Front row left to right: F. Keith Dreier, PGM, (163, 999), Grand Treasurer, E. Darren Wilson, (14, 437, 997), Grand Senior Warden, James H. Gibson, (255,491,997), Deputy Grand Master, Ernest C. Jackson, (869, 998), Grand Master, Richard F. Short, (111, 997), Grand Junior Warden, Donald H. Yankey, PGM,(586, 633), Grand Secretary


**2020 Reception Dinners**

*Most Worshipful Grand Master*

**Ernest C. Jackson**

November 7, 2020 - 6:00 PM
Ticket Contact: Ernie Gullett (606) 226-4960

*Right Worshipful Grand Jr. Warden*

**Richard F. “Dick” Short**

December 5, 2020 - 5:00 PM/6:30 PM Dinner
Ticket Contact: Somerset Lodge (606) 307-1155

Both Reception Dinners to be held at:

Oleika Shrine Temple
326 Southland Drive, Lexington, KY 40503
Tickets $25 each.
Grand Master’s Message

Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Worshipful Grand Lodge Appointed Officers, Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Grand Lodge Committeemen, Distinguished Guest From Appendant Bodies Masters, Wardens, Brothers, Family, Ladies, Friends and all, Welcome! First and foremost, I want to thank God for His blessings.

As I stand before you my heart humbled. Thank you for being here at the installation of officers for the 221st Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. It is a great honored for me to serve as the Grand Master of Kentucky. To have my name added to the long list of Great Men that also served this great fraternity.

I want to thank the installing officers: MWPGM Chris Stout, Installing Master, MWPGM Tim Sanders, Installing Marshal and MWPGM Geary Laird, Installing Chaplain. It’s an honor and privilege to have these distinguished Past Grand Master’s install me.

The one person in my life, I cannot thank enough, has given me more support than I could ever asked for. Never complaining, with all the days and late nights being gone, having to pick up the slack at home and with the family for the last serval years. My rock, love of my life, my wife Jackie.

On my journey here, we have lost my first-born Son “Nick”, in 2015. Then this September 19”, 2020, we lost Jackie’s first-born Son “Curtis.” How we wish Nick and Curtis, could have been here with us today. Nick left us two Grandsons that we are proud of, not only are they good men, but good brothers in my lodge.

Thanks, to my Brothers of James W. Alley #869, (known as The Alley Cats) with their support and encouragement throughout the years. I Love you all. I’m happy to have my sisters Shirley, Alma, my brother in laws, Bud and Jack with us here today. Love you, Sisters.

Thanks, for all the support from James, Darren, Keith, Don, and their ladies. To all the past Grand Masters that has given me guidance throughout the years. Congratulations to our new GJW Brother Richard “Dick” Short.

If I try to say thank you to everyone that has touched my life on my journal here, the names would be endless. So, thanks to everyone I do not mention.

I want to say that we, the Grand Officers with all my DDGM and Committeemen, will continue to work and keep Grand Lodge of Kentucky the Best Fraternity of Masons.

I hate that our Jr. MWPGM Geary Laird, had the hand dealt to him this past year. I do not envy the tuff decisions he had to make.

I have chosen the Masonic Level as my Grand Master’s Statewide Traveling Level. As Masons, we are taught that all men are equal in the eyes of our Creator is a primary teaching that the Ancient Level represents. In Masonry the Level is used to remind members that we are all equal, in that everyone operates on the same level of time. The ideal behind the Grand Masters Traveling Level is to be rewarding, meeting other Masonic Brothers, and gaining recognition for you and your lodge brothers.

As we start a new year we will go by the Constitution and the directives of the Governor. I am sure under the Governors directives there is not a lodge in Kentucky, that 3 brothers in a lodge can’t open, do business as Master Masons, Starting from this date 10-20-20. My DDGM of all 30 districts will begin making their visits to all their lodges across the state of Kentucky.

Ernest C. Jackson
Grand Master 2020-2021
Brothers if you or your lodge does not feel safe doing degree work, then don’t do it. Just use common sense. If you feel sick or unsafe, please stay home. I am greatly confident that you have brothers in your lodge that will step up and keep things going until you can get back to your lodge.

Lodges stated meetings will be observed as, the Constitution states. If you meet twice a month and want to meet only once a month. Then, change your bylaws. We have been through many things in this fraternity. This Pandemic we will get through as well. We are men of character and principle. “God, Family First.”

This year, Jackie and I have pledged our support to the Musical Therapy Program for the residents at Masonic Homes of Kentucky. There is no cure for dementia. Music is being increasingly used as a therapeutic tool for people with dementia. Therefore, we have chosen to establish a program for 2020-2021 called “Memories through Music.”

Our goal is $20,000 to purchase musical instruments, in-room radios/cd players, musical therapy program costs, and provide live entertainment. Please help us in reaching our goal.

At this time, I am not handing down any guidelines to go by, nor, continuing any that has been handed down. We have our Book of Constitution and our Governor directives. So, with that being said, I put control in the hands of the Lodges to follow the Constitution and the Governor directives.

Let us go out on the Level and have a great year. May God bless us all and this great Fraternity.

Fraternally Thine,

ERNEST C. JACKSON
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS 2020-2021
GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F.& A.M.
2020 Reception Dinner

Right Worshipful Grand Jr. Warden
Grand Lodge of Kentucky
RICHARD F. “DICK” SHORT

December 5, 2020
Social gathering 5:00 PM ET
Dinner served 6:30 PM ET

Oleika Shrine Temple 326 Southland Drive,
Lexington, Ky. 40503

Tickets $25.00 each

Payable to Somerset Lodge 111
Contact: Dave Avera 606-305-3355
Thorne Roberts 606-307-1155
Terry Gilreath 606-416-2323
Annual golf scramble has record setting year

Masked in support, Masonic Homes Kentucky set a record year for its annual golf scramble to benefit Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool at Kosair Charities Center. Golfers enjoyed a new venue with the event being held at Valhalla Golf Club on Monday, Sept. 28. The scramble raised $160,000 that will be used toward the nurturing and care of the exceptional children we serve.

The Winning Team was Owen Funeral Homes with a score of 65. Pictured, L-R, Josh Richardson, David Owen, Kyle O’Bryan and Mike Nash.

The Last Place Team was Louisville Scottish Rite with a score of 88. Pictured, L-R, Ronald Miller, Terry Bowman, James Brown and Randy Bowman posted a score of 88.

A special thanks to our presenting sponsor the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.

Badge of a Mason Program

A giving opportunity that supports Masons or widows residing in Masonic Homes Kentucky

Known for a legacy of community giving, today 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, Masonic Homes Kentucky introduced the Badge of a Mason Program in 2019. Funds raised from the program support Masons or widows that may need assistance while residing at Masonic.

Each year, a special apron is designed for each level of giving that features a rendering of an iconic landmark on the Masonic properties.

Levels of support include:

- BRONZE: $1,500
- SILVER: $3,000
- GOLD: $5,000
- PLATINUM: $10,000

For more information on the Badge of Mason program, contact Jason R. Wilson, senior vice president and chief development officer, Masonic Homes Kentucky, at 502.753.8861 or jwilson@masonicky.com.
**The Craft at Work**

**Burnside Masonic Lodge #634** had the distinct honor of initiating three new brethren at a recent lodge meeting. From left are: Doug Huntsman, Past Master, Frankie Goodman, Junior Warden, Bruce King, acting Senior Deacon, new brothers Michael Workman, Jacob Gibson, Brandon King and Tyler Lee, Junior Deacon. Congratulations to the new brothers.

*photo by Donnie Brake*

**East Point Masonic Lodge #657** At a stated meeting in September Brothers Morris Dean Harless and Robert Anthony Gullett were presented their Master Mason proficiencies by Adam Lyons, Master. Congratulations Brothers.

**Irvine Lodge #137 F&AM** initiated three new E.A. Masons at their September 2020 meeting. They are L-R Jouette Harrison, Donald Reed Templeton, and David Griffin.
In 1878, the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home Board reported that Brother James A. Hodges (Hiram #4) was teaching the printing trade to boys of the ‘Home’ and within five years, Volume 1, No. 1, of the Masonic Home Journal was first published June 14, 1883, under the editorial guidance of H.B. Grant, Grand Secretary. However, several Masonic news publications had previously been available and privately printed in Kentucky, including: “The Masonic Miscellany and Ladies Literary Magazine” in Lexington (1823), “The Masonic Mirror” (Covington), ”The Kentucky Freemason” in 1868 (Frankfort), and of course, PGM Rob Morris’s publications.

The Board purchased new printing equipment and the Grand Lodge sold subscriptions ($1.00 per year) to finance the expense of the newly published semi-monthly issue. Thus, “printed by the boys at the Masonic Home”, the Masonic Home Journal became a reality, and in years following, the Grand Master published his decisions and the Grand Secretary was given a page for his use. Financing would soon be through a $1.00 annual assessment and include all Kentucky Masons. In 1965 the Journal became monthly, in order to save costs of printing and postage. The” Masonic Home” post office became a reality through the assistance of Senator Alben W. Barkley.

Perhaps one of the strangest Masonic stories concerning the Grand Lodge of Kentucky happened over 100 years ago during the Grand Mastership of George D. Winslow. It concerned a controversy between the editors of the Masonic Home Journal and Knights of Columbus.

Following the death of editor and Grand Secretary, H. B. Grant; C. Frank Mann, a former member of the Home, and Joseph W, Norwood of Lexington, became the editors. In 1915 David C. Rose was included as an editor. Rose was a member of St. Andrews No. 18, in Cynthiana. Along with Norwood, he entered into a controversy and the P.H. Callahan about the Knights of Columbus. Failing to notify the Grand Lodge, or any Grand Officer, the ‘Masonic Home Journal’ printed 20 questions for Callahan to answer about the Knights of Columbus. The Board quickly acted with all but Rose voting to discontinue the controversy. A St. Andrew’s Lodge member wrote a letter to the Grand Secretary, which he found, along with other lodge members, to be insulting and un-masonic.

A St. Andrew’s Lodge committee circulated a letter of criticism of the Board of Directors and of course the Grand Lodge officers met with the Lodge and found that most members knew little of the letter. Letters went back and forth between the editors and Board of Directors, criticizing each other. More circulars were sent. The Board had a letter printed forbidding publication of religious and political debates in the Journal. Placed in the same issue was an editorial finding fault with the directors and claiming freedom of the press. The question was who was in charge of the Masonic Home Journal - the Board of Directors and Grand Lodge, or the ‘Masonic Home Journal’ editors?

Grand Master Winslow had printed a pamphlet “Let There Be Light” to explain his views to the Kentucky lodges. That was quickly followed by St. Andrew’s Lodge (who seemed to support their committee) sending to the lodges a 71 page pamphlet containing their views. The ‘Masonic Home Journal” was ordered to furnish each delegate with a copy of “More Light” the editor’s response to “Let There Be Light” at Grand Lodge. Then at the Grand Lodge meeting a resolution of seven items containing in part that the Board had acted appropriately; St. Andrews Lodge didn’t know or approve of the actions of the lodge committee including the sending circulars; the Grand Master had on occasion been imprudent; and the settling of the whole matter by stating that “The Masonic Home Journal” was the property of the Home, and therefore subject to the Board of Directors.

Today, the Masonic Home Journal, the oldest continuously published Masonic Newspaper in the United States; the Official Organ of the Grand Lodge; no longer “printed by the boys of the Masonic Home”, is far superior to the old black and white newspaper of yesteryear. Its creative layout and colorful presentation makes it a pleasure to read and enjoy. Editor Jon S. Dawson (239) goes to great length, month after month to give us a beautiful, full and detailed issue, which one can appreciate and be proud of. Thank you Jon! 

Both pamphlets, “Let There Be Light” and “More Light” are available at the Covington Scottish Rite Library.

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.
Greetings from West Kentucky Scottish Rite Consistory.

I would like to tell you a little about Scottish Rite philanthropy “Childhood Language Development”. West Kentucky Scottish Rite is very proud to be a part of helping today’s children become more productive by teaching them to better understand and speak the spoken word. “Today’s children tomorrow’s leaders.”

West Kentucky Scottish Rite Consistory is the only Temple in Kentucky that has its Childhood Language Disorder Clinic located inside its Temple at 667 Park Avenue, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431.

The Scottish Rite Foundation Childhood Language Disorder Clinic in Madisonville, Kentucky was established in 1991. Preschooler’s age 2-5 years of age who are diagnosed as having a treatable language disorder are treated at no cost to their families. The program is staffed and administered by Daphne Parker, Speech Pathologist. Five to six slots are kept full. Each child is given a one on one 45 minute session each week. The cost of treatment for one child annually is $2,340.00. We treat children who would otherwise go untreated due to the high cost of therapy. It is estimated that hundreds of children could benefit from therapy each year, so the need of many of these children are not met. For more information about please call (270) 821-5260.

The Scottish Rite Language program is national in scope, With 170 centers in operation across the country. Each clinic is supported by their regional Scottish Rite Masons. Each center has the responsibility and major task of raising funds each year to support their own clinic. Donations and or grants have been received from the York Foundation and The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, who have provided much needed funding for equipment and teaching supplies used in the language center. At least 90% of all donations are used for speech pathologist’s fees. All Donations are greatly appreciated. There are four centers in Kentucky alone, Madisonville, Louisville, Covington, and Lexington. Won’t you enjoy the spirit of giving; make your tax deductible donation today.

NEW MEMBERS - October 3, 2020 five candidates were taken to Lexington, Kentucky by Douglas Bunch, 32º KCCH, Personal Representative, Mack Scott, 32º KCCH, Secretary/Registrar, Bruce Outlaw, 32º KCCH, Jon Grantham, 32º and Rodney Adkins, 32º to participate in Lexington’s fall reunion. As a courtesy to West Kentucky Consistory all five candidates received the 4º-32º degree. We would like to congratulate each of our new members, Steven Rogers, Bruce Maxwell, Johnny Goswick, Mark Bradley and Allen Tucker for their desire to further their education in masonry. I hope each of you will make your plans to attend the Lodge of Perfection meetings held on the third Thursday of each month.

Mack A. Scott, 32º KCCH, Secretary/Registrar, Valley of Madisonville 270-821-5260
Burnside Masonic Lodge #634 recently donated twelve bicycles to Burnside Elementary School. The bicycles will be presented to the twelve students who had perfect attendance as of March 2020, before school was changed to at-home schooling due to Covid-19. The bicycle program was started by Grand Lodge of Kentucky Grandmaster Cloyd Bungardner, and has been a program that has presented over 5000 bicycles to school kids with perfect attendance. Congratulations students. Front row l-r are April Mounce, principal of BES and Floyd Casada. Past Master. Back row l-r are David Turner, Past Master, Frankie Goodman, Junior Warden, Robert Lawson, Treasurer and Donnie Brake, Secretary and Past Master.

Job’s Daughters, Bethel #18
Sponsored a blood drive with the American Red Cross at the Kosair Shrine Center on Bardstown Road. Several members made blood donations and volunteered to work at the event. Over 20 people signed up and made donations!

Buford-Landmark #41
Despite the restrictions on public schools throughout Kentucky, the Woodford Co. Masons were able to continue to help the local community with the placing of bicycles in the WC Public Schools for the Perfect Attendance Award Program. Pictured is PM Michael Ford delivering bicycles to Northside Elementary Principal Scott Hundley.

East Point Lodge #657
At a stated meeting in August Brother Jim Ramey, PM was presented his 50 year pin and card.

Members of Louisville DeMolay Commandry No.12, Abraham Lodge #8, Preston Lodge #281, St. Matthews-PRP Lodge #906, and River City Lodge #966 had a day of service and yard beautification at the Commandry Building on Gardiner Lane in Louisville.
Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829 Recently held its annual Past Masters and Widows luncheon. There was a great turnout of Past Masters and Widows, and everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship. Pictured left to right: John Adkins, Tom McShane, Hubert Huffman, Jim Stephens, Gene Crady, Phil Wyatt, Don Whitehouse, Jim Willis, Doug Flowers, Larry Mann, Rob Henry and John Payne.

Vicco Lodge No. 929 Brother Jimmie Callahan received his 50 year pin and card from Gary Jent, Master.

Vicco Lodge No. 929 Brothers displaying their Constitution Awards.

Burnside Lodge No. 634 Brother Billy Thompson was recently raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason
**Resolution of Respect**

**David Edward Williams**  
*Symsonia Lodge No. 917, F&AM  
Symsonia, Kentucky*

In memory of Bro. David Edward Williams, who passed from the bonds of this earth on September 22, 2020. Once again a Brother has finished the designs written for him on the trestle board of life, laid his working tools down, and passed onto Eternity, to receive the rewards of a Master Mason.

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to call a Brother to his heavenly reward; and

WHEREAS, in his passing the Fraternity has lost a true and faithful Brother and his Family a beloved member; therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the Family be extended our Heartfelt Sympathy, and that the Charter of Symsonia Lodge No. 917 F.&A.M. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in testimony of her loss, be draped for thirty days in mourning for Brother, David Edward Williams and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and made a part of the minutes of this Symsonia Lodge No. 917.

Bruce Edward Lyles, Master  
William Deese Vinson, Jr., Secretary

“Our Brother”  
God knew he was getting tired.  
As he laid his working tools down,  
For a cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around him,  
And whispered, “Come unto Me.”  
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,  
As he worked from day to day.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.  
A Golden Heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the Best.

The Membership Symsonia Lodge No. 917

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**By-Laws**

**Burnside Lodge No. 634**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Burnside Lodge No. 634 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**Fleming Lodge No. 112**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Fleming Lodge No. 112 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning Dues. All Brothers are urged to attend.
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4120 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40218

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The face of prayer has changed. The need for prayer has not.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Thank you to veterans and their families.