Winchester Lodge #20
Front Row: Tommy Bunch, Treasurer; Terry Muncy, SW; George Arledge, M; Doug Abner, JW; Larry Crowe, Chaplain; Back Row, Doug Johnson Jr, PM; Louis Prater, Secretary; Gary Adams, SS; Jubal Arledge, Tyler; Ben Joynt, JS; Garry England JD; absent Justin Cody SD.

Boaz Masonic Home Lodge #850
Grand Secretary Donald Yankey, PGM assisted by Brother Luke Martin installed Master Bruce Zimmerman and his core of officers.

New Salem Lodge #462 Installed Officers for 2020

Irvine Lodge #137 F&AM 2020 Officers
Justin Riddell, Tiler; Tom Hart, Treasurer; James Foster, J.D.; Jeffrey Isaacs III, J.S.; Christopher Hunt, M.; Michael Lewis, S.W.; DeWayne Lambert, S.S.; Vaughn White, S.D.; Teddy Hunt, Chaplain; Glenn Wise, Secretary

Pitman Lodge #124
Seated: David Cowherd, Treasurer; Joe Conway, PGM, Installing Officer; Jack Aumiller, Master; Steve Dotson, SW; Scott Sprowles, Secretary Standing: Joe Smith, SD; Brent Criley, JD; Allen McDonald, SS; Travis Payne, Jr., JS; Tommy Cundiff, Tiler; and Bobby Baker, Marshal.

Shawnee Lodge #830
Front Row: Douglas Laslie, Chaplain; Jodie Laird, Tiler; Geary Laird, Grand Master, Treasurer; Fred Mathis, Master; John Pawley, SS; Al Dixon, SW. Back Row: Pat Gilkey, SD; Rick Laird, Grand Marshal; Aaron Pawley, JS; Denis Stewart, JW; Dennis Hardin, JD
Grand Master’s Message

Greetings Brothers:

This year, I am looking forward to working on your behalf to provide a year full of activities, Masonic and family oriented. Changing the way we operate will involve the Lodge in more family-related events.

We started the year in a busy atmosphere with many open installations conducted by the Grand Line Officers where we saw hundreds of Brothers, their families and guests in attendance. I would like to thank those Brothers who attended and those who were involved in the preparations.

I would like to congratulate all of our 2020 Officers and let them know that I look forward to working with them to further our Masonic Goals! I challenge those of you who have not been to Lodge on a regular basis, to give us at least one meeting or event this year. I encourage those Brothers who have not been in the lodge for quite a while to have it as one of their New Year’s resolution to visit the lodge this year and rekindle that Masonic interest.

In the month of December, the Grand Lodge Officers had the opportunity to conduct the consolidation of several lodges in two public ceremonies. On December 18, 2019, we performed the merger of three lodges, Robert Burns #163, Newport #358 and Henry Barnes #607 into what is now known as Trinity Lodge #163 (see photo on Back Cover) and on December 19, 2019, the merger of Shively and Lewis-Parkland was performed which is now known as Shively-Lewis-Parkland #951. I believe the ideal time to consider consolidation is when both or all lodges have something of value to offer the other. More lodges are combining forces to strengthen their efforts within the fraternity and band together to be more proficient. This is an opportunity for a new beginning, one that will have a future with growth, prosperity and strength for many years to come.

I would like to thank the educational committee on a job well done and hope that all Brothers enjoyed the presentation. As Masonic leaders, we must develop a vision for the Fraternity, educate ourselves and our fellow members, and instill a rich appreciation of our past and an optimistic view of our future. Brothers, there is a wealth of information available for those who wish to learn more.

We have the honor of hosting the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America in mid-February. The conference is the largest gathering of Grand Masters in North America. Grand Masters from countries throughout the world also attend to join in fellowship. Important topics are discussed including: mergers, budgets, recruitment & retention, education and mentoring. We look forward to showcasing our great state of Kentucky during this event.

All Mason’s Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at the Kentucky State Capitol in Frankfort, Kentucky. We will gather at Hiram Lodge No. 4 in Frankfort for breakfast at 7:00 am to 9:30 am (cost of $8.00) and then assemble in the Rotunda at 10:00 am (EST). Lunch will be from noon to 1:00 pm (on your own). The Master Masons Degree will start at 6:00 pm and the first section will be conferred by Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers, please join us for this historic Masonic event.
I hope that all Brothers are gearing up for the Masonic Ritual Competition to be held in August 2020. I feel that it is imperative to recognize the importance of ritual excellence within our Commonwealth. Masonic ritual is the scripted words and actions that are spoken or performed during the degree work in a Masonic Lodge. I know that many of you are excellent ritualists and hope that you will participate in the competition and be recognized for your efforts.

May God continue to bless our great fraternity and God Bless America! Brothers, I encourage each of you, BE THAT MASON THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Fraternally Thine,

Geary F. Laird
Grand Master of Masons,
Grand Lodge of Kentucky F.& A.M.

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**The Level and the Square**

by Rob Morris, pgm, 1854

We meet upon the level and we part upon the square
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere
Come let us contemplate them, they are worthy of a thought
From the ancient times of Masonry these symbols have been taught
We meet upon the level, every country, sect and creed
The rich man from his mansion, the poor man from the field
For wealth is not considered within our outer door
And we all meet on the level upon the checkered floor.

We act upon the Plumb the Junior Warden states
We walk upright throughout our lives, we seek the pearly gates
The All-seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true
That we shall try to honor God and give each man his due
We part upon the square as all good Masons do
We mingle with the multitude a faithful band and true
So the brotherhood of Masonry from every corner come
To meet upon the level and act upon the plumb.

There’s a world where all are equal we’re coming to it fast
We shall meet upon the level there when the days on earth are past
We shall stand before the altar and our Master will be there
To try the blocks we offer with his own unerring square
We shall meet upon the level there but never thence depart
There’s a Mansion---‘tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart
There’s a Mansion and a welcome and a multitude is there
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level then while these earthly ties we share
And just hope we’re there to answer when the roll is called up there
As we travel through our lifespan time aids us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square
So remember all our teachings, that bright fraternal chain
We part upon the square below to meet in heaven again
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere
We meet upon the level and we part upon the square.
RICHARD “RICK” THOMAS NATION, PGM

Brother Rick Nation entered upon eternal rest Friday, December 27, 2019.

Brother Nation, the son of the late Ray Wilson Nation and Mother Yvonne Dotson, Brother Nation was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky on August 25, 1958. He was educated in the Taylor County Public School System. He attended Kentucky State University, Jefferson State Vo-Tech. He was a HVAC Contractor and owner of Nationwide Heating and Cooling. Brother Nation was a member of Elk Creek Baptist Church, where he served on the Building and Grounds Committee.

Brother Rick Nation married Karen Susan Weis on August 20, 1976 in Crossville Tennessee. They were blessed with three children Brian Thomas Nation, Richard Boscoe Nation, and Quinton Ray Nation. Brother Nation was a Grandfather to Sophia Faith Nation, Lilyanne Grace Wieble, Aiden Thomas Manning, Ella Faye Nation and Kara Raye Nation.

Masonic Record

Brother Nation received his Degrees in
Shelby Lodge No. 662
EA on December 1, 1979
FC on January 5, 1980
MM on February 2, 1980

Brother Nation Served as Master of Shelby Lodge No. 662 in 1984 and served as Secretary from 1997 - 2019. Brother Nation was a plural member with William O. Ware Lodge of Research No. 999. He was a Honorary Member of 33 Lodges in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and a Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee F.&A.M.

Grand Lodge Record
Chairman Committee on By Laws 2005-2006
Grand Senior Deacon 2007-2008
Chairman Keepers of the Work 2009-2010
Chairman Bluegrass Ritualist 2009-2010
Committee of Jurisprudence 2016-2018
Master Bluegrass Ritualist 2008
Grand Representative to the United Grand Lodge of England

Brother Nation was elected and installed as Grand Junior Warden in October 2010, and, subsequently, elected to the offices of Grand Senior Warden October 2011, and Deputy Grand Master October 2012. He was elected and installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. at the Two Hundred Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky October, 2013.

Other Masonic Affiliations:

Scottish Rite
- Valley of Lexington AASR, Lexington, Kentucky
- Decorated Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) November, 2013
- Commander, Council of Kadosh, 2011-2014
- Master of Ceremonies Lodge of Perfection, 2015-2017

York Rite
- Shelby Chapter No.2, R A M
- Harry F. Walters Council No.101, R & S M
- Shelby Commandery No. 32

Eastern Star
- Rob Morris No. 114

Shrine
- Olekia Shriners, Lexington, Kentucky
- Kosair Shrine Temple (Honorary)
- Rizpah Shrine Temple (Honorary)

Brother Nation was a Life member of Central Kentucky Past Masters Society, Appalachian Past Master Society, and a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland. DeMolay Legion of Honor (Honorary), Kentucky Colonel, Recipient of the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. Member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky DeMolay Foundation Inc., 2010-2014 President 2014

Brother Nation served on the Masonic Homes Board of Directors from 2004 – 2014 and as Secretary of the Board from 2005-2010, and 2014 -2019

Brother Rick Nation is survived by his Wife Karen, Mother Yvonne, Sons Brian, Richard, and Quinton and Grand Children.

Most Worshipful Brother Rick Nation, was an active and dedicated Freemason and a true Lover of the Fraternity.

Erect each glorious column
In a spirit of unselfish love,
Seeking wisdom, strength and beauty,
From the Architect above.
REV. THOMAS E. DICKEN, PGM

Brother Dicken entered upon eternal rest Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Brother Dicken was born in Ida in Clinton County, the son of the late Sampson Dicken and Minnie Dicken. He was educated in the Clinton County Public School System. He attended Kentucky Wesleyan College, and LWC, he also attended Emory University School of Theology in Atlanta Georgia. He was ordained a Pastor of Southern Baptist in 1967.

Brother Tom Dicken married Alene Davis on December 21, 1963. He is survived by his wife Alene and several Nieces and Nephews.

Masonic Record
Brother Dicken received his Degrees in Falls of Rough No. 901
EA on April 11, 1959
FC on May 9, 1959
MM on June 20, 1959

Brother Dicken Served as Master of Barker Lodge No. 129 in 1967, Master of Albany Lodge No. 206 in 1986 and Master of Cumberland Lodge No. 413 in 2001. He was also a member of Monticello Lodge No. 431 where he served as Chaplin in 2011.

Grand Lodge Record
Grand Pursuivant 1969-1970

OTHER MASONIC AFFILIATIONS:

Scottish Rite:
- Valley of Louisville AASR, Louisville, Kentucky
- Invested Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) November, 1997
- Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary of the 33 Degree November, 2007

York Rite:
- James B. Wall Chapter No.143, R A M
- Hockers Council No.89, R & S M
- Elizabethtown Commandery No.37

Shrine:
- Kosair Shriners, Louisville, Kentucky

Eastern Star:
- Barker Chapter No.79

Brother Dicken was a Life member of Central Kentucky Past Masters Society,
Most Worshipful Brother Rev. Thomas E. Dicken, was an active and dedicated Freemason.

If you want to judge him fairly,
Don’t use the scale of creeds,
Don’t measure him by theory,
But by the doings of his deeds.
**March/April 2020 - District Meetings**

**District 11 - March 6**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

Samuel Scott Reece, DDGM
Hart County H.S.
1014 S. Dixie Hwy
Munfordville, KY 42765

**District 22 - March 7**
- Meal at 11:30 am
- Master Masons Only
- District Meeting at 1:00 pm

Michael Todd Gibson, DDGM
Somerset Community College
808 Monticello Street
Somerset, KY 42501

**District 21 - March 7**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

Derek Gastineau, DDGM
Craftsman Lodge #722
600 Brown Court
Liberty, KY 42539

**District 18 & 19 - March 14**
- Meal at 11:30 am
- Master Masons Only

Jason Lee Wallace, DDGM District 18
Pendleton County High School
2359 US 27 Falmouth, KY

**District 17 - March 14**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Master Masons Only
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

Robert Allen Henry II, DDGM
Carroll County M. S.
408 5th Street
Carrollton, KY 41008

**District 1 - March 20**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

John C. Blaine, DDGM
North Ballard Lodge #537
6194 Woodville Rd.
Bandana, KY 42022

**District 2 - March 21**
- Meal at 11:30 am
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 1:00 pm

Dan Arol Lynn, DDGM
Murray Lodge #105
2036 St. Rt. 121
Murray, Kentucky

**District 3 - March 21**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

Bruce Edward Lyles, DDGM
Gilbertsville Lodge #835
746 J.H. O.Bryan Ave.
Grand Rivers, Ky 42045

**District 4 - March 27**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

William Perry Luttrull, DDGM
Hopkinsville Lodge #37
103 Academy Drive
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

**District 6 - March 28**
- Meal at 11:30 am
- Master Masons Only
- District Meeting at 1:00 pm

Bruce Cameron Outlaw, DDGM
Western Ky Scottish rite
667 Park Ave
Madisonville KY

**District 10 - March 28**
- Meal at 5:00 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

Chad Alan Gass, DDGM
Franklin Simpson H.S.
400 S. College Street
Franklin, KY 42134

**District 16 - April 3**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

Alan Crabtree, DDGM
Lebanon Lodge #87
65 Old Springfield Road
Lebanon, KY

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**Educational Conference**

**7:00 pm cdt, Friday, January 31, 2020**
Madisonville AASR
668 Park Avenue, Madisonville, KY 42431

**10:00 am cdt, Saturday, February 1, 2020**
Columbia Lodge No. 96
411 Burkesville Street, Columbia, KY 42728

**4:00 pm cdt, Saturday, February 1, 2020**
Louisville AASR
200 E. Gray Street, Louisville, KY 40202

**7:00 pm cdt, Friday, February 7, 2020**
Crittenden - Dry Ridge Lodge No. 694
111 South Main St., Crittenden, KY 41030

**10:00 am cdt, Saturday, February 8, 2020**
Hazard Lodge No. 676
548 Main Street, Hazard, KY 41701

**3:00 pm cdt, Saturday, February 8, 2020**
Morehead Lodge No. 654,
746 West Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351

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**District Meeting at**

**February 2020**

**March/April 2020 - District Meetings**

**District 11 - March 6**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

**District 22 - March 7**
- Meal at 11:30 am
- Master Masons Only
- District Meeting at 1:00 pm

**District 21 - March 7**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

**District 18 & 19 - March 14**
- Meal at 11:30 am
- Master Masons Only

**District 17 - March 14**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Master Masons Only
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

**District 1 - March 20**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

**District 2 - March 21**
- Meal at 11:30 am
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 1:00 pm

**District 3 - March 21**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

**District 4 - March 27**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

**District 6 - March 28**
- Meal at 11:30 am
- Master Masons Only
- District Meeting at 1:00 pm

**District 10 - March 28**
- Meal at 5:00 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm

**District 16 - April 3**
- Meal at 5:30 pm
- Ladies Invited
- District Meeting at 7:00 pm
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Valley of Lexington

A Happy New Year to each of you and your family. On New Year’s Day we opened the Consistory and handed out the commemorative glass to Scottish Rite Masons and Master Masons. Since it’s February, and the Lexington Scottish Rite was dark in January and again this month. We will resume our stated meetings on March 19, 2019. At this meeting, the cast of the 30th degree will hold the Council of Kadosh Feast in the dining hall during the meal, which will start at 6:30 PM ET.

The education for March will be a speech by Darrin Gulla about Freemasons in the Catholic Church starting at 7:30 PM ET in the auditorium. In April, we will observe Maundy Thursday and it will be held on our Stated meeting night, April 9th. There will be a meal at 6:30 PM and the meeting will start at 7:30 PM. The Maundy Thursday Service will be presented by the 18th Degree team Knights of the Rose Croix. This will be open to the public. We will continue to have education at each stated meeting during 2020.

We had a great year in 2019 with the VMAP program. Thanks go to brother David Gillespie 32° for documenting our achievements in 2019. We will continue in 2020 to work on and move forward with the VMAP program headed up by David Gillespie 32°. We need the officers of each body involved in this program to be successful. Please support this program and let’s make a difference and improve the Valley of Lexington.

This summer the Lexington Scottish Rite Reunion will be Saturday June 6st at the Lexington Scottish Rite Consistory. We will name this summer class in honor of Richard T. Nation PGM 32° KCCH. He was a member of the Lexington Scottish Rite and a very active member of our great fraternity. Our goal is to have at least 20 candidates become Masters of the Royal Secret on this date. We need to get out and get those petitions and get them turned in.

Speaking of petitions, The Lexington Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is pleased to announce a “new” membership rewards program for top line petition signers. This program was effective beginning January 1, 2019. Rewards with be given for new member petitions only and not for affiliation or transfers. The Secretary’s office will keep track of top line petition signers and notify members as they become eligible to receive the rewards. These rewards will be offered for the number of top line petitions specified:

One Year Dues Reward:
- Members who top-line sign on 5 petitions per calendar year will have their dues remitted for the next calendar year. If they are life members, they will receive $100 gift card?
- Petitions received toward the One Year Dues Reward count toward the Sportscot and Tie and Life Membership rewards.

Sportscot and Tie Reward:
- Members who top-line sign on 10+ petitions per calendar year will have their dues remitted for the next calendar year and receive a blue sportscot and a Scottish Rite Tie.
- Petitions received toward the Sportscot and Tie reward count toward the 30 in 5 Life Membership reward.

Life Membership Reward 30 in 5:
- Members who top line sign 30 petitions in a five (5) year period will receive a life membership in the Lexington Scottish Rite. If they are life members already, they will receive a blue sportscot, Scottish Rite tie and a $500 donation to the Rite Care Center or the House of the Temple Campaign in their name.

All Master Masons, I want you to know that Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valley of Lexington is enrolling now! Yes, that is correct this University of Freemasonry is OPEN, and we are ready to make Master Masons 32° Scottish Rite Masons on June 6st. Please help share the experience and journey. Contact the Lexington Scottish Rite Office at (859) 277-7856 and ask for Jim West or call me at (859) 492-4496 for petitions. Get your petitions turned in and let get ready for a great summer reunion.

Members of the Valley of Lexington, please come and join us on the 3rd Thursday night of each month March – December at the Lexington Scottish Rite Consistory for our stated meetings. The meal is served at 6:30 PM, and the stated meetings start at 7:30 PM. Thank you to the membership for a great 2019 and we are looking for another great year in the Valley of Lexington in 2020.

Fraternally,
Ill. Roger L. Trent, Jr. 33°
Personal Representative, Lexington Scottish Rite

York Rite - Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria VA

Sir Knights, make you plans to join us for our annual Easter Trip to Alexandria, VA. This year’s trip will be held on April 10 - 12, 2020.

We will depart from Louisville-DeMolay Commandery #12 at 7:00 am Friday morning, April 10, 2020. A stop is planned in Lexington to pickup any Sir Knights from that area. We will arrive at the hotel Friday evening (dinner is on your own). We are finalizing the details for the Saturday Outing. The Sunrise Service, on Sunday April 12, 2020, will be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial overlooking Old Town in Alexandria, VA.

Cost for this years trip is $250 per person, double occupancy or $375 single. Check should be sent to Jim King, Grand Recorder at 400 N. 4th Street, Danville, KY 40422. (859) 209-4120. Sitting Commanders will have 1/2 of the fee subsidized by the Grand Commandery, provided their Commandery will pay the other 1/2.

If you have any questions or for additional information contact Sir Knight Bill Ryan (502) 836-1123.
Brethren, 2020 is off and running. Here in the Valley of Louisville we have just completed our elections for the Lodge of Perfection and the Council of Kadosh. Congratulations to those Brothers, we look forward to their term in office.

**LOUISVILLE LODGE OF PERFECTION**

- Venerable Master: Tony Waterson, 32° KCCH
- Sr. Warden: Richard Viglione, 32° KCCH
- Jr. Warden: Tom Harper, 32°

This year we will be trying something different in regards to our Reunions. Our first Reunion, honoring Ill. Brother Carlos Eldon Curry, 33°, is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020 and Saturday June 13, 2020 will be an “expanded” format. Part One of this two-part Reunion will confer the 4° - 14° on March 7. The 15° - 28° will be conferred during our stated meetings in March, April and May. On Saturday June 13, 2020 we will conclude Part Two of the Reunion, with the conferral of the 29° - 32°. Our goal is to make the Reunion easier to attend by holding both parts on Saturdays, rather than on a Friday/Saturday format. It is also intended to encourage attendance at our Stated Meetings. As we open on the 14° Lodge of Perfection, the Brothers will be able to attend and will be encouraged to attend the business meeting, as well as complete the degrees. By extending the Reunion over several months we will be able to confer more Degrees “on stage”, thus providing a deeper understanding of those Degrees. In the fall we will hold a traditional two-day Reunion honoring Ill. Brother George Guthrie Ahart, 33° beginning on Friday, November 20 and concluding Saturday, November 21, 2020.

This month we will be holding our annual Grand Master’s Dinner on February 27 at 6:30 pm. This dinner is for Master Masons Only. You do not need to be a Scottish Rite Mason to attend. Reservations are requested, please contact the Louisville Scottish Rite office to RSVP 502-584-6185.

On March 7 (following the Reunion) we will have a guest speaker, Wendy Waszut-Barrett, who is an authority on stage backdrops. She will be presenting a “History of our Backdrops” here at the Valley of Louisville. This will be a very informative program and we are looking forward to her presentation. Mark your calendars now. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM with the program to follow at 7:30 pm. RSVP requested.

The “Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal” will be held on March 26 and will be presented by the Chapter of Rose Croix, under the leadership of Wise Master Larry Mann, 32° KCCH. This is an open meeting with refreshment at 6:30 pm, with the program following at 7:30 pm.

Fraternally, Jon S. Dawson, 32°, KCCH, Past Venerable Master, Louisville Scottish Rite

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**JANUARY**

- 01 New Year’s Day Open House; 12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm (Group Photo at 1:00 pm)
- 09 Stated Meeting - Election of Officers; Lodge/Council
- 16 33° Dinner
- 23 Stated Meeting (LOP) - Family Dinner; Installation of Officers / Bowl-A-Rama Banquet
- 26 Master Craftsman

**FEBRUARY**

- 13 Stated Meeting (KCCH) - Valentines Day Dinner
- 23 Master Craftsman
- 27 Stated Meeting (LOP) - Grand Master Dinner/MM’s Only

**MARCH**

- 07 Spring Reunion; Ill. Bro. Carlos Eldon Curry, 33° Part 1. 4° - 14° *(See note at bottom right)*
- 07 Wendy Waszut-Barrett - History of our Backdrops Family Dinner @ 6:30pm, Program 7:30pm
- 12 Stated Meeting (LOP) VMAP Program / Degree Work
- 26 Stated Meeting (CRC) Open Meeting; Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal
- 29 Master Craftsman

**APRIL**

- 4 Grand Lodge Meeting - 4 PM; Districts 12, 13, & 14 Stated Meeting (LOP) Degree Work
- 16 33° Dinner
- 23 Stated Meeting (LOP) Widows Night Dinner
- 26 Master Craftsman

**MAY**

- 14 Stated Meeting (LOP) SR Foundation Meeting / Degree Work
- 28 Stated Meeting (LOP) VMAP Program / Degree Work
- 31 Master Craftsman

**JUNE**

- 11 Stated Meeting (CKK) Flag Day Program Family Dinner
- 13 Summer Reunion; Ill. Bro. Curry, Part 2; 29° - 32°
- 25 Stated Meeting (KSA) Battle of Bannockburn Presentation
- 28 Master Craftsman

**JULY**

- 09 Stated Meeting (LOP)
- 16 33° Dinner
- 23 Stated Meeting (LOP) VMAP Program
- 26 Master Craftsman

**AUGUST**

- 30 Master Craftsman

**SEPTEMBER**

- 10 Stated Meeting (LOP) Family Dinner; Service Awards
- 24 Stated Meeting (LOP)
- 27 Master Craftsman

**OCTOBER**

- 3 KSA Gala - (A Fundraising Event for S.R. Foundation)
- 08 Stated Meeting (LOP) Family Dinner; Feast of Tishri
- 15 33° Dinner
- 18-20 Grand Lodge 221st Annual Communication
- 22 Stated Meeting (LOP) VMAP Program
- 25 Master Craftsman

**NOVEMBER**

- 12 Stated Meeting (AHF) Family Dinner; Veterans Program
- 20-21 Fall Reunion; Ill. Bro. George Guthrie Ahart, 33°
- 26 Dark - Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Master Craftsman

**DECEMBER**

- 10 Stated Meeting (LOP) Guard Election
- 12 Guard’s Dinner
- 24 Dark - Christmas Holiday

**JANUARY 2021**

- 01 New Year’s Day Open House; 12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm (Group Photo at 1:00 pm)

*Note: The Spring/Summer Reunions will be a modified “expanded class” beginning on March 7 with the 4° - 14° and continue through June 13 ending with the 29° - 32°. All degrees between the 15° & 28° will be conferred or communicated during the Stated Meetings between these dates.*
Greetings Brethren,

Winter is still upon us but things are moving right on for the Valley of Covington. I want to remind everyone that we are no longer dark in February or August. Therefore, we should see each other at the Temple on the third Friday which is the 21st of February. We have a lot planned for the upcoming year and you are cordially invited to join us.

We have established several committees to get the Valley back on track and we could use all the Masons that want to experience Masonry to step up and take a role. Brothers are needed to help with degree work, assist with the stage crew to set up for degrees or maybe help with the kitchen. There are also lots of seats in the auditorium that need to be filled and I believe we can find one to fit you.

It was announced several times last year that we will begin traveling to various parts of the Valley for degree work and in March we start the journey. We will be in Pikeville on Saturday, March 7th to confer the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th and 32nd degrees. Motel accommodations are available. Contact the Covington Scottish Rite office to obtain further information.

We will still have our stated monthly communication at the Covington Scottish Rite Temple on the third Friday, March 20 with dinner and regular meeting. The 1200 Club will meet at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and stated meeting with a masonic education presentation at 7:30 pm.

There also are plans for us to get back to some of the traditional events that for whatever reason went by the wayside. In January, we reintroduced a printed newsletter in the Valley. This year it will be mailed to every member of the Valley on a quarterly basis. As we find the means to support the mailings, we plan to increase to a monthly notification of all the activities occurring in the Valley with locations, dates and times. You can get all the latest on everything at the monthly meetings.

There are several Scottish Rite clubs listed in the Valley of Covington. Some are very active in their areas, some not so much, and some are actually dormant. We have been visiting with them with the intent to bring them on line with the needs and hopes for the Valley and ultimately make all of them active and involved as they once were. They will become our public exposure to the people in their local area and we expect to gain new members from their involvement. Stay tuned for more exciting news on this subject.

May 15th and 16th, we are back at the Temple for our two day Reunion. July has us possibly taking a tour to Washington D.C, to visit Masonic entities including the House of the Temple. Remember the Masonic plays? They are coming back! There is so much more in store. We will be bringing Masonic education back with guest lectures at the monthly meetings. It is a good time to be a Freemason in the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Covington. Look forward to seeing you soon.

In the Bond of Brotherhood,
Ray Murphy, 33°
Personal Representative,
Valley of Covington

Greetings from West Kentucky Scottish Rite Consistory. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. I am Mack A. Scott, 32°KCCH, I have been appointed Secretary/Registrar. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming years.

Starting off the New Year there have been some changes made at West Kentucky Consistory. Ill. James F. Molt, 33°, Personal Representative, Emeritus and Ill. Dirk R. Molt, 33°, Secretary/Registrar, Emeritus retired as of December 31, 2019. We wish them the very best and look forward to seeing them at Lodge of Perfection meetings and other Scottish Rite events. Jay Rodgers, Office Manager will also be retiring as of the completion of the 2019 books. Jay has been with us for 27 years. She will be missed. She wishes to convey her thanks for many great years of love and respect she has been shown by all of whom she calls her extended family. Jay says they will always be in her heart and prayers.

In 2019 the Scottish Rite JROTC award was presented to a Cadet in thirteen High Schools

JROTC Award Recipients - Congratulations to:
Henderson High School - Candace Beresford
Muhlenberg Co.High School - Trenton Howard
Apollo High School - Cristina Wertz
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Owensboro High School -Samuel Wilson
McClean Co. High School -
Christian Co High School - Sandra Valasco
Greenwood High School - Ashton Bell
Hopkins Co. Central High - Bryan Morgan
Warren East High School - Nick Chapman
Butler Co. High School -
Logan Co. High School -Jordyn Drone

Thanks to all presenters for taking the time out of their busy schedules to do the presentations: James Roll, Keith Tabb, Barry Spencer, Jr., Mack Scott, James Osborn, Bob Scarborough, Bruce Outlaw, & Cecil Cassidy

Congratulations to “Bob” Robert Scarborough and Randall Ware on receiving their 33°
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February 2020

It seems strange that unless a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Kentucky Masons know very little about MW Brother Rob Morris who served the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as Grand Master in 1858-59. He was one of the three ‘greats’ in Masonic Literature at that time, along with Albert Pike and Albert Macke. An avid writer, Morris published, to name a few, “The Voice of Masonry and Tidings for the Craft”, a semi-monthly paper; “The Freemasons Monitor” by Thomas Smith Webb; “The Prudence of Freemasonry”; “The History of Freemasonry in Kentucky”; “The Archives of Freemasonry”; “The Trumpet, a Knight Templars Handbook”; the “American Freemason”; and “The Universal Masonic Library” which contained 53 standard works of ritual, published in 30 volumes, bound in high grade leather, and selling for $50.00 a set. Here are some short facts about our Past Grand Master, Rob Morris.

Rob Morris was highly respected in his time, and frequently was requested to write poems for special Masonic occasions. His book “The Poetry of Freemasonry” containing over 400 of his compositions was published in 1884, the same year Rob Morris was named “Poet Laureate of Freemasonry”. This certainly was a crowning jewel in his life. Over 1000 Masons attended the celebration. He succeeded Scottish poet Robert Burns who was honored as Poet Laureate in in 1787. Morris’s most famous poem “The Level and the Square” has been recited by Masons in lodges throughout the Masonic world. For a copy, just email the library.

Morris’s organization of a Masonic Lodge in Jerusalem, Royal Solomon Mother Lodge #293, through the Grand Lodge of Canada, was assisted by Zionist leader and co-founder of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, Charles Netter. The AIU safe guards the lives of Jewish people around the world. The first meeting of Lodge #293, was held May 7, 1873, in King Solomon’s quarries, underneath old Jerusalem. It was the first Masonic Lodge in the Holy Land.

The ‘Morgan Affair’, which politically split our country, closed many Masonic lodges, causing great concern among the Grand Lodges throughout the country. The lodges that survived, had fewer and fewer members who knew the ‘work’, and lodge ritual suffered. Throughout the Grand Lodges, Morris wanted to re-establish the Thomas Smith Webb ritual work of 1795, which was an American edited version of the William Preston’s lectures. He created the ‘Conservators’, a group to see the Webb ritual would be used correctly, throughout the Grand Lodges of America. He secretly requested the support of Masonic leaders in every state, and set-up an intricately coded ritual. Morris dedicated himself to seeing it succeed, by his own lecturing, in his publications, and his promotion of masonic ‘schools’.

Morris set himself up as the Chief Conservator, who would rule over the coded ritual. However, Masons in other states were not ready to be told that their ritual was wrong, and should obey the Conservator movement. Morris had promised to shut down the operation of the Conservators, if not accepted within a set time limit, and true to his word, he did. Morris was well-loved by his fellow Kentuckians, but the failure of the Conservator movement influenced Kentucky Masons against a standard; one size fits all, ritual, and Kentuckians currently use several rituals, legal or not. Rob Morris was a teacher for about 10 years before becoming a Mason. In 1845 he became President at the Mt. Sylvan Academy and a Mason in 1846 near Oxford, Mississippi. Although the poor wages led him to change careers, his teaching experience would serve him well in his move to Kentucky. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky had assumed the Funk Seminary in La Grange in 1844. By 1850, the re-named Masonic University of Kentucky and was on par with Kentucky’s Centre College and Transylvania University. The Morris family moved to La Grange in 1860, and at the University, Morris taught history and was granted a doctor of law degree, and then assumed the leadership of the University. At the outbreak of the Civil War, membership naturally began to drop and the failure of the school was becoming evident. The University was sold in 1873 for dollars to be used to support the Widow’s and Orphan’s Home.

The Order of the Eastern Star is Rob Morris’s greatest success. At the time when women rights were becoming a political issue, Rob Morris was writing the ritual for the Eastern Star. Other adoptive masonry had existed, but Morris had found them dull and lacking substance. He wanted something better. Room does not allow to tell the Eastern Star story, but the facts are that membership in the Order is worldwide, with an approximate membership of 425,000 in over 4000 Chapters with charity in the $15 million dollar range supporting cancer, heart disease, educational scholarships, Religious leadership training, service dogs, and youth development; as well as preservation of four historical sites, including the Rob Morris Home in La Grange, Kentucky. An Eastern Star Home for seniors is located in Louisville.

Rob Morris received harsh and sometimes ‘nasty’ criticism for the founding of ‘Ladies Masonry’, and also for the ‘Conservator’ movement. Many nationally known Masons publically criticized his work. But Morris saw the need for raising the level of the ritual and the need to give women a voice. He loved his Masonry! He loved his Eastern Star! After his death, money had to be raised to pay his debts. He had given his all! "--------What do you think?"

For a very personal look at Rob Morris, Nancy Stearns Theis PhD (Oldham Co. Historical Society) has produced a book from over 200 letters written between Morris and his family. “A Place in the Lodge” is available at the Masonic Library, along with several books written by M.W. Rob Morris; including his book of Poems, issues of The Voice, and the American Freemason. 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
By-Laws

Robert M. Sirkle Lodge No. 954
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Robert M. Sirkle Lodge No. 954 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Salem Lodge No. 81
At the next stated communication in February following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Salem Lodge No. 81 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

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Resolution of Respect

Bruce Trice
Jerusalem Lodge No. 9, F&AM
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In memory of Brother Bruce Trice
Who died on December 10, 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, after having enjoyed many years of the Masonic labors of Faith, Hope, and Charity with all of his Brethren was “elevated from this earthly nature, to the glorious heights of God’s eternal Truth” As your soul wings its way to that unbounded and uncharted expanse, may it be your portion, to hear from Him who sitteth as Judge Supreme,” these welcome words, “well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou, to the joys of thy Lord”; therefore be it;
RESOLVED, that Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 F&AM, 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 condolences in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

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