Past Master Ron Allari of Alexandria Lodge #152 presents Roger Sickmeier with his 70 Year Pin.
Greetings Brothers,

As I write this article, I’m reminded of all the wonderful brothers that I have had the privilege of sitting with in lodges, at the District Meetings, and the various Grand Jurisdictions I’ve had the honor to visit. Freemasonry is an absolute joy to be a part of and I thank our Creator everyday for being able to spend so much valuable time with each of you.

As many of you know, we launched the Grand Master’s Ark and Anchor in November of 2021 to generate and encourage traveling. Lodges have the opportunity to accumulate points toward winning one of the three $2000.00 scholarships to award to a high school graduate of your choice. This is an awesome chance to make a difference in a student’s life. Also, to help fund these scholarships, we are selling chances to win a 4-day bow hunting trip for only $10.00 per ticket. To obtain a ticket, contact any member of the Scholarship Committee at the District meetings. Even if you don’t hunt, this would be a great gift to give to someone you know who does.

By the time this letter is published, the Ark will have been received by, hosted at, or given to over 80 lodges across the Commonwealth in only 6 months of its initial launch. This is phenomenal and clearly shows how much Masons love to travel. The Ark and Anchor also represents a lot more to our Masonic brethren. Masonically, they represent the pursuit of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life. We have a propensity to look upon life as a voyage, sometimes fraught with storms, and we rely on our faith as an anchor to keep us steadfast and stable, to provide us firmness and hope. The Ark we see symbolically as the source to keep us afloat in life’s deluge of uncertainty when things feel overwhelming. It also represents the assurance that our Supreme Architect will carry us safely through the turmoil and tempests of life.

The acronym ARK also stands for an Act of Random Kindness. As Masons, I want to challenge you to perform an act of random kindness in your community. I am sure there are people in your neighborhoods or communities or anywhere you may be traveling, that are suffering with something in their lives. A simple gesture of love and kindness will give them hope to push through to another day. Sometimes something as simple as a handshake, a pat on the back, paying for a stranger’s groceries or a meal, or maybe mowing a neighbor’s yard, can show that as Masons, we are fulfilling our oath to make the world a better place, one act of random kindness at a time. Perhaps you know a brother who hasn’t been to lodge in a while because he can’t drive. Or a widow who may need someone to run a few errands every now and then.

You can make a profound difference in people’s lives by these simple Acts of Random Kindness! Be safe in your travels and I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally Thine,
James H. Gibson
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM
Annual Charity Golf Scramble

Monday, June 6

Join us at a charity golf scramble to benefit Sproutlings Pediatric Day Care & Preschool at Kosair Charities Center

[Link: one.bidpal.net/sproutlingsgolf2022]

For more information on sponsorship or entering a team, contact Lisa Ammon at 502.753.8843 or lammon@masonicky.com.

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

Adopt a Resident

Adopt a Resident builds personal relationships between residents and Masonic lodges. The program is part of the Grand Master’s Lodge of Excellence. Participating lodges earn 10 points in Category 2-D, as part of the quality of work and obligation for the Lodge of Excellence award.

Participating lodges meet and get to know their adopted resident. Continued contact may include visits, phone calls, cards and gifts. A huge thanks to those who have adopted a resident: Bowling Green Lodge No. 73 / Breathitt Lodge No. 649 / Brother Bobby Hale No. 105 / Buford-Landmark Lodge No. 41 / Colonel Clay Lodge No. 159 / Fern Creek Lodge No. 955 / James W Alley Lodge No. 869 / Ledbetter Lodge No. 952 / Maysville Lodge No. 52 / McNeil Lodge No. 586 / Shively-Lewis-Parkland Lodge No. 951 / Tompkinsville Lodge No. 753 and W. G. Simpson Lodge No. 472. To learn more, talk to your district ambassador or contact rreeve@masonicky.com.
## 2022 District Meetings

### May 6 | District 24

**Meal at 5:30 pm**  
**Ladies Program**  
**District Meeting at 7:00 pm**  

Randy Martin, DDGM  
McNabb Middle School  
3570 Indian Mound Drive  
Mount Sterling, KY 40353

### May 7 | District 23

**Meal at 5:30 pm**  
**Ladies Welcome**  
**District Meeting at 7:00 pm**  

Daniel Haines, DDGM  
Index Community Church  
1749 W Main St.  
West Liberty, KY 41472

### May 20 | District 4

**Meal at 5:30 pm**  
**Ladies Invited**  
**District Meeting at 7:00 pm**  

Perry Luttrull, DDGM  
Cadiz Lodge 121  
38 Old Dover Road  
Cadiz, KY 42211

### May 21 | District 6

**Meal at 6:00 pm**  
**Ladies Program**  
**District Meeting at 7:00 pm**  

Scott Harp, DDGM  
Allen County Intermediate Center  
720 Oliver Street  
Scottsville, KY 42164

### May 21 | District 10

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**District Meeting at Noon**  

Jason Byrd, DDGM  
Madisonville Scottish Rite  
668 Park Ave.  
Madisonville, KY 42431

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**Roger Cummins** Secretary  
**Alexandria Lodge #152** presents Gerald Jolly with his 70 Year Pin.
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 refresh-
ment 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

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Irvine Lodge #137 recently initiated three new E.A. Masons at
their January 2022 stated meeting. They are left to right: Michael Alexander Madden, Stephen Wayne Blair, and Ronnie Isaacs II

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Harold Armstrong (2000-2001) made a trip to
Northport Alabama to participate in the raising of his Grandson Bradley William Larrington
in J. Collier Foster Lodge. Three Past Grand Master of Alabama and the sitting Junior
Grand Warden were the principal officers for the degree. The work was exemplified in this
meaningful degree in excellent order.

From left to right: Greg Durr, PGM; Jon Michael Taylor, PGM; Bradley William Larrington,
MM; Harold Armstrong, PGM Kentucky; Ron Andress, PGM; Richard Shultz, JGW

Pictured from left: Elkhorn Master Brandon Garrett with the Master of B. R. Young Lodge,
Matt Willis. Many Brothers from B.R. Young Lodge #132 attended Elkhorn Lodge # 568 at
our Stated Meeting and picked up the Traveling Gavel and we all had a great time visiting
together. It will now be available at their lodge to continue its travels. Good Luck Brother’s
and Be Safe.

Elkhorn Lodge Honorary Membership. From Left: Bobby Baker with Elkhorn Master Brandon Garrett. Elkhorn Lodge No. 568 is very glad to
present Bobby with an Honorary Membership and Certificate. Bobby is an inspiring Brother
who continues to support Elkhorn Lodge and many other lodges throughout Central Kentucky.
Thank You Brother.

Woodie Reeves, Secretary, Fleming #112, presents the 40 Year pin award to Dennie Adam’s PM, Fleming #112, at the Pancake Breakfast.

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**BY-LAW NOTICES**

**THOMAS DEVENNY LODGE NO. #928**
Thomas Devenny Lodge No. 928, F. & A.M. will elect a Junior Deacon at the next stated meeting following publication, and any other office that may become vacant at that time.

**CUMBERLAND VALLEY LODGE NO. #751 F&AM**
At the first stated meeting after this Notice has been published in the Masonic Home Journal, Cumberland Valley Lodge No 751 will be voting on changes in our BY-LAWS, pertaining to dates and time of meetings. All members are urged to attend.

**STEPHENSBURY LODGE #212**
At the next stated communication following the publication of this notice in the Masonic Home Journal, Stephensbury Lodge #212 will be voting to change the day of our stated meeting. All members are urged to attend.

**SALT RIVER LODGE #180**
Salt River Lodge 180 is discussing raising our dues and will require all good standing members to attend so that we may vote for the changes to our bylaws. We will cast this vote at our regular stated communication on June 23, 2022.

**CENTRAL LODGE #673**
At the stated communication on May 9, 2022, Central Lodge #673 will discuss and vote on amending the by-laws to raise the annual dues. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**JEFFERSONTOWN LODGE #774**
At the second stated communication in May, Jeffersontown Lodge #774 will vote on a merger with St. George Lodge #239. All brothers are urged to attend.

**MCNEIL LODGE #586**
At the stated communication following the publication of this notice in the Masonic Home Journal, McNeil Lodge #586 will be discussing the raising of our annual dues, fees for petitions and degrees. Also restructuring the layout and content of the by-laws to be approved as printed and/or amended at the next meeting following publication. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**ALFORD HARDIN #925**
Alford Hardin 925 will be voting to raise dues plus grand lodge assessments. Alford Hardin encourages all members to attend the stated meeting after this publication.

**ST. GEORGE LODGE #239**
At the stated communication following the publication of this notice in the Masonic Home Journal, St. George Lodge #239 will vote on merging with Jeffersontown Lodge #774. All members are urged to attend.

**MOREHEAD LODGE NO. #654**
At the next stated communication of Morehead Lodge No. 654, F. & A. M. following the publication of this notice in the Masonic Home Journal, the lodge will vote on revisions to its by-laws.

**WHITESBURG LODGE #754**
Whitesburg Lodge # 754 will be voting on concurrent jurisdiction for Letcher County on the 1st meeting in June 2, 2022. This notice is for all members of Whitesburg Lodge #754.

**PEWEE VALLEY LODGE #829 F&AM**
At the first stated communication following publication of this notice in the Masonic Home Journal, Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829 F&AM will be voting to amend its By-Laws, including changes to the dues, petition and degree fees. All Brothers are urged to attend.

**THE CRAFT AT WORK**


Irvine Lodge #137 F&AM W.M. Bro. Ian Mooers presented Bro. Roger Riddell with his 60 year membership pin in the Masonic Fraternity at the March 2020 stated meeting.

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**Emulation Lodge #688, F&AM**
Fish Fry Supper & Auction Saturday, May 14, 2022 5:30PM Fish Fry Supper & Auction Adults $7.00 Children 12 & Under $3.00
PAUL MELVIN MULLINS

Brother Mullins entered upon eternal rest Monday, February 21, 2022.

Right Worshipful Brother Mullins was the son of the late John L. Mullins and Myrtle Wright. Brother Mullins was born June 15, 1924. He attended Marion County School system and graduated from there.

Brother Mullins married Helen Leonard August 27, 1971. Brother Mullins was blessed with four children, Daughters Barbara Dattilo, Martha McCoy, and sons, Michael Mullins the late Roger Mullins. Eight Grand Children; Twenty-Six Great Grand Children; and Five Great Great Grand Children.

Brother Mullins was a retired carpenter from Brown-Williamson, Founder, and former owner of Jefferson Special Police.

Masonic Record

Brother Mullins received his Degrees in Sunset Lodge No. 915

EA on May 11, 1954

FC on June 22, 1954

MM on July 24, 1954

Brother Mullins was the Charter Master of Fern Creek Lodge No. 955 in 1965 and served as their Secretary from 2008-2015

Grand Lodge Record


Other Masonic Affiliations:

Scottish Rite:

• Valley of Louisville, 1962
• Decorated Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) 1993
• Coronated Inspector General Honorary of the 33rd Degree, 1999

Shrine:

• Kosair Shrine, Louisville, Ky.
• Past President, Past Masters Unit
• Vice President, Sand Bugs Club

Brother Mullins was a Life member of Masonic Employment, Life Member St. Johns Day League and Past President of Masonic Officers Association.

Right Worshipful Brother Paul Melvin Mullins was an active and dedicated Freemason.

There’s never an hour in the day,
When there’s not a need,
For a word of love and Kindness,
For a generous and thoughtful deed.

Livermore Lodge No. 186, F. & A.M.
P.O. Box 559
Livermore, Kentucky 42352

10 March 2021
Martin T. Swann

In memory of Brother Martin T. Swann who died 4th December 2021.
Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs written for him on life’s treble board, has passed through the portals of Eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received all his reward, the white stone with the same 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 Livermore Lodge #186, F & AM, 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 condolences in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

Bruce L. Maxwell
MASTER

Wallace R. Wigginton
SECRETARY PM
Brethren,

Do you remember why you joined the Masonic Fraternity? Was it because of a Family member or maybe a professional in the community that stood out by being a good person?

Do you remember the brother who lectured you in your degree work? This brother took time with you that he could have been spending with his family. Are you honoring your lecturer by attending your Lodge and being active in the Fraternity or did he waste his time with you?

As time goes by, we sometimes forget the kindness of others that has been shown to us. Spring, I think, is a time of renewal, to rededicate our lives to those things that mean the most to us. As we learn in some of our Scottish Rite Degree’s to rekindle the light of our spirit and passion. To work for that which is pure and honest.

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

Spring is finally here…sometimes.

We all know how the weather changes in Kentucky; one day snow, the next day in the 70’s. Sometimes this happens in the same day. I’ve noticed when watching national weather forecasting, they don’t like to make predictions concerning Kentucky. The same can be said for our Fraternity.

If you follow politics, then you have heard how the world is going to end because of the weather. Likewise, I’ve heard brothers predict that our fraternity is about to go under. Well, I’m a numbers guy, and I know why the computer models for predicting the weather are less than accurate. It’s because they don’t have enough information, and lack the ability to calculate at a speed in which our world and universe changes.

Just as there are unseen forces within nature, likewise there are forces within our fraternity which are unseen that will not let us end. My proof is when you go to a meeting of brothers. You can sense it in your spirit man that there is something about brothers coming together. It’s an invisible force. The world can Google Masonic rituals, and have whatever opinions of us that they will, but they cannot understand that invisible force by reading the words.

If we focus on the unseen force which holds us all together, we can overcome unease over inaccurate predictions, and remain strong in the bonds of brotherhood.

May God bless you with peace and prosperity,

Douglas W. Bunch, 32° KCCH Personal Representative
Western Kentucky Scottish Rite, Valley of Madisonville
George Washington, the Father of our Country, is considered the most famous American Freemason, and rightly hailed. However for 20 years before the American Revolution, it was Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) who was the world’s most famous American Freemason. Did you ever wonder how Boston born Brother Ben Franklin ever became interested in Freemasonry?

It seems that even in his early years while living in Philadelphia, Ben Franklin always had a penchant for self-improvement and he endeavored to improve the community in which he lived. In fact Franklin was just 21 years of age when he gathered a group of friends to form the “Junto” or “Leather Apron Club”. Most of the group were self-employed or held various labor occupations, but they had an interest helping the community and for mutual improvement. Franklin’s congeniality and being a printer by trade, allowed him to meet a large group of people, from whom he would select on their merit, a few to become a member of the group.

Franklin describes the formation and purpose of the Junto in his autobiography:

“I should have mentioned before, that, in the autumn of the preceding year, [1727] I had form’d most of my ingenious acquaintance into a club of mutual improvement, which we called the Junto; we met on Friday evenings. The rules that I drew up required that every member, in his turn, should produce one or more queries on any point of Morals, Politics, or Natural Philosophy, to be discuss’d by the company; and once in three months produce and read an essay of his own writing, on any subject he pleased.

Franklin describes the formation and purpose of the Junto in his autobiography:

Our debates were to be under the direction of a president, and to be conducted in the sincere spirit of inquiry after truth, without fondness for dispute or desire of victory; and to prevent warmth, all expressions of positiveness in opinions, or direct contradiction, were after some time made contraband, and prohibited under small pecuniary penalties.”

Any person to be qualified as a member was to stand up, lay his hand upon his chest, over his heart, and be asked the following questions, viz.

1. Have you any particular disrespect to any present members? Answer. I have not.
2. Do you sincerely declare that you love mankind in general, of what profession or religion soever? Answer. I do.
3. Do you think any person ought to be harmed in his body, name, or goods, for mere speculative opinions, or his external way of worship? Answer. No.
4. Do you love truth for truth’s sake, and will you endeavor impartially to find and receive it yourself, and communicate it to others? Answer. Yes.

Except for the ‘politics’ in the ‘purpose’, this should sound very familiar to Freemasons. Brother Ben further devised a list of 24 questions of helping the community, helping others in need, morals, self-improvement and networking to be considered at every Friday meeting. All the above indicates Benjamin Franklin was certainly predisposed to Freemasonry.

Four years later, Ben Franklin became a Freemason at the age of 24 years in 1727. Franklin re-printed “Anderson’s Constitutions” three years later. The principles contained in the 1723 Masonic constitutions would later be reflected in the Constitution of the United States of which Franklin was very instrumental. In fact, Franklin was the only person to sign the three major documents of the United States of America: The Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Paris, and the United States Constitution.

It was also Benjamin Franklin who succeeded in persuading the French to support the American independence movement. Without that support, many historians agree, the War for Independence would have been lost.

Ben Franklin served Pennsylvania as Grand Master and as Provincial Grand Master. He held many Grand Lodge offices as well as in his own lodge. Benjamin Franklin was later honored by his Pennsylvania brethren for his over 50 years of distinguished service to Freemasonry and his country. Benjamin Franklin’s service to his country as a politician, scientist, inventor, philosopher and diplomat is indisputable.

The MLMA – Covington Library is expanding. Our hope is that you will help preserve Freemasonry for future generations by attending our S. Brent Morris Dinner on Friday, June 24th. Brother Brent is anxious to help our efforts in enlarging our library. You can visit the Library and receive a free library card, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday (5:30 to 7:30 pm) or any Wednesday (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm) Need an appointment? Just email Bill Lorenz, Librarian: library.covsr@outlook.com.
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)

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June 24, 2022

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Greetings Brethren from the Valley of Covington:

I hope our message finds you in good health and spirits as we move forward toward normalcy after two years of the recent pandemic.

The Valley of Covington celebrates two Spring reunions; and our southeastern Kentucky reunion in March was a great success with ten new Scottish Rite members received in Pikeville. The class was in honor of Charles Thompson, 33rd; the degree work performed was excellent, and we enjoyed a great venue provided by the Thomas C. Cecil Lodge in beautiful downtown Pikeville.

The Scottish Rite Leadership Conference was held in St. Louis and the Valley of Covington had five attendees including our 2022 Fellow, Mark Evans. Highlights of the program focused on several areas, including: Scottish Rite’s support to our Blue Lodges; membership retention through mentoring; and a special amnesty/reinstatement program for 2022; whereby all past due amounts would be forgiven with a $100 payment that would bring back “lost” members with current dues paid through 2022.

For our April stated meeting, we were granted dispensation by our Illustrious SGIG, and held the meeting in Ashland hosted at the Fred M. Gross Lodge. Our objective being to bring the Valley of Covington a little closer to our southeastern Kentucky membership (especially the ten new members inducted in Pikeville). The Rose Croix Chapter directed by Barry Eastham, 33rd, performed its Maundy Thursday Service, which was appropriate for that Good Friday, April 15.

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.

Our second Spring Reunion will be held in Covington May 20 & 21. Upcoming details may be viewed on our website: www.covingtonscottishrite.org.

We are excited to announce that the Valley of Covington Library Board directed by William J. Lorenz, 33rd, is hosting a fundraiser dinner with our keynote speaker to be the Eminent and Illustrious S. Brent Morris, 33rd. To that end we again have been granted dispensation to move our stated meeting (which will just be a formality) date to Friday, June 24. Brent Morris served as the managing editor of the Scottish Rite Journal and is the only American master of England’s Quatuor Coronati Lodge (the world’s premier Masonic research lodge). With a PhD in mathematics from Duke University, his career was as a cryptologist with the National Security Agency at Fort Meade. He is a prolific author with many books on Freemasonry and is considered one of the foremost experts in the field. He has been referred to as “The Most Interesting Man In Masonry.” Several of his books will also be available for purchase. Save the date, and call the Valley of Covington office for your reservations. This event is open to the public and all masons, whether you are involved with Scottish Rite or not. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fraternally Thine,

Robert H. Smith
Personal Representative
Valley of Covington
Just to let everyone know, I am retiring on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. I started to work on Wednesday, April 13, 1988, with Joe McClanahan, P.G.M., Grand Secretary. William M. “Bosh” Petry was the Grand Master.

Joe Conway, P.G.M., Grand Secretary took over. I did not know anything about the Masons until after I started to work here. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky is a good organization to work for. When I first started to work here, some of the things we had, an addressograph machine to address the envelopes, an invoice device with carbon copies, and we mailed all the activity forms to St. Louis for them to put on the computer. Blanche Bulla did all the out of state mail with copies of onion skin paper.

Times have really changed, computers! We got the IBM 3196 Display Station. Man, those green screens made us feel like we were with the times. Then we upgraded after a while to the AS 400. That was about the time Jamie started and it was fun trying to teach her how to use it. Then Keith Dreier, P.G.M., came along and moved us into the 21st Century with the current data base and it was Jamie had to teach me how to use it.

Don Yankey, P.G.M., Grand Secretary is in office. It was a blessing when we moved to our new office, it makes a big difference. Everyone has their own office, everything has its place, and it is on one floor. For everyone who worked at the Grand Lodge Office, it is a pleasure to know you and thanks for the memories. Thank you very much for the retirement party, and for the rocking chair, I already tried it out, and fell asleep. Thanks again to everyone.

Thirty-four years went by very fast, you know the saying, time flies when you are having fun. Happy trails!

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Lodge Dues

Brethren it is the time of the year where the Secretary of your Lodge is stressing over collecting the Lodge dues of its members. The Secretary has sent dues notices and is waiting for a response. He and other members of the Lodge do not wish to suspend anyone. At the meeting of the Lodge in June he will have to ask the craft of the Lodge to suspend their Brother.

He will call, leave messages, text, and email as many as possible. There will be some who do not answer, in some cases because the Secretary does not have a correct address or phone number or email.

If you have changed your address, or phone number you should contact the Secretary of your Lodge or go on the Grand Lodge website grandlodgeofkentucky.org under members only and change this information. Brethren the Secretary works very hard for your Lodge please do your part.

Fraternally Thine,
Donald H. Yankey PGM
Grand Secretary