1805, Brother Murray died and the Grand Lodge was ordered to wear black crepe arm band for one month.

With so little known of Brother Murray’s earlier days, speculation has evolved that he was involved in the Spanish Conspiracy with General James Wilkinson, supporting the succession of Kentucky to Spain. In fact, historian Lewis Collins in his 1848 “Historical Sketches of Kentucky” speaks of a clandestine meeting of the conspirators in early December, 1795, at New Madrid, where Wilkinson’s spokesman and Spanish secret operative, Thomas Powers, was to meet Benjamin Sebastian, on behalf of several distinguished Kentuckians, including “William Murray, a prominent Kentucky attorney”. This, if true, would be our William Murray. However, in Jo Ann Trogdan’s book, “The Unknown Travels and Dubious Pursuits of William Clark” she quotes Sebastian, when asked about the other conspirators, particularly Judge Inez, Attorney George Nicholas, and a merchant named William Murray; Sebastian replied either “family concerns” or “indisposition” kept Innes from coming, a fear of discovery kept Nicholas from coming, and Murray’s “habitual state of inebriation” kept him away. This characterization, a merchant and habitual drunk, does not seem to fit a man who would be both our first Grand Master and the second Attorney General of Kentucky!

Many Kentuckians had become frustrated with the thirteen union states. They gave them no relief from hostile Indians and offered no protection for Kentucky merchants on the Mississippi River used to transport their merchandise to New Orleans for sale. The Spanish territory on the west side of the Mississippi was more than three times the size of the union and controlled all the river traffic. In addition, in applying for statehood, restrictions were added, frustrating Kentuckians even more. It is no wonder that so many prominent Kentuckians, including ranking Masons, supported the succession of Kentucky to Spain. The conspiracy ultimately failed, but after Kentucky’s statehood, it attempted to rise again under former Vice-President Aaron Burr!!!——What do you think?


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In his 1958 address to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Grand Master William O. Ware stated, “It is my firm conviction that, unless we, as members of this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, become grounded in the true purpose and intent of the Fraternity, i.e., educated to its real meaning, we shall never see the Fraternity accomplish that for which it was founded.” (The Grand Lodge of Kentucky F.&A.M., 68) He then proceeds to immediately quote Brother W. L. Wilmshurst who had eloquently expressed similar thoughts, three decades prior.

Grand Master Ware posed three questions to the craft, during his year of traveling to the subordinate lodges in Kentucky; one being: “What is Freemasonry?” This year, our namesake Lodge of Research is specifically addressing these questions propounded by MWGM Ware. In endeavoring to answer his first question, what better way to begin than by exploring the work that the Grand Master cited and recommended, The Meaning of Masonry.

**The Meaning of Masonry** consists of an Introduction by Wilmshurst and five “Chapters”. The introduction alone is inspiring, in that it provides hope for those in the Craft, who have sought the benefits that membership promised and have found themselves disappointed to find the simple social or charitable gathering that many lodges have become. It is a refreshing sip for those who are really in thirst for the Secrets.

In his opening Chapter, The Deeper Symbolism of Masonry, the author presents the case, specifically, that Masonry “offers us in dramatic form and by means of dramatic ceremonial a philosophy of the spiritual life of man” and a “diagram for the process of regeneration” that is “consistent with every religious system that is taught outside of the Order” (Wilmshurst, 27). Additionally, he expounds upon benefits which our teachings can offer to its initiates.

In the second Chapter Wilmshurst discusses, Masonry as a Philosophy. Here he addresses in greater depth the completeness of Masonry as “a working philosophy for those brought within its influence” that answers the “need to those who are earnestly enquiring into the purpose and destiny of human life” (Wilmshurst, 63). He discusses the spectrum of lessons offered by the ritual, while addressing the allegorical nature of our rituals; and within this section he details why the candidate seeking light must undergo self-abnegation (as taught by the working tools) and the mental preparation (the Seven Liberal Arts & Sciences) to achieve the breadth of understanding which our system offers.

The third Chapter contains his Further Notes on Craft Symbolism. Herein, Wilmshurst elaborates further on the specific purpose of each of the Three Degrees. He explores how our Symbols teach the Philosophy (described in the previous chapter) and guide us to the Work which must be performed for our purification -and- to train our mind to be able to perceive the depth of the designs of the Great Geometrician. Once completed, the Mason will have raised himself to be truly the Dedicated Servant for which the Master prayed during the Initiation.

In the following Chapter, Wilmshurst, being a British Mason, expounds upon the wisdom offered in the Royal Arch. This Wisdom is more than the attainment of a simple “Word,” as offered in the some present Royal Arch Chapters. To obtain the benefits of the Royal Arch requires that “its candidate has passed through a long, strenuous period of purification and mental discipline” (Wilmshurst, 144). Only after this, can one be open to the revelation of the complete depth of his relationship to the Great Architect and thus know the True Word.

In the final Chapter, our Brother presents a discussion on The Relationship of Masonry to the Ancient Mysteries. In the introduction to this book, Wilmshurst asserts that Masonry is but a “modern” adaptation of the same path for those seeking enlightenment, as that which has been taught since time immemorial. By his own admission, this chapter was the most difficult for our Brother to pen. The historical documentation connecting our Mystery School to those of the past is, for all intents and purposes, non-existent. However, Wilmshurst definitively shows the connections and similarities to the schools of ancient Greece, those of the Egyptian, and even to the philosophical underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian religions. This section will be of limited interest to those seeking to understand the historical origins of our Craft. But to this reader, it is insignificant to the information proffered in the rest of the work.

In summary, Most Worshipful William O. Ware gave us wise counsel that this book is a must read for those Brothers, who are seeking to understand the deeper purpose of our Craft. It describes a path and process, which guides the reader to be able to operatively find Light. However, be forewarned of the approaching danger which might befall you, should you choose to proceed.

This book must be consumed in small segments (fewer than five pages in a sitting) to truly appreciate the totality of its contents. Wilmshurst’s work will, if fully understood, answer many previously unanswered questions. The Meaning of Masonry could (and should) serve as the basis for quality education topics for the Lodge.

It is probable that Wilmshurst will also send you down many rabbit-holes in your quest for Masonic knowledge. It is even more likely that you will certainly no longer be satisfied with the trivial explanation of our “mysteries,” as taught in the typical lodge. And it is certain that the reader will never again see Masonry as superficial, after reading this work.

**The Meaning of Masonry** is readily available from most major online retailers.
RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

EMMITT LEE SHAW
Leitchfield Lodge No. 236, F&AM
Leitchfield, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Emmitt Lee Shaw
Who died on May 30, 2019

WHEREAS, 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 Leitchfield Lodge No. 236 F&A.M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

WILLIAM J. DALTON, Master
ROBERT E. THOMAS, Secretary

STEVEN MARK SWIFT
Friedeland Lodge No. 863, F&AM
Horse Branch, Kentucky
In memory of Brother Steven Mark Swift
Who died on June 4, 2019

WHEREAS, 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 Friedeland Lodge No. 863 F&A.M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

HUNTER RAY DYE, MASTER
MICHAEL ERWIN MAIDEN, SECRETARY

LAFAYETTE H.S. HALL OF FAME
HONORING JAMES T. CECIL
Friday, July 19, 2019
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY K CLUB
1398 Sport Center Drive, Lexington, KY.
SOCIAL GATHERING - 6:00 PM / DINNER - 6:30 PM
FORMAL CEREMONIES 7:30 PM
$30 per person - Business Casual
PREREGISTRATION DEADLINE - JULY 12, 2019

Brother James T. Cecil, a 50 Year Mason, is 96 years of age, a U.S. Marine and the last surviving member of the “Lexington Platoon” that fought in WWII. He served his country with Valor and we need to support him in this great honor.

For further registration information please contact Bro. Mike Ford at (859) 321-4601.

All Masons Day Family Picnic
August 24, 2019 at
Masonic Homes Kentucky
Louisville Campus
Masonic Home Drive
Masonic Home, KY 40091
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Additional details to follow in the August edition of the Masonic Home Journal
For additional info text questions to (502) 635-0702

Special Elections/Votes
Camp Knox Lodge No. 919
In the regularly stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Camp Knox Lodge No. 919 will hold an election for the Office of Junior Warden and any other office that may become vacant due to that election. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.

The Annual Meeting of Masonic Homes Kentucky, Inc. will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019. Five Directors will be elected to serve for a three-year term.

To be eligible for election to the office of Director, you must be a Kentucky Master Mason. Directors are expected to attend bi-monthly Board meetings every third Wednesday, serve on assigned committees and perform other duties as assigned by the Chairman of the Board or Executive Committee. Directors serve without remuneration and must own a $250 Life Membership to Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc. Members are also encouraged to make a contribution to the Homes’ Masonicare program each year of their service.

To be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors, you must submit a current resume including: name, address, current occupation, phone number, education and work experience, previous board experience, organizational offices held, references and Masonic affiliation and history. The resume may be submitted on regular stationery, mailed with a recent photograph and postmarked no later than July 1, 2019.

Mail to: Richard T. Nation, Nominations Committee
3761 Johnson Hall Drive, Masonic Home, KY 40041

JOBB’S Daughters, Bethel 18
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Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 7:00 PM
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RSVP by JULY 16
David White at 502-797-7069, or bethel18louisville@gmail.com

District 9
All Degree Day Event
August 31, 2019 at
Camp Knox 919
1158 N. Dixie Hwy, Radcliff, KY
7:30-9:00 AM breakfast,
9:00 AM start EA degree.
Please make a donation for the breakfast to hosting lodges if you can.
We are hoping to have candidates for all 3 degrees.

By-Laws

Crescent Hill Lodge No. 456
At the next stated communication in July following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Crescent Hill Lodge No. 456 will be voting to amend its By-Laws in regards to moving our meeting place to 240 Masonic Home Dr., Masonic Home. Our mailing address is PO Box 436002. All Brothers are urged to attend.

William O. Ware Lodge of Research
At the next stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, William O. Ware Lodge of Research will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874
At the next stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874 will be voting to amend its By-Laws which may change the number of meetings of the Lodge from once a month to twice monthly. A motion was made, and passed to change the meetings on June 4th, 2019. Your presence at this meeting is strongly requested.
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Stephen W. Russell (124)… Assistant Grand Secretary
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486 North Broadway, New Albany, KY, 42255; 606-355-1000; (e) randolph.starks@gmail.com

JULY 2019
– Meets 2nd & 4th Tues. monthly 7:00 p.m.
– Meets 2nd & 4th Tues. monthly 7:30 p.m. next to Nancy
– Meets 1st & 3rd Tues. monthly 7:00 p.m., 113 1/2
– Meets 1st & 3rd Fri. monthly 7:30 p.m. PO Box 162,
– Meets 2nd Tues. monthly 7:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00
– Meets 3rd Tues. monthly 7:30 p.m., 2743 Battlefield
–Meets the 2nd Sat. monthly 7:00 p.m. (CT) Jeremy G. Mat

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Road. Kory Gipson, M.; Dickie Oberhausen, Sec., 893 Echo Valley Rd.; Auburn 42206; 270-
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BURNSIDE LODGE NO. 634
Kate Ct., Bardstown 40004; 502-507-0927; (e) hjohnson1954@hotmail.com

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HILLWOOD LODGE NO. 28
– Meets 1st & 3rd Mon. monthly 7:00 p.m.
– Meets in Scottish Rite Temple, Brook & Gray Sts., 2nd

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BREATHITT LODGE NO. 896
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– Meets in Louisville DeMolay Commandery, 1410 Gardiner Ln., 41056; 606-407-6080; (e) topped.off.mag@gmail.com

KINGSLEY LODGE NO. 315
– Meets 1st Sat. monthly 7:30 p.m. 2702 Passport Dr. Pleasant Valley Dr & Camp Earl Rd. Christopher L. Johnson, M.; James E. Herzig, Sec., 2338 Spring Valley Rd., Louisville 40219; 502-784-1915; (e) jwhittaker22@gmail.com

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The raising of two Brothers to the sublime Degree of Master Mason occurred at Thomas DeVenny #928 on Saturday, June 01, 2019. The two Brothers raised were Adrian T. Layne and Coty Ratliff. Brother Adrian Layne is 18 years old. He graduated from Phelps High School on May 24, 2019 and was raised one week later. He examined himself on the Fellowcraft Degree and will be examining himself on the Master Mason Degree on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. He will be leaving us to enlist in the U.S. Army, beginning his Basic Training at Ft. Benning, Georgia on June 19, 2019. Congratulations to both of these new Brothers, and best wishes to Bro. Adrian on his enlistment.

Also in attendance were RW Brother Ernest C. Jackson, G.S.W., Mitchell A. May, D.D.G.M. - District 28, and E. Darren Wilson, Committee on Masonic Scholars.