Throughout this crazy and somewhat dismal year, Briensburg -TL Jefferson Lodge 401 has had a bright spot. Our oldest member 96 yrs young was presented his 75 year pin. Brother Joe Bill English received it from Most Worshipful Grand Master Geary Laird in August. Pictured from left to right; Grand Senior Warden James Gibson, Most Worshipful Grand Master Geary Laird, Bro. Joe Bill English, Grand Junior Warden Darren Wilson and Grand Tiler Danny Athenas. Brother Joe Bill in not only our oldest member, but an honored WWII Veteran.
Season Greeting,

Brothers, this will be the last Grand Master’s Message for this 2020 year. As we continue to move forward in this Masonic year. I am happy to report how our Lodges have adjusted, due to the Governors restrictions. In the DDGM handbook on page 27, states “14. Open installation of the Lodge – All elected and appointed Offices must be present at their Own Open Installation of the Lodge. ***Note: If an officer is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances, the Lodge may apply to the DDGM and Area Officer to be excused.” I am given every Lodge, a by / credit for this one requirement. Each Lodge may count this toward one of the 9 of 14 requirements that is required for the Grand Master’s Lodge of Excellence Award. Also, the Christmas dinner’s will be following the same restriction from the Governor, allowing the number of people at a Venue.

Please, if you do not feel safe going to your lodge meeting, PLEASE don’t go. Stay safe govern yourself according.

As we go on into this New Year, I know that Lodges are in full swing of getting our Fraternity back to work in all degrees. My brothers I am Proud to say that I have been to several Lodges that are happy to be able to do their degrees, as we find ways to be able to do our Labors as our Fraternity has always done. Then, let us continue to take it slow and easy and get through this pandemic so we all can come out of it safe. Continue to use the Constitution, be safe and use good common sense.

Jackie and I want to wish each one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God continue to Bless our family, fraternity, and America!

Not Above Nor Below But On The Level
MW Ernest C. Jackson
Grand Master Of Masons 2020/2021
MASONIC EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION
NO MEALS ARE TO BE SERVED
DRESS CASUAL - ALL MEETING TIMES ARE PREVAILING TIMES

This year the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will present the Masonic Education Conferences in a dual format. These formats will include a video-conference available statewide and visits to six specific locations around the state by the Education Committee, scheduled as follows:

First, a video-conference will be conducted on Saturday, January 23, 2021. The conference will be held at 12:00pm EST, 11:00am CST, and will originate from the Grand Lodge Office in Louisville, Kentucky. Please consult with your District Deputy Grand Masters about the location of the conference in your Masonic District.

Second, The Grand Lodge Officers and Education Committee members will travel to six locations around the Commonwealth for Masonic Education Meetings. The same information will be presented in these meetings as was presented during the video-conference. The dates and times for these meetings are as follows:

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These dates, times and locations will be in the Masonic Home Journal.
Gateway Lodge #109
Donations to Northern Kentucky Charities

Gateway Lodge #109, formed from the union of Golden Rule – Covington Lodge #109 and Latonia Lodge #746, was pleased to make two donations to Northern Kentucky charities in November.

Dwight Rider, P.M., Treasurer of Gateway Lodge #109, is shown presenting a $3000.00 check to the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, represented by Kim M. Webb, Executive Director. (Photo on Left)

Aurora Lodge #633
Aurora Lodge traveled a total of 419 miles to claim the Grand Master’s Traveling Level from Thomas C.Cecil Lodge.

Shown in photo on left from R-L Barry Estep Master of Thomas C Cecil, Harold Lee Master of Aurora Lodge #633, Harold Johnson, Secretary, Gerald Collard, Sr. Stewart and Steven Logsdon, Treasurer. All from Aurora Lodge.

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W.B. Rider and Orlando dos Santos, P.M., are shown presenting a $3000.00 check to Janice Wilkerson, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Covington Independent Public Schools. This donation will assist in funding their Resource Rooms.

The money donated was raised through our annual Fireworks Sale, held in conjunction with the 4th of July holiday. We are planning to hold this fund-raiser again in 2021 and continue to show Masonic support of worthwhile charities in our area. (Photo on Right)
Howard Lodge No. 819 and Harlan Lodge No. 879

In a joint and combined effort, Howard Lodge 819 F&AM and Harlan Lodge 879 F&AM decided that since they couldn’t have a First Responders Dinner at this time, they chose to take Pizza to the First Responders on First Responder’s Day to show our appreciation to them.

Members from each lodge took part in this effort. Pizza was delivered to Harlan County Sheriff’s office, Harlan City Police Department, Trans Star Ambulance Service, Harlan Fire Department, Putney Volunteer Fire Department, and Harlan ARH Emergency Room. Not pictured, but pizza was also delivered to Kentucky State Police, Post 10 and Harlan County Emergency Management Office.
The 2017-2020 Triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, was held virtually on Saturday, November 21, 2020. This meeting was scheduled to be held in Louisville in September 2020 but due to the Covid 19 pandemic, it was re-scheduled as a virtual meeting.

Although time and language differences made things a little difficult, as there were 597 Masons from twelve different countries and 16 different time zones on the call. But with the technical assistance offered by several Companions and the willingness of the membership to either be up late, or get up early, it was a success.

At this meeting Most Excellent Grand High Priest Steven Tiner of Arkansas was elected to serve as the General Grand High Priest for the next three years. Companion Teko Foley of Washington D.C. was elected as the General Grand King with Companion Chadwick Burks of Arizona being elected as the General Grand Scribe. Companion Larry Gray of Indiana was re-elected as the General Grand Secretary.

There are ten regions throughout the world in the General Grand Chapter, with Kentucky being in the East Central Region, along with West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. In the past seventy years, there have been five Companions from Kentucky who have served as the Regional Deputy of the East Central Region. Companion Norman Harper in 1975, Companion William R. Selby in 1987, Companion Earl R. Ransdell in 1989, Companion William G. Hinton in 1999 and Companion J. William Riggs in 2008. We are pleased to announce that Kentucky’s own James H. King, Jr. was appointed to serve the East Central Region as the Regional Deputy for the 2020 - 2023 Triennial.

The General Grand High Priest also appoints Ambassadors for each jurisdiction to represent him and Companion George Ralph Arnold, the sitting Grand High Priest of Kentucky was chosen for this position.

Along with routine business and elections of officers, the Meritorious Service Awards were presented, and again Kentucky received attention.

The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International established the Meritorious Service Medal Award program in 1951 with the Meritorious Service Gold Medal and Meritorious Service Bronze Medal Awards to reward those companions who had serve with distinction in either their local, state or international Bodies.

The Bronze Medal Award is given once a year in each jurisdiction, from nominations submitted by Chapters to a committee of three Past Grand High Priests, which then makes their recommendation to the General Grand Chapter for their approval.

The individual nominated cannot be an elected Grand Chapter officer or a past Grand Chapter Officer.

The Gold Medal Award is given in each Triennial to no more than three individuals for service either to our Masonic Fraternity, Business accomplishments or Philanthropic endeavors.

In 1972 the General Grand Chapter added the Silver Medal Award to be given once in each Triennial for each Region, plus no more than four at large nominations. These are forwarded to the General Grand Chapter by the Regional Deputy for their approval.

There have been sixty-eight Companions from Kentucky who have been awarded the Meritorious Service Bronze Medal Award of the General Grand Chapter. Their names are listed on the York Rite of Kentucky website under the Grand Chapter of Kentucky’s heading.

There have been eight Companions from Kentucky to have been awarded the General Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Silver Medal Award since 1972. Charles K.A. McGaughy in 1981, as an at large nominee, Donald Kent Berkley in 1990, as an East Central Regional nominee, William R. Selby in 1993, as an East Central Regional nominee, James B. Wall in 1996, as an at large nominee, J.B. Hitt, II in 2005 as an at large nominee, Ronnie G. Skipper in 2005, as an East Central Regional nominee, J. William Riggs in 2014 as an East Central Regional nominee, and James H. King, Jr. in 2017 as an East Central Regional nominee.

Prior to the 2020 Triennial, there had been only three members of Kentucky Freemasonry to have been awarded the General Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Gold Medal Award since it was instituted in 1951. Colonel Harlan D. Sanders received it in 1978, Herbert D. Sledd received it in 1984 and James B. Wall in 1999. The recent 2017 - 2020 Triennial saw Companion J. William, “Bill” Riggs of Bardstown being awarded this high honor.

Companion Riggs has the unique distinction of being the only member of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International to receive all three of the service award medals, having received the General Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Bronze Medal Award in 1999.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky proudly offers her congratulations to the officers of the General Grand Chapter for a successful Triennial and to Companions King, Arnold, and Riggs for their distinguished accomplishments. Companions, by your exemplary service you bring credit to our fraternity and to Kentucky Freemasonry.
**DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE 2020 - 2021**

**** All meals need be served 1 hour before meeting starts

Meeting facilities are to be determined by the District Deputy Grand Master, after consulting with the lodges in his district.

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Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite - Orient of Kentucky

A Message from Deputy Terry Bowman, 33° PGM

Brethren,

I sincerely hope and pray this message finds you all safe and secure heading into the New Year. Hopefully by spring we can resume some of our normal activities with in person Business Meetings and Reunions. With this hope of the New Year, your Consistories could use your help in making this year a success by helping out where you can, especially in bringing in petitions (all we have to do is ask).

When attending your Blue Lodges, ask the Master for his permission to announce upcoming Scottish Rite events. Invite your Blue Lodge Brethren to join us in the “University of Freemasonry”. All of your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Please reach out to our senior members in a safe way to see if they need assistance. Also, lets keep in prayer our Country, Families and Freemasonry.

Take care and may God Bless !

Happy New Year, Brothers!

I hope that we can get back to normal soon. I keep hearing the phrase “this is the new normal”. Well, I disagree. Please don’t misunderstand. I take this COVID-19 virus seriously because I know it is real, but it is not the first virus that has killed people, and it won’t be the last.

I miss the fellowship with my brothers in meetings. I’m not going to live my life in fear because I have a God that gives me faith and a promise of a life better than the one I live now, when this one is over. I pray your lodges will prosper this year. I’m looking forward to our District Meetings.

May God bless you and your families,

Douglas W. Bunch, 32° K.C.C.H.
Personal Representative,
Valley of Madisonville

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freedom of conscience our mission,
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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.
King James VI of Scotland (later King James I of England) appointed William Schaw, Master of Works for Scotland. It is believed by many that the ‘Schaw Statutes’ of 1598 and 1599 were the origins of organized masonry. King James also sent many craftsmen to Northern Ireland to aid in establishing plantations and it is probable that Scottish masonry accompanied those craftsmen. King James was often referred to as the ‘Solomon of his day’, due to his intense education and brilliant mind.

Today, King James is mostly remembered for “Authorized King James Bible”. This English translation was commissioned by James to correct errors of the several previous translations. The new translation was undertaken by 47 scholars forming six committees in three different universities and was completed and printed in 1611. Ordinary people now had access to it and could read it for themselves. It became and still is, the most widely read book of all time. Many of you may own the Masonic version, which contains pictures and illustrations of King Solomon’s Temple, and points out biblical characters and verses of masonic interest.

Conspiracy theorists are happy to declare that Masons have their own Bible. When it is pointed out that it is essentially the same KJV Bible that has been used for hundreds of years by most of the population as well as churches; conspiracists say that King James himself was a Mason and Mason’s ceremonies today still utilize the evil Freemasons Bible. Most Masonic Lodges still place the King James Version on their altar, having purchased the Bible well before the several newer versions with updated language appeared.

Anyone who searches ‘on line’ for some particular interest in Freemasonry, will certainly encounter anti-Masonic websites containing such information as Freemasonry being accused of killing President John F. Kennedy (as has been the CIA, Mafia, KGB, and Cuban exiles). According to these conspiracy theorists, Freemasons also killed Princess Diana, responsible for the Dunblane Primary School Massacre, faked the moon landings, are responsible the French Revolution, the Russian Revolution, the Spanish Flu in 1918 and the list goes on and on. I imagine Covid-19 will be included in years to come.

World-wide distributed books such as “Jack the Ripper: The Final Solution”, “From Hell” (made into a movie starring Johnny Depp), and “The Brotherhood”, paint a weird picture of Freemasonry. Even though the Freemasonic-Ripper theory has long been debunked, the damage continues today. Thirty to forty years ago, the conspiracy theories were prevalent, many with an extreme and hateful message. Tele-evangelists preached anti-masonic messages begging for money to fight this anti-Christian Freemasonic enemy. To the tele-evangelist, Freemasonry was a religion, and any and all religions different from the tele-evangelist’s group were evil and fair game.

In the early 1990’s even the Southern Baptists became split at their convention over reports without evidence, that Freemasons practiced “satan worship”, even though their own committee found no fault with the Freemasons’ fraternity. At the time, those of us who observed these times, could not help but be sick to the stomach. The newspapers failed to report that many Masons assisted in the origin of the ‘Southern Baptists’, and not only members, but many Baptist ministers were Masons. Bad news is good news for the media. Thanks to author and then non-mason John Robinson’s book “A Pilgrim’s Path to the Masonic Lodge”, conspiracy theory damage, have been slowed but far from erased. Robinson later was credited as the ‘founding visionary’ of the Masonic Information Center operated by the Masonic Service Association which has done much to assist the public in understanding more about Freemasonry.

So was King James a Mason? Early Scottish minutes show that Scottish Lodges accepted non-operatives as early as 1600. The Master of Works William Schaw who organized the lodges under his blanket, would certainly keep the king appraised of progress. There is a mural in the Lodge of Scone with King James kneeling at the altar and a document “The Perth Agreement” which records King James being made a Mason (entered Freemason and Fellowcraft) on April 15, 1601. However this document, “The Perth Agreement” was written in 1658, some 57 years later, as a Lodge history to establish the Lodges claims of precedence. There is no other documentation. Is the story apocryphal? One would have to ask himself, would a king subject himself to join with a group of actual laborers? Some scholars say “yes”, others “no”. -----------------What do you think?

Your Masonic Library has numerous anti-masonic as well as pro-masonic books, available for the Mason interested in how a conspiracy theorist’s minds work. 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
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Life is not merely a series of meaningless accidents or coincidences. But rather, it’s a tapestry of events that culminate in an exquisite Sublime plan.
Master Gary Ray presented 50 year pin to Army Veteran Paul Nadeau. Congratulations Brother.

Randy Martin (left), Master of Right Angle Lodge #233, Winchester, presents Junior Warden James Hughbanks with his Master Mason Proficiency certificate at the November meeting.

Bro. Edward Frank Farmer of Irvine Lodge #137 F&AM received his 60 year membership pin from the Bro. Christopher Hunt, Master.

Bro. Steve Talbott, PM of Right Angle Lodge 233, on right received his 40-year pin from Tommy Bunch, PM. He was initiated at Howard Lodge 69 in Mobile, Alabama, in Dec. of 1979, passed in Jan. 1980, and raised in Feb. 1980. In April of 2013 he transferred to Right Angle Lodge #233. Bro. Bunch, is a 53 year Mason.
By-Laws

CUMBERLAND VALLEY LODGE NO. 751
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 751 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning regularly stated meeting days and time. All Brothers are urged to attend.

MAYSVILLE LODGE NO. 52
At the February and March stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, Maysville Lodge No. 52 will be considering and discussing raising the dues from the Current $55.00 to $75.00. All Brothers are urged to attend.

SHORT CREEK LODGE NO. 744
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, Short Creek Lodge #744 is going to be receiving report from the By-Laws committee meeting on Jan 2, 2020 at its stated meeting. All Brothers are urged to attend.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

WM. B. ALLEN LODGE NO. 704
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, WM. B. Allen Lodge No. 704 will have a busniss meeting. All Brothers are urged to attend.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ELECTIVE OFFICERS 2019-2020

WAYNE W. LISPERGER, CHAIRMAN

[Contact information and Masonic lodge details]

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Rush Lodge #715 F. & A.M. - Life Saving Kidney Transplant Performed

Past Master Roy Brown, Secretary of Rush Lodge 715 for 34 years received a kidney transplant on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Charleston Area Medical Transplant Center. The transplant was performed by Dr. Joseph Bernard Africa and his very capable team of doctors, nurses and staff. Thank God for the new kidney he gave me and thank god for all the great people involved. A special thanks to my wife for taking care of me and for all the prayers from my Lodge Brothers and my church. Dr. Africa is on the far right next to me in the photo above. Fraternally Thine, Roy Brown, Secretary, Rush Lodge 715.