District Meeting Photos

It has been a great start with great attendance at each of the five District meetings held so far. The DDGM’s who jump started this year were District 11 Charles Smith, District 15 Raymond Wolford, District 16 Leonard Richardson, District 21 John Folden and District 22 Marvin Upchurch! Attendance has been excellent at these meetings. District 11 did some astonishing fundraising for our Veterans and has put the challenge to the rest of the Districts! These meetings were a great time of fellowship and reconnecting with Brothers after being gone for so long because of the pandemic.

To View more pictures from all of these meetings, please visit and Join the Grand Masters Ernest C. Jackson Photo Gallery on Facebook!

Photos by Michael Martin
omegaky@aol.com
Greetings Brothers,

We should be in the middle of our District Meetings by now. I am overwhelmed with the attendance. I have to say, its pleasing to see the Brothers and their Ladies out in enjoying the District Meetings. I hope that either you have attended or plan to attend a District Meeting. Brothers take time to enjoy, greet a new Brother with open arms, show him our Brotherly love we have among us. I want to thank, each District Deputy and their Lodge for making our District Meetings outstanding. To the District Deputies, Thank You again, for all your hard work and dedication you give Our Great Fraternity.

Brothers, I want to thank each Lady! Our Ladies are why we get to meet and have our Fellowship and Brotherly Love. If our Ladies did not support us in our endeavors. The long hours, traveling, being gone, the weekend travels and all the extra work staying on the phone that keeps us busy at home. Thank you, Ladies, again!! I hope the other Ladies are having a good time at the District Meetings. I know my wife is.

The Traveling Level is moving at a great speed. It has been like the game “Hot Potato” the Lodges that have had the Traveling Level are doing a good job moving it around.

The Scholarship only had One Thousand dollars in the fund when it started. As I write this Article that amount has increased by an additional One thousand dollars, bringing the total Two Thousand Dollars in the Scholarship Fund. I have had Brothers ask me “if they could donate to the Scholarship Fund” and remain anonymous? I am going to honor the Brothers request.

Brothers, we cannot go wrong helping a student with their education. Its hard for any student to go on to college because it is so expensive. These Scholarship monies will help any student that wants to further their education get started. We as Masons need to be out doing things to make people know who we are and the good we do in our community as Brother Masons. Making our community a better place to live.

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.
Joppa Lodge #167

The officers installed at Joppa Lodge #167 on January 5, 2021. Front row, left to right: Darrell Downing, Treasurer; Tom Wheatly, Senior Warden; Logan Choate, Master; John Choate, Secretary and Jordan Parrish, Junior Deacon. Back row, left to right: Bobby Yates, Chaplain and Benny Pinnegar, Tiler.

Shelby Lodge #662

Installation of Officers. Pictured: Front Center: Aiden Thomas Manning, son Worshipful Master Quinton Nation, First Row, left to right, Gene Crady, MWPGM Wilson Wilder (Installing Master), Edward Fegenbush (Senior Deacon), Quinton Nation (Worshipful Master), William Cecil Goodlett (Treasurer), Ray Wolford (DDGM District 15), Kevin Reardon. Back Row: Walt Ryder (Installing Marshall), Doug Roach (Senior Warden), Revel V Lewis III (Secretary), MWPGM Christopher L Stout (Installing Secretary).

James W. Alley Lodge #869

Election of Officers was held on December 28th, 2020. being St. John’s Day fell on Sunday this year. After a It was an honor and privilege to have Officers of The Grand Lodge of Kentucky attend the Installation Ceremony. Most Worshipful Grand Master; Ernest C. Jackson installed the Master, John Marsillett, and the remaining Officers. The Installing Marshal was Grand Marshal, Worshipful Brother, Mitchell May. From left to right, Front Row; Steven Halbert-Senior Deacon, Douglas A. Harvey, PM, PDDGM #28, Grand Tyler-Marshal, Goble Allen-Chaplain, Michael Caudill-Senior Steward, Curtis B. Lee Sr, PM-Tyler. Left to right, back row; Kenneth Howard, PM, First Responders Committee-Treasurer, Brantley Johnson-Junior Warden, John Marsillett-Master, Justin Jackson, Honorary Special Events Committee-Master Warden, Robert Bailey-Junior Deacon, Ernie Gullett, PM, PD-DGM #28, Masons Supporting Brothers Committee-Man Secretary.

Jerusalem Lodge #9

Open Installation of officers for 2021 was held at our stated meeting, December 28th, with Carl Grossman as installing Master and Wayne “Moose” Emerson as installing Marshal, both of Henderson No. 958. We thank them both for their help and welcome our new slate of officers.


Congratulations to all 2021 Lodge Officers!
## District Meetings - May/June

### 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
The District Meeting will be held on May 7, 2021 at College Heights United Methodist Church, 710 College Street Road, Elizabethtown, KY. Meal at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Carl Joseph Goff, DDGM District 9

### 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 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 26
The District Meeting will be held on June 5, 2021 at Hugh Harris Lodge in Corbin KY. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 am until 11:30 am, tiled meeting will follow and start at 12:00 - Masons Only.

William D. Hale, Jr, DDGM District 26

### District 25
District Meeting - 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 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 30
District Meeting - June 5, 2021.  
Meal at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Karl Allen Buckles, DDGM District 30

### District Meetings - June

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Richard T. Nation, named Board Member Emeritus

On March 17, Brother Terry L. Bowman, PGM, vice chair of Masonic Homes Kentucky Board of Directors, presented Karen Nation, wife of the late Brother Richard (Rick) T. Nation, PGM, with a certificate honoring him posthumously as Board Member Emeritus.

Rick served as a board member since 2004 including holding the title of Grand Master and Secretary. He championed the Masonicare program which supports Masons and their wives and widows. He was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 2, 1980, in Shelby Lodge No. 662 in Waddy, KY. He served as Master of Shelby Lodge in 2013, and served as Lodge Secretary for many years up to the time of his death. Brother Nation passed away on December 26, 2019. His love for his fraternity and its charity, Masonic Homes Kentucky, will never be forgotten.

Badge of a Mason Program

Supporting Masons and widows residing in Masonic Homes Kentucky

Every year, a special apron is crafted for each support level. The apron features a rendering of an iconic landmark on the Masonic properties.

Levels of support include:

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

For more information contact Jason R. Wilson, senior vice president and chief development officer, Masonic Homes Kentucky, at 502.753.8861 or jwilson@masonicky.com.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS

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
**Masonic Home Journal**  
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**Job’s Daughters**. Bethel No. 18 in Louisville Kentucky will be sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Kosair Shrine Center on Bardstown Road. Bethel No. 18 is one of only two Bethels left in the state of Kentucky and its members work hard to be of service to their communities.

They have roughly 38 spots open and you need to pre-register to donate due to the Covid-19 and requirements by the American Red Cross.

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The general public is welcome and encouraged to sign up and donate too!

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If this is your first time donating, please watch this video, it’s very informative!


The Kosair Shrine is located at:

Kosair Shrine Center  
4120 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, Ky. 40218

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**15th Annual Swigert-Middletown #218 MASONIC CHARITY GOLF SCRUMBLE**  
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/

- 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

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

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

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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

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Are pleased to announce to all Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons that:  
“The Order of Solomon”

Will be Conferred on:  
Saturday, May 29, 2021  
at Shively-Lewis-Parkland Lodge No. 951  
Located at: 4221 Hillview Avenue, Louisville, KY 40216

EAT at 6:30 p.m. and MEET at 7:30 p.m.  
ALL current MASTERS and PAST MASTERS are Eligible to receive this Coveted Degree

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP - ONLY $35.00**

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TBD

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**Rain or Shine**  
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West Kentucky ATV Park

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Dear Brethren,

Are we seeing the light at the end of the tunnel from COVID-19?

Maybe somewhat, but we cannot let our guards down yet. We need to continue to practice the safety guidelines that has been set forth.

The Supreme Council Workshops have begun, and I encourage any member and especially Officers and Consistory Leadership to virtually attend one of the remaining presentations. Space is limited, so call the Supreme Council Office to register.

If you haven’t visited your Consistory in a while, I sincerely urge you to do so. Make plans now to attend your next meeting or Reunion. Your Consistory would appreciate your attendance. I encourage each Scottish Rite Mason to bring in at least one petition this year to help perpetuate our beloved Rite.

Lastly, my prayers are with you and your Families to remain safe and healthy and continue to practice those valuable lessons we have learned in our beautiful and meaningful Degrees. May God Bless!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Terry

TERRY L. BOWMAN, PGM, 33°
DEPUTY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL,
ORIENT OF KENTUCKY

Valley of Louisville

Greetings My Brothers All,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Geary F. Laird from Shawnee Lodge #830 where I serve as Treasurer. This past year I was afforded the honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Master. Your thoughts, prayers and support helped get Freemasonry through some exceedingly difficult times.

As a Mason, it has always been my desire to serve all Masons, whether they be Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite or Shrine.

I am truly honored and humbled to be appointed to serve as your Personal Representative here at the Valley of Louisville. As a newly appointed Personal Representative, I am sure you have many questions and concerns. If I can be of assistance, please contact me by email: gearylaird10@gmail.com or phone (502) 417-6005.

Knowledge is the key to our success. Every mason should strive to make advancements in Masonic education and take advantage of the programs that we have in place. One example is the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program which is a correspondence course designed and administered by the staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC. There are three courses available: 1. Master Craftsman: Symbolic Lodge, 2. Master Craftsman: Scottish Rite History & Ritual, 3. Master Craftsman: Scottish Rite Philosophy. All students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and a lapel pin. Students who are members of the Southern Jurisdiction will be presented these at a Valley meeting.

It is my hope that we can continue to build on these programs and have other events to enhance our membership’s Masonic experiences. To me, the most crucial part of Freemasonry is to be able to teach the lessons of Masonry and exemplify them in our everyday lives.

We have started again holding meetings at the Valley of Louisville. I hope you will come out and participate in some of the activities we have planned. The time is now, let us get involved, press ahead with good ritual, fellowship, and brotherly love.

UNITED TOGETHER, THERE IS NOTHING THAT WE CANNOT ACCOMPLISH. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

Fraternally thine,

GEARY F. LAIRD, PGM, 32° KCCH
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, VALLEY OF LOUISVILLE

**Valley of Louisville Calendar 2021**

**May**

13 Stated Meeting (LOP) Family Dinner; Widows Night and SR Foundation Meeting
27 Stated Meeting - (LOP) 29°
30 Master Craftsmen

**June**

10 Stated Meeting (CKK) Flag Day Program Family Dinner
12 PART II REUNION: 30°-32° / Family Dinner & Capping
24 Stated Meeting (KSA) Battle of Bannockburn Presentation
27 Master Craftsmen

**July**

08 Stated Meeting (LOP)
15 33° Dinner
22 Stated Meeting (LOP)
25 Master Craftsmen

**August**

**DARK - NO STATED MEETINGS**
Frankfort was a city under siege. The trainload daily and tensions in the capital ran very high. In many an effort to intimidate the legislature. Scores of armed men arrived by election was about to be stolen from them, descended on Frankfort in Republican to examine the election results. Republicans, fearing the which appointed a commission consisting of ten Democrats and one Commission's report, however, said that the General Assembly had the sion upheld the results of election and on December 12, 1899, William tion in Louisville, the Democrats nominated Goebel as their candidate Attorneys of the General Assembly in 1895. After a bitter and fractious state conven- Kentucky elected its first Republican governor, William O. Bradley. The election of the Republican Bradley threw the Democratic Party into disarray. Into that leadership vacuum stepped Covington state Senator William Goebel. A successful trial lawyer, Goebel was first elected to the Kentucky Senate in 1887. In 1898 Goebel secured passage of a bill known as the Goebel Election Law. The gist of the election law was this: The General Assembly, dominated by Democrats, would create an Election Commission. The members of the Commission would be two Democrats and one Republican. The Commissioners would then select an election commissioner for each Kentucky county, who would certify the results of his county’s elections in order for such results to be official. The state Election Commission would have the final determination in any challenge to election results certified at the county level. The stage was now set for the 1899 gubernatorial election in Ken- tucky. Republican nominated William S. Taylor, who had been elected Attorney General in 1895. After a bitter and fractious state convention in Louisville, the Democrats nominated Goebel as their candidate for Governor. Former Governor John Y. Brown (1891-1895) ran as a third-party candidate. When the votes were tallied on November 7, 1899, it appeared that Taylor had been elected Governor by about 2,400 votes. Goebel appealed the results to the Election Commission created under the Goebel Election Law. To the surprise of everyone, the Election Commission upheld the results of election and on December 12, 1899, William S. Taylor was inaugurated as Kentucky’s 33rd governor. The Election Commission’s report, however, said that the General Assembly had the final power to determine the validity of elections in Kentucky. Goebel quickly appealed to the Democrat dominated General Assembly, which appointed a commission consisting of ten Democrats and one Republican to examine the election results. Republicans, fearing the election was about to be stolen from them, descended on Frankfort in an effort to intimidate the legislature. Scores of armed men arrived by the trainload daily and tensions in the capital ran very high. In many ways Frankfort was a city under siege. The immediate aftermath of the death of Governor William Goebel in Frankfort, Kentucky on February 3, 1900 brought Kentucky to the brink of civil war. But for the intervention of two prominent Kentuckians, John Breckinridge Castleman and Daniel R. Collier, both Freemasons, it is likely that armed conflict would have occurred. How these two men, who came from very different backgrounds, helped defuse such a volatile situation, is a story largely lost to history.

To understand how matters in early 1900 reached a boiling point, it is necessary to understand post-Civil War politics in Kentucky. Following the Civil War, Kentucky was politically dominated by the conservative wing of the Democratic Party. As the 19th century neared an end, the Democrat’s grip on political power weakened and, in 1895, Kentucky elected its first Republican governor, William O. Bradley.

Governor Taylor disputed the legitimacy of Governor Goebel’s, and consequently, Governor Beckham’s, claims to the office and refused to recognize any of their acts. Taylor remained in the governor’s man- sion and continued to act as governor. For a period of time, Kentucky had two governments – one headed by Governor Taylor with Daniel R. Collier acting as Adjudant General and the other headed by Governor Beckham with John B. Castleman as Adjudant General. Frankfort was a powder keg. With two rival State Guard factions, the slightest mis-step on either side would result in armed conflict plunging the State into partisan civil war.

The Democratic Adjutant General, John Breckinridge Castleman, had been born in Fayette County, Kentucky, on June 30, 1842. Young Castleman served in the Confederate army, and was one of Gen. John Hunt Morgan’s raiders. Near the end of the war, he was sent to St. Louis with the assignment of burning federal boats docked there. He was captured and sentenced to be hung, but was pardoned by President Lincoln just before the war’s end.

After the War, Castleman studied both medicine and law, began an insurance agency, founded the American Saddledbreed Horse Association, was instrumental in the design of the Louisville park system and raised the Louisville Legion for service in the Spanish American War. Castleman had previously served as Adjutant General from 1883-1887 under Governor J. Proctor Knott.
Castleman and Collier were well known to each other. Castleman was a member of Falls City Lodge No. 376 in Louisville and Collier was a member of Bryantsville Lodge No. 197 in Garrard County. Meeting privately, Castleman and Collier discussed the delicate position in which they found themselves and the possibility for armed conflict between the two parties. Both men realized that to a large extent, the fate and reputation of the Commonwealth rested in their hands.

Here is Castleman’s description of the meeting: “General Collier and I were Masons, and it was upon the obligations imposed by Masonic pledge of brotherhood and fraternity that reliance was lodged to strengthen and make impregnable a fortress constructed on Masonic honor to protect our people. We knew that the unusual condition would, on both sides, develop impetuosity. This we agreed should not affect either of us and that, dealing with each other on fraternal grounds, we should always find accord in Masonic truth ‘leading to the goal of brotherhood and fraternity.’ To this end, with pledge to each other to this Masonic fulfillment, we agreed to do nothing without co-operative action in order that our Masonic honor might redound to the good of a troubled and infuriated people.”

Castleman proposed that the two men vow to each other, upon their Masonic honor, not to use force against each other, or to direct others to use force, until the appropriate Courts could decide which party had the legitimate claim to power. Collier enthusiastically agreed to this proposal. On May 22, 1900, in compliance with an Order of the U. S. Supreme Court, Gen. Collier yielded the office of Adjutant General to Gen. John B. Castleman. Gov. Beckham’s claim to office was upheld and Gov. Taylor fled to Indiana, where he spent the rest of his life.

Gen. Collier died at Lancaster, Kentucky on January 22, 1904 and is buried in Lancaster Cemetery. Gen. Castleman survived until May 23, 1918, when he died in Louisville, Kentucky and is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Kentuckians owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to these two men. Daniel Collier was a committed Republican and John Breckinridge Castleman was an equally committed Democrat. Both men viewed the role of government in very different ways. Yet in the hour of crisis, it was these two men, former opponents on the field of battle and political opposites, who, upon their honor as Masons, pledged to put the good of their State above their allegiance to their political party.

The names of Daniel Collier and John Castleman are now remembered by only a few. But their example should be a daily reminder to all of us that application of the Masonic values of truth, relief and brotherly love are ultimately greater than either the ballot box or the bullet; and have the ability to heal a broken country’s deepest wounds.

What do you think?

(The above was written by W.B. Dan Kemble PM, Wm O. Ware Lodge of Research; MLMA Board of Directors. Any remarks sent to the email below, will be forwarded to him.) Special “welcome”, to Brothers Jack Gallaher and Jerry Huffman, as a new “Friends of the Library”.

Your Masonic Library has Masonic many of the best and most popular Masonic books available. You can visit your MLMA – Covington and receive a free library card, any Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm or for an appointment, just email Bill Lorenz, Librarian: library.covsr@outlook.com
Greetings Brethren from the Valley of Covington.

With all the shutdowns and isolation of 2020, it has certainly been refreshing to see a renewal of activity not only in Free-masonry, but also its appendant bodies. Much like the beautiful spring weather we are now enjoying, it seems like our noble fraternity is entering a Spring of its own after the “long winter” that was 2020.

The Valley of Covington hosted its first stated business meeting via Zoom in February. It was actually a pretty good turnout with around 30 members attending. Most especially, was that we had several members attending, from geographically significant distances, who had not been to the Valley of Covington temple in many years. In order to stay attuned to ongoing meeting Zoom codes, and other timely events; make sure you are receiving our latest communications via email; by sending a confirmation of your address to our Secretary/Registrar: F. Keith Dreier, PGM, 33° at: keith@covingtonscottishrite.org; and also to our Membership Chairman: Ronald L. Allari, 32° KCCH at: ron.allari@gmail.com.

Some of our Scottish Rite clubs stayed and have continued to remain very active. There are eleven regional Scottish Rite clubs in the Valley of Covington (dispersed through northern, north-central, and eastern Kentucky). Generally, our club meetings are not tyled; if you are a Master Mason interested in a little more camaraderie and/or would like to check out the Scottish Rite in an informal and casual setting - take a look at the clubs on our web page: https://covingtonscottishrite.org for places and times meeting near you (might want to confirm by calling in advance).

You will find yourself heartily welcomed by brethren, who like you enjoy each other’s company, and will perhaps find opportunities to make a difference for the betterment of our own lives, as well as the lives of others.

Our March Reunion in Ashland was an absolute success. We enjoyed wonderful accommodations at the newly renovated Delta Hotel by Marriott. Many thanks to the beautiful Poage Lodge #325 for its freshly renovated venue and to the Ashland-Russell Scottish Rite Club for coordinating our meals and excellent hospitality. Honorable mention to the Sandy Valley Scottish Rite Club for additional funding of our most excellent hospitality room Friday evening. All of the degree teams performed flawlessly, we should all take pride in the standard of excellence promoted by all members of our craft. Needless to say the ongoing laughter and goodwill felt by all the attendees (especially after the drought of 2020) have us looking forward with great anticipation to our May (21 & 22) Reunion in Covington!

Mark your calendars and keep in mind the Valley of Covington’s First Annual Fundraising Gala to be held at the Delta Marriott in Ashland on October 2, 2021. We are honored to have as our Keynote Speaker: Illustrious James D. Cole, 33rd°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA. It should be noted, that Jim Cole is renowned as an excellent speaker (publicly speaking since the age of fifteen); you won’t want to miss this black tie event which will also include live music, a plated dinner, and a silent auction. This gala was originated in the vision of our Junior Past Personal Representative, Illustrious Raymond A. Murphy, 33rd° and is largely being brought to fruition through the efforts of Michael J. Barnett, 32nd° KCCH. Also, and perhaps most importantly, this event is open to all Master Masons, whether from Kentucky or anywhere else from the four corners of the earth. Tickets will be available from the Valley of Covington, beginning at the time of our May Reunion.

In the meantime, I wish you all the best in health and safety during these unique and somewhat turbulent times and look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally Thine,

Rob
Robert H. Smith, 32° KCCH
Personal Representative
859-760-6000 (texting preferred)

“Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.” - Ian Maclaren

Brethren,

The Valley of Madisonville will have a Spring Reunion on June 19th, 2021. This will be a one-day Conferral. Originally the date of June 12th had been chosen. However, MWGM Ernest Jackson will be having an ATV ride that day, and I will not schedule an event at the same time our Grand Master has planned something. I am pleased to announce that all of our degree teams have been filled by our own members. The reunion will begin at 7am with breakfast starting at 6am.

The district meetings will be concluding soon. This is always a time of great fellowship. I will be focusing the Scottish Rite presentation in those districts that make up Western Kentucky. Due to time constraint, I will not be able to give a complete presentation, (it takes about 20 minutes) however for those interested I will visit lodges when invited by the master of the lodge.

Fraternally Submitted,

Douglas W. Bunch,
Personal Representative, Valley of Madisonville

Valley of Madisonville
By-Law Notice

St. George Lodge No. 239
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, (May 19, 2021) St. George Lodge No. 239 will be voting to amend its By-Laws concerning stated meeting nights and location. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Anderson Lodge No. 90
At the first stated communication 30 days following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, Anderson Lodge No. 90 will be voting to amend its By-Laws and change its meeting date. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Howard Lodge No. 819
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, (June 7, 2021) Howard Lodge No. 819 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Special Election Notice

Cox Lodge No. 464
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, Cox Lodge No. 464: an election for Jr. Warden and any other office that may become vacant. We will also be voting on By-Law changes. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Greenup Lodge No. 89
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, Greenup Lodge No. 89: an election for Jr. Warden and any other office that may become vacant. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Kingston Lodge No. 315
During the stated communication on June 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM, Kingston Lodge #315 will elect a new Secretary due to the recent passing of Brother Dennis Mills who had served for the previous 13 years. The lodge will elect any other offices that might come open due to the election of the Secretary. All Brothers are urged to attend.

St. John’s Lodge No. 125
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, St. John’s Lodge No.125 will hold an election for any and offices that may become vacant. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Shively-Lewis-Parkland Lodge No. 951
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in THE MASONIC HOME JOURNAL, Shively-Lewis-Parkland Lodge No. 951: an election for Jr. Deacon and any other office that may become vacant. We will also be voting on By-Law changes. All Brothers are urged to attend.
RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

JOHN PAUL THOMPSON
Symsonia Lodge No. 917, F&A.M.
Symsonia, Kentucky
In memory of Bro. John Paul Thompson
Who died February 28, 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 Symsonia Lodge No. 917 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.

RAYMOND LEE PEELER, JR., MASTER
WILLIAM DEESE VINSON, JR., SECRETARY

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

THEODORE (TED) BICKEL
Buechel Lodge No. 896, F&A.M.
Louisville, Kentucky
In memory of Bro. Ted Bickel
Who died March 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 Buechel Lodge No. 896 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 CISSELL, MASTER
ANTHONY SATTICH, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

ROMUEL E. TOON
Buechel Lodge No. 896, F&A.M.
Louisville, Kentucky
In memory of Bro. Romuel E. Toon
Who died March 31, 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
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JOHN CISSELL, MASTER
ANTHONY SATTICH, SECRETARY

Kenneth Ray Parks
Symsonia Lodge No. 917, F&A.M.
Symsonia, Kentucky
In memory of Bro. Kenneth Ray Parks
Who died March 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
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Includes Green Fee, Cart, Refreshment and Lunch!

(All participants must belong to a Masonic Lodge and present a current membership card)

“Prizes to be Awarded”

Contact Kosair Shrine Office to Register

502-585-5412

**Hole Sponsors Welcome, $30.00**

Not a Golfer - A Fishing Tournament will also be held.

Prizes for heaviest total weight of 6 fish & the biggest fish caught.
McHenry Hospital Journal

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May 2015

DIRECTORY FREE & ACCEPTED MASONSON
ZONTONE LODGE NO. 944 - Members 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 P.M., 112 Holmes St., Shepherdsville, John Johnson, Pres.; Patrick Helton, Sec., 1610 Sutherland Dr., Shepherdsville, KY 40063; 502-753-8861.

ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
ORIENT OF KENTUCKY - TERRY L. BROWN, 33° P.G.M., DEPUTY LOUISVILLE CONSORTY NO. 2 - 4th Thursday, 7:30 P.M., Scottish Rite Temple, Broad St. and 4th St., Louisville, 7:30 P.M. Kevin Keoman, 33°, Master; John A. Johnson, 32°, KCCH, Commander, 7202 Gaymont Dr., Louisville 40214, 502-432-5739.

LEXINGTON CONSORTY
33°, Secretary/Registrar; Geary Laird, PGM 32° KCCH, Personal Representative.

LOUISVILLE CONSORTY
– Meets the 1st Tuesday each month at various restaurants at 6:00 P.M. J. C. Denton, C. President, Fred Rowe, Vice President; Richard Shivel Secretary/Treasurer, 270-858-9051.

LEXINGTON CONSORTY – Meets 3rd Thursday each month except January and February at 7:30 P.M. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. ladies invited. 555 Rosemont Garden Lexington (859)-277-7856. Wilson K. Wandler, 32°, KCCH, Yeasler Representative; Mack A. Scott, 32°, KCCH, Secretary/Registrar; Douglas W. Bunch, 32°, KCCH, Personal Representative.

GREENS RIVER SCOTTISH RITE CIRCLE
– Meets 3rd Tuesday each month at various restaurants at 6:00 P.M. C. Denton, C. President, Fred Rowe, Vice President; Richard Shivel SecretarDays 270-858-9051.

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All applications for life care admission should be sent to Wilma Phillips, Chairman correspondence.

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Hazard Lodge #676 F. & A.M.

The Brothers of Hazard Lodge #676 F&AM proudly recognized two Brothers for their years of service. Brother Aubrey Dale Combs (Photo Top Left) for 60 years of membership and service. Bro. Combs traveled from Louisville to his home Lodge, Hazard 676 to receive his 60 year service pin.

Retired CSX engineer Eddie Brown (Photo Bottom Left) was presented with his 50 year service pin. Presentations were made by Dirk Flinchum, PDDGM and Paul A. Johnson.

Congratulations Brothers!