Greetings Brothers,

It is hard to believe that it is already September and our Annual Grand Lodge session will be here before we know it. Where has this year gone? There have been many questions and concerns about holding our Annual Grand Communication in October. Many jurisdictions have either cancelled or postponed their Grand Communications. Due to the circumstances and the uncertainty of the months ahead, the plan going forward is to have a one-day Grand Communication Session at the Galt House scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 pending approval from the delegates. Registration will be on Sunday, October 18, 2020 and the morning of Monday, October 19, 2020. With the current restrictions and mandates in place, we will be unable to hold the session at levels that we have been accustomed to in the past.

At the present time, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19, attendance will be limited to elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, DDGM’s and one delegate from each subordinate Lodge and other essential members needed to conduct the business of the annual session, including the election. Due to limited capacity, the Ritual Competition scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2020 will be cancelled. It is of utmost importance that each lodge has a delegate and is represented at the upcoming Grand Lodge Session. We will be following the CDC guidelines and the Governor’s directives.

An abbreviated session with only essential business will be addressed. We will provide lunch to all the delegates in attendance. Unfortunately, it is necessary to cancel the John E. Moyers Master Masons Dinner on Monday evening. It is disheartening that we are unable to hold this dinner and invite the Appendant Bodies and other Brothers who regularly attend our Annual Grand Lodge Session, hopefully this pandemic will soon be a very distant memory.

Due to the inability to hold Lodge meetings, we used the internet to host our first ever virtual Town Hall meetings as we navigated through the issues due to the coronavirus pandemic, keeping the craft apprised of the situation. Also, there were two virtual Grand Junior Warden Candidate Forums held enabling the craft to meet the candidates and ask questions concerning their views for Freemasonry here in Kentucky.

As a means to continue our masonic education during the down time, various lodges and individuals provided Masonic educational material for reference through different web pages including the Grand Lodge Website and I would like to thank all that made this possible. The Committee on Masonic Scholars used this platform to reach out to those who wanted to increase their knowledge pertaining to our Book of Constitution. We have had four hundred thirty members who have passed the constitutional quiz since October 2019. My sincere thanks to the Committee on Masonic Scholars for creating an opportunity to continue providing education to our members.

As I look back over the past year, even after being shut down for several months, we were still able to accomplish things that enhanced Freemasonry in Kentucky. The program that the Committee on Masonic Education provided for us was outstanding. Their passion for our fraternity and its history was evident by the enthusiasm they had shown and the many hours they put into the program to ensure its success. My heart-felt thanks to the Committee.
Grand Master’s Message (cont.)

Many times, I have expressed my passion for our ritual in Freemasonry and after having attended the Ritual Competitions in August, it was a pleasure to see others who had that same passion. Masonry teaches many lessons which need to be exemplified in our everyday lives. Now more than ever, we need the lessons of Freemasonry to be more prevalent to overcome the problems we face today. Thank you to the Committee on Ritual Competition and everyone who participated in the competition.

Brothers, I encourage you to hold lodge, if you can do so safely in order that we may take care of business and prepare for our upcoming Annual Communication Session. Continue to follow the guidelines in place and if you are sick please remain at home. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

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

Fraternally Thine,

Geary F. Laird,
GRAND MASTER OF MASONs,
GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY F.& A.M.

Congratulations

Masonic Homes Kentucky would like to welcome Brother Gary C. Rose, PGM, and Brother Tim D. Sanders, PGM, to its Board of Directors. Gary and Tim were elected to fill vacated board seats. Gary will serve on the board until 2021, and Tim’s tenure will run through 2022.

Brother Mark Galloway, Masonic Homes Kentucky Board Member, received his Bronze level apron from the Badge of a Mason Program that started in 2019. The Badge of a Mason is a program designed to support the Masonic brothers, wives and widows. The program is open to individual masons and lodges. Thank you so much Brother Galloway for your continued support.

ON THE COVER

Earlier this year the Masonic Homes Kentucky had the opportunity of providing dinner for the active shift at Campbellsville/Taylor County EMS. The meal was provided in honor of our first responders. Pictured here are; Major Bill Bemis of CTCEMS and the Masonic Homes Ambassador, Steven Dotson.

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!

Can’t Wait to See You

Stop by the Masonic Homes Kentucky Hospitality Suite at Grand Communication. We’ll be in the Azalea room, on the West side of the Galt House, second floor from 8 am-4 pm.
NOMINEES FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Homes Kentucky, will be held at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, October 19, 2020. At that time, five Directors will be elected to serve the Corporation for a term of three years.

The Board of Directors has reviewed the applications submitted for consideration, and has approved and certified their submission to the Membership of the Corporation for election at the Annual Meeting of the membership in October. The five nominees receiving the most votes at the Annual Meeting shall be declared elected. A brief biography and photograph of each nominee follows in no particular order:

**HAROLD E. ARMSTRONG**
Elizabethtown, KY

Lodge/Affiliations: Stephensburg Masonic Lodge No. 212; Franklin Crossroads (Master 1974) District Deputy Grand Master for District 13 in 1977-78; Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, October 2000-2001

Life Member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville

Edmonds Chapter No. 83, RAM; Lebanon Council No. 56, RSM; Marion Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar

Kosair Shrine Temple, Louisville Kentucky; Red Cross of Constantine, Louisville Kentucky

Demolay Legion of Honor, Life Member; Honorary Membership in several Masonic Lodges

Life Member Society of Past Masters, Northern, Southern and Central Kentucky; C. Frye Haley Past Master Association

Occupation:
Retired Customer Service Representative - First Federal Savings Bank
Retired Manufacturing Facility Manager - Gates Rubber Company

Education: University of Kentucky

Board Experience:
Board of Directors National Management Association

Masonic Homes Kentucky: 1997-2001, 2008-Present; Chairman 2018 - Present

Red Cross Volunteer Board

**WILLIAM D. VINSON, JR.**
Symsonia, KY


By-Laws Committee (2013, 2019) Finance Committee (2015 – Present); Marlin White Lodge of Research #997

District Deputy Grand Master – District 2 (2014-2015); Scottish Rite, 32°, Valley of Madisonville

York Rite Bodies: Lindsay Chapter No. 69; Mayfield Council No. 39; Mayfield Commandery No. 49

Knights Templar

Lakeland Past Master Society, Life Member and President; Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc., Life Member; Tennessee Lodge of Research

Occupation:
Frito Lay, Inc. Division of PepsiCo, Inc., Retired, 31 years of service

Education: Paducah Tilghman High School

Board Experience:
Kentucky Archers Association (1983-2019) State President (1988-2001);


National Rifle Association of American, Life Endowment Member

Masonic Homes Kentucky, Director (2017 – Present), Nominations, Finance, and Governance Committees

Masons Helping Masons (2015 – 2020), Committee Chairman

**RONALD S. CAUGHRON**
Frankfort, KY

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

Kosair Shrine

Occupation:
SVN/Premier CRE & Auctions, Managing Director/Owner, 2018-Present

SVN/Ward Commercial Group, Senior Advisor, 2008-Present

Education: University of North Carolina School of Business

Board Experience:
Board of Directors National Management Association

Masonic Homes Kentucky: 1997-2001, 2008-Present; Chairman 2018 - Present

Red Cross Volunteer Board

**OWEN T. WETZEL**
Louisville, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations: Fairdale Lodge No. 942; King Solomon Lodge No. 5; Kosair Shrine; Society of Past Masters of Central Kentucky

York Rite: Louisville Council No. 4; Demolay Commandery No. 12 Knights Templar

Occupation:
Kentucky Army National Guard - Master Sergeant, Recruiting and Retention

Education:
Franklin-Simpson High School

Asbury University, Bachelors of Science

Board Experience:
VFW Post 1170; Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

Kentucky Recruiting and Retention Battalion, Frankfort, KY, Operations NCO & NCOIC

149th Garrison Command, Bagdad, Iraq, Operations NCOIC

198th MP Battalion, Louisville, KY, Transportation NCO

**BOBBY GRIGGS**
Povery Ridge, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations: Madison Lodge No. 183PM; Kingson Lodge No. 315, PM; O.D. Henderson Lodge No. 437, PM & Treasurer

Marlin White Lodge of Research #997; Scottish Rite, Valley of Lexington; Irvine Chapter, OES; Rising Star Chapter, OES

District Deputy Grand Master - District 25, 2012; Grand Junior Deacon 2016; Committee on Masonic Scholars, 2017 - Present

Occupation:
Teacher, retired; Madison Central H. S. 1993-2012

Education: Madison County High School

University of Kentucky, AA; Eastern Kentucky University, BS, MA

**RICHARD L. SHIVEL**
Russell Springs, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations: Columbia Lodge No. 96; Russell Lodge #284, PM; Ashland Lodge #640, PM; Kosair Shrine; Mark Twain Shrine Club, Past President; Royal Order of Jesters

Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville

Occupation:
US Postmaster, Retired

Owner/Operator Tractor Trailer, Retired

Education:
Berea College

Upward Bound Program, initial member
NOMINEES FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
(continued from previous page)

Lodge/Affiliations: Jeffersonsown Lodge No. 774; Abraham Lodge No. 8, PM
Scottish Rite Valley of Louisville, Heritage Committee
Chairman; Kosair Shrine; National Sojourners #512
Heroes of ’76 Zachary Taylor Camp; Society of Past Masters
Occupation:
Retired USAF and Federal Civil Service; Littlefield
Realty Company, Real Estate Broker (60 years), Realtor #977
Education:
Woodruff High School, South Carolina; University of
Louisville; Sullivan Business College

WENDELL
LITTLEFIELD
Louisville, KY

Board Experience:
Masonic Homes Kentucky, Director; Jeffersontown City Council; Planning and
Zoning Commission
Chairman of Residential, Commercial and Industrial Commission
Director of Police Department; Director of City Engineering Committee; Scot-
tish Rite Foundation board member
Kosair Shrine House Committee Chairman; Kosair Flying Fez Unit, Director

DAVID F.
BRODERICK
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations: Bowling Green Lodge No. 73; Riz-
pah Shrine; York Rite Bodies, Bowling Green Chapter
No. 38, RAM
Bowling Green Council No. 74, Royal & Select
Masons; Bowling Green Commandery No. 23, Knights
Templar
Occupation:
Attorney - Broderick & Davenport, PLLC, Bowling
Green, KY
Education: College High School; Western Kentucky
University; Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, University of
Louisville

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

Howard Lodge #819 - Bro. Terry Harris, Master of Howard Lodge #819 traveled to Cedar Grove Marina in New Tazewell, TN, on July 25, 2020, to present a 50 year pin to Tony Tolliver amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. It was presented on Bro. Tolliver’s house boat with his entire family present.

Bro. Eugene Avery was presented the “2020 Master of Community Outreach” Certificate by Secretary Dave England.

Brother Gene Avery is a (60 year member) who has served his Lodge as Past Master, and many years as the Secretary.

For his hard work and dedication toward his Community, several years past Bro. Gene received “The Home Town Hero award” presented by WBKO TV, in Bowling Green, Ky. He also is one of the Charter members of the Metcalfe County American Legion Post where he served many years as the Adjutant. It is a special honor for the members of Edmonton Lodge #931 to award our esteem Brother (91 yrs. young) this Award to show our appreciation for his efforts of many years of Service to the Community and his Lodge.
## Candidates for Grand Junior Warden

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<td>Ekron, Kentucky&lt;br&gt;Lodge / Affiliations: Harrison Lodge No. 122&lt;br&gt;Marlin White Lodge of Research No. 997 (Charter Member)&lt;br&gt;Grand Lodge of Kentucky&lt;br&gt;DDGM District 9, 2013-2012 / 2015-2016 Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation 2015, 2016, Chair 2017 Committee on Ritualist Advisors Area 2-B, 2018-Present&lt;br&gt;Masonic Homes of KY&lt;br&gt;Ambassador, District #9 2014-2019&lt;br&gt;Scottish Rite&lt;br&gt;Valley of Louisville, 32°&lt;br&gt;Shriners International&lt;br&gt;Kosair Shriners&lt;br&gt;Society of Past Masters&lt;br&gt;C. Frye Haley &amp; Central Kentucky</td>
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<td><strong>Robert C. Knowles</strong></td>
<td>Owensboro, Kentucky&lt;br&gt;Lodge / Affiliations: Stanley Lodge No. 878 P.M.&lt;br&gt;Yellowbanks Lodge No. 957, PM (Demitted)&lt;br&gt;Grand Lodge of Kentucky&lt;br&gt;DDGM District #7, 2017-2018 Committee on Veterans Affairs Committee on Special Events&lt;br&gt;Scottish Rite&lt;br&gt;West Kentucky Consistory, 32°&lt;br&gt;Tri-County Scottish Rite Club, President&lt;br&gt;Shriners International&lt;br&gt;Rizpah Shriners&lt;br&gt;Owensboro Shrine Club, President&lt;br&gt;Owensboro Shrine Clowns&lt;br&gt;Hillbilly Clan #37, Outhouse #1&lt;br&gt;Occupation: Owner/Operator of Knowles Auto Sales and Service, Stanley, KY Education: Apollo High School Daviess Co. Vocational Technology</td>
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<td>Waynesburg, Kentucky&lt;br&gt;Lodge / Affiliations: Waynesburg Lodge No. 328 - Past Master&lt;br&gt;Grand Lodge of Kentucky&lt;br&gt;DDGM District #21; 1996-97&lt;br&gt;Grand Marshall; 2015-16&lt;br&gt;Ambassador to Scottish Rite; 2016-2018&lt;br&gt;Grand Rep. to Grand Lodge of KY; 2016-Present&lt;br&gt;Committee of First Responders; 2016-Present&lt;br&gt;Scottish Rite&lt;br&gt;Valley of Covington 32°&lt;br&gt;York Rite&lt;br&gt;W.R. Shelby Sr. Chapter No. 3&lt;br&gt;Earl Ransdell Council No. 4&lt;br&gt;Paintsville Commandery No. 7&lt;br&gt;Order of the Eastern Star&lt;br&gt;Waynesburg No. 501, Member&lt;br&gt;Society of Past Masters&lt;br&gt;Southern Kentucky</td>
<td>Owner/Operator of Knowles Auto Sales and Service, Stanley, KY Education: Apollo High School Daviess Co. Vocational Technology</td>
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<td><strong>William “Bill” Perry, II</strong></td>
<td>Owensboro, Kentucky&lt;br&gt;Lodge / Affiliations: Marlin White Lodge of Research No. 997&lt;br&gt;Grand Lodge of Kentucky&lt;br&gt;DDGM District #3 2014-2015&lt;br&gt;Masonic Homes of KY&lt;br&gt;Ambassador 2009-2013&lt;br&gt;Committee of First Responders; 2016-Present&lt;br&gt;Scottish Rite&lt;br&gt;Valley of Lexington 32°&lt;br&gt;York Rite&lt;br&gt;Somerset Chapter No. 25, Council No. 68&lt;br&gt;Commandery No. 31&lt;br&gt;Shriners International&lt;br&gt;Olivera Shriners&lt;br&gt;Society of Past Masters&lt;br&gt;Appalachian, Central Kentucky</td>
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<td><strong>Richard F. “Dick” Short</strong></td>
<td>Somerset, Kentucky&lt;br&gt;Lodge / Affiliations: Past Master, &amp; Current Secretary&lt;br&gt;Marlin White Lodge of Research No. 997&lt;br&gt;Grand Lodge of Kentucky&lt;br&gt;DDGM District #22. 2016&lt;br&gt;Committee on Veterans Affairs, Chairman, 2017&lt;br&gt;Grand Tyler, 2018</td>
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<td>Walton, Kentucky&lt;br&gt;Lodge / Affiliations: Phoenix Lodge No. 719&lt;br&gt;Col. Clay Lodge No. 159&lt;br&gt;Past Master, &amp; Lifetime Chaplain&lt;br&gt;Widows Sons of Kentucky Masonic Riders Assn.&lt;br&gt;Immanuel’s Builders Chapter, Secretary</td>
<td>Owner of Perry’s Floors and More, LLC Education: Graduate Caldwell Co. High School University of Kentucky</td>
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Brethren,
I sincerely hope and pray this note finds you and your Families well during these times of trial and hardship. As we return to our Business Meetings, your attendance would be most appreciated. Especially when we resume having Reunions. There are many areas in your Consistory where you can assist, such as, degree work, staging, kitchen crew, robing room, greeting, just to name a few. By volunteering you will definitely increase you Scottish Rite experience.

I hope everyone and your families are doing well. This month we want to talk a little about our Scottish Rite history here at the Valley of Lexington. The following is a timeline and a rendering of our temple.

The History of Lexington Consistory consists of:

January 18, 1971: Letters Temporarily issued for all four Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Lexington
January 25, 1971: Officers of all Bodies were installed by Ill. Robert Kinnaird 33°
May 15, 1971: First Reunion was held, class totaled 408, the largest in nearly 120-year history of Scottish Rite Masonry in KY.
October 18, 1971: Supreme Council issued charters to all four Bodies
April 15, 1973 (Palm Sunday): Groundbreaking ceremonies for new Temple
May 1, 1973: Work begins on new Temple
May 5, 1974: Dedication and Cornerstone laying ceremonies
May 18, 1974: First class held in Temple
December 5, 1977: Payments completed on Building

Again, allow me to introduce you to a very exciting website sponsored by the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite and Shriners International. (BeAFreemason.org) This new website brings a wealth of knowledge to a man interested in joining Freemasonry.

Please continue to check in on our senior members and keep our Families, Nation and our Fraternity in prayer. Take care and may God Bless!

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

Brethren,
It is with regrets that I inform you that the Ill George Combs 33° Reunion has been postponed due to the ongoing pandemic. We will keep you posted as things progress.

May God bless you and our Country!

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

Current Location of Scottish Rite Lexington Consistory #4
553 Rosemont Garden, Lexington KY
Meets 3rd Thursday of each month, dark Jan/Feb

I am continually looking for degree cast members, kitchen staff, and other appointed officers. If you are interested or think you may be interested, please contact me (859-492-4496) or any officer at the Lexington Scottish Rite (859-277-7856). We need more involvement from members to keep the fraternity alive!

Fraternally and faithfully thine,
Roger L Trent, Jr. 33°, Personal Representative
Masonic Library and Museum Association
Covington Scottish Rite

“I Didn’t Know That……”

It has been 30 years since the publishing of John J. Robinson’s highly regarded book “Born in Blood – The Lost Secrets of Masonry” was written. The unmatched impact of this book and the two that followed, “Dungeons, Fire and Sword -The Knights Templar and the Crusades” and “A Pilgrims Path-Freemasonry and the Religious Right”, was felt throughout the Masonic world. Both “Born in Blood” and “Pilgrims Path” have been included in several top ten lists of the most important Masonic book of all time.

I will never forget the day my friend and brother, Jerry Davis called. Jerry and I were friends since high school and he had signed my lodge petition. He was quite excited saying “A fellow from Northern Kentucky had written a book and was on radio talking about Masonry”. “Oh no!” the thought came to me, “not another anti-mason on the radio”. After advising Jerry not to listen to that trash, he informed me that this fellow was saying ‘good things’ about Freemasonry and I should turn on the radio and listen.

For the first time on radio, a non-Mason was intelligently explaining the Masonic Order, in a very positive way. He was tough on Masonic critics but also tough on the Masonic membership, whom he chastised for having so little knowledge of their own origin. It was true as my own Instructor had told our lodge class many years ago, that Freemasonry began at King Solomon’s Temple! The radio show had so many ‘call-ins’, that the program was extended for an extra hour. John Robinson had an answer for every caller, whether pro-Mason, critic or undecided.

It was announced John Robinson would speak at the Syrian Shrine Temple in Cincinnati, and a group from our lodge decided to attend. Again John answered every question and kindly signed every copy of his book. Covington Scottish Rite definitely wanted John Robinson to visit. As Public Relations Chairman, it was my responsibility to extend the invitation and make the arrangements on behalf of Fred Bryant, our Personal Representative. John graciously accepted and a large crowd was present to hear his talk. He spoke of his fascinating findings on Masonic symbols in Hieronymous Bosch’s painting “The Wayfayer”.

John was extremely popular with the Craft who seemed thirsty for Masonic light, but others found fault in his findings and his Masonic knowledge, as he was not a Mason. Fortunately, these leaders of the Craft began to see what a wonderful impact the “Born in Blood” book and John Robinson was making on Freemasonry, and John was invited to speak before many national Masonic groups across the nation. Both young and old members were returning to their lodge, with a new since of pride and understanding of what Freemasonry is and what Freemasonry means.

John Robinson and Ray Evans PGM (Ohio) and Secretary of the Valley of Cincinnati, became very close friends. The Cincinnati Masonic Library had been used by John with no restrictions other than “Be fair”. Ray and Al Rice, Deputy of Ohio - Grand Lt. Commander NJ, frequently had lunch with Brother Bryant and Ed Vardiman (Secretary/Registrar), and I would tag along.

On occasion, John would join us and we would talk Masonry. John had sold his Kentucky farm and now lived in Cincinnati (Mt. Adams). He wished to join Freemasonry as a member, but also realized his impact on public opinion would naturally be less, knowing he was a Mason, with favorable opinions of Freemasonry. His buddy Ray ‘jokingly’ told him if he wrote any books after becoming a Mason, he would have to have him expelled.

John did join the Fraternity, Cincinnati’s Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, in November 1992 and the Scottish Rite, the following spring. John was already ill and he continued to worsen. John Moyers, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Kentucky, accompanied Fred, Ed, and me to lunch with Ray Evans and Al Rice. We then stopped by to visit Brother John. John Moyers presented John a lifetime membership gold card in Covington Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction and I, as Prior of Kentucky Priory KYCH presented John an honorary membership. Two days before his death, in an unusual emergent session with Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston 33° and Alfred E. Rice 33° presiding, John Robinson was created a 33° Honorary Inspector General. The John J. Robinson 33° Memorial Class Reunion was held by the Valley of Cincinnati, in April 1995. Ray Evans continued to be a friend to John’s widow, Bernice.

John final book “A Pilgrim’s Path” was published in 1993, which many believe has become the definitive laymen’s guide to Freemasonry and is widely used by Masonic Lodges as an orientation resource for new members. On the front cover in full color, was Hieronymous Bosch’s “The Wayfayer”, the same painting John had presented as copy machine prints with a typewriter description of Masonic symbols in the painting, at the Covington Scottish Rite.

John’s legacy does still live on. Not only are all three of his books still very popular with the Craft, he is credited with being the ‘founding visionary’ of the Masonic Information Center run by the Masonic Service Association of North America. Whether one believes in the ‘Templar’ theory or not, John Jamieson Robinson made a huge impact on Freemasonry.……What do you think?

All three of John J. Robinson’s books are available in the Masonic Library. You can visit your MLA – 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.

Photo on left: John J. Robinson
Greetings Brethren, We are entering the fall season of 2020 and we have now lost the ability to experience winter, spring, and summer of this year. We have not been able to practice those beliefs of our beloved fraternity and share in the social and theological themes that brought us together.

The “pandemic” has slowed us but not stopped us. We simply do what freemen do; adapt, overcome, and persevere. I have to wonder why Influenza and HIV were never classified as “pandemic” with the resulting shutdown of our entire country. Just food for thought.

Even though we have not been able to meet as a group, there has been a lot of activity at the Temple. The dining room has been cleaned and upgraded, the “Red Room” has been completely refurbished, the parking lot cleaned and weeded, fencing and guard rails cleaned and painted and some of the smaller rooms cleaned and debris removed. By the time you read this, we should have a big and beautiful Square and Compass, which was donated by one of our blue lodges, gracing the wall of the north side of the Temple. Having said that, there is still a lot more to do. For those who have been to the Temple, you know that there are lots and lots of doors. Each of those doors is closed by some type of hydraulic closer. They need maintenance and/or repair. If you have experience in that sort of thing or know someone who does, please contact me or the Secretary/Registrar. We could use your help.

Since the Temple is the topic of our article this month, we will use the following space to share a little history of it.

The Cornerstone laying of the Covington Scottish Rite Temple occurred on October 18, 1953. It was performed by the Grand Lodge Officers of Kentucky and was attended by many other Masonic affiliated organizations and a huge contingency of Northern Kentucky Masons and their ladies. In 1956, a parade was held to officially move the “old” Temple in downtown Covington to its current location at 1553 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky. At that time, other Masonic lodges in Northern Kentucky also began meeting in the Temple.

Although this is only the introduction to the history of our Temple, I plan to include other bits of historical trivia in future articles. My thanks to Debbie Dreier and Joyce Baker for their assistance in preparing the historical & pictorial information in this write-up and future articles.

Don’t forget that we will hold the stated communication on Friday, September 18 and celebrate the Feast of Tishri prior to our meeting.

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

**NOTICE:**

1st KNOWN
“LEGEND OF HIRAM”
Has been postponed

Regrettfully, the presentation of the 1st Known master’s degree has been postponed due to the Governor’s restriction on attendance. It will be rescheduled after the first of the year.
Greetings Brothers,
The Grand Consistory of Kentucky, AASR, received its charter from the Supreme Council on August 20, 1852 - 168 years ago!

From that date to 1931 the Consistory rented space in various buildings in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, until finally laying the cornerstone in 1930 for the glorious Louisville Scottish Rite Temple we know and love today.

I hope you enjoy the excerpts that follow, taken from the fine History of our Consistory written by my predecessor, Ill. Stanley W. Crawley, Jr., 33°, Secretary/Registrar. I have also included some photographs of our Temple, taken by our member John W. Adkins, II, 32°.

I close these brief remarks with the fervent hope that we will very soon meet again within the walls of our glorious Temple, and see again the beautiful words above the proscenium arch placed there to inspire us as Scottish Rite Masons:

“What we have done for ourselves dies with us; What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” - Albert Pike-

“Let everyone who fares forth from the portals of this Temple preach brotherhood, spiritual and educational Liberty, high ideals, and Righteousness.” - John H. Cowles-

Randolph Starks, 33°
Secretary/Registrar, Louisville Scottish Rite

EXCERPTS from HISTORY of the GRAND CONSISTORY of KENTUCKY, later changed to the LOUISVILLE CONSISTORY by Ill. Brother Stanley W. Crawley, Jr., 33°, Historian

NEW TEMPLE DEDICATED IN 1931
About 1900, provisions were made to accumulate a fund for use in building a new Scottish Rite Temple in Louisville, Ky. This fund increased slowly but surely until 1930, when it was thought that a Scottish Rite Temple could be erected. Accordingly, plans were drawn up and bids called for, and the Temple was completed and dedicated in 1931. Not only was the building and equipment entirely paid for when it was dedicated, but some $200,000 remained in the treasury of the Scottish Rite bodies in Louisville.

The erection and management of the new Scottish Rite Temple in Louisville were largely due to the energy and influence of Brother Isaac T. Woodson, 33°, who was Grand Master of the Grand Consistory at that time. Ten years later, on January 1, 1940, Brother John H. Cowles attended a memorial service for Brother Woodson in the Scottish Rite Temple at Louisville.

The “Blue Room” was planned to be a place for a lodge room for Louisville Lodge No. 400, Daylight Lodge No. 760, and as a meeting room for Daniel Boone Chapter, Order of DeMolay for Boys. It was also to be used as an assembly room and classroom for members of the Reunion Classes of the Scottish Rite.

CEDAR OF LEBANON ROOM
DEDICATED TO INSPECTOR GENERAL IN 1935
On January 1, 1935 the Inspector General’s room in the Scottish Rite Temple was dedicated. In the dedication of this room to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Kentucky, it was the purpose of the brethren of the Grand Consistory to express their best and highest thoughts toward his high office.

Then entire room is paneled with genuine Cedar of Lebanon, the same as used in the building of Solomon’s Temple. It was the only extant Cedar of Lebanon known at that time.

CEDAR OF LEBANON
The far-famed Cedar of Lebanon is a tree which, on account of its beauty, stateliness and strength, has always been a favorite with poets and painters and which, in the figurative language of prophecy, is frequently employed in the Scriptures as a symbol of power, prosperity and longevity. It grows to a height of 50-80 feet, and often the branches cover a compass of ground greater in diameter than the height of the tree.

The trees are found at an elevation of more than 6,000 feet above sea level, and with the rest of the fir tribe except the larch, are evergreen. In shape, the leaves are straight, tapering, cylindrical and pointed. They are about an inch long and dark green in color. The general shape of the tree might be termed “clump-headed.” The Cedar flourishes best in sandy, loamy soils. It still grows in Lebanon, though for several centuries it was believed to be restricted to a small grove in Kactisha Valley at about 6,000 feet elevation, about 15 miles from Beyrouth (modern Beirut).
Amend Article 11 (D) Section 2 Cities Having Two or More Lodges

In the cities having two or more lodges the jurisdiction shall be concurrent and extend as provided in Article 11 (SECTION-D)(1), except, Adair, Allen, Anderson, Ballard, Barren, Bath, Bell, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Boyle, Breckinridge, Bullitt, BUTLER, Calloway, Campbell, Carter, Casey, Christian, Clark, Clay, Daviess, Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Grant, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hardin, Harlan, Harrison, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Todd, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knox, LaRue, Laurel, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Madison, Marion, Martin, Marshall, McCracken, McCreary, Mercer, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Owosley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rowan, Russell, Shelby, Simpson, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Washington, Wayne, Webster and Woodford counties, the jurisdictions shall be concurrent within said counties and extend as provided in ARTICLE 11 (SECTION-D)(1). Boone, Grant and Kenton counties shall be regarded as one jurisdictional unit. Henderson, Union, and Webster counties shall be regarded as one jurisdictional unit. (2019)

TO AMEND ARTICLE 11 (D), SECTION 2 - JURISDICTION

(Proposed to Read)

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(Proposed to Read)

The Committee on Jurisprudence: Ronnie G. Bell, PGM; Timothy D. Sanders, PGM; Gary C. Rose, PGM

ITEM NO. 5

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(Proposed to Read)

Note: The lodges of Wolfe County are requesting concurrent jurisdiction within Wolfe County.
WHEREAS, a Brother Mason, having completed the designs written for him on life’s trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received as his reward, the white stone with the new name written thereon; and
WHEREAS, the all-wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved and respected Brother; and
WHEREAS, he having been a true and faithful Brother of our Order; therefore be it;
RESOLVED, that Salt River Lodge No. 180 F.&A.M. GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother, our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

John Zirnheld, Master
Mike Burton, Secretary

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

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WHEREAS, the all-wise and merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment our beloved and respected Brother; and
WHEREAS, he having been a true and faithful Brother of our Order of Sixty-five years; therefore be it;
RESOLVED, that Dunavan Lodge No. 292 F.&A.M. GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother, our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

Philip Foster, Master
Richard E. Morgan, Secretary

BY-LAWS

ROBERTS LODGE No. 172
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Roberts Lodge No. 172 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning Dues. All Brothers are urged to attend.

LOVING LODGE No. 323
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Loving Lodge No. 323 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning Dues. All Brothers are urged to attend.

MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 187
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Mountain Lodge No. 187 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning Dues, Fees & Updating. This Vote will be taken at the Stated Meeting on October 26, 2020. All Brothers are urged to attend.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS/VOTES

LANDMARK LODGE No. 41
BUFFORD LODGE No. 494
Brothers of Woodford County Lodges (Landmark 41 & Buford 494): On the second meeting in September (9/21/20 for Landmark 41 & 9/15/20 for Buford 494), there will be a second reading & vote for the Resolution of Consolidation of said lodges. As per the Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions and the letters each member received in August, Take Due Notice!

OWNETON LODGE #128
Bro. Calvin Barnes received his 50-year pin from Jim Alexander, Master.
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PITMAN LODGE NO. 124 – Meets 1st & 3rd Mon. monthly 7:30 p.m., 3112 Harrods Ave., Shepherdsville, KY 40165; (e) webb013@aol.com

MAYSVILLE LODGE NO. 52 – Meets 1st Thurs. monthly 7:00 p.m., 309 Chapel St., Falmouth, KY 41040; (e) jabarrow01@gmail.com

OLIVE HILL LODGE NO. 429 – Meets 1st Sat. monthly 7:00 p.m., 4w. of US 60 north of Utica, left onto June Dr., Lodge at top of hill, Edward Samuel Cook III, M.; John R. Lewis, Sec., PO Box 88, Olive Hill 41148; 859-206-0245; (e) johnl@olivehillky.com

BURNSIDE LODGE NO. 634 – Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs. monthly 7:00 p.m. 202 Central Ave., Burnside, KY 42327; (e) burnside@workforce.com

OLIVINE HILL LODGE NO. 629 – Meets 1st & 3rd Sat. monthly 7:30 p.m., 260, 1691 Applegate Ln., Louisville 40219; Harland Lewis Leal, M.; Harold Johnson, Sec.; PO Box 252, Utica 41092; 859-205-4161; (e) harlandleal@gmail.com

CUMBERLAND VALLEY LODGE NO. 751 – Meets 2nd & 4th Sat. monthly 7:00 p.m. 206 11th St., Charles City, IA 50616; (e) grwise@usa.com

MOUNTAIN NO. 187 – Meets 1st & 3rd Tues. monthly 7:30 p.m., 711 Frankfort Rd., S corner of Harrods Ave., Tamika Wells, M.; Rayna Thomas, Sec., PO Box 1392,.appspot.com

CHERRY LODGE NO. 39 – Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. monthly 7:00 p.m., 4867 Hwy. 68, Scholar, KY 40167; (e) devildriver224@gmail.com

RIGHT ANGLE LODGE NO. 233 – Meets 1st & 2nd Sat. monthly 7:00 p.m., 1028 Pleasant Valley Rd., Pleasant Valley & Camp Ernst Rd. Sharon Christopher Glutting, M.; William Robert Collum, Sec., PO Box 303, 859-485-7912; (e) carroll@bell.net

BEAR WALLOW/CAVE CITY LODGE NO. 231 – Meets 1st & 3rd Mon. monthly 7:30 p.m. 254 Edgewood Dr., 2 Elizabethtown Rd., Cave City, KY 42127; (e) andrew.gaskell@att.net

CUSTER LODGE NO. 624 – Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. monthly 7:00 p.m. Hwy. 51 S. between St. Elmo & Union County, Darrell Brandon Wilson, M.; Charles Thomas Bean, Sec.; 270-562-0105; (e) cmbean@wk.net

ST. GEORGE LODGE NO. 239 – Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. monthly 7:00 p.m., 200 Chester Kidd Rd.; Somerset 42503; 606-875-4208; (e) mikemcqueary@windstream.net

BREATHITT LODGE NO. 649 – Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. monthly 7:00 p.m., 154 Duane Dr., 1 block S. of courthouse, Harry Nunnelly Bushart Jr., M.; Joseph E. Byrd, Sec., 210 Washington St.; Fulton 41030; (e) randyrosecampbell@gmail.com

KRYPTON LODGE NO. 905 – Meets 2nd & 4th Sat. monthly 7:00 p.m. 13085 Ky. Hwy. 64, Utica 41092; James  Rodna Adkins, M.; Duane R. Atherton, Sec., 1110 E. Harmons Ferry Rd., Utica 42376; (e) sjalam54@yahoo.com

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WHEELWRIGHT LODGE NO. 889 – Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. monthly 6:30 p.m., 4500 Dannywood Rd.; Louisville 40219; Ray Williams, W. Master; David Ray Finnell, Sec., 4502 Dannywood Rd.; Louisville 40219; (e) rayw@lindsey.edu

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MAYSVILLE LODGE #52. Bro. Donald Faul, receives his 60 year pin from Bro. Roy East on left, and Bro. Charles Doughman on right. Bro. Faul is a dual member of Lexington Lodge #1 and Maysville Lodge #52. Photo by Bro. Randal Cooper.

This is a scene of MOUNT OLIVET LODGE, No. 291, placing flags on veterans’ graves in Robertson County just before Memorial Day. Members and their families joined in this event. For many years, Mount Olivet Lodge has provided flags and placed them on all veterans’ graves in the county for Memorial Day. This year, over 400 flags were placed in 16 cemeteries. Veterans of the Revolutionary War to modern times are honored.