GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY
OFFICERS 2019-2020

Front row left to right: F. Keith Dreier, PGM, (607), Grand Treasurer, Ernest C. Jackson, (869, 998), Deputy Grand Master, Geary F. Laird, (830, 998), Grand Master, James H. Gibson, (255, 491, 997), Grand Senior Warden, E. Darren Wilson, (14), Grand Junior Warden, Donald H. Yankey, PGM, (586, 633), Grand Secretary

Second Row left to right: Carroll F. Laird, (830, 966, 826), Asst. Grand Tiler, Stephen W. Russell, (124), Asst. Grand Secretary, Danny Athenas, (283), Grand Tiler, Garry Terry, (774) (Not Pictured-See p. 9), Grand Junior Deacon, James “Jim” Sidebottom, (774, 158), Grand Senior Deacon, Bobby L. Baker, (124), Asst. Grand Secretary,

Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Worshipful Grand Lodge Appointed Officers, Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Grand Lodge Committeeen, Distinguished Guests from other Appendant Bodies, Masters, Wardens, Brothers, Family, Ladies, Friends and all, Welcome! Thank you for being here at the installation of officers for the 220th Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. I am truly honored and humbled to be elected by you to serve as your Grand Master of Kentucky for the ensuing year.

I would like to thank the installing officers: MWPGM Tim Sanders, Installing Master, MWPGM Chris Stout, Installing Marshal and MWPGM Gary Rose, Installing Chaplain for an outstanding job. What an excellent ceremony! It has been an honor and privilege to have had these distinguished Past Grand Master’s install me here today.

My theme this year is “Masons Making a Difference”. Brothers, I know that each of you possess a unique talent. Your specialty maybe conferring the degree work, cooking for meetings and special events, washing dishes, mowing the grass, or maintaining your lodge. We should not only make a difference in our Lodges, but also in our communities. Masons at work in the community, volunteering, hosting a blood drive, supporting youth organizations and random acts of kindness can make a difference. In the coming months, we will focus on leadership, communication and setting a good example.

One of my programs this year will be a Ritual Competition. I want to recognize the importance of ritual excellence within our Commonwealth. The purpose of the competition is to inspire lodges to focus on meaningful ritual to deepen members’ and candidates’ experiences, and to raise the standard of ritual excellence in our craft. I hope that all masons will participate in this program.

I have chosen the Masonic Trowel as my Grand Master’s Statewide Traveling Program. The working tools of a Master Mason comprise all the tools of the Craft, but more especially the Trowel. The trowel is used by operative masons to spread the cement which unites the building into one common mass; but we, as Masons, are taught to use it for the purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection. The objective of this program is to encourage Masonic Travel across the State of Kentucky.

As a mason, I follow in the footsteps of many great men, the most important one is my father, Carroll Laird. As a child, I would watch as my father would leave the house going to his Lodge meetings wearing his Master’s hat. I would always think how dedicated he was to being a good mason. I am now a 42 year member and an active Past Master. Becoming a better person, helping others and furthering the work of the craft… all these drew me closer and it’s the best decision I’ve ever made. I am now a 42 year member and an active Past Master. Becoming a better person, helping others and furthering the work of the craft… all these drew me closer and it’s the best decision I’ve ever made. There are fewer and fewer chances to share things with your father as an adult. But there’s one thing I can always share with my father, Freemasonry. I am proud to have both of my parents here today to share this journey with me.
I encourage you to support our Youth Organizations. We as Masons, have the opportunity to share the teachings and values of Masonry to the next generation. Most importantly, today’s youth are the future of tomorrow’s Masonic bodies. It is through our support that we will have Masonic leaders for tomorrow, not only for us, but leaders for our country. I pledge my complete support in the coming year to our Masonic Youth Groups. As a mason, we are shaping the character of tomorrow’s leaders. **Be that Mason that makes a difference!**

This year, Terri and I have pledged our support to the Rehabilitation Program at the Masonic Homes Kentucky. We know that at some point in a person’s lifetime, they will have a need for rehabilitation services for themselves or a family member. Therefore, we have chosen to establish a program for 2019-2020 that we call “Transforming Lives.” Our goal is to raise approximately $21,000 to purchase the needed equipment required for top-notch rehabilitation care. Please consider helping us reach our goal.

I want to thank our Arrangements Committee, Committee on Conventions, Committee on Transportation and the ladies in the office, Roberta, Mary and Jamie for all of their hard work during this Grand Communication. Thanks to all of you who have given this Grand Lodge the benefit of your individual talents and dedication.

Also, thank you to the Past Grand Masters for the examples you have set for the Craft over these many years. I am deeply humbled to stand in your shadows and will ask for your wisdom and guidance.

To the ladies, thank you for all you do to support the Masons in your life. Please remember, you add the sparkle to this wonderful Fraternity and we love you.

To my family, thanks for your patience, support and encouragement over the past several years. Words are not enough to express how grateful I am.

Most especially to my wife, Terri, thank you for your unconditional support. Your support for the past 42 years has never wavered. You are the sunshine in my life and I love you.

No one could possibly travel the path to become Grand Master without the support of the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, my home Lodge (Shawnee No. 830) and the Past Grand Masters. I am honored to serve as the Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky and appreciate everyone I have crossed paths with during this journey. If anything I have learned, it is that this is the finest group of men I know, and you have truly shown me the meaning of Masonic Brotherly love.

Let us implore the Great Architect of the Universe to protect the members of our Armed Forces, and our brave Police Officers, Firefighters, and other First Responders. May He keep them safe and out of harm’s way so they can continue their important efforts and bring them home safely to their families and friends!

I am touched and inspired by the confidence you have placed in me. Thank you so much for your love, support and friendship, I am truly blessed. It is my hope that our paths will cross many times in the coming months and as I close, I ask each of you, **BE THAT MASON THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.** May Freemasonry thrive and grow for many years to come.

_Fraternally Thine,_

Geary F. Laird  
**GRAND MASTER OF MASON,**  
**GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F.& A.M.**
At the 220th Annual Grand Lodge Communication, Brother E. Darren Wilson was elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Brother Wilson is a 30 year member and Past Master of Mt. Vernon Lodge #14, and a member of O.D. Henderson Lodge #437, and Marlin White Lodge of Research #997. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 2012-2013, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Scholars, Committeeman on Masonry Matters. He is a Ritualist and has served as an Ambassador for the Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Distict 25.

Other Masonic Bodies include: Scottish Rite Valley of Lexington where he is a 32° KCCH, Frankfort Chapter #3, Council #5, and Commandery #4. He is a Member and Past Worthy Patron of Rising Star Chapter #115, Order of the Eastern Star. Noble Wilson is a Shriner at Olika Shrine in Lexington. He is a member of the following Society of Past Masters: Appalachian, Central KY; East Central KY; and Southern KY.

Congratulations, Brother E. Darren Wilson on being elected to serve the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as Grand Junior Warden!

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**Standing Committees 2019-2020**

**E. Darren Wilson Elected as Grand Junior Warden**

**Grand Junior Warden’s Reception**

**in honor of**

**E. Darren Wilson**

**Saturday, November 30, 2019**

**Social Hour 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm**

**Oleika Shrine Temple**

**326 Southland Drive, Lexington, KY**

**R.S.V.P - Friday, November, 22, 2019**

**Business Attire Please**

**Tickets $25**

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Badge of a Mason Program
A giving opportunity that supports Masons or widows residing in Masonic Homes Kentucky

Known for a legacy of giving, the Masons’ tradition of philanthropy continues. Along with individual Masons, Masonic Lodges played an equally important role in the development of Masonic Homes Kentucky.

To honor this legacy of giving, we would like to introduce the Badge of a Mason Program. Funds raised will be used to support Masons or widows that need assistance while residing at Masonic.

Levels of support include: Bronze $1,500, Silver $3,000, Gold $5,000 and Platinum $10,000

Each year, we will introduce a special shadow-boxed apron for each level of giving that features a rendering of an iconic landmark on the Masonic properties. All participating lodges will be recognized at the Grand Lodge Communication and are encouraged to display their apron where they feel appropriate.

For more information on the program, contact Jason R. Wilson, Chief Development Officer, Masonic Homes Kentucky, at 502.753.8861 or jwilson@masonicky.com.

Sproutlings Golf Scramble had a Record Year

More than 20 teams gathered at Big Spring Country Club on September 9 to tee off for a cause, in the seventh annual Sproutlings Golf Scramble. The tournament began in 2012 as a special project of Past Grand Master, Chris Stout and his wife, Cindy. A record amount was raised at this year’s scramble, with proceeds benefitting Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool at the Kosair Charities Center on the Masonic Homes Kentucky’s Louisville Campus.

Many thanks to all our sponsors, teams and friends who helped to make the day a success. Congratulations to the Ferguson’s Team who won the tournament and to John Osborn, who won the Lexus Champions for Charity raffle.
New Zion Lodge #651

Photo above: Jay Brummett, Master New Zion Lodge 651, on the right and Scotty Tussey, Treasurer, in center presented Bro. Ovie Jones his 40 Year pin on October 5, 2019.

Photo below left: Bro. Glenwood McQueen was presented his 50 year pin and Certificate.

Howard Lodge #819

Today I had the honor and privilege to present my Daddy with his 50 year pin and Gold Card!

Present from Howard #819; Bros. David Clay Howard, Trooper George Howard and Jerry Adams. Bro Bill Middleton from Nolan Lodge was also present.

A special “Thank You” to Bro Rusty Howard, Sec. Howard Lodge and Don Yankey, PGM Grand Secretary for all their help.

New Zion Lodge #651

Bro. Glenwood McQueen

Stafford Lodge #562

Brother Don Richardson receives 50 yr pin from brother Clay Baber, Master of Stafford Lodge #562. Photo by Buddy J. Smyth Secretary

Lebanon Lodge #87

Master Leonard Richardson Lebanon Lodge 87 presented Brothers Richard Lawson and Lloyd Bugg there 60 year service pins.

Woodford County Masons

Landmark Lodge #41

Buford Lodge #494

Woodford County Masons (Landmark 41 & Buford 494) held a First Responders Breakfast on Saturday August 17.

Nearly 50 omelettes were prepared for these community heros.

Pictured in the photo on the left; preparing food for the guests are Nathan Craig, Master of Buford 494; Mike Ford PM, Secretary Landmark 41; and Mike Niedwick, PM, current Junior Warden of Landmark 41.

Pewee Valley Lodge #829

At our Past Masters and Widows luncheon Bro. Gene Crady PM received his 50 year pin from a special guest, MW Bro. David Carter, PGM.
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite - Orient of Kentucky

The Orient of Kentucky Honors Weekend will be held November 15-16, 2019

NOVEMBER 15 - HOSPITALITY

November 15 - Hospitality

10:00 am Conferral of the 33° at Louisville Scottish Rite Temple
12 Noon Ladies Luncheon at the Carol-Ford Room; Galt House Hotel
12:30 pm 33° & KCCH Lunch at Louisville Scottish Rite Temple
2:30 pm Investiture of the 32° K.C.C.H. Louisville Scottish Rite
6:30 pm Honours Banquet; Galt House Hotel, Grand Ballroom A
(RSVP Required)

Congratulations to the Orient of Kentucky
A.A.S.R. Honours Class of 2019

32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, Elects

Valley of Covington
James Edward Bowling, Russell Eric Creech, Jr.,
Gregory Thomas England, James Douglas Fletcher, Jr.,
William Kinley Hall, Dan Martin Kemble,
Mitchell Allen May, John David Preston,
Johnnie Allen Stevens, Warren Philip Thompson,
Lewis Newman Truitt

Valley of Lexington
Stephen Ray Case, Dean Calvin Foster,
James Homer Gibson, James Goldman Hogue,
Donald Lee Hughes, James Harold King, Jr.,
Gary Darrell Lykins, Jon Richard Marcum,
Harry Thomas Rice, Dennie Delbert Ritchie,
Jimmie Nelson West

Valley of Louisville
Frederick Clay Ackiss, James Edward Brown,
Ricky Terrell Bryant, Rodney Darrel Burress,
Stephen Gene Hawkins, Harold William Johnson,
Geary Franklin Laird, Harold Richard Laird,
Michael Anthony Massie, Warren Lynn Miller,
Gregory Alan Raque, Timothy Don Root,
Jerral L. Summers

Valley of Madisonville
Walter Boyd Anderson, Douglas Warren Bunch,
Charles Arthur Durham, John Michael Heffington,
James Vance Jones, James Richard Osborn, Jr.,
William Virgil Simpson, Richard Henry Sullivan, Jr.,
Gerald Dwight Thomas, Thomas Eugene Thompson,
Robert Eugene Worthington, Jr.

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33° Inspector General Honorary, Elects

Valley of Covington
Russell Eric Creech, Sr., Raymond Allen Murphy

Valley of Lexington
Ronnie Gay, Derek Brian Phelps

Valley of Louisville
James Larry Bullis, James William Hart,
Randolph Cranston Starks, Donald Howard Yankey

Valley of Madisonville
Robert Boze Scarborough, Randall Keith Ware
Brethren, On September 12, 2019 a reception was held for the Kentucky Foundation Board at Eastern Kentucky University.

These students shown in the screen shot above are receiving Scholarships from the Kentucky Foundation for their Majors in Speech Pathology. The recipients include; Jenna Connelly, Abby Cravens, Kaylee Crawley, Logan Ellis, Bethany Hall, Jordan Hearne, Rachel Hohnson, Madison Kelley, Tristan McLean, Mariah Rosanbalm, Morgan Stephens, and Megan Turner.

Terry Bowman, 33° PGM, Deputy of the Orient of Kentucky

Most Worshipful Grand Master Geary Laird, traveled to the bedside of Worshipful Brother Garry Terry, Grand Junior Deacon to install him into his office.

Also shown in the photo from left to right is Bro. Terry’s wife Betty, David Brooks, Master of Shawnee Lodge #830, and Grand Marshal Rick Laird.

Sadly, Worshipful Brother Garry Terry passed away several days later.

Bro. Garry was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, a Past Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix and a member of the Scottish Rite Guard. He served the York Rite as High Priest, Ill. Master and was the sitting Commander of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery #12, Knights Templar. Companion Knight Terry was also the sitting Chancellor of York Rite Sovereign College of North America, North Central #116. A Past Master of Buechel Lodge #896, a Past DDGM, he also was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the Allied Masonic Degrees and excellent ritualist.

He walked the walk, a true “Mason’s Mason” you could always count on. Garry, he will be missed. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to Betty and his family.
Did you ever think about the downsizing of Lodge membership, and what a Masonic Lodge will look like in the somewhat near future? It is almost certain that things will be changing, as reduced membership, equates to reduced Lodge money, for charity, membership banquets, and building expenses. Certainly a Lodge can raise dues but how far can they raise them until many brethren decide that they do not want to pay and drop their membership? Then it is back to losing more members as well as their dues. So what can a Lodge do and what kind of Lodges will we have?

Obviously a Lodge could eliminate their outside charity work as nothing in the ‘old charges’ or early Lodge minutes ever reflected that charity should be extended outside the Lodge membership. However a member was expected to make a donation to the Charity Fund for when an impoverished Brother was in need. A Lodge could eliminate large banquets, such as Family Day, or one with outside guests. However the fellowship of the Lodge has always been built around the table so if continued, a charge would have to be placed on the members for any food consumed. These two things if applied, would lower expenses, but is a rather small change compared to building maintenance and related expenses. Less dollars means more Lodges in need of repair and/or eventually sold.

That makes three choices. A Lodge can combine with another Lodge to share expenses, rent the building to the public during times when the Lodge is not in use, or get rid of the building, the maintenance, the gas and electric bills. The first two are uncertain income, but getting rid of the building means getting rid of major expenses, and is possibly more desirable than one would think.

A lodge without a building could meet in a private room in a restaurant, as in early times when they met in the upstairs room of taverns. Possibly they could meet at a brother’s home also done in early times. Another possibility would be meeting in a church and performing any fund raising activity to fulfill the church’s need. Casual meetings would then be more prevalent than formal meetings. What about Lodge equipment? What do you need? Now what do you really and truly need? Meetings with degree work may require a rental. This kind of Lodge would certainly have to have approval from the Grand Lodge.

In California, there are now ‘Lodges without buildings’ that hold their meetings at different and unusual places. They try to find a new, unique and interesting place for each meeting. A creative mind can do wonders. This alone has proven to help increase attendance among their members as well as guests.

One other possibility would be attending lodge by computer, I am not certain if lodges of E-masonry would be effective as a replacement for Freemasonry, although fellowship and friendship can develop in such Masonic Groups.

Small Lodges are not a bad thing. As matter-of-fact large Lodges were discouraged by Kentucky’s first Grand Constitution (Illustrations of Masonry -1808- page 46); “…although more than forty or fifty (members) …are generally found inconvenient for working to advantage; and therefore, when a lodge becomes too numerous, some of the ablest master workman, and others under their direction, will obtain leave to separate and apply to the Grand Lodge for a warrant to work by themselves…” . And again in the same Kentucky Grand Constitution on page 48, concerning withdrawing membership; “unless the lodge becomes too numerous for working; in which case, a sufficient number may withdraw with the approbation of their lodge, in order to form a new one”.

What about moving a Lodge from place to place? In the 1808 Constitutions, it seems that some problems arose at some Kentucky lodges when a Master was absent, the brethren voted to move the Lodge to another place. So a detailed rule was put in place that the Master must be present during such a vote, and if it differed from the Master’s wish, it would require 2/3rds ballot to pass, but only a majority, if it was the Master’s desire (see pages 52 and 53).

Certainly Lodges are changing. The expected increase in membership never came. Lodges without buildings will no doubt become more prevalent. Small lodges mean higher percentage in attendance, closer fellowship, and less financial problems. Candidates could be brought around to casual meetings for a closer examination. This I believe, is a good thing! ……..What do you think?

Two copies of the 1808 Grand Lodge Constitutions are available at the MLMA-Covington.

The Library is open Wednesdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm or for an appointment, just email Bill Lorenz, Librarian: library.covsr@outlook.com
Greetings Brethren,

Well, here it is November and winter is almost upon us. Time for the Scottish Rite to slow down and settle in until the thaw of Spring, right? Not so in the Valley of Covington. We are continuing to breathe new light into our Valley by getting our members to get involved in many things that we have not done in a long time. We are preparing social activities for the winter months that will, we hope, do two things, get us back together again and provide much needed funds for the Temple of our Valley. Let me explain.

First, our leadership, past and present has noticed a steady decline in attendance at our monthly meetings and reunions, therefore, we have decided to present a format that will entice you guys to come see us. We have chosen some people who, we believe are dedicated and committed to head up some projects and events to get our members interested and involved.

We are having presentations at our stated communications each month to give the members some insight into the meanings of some of our ritual work. The only time this will not occur is when a reunion is scheduled. Brother Barry Eastham started us off with a lecture in September that left all of us saying, “I didn’t know that”. There will be more to come on that.

In September, we also began having a monthly raffle to help with much needed work on the Temple. This will enable us to do small projects for those “little things” that are just an eyesore. I am happy to report that our first endeavor brought us $61.00. In October, we gave away a “Masonic walking stick” which was made by one of our brothers. In November, we are having a “Black Friday” raffle. On the 22nd of November, at 7:00 pm, four lucky persons will be awarded gift cards of $500.00, $200.00, $100.00 and $50.00. Just in time to help with that dreaded “Black Friday” sale. Tickets can be obtained from your local Ambassador.

We were blessed in October to have the Valley of Louisville provide us with a beautiful rendition of the 20th degree by their traveling degree team. It was a great addition to our two day reunion. Thanks to all those brothers who traveled and gave of their time for us. We also were able to present the 14th degree to our members with our newly acquired regalia. The robes were hand stitched and they are beautiful! Even Brad Drew looked good!

December 20th will be a casual stated meeting and our annual “Chile Cook Off”. This is an annual event that is always a good time for us to relax and socialize with the brothers of the valley. We encourage you to make it a family affair and bring the wife and kids!

The New Year starts off with the Valley being dark. In January, we will not hold a stated communication but we will still be very much alive! I am very pleased to announce that we will hold a dinner and magic show on Saturday, the 18th of January put on by our very own Masons, Billy Hall and Artie Kidwell! There will be more to come on that next month. Seating will be limited so pay attention and get your tickets early.

Brothers, we have decided that Masonry and the Scottish Rite is an everyday thing. You know what I mean. So, in keeping with that thought, we will not close shop. Starting in 2020, we will be dark only in January and July. I repeat that. We will be dark only in January and July but we will meet in February and August. This is the beginning of a new era for the Valley of Covington. There are lots of other things being planned. We hope and pray that you will join us in this wonderful adventure and continue to improve yourselves and there by improve each other and our communities.

In closing, I would ask that we keep the faith and make the world know that there is a Supreme Being, that he will help us and them in all our endeavors, trials and misfortunes. Do not forget that we are to help the less fortunate, we knowing them to be such and that we took an oath to help each other.

Do not be ashamed to say that you are a Scottish Rite Mason and there is no question in your mind that God does exist.

In the bond of brotherhood,
Ray Murphy, 33° Elect
Personal Representative, Valley of Covington

Here’s What’s New at the William O. Ware Lodge of Research Website!

Featured Book of the Month
North American Freemasonry: Idealism & Realism
RWB Thomas W. Jackson
Reviewed by Dan Kemble, Master

Artola, Enopi, Commentarii
Early History of Covington Lodge No. 109, F. & M.
Covington, Kentucky
Edwin L. Vardiman, Past Master

The next meeting of the William O. Ware Lodge of Research will be Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Business meeting at 5:00pm to conduct all remaining year-end business and elect officers for 2019 through 2020. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by Public Installation. Proper attire is required.

Dan Kemble Master

October 2019
**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**Mike Lemaster**
Nolen Lodge No. 806, F&AM
Bledsoe, Kentucky
_In memory of Brother Mike Lemaster_
_Who died on September 27, 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 for 35 years, serving as Master for three terms, Treasurer, Past DDGM of District 30 and Past Master of Walls Lodge #666; therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that New Salem Lodge No. 462 F.A.M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 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.

_Harvey E. Ray, Master_  
_Billy Fred Middleton, Secretary_

**Bishop James Wood**
Dunavan Lodge No. 292, F&AM  
Boston, Kentucky
_In memory of Brother Bishop James Wood_
_Who died on September 28, 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 for over 54 years; therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that Dunavan Lodge No. 292 F.A.M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 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.

_Larry Daugherty, Master_  
_Richard Morgan, Secretary_

**Jerry Lovan**
Beulah Lodge No. 609, F&AM
Dawson Springs, Kentucky
_In memory of Brother Jerry Lovan_
_Who died on October 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 Beulah Lodge No. 609 F.A.M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 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.

_Nicholas Ray Bailey, Master_  
_David Barry Hinton, Secretary_

**A NOTE ON BROTHERLY LOVE**

My faith in Freemasonry was restored on October 3rd by two Brothers from Beulah Lodge #609. Bros. David Hinton and Patrick Little visited my brother-in-law, Jerry Lovan who was comatose at his home in Dalton. These two Brothers had visited Bro. Jerry a few days earlier when he was awake and alert to present him with his 50-year pin. His wife Iris said her husband was thrilled and overjoyed with the presentation.

I told Bros. Little and Hinton that they were God sent because I had been praying for guidance as to if I should continue to serve as Treasurer and member of Paducah Lodge #127.

At our last stated communication, I was one of six who attended. The Lodge has lost membership and is down to about 90 members. When I was Master in 1979 there were over 800 members.

I’m not an emotional person but I became emotional when Brothers Little and Hinton started to leave. They both said I should continue to serve and remain a member of 127.

**BROTHERLY LOVE IS STILL ALIVE**

Brother Jerry went to that celestial lodge above at 1 AM on October 4th. He was given Masonic Rites under the charter of Beulah Lodge #609.

_Clive Gill, Past Master_  
_Paducah Lodge #127_

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**EVENTS**

**Barker Lodge No. 129**
Honors Widows  
83rd Year

Once again Barker #129 F&AM will honor its widows with a traditional turkey dinner on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Dinner will start at 6:30 P.M. and be prepared by the brethren.

Our guest speaker this year will be Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brother Ernest C. Jackson.

Tickets will be available at the door, from any officer, or e-mail me at:  
john.jolley@rocketmail.com.

Tickets are $7.50 for an adult, $4.50 for a child.

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**NEW HOPE LODGE NO. 564**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, New Hope Lodge No. 564 will hold discussions to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

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**HIRAM NO. 4**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Hiram Lodge No. 4 will be vote to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

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**By-Laws**

**Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375**

At the next stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

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Devotion Lodge #160, Lexington KY was honored recently with a visit from our now Past Grand Master Gary Rose. Also attending with Grand Master Rose was Past Grand Master Todd Jones and Brother Coleman Waford, Ritualist for the Grand Lodge. This was an exciting evening for Devotion Lodge having these three brothers in our presence for the evening.