Brother James Edwin Solomon of Jerusalem 9 met with James T. Roll, PM & Secretary and Norris O. Priest. Brother Solomon was presented with his 70 year membership pin. (more info on P.3)
Greetings!

Thanksgiving is soon approaching and our Fraternity is one of the many things that I am extremely thankful for. How wonderful that we can call one another brother! Sam and I wish each one of you and your families a blessed holiday. I encourage you to take the time to reach out to our shut-in brothers and Masonic widows. Please let them know that they are not forgotten, and that we are thankful for them also.

I will share the upcoming programs with you in this issue:

I am starting the Grand Lodge Masonic Leadership Academy this month. I will continue the 4-part course in February, June, and September of 2022. This is an excellent opportunity for brothers who are interested in becoming leaders in their lodges, or aspire to be District Deputies, Grand Lodge Officers, or simply want to further their education. The Academy will have extremely knowledgeable teachers! I hope that you will participate, as I feel that it will assist in the continuing excellence of our Fraternity.

I am proud to promote the Grand Master’s Grant Program. I will be awarding (2) $2,500.00 grants to lodges for their lodge improvements. Any lodge may apply for these grants and the criteria for qualifying is outlined in the grant application. For more information, please contact the Grant Committee.

We will offer a Ritual Competition this year and I’m excited that the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts will be able to participate. The competitions will be on the Entered Apprentice charge, the Fellowcraft charge and the Master Mason charge. I hope that we have several entries for each competition, as our committee travels the state to observe and judge what I know will be quality work! We will award plaques for each winner at all six locations, and a “Ritualist of the Year”, will be awarded at the Annual Grand Lodge Session in Bowling Green, KY in October of 2022.

This year, First Lady Sam’s program is focused on raising awareness about human trafficking. We have partnered with the P.A.T.H. Coalition (Parents Against Trafficking Humans). This is a very real and prevalent danger. Sam and I want to do our part to stop these horrendous acts from occurring in Kentucky. I ask each of you to please support her program. You can be the key to bringing awareness of human trafficking to our communities.

I am so excited to let you know that for the first time in Kentucky Masonic history, I’m launching a social media public information campaign using the slogan, “Not Just a Man, a Mason”, using print and video materials. We are hoping that this will raise awareness about who we are and what we stand for. This will not be soliciting for memberships, but rather letting others know about the relevancy of Freemasonry.

The new year holds many exciting challenges and I urge you to take part as we all work together in the continued advancement of our beloved Fraternity!

As we draw close to December, please remember that your elections cannot be conducted in November as they will be considered null and void per the Book of Constitutions. Also, once you have conducted your election in December, please submit the list of officers to the Grand Secretary’s Office in a timely manner. This will enable us to develop an updated list for the Masonic Directory in time for publication.

I am so humbled to be able to serve you as Grand Master. May God continue to bless you. Please remember that Freemasonry succeeds through Character, Conduct, and Commitment!

Fraternally thine,

James H. Gibson
Grand Master, 2021-2022
Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM
Veterans’ Corner

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who had died while in military service.

Paris Cemetery (above)

Left to Right: Master Justin T. Kinder (2), Brothers Earl B. Sosby, Jr. PM (2, 954), Scott Hampton (2), Bryan W. Smith (2), and James A. Prince PM (2). Brothers working but not in picture this day included: Troy Ballard PM (954), Les Durbin (160), George H. Luckey, Jr. (2), Brother & EA Todd Mayle (2), Barry Myers PM (40), Dennie Ritchie PM (40), Tristan Root PM (160), Jack Trautwein (2, 195), and Jimmie N. West (40). Volunteer working, but not in picture: Missy Davis (40).

Evergreen Memory Gardens Cemetery (right)

Left to Right: Brothers Ronnie Smith PM (246), Barry Myers PM (40), Bryan W. Smith (2), Dennie Ritchie PM (40), Walt Ryder PM (40, 2), Jimmie N. West PM (40), Josh Wells (40), PGM Wilson K. Wilder PM (40), James A. Prince PM (2), Daily Earlywine (40), Tristan Root PM (160), Denzil A. Vanderpool PM (2), Earl B. Sosby, Jr. PM (2, 954), George H. Luckey, Jr. (2), and Jack Trautwein (2, 195). Brothers working but not in picture this day included: Master Justin T. Kinder (2) and Ronald C. Wright PM (2, 954). Volunteers present, but not in picture: Hadley and Tori Kinder and Missy Davis (40).

Masons Honoring Our Veterans Memorial Day 2021

Paris Lodge No. 2 Free & Accepted Masons ably accompanied by Brothers from several other local lodges (their lodge numbers are shown in parenthesis after their names in the pictures and who worked and were not in the pictures) placed Memorial American Flags on Veteran Graves in two different cemeteries again this year. On Saturday, May 8, 2021, they saturated the Evergreen Memory Gardens Cemetery with just over 500 flags in honor of the known Veterans buried there. The Masons wish to Thank the Director, Mrs. Barbara Elliott, for the outstanding administrative support and their donation of the flags in conjunction with several of the local funeral homes she contacted.

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, this commemoration effort went forward to cover the Paris Cemetery where another 850+ flags were placed by this hard working Masonic Team. Again, the Paris Masons wish to Thank Mrs. Shanda Smith of Blue Grass Federal Savings & Loan Association, Mr. Clay Forsyth of the Hinton-Turner Funeral Home, Mr. Jeff Johnson of the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home, Mr. Rodney Dotson of the Central Kentucky Quick Lube & Tire and Wright Realty & Auctions, Dan Cummins Chevrolet Buick Inc, and Ms Joanne Stamper for their sponsorships and generous donations of money and flags to enable this effort. That’s over 1350 flags for the two cemeteries. Sr. Warden Bryan W. Smith directed this effort for the local Masons.

ON THE COVER - Jerusalem Lodge #9

Brother James Edwin Solomon of Jerusalem 9 met with James T. Roll, PM & Secretary and Norris O. Priest at his residence. Brother Solomon was presented with his 70 year membership pin. It was an honor to present him with his pin for his many years of service to the fraternity.

Brother Solomon told us some stories about joining the lodge, receiving his EA degree before heading off to the military, about fighting in the Korean War, how a friend saved his life and coming back to the states to finish up his degree work. Brother Solomon taught History in school and really enjoyed discussing it with us.
First and foremost, I want to thank you, the Grand Craft of Kentucky for your continued faith in me as we embark on this year of ground-breaking enterprise of revitalization of Freemasonry.

Thank you Most Worshipful now Past Grand Master Ernest Jackson for paving the way and simply being my brother and friend over these past several years.

I want to thank MWPGM Geary Laird for an exemplary installation. Once again, your ritual work is something for all Masons to aspire to. You have always lifted me up and it has been such an honor and privilege to install this auspicious body of Officers with you today.

Thank you MWPGM Todd Eastham for being my Installing Grand Marshal. Todd has always had faith in me and encouraged me. I continue to enjoy our discussions about how to move the needle on Freemasonry.

Thank you MWPGM Terry Bowman. Terry picked me out of a large crowd to become his District Deputy in District 22 many years ago. He lit the spark that culminated into what has transpired today. Thank you for your faith and friendship.

A heartfelt thank you to Brother Michael Martin and his lovely wife Rhonda. Their commitment to the Masonic fraternity goes above and beyond to make sure that the moments we all celebrate are captured in outstanding photographs. Equally important is Brother Brian King for his expertise in videography and his dedication.

I also want to take a moment to thank Brother Leonard Richardson for driving me across the state and putting up with my silly humor and long hours of postulating on how to help the Craft.

To my fellow Grand Line Elected and Appointed Officers along with my District Deputies and Committee men, thank you for your promised support, your wisdom and knowledge to assist me, and your evident passion and commitment to Freemasonry.

Thank you for every lady that came to show support for your husband on their Masonic journey. I realize the sacrifices that you make and you do not go unnoticed. Each one of you make a difference and I’m blessed to call you my friends and extended family.

To my family and children, thank you all so much for your constant encouragement and enthusiasm. All of them have extremely busy careers and lives and I am so humbled that they came to show their love and support to me. Thank you for sharing this milestone with me. I love you all dearly.

I am truly humbled, proud, and excited to be standing before you in this moment as Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Kentucky. When I made this decision that led me on this path, my goal was not just to be a success, but to be of value. The famous Mark Twain who became a mason in 1861, quoted, “Why not go out on a limb? Isn’t that where all the fruit is?” So, out on a limb I went…

My journey has never been alone. I was blessed to have someone who has always believed in me and has never faltered in that belief. Someone not only that I could not have made it without, but that I would not have “wanted” to make it without. As much as I love Freemasonry, all this is nothing if she is not by my side. I remember her telling me that I must plan, prepare, and expect to win. I remember her promise to support me if it meant that I could fulfill one of my dreams in this lifetime.

When I faltered, she did not. This has not changed. Not when I was gone more than I was home, not when I took phone calls in the middle of the night from a brother needing help, not when so much of our life together was put on hold because she realized the good I wanted to do and the people I wanted to help. Most importantly, not when she gave up so many things in her own life. Not once. Coming home from long nights on the road, she reminded me that God was directing my steps, so there was no reason to look back over my shoulder, that I must keep moving. The very essence of strength, compassion, courage, grace, and beauty. Naturally I am referring to my wife, the first lady of Kentucky Masonry, Sam Gibson.

As I reflected on what kind of Grand Master I wanted to be and what kind of difference that I wanted to make, I kept returning to the word HONOR. Honor is dignity in carrying out, and living the values of respect, duty, loyalty, selfless service, integrity, and personal courage in everything one does. My commitment to the craft is to be a man of HONOR.

My goals to benefit the craft are many. There have been some that said that perhaps I was taking on too much or thinking outside the box a little too far. When we make decisions for the Grand Craft, we have to, by virtue of our office, differentiate what the Craft wants versus what they may need. However, I kept in mind the words of the determined Henry Ford, who revolutionized the automotive industry. He quoted, “If I had asked people what they wanted, instead of building a car they would have said faster horses”. As Masons, if all we focus on are limitations, then all we will have will be limitations. This is not to say that I will not glean knowledge from others as I firmly believe that we can learn from one another. I respect and value those who came before me in this role. I’m fortunate to have such an outstanding group of officers and deputies on my team. Each one of them have an abundance of intelligence, creativity, caring, and energy that they will bring to the table. They are men of substance, integrity, and honor and together I believe we will create a momentum that will propel Kentucky Freemasonry forward for many years. Kentucky Freemasonry has achieved much over the years, but I firmly believe that we didn’t come this far, only to have come this far. We have more work to do and a future for Freemasonry to secure.

Character, Conduct, and Commitment is my promise as Grand Master as well as my challenge for every Mason in Kentucky. As Masons, we have sworn to uphold many things, but there are none as important as these 3 things.

I have several programs this year that will benefit the Craft, so that others may benefit from the works that we do as Masons. Sam will also have a program that will allow her to continue her fight against human trafficking.

We will once again have a fantastic Leadership Academy that will assist our brothers in achieving their goals and aspirations, and become more informed Masons as they prepare to lead our Fraternity. The Grand Lodge Scholarship Program will continue to help change to lives of students across the Commonwealth to help them create a positive future.

The Veterans program will support so many of our wonderful veterans for their sacrifices and service to our country.
Grand Master’s Installation Speech

We will be conducting another Ritual Competition, encouraging Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons to participate! This year we will be supporting the Masonic Homes and their Masonic Care Program which will directly benefit our brother Masons and their widows. The Masonic Homes will always have my continued support in their efforts to help so many.

Shortly after our Annual Communication, I am inviting all of the heads of our appendant and concordant bodies to join me in a UNITY luncheon to discuss how we can support one another and share ideas to promote our respective bodies. It is my hope that this will become an annual occurrence, since I firmly believe each one is important and we must support each other.

Finally, I’m so excited to announce that for the first time in Kentucky Masonic history, I will be launching a public awareness campaign across several social media platforms about the importance of Freemasonry. I am enthusiastic that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will be taking part in this groundbreaking effort.

It’s going to be a phenomenal year! Like the amazing Winston Churchill said, “This is no time for ease and comfort. It is time to dare and endure!”

As your Grand Master, I will not accept the statement, “We have never done it that way”. I will consider that a rallying cry to try harder, go further, and to dare to think differently. We are not just men; we are KENTUCKY MASONs!

Please join me on this journey.
God bless all of you and may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless this great Fraternity of ours!

Grand Lodge of Kentucky F & A. M.

Front Row left to right: F. Keith Dreier, PGM, (163, 999), Grand Treasurer; Richard F. Short, (111, 997), Grand Senior Warden; E. Darren Wilson, (14, 437, 997), Deputy Grand Master; James H. Gibson, (255, 491, 997), Grand Master; Mitchell A. May, (928, 998), Grand Junior Warden; Donald H. Yankey, PGM,(586, 633), Grand Secretary.

Second Row left to right: Phillip C. Russell, (28, 141, 765), Asst. Grand Tiler; Douglas W. Bunch, (73, 503, 997), Grand Junior Deacon; Jeffery A. Duncan, (208, 323, 997), Grand Marshal; Mike McQueary, (111,491), Grand Tiler; Revel V. Lewis III, (662, 999), Grand Chaplain; Richard A. Hanson, (928, 998), Grand Sword Bearer; Bobby L. Baker, (124), Asst. Grand Secretary; Stephen W. Russell, (124), Asst. Grand Secretary; Michael A. Gibson, (634, 491), Grand Pursuant; Cameron C. Poe, (1, 999), Grand Senior Deacon.
Lincoln Lodge #60 F&AM
On September 11, 2021, Brother Ottis Cave of Lincoln Lodge #60 F.& A.M. was honored to represent the W.W. II veterans of Lincoln County during a “Patriots Day Parade” in Stanford, KY. Brother Cave is a 70 Mason. He is the passenger in the W.W. II era Jeep owned and operated by Kevin Cox of Stanford. (Above Photo)

Pewee Valley Lodge #60 F&AM
On Sunday, September the 26th, the Brothers of Pewee Valley 829 were honored to present Bro. Lindsay (T) Smith a 70 year service pin during the Past Masters and Widows luncheon. (photo above) Brothers Roland T. Stayton and Howard Griffin received 65 year pins. Making the presentations were Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden Richard (Dick) Short, and Pewee Valley 829 Master John Adkins.

Jerusalem Lodge #9
James T. Roll, PM & Secretary met Brother Charles Grimes at the Veterans Center, located in Hanson KY where he presented Brother Grimes with his 60 year pin. His wife, Carol, was there for the presentation, along with Dena Stone. We talked about his 20 years serving our country in the Marines, his tour in Vietnam and his 20 years being an OTR truck driver.

James T. Roll, also met with Brother James J. “Jim” Bates Jr. where he presented Brother Bates with his 65 year membership pin.

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Not taught in our school systems and unaware by most of the citizenship as well as, many Masons, the Constitution of the United States and the Federal style of government have a direct link to Freemasonry. That is a pretty strong statement, so is it true? Not only is it true, a comparison of the principals of government in Anderson's Constitution and the U.S. Constitution shows that they are remarkably the same. Fortunately for Freemasonry, a number of academics are beginning to look at Freemasonry and finding fascinating results.

Dr. Patrick Mendez, a visiting foreign policy scholar (John Hopkins University) writes in his book, “Commercial Providence: The Secret Destiny of the American Empire”, the following: “The basic principles of the governance employed by the Masons include: 1) The grand lodge is supreme in the Masonic federal system, 2) Local lodges are self-governing and independent, 3) The selection of officers is carried out by secret vote using a ballot and elections, 4) Governance is limited by the Constitution, 5) The popular sovereignty of representative government and majority rule are fundamental 6) Fiscal responsibility is delegated to the legislative body, 7) A type of judicial review is conducted by the grand lodge and 8) Freedoms of speech and equal participation are hallmarks of Freemasonry”.

After the Grand Lodge of London and Wales was formed in 1717, Rev. James Anderson with assistance from J.T. Desagulier and George Payne, published his Constitutions in 1723, and subsequently other revised editions. Anderson’s Constitutions displayed a federal government for the lodge members never before used by any known government or organization. All members who attended a Lodge had a say as well as a vote, and each Lodge practiced self-government. The individual lodges then sent representatives to the Grand Lodge to conduct the business of matters applicable to the Lodges as a group.

So how did these enlightenment ideas find their way to the New England colonies and then to the Constitution of United States? In 1734, printer Benjamin Franklin reproduced Anderson’s 1723 Constitutions. These were sold and distributed to both Masons and the public. Although other individuals or groups may have had some similar ideas, the Freemasons were by far the largest and the most involved in civic affairs. There is just no other group found in American history during this period that practiced such ideas.

The famous cartoon with the snake broken in eight parts having the initials of the colonies on each section and slogan “Join or Die” appeared in Franklin’s newspaper the Pennsylvania Gazette, in May, 1754. It was quickly picked up by other papers. The Albany Plan of Union, incorporating the enlightenment ideals found in Anderson’s Constitution, was presented by Ben Franklin at the Albany Congress in New York on July 10, 1754. The plan was to create a unified government for the American Colonies”, but remain under English rule. The plan failed, out of fear of some colonies, of being ‘controlled’; but would rise again twenty years later in the 2nd Continental Congress in July 1775. Fellow delegate Thomas Jefferson then made written suggestions on his copy of Franklin’s plan. Congress would make made 86 edits retaining much of Franklin’s original concept, before ratifying the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776.

The U.S. Constitutional Convention brought together ideas from many people. The Articles of Confederation and Declaration of Independence and other documents were all studied. George Washington presided over the Convention. The Constitution of the United States was ratified in June 21, 1788. Many of the Founding Fathers had made significant contributions. Over 20% of the 58 signers, are known to be Freemasons. The Bill of Rights guaranteeing civil rights and liberties to individuals, was approved by Congress and later ratified on December 25, 1791

Some scholars trace the principals set down in the U.S. Constitution to the greatest of English philosophers John Locke (1632-1704). John Locke’s ideas were an important influence on the Declaration of Independence. Locke’s contract theory of government was restated by Thomas Jefferson when he wrote in the ‘Declaration’ that governments derived “their just Powers from the consent of the people.” Locke’s opposition to the ‘divine right of Kings’ had greatly influenced the Glorious Revolution of 1688. In his “The Second Treatise of Government, Locke states that sovereignty resides in the people and then explains natural rights and the social contract. He is also famous for calling for the separation of Church and State in his Letter Concerning Toleration, in his opposition of total rule of church, of King or any government. He believed man was intended to use reason in the search after truth rather than simply accept the opinion of authorities. Does this sound Masonic to you?!

Nowhere is there a written or authenticated statement that John Locke was a Freemason, however two letters written to his friend Dr. Molyneaux (March 30, 1696/July 2, 1696) indicates that he may have been. Another letter from Locke to Thomas Earl of Pembroke, dated May 6, 1696, that having reviewed an old masonic document he intended to enter fraternity on his next visit to London. He was living near London at the time.

Regardless of ‘who is and who isn’t’ a Freemason, we can be very proud of Freemasonry’s contribution to the most important documents in American history, if not the world. As the Lee Greenwood song goes: “I’m proud to be an American where at least I know I’m free”. Perhaps the second verse should be a Masonic version “I am proud of my Freemasonry that made our America free”!!

Dr. Patrick Mendez’s, book, “Commercial Providence: The Secret Destiny of the American Empire” ($90.77 hardcover) ($48.99 paper-back) is available from Amazon. It currently is not available in the Covington Masonic Library

You can visit your MLMA – Covington and receive a free library card, any Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm or for an appointment, email Bill Lorenz, Librarian: library.covsr@outlook.com
Greetings My Brothers All,

I’m proud to announce the appointment of our newly appointed Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Terry L. Bowman. Brother Bowman is the embodiment of what a Mason should be: respectful, humble, and compassionate. He has worked selflessly and tirelessly reaching out to support others. As a Past Grand Master, he has served the craft with integrity and respect for many years. He is a mentor to many and friend to all. Congratulations on your appointment as SGIG of the Orient of Kentucky.

These past few weeks have been exciting, we hosted the Scottish Rite Speakeasy Gala and also the 6th Annual Scotty Davenport Golf Scramble. The proceeds from these events benefit the Louisville Scottish Rite Foundation and Rite Care.

The Scottish Rite Speakeasy was held Saturday October 2, 2021, at our Valley here in Louisville. The theme was Roarin’ 20’s / Prohibition. Most of those in attendance were dressed in clothing reflecting that era in our history. The evening started with an outstanding meal prepared by the Kitchen Staff and served by the Guard and volunteers of the Rainbow for Girls. It was truly a remarkable evening, with music provided by the Hunt Butler Quartet and the Kosair Shrine Dance Band. Thank you to Dr. Tom Harper and all those who had a part in making this an enjoyable and successful night.

The 6th Annual Scotty Davenport Golf Scramble was held on Monday October 4, 2021, at Audubon Country Club. We were blessed with fantastic weather for this event, a beautiful day for a round of golf. Thank you to Brother Tim Root, our participants, sponsors, and Coach Davenport for an outstanding day of fellowship and golf.

As a result of these events, your hard work and generosity, the Louisville Scottish Rite Foundation and Rite Care can continue to provide language development services to children in our surrounding areas. Once again, our fraternity has stepped up to support our mission to help children in need.

I look forward to seeing you at the Scottish Rite Temple.

Fraternally thine,

Geary F. Laird, PGM, 32° KCCH

Personal Representative,
Valley of Louisville
Hello Brothers,

As we begin a new year on the Masonic calendar, I want to congratulate Most Worshipful Grand Master James Gibson on his election as the Grand Master of Kentucky F&AM. I also want to congratulate his District Deputy Grand Masters as I am looking forward to meeting and working with you this coming year.

2021 was a great breakout year for the Western Kentucky Scottish Rite. We had 2 reunions, and attendance is increasing. Currently, we are remodeling and modernizing our I.T. infrastructure. This will allow us to have Zoom meetings for those brothers who cannot attend our meetings. It will also provide a new venue for the Grand Lodge and District Deputies to hold meetings and allow for better presentations.

The weather is turning cooler, and the holidays are upon us. I hope your Thanksgiving is blessed with abundance, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,
Douglas W. Bunch, 32° KCCH
Personal Representative,
Valley of Madisonville

Hello Brothers,

At a recent meeting of Winchester Lodge #20, Carl W. Gibson, Secretary of the Valley of Lexington, AASR, with the assistance of Scottish Rite Brethren from District 24 presented William Standafer with his 50 Year Scottish Rite Patent and dues card (see photo on bottom)

Photo below is of the Valley of Lexington, October Class Reunion.

Fraternally,
Carl W. Gibson, 32°
Secretary/Registrar, Valley of Lexington
William O. Ware Lodge of Research

Dan L. Kemble named “Research Fellow”

Longtime Covington Masonic Library and Museum Association board member and fifth generation Freemason, W.B. Dan L. Kemble has been designated a ‘Research Fellow’ of William O. Ware Lodge of Research for his exceptional service to Freemasonry, and to William O. Ware Lodge in particular. Ceremonies will take place at the Lodge’s Annual Meeting and Dinner, December 29, 2021. The presentation will be made by Tom L. Nitschke II, Master.

In a Resolution to the Lodge it was stated that Dan Kemble’s” tireless labors have been substantial, creates a model for others and has advanced William O. Ware Lodge of Research to a nationally acclaimed society”. Dan joins a list of three previously named Fellows; John W. Bizzack, Edwin L. Vardiman and William J. Lorenz, who together presented and signed the Resolution, September 29, 2021.

Dan Kemble has written and published numerous scholastic papers on Freemasonry and along with fellow Kentuckian, Brother John Bizzack, co-authored the book, 21st Century Conversations About Freemasonry – A Candle in the Dark. He also has collected countless valuable papers and reviewed several Masonic books for the benefit of the Research Lodge.

Brother Dan is a member of Hayes Lodge #517 and Good Faith Lodge #95, and served as Master of Wm O. Ware Lodge of Research, Newport Lodge #358 and Elvin E. Helms Lodge #926, He is Past District Deputy Grand Master for District 18, and has served the Grand Lodge of Kentucky favorably, in several capacities. Dan holds membership in a variety of Masonic research societies and is Recorder for the Rubicon Masonic Society. Congratulation Dan Kemble on this distinct honor!!! It is well deserved!!!

By-Law Notice

Harlan York Rite Bodies

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Harlan Chapter #165 R.A.M., Harlan Council #91 R.&S.M., and Duffield Commandery #42, K.T. will be voting on By-Laws changes. This vote will be taken on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. All Companions and Sir Knights are encouraged to attend.

Anderson Lodge No. 90

Effective and starting the month of September the Regular Stated Meeting Dates of Anderson Lodge #90 F&AM will be the Fourth (4th) Tuesday of each Month. The ByLaws Change recently adopted and approved also states we will meet on St John’s Day (Dec. 27) for Elections. Our Regular Scheduled Meeting for the rest of 2021 are as follows: Tuesday, September 28, October 26, November 23 and December 28, 2021. The Election Meeting will be held on Monday December 27, 2021. All meetings will begin at 7:30 pm.

Okolona Lodge No. 853

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, December 1st, 2021, Okolona Lodge #853 F&AM will have a called meeting for the purpose of election of officers. Time of meeting will be at 7:30pm. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Al. E. Orton Lodge No. 628

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Al. E. Orton Lodge #628 F.&A.M. will be voting on a By-Laws change their meetings to once per month, on the 2nd Thursday each month. Meeting start at 7:00 PM C.S.T. All Brothers are urged to attend.

Lodge Articles and Submissions for the Masonic Home Journal

Are due by the 5th of the preceding month

Email your submissions to:
masonichomejournal@grandlodgeofkentucky.org
Harlan Lodge #879 / Howard Lodge #819

Brother Christopher Williams, P.M. received his 25 year pin from his father, Brother Dan Williams, P.M., along with his cousin, Bro. David C. Howard, P.M. Howard Lodge 819 F&AM also passed three brothers to the F.C. Degree that evening. (L to R in photo-Dan Williams, David C. Howard-looking on, and Christopher Williams) (photo middle left)

Four brothers of Harlan Lodge 879 F&AM were presented Bluegrass Ritualist Pins from P.M., Bro. Carl E. Giles. L to R: Rusty L. Howard, Senior Ritualist, Harold Link, Master Ritualist, P.M. Giles, Matt Taylor, Ritualist, and Tracy Turner, Master Ritualist. (photo bottom left)

On August 09th, Members of Harlan Lodge 879 F&AM proudly presented 900 boxes of Crayons to Harlan Elementary and Harlan Middle School Officials respectfully for the students use. (photo above)
**Resolution of Respect**

**Gary Meredith**  
*Salt River Lodge No. 180, F&AM*  
*Mt. Washington, Kentucky*  
*In memory of Bro. Gary Meredith  
Who died September 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 SALT RIVER LODGE NO. 180 F.&A.M. GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, in testimony of her loss, be draped in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother, our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

Cody Robert Busing, Master  
Troy Spencer Gibson, Secretary

**Robert Lewis DeVore, Sr.**  
*Salt River Lodge No. 180, F&AM*  
*Mt. Washington, Kentucky*  
*In memory of Bro. Robert Lewis DeVore, Sr.  
Who died October 13, 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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Cody Robert Busing, Master  
Troy Spencer Gibson, Secretary

**Fairdale Lodge #942**

Bro. Jack Johnson, PM, of Fairdale Lodge #942, received his 40 year pin from DDGM #13, PM Timothy Riley and WM Chris Johnson *(above left)*

Bro. William Carlos Lester, received his 50 year pin and membership card from DDGM #13, PM Timothy Riley and WM Chris Johnson of Fairdale Lodge #942 *(above right)*
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Irvine Lodge #137

Sidney “Jack” Riddell of Irvine Lodge #137 F&AM receives his 50 year pin & golden dues card from the W.M. Bro. Michael Lewis.

Congratulations to Bro. Riddell

Irvine Lodge #137

Bro. Tommy Lisle (L) received his 50 year Golden Dues Card and 50 year membership pin from Irvine Lodge Bro. Ian Mooers.

Bro. Lisle is a Veteran of the Korean War. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday.