If you knock...
Greetings Brothers,

It is hard to believe that the Grand Lodge year is rapidly coming to an end, and this will be my last article for the Masonic Home Journal as your Grand Master. In the month of September, we were able to get out and take part in Masonic Events that provided fellowship, recognition, and the opportunity to showcase Masonry in our communities. This is something that I have truly missed for the past several months.

We were fortunate to be able to have our Grand Master’s Veterans Golf Scramble that had been previously cancelled back in May due to the coronavirus pandemic. It was an outstanding day with beautiful weather, fine food and fellowship. There were 36 teams with 144 participants competing in this tournament, helping the Masons of Kentucky continue to support our Veterans. My sincere thanks to Brother Steve Logsdon, Brother Harold Johnson, Special Events Committee, and everyone who participated, for making this a successful and enjoyable day.

The Grand Lodge was asked to perform a Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for the new EMS Building in Versailles, Kentucky by County Judge Executive James Kay. I would like to thank the County Judge, Elected Officials, and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Chris Stout for assisting, and allowing us to be a part of the history of the City of Versailles.

Freemasonry for the past year has been adversely affected due to the restraints brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. When I began the year as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F.&A.M., I never dreamed that we would be faced with such unprecedented times. COVID19 continues to have a dramatic impact on our daily lives and Freemasonry. While it is hard to visualize what the future may hold as we all struggle with COVID19, with many events cancelled or postponed in the past months and future months, our Craft continues to remain strong, resilient, and resourceful. It is times like these where we practice the tenets of Freemasonry, caring for our members and those in need, that makes me proud to be a Mason.

During my time as a Grand Lodge Officer, I was afforded the opportunity to serve on the Board of the Masonic Homes Kentucky. As a member of the Board, I had the distinct pleasure to work with the dedicated members who served on that Board. Their dedication, integrity, and unwavering commitment to our Homes is truly inspiring and I am proud to be apart of this incredible organization. During my time as a Board member, I have seen many successful programs and growth at our Masonic Homes. Having endured a challenging year due to the coronavirus pandemic and overcoming much adversity, proves without a doubt, we have leadership that will lead us to a better tomorrow. The Masonic Homes Kentucky is a facility that all Masons across this great Commonwealth can be proud of.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the First Lady’s Program this year, “Transforming Lives”. With assistance from Bruce Lott and others from the Masonic Homes, we were able to implement this program to help residents with various rehabilitation needs. My heart-felt thanks to Brother Bruce Lott for his many years of service to the Masonic Homes Kentucky and for the help and support he has given to all Masons across the state. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your 210th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.& A.M.
I want to thank all of those who made this journey possible and memorable. Words are not enough to express the gratitude in my heart for all those who supported and served the Masons of Kentucky.

I have only one regret, that those who I appointed to serve as Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, DDGMs, and Committee-men were not able to have the year that they truly deserved. In a time when our country and communities are filled with uncertainty and moral decline, we still have hope, through Freemasonry. Now more than ever, our communities, our country, and the world need Freemasonry.

Your Grand Lodge Officers stand ready and willing to assist whenever needed to ensure that Masonry will continue to thrive for many years to come. I am forever grateful for their support and assistance. We are truly fortunate to have these individuals who serve and represent Freemasonry. Wishing next year’s Grand Line Officers, the absolute best.

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 MASON,
GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F.& A.M.

You are invited to join First Lady Terri Laird for a

Ladies Bruncheon

Monday, October 19, 2020
at 10:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by:
10/2/2020
Call: 502 893-0192

Hope to see you there!


L-R: Master Pro-Tem Brandon McCoy presents DDGM #13 Steven L. Logsdon, Interrogators; Roy Caudill, Apron Lecture plaque and GS/PGM Donald H. Yankey took the Bible Lecture plaque. Aurora Lodge members are very proud of them.
What is Missing From Freemasonry?

“In my Lodge, we only dress up for important meetings!” These words were spoken in defiant explanation as to why a Kentucky Freemason refused to wear a suit and tie to Lodge. While this may accurately reflect the thinking of many Masons, the statement immediately begs the question, “Why aren’t all Lodge meetings important?”

Freemasonry’s ritualistic ceremonies distinguish our Craft from the various civic organizations that exist alongside it. Our opening and closing ceremonies have a specific purpose. The ritual is the vehicle through which we transition ourselves from the profane world into the sacred. The opening ceremony is the final step in preparing our hearts and minds for our communion as Brothers. It is also the process by which we transform our ordinary meeting spaces into holy ground, where the Grand Architect of the Universe is present with us. Failing to recognize the importance of our ceremonies and what they represent has led to far more serious omissions in Freemasonry than mere inappropriate attire.

Theoretically, transitions and transformations occur every time we open and close our Lodges. It seems, however, that we have grown desensitized to their meaning. Because we see the ritual performed routinely, we have come to take it for granted. We should, however, constantly remind ourselves that the act of opening a Masonic Lodge invokes the divine power of the universe – an act that should be neither ignored nor taken lightly.

Do we expect to see changes in the lives of men as a result of their involvement in Freemasonry? It’s hard to justify such an expectation if we routinely disregard the spiritual force in our Lodges that can effect such change.

The fact that we no longer view our Lodge meetings as important events says far more about us than it does about Freemasonry. It is a jarring indicator that, as Freemasons, we fail to understand one of the most fundamental aspects of our Fraternity. A communication of a Masonic Lodge is more that just a business meeting. Its purpose is wholistic in nature and, in part, is intended to address the spiritual aspects of man’s being.

As Freemasons, we like to say that we “make good men better.” Indeed, the purpose of Freemasonry is to bring about a transformation in the life of a man, taking him from his rude, imperfect state and rendering him, whole and complete, a living stone worthy of the spiritual temple. If we, as Freemasons, do not recognize (and teach) the importance of the transformation that occurs in our Lodges, what is the likelihood that we will be able to equip men with the skills necessary to bring about the personal transformation that they seek?

We do our ritual a disservice by treating it as routine. It is not routine, and was never intended to be. By failing to fully invest ourselves in its meaning and its power, we experience only a shadow of Freemasonry’s tremendous promise. The absence of our appreciation for the genuine meaning and importance of our ceremonies, and, correspondingly, the way we fail to apply those teachings in the lives of men, explains, at least in part, the membership freefall that we have experienced over the last sixty years.

The men who made up the five Lodges that met to form the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were not casual in their approach to Freemasonry. That should come as no surprise. The conditions of the era in which they lived hardly allowed them to be casual about anything. But even as they engaged in a daily struggle to survive in an isolated and undeveloped country, they believed that Freemasonry was important enough to deserve the investment of their time and attention. Simply put, these men believed in the promise of Freemasonry and they wanted its influence in their lives. To them, Freemasonry was important enough to sacrifice their precious time and resources to ensure its continued presence in their midst.

In the centuries that have passed since the inception of our Grand Lodge, we have, in the main, lost the fervor that the founders possessed. What have we lost that the founders so clearly possessed?

The answer can be found, at least in part, in two factors. First, we have come to almost completely ignore the spiritual element of Freemasonry. We do not contemplate upon, or even recognize, the intended purpose of our ceremonies.

The spiritual element of Freemasonry, of course, does not belong specifically to one religion. The power of Freemasonry is revealed in the fact that the Lodge is a place where men of all faiths and creeds can unite in the presence of the Grand Architect of the Universe in a spirit of fraternal good will. But to capture the promise of Freemasonry – that spirit of good will – it is necessary to first realize that it is the sacred space created through our ritual that provides the environment in which that spirit may exist and be found.

The second missing factor is the extent of our individual spiritual investment in Freemasonry. We have Brothers who are willing to invest their time. We have some Brothers who are willing to invest in Freemasonry financially. But we have very few Brothers who have invested in Freemasonry at the spiritual level. Again, this should come as no surprise. Who invests in something that they ignore or do not understand? The institution of Freemasonry and the individual Freemason, however, has suffered greatly as a result of that lack of investment.

The absence of spiritual investment is manifested in this manner: we are, largely, Masons of convenience. Our commitment to Freemasonry can be measured by the extent to which we are not inconvenienced by it. When inconveniences are added, such as increased due, dress requirements, or attendance requirements, our commitment to Freemasonry falters.

At the end of the day, the gigantic issue that confronts Freemasonry is how to equip individual Freemasons with the understanding that every meeting of their Lodge is an important event and an opportunity to come to a closer understanding of their Creator. The spiritual force of Freemasonry is the element that is missing in contemporary Freemasonry and if that element is ever successfully addressed all of the other issues that confront Freemasonry will quickly fall into place.

Dan M. Kemble
Past Master, William O. Ware Lodge of Research
Kentucky DeMolay’s Installation of Officers was held on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Louisville, Kentucky. Due to the virus this event was limited to family, friends and some advisors and staff. It was a great day with some exciting new appointments.

Elliott Anderson of Blue Grass Chapter in Lexington, KY is the new 2020-2021 State Master Councilor of Kentucky DeMolay.

The remaining State Officers are: Deputy State Master Councilor, Keilen Frazier; State Senior Councilor, Raice Hunter; State Junior Councilor, Cayden Crank; State Senior Deacon, Owen Jackson; State Chaplain, Braxton Frazier; State Marshal, Merritt Williams; State Scribe, Skylar Hare; Assistant to the Elected Line, Calvin Lu; State Orator, Anthony Lane.

This event was conducted under the leadership of 2019-2020 State Master Councilor Joshua L. Ball, a Master Mason from Bradford Lodge. A luncheon was held to honor Josh and several presentations were made to him.

Braxton Frazier of Cherokee Chapter was named DeMolay of the Year. Junior Past State Master Councilor Joshua L. Ball was presented with the Inspiration Award. Twin Lakes Chapter in Leitchfield was presented the Danny K. Coffey membership Award.

Kentucky DeMolay was presented The Gorman McBride Award which recognizes jurisdictions that brought in more members in 2019 than they did in 2018.

Kentucky DeMolay was presented the Frank S. Land Award for reaching positive growth in 2019-2020. Dad Greg Coffey was named Executive Officer of the Year by DeMolay’s Grand Master John Whitaker.

DeMolay is an international leadership and character-building organization for young men between the ages of 12 and 21, with several local chapters in Kentucky. DeMolay promotes civic awareness, personal responsibility, and helps develop friendships among members in over 1,000 chapters worldwide.

For more information please contact Greg Coffey at 502-724-0107, email coffeygw@twc.com or visit www.kydemolay.org.

Barker Lodge #129

Because of the virus Barker Lodge #129 was forced to cancel our annual Bib overalls and Flowery shirt nights. So we decided to combine the two and reschedule for our July 25 meeting. If you wanted to make it a formal occasion you could wear the Grand Masters tie for this year.

Pictured L to R: RWGM Geary Laird, SW Gary Huggins, Comm Veterans Affairs Robert Knowles, Sec. John Edwin Jolley, DDGM #9 Rick Nickoson, JD Gerald Ralph, M Ray Ralph, Comm Chair Veterans Affairs Richard Short, Marshall Jeff Wright, Visitor Murphy Wilson, RWGSW James Gibson.
Irvine Lodge No. 137

In the above left photo, Bro. Christopher Hunt, Master presented Bro. Charles P. “Doots” Muncy with his 60 year membership pin at his home in Irvine. Due to illness in the family, he isn’t able to attend the Lodge meeting to receive his pin.

Above Right: Bro. Christopher Hunt presented Bro. Howard Calmes with his 65 & 70 year membership pin at his home in Irvine. Bro. Calmes says he doesn’t drive after dark anymore causing him to be unable to attend the Lodge meetings to receive his pins.

Ham Henderson #515 proudly held a pinning ceremony for Brothers Alfred Turner and Gary Emberton. Brother Gary was recognized for 50 years of service and Brother Alfred for 60 years of service. (see photo on left) The Brothers were proudly presented their service pins by their wives Barbara Turner and Connie Emberton. HAM Henderson is proud to have these brothers as members of the lodge. They have been great contributors to our community throughout their years. Congratulations Alfred and Gary, and thank you for your brotherhood.

Burnside Masonic Lodge #634 presented 50-year service pins to some fine masons. Seen from L-R are; James Gibson, Grand Senior Warden, 50 year members; Bobby Casada, David Casada, Denver Casada, Bobby Hardwick, Hayse Baker and Lodge Master Doug Huntsman.

Inset Photo: Brother Harmon Mounce receives his 50-year service pin from Doug Huntsman, Master.

Photo On Right: Brother Jim Brooks (4th from left) recently received his 60-year service pin from James Gibson, Grand Senior Warden and Lodge Master Doug Huntsman. Brother Brooks received his pin in observance of his family.
Brethren,

It is never too late to expand your knowledge in masonry. I would like nothing better than to help you do just that. Stop by the Consistory any Thursday from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. or call me at (270)821-5260.

I would like to share with you some history of the West Kentucky Scottish Rite and its Consistory.

On February 1, 1963 letters temporary were issued for a Council of Kadosh and a Consistory for West Kentucky. In March of 1963 the first class to go from 4°-32° received their work in Madisonville. On October 24, 1963, all of the bodies of West Kentucky Consistory received their charters from The Supreme Council of A.A.S.R., SJ.

The driving force behind the development of a consistory in Western Kentucky was Ill. Luther Smith, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the A.A.S.R., SJ. Brother Smith desired that Kentucky have a third consistory and that it not be located on water especially the Ohio River. Brother Smith communicated his thoughts to the then Deputy of the Supreme Council in Kentucky, the Ill. Charles J. Weber, 33° of the Grand Consistory of Kentucky.

In response to the desires of Brother Smith a meeting was held in Hopkinsville, Kentucky by Brother Weber in December 1961. The exact date and the roster of those in attendance were not recorded, but a partial list has been constructed from the memories of some of the participants:


This meeting resulted in the following decisions:
1. Letters Temporary would be requested at once for a Lodge of Perfection and a Charter of Rose Croix, the other bodies would be sought later.
2. The Consistory would be located in Madisonville, Kentucky.
3. No jurisdiction area was established but we could not organized clubs east of a line from Hancock County to Logan County.
4. Brother Weber appointed Ill. EJ. Schickli, 33° of the Grand Consistory of Kentucky as the director of the development of the consistory. Brother Schickli was ably assisted by Brother Ralph Pryor, 32°KCCH of Paducah, Kentucky. Brother Schickli was empowered by Brother Weber to take such actions as would be necessary to get the Scottish Rite operating in Western Kentucky.


On March 3, 1962 the first class of candidates was initiated. A group of ritualists from the Grand Consistory came and conferred the work in the Lodge of Perfection. A week later the work of the Chapter of Rose Croix was conferred. The candidates were then invited to the Grand Consistory to complete their work. This procedure was repeated in the fall of 1962 the ritualists from the Grand Consistory were gradually replaced by members of the West Kentucky Bodies. In March 1964 the reunion was highlighted by the visit of Ill. Luther Smith, 33°, S.G.C. of the A.A.S.R., SJ. Brother Smith was able to see that his dream of a Consistory in Western Kentucky had been realized.

A History of the Consistory could not be written without a special tribute to Ill. Ralph Pryor, 33° of Paducah. Brother Pryor was the strong right arm of Brother Schickli in getting the consistory started. Brother Pryor devoted an untold number of hours of his time to working on the stage, robe room, ritual work, and etc. His efforts provided the glue that held this consistory together during its early days.

On June 6 1970 the Consistory had its largest class. A total of 215 candidates become Master of the Royal Secret.

The government of all Scottish Rite bodies was changed by Ill. Henry Calusen, Sovereign Grand Commander in the 1970s. The old system of representatives of the S.G.I.G. was replaced with a Chairman of the Sovereign Grand Inspector the General’s Advisory committee. Brother Effinger appointed Ill. Wayne J. Betts, 33° of Madisonville to that post in 1974. Brother Betts rendered outstanding service to the consistory. The building we now occupy was his “Baby” and he steered it through conception, childbirth and infancy. He, like all new “fathers”, had many headaches, but he survived them. Brother Betts served in this capacity until March 8, 1989.

From February 1962 through December 1985 West Kentucky Scottish Rite Bodies leased space from Rizpah Shrine Temple. On May 24, 1985 The West Kentucky Scottish Rite bodies purchased our present building from the former Life Temple church. In 1986 renovations began. The addition of the dining room and extra storage for the stage made this building a complete Scottish Rite facility. Renovations have continued and are ongoing. Since 2004 the Lobby area, Three Offices, Dining Room Sound Room and our Childhood Language Development Center have all been renovated. On October 5, 1986 West Kentucky Consistory, located at 667 Park Avenue, Madisonville, Kentucky was dedicated by S.G.C. Ill. C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, P.G.M. and S.G.I.G. Ill. George R. Effinger, 33°.

Mack A. Scott, 32° KCCH, Secretary/Registrar, Valley of Madisonville 270-821-5260

West Kentucky Consistory
Madisonville, KY
ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE - ORIENT OF KENTUCKY

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COVINGTON SCOTTISH RITE

“I Didn’t Know That……”

When the Grand Lodge of London was formed by four old lodges in 1717 many other old lodges in the London/Westminster area and more especially those outside of London, saw no reason to affiliate with the new Grand Lodge. Fortunately for the Grand Lodge, by 1721 they elected the Duke of Montagu, with newspapers reporting 300 in attendance at his installation. With that kind of publicity, and a noble, heading the new Grand Lodge, many of the independent lodges, but not all, began to affiliate. As the London Grand Lodge grew stronger, it passed rules that members under their jurisdiction should not visit the unwarranted lodges, but masons in those days considered themselves members of the whole Fraternity, free to visit any lodge and saw no reason not to visit lodges they had in the past. There was little a Grand Lodge could do to prevent this from happening. Scant records do exist of such visits in both lodge and Grand Lodge records, but most unwarranted lodges did not preserve their records, and when the lodge failed, it was as if they had never existed.

As Grand Lodge masonry spread to other shores, resistance to be organized and governed was held by some lodges. This was particularly true in Ireland. Masonry had come early to Ireland. One of the oldest Masonic artifacts in the world, the Baal’s Bridge Square found under the foundation stone of the old bridge near Limerick reveals. It is inscribed “I will strive to live with love and care, upon the level and by the square - 1507”. Other evidence of early Irish masonry includes the reference to a Masonic Lodge with members of a variety of occupations in a speech given in 1688 at Trinity College in Dublin, and of course the story of the “Lady Freemason” Elizabeth St. Leger which occurred before Irish Grand Lodge Masonry. It is unknown when the Irish Grand Lodge was formed, but it was in existence in 1725.

Numerous records preserved in the Grand Lodge of Ireland and lodge histories, describe interaction with “un-affiliated” or “hedge” masons. This Irish derogatory term appears to have come from its previous usage as “hedge-schoolmaster”; or one who secretly taught Catholic and Presbyterian children, or those not of the Anglican faith. According to Masonic scholars Leper and Crossle, in 1740 those lodges which had not already received warrants were encouraged to do so. Leper and Crossle surmised that these unaffiliated or “hedge” masons appear to have been hedge masonry was not limited to Northern Ireland. Until the warrant of Belfast Lodge was issued in 1748. However, hedge masonry seemed to be in all sides during “Rebellion of 1798”, which placed both Presbyterians and Catholics against the English laws that were put upon them. The Defenders, mostly from farming communities and generally Catholic by faith, was originally organized to help their poor state of affairs, but later became a ‘secret’ Catholic organization, forming in ‘lodges’ and requiring ceremonies and an oath for new members. They would go on to show strong support for the United Irishmen and distaste for loyalists and Orangeism (named for King William of Orange). One Defender denounced “Orange Men and Regular Masons”, implying he was perhaps a hedgemason. Although one Royal agent complained that ‘every hedgemason in his area are United Irishmen’, a regular Masonic Lodge formed an alliance with some clandestine masons (100 and upward) to denounce the Defenders and declare loyalty to George III. Mirala notes: “In fact, it is plausible to regard (both) Defenderism and Orangeism as forms of hedgemasonry.”

The relaxing of some English laws against Catholics was perceived as a ‘Catholic threat’ by some and several secret organizations were formed. Among them, the Loyal Union of Orange, who aspired to uphold the principals of the Boyne Society and the Masons. However the Boyne Society, named for the Battle of Boyne, accepted members from all faiths, as did the Masons, but the Orange Order wanted only Protestant loyalists, and publicly became thought of incorrectly as “Protestant Masonry”. They organized into lodges, conferred Masonic style degrees, and held parades. The adoption of the edited Masonic rituals, lead to denunciation by regular Masons. The Orange Order quickly moved to claim they had no relationship with Freemasonry, and attempted to separate itself completely by simplifying their ritual, and eliminating some ‘high’ degrees, and publicly declaring that they were absolutely no part of the Masonic Order.

Adding to the condemnation of the Orange Order by Freemasons, was in that Orangemen would do things to harass the
Catholic community, and then gloatingly parade about the streets, enticing the Catholic community into fights. What was once fisticuffs, became killings and house-burnings. The public, thinking erroneously the Orange Order was a form of ‘Protestant Freemasonry’, caused much alarm among the Freemasons, however the fact that both regular and hedgesmasons assisted in the forming the Orange Order as well as the Defenders, is a given.

The Defenders no longer exists, but one can see the old hate and prejudice that continued against English rule in the Irish Republican Army (IRA formed in 1916) and its successor the Provisional Irish Republican Army. The Orange Order still exists today as a Protestant, political movement, meeting in lodges and under a Grand Master, conferring upon its members the Orange degree and the Royal Arch Purple degree. The Royal Black organization although a separate body, confers the ‘high’ degrees on those that have previously received the Orange degrees, and of the age of seventeen and male. The Orangemen still parade at least once a year, sometimes taunting those on the sidelines. In recent years, many of its lodges have been subject to vandalism, but thankfully the extreme violence that arose in the twentieth century, seems to have considerably relaxed. ----- What do you think?

More can be learned about various quasi-Masonic orders, by visiting your Masonic 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.

Welcome new Friends of the Library: Herb Zimmerman and Paul Wright.

West Kentucky Consistory presents
Bro. Willie Simpson, 32°
with his
Knight Commander Court of Honor.

A presentation was held in the home of Brother Willie Simpson by Ill. Terry Bowman, 33°, PGM, Deputy in Kentucky. Brother Bowman presented Brother “Willie” William Virgil Simpson with his KCCCH Red Hat. Brother Mack A. Scott, 32° KCCCH, Secretary/Registrar presented Brother Willie with his 32nd KCCCH Patent. Also present was Ill. Randall K. Ware, 33°. Congratulations Willie. We appreciate all of your hard work.
Greetings Brethren,

By now, you should have received from Supreme Council, your 2021 membership card along with a request to pay your 2021 dues. Supreme Council has taken a bold step. They are trusting you to fulfill your masonic obligation and to send in your dues for next year. Please take the time to realize the importance of paying your dues and think about all that can happen if Supreme Council has the revenue to do the things that we as Masons have obligated ourselves to doing.

On the downside, those of you in the Valley of Covington who are delinquent in payment should have received from the Valley, a notice that you are delinquent and a request to take care of the matter. As Masons, we are all too aware of the fact that bad things happen to people. That is one of the reasons that we exist. Unfortunately, bad things happen to us also. Please do not let pride keep you from being able to continue membership in the greatest organization in the world. If you are having difficulty, let the office manager know, and things can happen. We do it all the time for strangers and we can certainly do it for our own. Somewhere down the road, you may well be the one who helps a Brother. Remember too, that the office manager will keep your problem confidential and only those who need to know a particular issue will be made aware of it.

“Breast to Breast” Brothers!

While we are on the topic of membership, the Membership Committee Chairman, Ron Allari is doing his best to make sure that all of you get necessary information from the Valley in a timely manner. He is in the process of updating information and has informed me that there are a lot of members who are having their email returned. If you have not been getting information or if you think you might have forgotten to give change of address, whether email or physical address, please give the office a call (859-431-0021) and Debbie will be glad to check it for you. I have heard a rumor that she has to file her nails two or three times a day just to have something to do?

On the upside, there has been a lot of work done at the Temple this summer. I want to thank those members who answered my requests for assistance which resulted in among other things; the parking lot guardrail being scraped, cleaned and painted, weeds being removed from areas around the building, a new wall constructed in the dining room and the “Red Room” receiving a complete make over. Brothers, we are always looking for people to volunteer and help with the upkeep of YOUR Temple. If you have a skill or interest, please let us know and we will work with you to make things happen.

Finally, please note that we will NOT have a two-day reunion in October this year for obvious reasons. We will STILL have a stated meeting on Friday, October 9th due to Grand Lodge schedule beginning on the third Friday. The Twelve Hundred Club will meet at 6:30 pm and the stated meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. There will be no meal served. Hope to see you there!

In the Bond of Brotherhood,

Ray Murphy, 33°
Personal Representative, Valley of Covington

Shepherd Scholarship Awarded (article on right)
photo by Jamie Bray, 32° Valley of Lexington
Shepherd Scholarship Awarded

The Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Freemasons recently awarded the ‘Shepherd Scholarship’ to Andrew Melton who will be attending Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama for four years. Melton received encouragement and support from his parents, grandparents and local masons. Bro. Donnie Brake, 33°, PM, Secretary of Burnside #634 along with DDGM, Bro. Michael Gibson, Master of Burnside #634 wrote letters on behalf of Melton. Pictured from left to right: Donnie Brake, Melton’s grandfather Bro. Floyd Casada, 32°, PM of Burnside #634, a member of the Valley of Lexington, Andrew Melton and Lodge Master Michael Gibson. (see photo on left)

Widows Sons from Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois joined together to help make it a huge success. There were 107 motorcycles on the ride at one time stretching approximately one mile in length raising funds to send care packages to our heroes still serving in the Middle East.

The Hugs Project of Western Kentucky’s goal is to insure every member of our armed forces knows that someone is thinking about them. They have chaplains in the Middle East watching for those who get little or no mail from the states. When they find them they get their information to The Hugs Project of W KY and they insure they get a package every month until they return home. Some just need a little bit of a morale boost and this is the perfect way to let them know they are supported and not forgotten. Without the Widows Sons Masonic Riders it would be so much more difficult to come up with the items and the funds to share our love and support with our heroes. THIS is what Masonry is all about. Spending YOUR time and money to help those who need it.

Gayron “Papa Ferg” Ferguson, Master, Ledbetter Lodge No. 952

Some people’s heroes wear capes, mine wear Kevlar

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By-Laws

Salt River Lodge No. 180
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Salt River Lodge No. 180 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning Dues. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Harlan Lodge No. 879
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Harlan Lodge No. 879 will be voting to amend its By-Laws which will include but not limited to changing our stated meeting(s) to include a Saturday night. This vote will be taken on Tuesday, November 03, 2020. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.

Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Hopkinsville Lodge No. 37 will be voting to amend its By-Laws and Hopkinsville Masonic Temple Association. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Grahamville Lodge No. 707
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Grahamville Lodge No. 707 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Grand Master’s Travelling Trowel

Burnside Masonic Lodge #634 (above) recently had the honor of receiving the Grand Master of Kentucky Travelling Trowel.

Paris Lodge #2
Right Angle Lodge #233
(photo on right)
Jim Prince, Secretary of Paris Lodge #2 (left), presents the Traveling Gavel to Master Randy Martin of Right Angle Lodge #233, Winchester, at Right Angle’s August meeting.

Lodge Articles and Submissions

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VALLEY CHAPEL CHAPTER NO. 1 — Meets at Valley Lodge Hall, 9619 Dixie Hwy., 1st Mon. of the month, 7:30 P.M. Kenneth N. Phillips, 33°, P.G.M., 5508 S. Dixie Hwy., Shively 40209.

BULLITT COUNTY BODIES

— Meets 1st & 3rd Sat. monthly 7:30 p.m., 176 Bucky Burton Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42351.


— Meets on 5th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at Bullitt Lodge Hall, High School Drive, Shepherdsville 40165.

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GREEN RIVER SCOTTISH RITE CLUB — Meets the 1st Tuesday monthly at 6:30 p.m. CST; 5700 River Park Rd., Green River, KY 42146.


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The Woodford County Masons placed a cornerstone in the northeast corner of the Ambulance Service Building in Versailles in May of this year. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Grand Master was unable to dedicate this monumental event until Sunday, September 13. The ceremony was well attended by Woodford County Masons and Residents. Pictured at the conclusion of the Dedication Ceremony from left to right are Worshipful Terry McFarland (DDGM District 20), MWPGM Chris Stout, Worshipful Derrick McDaniel (Grand Sword Bearer), Right Reverend Archie Smallwood (Grand Chaplain), Right Worshipful Donald Yankey (MWPGM Grand Secretary), Right Worshipful Keith Drier (MWPGM Grand Treasurer), Brother Freeman Baily (WC EMS Director), Honorable James Kay (WC Judge Executive), Most Worshipful Geary Laird (Grand Master), Right Worshipful Ernest Jackson (Deputy Grand Master), Right Worshipful James Gibson (Grand Senior Warden), Right Worshipful Darren Wilson (Grand Junior Warden), and Worshipful Rick Laird (Grand Marshal).