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in Mayfield, KY.*



*Al E. Orton Lodge No. 628
in Dawson Springs, KY.*

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



JAMES H. GIBSON
Grand Master 2021-2022

Greetings my Brothers! By the time this article is published, we will have completed two months of Installation ceremonies and the Educational Webinar. I hope the education we provided is very helpful to you in developing leadership skills, understanding the duties of the Officers of the Lodges and that you gained a greater insight on how to manage the lodges as the businesses that they are. If you missed the webinar, the Committee on Masonic Education will be presenting our program at six locations across the state.

As January ends, let us continue to remember those who have been affected by tornadoes and flash floods. We continue to help those brothers in need from your generous donations and support. Thank you to all of the Masons who donated supplies, money and time. This is true Masonry in Motion!



February is a special month in many ways. We find out if the groundhog sees his shadow, indicating 6 more weeks of winter! We celebrate President's Day and we take time to show how much we appreciate our loved ones on Valentine's Day. As Masons, we have several exciting things occurring this month, such as the second installment of the Grand Lodge



Leadership Academy on February 12th and All Mason's Day on February 16th. The Leadership Academy will focus on the history and organization of Masonry, instructed by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Patton Hart and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master/ Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Keith Dreier. It is sure to be interesting and beneficial to all who attend. We start off All Masons Day at Hiram Lodge for breakfast, then assemble at the Capital Annex for the guest speaker. In the afternoon, Masons are recognized in the House and Senate Chambers. It is an amazing honor that our state legislators and government leaders want to take the time out of their busy schedules and recognize who we are and what we stand for. Throughout Kentucky history, we have been fortunate to have many of our brothers serve in Frankfort, applying those Masonic virtues and tenets as they work diligently to improve the lives of Kentuckians everywhere. I'm proud to continue this long-standing tradition. Being able to let our light shine as Masons this year will be a historical event as we celebrate Freemasonry at our State Capital; I look forward to seeing you there. Remember, "We are not just Masons, we are Kentucky Masons"!

The Grand Lodge Officers and I are extremely proud to be representing Kentucky at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America this month in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. By attending this important event, we are able to network, share ideas, and learn, along with our contemporaries as we work to benefit Kentucky Freemasonry.

Finally, I want to remind you that the District Meetings will start on March 4, and I look forward to seeing you as we travel across the state. We have some important information to share with you, so I am hoping that we have a record-breaking attendance. I have faith that we can demonstrate strong support for the District Deputies as they conduct their meetings. Until then, I pray for safety for each of you as you travel and fellowship, and may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless you and keep you. You are all men of Character, Conduct, and Commitment!

Fraternally Thine,
James H. Gibson
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM

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THE CRAFT AT WORK



MASONIC HOMES KENTUCKY



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Carefree Living was created to educate the community about Masonic Homes Kentucky's services and raise funds to help offset the \$1.4 million per year subsidized by Masonic to Masons and the general public.

For more information about sponsoring the luncheon or attending, contact Senior Vice President of Development & Fraternal Relations, Rick Reeve at 502.753.8861 or rreeve@masonicky.com.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Noon – Claudia Sanders Dinner House

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 9 - Carefree Living Luncheon supporting Masonic Home Shelbyville

April 23 - Great Day of Service at Masonic Home Louisville

June 6 - Sproutlings Annual Golf Scramble

June 25 - Masonic Alumni Reunion

July 1 - St. John's Day League Appeal

July 23 - Grand Lodge of Kentucky Car Show at The Olmsted



Featuring keynote:

Aaron Garofola

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Shelbyville Hospital
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START THE NEW YEAR BY ADOPTING A RESIDENT

Focused on enhancing the quality of residents' lives, *Adopt A Resident* was designed to build personal relationships between residents and Masonic lodges. Lodges meet and get to know their adopted resident. Continued contact may include visits, phone calls, cards and gifts. It's a rewarding opportunity for lodge members and residents to get to know one another while strengthening the bond within our community.

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or 502.753.8861 to join the fun.

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2022 DISTRICT MEETINGS

March 4 | District 27



Meal at 6:00 pm
No Ladies Program

District Meeting
at 7:00 pm

Stephen W. Wessel, DDGM
El Hasa Shrine Temple
13450 State Route 180
Ashland, KY 41102

March 5 | District 28



Meal at 11:00 am
Spouses and Family
welcome and encouraged

District Meeting
at 1:00 pm

Tony Skeans, DDGM
Paintsville Independent
High School Gymnasium
225 2nd Street
Paintsville, KY 41240

March 5 | District 29



Meal at 5:00 pm
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 7:00 pm

Kyle Smith, DDGM
305 Park Ave,
Hazard, KY 41701

March 12 | District 22



Meal at 6:00 pm
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 7:00 pm

Michael S. McQueary, DDGM
Somerset Masonic Lodge #111
105 North Main Street,
Somerset, KY 42501

March 12 | District 26

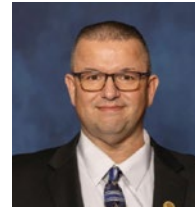


Meal at 11:30 am
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 1:00 pm

Jacob Pennington, DDGM
2209 S Main St
Corbin, KY 40701

March 18 | District 1



Meal at 5:45 pm
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 7:00 pm

Craig Sexton, DDGM
Plain City Lodge #449
308 Joe Clifton Drive (S. 28th street)
Paducah, KY 42001

March 19 | District 2

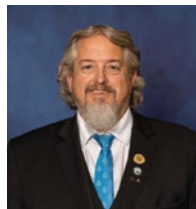


Meal at 11:30 am
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 1:00 pm

Dave Howe, DDGM
Mayfield Lodge #369
205 West Willow St.
Mayfield, KY 42066

March 19 | District 3



Meal at 5:30 pm
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 7:00 pm

James Shockley, DDGM
Lee S. Jones Park
510 St. Route 93 South
Eddyville, KY 42038

March 25 | District 15



Meal at 5:30 pm
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 7:00 pm

Matthew Hallinan, DDGM
Meal: Bullitt Lodge 155, 376 High School
Drive, Shepherdsville KY 40165
Meeting: Bullitt Central High School
1330 KY-44, Shepherdsville, KY 40165

March 26 | District 12-14

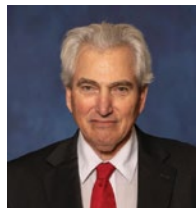


Meal at 2:30 pm
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 4:00 pm

Clay Ackiss, DDGM
Kosair Shrine Temple
4120 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40218

April 1 | District 5



Meal at 6:00 pm
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 7:00 pm

McGennis Adair, DDGM
Henderson Lodge No. 958
461 Kluty Park Plaza
Henderson, KY 42419-0253

April 2 | District 7



Meal at 11:00 am
Ladies Invited

District Meeting
at 12:00 pm

Jim Peck, DDGM
Salvation Army
215 Ewing Road
Owensboro, KY 42301

THE CRAFT AT WORK



The Master of **Blue Lick Lodge #495**, Joseph Daniel Rhodes (left) was honored to present Tommy Allen Ockerman with his 50 Year pin as his wife, Patty Ockerman was present for the ceremony. On behalf of Blue Lick Lodge # 495; Congratulations Tom!



Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829. From left to right: Jeff Meade Treasurer, Brad Shipp Senior Deacon, Chuck Eiler Senior Warden, Gary Waggoner Master, Ed Meredith Junior Warden, Matt Denny Junior Deacon, Bob Payne Tyler, John Adkins Secretary. Not pictured is David White - Chaplain.



Trinity Lodge 163 Officers 2022 - Installed by Grand Master James H. Gibson and Grand Marshall Jeff Duncan on December 27, 2021 Front Row: L to R: Junior Stewart - Rickie Anthony, Treasurer - Steve Rowlette, MWGM James H. Gibson, Master - David P. Slater, Grand Marshall - Jeff Duncan, Senior Deacon - Gary Long, Junior Deacon - Bobby E. Crittendon, Chaplain - Roy Hiser Jr. Back Row: L to R: Senior Stewart - Brennon Read, Senior Warden - James Fletcher, Secretary - Randy Campbell, Tiler - Keith Dreier, PGM, Junior Warden - Bart Thurston



Members of **J W Alley Masonic Lodge #869** and surrounding community members deliver food items to Surrounding elementary schools. Masonry does Matter!



NH Shaw #608 WM Mike Adams is presenting Joyce Shelton, Widow of late PMWGM Barber Shelton with a Fruit Basket for Christmas. A total of 12 Baskets were given to Widows of Masons. Very rewarding day.



The brothers of **Kingston Masonic Lodge No. 315** have been busy shopping and wrapping Christmas gifts and purchasing groceries for several families within our community. Approximately 8 families and 30 children were reached by our Christmas program. Thanks to every participant of our annual golf scramble and sponsors! From left to right: Brother Daniel Deaton, Worshipful Master, Brother Cody Ocelli and Brother Bo Gill



Installation of Officers at **Meeting Creek Lodge 641** on 11 December 2021.



Through the month of December, members of **Morrison Lodge No.76** provided free pictures with Santa to the local community. Brothers pictured from left to right, John Thompsett, Jeffrey Richason, Santa (Brandon Race), Robert Hinrichs, Mike Hoyle, and Mila the dog.



Madisonville Lodge #143. Left to right, Kathy Son (Activities Director for the Veterans Center), Donald Bunch (Junior Warden of Madisonville Lodge #143), Carl Snyder (Master of Madisonville Lodge #143), and Stanley Strader of Madisonville Lodge #143 (Not pictured)

THE CRAFT AT WORK



St Johns Lodge 125. Left photo, left to right: Darryl Robinson- Marshal, T.J. Cline-Junior Deacon, Jonathan Lucas-Junior Warden, Christopher Dean-Master, Jeremy Champion-Tiler, Sherman Landrum-Treasure. Rear row: Tim Gambrel-Past Master, Bill Brown-Senior Deacon, Howard Fallis jr-Secretary, Brian Baker-Junior Steward. Right photo. Outgoing Master Tim Gambrel presenting gavel to incoming Master Christopher Dean



Clovis Joe Cornwell, Secretary of **Loving Lodge 323, Fountain Run**, presents a 50-year membership pin to Ernest Wayne Strode on November 29th.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

DAVID NORRIS SULLIVAN PM
Saltriver Lodge No. 180 F. & A.M.

Once again 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 Lodge No.180, F. & A.M. 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 R. Busing, MASTER
 TROY S. GIBSON, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

CHARLES GORDON GARRISON, SR.
St. Andrews Lodge No. 18 F. & A.M.

Once again 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 Lodge No.18, F. & A.M. 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.

MATT KENDALL, MASTER
 KEVIN SULLIVAN, SECRETARY

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MASONIC HOMES KENTUCKY PROGRAMS OFFER DONORS MANY WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Caring is what Masonic Homes Kentucky does every day. We provide care for our residents and patients, and we care about our employees, visitors and communities. Masonic’s legacy of care has been around for more than 150 years because of our ability to evolve and prosper in an ever-changing world. Through innovative thinking and the support of our donors and friends, we continue to grow. For Kentucky Masons and Lodges, there are many options available to play a part in our legacy.

ADOPT A RESIDENT

Focused on enhancing the quality of life of Masonic residents, Adopt A Resident was designed to build personal relationships between residents and Masonic lodges. Created by Masonic and Grand Lodge of Kentucky F.&A.M., the program is part of the Lodge of Excellence, an initiative that seeks to strengthen lodges through various activities within the lodges and the community.

Participating lodges meet and get to know their adopted resident. Continued contact may include

additional visits, phone calls, cards and gifts. The program is a rewarding opportunity for the lodge members and residents to get to know one another and build and strengthen the bond between the internal and external Masonic community.

BADGE OF A MASON

Known for a legacy of community giving, the Masons’ tradition of philanthropy continues. Masonic Lodges played an equally important role in Masonic Home’s development. The Badge of a Mason program honors lodges for donations to support Masonicare, a program that supports Masons and widows who may need assistance while residing at Masonic.

Each year, Masonic introduces a special apron for each level of giving that features a rendering of an iconic landmark from one of Masonic’s campuses. Participating lodges are recognized at Grand Communications held annually in October.

For more information or to participate in Adopt A Resident or Badge of a Mason, contact

Masonic’s Senior Vice President of Development and Fraternal Relations Rick Reeve at reeve@masonicky.com or call 502.753.8861.

THE SOCIETY OF PAST MASTERS OF CENTRAL KENTUCKY

Are pleased to announce to all Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons that:

“The Order of Solomon”

Will be Conferred on:

Saturday, January 30, 2021
at Salt River Lodge No. 180

Located at: Duane Way, Mt. Washington KY. 40047

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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All Mason’s Day

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Of Kentucky F & A.M.

Frankfort, Kentucky
February 16, 2022

All Masons to gather at Hiram #4 in Frankfort for breakfast (\$9.00) at 7:00 am.

308 Ann Street Frankfort

9:00 am. Convene in room 154 at The Capitol Annex (behind capitol)

Guest Speakers; TBA

Lunch 11:30 -1:30pm.

2:00pm.

Convene on Senate side inside Capitol

Kentucky Senate will recognize Grand Lodge Officers and Kentucky Freemasonry

On the Senate Floor, Where a Citation will be read.

2:45pm.

Convene on House side inside Capitol

Kentucky House will recognize Grand Lodge Officers and Kentucky Freemasonry

On House Floor Where a Citation will be read

Meet with Governor Andy Brashear

NO APRONS EXCEPT FOR ELECTED GRAND LINE AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Lodge of Kentucky
Governmental Affairs Committee

Michael Yount, Chairman


Joe Williams

Luke Martin


David James

Grand Lodge of Kentucky

Masonic Care Car Show



Saturday, July 23, 2022
10:00 AM - 3:00
Masonic Homes of Kentucky
3701 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Ky 40299



All proceeds go to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masonic Care Program

Awards Top 50 & Grand Masters Choice

\$20 Donation to Register, Pre Registration ends July, 8th

Make checks payable to:
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Attention Stephen Logdsdon
11620 Commonwealth Drive
Louisville, Ky 40299

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Sign _____ Date _____

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ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE - ORIENT OF KENTUCKY



Brethren,

I sincerely hope and pray this message finds you and your families well. Thoughts and prayers are still lifted for our Brothers, Sisters and fellow Kentuckians in Southern and Western Kentucky. May our Father in Heaven continue to ease pain and bring comfort.

Are you taking advantage of the Zoom streamed Business Meetings of your Consistory? For Brothers who live 2 or 3 hours away from your Temple, this is a tremendous way to stay connected. Your Scottish Rite Club could also meet during that time and discuss what went on.

If you haven't attended your Consistory in a while, please make an extra effort to do so. Come back to a scheduled Reunion and witness the Degrees again. Invite another brother to travel with you or possibly a brother that doesn't drive well at night.

Your Consistory needs all of our help to meet Brothers at the door, to help the stage crew, to learn ritual, help prepare or serve food, to sing in the choir, to help with robing, I could go on and on. Let's step up Brothers and help out, you will be rewarded with firm handshakes and comradery you have never experienced before. Travel safe, take care and may God Bless!

Fraternally,
Terry L. Bowman, PGM 33°
SGIG in Kentucky

Brothers,

I am sure you know by now of the terrible devastation from the tornadoes that occurred on the night of December 10th and 11th. Many people in Western Kentucky are suffering. The Freemasons of Kentucky are VERY generous men, and I want to thank everyone who has participated in the cleanup and aid activities as we rebuild.

The Western Kentucky Consistory is still a staging area to coordinate the relief efforts. We are accepting all donations and using our building as a warehouse for distributing items throughout the affected areas of Western Kentucky.

I don't feel as though I need to write an article pleading for help because I know the heart of a Mason is generous. Therefore, I only need to thank you for being the man you professed to be when you knelt before the altar. It is times like these when people's characters are tested. Like a tube of toothpaste that is squeezed tightly, when people are placed under great pressure, you see what comes gushing out. I love you Brothers, and I love our Fraternity.

May God keep you and your families safe.

Fraternally,
Douglas W. Bunch, 32° KCCH Personal Representative
Western Kentucky Scottish Rite, Valley of Madisonville



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MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
COVINGTON SCOTTISH RITE

"I Didn't Know That....."

Perhaps one of the most awe-inspiring degrees in Kentucky Masonry is the Mark Master degree, the first degree conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter. While new in the Lodge and new in the Royal Arch Chapter, I participated in a degree conferral as Jr. Deacon in the Mark Master. For three or four weeks ahead of the conferral I found myself reciting over and over the Jr. Deacon's duty; "to see that the Lodge is duly tyled....to see that the lodge is duly tyled....to see that the Lodge is duly tyled." Besides its beautiful lessons, perhaps participation is one of the reasons the Mark Master degree is meaningful to me. By the way, I performed miserably, forgetting my lines, but did assist the Sr. Warden in paying the Craft! Totally embarrassed, I wanted to crawl out the door, but a Companion and Past Grand High Priest stopped me and told me what a great job I had done. Masons do lie sometimes.

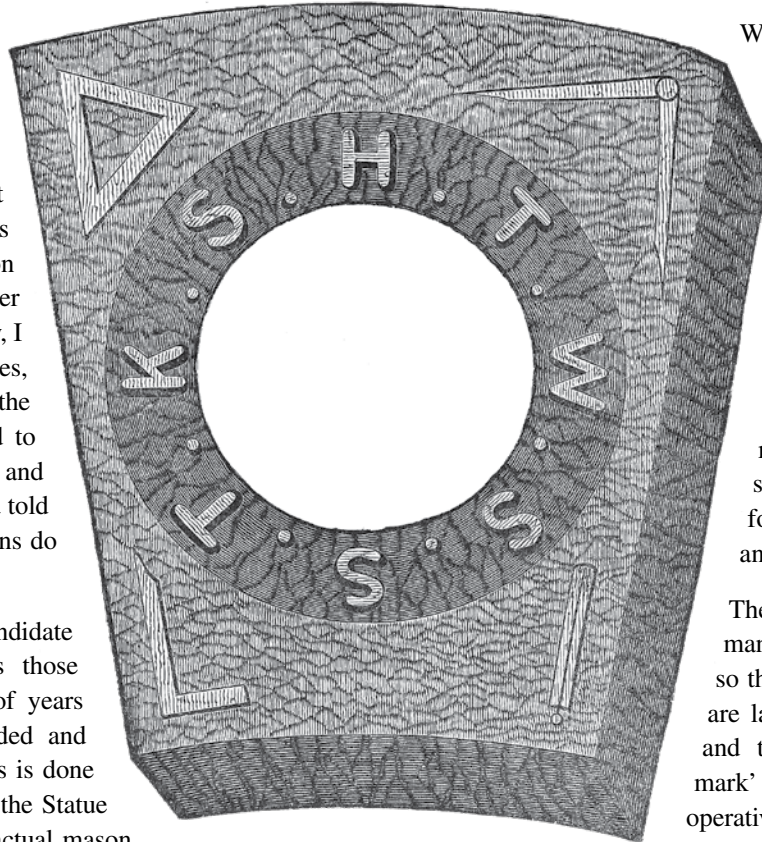
It is in the Mark Master degree the candidate selects his personal 'mark', just as those ancient stone workers for hundreds of years selected theirs. My mark was recorded and placed in the Lodge Book of Marks as is done with all new members. While visiting the Statue of Liberty many years ago, I viewed actual mason marks engraved in many of the base stones. These marks identified the mason who prepared it. Readily visible was also the Grand Lodge of Kentucky's dedicated stone placed within Lady Liberty.

The Mark Master degree is conferred in most parts of the world. In Kentucky, the degree consists of four different ceremonies combined, including a combination of the English Mark Man degree originally conferred on Fellowcraft, and the Mark Master degree which was reserved for Master Masons. The American degree is an extension of the Fellowcraft, but conferred only on Master Masons.

In a letter to the Masonic Home Journal, Louisville, Kentucky (see Proceedings, 1920), Companion Alfred A. Murray offers the following note to correct an error relating to the Mark Degree in Scotland "As regards the Mark Degree itself it was not worked in the Fellow Craft Lodges, but there were really two Degrees, namely, that of Mark Man, which was given to a Fellow Craft, and that of Mark Master, which was given to a Master Mason. The Degree of Mark Man was worked down to within fifty years ago by various Craft lodges, and given to Fellow Crafts. The Degree of Mark Master was conferred as a separate Degree in the same way as the Royal Arch, and was expressly

cut off by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, about 1800, in the same way that the Royal Arch and the Temple were cut off. Before that date they used to be worked by an inner circle of the Lodge as a sort of side issue not under the Grand Lodge of Scotland at all".

In England the Mark Master's Degree is currently under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, which was established in June, 1856 and is a Jurisdiction independent of the Grand Lodge.



While in the 19th century, there were several versions of the Mark Man and the Mark Master degrees, most taught the rejection of the keystone. Found in the Holy Bible four times, slightly modified is the verse "The stone that the builders rejected the same has become the head of the corner", an obvious allusion to Christ's death and resurrection. The holy scriptures make numerous references to symbolic stones, corner stones and foundation stones, in both the Old and New Testament.

The Mark Master degree contains many beautiful moral lessons, more so than any other degree. The lessons are laid before you clear and concise and the ceremony of 'receiving the mark' dates back hundreds of years for operative and non-operative Mason alike.
.....What do you think?

Books on the Mark Master Degree are readily available at our 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, just email Bill Lorenz, Librarian: library.covsr@outlook.com

SOCIETY OF PAST MASTERS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

The Society of Past Masters of Northern Kentucky will meet Wednesday, February 2, at 7:30 pm, in the Blue Room at the Covington Scottish Rite, 1553 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky. Society President Brad Drew will preside. The conferral of the degree of Actual Past Master will be bestowed on all new Masters of Lodges present, and those Past Masters who have not yet received it. The election and Installation of officers will follow. There will be no dinner at this meeting. All Past Masters and Lodge Masters are invited to attend.

ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE - ORIENT OF KENTUCKY



SCOTTISH RITE CELEBRATES ED VARDIMAN 33° GRAND CROSS

A large contingent of Scottish Rite Masons gathered in recognition and celebration of Edwin Lowe Vardiman 33° receiving the Grand Cross, the second Kentucky Mason so honored. The celebration took place at the Covington, Kentucky Scottish Rite on Saturday, December 11, 2021. The evening began with a very nice dinner prepared by the 'sisters of the skillet', a group who has prepared Scottish Rite dinners over the years. Also present was a sizable delegation of officers and members from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, led by Grand High Priest Wilson K. Wilder, also a Past Grand Master of Kentucky. Ed Vardiman served the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest during the 1993-1994 year. A letter of 'congratulations' from the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International, Steven G. Tiner, was read by PGHP Bill Riggs.

Several Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky were present. As an attorney, Ed had served the Grand Lodge as a member of the Trial Oversight Committee for 11 years. The Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star was well represented with two Past Grand Matrons, Debbie Dreier and Joyce Baker Murphy. His Worthy Matron Vicki Moermond and a host of members from throughout the district also attended. Ed served Rosebud Chapter for 20 years, nine of which as Worthy Patron, while Ed's wife Verna served as organist. He also served as Deputy Grand Patron of the district.

Those present included Kentucky's first Grand Cross recipient, Roland Stayton 33° Grand Cross and Lady Barbara. Oddly enough Ed and Roland received the



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degrees of Scottish Rite in the same class at Louisville Consistory before Ed moved to Northern Kentucky. He served eighteen years as Secretary/Registrar, 20 years on the Fraternal Relations Committee, and is an original member of the Board of Directors for the Masonic Library and Museum Association. Ed is a Past Master of both Covington Lodge #109 and William O. Ware Lodge of Research. Brother Vardiman loved Masonic research and for many years was a sought after speaker. His contributions to research lead him to be named a 'Fellow', one of four members so honored by the William O. Ware Research Lodge. Ed Vardiman belonged to all of the Masonic invitational orders, and presided over most, and specifically honored by many.

Several tables were filled by Ed's Church members, and Ed's daughter Martha and son Edwin II and their families were also with us to celebrate. Brother Edwin II, also an attorney shared some interesting insight into his father's love of Masonry, and on behalf of the family, thanked the Scottish Rite for the dinner, and his father's high honor. Others also gave sincere testimony to Ed.

Brother Vardiman graciously acknowledged his love of service to the fraternity, and thanked all present for their friendship and how many had done much for him. This was a most enjoyable evening. Keith Dreier PGM 33° Secretary/Registrar emceed the event. Rob Smith 33° is the Covington Valley Personal Representative.

Terry L. Bowman PGM 33°, SGIG in Kentucky, assisted by Margaret and Edwin II, ceremoniously placed the Grand Cross insignia cap on Brother Vardiman, with a reminder of the gentleman Ed is, his dedication to Freemasonry, and someone whom all should emulate. With that Brother Vardiman became officially Illustrious Edwin Lowe Vardiman 33°, Grand Cross.



BY-LAW NOTICE

WHEELWRIGHT LODGE 889

At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in the Masonic Home Journal, Wheelwright Lodge 889 F&AM will be voting to amend its By-Laws. All brothers are urged to attend.

AUSTIN LODGE #847

At the next stated communication following publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, we will be voting on changes to the Lodge's By-Laws.

MAYSVILLE MASONIC LODGE #52 F&AM

Maysville Masonic Lodge #52 F&AM at the December meeting, 2021 discussed moving the date of our elections from St. Johns Day to our regularly stated meeting night the 2nd Monday of the month in December. Those in attendance voted to have it published and discussed in the March and April meetings of 2022. There will be a vote at the April meeting to decide if it is to change or remain the same as it is now. All members are urged to attend these meetings for discussion and their input and vote.

JAMES W. ALLEY LODGE No. 869

At the next stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in the MASONIC HOME JOURNAL James W. Alley Lodge #869 will be voting to amend its By-Laws Pertaining to dues. All Brothers are urged to attend.



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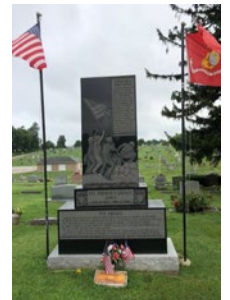
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GRAND TREASURER MESSAGE

Brothers,

As you know, we have solicited help for Monetary Donations, Canned Goods, Clothing, Medical Supplies. I must tell you that we have been overwhelmed with all of the items I have listed and more. We cannot thank all of the brothers, jurisdictions, lodges, Scottish Rite Valleys and more for all of the donations. We need to remember that ALL MASONS are connected wherever they may reside. The forthcoming of all of these donations shows that we as Masons are there to support all of our Lodges, Members, Families and Communities.

We are far from this being over. We will now work with lodges, members, families and communities over the next several months to make sure we supply as much need as possible until we have spent, given, donated, supplied all of the items we have been given from all over the World. As of this message we have collected in excess of \$100,000.00, tons of other items that have been moved on to communities such as Mayfield, Bremen, Dawson Springs and more.



If any of you know Masons who are in need, please contact the Grand Lodge Office with their information so we may reach out to those brothers, families, lodges and communities.

We also need to give thanks to our Grand Master James Gibson of his direction and leadership in gathering all the items that were donated. Along with several of the Grand Lodge Officers, brothers, families who helped unload, load, deliver and coordination of this great undertaking!

Just ask MWPGM Don Yankey and RWDGM Darren Wilson about their journey to Mayfield with the first load of supplies along with the MW Grand Master James Gibson. I believe that our Grand Master will never be the same. As he road from Louisville to Mayfield and back sitting on a Bucket!

Thank you all to everyone who gave of their time and effort to assist in accomplishing this task!