Grand Lodge of Kentucky Officers preside over the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Estill County Area Technology Center.

Additional photos and story inside, page 7
Brethren,

As March winds blow in Spring, hopefully bringing us warmer weather, we start our Districts meetings. Questions are being asked, and we need to keep in mind.

First, if you do not plan to attend your District meeting, this is a time to read the Constitution and change your mind. The Constitution states in Article 12, Section 3., “When a District meeting or Educational Conference falls on the same day as the stated communication of a subordinate Lodge attendance, the Master and three of the remaining elected Officers, as named in (Article 11, Section A 3., shall be considered in lieu of the Stated communications of that Lodge for that date”. It seems to be a misunderstanding that you do not have to attend the District meetings or Educational Conference, but the constitution requires all Lodges to attend these meetings.) Keep in mind the Grand Lodge website, District’s websites, and your Masonic Home Journal, are places where you can find the dates and time of each District meeting.

Brothers, I wish I could make each Lodge understand how important it is to read the Constitution. This is especially true in our Lodge meetings so each member can stay abreast with the Constitution. A section of the Constitution can be read then discussed how it affects your lodge and business.

By the time this Article comes out in the Home Journal, we will be well into our District meetings. Please, make sure to have your Lodge ready to make the District meetings. I have never been to a District meeting that was boring or felt like I wasted my time attending. We have fun in our District meetings, and the knowledge that is passed from Brother to Brother, can be shared in your Lodges.

Brothers, as I continue to travel across our great state sitting in Lodges with my Brethren, it is with great pride that I see EA, FC, and Master Mason degrees going on. I couldn’t be happier Brothers.

Each and everyone of us had to make a change in our life due to the COVID. This time last year was a tuff time for everyone and our Lodges. We had no idea of the transformation our world would have to endure. Praying and Thanking God, we are getting back to a normal way of life.

I feel we are in a new era in our Fraternity. We have a great opportunity to get our Masonic Order moving with leaps and bounds. Just keep doing the things you have been doing keeping your Lodges and yourself safe Brothers. As the days are getting warmer our Outdoor meetings and activities are getting closer. I look forward to the excitement and fun when a group of Brothers getting together whether its visiting as many Lodges as you can, District meetings or Outdoor meeting, etc…. For the Love of a Brother is great.

Brothers, as always keep on the level.

We are Not Above Nor Below but on the Level

Fraternally Thine,

Ernest C. Jackson

Grand Master of Masons 2020-2021

Grand Lodge Of Kentucky F. & A.M.
Master John Cissell held an education night at Buechel Lodge #896 for all Entered Apprentice, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons on “The Importance of the Entered Apprentice Degree”. A great attendance for this special night.

Valley-Daylight Lodge #511 Officers
1st Row: John Cornell -Tiler; Hershel Coogle-Sr. Warden; Dion Crowe- Master; Ken Meredith-Jr. Warden; Tom Parish-Chaplain
2nd Row: Larry Franklin-Sr. Deacon; Mike Daniels-Sr. Steward; Virgil Hall-Asst. Secretary; Don Dunlap-Treasurer
3rd Row: Rick Webb-Asst. Treasurer; Jeff Fitzpatrick-Secretary; Mike Kennison-Marshall; Dave Wallace-Jr. Deacon
**2021 District Meetings**

**District Meetings - April**

**District 12, 13, & 14**
The District Meeting will be held at Louisville Scottish Rite Temple, 200 E. Gray Street, Louisville, KY on Saturday, April 3, 2021. Donuts at 8:00 a.m. Meeting 9:00 a.m. Masons Only

Rick Webb, DDGM District 12
Timothy Riley, DDGM District 13
Adam Ennis, DDGM District 14

**District 18**
The District Meeting will be held at Covington Scottish Rite Temple, 1553 Madison Avenue, Covington KY on Friday, April 9, 2021. Meal at 5:30 p.m. - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ladies Invited

Andy Canafax, DDGM District 28

**District 17**
The District Meeting will be held at the Morgan Community Center, 147 Victory Avenue in Bedford, KY on April 10, 2021. Brunch at 10:30 a.m. Meeting at 12:00 p.m. Masons only.

Daniel W Washington, DDGM District 17

**District 20**
The District Meeting will be held at Lexington Scottish Rite, 553 Rosemont Garden, Lexington, KY on April 10, 2021. Meal at 5:00 p.m. - Meeting 6:00 p.m. and our educational speaker will be Alan Martin. Ladies are invited and a program will be provided for them during the Tiled portion of meeting.

Brad Mann, DDGM District 20

**District 1**
District Meeting - April 16, 2021. at 7:00 p.m.
Charles Linn Byerly, DDGM District 1

**District 2**
The District Meeting will be held on April 17, 2021 at Folsomdale Lodge #283. 7100 KY-1241 Boaz, KY. Eat at 11:00 a.m. Meeting at 12:00 p.m. Ladies welcome.

Steven Lloyd Henderson, DDGM District 2

**District 3**
The District Meeting will be held on April 17, 2021. at Lee S. Jones Park, State Route 93 South Eddyville KY. Meal at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Malcolm Lane, DDGM District 3

**District Meetings - April (cont.)**

**District 19**
The District Meeting will be held on April 23, 2021 at Trinity Lodge #163 (Newport Masonic Temple) 523 Park Ave, Newport, KY. (Meal at 5:30) 7:00 p.m.

Jeffery D Rath, DDGM District 19

**District 23**
The District Meeting will be held on April 24, 2021 at Flemingsburg Baptist Church, 1856 Elizaville Road, Rt. 32, West, Flemingsburg, KY. Meal at 10:30 a.m. Meeting at 12:00 p.m. Master Masons are encouraged to bring their ladies. Ladies will celebrate our heritage with a patriotic program.

Woodie Reeves, DDGM District 23

**District 24**
The District Meeting will be held at McNabb Middle School, 3570 Indian Mound Drive, Mt Sterling, KY on April 24, 2021. Meal at 4:00 p.m. - Meeting 6:00 p.m. Ladies are invited and program will be provided for them during Tiled portion of meeting

Todd Duncan, DDGM District 24

**District 5**
The District Meeting will be held at Henderson Lodge #958, 461 Klutey Park Plaza Drive, Henderson KY on April 30, 2021. Meal at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Ladies invited.

Michael Anthony Austin, DDGM District 5

**District Meetings - May**

**District 6**
The District Meeting will be held on May 1, 2021 at the Rizpah Shrine Temple, 3300 Hanson Rd., Madisonville, KY. Meal at 10:30 a.m. Meeting at 12:00 p.m. Ladies are encouraged to attend as activities are planned.

Lanny Ross Woodward, DDGM District 6

**District 7**
District Meeting - May 1, 2021.
Meal at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
James I. Reynolds, DDGM District 7

**District 9**
District Meeting - May 7, 2021.
Meal at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Carl Joseph Goff, DDGM District 9
**2021 District Meetings**

**District Meetings - May (cont.)**

**District 27**
District Meeting - May 14, 2021.  
Meal at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Earl Keith Mason, DDGM District 27

**District 28**
Meal at 11:00 a.m. Meeting at 12:00 p.m.  
John Paul Hensley, DDGM District 28

**District 29**
The District Meeting will be held on May 15, 2021 at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) building, 165 Industry Drive Hazard, KY. Meal at 4:30 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Masons Only.  
Danny Fugate, DDGM District 29

**District 4**
District Meeting - May 21, 2021.  
Meal at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Nathaniel B Logsdon, DDGM District 4

**District 10**
The District Meeting will be held on May 22, 2021 at Morgantown Community Church (MCC) located at 2911 Bowling Green Rd. Morgantown, KY. Meal at 10:30 a.m. Meeting at 12:00 p.m. Ladies are Invited.  
Joseph Allen Barrow, DDGM District 10

**District 8**
Meal at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Dwayne Keith Jameson, DDGM District 8

**District Meetings - June**

**District 25**
The District Meeting will be held on June 4, 2021 at the Estill County Fairgrounds in West Irvine. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - Masons Only  
David Ray Osbon, DDGM District 25

**District 26**
District Meeting - June 5, 2021.  
Meal at 11:00 a.m. Meeting at 12:00 p.m.  
William D. Hale, Jr, DDGM District 26

**District 30**
District Meeting - June 5, 2021.  
Meal at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Karl Allen Buckles, DDGM District 30

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502-585-5412
The Annual Meeting of Masonic Homes Kentucky will be held on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021. Five Directors will be elected to serve a three-year term.

To be eligible for election to the office of director, you must be a Kentucky Master Mason. Directors are expected to attend bi-monthly Board meetings every third Wednesday, serve on assigned committees and perform other duties as assigned by the Chair of the Board or Executive Committee.

Directors serve without remuneration and must own a Life Membership or Honorary Life Membership ($250) to Masonic Homes Kentucky. Members are also encouraged to make a contribution to Masonic's Masonicare program each year of their service.

To be considered for nomination to the Board of Directors, you must submit a current resume including: name, address, current occupation, phone number, education and work experience, previous board experience, organizational offices held, references and Masonic affiliation and history. The resume may be submitted on regular stationery, mailed with a recent photograph, and postmarked no later than July 1, 2021.

Mail to: Nominations Committee, c/o Brenda Travis Masonic Homes Kentucky 330 Masonic Home Drive, Masonic Home, KY 40041

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- The Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M.
- Owen Funeral Homes
- Steve and Beth Mullins

For more information on sponsorship or entering a team, contact Lisa Ammon at 502.753.8843 or lammon@masonicky.com.

Annual Charity Golf Scramble

Monday, June 7

Join us at a charity golf scramble to benefit Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool.

one.bidpal.net/sproutlingsgolf2021

15th Annual Swigert-Middletown #218
MASONIC CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE
Saturday, June 19, 2021  9:00 a.m.

Eagle Creek Golf Course
2820 South Highway 53
LaGrange, KY  502-222-7927
http://www.eaglecreekgolfky.com/

$80.00 per person ($320 per 4some) includes greens fees, cart, lunch, raffle entry, and a great day of golf fun and fellowship.

- Closest to the Hole
- Longest Drive
- Longest Putt
- BBQ Lunch Included
- Participation Raffle – Everyone wins something.

Mulligans
3 for $10

Marshmallow Long Drive
Coveted Trophy
Low team score wins
1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards

Please send fees by Saturday June 5, 2021. Checks payable to Swigert-Middletown Lodge, send to: Al Clark 440 N. Madison Ave. Middletown, KY 40243 Phone 502-245-5280 e-mail: Al.Clark73@aol.com

We request each player to bring one prize for the raffle drawing.

Grand Masters 5th Annual
ATV Ride & Poker Run
Rain or Shine
Sat. June 12th, 2021
Register at 9:00 Ride at 10:00

5699 Hopkinsville Road
Madisonville, KY 42431
West Kentucky ATV Park

* Helmets req’d on ATV without roll cage! Be Safe! Have Fun! *

- Raffle After Ride For Several Prizes -
Concessions Available: Food Truck, Breakfast & Lunch
Proceeds to benefit Masonic Veterans and Charity Programs
Questions Contact: Robert Knowles 270-316-0536 OR Jason Bolin 270-256-4776
Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Estill County Area Technology Center

It was a cloudy and overcast day as many gathered at the Estill County Area Technology Center to continue a long-standing tradition. The Cornerstone laying ceremony has been a tradition among Freemasons since Brother Benjamin Franklin set the cornerstone on the Philadelphia State house in 1732, later to be known as Independence Hall. Brother George Washington, set the cornerstone on our great Nations Capital building in 1793, while serving as the first President of the United States. Though we do things slightly different today than our founding fathers, we still carry on this timeless tradition.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ernest C. Jackson, of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A. M. presided over the ceremony and carried out the Masonic ritual, Right Reverend Grand Chaplain, Mark Upchurch, lead the group in prayer with Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, James Gibson, checking the stone to be square. Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Darren Wilson, checking the stone to be level, and Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Richard Ferrell Dick Short, who checked the stone to be plumb. The craftsmen had performed their jobs and done them well. Worshipful Grand Marshall, Mitchell May, introduced Superintendent of Estill County Schools, Jeff Saylor, and made the proclamations.

The stone, working tools and a certificate were presented to Superintendent Saylor. Senator Brandon J. Storm was also in attendance representing the twenty-first district of Estill, Bath, Jackson, Laurel, Menifee and Powell counties. All in all, the rain held off and we had a wonderful turn out for this event.

Special thanks Brother Greg Horn for laying the groundwork over the last year to make this possible, and to everyone else who was involved in the process that I have not mentioned. Thank you to all that came out in support for the new technology center. The Center will surely be a light in so many people’s lives for generations to come.

Brother Travis Short, Madison Lodge No.183
Photographs provided by Michael E. Martin (Chairman of Publicity)
Grand Lodge of Kentucky F.&A.M
## Valley of Louisville Calendar 2021

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*Note: The Spring/Summer Reunions will be a modified “expanded class” beginning on March 6 with the 4° - 14° and continue through June 12 ending with the 30° - 32°.*

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Valley of Madisonville

Brethren,

Is your lodge prepared to fight to stay alive, or is there fighting within your lodge? As some lodges within our Commonwealth have consolidated, I wanted to explore this subject. There are some lodges that seem to be “making it happen” while others barely have enough members present to open. Some lodges can no longer afford to keep their doors open while others seem to prosper.

As the Personal Representative to the Valley of Madisonville, I understand your plight. We have the smallest membership of the Consistories in Kentucky, yet we cover the largest part of the state. When I’m asked what my plan is to save our Consistory my answer is very simple: “Get back to the basics.” If you think about it this is true for everything in life. If you are going to have a great marriage you have to “get back to the basics” (love, honor and cherish to name a few.) If you don’t come home at night, and you disrespect your wife, maybe call her ugly names, it won’t be long before your relationship is in serious trouble. Likewise, we must work on our relationships within our fraternity.

King Solomon wrote in the book of Proverbs 10:22-25 NIV:

*The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, without painful toil for it.*

*A fool finds pleasure in wicked schemes, but a person of understanding delights in wisdom.*

*What the wicked dread will overtake them; what the righteous desire will be granted.*

*When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.*

King Solomon’s wisdom is just as true today as when it was originally written. It’s not always easy to walk away from a fight between fraternity brothers, especially when you know you are right, or you have been wronged, but that is the type of character masonry teaches. MWPGM Tim Sanders said throughout his year to “love one another, take care of our widows and orphans, and be the men we professed to be when you knelt at that altar.” On every altar in every constituent lodge within the boundaries of the Grand Lodge of KY F.&A.M., there is a Holy Bible. If we will get “back to the basics,” we can rebuild our fraternity. I am fully committed to helping our lodges become stronger and grow. I am looking forward to seeing you at the District Meetings.

Fraternally Submitted,

Douglas W. Bunch,
Personal Representative,
Valley of Madisonville
Valley of Lexington

Scottish Rite Brethren,

The Valley of Lexington is off to a great start this year. We have/are assigning parts for the KCCH degree in Louisville, KY coming up in November. If I have not contacted you and you are interested in having a part or help in the practices, please reach out to me or the Scottish Rite.

Maundy Thursday services are scheduled for Thursday, April 1 at 7:00pm at the Lexington Consistory. This is an open public event. CDC guidelines will be followed and enforced. There will be no meal for this, but light refreshments will be served afterwards. Bring your family.

Saturday, April 3 will be our Spring Reunion named in honor of Richard T. Nation, PGM. Proud to say that we have an almost full degree cast. Hope to see everyone there and please get petitions turned in for new members.

We meet the third Thursday of the month. However, please watch the Lexington Scottish Rite Facebook page and website for updates on meeting notifications. Still needing help with cleaning, sound and lighting. 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! You only get out what you put in!! Come out and support your Lexington Scottish Rite.

Let’s continue to look forward to a great year! In these trying times, let’s not forget those who live alone or need help. Reach out to them if you know someone.

Sincerely,
Roger L. Trent, Jr.
Personal Representative,
Lexington Scottish Rite
859-492-4496

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family, and country.

Valley of Madisonville

Brethren,

Please join me in congratulating Bro. Warren “Chico” Tyson on receiving his 50 year pin from Master Blake Elkins at Orphan’s Friend Lodge #523 in White Plains KY. Congratulations Brother!

Sincerely,
Mack A. Scott
Secretary/Registrar, West Ky. Scottish Rite
The Southern California Research Lodge had asked for input from Kentucky Masons on their suggestions on the 10 most important Masonic books from the 21st Century. It was fortunate for me to be included in the Kentucky Group and submit five titles, with “Exploring Early Grand Lodge Freemasonry: Studies in Honor of the Tricentennial of the Establishment of the Grand Lodge of England” being my personal favorite. The second and third ‘most important’ books on my list included: “Observing the Craft: The Pursuit of Excellence in Masonic Labour and Observance” authored by Andrew Hammer, and “Sins of Our Masonic Fathers: The Lost Strength of Fewness in American Masonry”, by Lexington, Kentucky author John Bizzack. Although there are many masonic books that will be considered by others as ‘most important’, below is a review of my first selection:

When an anniversary of a special event occurs, it almost always requires a new look of that noteworthy happening with a correlation of newer information concerning the event and the thoughts of the men who participated then and in the following years. And so it is, in this collection of scholarly presentations: “Exploring Early Grand Lodge Freemasonry: Studies in Honor of the Tricentennial of the Establishment of the Grand Lodge of England” – Christopher B. Murphy, Editor – Shawn Eyer, Executive Editor.

As a fresh review of previously researched material, this book presents a clear and concise understanding of the thoughts of the men who lived it; concerning such things as religion and science, the true secrets of Freemasonry, what actually happened within the lodges, and what the Masons of that era truthfully thought and felt about their lodges and themselves as Freemasons. This study enables the reader to grasp “the cultural realities of Masonic life and thought” in the early years of the first Grand Lodge.

Editor Christopher M. Murphy, who lectured at the 10th Anniversary of the ‘MRF Symposium’ held in Kentucky in 2019, offers the “Introduction” to the book. Murphy also presents two brilliant articles: “A Just and Exact Account of Freemasonry - A Survey of the Constitutions and Pocket Companions of 1723 to 1756”; also “Assessing Authentic Lodge Culture: Moving Beyond the Tavern Myth”.

The 98 page “Just and Exact Account” article examines James Anderson’s Constitution, with eight other early works presented within a period of 40 years, all of which were Grand Lodge publications, and puts forth the practices and the beliefs of early Grand Lodge Masonry; which enables the student to identify the essential themes presented, and in the words of H. L. Haywood, “think Masonry out for himself”. Christopher Murphy also suggests that the mythical history of Freemasonry was for years important enough to be presented to each new brother at his initiation. So, should it be reviewed with the same importance, by the masonic student.

In his second presentation, “Assessing Authentic Lodge Culture”, author Murphy states the fact that early Lodges then meeting in taverns, has given rise to the notion that Lodge meetings consisted eat, drink and sing a few songs. The mysteries were only what stonemasons practiced, and “the only secret is there is no secret”. Masons then should of course, keep the only secrets, the grips and words, private. Murphy unequivocally rejects this notion, and through thorough research, presents a convincing case for a far more spiritual society, one that will “unfold the Mysteries of Godliness” to those who search its truth. Perhaps this is the most important lecture in the series.

The “Forward” of the book is offered the renowned Masonic scholar and Executive Editor of the book Shawn Eyer, who adds his article, “The Essential Secrets of Masonry – Insight from an American Masonic Oration of 1734. This “Dissertation upon Freemasonry” is remarkable for several reasons. It is the first known American Lodge oration and the third oldest surviving masonic oration in the world. Eyer states the oration was not intended to be published, but was intended for lodge presentation only. It deals with the Master Mason degree, proving that the third degree was available soon after Masonry arrived in the colonies. It suggests that “the harmony of the tiled lodge reflects the harmony of heaven”, and adds that hidden knowledge was available through Masonry, to those who wished to pursue it. This thought pattern is found among several other early Masonic sources.

“Genius of Masonry – The Preservation of Masonic Tradition in the Songs of Freemasons” by Nathan A. St. Pierre; offers a look at music, one of the seven liberal sciences, that is today often disregarded. While there are some American Lodges who are currently reviving the singing of the songs that appeared in Anderson’s Constitution, and elsewhere, music is mostly ignored by the majority of American Lodges. However, these songs reflect the culture and how Masons felt about their Masonry. More Masonic related studies should be done on this subject. St. Pierre states that music is not so much listening to a famous singer, but should be sang or played for the joy it provides to oneself. It offers additional comradery when singing or playing an instrument, as a group.

“John Desaguliers – The Balance of Religion and Science” by researcher Jedediah French is an interesting look at the third Grand Master John Desaguliers and his obsession in promoting the Newtonian philosophy in early Masonry. Desaguliers was a close associate with Isaac Newton through the Royal Society. Much research by Brother French brings forth new information on Desaguliers, who guided the Grand Lodge in the early years.

Other presentations included in “Exploring Early Grand Lodge Freemasonry” include two very popular authors: Ric Berman on “Freemasonry, the London Irish, and the Antients Grand Lodge” and “The Grand Lodge of All England Held at York – An Independent Grand Lodge in England in the Eighteenth Century” by David Harrison. “Spiritual and Heavenly People in the Corners: Embracing Masonic Ethos through the Eyes of James Anderson”, by Dana Scofled, rounds out the series of presentations.
Each of these articles displays considerable reference to Rev. James Anderson’s “Traditional History of Freemasonry” which is also included in the book.

Reading the complete series of the above research papers, has given me a far more favorable opinion of James Anderson than previously and definitely a better understanding of early Grand Lodge Freemasonry and the culture behind it. If one thinks that Freemasonry in its Grand Lodge beginnings was shallow, and its secrets minimal, then he who reads “Exploring Early Grand Lodge Freemasonry” will have a broader understanding of the complexity of Freemasonry in its early Grand Lodge years. This is certainly one of the most important books on the subject of the early Grand Lodge, and was written by new masonic researchers and well known masonic scholars alike. If you want to know what early eighteenth century Freemasonry really was and what it truly meant to Freemasons, “Exploring Early Grand Lodge Freemasonry” is a must read. It was certainly will be studied by masonic students for years to come. I highly recommend it.

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**By-Law Notice**

**Cadiz Lodge No. 121**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Cadiz Lodge No. 121 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**H.B. Grant Lodge No. 610**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, H.B. Grant Lodge No. 610 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning regular stated meeting time. From 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**Somerset Lodge No. 111**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Somerset Lodge No. 111 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**New Salem Lodge No. 462**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, New Salem Lodge No. 462 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**Special Election**

**Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874**

At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Orie S. Ware Lodge No. 874 will be voting to elect a Treasurer. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**Notice**

**Valley-Daylight Lodge No. 511**

Is looking for a home for a 4 Compartment Steam Table w/Sneeze Guard, a 6 Burner Commercial Gas Range w/Large Oven, and 2 Floor Scrubbers/ Buffers. Contact Rick at 502 939-0515 if you are interested.
**Resolution of Respect**

**James Edward Whitworth**
Ledbetter Lodge No. 952, F&AM  
Ledbetter, Kentucky  
In memory of Bro. James Edward Whitworth  
Who died January 15, 2021

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 Ledbetter Lodge No. 952 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.

David L. Shockley, Jr., Master  
Dan A. Lynn, Secretary

**Richard A. Tucker**
Ledbetter Lodge No. 952, F&AM  
Ledbetter, Kentucky  
In memory of Bro. Richard A Tucker  
Who died January 21, 2021

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 Ledbetter Lodge No. 952 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.

David L. Shockley, Jr., Master  
Dan A. Lynn, Secretary

**Rocky Rose**
New Salem Lodge No. 462, F&AM  
Franklin, Kentucky  
In memory of Bro. Rocky Rose  
Who died February 17, 2021

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 New Salem Lodge No. 462 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.

William Estell Ranburger, Master  
Larry Neal Chaney, Secretary

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**Donald Barton Huffaker**
Monticello Lodge No. 431, F&AM  
Monticello, Kentucky  
In memory of Bro. Donald Barton Huffaker  
Who died January 14, 2021

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 Monticello Lodge No. 431 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.

Reed Neal, Master  
Sam Shelton, Secretary

**Raeburn Moore**
Monticello Lodge No. 431, F&AM  
Monticello, Kentucky  
In memory of Bro. Raeburn Moore  
Who died January 25, 2021

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 Monticello Lodge No. 431 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.

Reed Neal, Master  
Sam Shelton, Secretary

**Wilburn “Don” Baler**
Monticello Lodge No. 431, F&AM  
Monticello, Kentucky  
In memory of Bro. Wilburn “Don” Baker  
Who died March 6, 2021

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 Monticello Lodge No. 431 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.

Reed Neal, Master  
Sam Shelton, Secretary
GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY
4TH ANNUAL VETERANS PROGRAM
GOLF SCRAMBLE
May 8, 2021

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