Brother Clayton E. Stoess, Sr. celebrates his 102nd Birthday from his home in Crestwood, KY during a drive by parade in his honor on July 4, 2020.
Greetings Brothers:

As we have begun to reopen our lodges for stated communications and other Masonic functions, I would like to say thank you for following the guidelines in place and for your continued support. The latest reports have shown that the number of coronavirus cases that have been reported in Kentucky have significantly increased, making it more important than ever to do everything we can to prevent the spread of the virus.

Due to the inability to meet for the last several months, we hosted our first ever virtual Grand Junior Warden Candidate’s Forum, enabling you to address any questions or concerns you may have to the candidates concerning their views for Freemasonry here in Kentucky. We have received positive feedback on the format and by using this format, we can reach a bigger percentage of our members and should consider doing this in the future. If you were unable to participate in the forum, you may view it on the Grand Lodge website, members only section.

The Grand Lodge officers and various Brothers had the opportunity to present 75-year pins to several of our distinguished Brothers. Brother J.C. Stine from Emulation Lodge #688 received his pin at his home in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Brother Raymond Brown Brittian from Temple Hill Lodge #276 received his pin at Brookdale Murray Assisted Living Facility. Brother John Fredrick Pennebaker from Lexington Lodge #1 received his pin at his home in Lexington. We look forward to visiting and presenting Brother Joe Bill English from Briensburg – T. L. Jefferson Lodge #401, Brother Lucian Smith Doyle from Fairdale Lodge #942, along with Daniel White from Elkhorn Lodge #568, their 75-year pins.

It was an honor and privilege to present each of them their service pins and congratulate them on reaching such a tremendous milestone in their Masonic careers. Their service and dedication to our Masonic fraternity is truly inspiring, what an amazing accomplishment.

Just a reminder that the ritual competition is planned for August 21, 22, 28, 29.

Your Grand Lodge Officers meet regularly to discuss the many issues that we face due to the coronavirus pandemic. We continue to look for ways to conduct degree work without putting our members in unsafe conditions. Since our reopening June 29th, the current data shows the number of coronavirus cases have spiked. Before we permit the conferral of degree work, we need positive feedback to be assured that opening our lodges has not caused a significant increase of cases in our lodges throughout the state. We need to heed the warning signs that are present so we will not be faced with more stringent guidelines and closures in the future. This is a difficult time for us all, continue to be patient, understanding and supportive. Our highest priority is and always will be, the safety of you and your family.

May God continue to bless our great fraternity and may God Bless America! Brothers, as always, I encourage you to BE THAT MASON THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Fraternally Thine,

Geary F. Laird,
GRAND MASTER OF MANSOS,
GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F.& A.M.
The Grand Lodge will be holding a Ritual Competition 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.

We know that many of you are excellent ritualists and we hope you will participate in the competition and be recognized for your efforts. The Kentucky Monitor by Henry Pirtle will be used as the primary source for judging purposes in the 2019-2020 competition. The three categories of the competition will consist of: Usual Interrogatories at the Door (Door Lecture), Bible Lecture, and Apron Lecture. This competition is open to all members including Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft; each participant can enter one or more of the categories.

The Ritual Committee will have further details on the program and how it will be conducted. Brethren whose interest is ritual proficiency and techniques will find the ritual competition most informative and beneficial. It is our hope that this will be a way of encouraging brothers to tackle new roles and passages.

The dates, locations and times for these competitions are as follows:

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020 - 7:00 pm CDT**
Clinton Lodge #82; 110 Masonic Drive, Princeton, KY 42445

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020**
10:00 am CDT
Bear Wallow-Cave City #231
702 North Dixie Highway
Cave City, KY 42127

3:00 pm EDT
Bullitt Lodge #155
376 High School Drive
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020 - 7:00 pm EDT**
Crittenden-Dry Ridge Lodge #694
111 South Main, Crittenden, KY 41030

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020**
10:00 am EDT
Hazard Lodge #676
548 Main Street
Hazard, KY 41701

3:00 pm EDT
Morehead Lodge #654
746 West Main Street
Morehead, KY 40351

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020 - 1:00 pm EDT**
Grand Lodge Session 2020 at Galt House Hotel
140 N. 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40202

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**MASONIC RITUAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

NO MEALS ARE TO BE SERVED
DRESS CASUAL - ALL COMPETITION TIMES ARE PREVAILING TIMES

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**On The Cover**

Brother Clayton E. Stoess, Sr. celebrated his 102nd birthday on July 4, 2020. He is a lifelong native of Crestwood, Kentucky. Born on July 4th, 1918 in his parents’ home in Crestwood, Kentucky. He attended Crestwood Elementary, Crestwood High School, and graduated from the University of Louisville in 1940 with a degree in chemical engineering.

Bro. Stoess enlisted in the U.S. Navy and received training at Columbia University and Cornell University. He served in the United States Navy for 4 years on a minesweeper off the coast of Normandy just before troops landed on D-Day. He was sent to the Pacific theater after V-J Day to clear mines in the bay of Japan. He was discharged from the military and returned home in 1946.

Involved in community service his whole life he worked in the family businesses; a hardware store, and a funeral home. Bro. Stoess helped to found the South Oldham Lion’s Club, was the Chairman of the Oldham County Board of Education for 16 years and served on the Crestwood City Council until he retired... at 100. Bro. Stoess was also a founding member of the South Oldham Fire Department.

He is a Past Master of Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829, serving as Master in 1953, and has been a member of the lodge for 72 years. His friends and family organized a parade on July 4, 2020 and the city of Crestwood honored his birthday, driving by his house to wish him a very Happy Birthday!
NOMINEES FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Homes Kentucky, will be held at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, October 19, 2020. At that time, five Directors will be elected to serve the Corporation for a term of three years. The Board of Directors has reviewed the applications submitted for consideration, and has approved and certified their submission to the Membership of the Corporation for election at the Annual Meeting of the membership in October. The five nominees receiving the most votes at the Annual Meeting shall be declared elected. A brief biography and photograph of each nominee follows:

HAROLD E. ARMSTRONG
Elizabethtown, KY

Lodge/Affiliations: Stephensburg Masonic Lodge No. 212; Franklin Crossroads (Master 1974)
District Deputy Grand Master for District 13 in 1977-78; Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, October 2000-2001
Life Member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville
Edmonds Chapter No. 83, RAM; Lebanon Council No. 56, RSM; Marion Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar
Kosair Shrine Temple, Louisville Kentucky; Red Cross of Constantine, Louisville Kentucky
Demolay Legion of Honor, Life Member; Honorary Membership in several Masonic Lodges
Life Member Society of Past Masters, Northern, Southern and Central Kentucky; C. Frye Haley Past Master Association

Occupation:
Retired Customer Service Representative - First Federal Savings Bank
Retired Manufacturing Facility Manager - Gates Rubber Company
Education: BA Business Management, University of Kentucky

Board Experience:
Board of Directors National Management Association
Masonic Homes Kentucky: 1997-2001, 2008-Present; Chairman 2018 - Present
Red Cross Volunteer Board

DAVID F. BRODERICK
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations: Bowling Green Lodge No. 73; Rizpah Shrine; York Rite Bodies, Bowling Green Chapter No. 38, RAM
Bowling Green Council No. 74, Royal & Select Masons; Bowling Green Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar

Occupation:
Attorney - Broderick & Davenport, PLLC, Bowling Green, KY

Education: College High School; Western Kentucky University; Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville

Board Experience:
Warren County Master Commissioner
Bowling Green, Kentucky
Special Justice
Kentucky Supreme Court
Law Clerk
Kentucky Supreme Court
Super Lawyers in Kentucky

RONALD S. CAUGHRON
Frankfort, KY

Lodge/Affiliations: Shelby Lodge No. 662; Masonic Homes of Kentucky No. 967; Louisville Scottish Rite; Shelbyville York Rite
Kosair Shrine

Occupation:
SVN/Premier CRE & Auctions, Managing Director/Owner, 2018-Present
SVN/Ward Commercial Group, Senior Advisor, 2008-Present

Education: University of North Carolina School of Business

Board Experience:
Masonic Homes Kentucky, Board Member, Treasurer; Kosair Charities, Board Member; The Dorman Preschool Center, President
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Incoming President; UL Health, Shelbyville Hospital, Board Member
Louisville Board of Realtors, Member
National Association of Realtors, Member
Kentucky Association of Realtors, Member

BOBBY GRIGGS
Poosy Ridge, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations: Madison Lodge No. 183PM; Kingston Lodge No. 315, PM; O.D. Henderson Lodge No. 437, PM & Treasurer
Marlin White Lodge of Research #997; Scottish Rite, Valley of Lexington; Irvine Chapter, OES; Rising Star Chapter, OES
District Deputy Grand Master - District 25, 2012; Grand Junior Deacon 2016; Committee on Masonic Scholars, 2017 - Present

Occupation:
Teacher, retired

Education:
Madison Central High School, 1993-2012

University of Kentucky, AA
Eastern Kentucky University, BS, MA
Lodge/Affiliations: Jeffersontown Lodge No. 774; Abraham Lodge No. 8, PM
Scottish Rite Valley of Louisville, Heritage Committee Chairman; Kosair Shrine; National Sojourners #512
Heroes of 76 Zachary Taylor Camp; Society of Past Masters
Occupation:
Retired USAF and Federal Civil Service; Littlefield Realty Company, Real Estate Broker (60 years), Realtor #977
Education:
Woodruff High School, South Carolina; University of Louisville; Sullivan Business College
Board Experience:
Masonic Homes Kentucky, Director; Jeffersontown City Council; Planning and Zoning Commission
Chairman of Residential, Commercial and Industrial Commission
Director of Police Department; Director of City Engineering Committee; Scottish Rite Foundation board member
Kosair Shrine House Committee Chairman; Kosair Flying Fez Unit, Director

Lodge/Affiliations: Columbia Lodge No. 96; Russell Lodge #284, PM; Ashland Lodge #640. PM;
Kosair Shrine; Mark Twain Shrine Club, Past Present; Royal Order of Jesters
Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville
Occupation:
US Postmaster, Retired
Owner/Operator Tractor Trailer, Retired
Education:
Berea College
Upward Bound Program, initial member

By-Laws Committee (2013, 2019) Finance Committee (2015 – Present); Marlin White Lodge of Research #997
District Deputy Grand Master – District 2 (2014-2015); Scottish Rite, 32°, Valley of Madisonville
York Rite Bodies: Lindsay Chapter No. 69; Mayfield Council No. 39; Mayfield Commandery No. 49 Knights Templar
Lakeland Past Master Society, Life Member and President; Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc., Life Member;
Tennessee Lodge of Research
Occupation:
Frito Lay, Inc. Division of PepsiCo, Inc., Retired, 31 years of service
Education:
Paducah Tilghman High School
Board Experience:
National Rifle Association of American, Life Endowment Member
Masonic Homes Kentucky, Director (2017 – Present), Nominations, Finance, and Governance Committees
Masons Helping Masons (2015 – 2020), Committee Chairman

Lodge/Affiliations: Fairdale Lodge No. 942; King Solomon Lodge No. 5; Kosair Shrine; Society of Past Masters of Central Kentucky
York Rite: Louisville Council No. 4; Demolay Commandery No. 12 Knights Templar
Occupation:
Kentucky Army National Guard - Master Sergeant, Recruiting and Retention
Education:
Franklin-Simpson High School
Asbury University, Bachelors of Science
Board Experience:
VFW Post 1170; Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Kentucky Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Frankfort, KY, Operations NCO & NCOIC
149th Garrison Command, Baghdad, Iraq, Operations NCO
198th MP Battalion, Louisville, KY, Transportation NCO
**Grand Lodge of Kentucky**

2020 Pocket Directories are now available

Contact the Grand Lodge Office to order your 2020 Pocket Directory
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**District 21 & 22 Meetings**

Photo Top Left: Brothers Tommy Hurst (88 years) and Brother Glen Emerson (84 years) were recognized as the oldest veterans at the District 21 meeting. Grand Master Geary Laird presented special pins to the Brothers.

Photo Lower Left: At the District 22 meeting held in Somerset District Deputy Michael Gibson presented Grand Master Geary Laird with a one of a kind gift. From left are: James Gibson, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Master Geary Laird, DDGM Michael Gibson and Deputy Grand Master Ernest Jackson.

Above Center: Brother Richard Morrow, Master of Monticello Lodge #431 received a special pin from Grand Master Geary Laird as the oldest veteran at the District #22 meeting.

Above Right: The mason with the most service years in the masonic order at the District #22 meeting was Jim Brooks, pastmaster of Burnside Lodge #634. Brother Brooks a 60-year mason received a special pin from Grand Master Geary Laird.

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**The Annual Woodford County Masons Charity Golf Scramble**

(normally 1st Monday in June)

has been Re-Scheduled due to COVID-19

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

**Woodford Lakes Golf Course**

2260 Lexington Rd, Versailles, KY 40383

**LANDMARK LODGE NO. 41 & BUFORD LODGE NO. 494**

This event is to benefit the Woodford County Backpack Program. This program provides lower income students enrolled in the County School System the opportunity to avoid hunger at home. Students are provided a pack to take home that will help provide food during time away.

Entry Fee: $60 per golfer each Hole Sponsorship $100 each Lunch at Noon • Shotgun Start at 1 p.m.

For additional information Contact:
Chris Stout, (630) 842-8432 / Brad Mann (859) 806-0016
Mike Ford, (859) 321-4601 / Jeremy Kifer (859) 576-6856 and/or Charles Beagle (859) 338-8262
Greetings Brethren,

With the Grand Master’s decision to allow the Blue Lodges to resume meeting in July, I also reopened the Scottish Rite Valleys and Clubs to resume their business meetings.

We are expecting the Brethren to continue practicing the guidelines set forth by the health experts. Masks and Social distancing guidelines need to be followed.

Note that it is not mandatory to resume meetings at this time and I will leave it up to the Valley’s leadership to make the decision to resume based on the situation in their local area. The Valley of Louisville has already informed me that due to the Virus and the ongoing Protests in downtown Louisville, they will not reopen until September.

This virus is real and it has taken the lives of many Kentuckians, so please stay safe and keep our Families, Fraternity, State and our Country in your thoughts and prayers. Take care and may God Bless!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Terry L. Bowman, PGM, 33°
Deputy of the Supreme Council
Orient of Kentucky

Dear Brethren,

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Actually, there has been a change. We are no longer dark in the month of August. Please don’t forget that the Valley of Covington will meet on Friday, the 21st day of August 2020. Since we will not have food, the 1200 Club will meet at 6:30 pm, followed by a “Re-acquaintance” time to allow us to remember the names of those we have not seen in what seems to be forever. Per the Bylaws, our business meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. The meeting will most likely run a little longer than normal since we have some catching up to do. Please make every effort to attend so that you will be current on all that is happening.

We will hold our meeting in the newly renovated Red Room. During the time of social distancing, we have not been idle. We have repaired and painted the ceiling, walls and trim work and the wood flooring has received a fresh coat of stain. I would like to take this time to recognize the people who gave of their spare time to make sure this was accomplished. Dan Coleman, who started it off by donating paint for the project, Mike Himes, past Grand Master of Ohio and current Secretary of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Cincinnati, Bill Dettor, B.J. Fryman, Chester Humphrey, Joyce Baker, the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Kentucky and Bruce Boles, who is not a member but believes in our cause. I also want to recognize Eric Creech Sr. who has been involved in several large and difficult projects in the boiler room, the 1200 Club room and adjoining storage area to name a few. These people are committed to not only the preservation of our Temple but the Valley of Covington Scottish Rite. Tell them “thanks” the next time you see them.

Our next reunion is scheduled for October. We will be installing new officers in two of our bodies in August and they will begin working on the degree work. They will need our assistance and support. We are looking for people to fill major and minor parts, both speaking and non-speaking. We also will need members to assist with the stage crew and other jobs necessary to continue the fine tradition of our Valley. If you THINK that you might be interested, please contact me or an officer of one of the bodies. Our goal is to confer every degree at least once every three years. We are also receiving inquires pertaining to traveling to other jurisdictions to perform the rituals. Step up and take a swing!

Brothers, we are very busy in our Valley. We are accomplishing a lot and there is a whole lot more to do. I look forward to seeing and visiting with you soon. We are all aware of the issues facing our great country and this wonderful fraternity dedicated to the Grand Architect. We must not cater to evil but stand tall for those beliefs we hold dear. Looking forward to our future.

In the Bond of Brotherhood,

Ray Murphy, 33°
Personal Representative,
Valley of Covington
played into the hand of the Republicans and Civil War hero and as well white sympathizers, to intimidate the voters. Actually, this escalated in 1868, the year of the election, to killing many blacks during raids on blacks, threatening violence, and sometimes with beatings. The Ku Klux Klan was formed after the end of the Civil War, where the former slaves were included in the horrible and cold-blooded slaughter, but none of their bodies were found among the dead. Forrest denied any knowledge of this disgraceful massacre and tried to explain it all away to anyone who would listen. However, there was a massacre under his command, and this would haunt him for the rest of his life.

Before the Civil War, Forrest was one of the richest men in the South through his slave trading business and Mississippi cotton plantations. He even held political office as Memphis city alderman for two terms. He entered the Confederate States Army as a private in 1861. In spite of having no military experience he quickly impressed his superiors and was soon commissioned a lieutenant colonel and given command of the 3rd Tennessee Calvary. He led his men into several well-known operations including the Battle of Shiloh, Chickamauga, Brie Crossroads, and Second Franklin. His relentless pursuit to destroy Union communication and supply lines in West Tennessee also took him as far north to Kentucky where he distinguished himself in the Battle of Sacramento (McClain County – December 28, 1861), the Battle of Donelson on the Tennessee-Kentucky border (Feb. 11 – 16, 1862) and the Battle of Paducah (Pt. Anderson - March 25, 1864). By the end of the War, Nathan Forrest rose in rank from Private to Lt. General.

Nathan Bedford Forrest who once was wounded by a bullet but continued to lead his troops in a charge against the Union, gained the nickname ‘The Wizard in the Saddle’ for his heroic exploits. He was the only man in the Confederacy who entered as a Private and advanced to Lieutenant General. But one major military disgrace would haunt him for the rest of his life. At the Battle of Pillow (April 12, 1864), he forced the surrender of the mostly black Union soldiers. His men decided to bayonet and shoot them after they surrendered. Union newspapers played up the event, even claiming women and children were included in the horrible and cold-blooded slaughter, but none of their bodies were found among the dead. Forrest denied any knowledge whatsoever of this disgraceful massacre and tried to explain it all away to anyone who would listen. However, there was a massacre under his command, and this would haunt him for the rest of his life.

At the end of the Civil War, the South was overrun with groups of returning Confederate soldiers who wanted the South to be what it was before the war. They wanted the slaves to return to their masters and used intimidation to frighten them into staying or returning. One of these groups was the Ku Klux Klan. By early 1868, some of the leaders of the Ku Klux Klan wanted to organize the numerous Klan groups and operate under one central head. The ‘Wizard of the Saddle’ became the first (and only) Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. Rules and regulations were drawn, and plans were laid. The Grand Wizard attended the 1868 Democratic Convention as a delegate and witnessed his friend Frank Blair Jr’s nomination for Vice President to run with Horatio Seymour for President with the slogan “Our Ticket, Our Motto, This is White Man’s Country; Let White Men Rule” with a platform rejecting the Reconstruction Acts as well as any program that assisted the former slaves. The KKK originally wore masks and made midnight raids on blacks, threatening violence, and sometimes with beatings. This escalated in 1868, the year of the election, to killing many blacks as well white sympathizers, to intimidate the voters. Actually, this played into the hand of the Republicans and Civil War hero and Forrest’s nemesis, Ulysses S. Grant won the Presidential election.

With Grant as President the 14th and 15th amendments of the Constitution were passed giving blacks equal protection under the law and the right to vote. As the Klan was out of control, Forrest decided to officially disband the Ku Klux Klan in January, 1869. He had served just one year as Grand Wizard. However, many continued their groups, and later 1,000 Klansmen were convicted of various crimes. A Congressional Committee on Klan activities led Forrest to testify, saying only that he knew some people involved but was not a member. He later admitted he had lied to protect some of his friends who were active members. The Klan disintegrated in 1871.

It appears that Forrest had a major change of heart, and perhaps regretted some of his deeds. He wrote the Governor of Tennessee in August 1874 his willingness to help “exterminate” those who continue to show violence against the black race. On July 5, 1875 Forrest gave a speech to a black rights group. The speech contained elements of encouragement and hope for better relations for black and white Americans. A young black woman gave him a bouquet of flowers. He thanked her and gave her a kiss on the cheek.

His beloved South had lost the war, his reputation was destroyed due to the Battle of Pillow massacre, the Democratic Party had lost the Presidential election, the Ku Klux Klan, he wanted nothing to do with and his railroad business had failed. Nathan Bedford Forrest died in his brother’s home on October 29, 1877 at the age of 54.

Oh, was he a Mason? Yes and no! He took the Entered Apprentice degree in Angerona Lodge #168, Memphis, Tennessee, but never attended lodge again or advanced beyond this introductory degree.

In 1915 it was re-established strangely enough, due to a popular but controversial movie “The Clansman” (later changed to “Birth of a Nation”). The movie was based on the 1905 book by Thomas Dixon and a one act play that was banned in several cities. The movie praised the Confederacy and glorified the Klan placing them in white robes and burning crosses. It introduced for the first time, certain dramatic camera techniques that enhanced the film. At the end of that year a meeting was held at Stone Mountain, Atlanta, Georgia re-establishing the Klan. It was during “the golden age of fraternities” and the more fraternities one belonged too, the more one’s reputation was enhanced. The Klan was well accepted and it grew rapidly. Membership is said to have reached 5,000,000 due to their sales tactics. Patriotism, white robes and the cross (all adopted from the movie), were popular with most other fraternities. Recruiters were paid and instructed on how to solicit membership, especially from other fraternities, and more especially the Masons. These solicitors would describe the KKK as approved by the Masons or even a part of the Masons. In 1921, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky adopted a resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan, and in 1923, the Grand Master published his edict against the KKK as “an organization teaching practices contrary to the principles of Masonry. At Grand Lodge that year, a roll call vote confirmed the Grand Master’s edict.

No longer limiting its hate to blacks, it now included Jews, Catholics and immigrants and targeted anyone that did not meet their specification. The term “100% American” meant far more than born an American. It became the by-word of the Klan. This revised Ku Klux Klan organization was far more ruthless than the original, buying politicians, organizing raids, raping women, murdering blacks and their white
We will resume the 19th thru 32nd degrees Saturday morning the 12th at 7 am. We should be finished around 12:00 noon at which time we will proceed to Rizpah Shrine Temple for their Ceremonial. We hope to make many new 32 degree Scottish Rite Brothers and Shrine Nobles. The Reunion is named for Ill George Combs 33. Hope to see you there! May God bless you and our Country!

Mack A. Scott, 32⁰ KCCH
Secretary/Registrar, Valley of Madisonville
270-821-5260

In opposition to civil rights legislature, the Klan again attempted to rebuild itself in 1955. It still exists today, but in unrelated and unorganized groups, each claiming the direct descendant of the original. Membership includes skinheads, and self-proclaimed Nazi’s. In 2019 the Southern Poverty Law Center stated that there were fifteen hate groups in Kentucky, four of which identify as Ku Klux Klan related. It is hard to believe that the Ku Klux Klan ever existed in the past, let alone today. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky’s condemnation still exists. ---What do you think.

Your Library has over 3,000 books and magazines available to you and offers the Library for evening Masonic Study groups. You can visit your MLMA – Covington and receive a free library card, any Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm or for an appointment, just email Bill Lorenz, Librarian: library.covsr@outlook.com

1st KNOWN “LEGEND OF HIRAM”

The “Friends of the Masonic Library” will present the first known “Legend of Hiram” as described in the 1730 publication, “Masonry Dissected”, as well as performing the French interpretation of the ‘Third Degree’, at the Covington Scottish Rite Meeting, Friday, September, 18th. Dinner ($10.00) is at 6:30 pm followed by the presentation. Master Masons only, please. Ladies are invited to the dinner. Reservations to: debcovsr@fuse.net. Mark your calendars now! This is one evening you do not want to miss!

You can help preserve Masonic books for future generations of Masons and be a lifetime “Friend of the Library”. Simply donate $50.00 to the MLMA, c/o Covington Scottish Rite, 1553 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky 41011. A Masonic book will be purchased, with ‘your’ name label inside, as ‘a friend of the library’. Preserving Masonic Books for future generations is what we do!!

Welcome to our three new “Friends”: John Bizzack, Larry Lykins and Monty Roberts

Valley of Madisonville

Brethren,

Very excited knowing we can now have our meetings and enjoy the fellowship. Providing Covid 19 doesn’t worsen and keeps improving.

We will have our joint Reunion/Ceremonial with Rizpah Shriner’s. The dates will be September 11th and 12th. We will do the 4th thru 18th degrees Friday evening the 11th starting at 5 pm.

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Grand Junior Warden Virtual Candidates Forum #2
September 2, 2020 - 7:00 pm
Pre-Registration is REQUIRED
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6666172281696987406
Greetings Brothers,
By the time you read this message we will be five months into the current situation. My hope is that each of you are doing well and staying safe.

As the July email from Ill. Bro. Randolph Starks stated the Valley of Louisville leadership deemed it necessary to continue the closure of our building through at least September 1st. This action was not taken lightly and was made after much discussion. With the current pandemic and other events making it unsafe in the area around our building we deemed it prudent to delay our meetings. We want to thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to when we can meet once again. If circumstances go well our first meeting in September will be our annual awards to those who have served the Scottish Rite for 25 and 50 years.

As mentioned earlier in this note the leadership in the Valley made the decision concerning the current situation. As we know, in the Scottish Rite everything comes from the top down unlike the Blue Lodge where everything comes from the Craft up. However, what must be understood concerning the leadership in our Valley, as well as the rest of the Scottish Rite, is that leaders must be developed and mentored. It is a necessity in any organization. A person does not become a leader merely by showing up and taking the office. There must be some form of training.

There are leaders in many of the areas of our Valley. We have the Scottish Rite Guard, the Knights of St. Andrew, the Kitchen Crew, the Welcoming committee, the Robing room group, the stage crew, the choir, the ritual cast, and each of the four bodies within the Valley which have leaders. Each leader spent time learning the position they currently hold.

One essential key to the development of leaders is the passing of knowledge. As many who have passed through the various Reunion classes can tell you, I often speak of useless knowledge. This is knowledge which we have learned and yet do not pass along to the next generation. An example that I use of useless knowledge is that of the Great Pyramids. The knowledge of how they were built was not passed down, so it has become lost and useless. The Scottish Rite teaches in many of its degrees that we are to be willing to pass along our Masonic knowledge to Brothers who are willing to learn. If we do not it becomes useless and lost. This knowledge can be as simple as how to open the building, how to run a meeting, how to plan activities, how to plan a calendar. It is one of the reasons for the Master Craftsman program which is designed to pass along the knowledge that we have and to also be willing to learn knowledge that we have yet to know.

This is my thank you to each member who is willing to step up and be a leader in their own way. In doing so you help to improve the experience the members have in our Valley as well as the Scottish Rite.

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

Another key to being a good leader is to work yourself out of a job. We are to develop others to be leaders so that when the time comes for us to step down or if there is a death that causes a vacancy there is not a vacuum that cannot be filled by the next in line stepping into the position. As a leader I am thrilled to see others being trained to take over positions including my own. There comes a point when a leader must be willing to say it is time to allow others to step up and take over.

With all of this said, it must also be stated that each member has the potential to be a leader. As Ill. Bro. Bill Ryan has told me on more than one occasion, “You do not have to have a title to be a leader.” We can each be mentors for others who are interested in taking an active part in the Scottish Rite. We can each be a mentor to new members who are unfamiliar with the Scottish Rite. It is our duty to continue to pass along the knowledge that we have and to also be willing to learn knowledge that we have yet to know.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - ONLY $35.00
Located at: 1622 Elkhorn Road, Campbellsville KY. 42718
EAT at 6:30 p.m. and MEET at 7:30 p.m.
ALL current MASTERS and PAST MASTERS are Eligible to receive this Coveted Degree

THE SOCIETY OF PAST MASTERS OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY
Are pleased to announce to all Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons that:
“The Order of Solomon”
Will be Confered on:
Saturday, August 29, 2020
at Pitman Lodge No. 124
Located at: 1622 Elkhorn Road, Campbellsville KY. 42718

The Order of Solomon is historical society of Past Masters of Central Kentucky. It was established in 1930 in response to the limited knowledge of Freemasonry in the area prior to World War II. Since it's establishment, the Order has conferred the Degree of The Order of Solomon on over one thousand Past Masters of approximately 350 Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons.

As you consider the duties of Past Masters and the position of Masters, please keep in mind that the Order of Solomon is a membership organization which is open to Past Masters from all Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons.

All Past Masters of this area are eligible to receive this Coveted Degree.

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**Vicco Lodge #929**
Reopened our lodge on July 2, 2020 and enjoyed fellowship with all of our Brothers

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We awarded two of our members Brother James Reynolds “Mason of the Year” and Brother Raymond Kilburn “Mason of the Decade.” We also had a most welcomed guest, Grand Master Geary F. Laird, who dropped in for a visit.

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**Grand Lodge of Kentucky**

**3rd Annual Veterans Program**

**Golf Scramble**

September 12, 2020

**My Old Kentucky Home Golf Course, 668 Loretto Rd, Bardstown, KY**

Registration 7:00 am    Shotgun Start 8:30 am

Entry Fee: $260 per team / $65 per person
Hole Sponsorships: $100 each

Gold Sponsorship: $3,000 = 2 Teams and Banner
Silver Sponsorship: $2,000 = 1 Team and Banner

Mulligan packages available at registration.

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**All entries must be in by August 23, 2020**

Make checks payable to:
**Grand Lodge of Kentucky**
(Veterans Program)

Mail checks and entries to:
**Grand Lodge of Kentucky**
Attn: Stephen Logsdon
11620 Commonwealth Drive
Louisville, KY 40299
Gerald Green
Salt River Lodge No. 180, F&AM
Mt. Washington, Kentucky
In memory of Bro. Gerald Green
Who died on June 6, 2020

William Ernest Wright
Livermore Lodge No. 186, F&AM
Livermore, Kentucky
In memory of Bro. William Ernest Wright
Who died on July 1, 2020

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 Salt River Lodge No. 180 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.

John Zirnheld, Master
Mike Burton, Secretary

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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 Livermore Lodge No. 186 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.

Ronald T. Humphrey, Master
Wallace R. Wigginton, Secretary, PM

Louisville Memorial Gardens
East, Masonic Section
Four (4) burial plots, in the name of, Chester Wallace Kissel are available for $1500 ea. If anyone has an interest in purchasing these plots, please contact Bill Rasor by email (ribr803@gmail.com) or phone (727) 492 0377.

By-Laws

Stephensburg Lodge No. 212
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Stephensburg Lodge No. 212 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning Dues. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Burnside Masonic Lodge #634 and Point Isabel Eastern Star Chapter #582 recently placed flags on the gravesites of our American Veterans at Burnside Cemetery. These men and women are the “True Heroes.”
August 2020

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MIDDLETOWN CHAPTER NO. 319


HARMONY CHAPTER NO. 273

—Meets Middletown Lodge, Madison Ave., Middletown, 7:30 P.M., in Ma-


ZONETON CHAPTER NO. 576

6022 Anita Blvd., Louisville, KY 40227; 502-937-7831

QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER NO. 1—Meets 4th Thurs., in Reeves Hall, 466 Sportsman Lake Rd., Louisville, 40214; 502-228-1542.

VALELY CHAPTER NO. 65—Meets at Valley Lodge Hall, 9619 Dixie Hwy., 1st Thurs., 7:00 P.M.

RIZPAH SHRINERS

Meets 2nd Thurs of every month except July & August, 7:30 P.M., Tony R. Royalty, III, Recorder, (511), Secretary/Treasurer, PO Box 58573, Louisville 40268, 502-445-5353

PAST MASTERS SOCIETY OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY


TRA VELERS GRAND CHAPTER

—10703 W. Manslick Rd., Fairdale, 40118. Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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Jim Denny, President; 270-734-0799 lynnd69@bellsouth.net

EDWIN HAYNES, P.G.M., 32°, Personal Representative.

2nd Sat. monthly at various restaurants at 6:00 P.M. CST. James C. Denny, President; Fred Row, Vice President; Richard Shivel Secretary-Treasurer, 270-858-9051

ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

KENTUCKY COURT NO. 1

RIZPAH SHRINERS

—Meet 3rd Thurs. 7:30 P.M. in Marywood Library, Kentucky State University, 1062 S. 7th St., Frankfort, 40601.

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“Brothers from Woodford County Masonic Lodges (Landmark 41 & Buford 494) cleaned up a very neglected country cemetery in northern Woodford County near the city of Millville. As seen in these photographs, many of the graves were Confederate Soldiers and Masons. Pictured during a break in the process from left to right: David Jefferson, Logan Stout, Chris Stout, Rick Barela, Drew Chandler, Earl Poynter, Mike Niedwick, Mike Ford, Mike Tackett, Gary Finnell, Brad Mann, Johnny Mills, David Collier, Billy McDaniel. Not Pictured are Pete Padova & Barb Barela.”