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Greetings Brothers! We are now 6 months into this wonderful year. Just six months ago, we were installing our Officers for the ensuing year. I distinctly remember as I installed the Masters of so many Lodges in December and January, how important it was to commit to his keeping the three great lights of Masonry and the furniture of the lodge. No, I don’t mean the chairs or the altar, I am referring to the Holy Bible, Square & Compasses, the Rule, the Line, the Constitution, the Charter, and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

If you’ve attended an installation, I am hopeful that you heard the Installing Master cite the importance of these various items. There is no esoteric secret being divulged here as many have heard this, both Masons and non-Masons alike. The item I want to particularly focus on in this month’s article is the Constitution, or better yet, YOUR Constitution. The reason I refer to it as yours is because you wrote it. Every article, every resolution, every sub-section has been presented by, voted on, and approved by you, the Grand Craft of Kentucky. That is what makes this document so special! You have the ability and the inherent responsibility to govern yourself by your own rules and regulations. As a Grand Lodge Officer, I along with the other Officers, are duty bound to protect and enforce your rules that you created and ratified. When the Master-elect is presented with a copy of the Constitution at his installation, he is charged to, “Cause it to be read frequently, that none may pretend ignorance of the important precepts which it enjoins.” It is his responsibility to make his members aware of the laws, rules, and regulations that govern them.

To give you a brief history of the Book of Constitutions, let’s look back over the years as it evolved into what it is today. I stumbled upon a book of proceedings from 1864, and in the very evolution of the lodge. No, I don’t mean the chairs or the altar, I am referring to the Holy Bible, Square & Compasses, the Rule, the Line, the Constitution, the Charter, and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

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I want to thank each of you for entrusting me with protecting the sanctity and enforcing the laws you put into existence. It truly is a privilege to work for you. Over the years that I have served you, I have been presented with a wide variety of issues, concerns and questions. I know that sometimes it may be difficult to understand why I give certain answers or make specific decisions involving the craft and the business of the Grand Lodge, but rest assured, all decisions lie with the boundaries of the Constitution so that everyone is treated fairly and equally. You have elected me to represent you, all of you, to the best of my ability, and I take very seriously this awesome responsibility, because you, the Grand Craft are worth it. The two most important books we have are the Book of Constitutions and the Holy Bible. One gives us the passion, love, grace and understanding to support and enforce the other. May God continue to bless you all!

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

Letter from The First Lady of Ky Masonry
As First Lady of KY Masonry, I have traveled across our great state in my continued commitment to bring awareness of Human Trafficking. The response from Masons, their families, and our friends has been absolutely phenomenal. The outpouring of support from the Masonic lodges has been truly humbling and it has been such an honor for me to witness Masonry at it’s finest.

My program, “Be the Key”, which refers to bringing awareness of the issue of human trafficking has reached thousands. The donations from Masonic lodges and individuals to assist the PATH Coalition has been truly humbling and it has been such an honor for me to witness Masonry at it’s finest.

The pin in the shape of a key is being worn by hundreds and the numbers grow daily. It represents that now you are aware and you will not be silent about the horror of human trafficking. Thank you for inviting me to your lodges and meetings to speak; thank you for the heartfelt donations and for wearing the pin. Thank you so very much for your words of encouragement and your kindness everywhere I go.

Together, we will Be the Key. God bless you,
Sam Gibson, First Lady of Masonry of KY
**The Craft at Work**

**Masonic Homes Kentucky**

**Passionate People, Inspiring Lives**

**Masons from Across Kentucky Join In Great Day of Service.**

After a couple years of hiatus, Masons and their family members showed up in force to support Masonic’s 2022 Great Day of Service. More than 130 volunteers enjoyed camaraderie, service work, tours and a fish fry lunch provided by Suburban Lodge No. 740. At each GDOS, the lodge with the most participants and the lodge that traveled the longest distance are recognized. Congratulations to Barker Lodge No 129 bringing 21 participants and Colonel Clay Lodge No 159 for driving the farthest distance at 97 miles. **Next year’s GDOS will be held on Saturday, April 22 at both Louisville and Shelbyville Campuses.**

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS**

The Annual Meeting of Masonic Homes Kentucky will be held on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022. 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, 2022.

**Mail to:** Nominations Committee, c/o Brenda Travis, Masonic Homes Kentucky, 330 Masonic Home Drive, Masonic Home, KY 40041

**2022 Alumni Reunion**

Masonic Homes’ Louisville Campus once housed hundreds of widows and orphans of Masons. On June 25 and 26, Masonic will host its Alumni Reunion Weekend where alumni can catch up with friends and hear about what’s happening at our communities.

The “Old Home Kids” Alumni Reunion includes dinner in the Meadow Artisan Room on June 25 with a meet and greet from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and dinner at 6:45 pm. Brunch will be held at The Olmsted on June 26 from 10 am to Noon.

Learn more from Brenda Travis, Donor manager, at btravis@masonicky.com or 502.753.8892.

To learn more, talk to your District Ambassador or contact Sr. VP/ Development & Fraternal Relations Rick Reeve at rreeve@masonicky.com or 502.753.8881.

**Help Freshen Up Sam Swope Care Center**

Built in 2010, the Care Center offers person-centered care and has served more than 21,000 residents with various levels of care, including rehab, memory care, palliative care, subacute and long-term care, short-stay recovery, inpatient and outpatient kidney dialysis.

The furniture in our resident rooms and dining rooms need to be replaced in order to provide the high quality expectations and experience that Masonic is known for. We are raising funds to update it, and need your support. Learn more or make a donation by contacting.

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**NORTHERN KENTUCKY CAMPUS**

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Established in 1867 as the first Masonic home of its kind.

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McKee Lodge No.144 was blessed to be part of the Laurel Co Autism walk. We were able to give away five bicycles. All proceeds earned to be donated back to Laurel Co Autism awareness program.
Challenging Freemasonry

The other day I was having lunch with my Masonic mentor. During our conversation, I mentioned in casual conversation the name of a Brother whom I knew was not much of a reader. I told my mentor that I could understand it if a person tried to gain education in a different way, as we all learn differently. Much to my surprise, his response became the topic of this article. My mentor explained that while you can certainly get education from other areas, he gently reminded me that as Masons we are taught to challenge ourselves to include taking the time to read. It became clearer to me, in that moment, that I was making excuses for my Brother and enabling him to do less, rather than challenging him to be more. How often do we do this to our Brothers and ourselves? What do we gain with just doing the bare minimum? Will our rough ashlar ever be smooth with just a “good enough” approach to Freemasonry? The thought of being ordinary has never been the focus of Freemasonry, unless the tagline of “Making Good Men Better,” is just a hollow statement of truth.

Throughout our Masonic journey, we are taught, especially in the Fellowcraft Degree, that learning is an integral part of our growth as a man. Most of us can recall the stair lecture and its focus on the seven liberal arts and sciences, and the instruction to use this education to seek further light and develop our minds. Our Masonic forefathers believed that our educational growth was so important that a specific degree was designed around it. If this is to be true, then why have we abandoned our quest for education and challenging our minds? In short, we have become distracted and intellectually lazy. Men of today’s society want quick information, and the thought of serious study and contemplation distracts from moving on to the next piece of mental entertainment. If our Masonic desire is knowledge, then we are currently coming up well short of that ideal. Dudley Wright in his 1924 book, The Ethics of Freemasonry, wrote the following, “A thorough knowledge of this history, philosophy, and science of Freemasonry should and ought to be the ambition of every member of the Craft, and when he has studied and is well versed in these subjects, he can truthfully answer the question: What came you here to do?”

The ultimate quest for any Mason is best expressed in the phrase, “know thy self.” It is the quintessential design on our Masonic trestleboard, and from it we learn who and what we are, and all the while we are getting closer to our Creator. But how many Brothers take the time to really contemplate this very personal and spiritual endeavor? Knowing ourselves will not just come from our memorization of ritual, nor will it come from multiple charitable acts. We cannot rely on the perceptions of others to enlighten us as to who we are. To do so is to rely on all their own ideas, thoughts, biases, and so on. However, many Brothers look to others for validation of self-worth, which ultimately can sow the seeds of fear and self-doubt, getting us no closer to understanding who we are deep down inside. Where will enlightenment come from? It will be revealed by a deeper understanding of your being and relationship with your God. The tools to do this are all around us in Freemasonry. The intense study of our symbolism and philosophies will lead to contemplation and critical thinking. In time, this study will reveal our true nature and complete Freemasonry’s promise of becoming a better man.

In the end, we can look to our Entered Apprentice Degree for some guidance in challenging ourselves. We are told that in our leisure we should strive to improve our Masonic knowledge. This statement is imparted to us early in our Masonic journey, as it sets the tone for what we need to do as builders of the Craft, and, more especially, ourselves. Our knowledge will not miraculously come merely being a member of this fraternity, nor will it come from wearing a ring. The true work of Freemasonry will come from our diligent efforts of contemplative study and critical thinking about our history, philosophies, and the secrets revealed to us from our symbolic form of instruction. Those who choose not to follow this path will learn that there are consequences for their actions that will ultimately lead to a life of intellectual decay and the perpetual darkness of ignorance. This article is not meant to answer all the questions, but it is call to action to start the conversation on how best we can challenge ourselves. Will you heed this call and take on this most important endeavor?

Thomas L. Nitschke II
Master, William O. Ware Lodge of Research

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Brothers from across the state visited Bloomfield Lodge to show support for their brothers. We had an amazing 98 brothers from 35 Lodges and 3 States.
RESOLUTION
OF RESPECT

KIRBY RINGLEY
Monticello Lodge #431

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 Monticello Lodge #431. 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.

HAROLD DEAN CLINE
New Salem Lodge No. 462, F&AM
Franklin, Kentucky

In memory of Bro. Harold Dean Cline Who died April 3rd, 2022

Whereas, a Brother Master 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 New Salem Lodge No. 462 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.

Trent Lorin Ranburger, Master
Larry Neal Chaney, Secretary

Viocco Lodge #929 took lunch to the Vicco-Sassafras Fire Department in appreciation for all they do.

W.B. Roger Bray and his officers for the year 2022, taken at Brodhead #566 in Brodhead KY on December 18 2021. The Installation was performed by brother Doyle Rambo and Troy Blair was his Installing Marshall.

International Order of Rainbow for Girls

When there’s more to life than waiting for the next text...
The KCCH Club held its bi-monthly gathering on Sunday, April 3, 2022, when they met for lunch at Joe Huber’s Restaurant in Starlight, Indiana. This club is composed of members of the Louisville Scottish Rite who have been invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

The members, from left to right, are: Steve Lay, Bill Harvey, Jim Bullis, Mark Galloway, Ronnie Waiz, Luke Martin, Kyle Hardin, Jon Dawson, Steve Ward, Mike McConnell, Jeff Meade, Geary Laird, Warren Miller (Club President). Eleven ladies were also present.

The Club Officers for 2022 are:
- President: Warren Miller, 32° KCCH
- Vice President: Robert Henry, 32° KCCH
- Secretary: Jeff Meade, 32° KCCH
- Chaplain: Mark Galloway, 32° KCCH
- Communications Guru: Luke Martin, 32° KCCH

The KCCH Club organizes the annual Valentines Dinner at the Louisville Scottish Rite each February, and provides a means for fellowship for KCCH brothers. The Club is exploring additional events and activities to get involved in. All KCCH Scottish Rite Masons are encouraged to consider joining the Club.

Their next gathering will be on June 5, 2022, Sunday, when they will meet for lunch at 2:00 p.m. at the Hungry Pelican on Bardstown Road in Fern Creek, Kentucky.

For more information call Luke Martin (Communication Guru) at (502) 599-1780. To correspond, or to be added to the Club Email List, you can reach the Club at the following email address: valleyoflouisvillekcch@gmail.com
Brethren,

What do we say to a non-mason when asked “What is Freemasonry”? Do we shuffle our feet, squirm a bit or like around for imaginary help? The answer to this question is paramount to the survival of Freemasonry. The worst answer I have ever heard is “it's a secret and I can’t tell you”.

How many men have been turned off from our Craft when answered in this way or by something similar?

Who’s fault is it? We teach our initiates about the symbolism of Freemasonry, the lessons concerning Faith, Hope and Charity, but what Degrees, Allegories or education have we given them about answering that age old question. I do believe it is partially the responsibility of each Mason to better education one’s self about our Fraternity and what we can say, but more of those lessons need to be taught in the Lodge room. Each Lodge needs to have educational meetings to better prepare a newly made Mason on what can be said outside of the Lodge.

Please remember this very informative website “BeAFreemason.org”. It explains in detail to a non-mason what our Fraternity is all about.

The better educated our Fraternity is, the better our future will be. Take care and may God Bless!

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

It has been wonderful this year traveling around Western Kentucky going to the different Scottish Rite Club meetings. In some of the Valleys such as Louisville, there is a tradition of the clubs meeting on New Year’s Day. They hand out new commemorative glasses and toast the start of a New Year in the Scottish Rite.

In the past, the brothers in Western Kentucky could get their glasses at the Consistory in Madisonville, but I made the decision to try something different. With the hope of increasing attendance at the Club meetings, I have been bringing the glasses to the clubs.

Below is a picture taken at the Bowling Green Scottish Rite Club meeting held May 1, 2022. This is the first time the club has met in four years. Congratulations guys on rebuilding your club, and thank you Illustrious Sir Terry Bowman, SGIG, PGM for attending the meeting.

May God bless you with health and prosperity,

Douglas W. Bunch, 32° KCCH Personal Representative
Western Kentucky Scottish Rite, Valley of Madisonville
"I Didn’t Know That……”

Freemasonry, a self-improvement course”, is always an inadequate statement when describing its gift to man. Man has consistently sought to improve himself, by acquiring an understanding of human nature and the purpose of life in his search for God. Freemasonry aids man in doing so. Through a mastery of its ritual and symbols, one can comprehend the world around him, as well as the heavenly world above him.

As above, so below” in Hermetic philosophy was a concept of the mystery schools. Based on the writings of Hermes Trismegistus (Thrice Great Hermes), the ‘Emerald Tablet’ where this expression is first found, was translated in the twelfth century, from Arabic text into Latin. The Emerald Tablet is a writing of alchemy (al = the; chem = chemistry). During the Enlightenment, philosophical and scientific greats, such as Sir Isaac Newton studied the Emerald Tablet and other “secret writings of the ancients” in hopes of finding a forgotten philosophy or a great truth. Although varying interpretations exist to its true meaning, the basic concept of “as above, so below” is that God made man and his surroundings in His own image, and God made the heavens also in His image, and therefore what happens in one, would necessarily happen in the other.

Many ancient structures around the world (think of the pyramids) were aligned with the fixed stars, while other ancient structures such as Stonehenge, detailed the occurrence of the four changes of the season. Both the March and September equinoxes defined the two days of equal daylight and night, while the solstices known as the two St. John’s Days, in June and December measured the longest and shortest days of the year. Knowing the seasonal changes would allow for planning work projects, hunting, planting and harvesting. Webb’s Masonic Monitor of 1797 reads “Astronomy is that divine art by which we are taught to read the wisdom, strength and beauty of the almighty Creator in those sacred pages, the celestial hemisphere.” One can easily see how Astronomy, one of the seven liberal arts, would be used by the ancients to foretell future events.

Some great minds believe the symbolic degrees of Freemasonry are remnants of a philosophical or spiritual ‘mystery school’, and others of equal intelligence believe it unproven. The symbolic degrees do not teach the premise, however by making a study of its symbols and rituals, one can become aware of his own search, within himself, for truth.

The ‘higher’ degrees are just such a study. It is around the year 1740 that the Royal Arch Degree is believed first introduced (possibly from Scots Master Lodges of the early 1730’s). A spiritual view can be interpreted throughout the ceremony and “Holiness to the Lord” is one of the principle by-words of the formalities. In the same time frame the Royal Order of Scotland, a self-proclaimed Masonic Rosicrucian Knighthood, came into focus. The York Rite’s cryptic Royal Master is also in this time frame. The Scottish Rite has a vastly number of such degrees, the Rose Croix perhaps being the most prominent.

The Christian Mysteries of the early church certainly became a popular study in the 17th and 18th centuries through the Rosicrucian Order and other such groups. In spite of Anderson’s Constitutions of 1723, which declared to admit men of the “Religion in which all Men agree, leaving their particular Opinions to themselves, that is good Men and true, or Men of Honor and Honesty by whatever Denominations and Persuasions they may be distinguish’d”; Christian symbolism remained in the three degrees of Masonry well into the 19th century, and Christianity is a requirement for membership in the masonic Order of Knights Templar and numerous York Rite side degrees.

It appears however, the Jewish Religion has given the most to the degrees of Freemasonry. Nearly all of the significant words are Hebrew and the emphasis on King Solomon’s Temple is carried forth by both the York and Scottish Rites. Lodge symbolism led to an interpretation of Jewish Kabbalah and the “Tree of Life” and entered early in the German Lodge system and later in the French ‘high’ degrees. Masonic symbolism does lend itself to be interpreted esoterically.

In both the 18th and 19th centuries, authors such as Hutchinson, Preston, Pike and Oliver published admirable writings on moral, philosophical and spiritual Masonry. In the late 19th and early 20th century perhaps the scholarly mystics C.W. Leadbeater, Manly P. Hall, Arthur Edward Waite and Walter L. Wilmhurst were the most read and lead to popular Masonic discussion groups on morality, philosophy and spirituality.

Today, authors Tobias Churton, Timothy Hogan, Jamie Paul Lamb, Angel Millar and W. Kirk MacNulty are perhaps the most appreciated on this subject; by the small but increasing number of Masons.

The mid-20th century decline in philosophical/mystical writings was partly due to a British fellow named Aleister Crole (1875-1947), who called himself the Beast of 666 and the press labeled him as ’the wickedness man in the world’. He was a practitioner of black magic, lived a decadent life and gave occultism (hidden knowledge) a bad name. Although often referred to as a Freemason particularly by anti-masons, it is very doubtful. He is not recorded as a member on the Grand Lodge of England’s books as a member. He did belong to a great deal of similar organizations as well as a multitude of occultist societies, including the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn and Ordo Templi Orientis. After claiming to be visited three times by an angel of the Lord, he founded the religious philosophy of Thelema, which practiced sex magic mixed with religion under the philosophy of “Do What Thou Wilt”. Aleister Crole today remains a large influence on occultism, but fortunately he has never been known to belong to any recognized Masonic organization.

Today, authors such as Margaret Jacob, Professor of History – University of California; David Harrison, History Lecturer – University of Liverpool; Alain Bauer - Professor of Criminology, Paris, New York and Beijing; David Stevenson – Director, Centre of Scottish Studies, University of Aberdeen; Patrick M essays - John Hopkin’s University, George Mason University; Professor John Dickie - University College, London; and other prominent scholars, have given credence to Freemasonry and its philosophies through their popular books, doing much to disarm the anti-masons. Anti-masonry may have subsided to some degree, never the less, sadly, it will again raise its ugly head.

What do you think?
S. Brent Morris 33° Grand Cross

S. Brent Morris will be the special Guest Speaker for the Covington Masonic Library Fund - Raising Dinner Friday, June 24 (St. John’s Day). The event will also feature a very nice catered dinner and a book signing afterwards. Costs for the 6:00 pm Dinner and program will be $50.00 for Masons and does include one of Brent’s popular Masonic books. Ladies and non-masons cost will be $25.00 for the dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to present Masonry to that Son, Grandson or neighbor and their ladies.

S. Brent Morris 33° is considered one of the top Masonic speakers in the country and has written over 40 Masonic books including “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Freemasonry”. He is the only American to head the world’s premier Masonic research lodge, Quatuor Coronati in London, England. Brother Morris is the former editor for the “Heredom” Book Club, and recently retired after 25 years as editor of the Scottish Rite Journal. He has taught at Duke, John Hopkins and George Washington Universities and has received numerous awards for his lectures and writings. Each Mason will receive one of two of Brother Morris’s books: “A Radical in the East” and “Why 33? Searching for Masonic Origins”. “YES!” Brother Brent will sign your book!!

Reservations for the Dinner-Program are a must. All seating will be by reservation only, on a first come first serve basis. Get your table together today and spend an evening with us. You will be glad you did!

(Any questions or concerns can be submitted to Bill Lorenz, Librarian library.covsr@outlook.com)

MASONIC LIBRARY RESERVATION FORM

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June 24, 2022

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PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM BY JUNE 10th WITH TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT TO: Att: RON ALLARI, TREASURER c/o Covington Scottish Rite, 1553 Madison Avenue, Covington, Ky. 41011. Make sure your contact information is correct.
Greetings My Brothers All,

As warmer weather has arrived, it is my hope that you and your family are healthy and enjoying the beautiful outdoors this time of year.

The Illustrious Garry Lee Terry 33° Spring/Summer Reunion class will conclude this month with the conferral of the 30th degree at 8:00 am, 31st degree at 10:00 am, and the 32nd degree at 1:00 pm on June 11, 2022. Lunch will be served at noon. The Capping Ceremony will also be on this day beginning with dinner at 6:30 pm and the Capping Ceremony to follow at 7:30 pm. It is our hope that you will join us in welcoming and celebrating the accomplishments of our newest members of the Valley of Louisville in their newfound journey as they continue to learn and exemplify the teachings of Freemasonry.

The Scottish Rite is an organization that will challenge and inspire you and could change your life forever. I look forward to seeing you at the Scottish Rite Temple.

Fraternally thine,
Geary F. Laird, PGM, 32° KCCH
Personal Representative
Valley of Louisville

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Orient of Kentucky, Valley of Louisville, were honored to present the Scottish Rite Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Award to CADET ADAM PERSONS of the AFROTC Detachment 295, University of Louisville. Capt. Colin “BRACKET” Backert, USAF, Operations Flight Commander, chose Cadet Persons due to his Americanism and Education which call attention to two of the major focal points of the Scottish Rite. Upon graduation in May, Cadet Persons will become a USAF Pilot.

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Orient of Kentucky, Valley of Louisville, had the honor to award the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) to CADET JORDAN ROSS of Shelby County High Schools Marine Detachment. Major Keith Spurlock, USMC (RET), Senior Marine Instructor, made the selection as Cadet Ross truly shows the Americanism and Education which are two of the focal points of the Scottish Rite.

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BY-LAW NOTICES

W.G. SIMPSON #472
At the first stated communication of W.G. Simpson # 472 following publication in the Masonic Home Journal, We will have an election for Master of W. G. Simpson # 472 and any other office that might become vacant. All Brothers are urged to attend.

BIG SPRING #826
Big Spring Lodge #826 will vote to amend its by-laws at the July 16th meeting. All members are urged to attend.

SALYERSVILLE #769
At the stated communication following this publication Salyersville Lodge #769 will be voting to change portions of by-laws pertaining to election of officers, stated meetings, and dues. All members encouraged to attend.

FRANKLIN LODGE #28
Franklin Lodge #28 will be voting on By-laws changes and due increases 30 days after this notice is listed in the Masonic Home Journal.

CASEY CREEK LODGE #536
At the first stated meeting after this notice has been published in the Masonic Home Journal, Casey Creek Lodge #536 will be voting on changes in our by-laws regarding our dues. All brothers are urged to attend.

PROCTOR LODGE #213 F&AM
At the first stated communication in the month following publication of this notice in the Masonic Home Journal, Proctor Lodge #213 F&AM will be voting to amend its By-Laws and Dues amount. All brothers are urged to attend.

Lodge Articles and Submissions
To be included in the Masonic Home Journal are due by the 5th of the preceding month.

Email your submissions to:
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Milloy Ward .............................................................. Deputy Grand Commander

Lodge 268, 6919 Applegate Ln. 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

RIVER CITY LODGE No. 961 – Meets 1st & 3rd Sat. monthly 10:00 a.m., Robert E. Carmean@bellsouth.net

HUGH LARRIED LODGE No. 97 – Meets 2nd & 4th Tues. monthly 7:00 p.m.

BOONEVILLE LODGE No. 939 – Meets 2nd Mon. monthly at 7:30 p.m. in South Court St.

RUSSELL SPRINGS LODGE No. 941 – Meets 2nd & 4th Mon. monthly 7:00 p.m.

FAIRDALE LODGE No. 942 – Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs. monthly 7:30 p.m.

CAMP KNOX LODGE No. 919 – Meets 2nd Thurs., 7:30 P.M., Okolona Lodge Hall, 8007 Blue Lick Rd., Louisville 40219.

Lodge Hall, on Fisher Ln. off Hwy. 44 East in Mt. Washington at 7:00 P.M.

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Wilma Phillips ............................................................................ Vice President
Ray Burchette ....................................................................................... Director
Edward "Sonny" Johnson ................................................................... Treasurer
Grace Ann Barany .............................................................................. Secretary

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Lodge 222-023477

LEXINGTON LODGE No. 20 – Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday monthly with refreshment 6:30 p.m. and Conclave at 7:30 P.M.

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400 N. 6th, Danville, KY 40422

LOUISVILLE CONSISTORY –

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Brother Chester Wilson, Kentucky Freemason’s oldest living Mason, celebrated his 108th Birthday on April 25, 2022. Chester is also rumored to be the oldest living Navy Veteran in the United States of America. Buford-Landmark Lodge #41 presented Brother Chester a Lodge Coin & Pin, a framed Certificate Commemorating his day, a Masonic Homes Hat, a Grand Lodge Veterans Pin & Coin, an individualized Birthday Cake, and a Grand Master’s Pin. Celebrating with Brother Chester on May 2 at the Thompson Hood Veterans Center is RW GSW Richard Short, PM Michael Ford, PM Gary Finnell, and DGM Darren Wilson.