Elkhorn Masonic Lodge #568 – Our newly Raised Master Mason, Brother Gregg McKinney with Master Brandon Garrett on October 20, 2022.
Brenda and I hope that you and your families had a great Thanksgiving and were able to spend some quality time together. Christmas will be here shortly and with it comes times of joy and giving. Holidays, more than any other time, give us opportunities create lasting memories for the future and recall cherished moments with those who are no longer with us.

I have attended many lodge meetings since being installed in October and I want to say how grateful I am for the warm welcome I have received, thank you. It is a joy to fellowship with you and witness the pride and hard work that each of you put into your buildings, your degree work and events.

As we enter the month of December, lodges will be holding elections and installations of officers for the coming year. I encourage all lodges, when planning installations, to open these ceremonies to the public. We should invite our friends and families to share in the fellowship, excitement, and celebration we experience as our members advance into new stations and places.

The Committee on Masonic Education is working hard to develop a program that will cover material relevant to our Constitution and beneficial to the practical operations of our lodges. This program will kick off with a live online broadcast on Saturday January 28th, followed by six in person meetings at various locations across the state. The times, dates and locations are listed in the D.D.G.M handbook and will be printed in the Masonic Home Journal.

The sale of my “Taco Lapel Pins” to support our masonic youth groups is well underway, there is a limited number, and they will go fast. The proceeds from the sale of these pins, along with the hard work by our Youth Support Committee, will make a positive impact in our Masonic youth groups.

As I write this my Traveling Tiler’s Sword is making its way across the state and it appears everyone is having fun keeping it moving. Remember its purpose is to promote visitation and that the three lodges accumulating the most points will earn a scholarship to award to a student in their area.

Please remember that “We are our Brother’s Keeper,” check on your widows and homebound members, your neighbors, and your extended family. Reach out to you E.A. and F.C. Brothers to see what their needs may be and to confirm to them that they are appreciated and needed. As always Remember our active military and first responders in your thoughts and prayers.

Brenda and I wish each of you a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Fraternally Thine,
E. Darren Wilson
Grand Master of Masons
Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM
Masons across the world are bound together by the virtues of faith, hope and charity. These virtues guide our fraternity, and our brotherly love with each other, our families and our communities. Our fraternal legacy is to support one another and ensure a Mason and his family will always be cared for, especially when their needs are more than their means.

Masons made this commitment in 1867 when they created a home to care for loved ones of fellow brothers who perished during the Civil War. Since its inception, Masonic Homes Kentucky has continued this mission through Masonicare, a program that provides care and housing for Masons, their wives or widows when they are no longer able to care for themselves. There are currently 38 brothers and 61 wives/widows residing on one of our campuses. We devote $1.5 million annually, about $220 per day, providing quality care, housing, and living necessities combined with life enrichment and support so each can live the life they deserve.

Today, I’m asking you to consider an end-of-year gift of support. I hope you feel a calling today to respond to this appeal and make a tax-deductible donation in honor of fellow Masons. It’s not just a donation, it’s a part of your legacy as a brother.

To make a donation, visit masonichomesky.com/giving. We have also inserted a business reply envelope in printed versions of the Journal. For assistance, reach me at rreeve@masonicky.com or 502.753.8861.

Fraternally Thine,

Rick Reeve
Sr./ VP Mission Advancement & Fraternal Relations
Emergency Planning Committee

The Emergency Planning Committee was established to provide Lodges with information and resources that will help them be better prepared for emergencies and to ensure their meeting place is safe from hazards. Our Lodges are not immune from the effects of disasters as we have seen over the last year with the December 2021 tornado outbreak to the July 2022 flooding. As such, the Grand Master has opted to draw our attention toward preparedness by making a monthly safety checklist a requirement for the Lodge of Excellence program. Over the coming year you may anticipate a series of articles on topics to provoke discussion about steps to make yourself and the Lodges more resilient and in turn a resource for the craft and the community. There are several resources available on the www.ready.gov website and we’re sharing an editable template on the Grand Lodge Website as a starting point to help with information collection to get a basic plan on paper.

Our committee has greater than 80 years of experience in public safety and security. We welcome your questions on this topic and look forward to helping each of you. John Walker is Past Master of Right Angle #233. He is a retired Trooper from the Kentucky State Police. Thomas Bustle is Past Master of Franklin #28 and CD Ward #961. He retired from Danville Police Department as Assistant Chief. Drew Chandler is serving as the committee chair and is Past Master of Buford-Landmark #41. He is currently a professional emergency manager and Past President of the Kentucky Emergency Management Association.

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On Sunday, October the 9th, Pewee Valley Lodge #829 celebrated its annual Past Masters and Widows luncheon.

From left to right are Past Masters: John Adkins, Tom McShane, Bob Payne, Steve Apple, Phil Wyatt, Jim Willis, Gene Crady, Roland Stayton, Doug Flowers, Jeff Meade and Gary Waggoner.

Pictured in the photos are Wendell Ockerman and Justin Evans. Justin Evans is our newest member of Bloomfield Lodge #57. Wendell Ockerman is our longest standing member. Justin presented Wendell’s 65 year membership pin. Wendell was more than pleased to receive the pin.
Raised 4toMMs had several lodges and about 30 brothers get together for a great meeting.

Bro. Raymond Bowen was presented his 60 Year Masonic Service Award by Master Lance Hamilton and brothers from Emulation Lodge #688.

Vicco Lodge #929 enjoyed an outdoors dinner for everyone. It was a very enjoyable day.
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Morrison Lodge #76 had another successful Halloween season and would like to thank all of our members, family and friends who make it possible.

Madisonville Masonic Lodge #143 presented a check for $2,000 to the Christian Food Bank of Hopkins County. The food bank provided meals for a record 890 families last month. The donation will go a long way to helping families in need. Thanks to the brothers of Madisonville Lodge. Pictured - Carl Snyder (Secretary), Bobby Strader (Senior Steward) of Madisonville Lodge and Marci Cox (Director of food bank) along with her staff.

Morrison Lodge #76

Brother Clifford Frye Haley, Jr (left) receiving his 60 year pin from our Worshipful Master J.B. Hammond (right), Bullitt Lodge #155 F&AM.

Madisonville Masonic Lodge #143

Fern Creek Lodge #955 presenting an EA degree on November 5, 2022, for Brother Josh Littlefield.

Brethren,

“How good and how pleasant it is that Brethren can dwell together in unity”.

The main reason our Masonic Fraternity has lasted these hundreds of years is because we do not allow the discussion of Politics or Religion in our meetings. If we allow this to happen, our Order will fracture like other groups of note. We all should meet on the Level and part upon the Square.

Many festivals and celebrations will begin this month. It is truly a Blessed time to spent with family and friends. Maybe to travel to view other peoples and cultures. We are so fortunate in our Country to have the freedoms to exercise our own Traditions and Customs.

Thinking ahead, if you haven’t visited your Consistory in a while, do yourself a favor and attend the first Business Meeting of the New Year. Get reacquainted with old friends and make new ones.

May you and your Family have a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

Terry L. Bowman, PGM, 33°
SGIG, Orient of Kentucky

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From all of the brothers of West Kentucky Consistory.

On Thursday, November 17th, 2022, West Kentucky Consistory held its annual Christmas Party starting at 6:00 PM. Santa was present to give gifts to the children. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, September 17th, 2022, West Kentucky Consistory held a fall reunion, honoring Illustrious Brother James Molt, 33°. Illustrious James Molt, 33° and his son, Illustrious Dirk Molt, 33°, were in attendance. This is the first time that a class has had the honoree present. It brought great pleasure to honor someone who has devoted so much time, effort, and financial support to our consistory.

May GOD continue to bless you throughout this Holiday Season,

Douglas W. Bunch, 32° KCCH Personal Representative
Western Kentucky Scottish Rite, Valley of Madisonville
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Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite - Orient of Kentucky

Masonic Library and Museum Association
Covington Scottish Rite

"I Didn’t Know That……"

"Should old acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should old acquaintance be forgot, And old lang syne?" Soon our good friends and loved ones will gather and link arms and sing about those quality days ‘long since gone’, and maybe lift a glass in toast to friends and family we no longer see, but still remain in our hearts and memories, as is the custom at midnight every New Year’s Eve.

Written by Scottish poet, Robert Burns (1759-1796) in the year 1788 from memories of songs his Mother would sing and put to an older tune, “Auld Lang Syne” is traditionally sang around the world, with arms linked and/or holding hands, at the stroke of midnight every New Year’s Eve, or as Scots call it, “Hogmanay”. Did you ever wander how this tradition began, and how it spread across the globe? Well, it’s Freemasonic!

Musicologist Dr. Morag Grant discovered a connection with Freemasonry in the archives of Mitchell Library in Glasgow. Many Masonic lodges, during the closing ceremonies and other times, would link arms, holding hands and sing. In Scotland, one of the songs would of course be “Auld Land Syne”, and Dr. Grant shows how this spread to other lodges and then in other countries, eventually to the public. Dr. Grant researched historical sources through written accounts, newspaper reports, theatre playbills, printed music and early recordings to come to the conclusion that the song’s global popularity was indeed largely due to Freemasonry.

At the age of 23 years, Brother Robert Burns was initiated on July 4th 1781 in St. David’s Masonic Lodge in Tarbolton. He understood Masonic symbolism and used it in his life and in his poetry. Burns felt congeniality was one of Masonry’s most important virtues. He rose to become Deputy Master in Tarbolton and was named ‘Poet Laureate’ in Canongate Kilwinning Lodge No 2, in Edinburgh in 1787.

Now nearly extinct in American lodges, the ‘chain of union” or “circle of unity” was very popular worldwide, among eighteenth and nineteenth century lodges. It can still be found in both Scottish and York Rite ceremonies, used mainly in group prayer. It is unfortunate that singing is American lodges is almost a forgotten pleasure. Perhaps now is the time we should bring back to our blue lodges the “circle of friendship” and with it “Auld Lang Syne” where its popularity originated, even if for just once a year. The Installation of Officers would be a perfect celebration to join hands and remember the good times in days gone by. At that time of the year it would be very special for your lodge, particularly in singing first and last stanza with chorus. If your lodge does so, I would love to hear from you!!

……………….. What do you think?

English version of “Auld Lang Syne” by Brother Robert Burns.

Should old acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot, And old lang syne?
(Chorus)
For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne,
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

And surely you’ll buy your pint cup! And surely I’ll buy mine!
And we’ll take a cup o’ kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

We two have run about the slopes, And picked the daisies fine;
But we’ve wandered many a weary foot, Since auld lang syne.

We two have paddled in the stream, From morning sun till dine;
But seas between us broad have roared, Since auld lang syne.

And there’s a hand my trusty friend! And give me a hand o’ thine!
And we’ll take a right good-will draught, For auld lang syne.

For a comprehensive review of Robert Burns, Freemasonry and “Auld Land Syne”, Author Morag Grant’s well illustrated book, “Auld Lang Syne-A Song and it Culture” is available at the MLMA – Covington Scottish Rite Library or any good book store. Also, available by email upon request, is a copy of Kentucky’s PGM Rob Morris’s “Masonic – Auld Land Syne”. Morris is a Past Grand Master of Kentucky and like Robert Burns, was named ‘Poet Laureate of Freemasonry’. The Library is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday (5:30 to 7:30 pm) or any Wednesday (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm) Stop by for a free library card. Need an appointment? Just email Bill Lorenz, Librarian: library.covsr@outlook.com
Greetings My Brothers All,

As the holiday season is upon us, I hope that you and your family are healthy and are enjoying your time with family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for.

Our most recent fall reunion class, Illustrious Romuel Edward Toon, 33° was held October 28 and 29, enabling our Valley to welcome four new members. Congratulations to all the Brothers who participated in this journey to become a Master of The Royal Secret.

At our next stated meeting, December 8, 2022, we will be having a Christmas Program. We would like to invite you and your family, especially your children and grandchildren to this Christmas Program. There will be something for everyone, including Santa for the children.

The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Eddie Price, author and historian. Christmas in the American Colonies will be the topic for the evening. He shares a fascinating and fact-filled look back at how Christmas was celebrated in the New England, Middle and Southern colonies.

There will be a catered meal starting at 6:30 pm. In order to make sure that we have adequate food and treats for children, we ask that you contact the Scottish Rite Office at (502) 584-6185 and let them know how many adults and children will be accompanying you. I hope you will join us as we celebrate this holiday season, making memories and enjoying each other’s company.

In closing, I thank each of you for what you do for our great fraternity, wishing you a safe and enjoyable Holiday. May God continue to keep you safe.

Fraternally thine,

Geary F. Laird, PGM, 32° KCCH
Personal Representative
Valley of Louisville
Greetings from the Valley of Covington:

As a somewhat tumultuous year of 2022 comes to a close, many of us look forward to the New Year inspired with our own personal resolutions; and also with hope for the betterment of mankind. In the past year - indeed in the past several, it seems as though our society has been experiencing challenges and upheaval within our moral, political, and philosophical orientations; not to mention the pandemic, global economic issues, and threats to world peace.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we are taught the practice of the noble and heroic virtues. We have learned and may remain confident that the cardinal principles of Masonry have and will remain unchanged. We have also been taught “that responsibility we have to our creator and to our fellow man, to do the very best we can, each day, to live a life of love and service.” It is instilled in each member that we should strive to: Aid mankind’s search for identity and destiny in God’s universe. Produce wiser men in a wiser world, happier men in a happier world, and therefore better men in a better world.

Our stated meeting this month will be on Friday, December 16. We will be informal (jeans are fine) and will have a chili cook-off (beginning at 6:30 pm) with cash prizes for the top three concoctions! We’ll also have hotdogs and other sides, so bring the family and we’ll enjoy the camaraderie of the season together.

If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason, this would be a great opportunity to become introduced to who we are and see our beautiful building in Covington. Perhaps you’ve heard that the Scottish Rite is known as “the university of Freemasonry.” Nothing ranks greater than the third degree of a Master Mason. In the Scottish Rite however, one may simply journey deeper into the tenets and values of the Craft by joining the thirty-two degrees of the Scottish Rite.

From all of us at the Valley of Covington, we wish all the best of the holiday season for you and your family.

Robert H. Smith, 33°
Personal Representative, Valley of Covington

Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

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.
Members of Anderson Lodge #90 presented Bro Gene Cinnamon (92) and a Korean War Veteran of Lawrenceburg his 65-year membership pin. Bro Cinnamon was raised to the degree of MM in May 1957. Those present were (left to right) Bro T.J. Cline, Dough Roach (WM), Bro Cinnamon, and Bro’s Ed Fegenbush, and Jack Wiedo.

Robert M. Sirkle Lodge #954
At the next stated meeting in the month following publication of this notice in the Masonic Home Journal, Robert M. Sirkle Lodge No. 954 will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.

Veterans Corner
7 December 1941
-Pearl Harbor Day -- "A day which will live in infamy"

We recognize Dec. 13 as the birthday of the National Guard. On this date in 1636, the first militia regiments in North America organized in Massachusetts.
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MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 190 – Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. monthly 7:30 p.m., 185 Duanie, Way, Todd Moore Hols, M.; Paul Anthony Walls, Sr., Mt Washington 40047. (H) 502-243-4856; (C) 502-243-4856.

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