Mike Barnett 32° KCCH presents “Best of Show” trophy to Terry Buoh and his son at the 1200 Club 11th Annual Car Show. (Photo by Jimmy Fletcher)
September is one of my favorite times of year. As we leave the summer months behind and enter the first days of fall the leaves start to change colors, temperatures begin to drop and the evening light gives way to earlier sunsets. The changing of seasons certainly provides some beautiful views of God’s creation while traveling to visit and fellowship across the Commonwealth.

One of my favorite events in September is Bib Overall night at McNiel Lodge in Lebanon Junction. This meeting, for the most part, is truly about fellowship and brotherly love. What other meeting would you find your Grand Master in Bib overalls frying eggs? There is a time and place for everything, and I know we need to make the best of impressions when we are performing rituals and ceremonies, but we also need to make a special time when we can just be brothers with nothing more than enjoying each other’s company and breaking bread together. This is a time of bonding and a time to laugh; the pressure of dress codes and titles are not needed and we are just brothers all on the same level.

On September 19, 1794, George Washington became the only sitting U.S. president to personally lead troops in the field when he led the militia on a nearly month-long march west over the Allegheny Mountains to the town of Bedford. Brother Washington’s example should encourage all leaders to remain engaged in active service and to provide those who are called to follow them an example of true servant leadership.

Among the many established traditions that we as Kentucky Freemasons have embraced is to honor our members who have reached the significant milestone of 50 years of service by no longer requiring them to pay membership dues. They have for decades been termed “Free-Masons.” These dedicated men have spent the largest part of their adult life contributing to our lodges and our grand lodge with the belief that that promise will be fulfilled. It is my belief that despite whatever rationale a lodge would use to choose to reneg on this promise, whatever gray area they chose to exploit, one basic truth is clear; they have broken established traditions that as Past Masters we promised to uphold when we were installed. One of the gravest realities of this, is when a 50+ year member is suspended for non-payment of dues. We are then prevented from affording him what I believe is the basic right of a Mason, a Masonic burial. Consider this, a member reaching the milestone of 50 years of service does not incur the local lodge any expense in the form of Grand Lodge assessment and in all likelihood very little, if any, expense to his lodge at all. We need to rethink this and quickly! As of this past July there are now 10 “Free-Masons” who, if they passed away today, would not be afforded a Masonic Burial. My Brothers, what have we become?

On a more celebratory note, I had the honor of presenting M.W. Brother Carol Curtis, PGM with his 70-year service pin, during a ceremony held in his honor on August 15; this was one of the highlights of my Masonic career. The turnout was remarkable! It is a testament to M.W. Brother Curtis’ dedication, service, and love for the Craft that so many attended to celebrate this significant milestone with him. Brother Curtis is our Senior Past Grand Master having served as Grand Master in 1969-1970 and continuing to serve our fraternity in many ways. M.W. Brother Curtis still actively travels to present educational material about our ritual, takes an active part with degree teams presenting the Legend of the Temple, and always makes time to have discussions with his brothers, who are as ready receive as he is to give instruction. What an example to emulate!

As always, “We are our Brother’s Keeper” and remember our active-duty military and first responders in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally Thine,
E. Darren Wilson
Grand Master of Masons
Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM
The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Homes Kentucky, will be held at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, October 16, 2023. At that time, five Directors will be elected to serve the Corporation for a term of three years. The Board of Directors has reviewed the applications submitted for consideration, and has approved and certified their submission to the Membership of the Corporation for election at the Annual Meeting of the membership in October. The five nominees receiving the most votes at the Annual Meeting shall be declared elected. A brief biography and photograph of each nominee is presented on the following pages.

**NOMINEES FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**RONALD S. CAUGHRON**
Frankfort, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations:
- Shelby Lodge No. 662
- Masonic Homes of Kentucky No. 997
- Louisville Scottish Rite
- Shelbyville York Rite
- Kosair Shrine

Occupation:
- SVN Menish Commercial Real Estate 2021-Present
- SVNPremier CRE & Auctions, Managing Director 2018-2021
- SVNWord Commercial Group, Senior Advisor 2005-2018

Education:
- University of North Carolina School of Business

Board Experience:
- Masonic Homes Kentucky
- Board Member, Treasurer
- Kosair Charities
-Past Board Member, Trustee
- The Dornan Preschool Center
- Board Member, Past President
- Shelby County Chamber of Commerce
- Past Board Member
- UL Health, Shelbyville Hospital
- Board Member
- Louisville Board of Realtors, Member
- National Association of Realtors, Member
- Kentucky Association of Realtors, Member

**ROBERT C. GRIGGS**
Florence, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations:
- Madison Lodge No. 183, FM
- Kingston Masonic Lodge No. 315, PM
- O.D. Henderson Lodge No. 437, PM
- Berea Lodge No. 617, PM
- Martin White Lodge of Research No. 997
- Ted Adams Lodge of Research No. 998
- Scottish Rite, Valley of Lexington
- Irvine Chapter, CES
- Rising Star Chapter, CES
- District Deputy Grand Master
- District 25, 2012
- Grand Junior Deacon 2016
- Grand Senior Deacon 2023
- Committee on Masonic Scholars

Occupation:
- Teacher, retired
- Madison Central High School, 1993-2012

Education:
- Madison County High School
- University of Kentucky, AA
- Eastern Kentucky University, BS, MA

Board Experience:
- Masonic Homes Kentucky
- Board Member

**WILLIAM D. VINSON, JR.**
Symsonia, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations:
- Symsonia Lodge No. 917 (32 years)
- Past Master (1953, 2006 - 2008)
- Secretary (2012 - Current)
- By-Law Committee (2013, 2019)
- Finance Committee (2015 - Present)
- Martin White Lodge of Research No. 997
- Picket-Wilber Lodge of Research No. 905
- Tennessee Lodge of Research
- District Deputy Grand Master - District 2 (2014-2015)
- District Grand Lodge of Kentucky - District 2
- Masonic Helping Masons Committee, Chair

Occupation:
- Retired USAA and Federal Civil Service
- Littlefield Realty Company
- Real Estate Broker (50 years)
- Realtor #777

Education:
- Woodruff High School, South Carolina
- University of Louisville
- Sullivan Business College

Board Experience:
- Masonic Homes Kentucky, Director
- Jefferson County City Council, 7 years
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Chairman of Residential, Commercial and Industrial Commission
- Director of Police Department
- Director of City Engineering Committee
- Kosair Shrine Foundation, Board member
- Kosair Shrine House Committee Chairman
- Kosair Flying Fez Unit, Director 1986

**STEVEN L. HENDERSON**
Windo, Kentucky

Lodge/Affiliations:
- Folsumdale Lodge No. 283, PM
- Secretary
- Pickett-Wilber Lodge of Research No. 995, PM
- Founding Member, Secretary

Education:
- Senior Ritualist
- District Deputy Grand Master, District 2, 2020-2021
- Grand Lodge Committee on Scholarships, 2021-2022
- Grand Lodge Committee on Publicity, 2022-2023
- West Kentucky Commandery Valley of Madisonville, Orient of Kentucky

Order of the Eastern Star, Murray Star 433
Pride of Central Kentucky Consistory
Chair of Membership Committee
- Lindsey Chapter 69, Royal Arch Masons, Past High Priest

Mayfield Commandry 46 Knight Templar, Past Commander
- Order of the Eastern Star, Murray Star 433
- Rizpa Shrine – Kentucky-Tennessee Shrine Club
- Lakeside Past Master's Society, Past President

District 2 Ambassador, Masonic Homes Kentucky

Occupation:
- Auctioneer
- Bunch Auction & Realty, 2016 - Present

Education:
- Graves County High School
- Murray State University

Board Experience:
- Kentucky FFA Alumni Association
- Purchase Region Representative 2016-2019
- Dico Alliance Charities, Secretary 2018-Present

**STEVEN L. HENDERSON**

Lodge/Affiliations:
- Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 14
- Past Master (1994-1995)
- O.D. Henderson Lodge No. 437
- Martin White Lodge of Research No. 997
- Grand Lodge of Kentucky (appointed positions)
- District 25, Deputy Grand Master, 2012-2013

Committees of:
- Masonry Matters, 2015-2016
- Masonic Scholars, 2016-2017
- Masonic Scholars, 2018-2019
- Grand Lodge of Kentucky (elected positions)
- Grand Junior Warden, 2016-2020
- Grand Senior Warden, 2020-2021
- Deputy Grand Master, 2021-2022
- Grand Master, 2022-2023

District 25 Ambassador, Masonic Homes Kentucky

Occupation:
- Small business owner, 2019
- Property Management
- B.G.C.A. P.P., Bluegrass Army Depot

Education:
- Scott County High School
- Bluegrass Technical College

Board Experience:
- Masonic Homes Kentucky, Director (2020-2023)
- Nominations, Property, and Executive Committees

RICHMOND, Kentucky
The Following contains in **BOLD** to be deleted. In **BOLD ITALIC**, the new wording. All else the same.

**ITEM NO.1**
Consideration No. 1 (A, B, C) need to be grouped together due to their passage affecting each other.)

AMEND ARTICLE 11(D) SECTIONS 1-7, ARTICLE 14 SECTION 1, ARTICLE 28 SECTION 2, The following changes are proposed as a package with Article 11(D) Sections 1-7, Article 14 Section 1, being amended.

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**Consideration No. 1 (A)**

(Provision to Read)

**ARTICLE 11 (D) JURISDICTION**

**SECTION 1- GENERAL RULE.** Section 95

The jurisdiction of every lodge, except as in ARTICLE 11 (SECTION- D) (2, 3), shall extend halfway to the nearest lodge meeting location by a straight line measurement in any and every direction.

**SECTION 2- CITIES HAVING TWO OR MORE LODGES.** Section 96

In the cities having two or more lodges the jurisdiction shall be concurrent and extend as provided in ARTICLE 11 (SECTION- D)(1), except, Adair, Allen, Anderson, Ballard, Barren, Bell, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Boyle, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Butler, Calloway, Campbell, Carter, Casey, Christian, Clark, Clay, Daviess, Estill, Fayette, Floyd, Grant, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hardin, Harlan, Harrison, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Kenton, Knox, LaRue, Laurel, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Madison, Marion, Martin, Marshall, McCracken, McCreary, Mercer, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rowan, Russell, Shelby, Simpson, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wolfe and Woodford counties, the jurisdictions shall be concurrent within said counties and extend as provided in ARTICLE 11 (SECTION- D)(1). Boone, Grant and Kenton counties shall be regarded as one jurisdictional unit. Henderson, Union, and Webster counties shall be regarded as one jurisdictional unit. (2020)

**SECTION 3- NEAR STATE BOUNDARY.** Section 97

The jurisdiction of lodges near the borders of other states may extend half way to the nearest lodge in such other Grand Jurisdictions to the lodge jurisdiction provided there be an agreement to that effect between such Neighboring Grand Lodge and this Grand Lodge, and further provided if the petitioner lives in Kentucky he shall have a choice of jurisdiction, except in Pike County, Kentucky and Mingo County, West Virginia. (2001)

**SECTION 4- JURISDICTION WAIVED.** Section 98a

Waiver of Jurisdiction may be given by any lodge possessing jurisdiction over a candidate for degrees or affiliation, in favor of any other lodge. In such cases, the lodge in whose favor the waiver shall be made may entertain the petition of such candidate as if he had resided within the jurisdiction thereof the required period of time. In all cases where the fee of the lodge granting the waiver of jurisdiction is greater than the fee of the lodge requesting the waiver the candidate shall pay to the lodge which asks the waiver a fee equivalent to the fee he would have been required to pay had he petitioned the lodge which granted the waiver. Immediately after the candidate is elected and initiated, the Secretary of the lodge receiving the waiver shall send the difference in fees to the lodge granting the waiver.

**SECTION 5- WAIVER OF JURISDICTION—HOW GRANTED.** Section 99b

Waiver of Jurisdiction can only be granted by a lodge having jurisdiction, and upon request made by a lodge, over its seal, to which the petition for degrees or membership has been presented. The request may be sent by first class mail, electronic mail, or hand delivered. The answer or reply will be sent by similar manner. Before granting the waiver, the application will be referred to a committee of three members of the lodge for inquiry into the character and qualifications of the petitioner mentioned in such request. Such request can only be received at a stated communication and one lunar month must intervene between its reception and ballot thereon. The vote on the waiver shall be by ballot, and if as many as three votes be cast against the waiver the request shall be refused.

Within the state, jurisdiction will be waived automatically 90 days after a request for waiver is sent to the secretary of the lodge possessing jurisdiction unless the lodge possessing jurisdiction denies the waiver and notifies the requesting lodge in writing prior to the 90th day. For just cause the lodge possessing jurisdiction may impose one extension of not more than thirty days with written notification to the requesting lodge prior to the 90th day. At the end of such extension the jurisdiction will be waived automatically unless the lodge possessing jurisdiction denies the waiver and notifies the requesting lodge in writing prior to the end of the extension. Automatic waiver of jurisdiction does not apply to requests for waivers to be extended to other Grand Jurisdictions. (2018)

If a waiver of jurisdiction is granted and the petitioner is subsequently rejected by the requesting Lodge, the jurisdiction shall return to the Lodge for the person as designated in Article 11, Section 1 (D) and a new waiver would be needed before the petitioner could join any other Lodge. (2019)

**SECTION 6- INVADED JURISDICTION.** Section 99

A lodge that receives the petition and initiates a candidate, or admits to membership a brother from a jurisdiction not its own, in violation of the provision of ARTICLE 11 (SECTION- D) (1-4), shall forfeit and pay the fees to the lodge which rightfully holds jurisdiction, and be subject to having its Charter arrested or such other penalty as the Charter arrested or such other penalty as the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M. shall impose.

**SECTION 7 - MOVING FROM JURISDICTION.** Section 100

Moving from the jurisdiction of a lodge does not forfeit lodge membership. If he is an officer of a lodge, a brother does not forfeit such office if he is able to attend with reasonable regularity, otherwise he will in subject to ARTICLE 11(B)(5).

**SECTION 7- RESERVED**

Consideration No. 1 (B)

(Proposed to Read)

**ARTICLE 14 – CANDIDATES**

**SECTION 1 – QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT.**

Section 119

A Candidate for initiation, or affiliation in a Kentucky Lodge shall be a man of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, and of good report. (2008)

(Provision to Read)

**ARTICLE 14 – CANDIDATES**

**SECTION 1 – QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT.**

Section 119

A Candidate for initiation, or affiliation in a Kentucky Lodge shall be a man of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, willing to voluntary consent to a background check performed by an accredited firm, and of good report.

Consideration No. 1 (C)

(Provision to Read)

**ARTICLE 28- LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION**

**SECTION 2 - HOW TO ESTABLISH A LODGE UNDER DISPENSATION.** Section 191

A lodge under dispensation may be established on the petition of not less than 15 Master Masons, residents of the jurisdiction of the proposed new lodge, who shall file with said petition their demits or statements of good standing, certified and sealed by the Secretaries of their lodges, and the consent of every lodge whose jurisdiction would be affected by the new lodge if established. Should the proposed new lodge be located in a city in which there are three or more lodges, the consent of a majority of said lodges shall be required before a dispensation can be granted for the formation of the new lodge, provided, however when a subordinate lodge reaches a membership of 200, its consent shall not be required for the creation of a new lodge in its jurisdiction. The petitioners shall also...
file the certification of the lodge selected by the Grand Master which shall state that the proposed Master and Wardens have been examined audibly in said lodge and found capable of doing the work of the symbolic degrees in a creditable manner. (2001)

(Proposed to Read)

ARTICLE 28- LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION
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A lodge under dispensation may be established on the petition of not less than 15 Master Masons, residents of the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M., who shall file with said petition their demits or statements of good standing, certified and sealed by the Secretaries of their lodges, and the consent of every lodge within a ten-mile radius of the physical address of the proposed lodge under dispensation, regardless of the number of members of said lodges. The petitioners shall also file the certification of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation which shall state that the proposed Master and Wardens have been examined audibly in said lodge and found capable of doing the work of the symbolic degrees in a creditable manner. (2001)

Submitted By:
Elected Grand Lodge Officers
James H. Gibson, Grand Master
E. Darren Wilson, Deputy Grand Master
Richard F. Short, Grand Senior Warden
Mitchell A. May, Grand Junior Warden
F. Keith Dreier, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer
Donald H. Yankey, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

ITEM NO. 2

ARTICLE 9, SECTION 3 - NUMBER ON EACH.
The Committees on Biography, Necrology and Proceedings of other Grand Lodges shall each consist of six permanent members of the Grand Lodge except as otherwise provided herein. The Committees on Masons Helping Masons and Veterans Affairs shall consist of no less than three and no more than ten permanent members of the Grand Lodge except as otherwise provided herein. (2018)

(Proposed to Read)

ARTICLE 9, SECTION 3 - NUMBER ON EACH.
The Committees on Biography, Necrology and Proceedings of other Grand Lodges shall each consist of one (1) member; the other Committees shall each consist of three permanent members of the Grand Lodge except as otherwise provided herein. The Committee on Masonic Education shall consist of no less than three and no more than six permanent members of the Grand Lodge. The Committees on Masons Helping Masons and Veterans Affairs shall consist of no less than three and no more than ten permanent members of the Grand Lodge except as otherwise provided herein. (2018)

Submitted by:
Symsonia Lodge #917

ITEM NO. 3

ARTICLE 3- THE GRAND LODGE OF WHOM COMPOSED
SECTION 1 - GRAND OFFICERS. Section 11
The Grand Lodge is composed of Grand Officers as follows:

(1) Elective Grand Officers
Grand Master
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Senior Warden
Grand Junior Warden
Grand Treasurer
Grand Secretary

(2) Appointive Grand Officers
Grand Chaplain
Assistant Grand Secretaries (2)
Grand Senior Deacon
Grand Junior Deacon
Grand Marshall
Grand Sword Bearer
Grand Pursuivant
Grand Tiler
Assistant Grand Tiler

The Grand Master shall appoint the Grand Chaplain, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Marshall, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tiler and Assistant Grand Tiler.

The Grand Secretary shall appoint the Assistant Grand Secretaries, not to exceed more than two (2) during his term of office and these to be subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, or ad interim, the Grand Master.

The Grand Master and Past Grand Masters shall be addressed as Most Worshipful and all other Elected Grand Officers shall be addressed as Right Worshipful. The Grand Chaplain shall be addressed as Right Reverend and the remaining Appointive Grand Officers as Worshipful. (2000)

ITEM NO. 4

ARTICLE 8- DUTIES OF APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS
SECTION 1 - GRAND CHAPLAIN. Section 41
The Grand Chaplain shall open and close the sessions of the Grand Lodge with prayer.

SECTION 2 - ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARIES. Section 42
The Assistant Grand Secretaries shall assist the Grand Secretary in the discharge of his duties, under his direction.

SECTION 3 - GRAND DEACONS. Section 43
The Grand Deacons shall assign seats to registered members within the bar of the Grand Lodge, collect papers and resolutions from members in the Grand Lodge and place the same in the hands of the Grand Secretary, assist in maintaining order, and perform such other duties as may be required of them.

SECTION 4 - GRAND MARSHAL. Section 44
The Grand Marshal shall assist the Grand Deacons, proclaim the Grand Officers installed, conduct processions of the Grand Lodge and report to the Grand Lodge any improper conduct of anyone in attendance during the communication of the Grand Lodge. His place is at the left and in front of the Grand Master.

SECTION 5 - GRAND SWORD BEARER. Section 45
The Grand Sword Bearer shall carry the sword in processions of the Grand Lodge; assist the Grand Tiler on the outside, and see that none but such as are entitled to do so pass into the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 6 - GRAND PURSUIVANT. Section 46
The Grand Pursuivant shall guard the entrance to the Grand Lodge on the outside; communicate with the Grand Tiler and, when required, announce to the Grand Senior Warden applicants for admission, and to the Grand Lodge the entrance of distinguished visiting brethren. He shall assist in maintaining order about the door, prevent those not entitled so to do from entering the Grand Lodge or passing inside the bar thereof, and see that the brethren are seated.

SECTION 7 - GRAND TILER. Section 47
The Grand Tiler or the Assistant Grand Tiler, under his direction, shall guard the entrance of the Grand Lodge on the outside and see that none enter but such as are duly qualified and properly clothed. He shall have charge of the hall, Great Lights, jewels, aprons, gavels, columns and other paraphernalia, be responsible for their safe keeping during the sessions of the Grand Lodge and, when the Grand Lodge is closed, deposit them in the place provided therefor.

(Proposed to Read)

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SECTION 7 - GRAND HISTORIAN. The Grand Historian shall prepare a paper pertaining to Masonic history, particularly as related to The Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M., and present papers at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for inclusion in the proceedings.

SECTION 8 - GRAND SENIOR STEWARD. The Grand Senior Steward shall assist the Grand Deacons and other officers of the Grand Lodge at the communications of the Grand Lodge and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SECTION 9 - GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD. The Grand Junior Steward shall assist the Grand Deacons and other officers of the Grand Lodge at the communications of the Grand Lodge and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

SECTION 10 - GRAND TILER. Section 47
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Submitted by: Brodhead Lodge No. 566

ITEM NO. 5
Inavertenly removed from Digest No. 51 which read:

The Master cannot be suspended during his term of office for non-payment of dues or other offenses, except as provided in ARTICLE 25 (SECTION 2) of the Constitution. However, if the Master is suspended from a lodge where he is a plural member, he is suspended from every masonic lodge with which he may be affiliated pursuant to Article 15(B), Section 2 and thus is instantly removed as Master of the lodge where he has been serving in that station. In this event, a new Master shall be elected pursuant to Article 11(B), Section 7(B). 2017

Upon passage, Digest No. 51 will go into reserve and verbage will be moved to Article 15 (B) Petition for Membership, Section 2 - Plural Membership.

(Proposed to Read)

ARTICLE 15 (B) PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 2 - PLURAL MEMBERSHIP. Section 101
A Master Mason in good standing in a lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, or in a lodge of a sister Grand Jurisdiction which does not forbid Plural Membership, may apply for affiliation to any lodge or lodges of his choice, or he may join in the application for the formation of a new lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and if such lodge be formed, he may retain his former membership, and also his new membership, but shall thereon and thereafter pay all dues and assessments required by each lodge, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in each lodge. Suspension or expulsion from any lodge shall suspend or expel him from every lodge with which he may be affiliated, providing he has paid his indebtedness to such other lodges.

Upon election of a Master Mason to Plural Membership as provided in this section, the Secretary of the lodge wherein such election is had, shall immediately notify the other lodges of which the elected brother is a member and thereafter the records of the Secretary of each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be so kept as to show plural membership and the monthly reports and annual returns of each lodge shall show the name of each lodge wherein such membership is held.

Should a Master Mason who holds Plural Membership in two or more lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction desire to demit from one lodge he shall be permitted to do so. Provided, that if the master holds membership in two lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction he shall be permitted to retain his membership in the one of his choice.

Should a Master Mason who holds Plural Membership in two or more lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction desire to demit from one or more of said lodges, the demit, if granted, a notice by regular mail of the granting of the demit shall be mailed by the Secretary of the lodge granting the demit to the lodge or lodges in which the member still retains membership. No Certificate of Demit shall be given to the Brother, nor to the lodge or lodges in which he retains membership. No Plural member shall represent more than one lodge of which he is a member at any one Annual Communication. (2001)

The Master cannot be suspended during his term of office for non-payment of dues or other offenses, except as provided in ARTICLE 25 (SECTION 2) of the Constitution. However, if the Master is suspended from a lodge where he is a plural member, he is suspended from every masonic lodge with which he may be affiliated pursuant to Article 15(B), Section 2 and thus is instantly removed as Master of the lodge where he has been serving in that station. In this event, a new Master shall be elected pursuant to Article 11(B), Section 7(B). 2017

Submitted by: Brodhead Lodge No. 566

ITEM NO. 6
ARTICLE 33 - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Section 217
This constitution shall not be altered, amended or repealed, until the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal shall have been offered in writing over the seal of a lodge, or proposed by a majority of the elected Grand Lodge Officers, read to the Grand Lodge, seconded, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and remain one whole vacation for consideration of subordinate lodges, and then be adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Grand Lodge present at its annual communication. All Amendments to the Constitution must be received in the office of the Grand Secretary by July 15 prior to the Grand Lodge Communication. (2019)

(Proposed to Read)

ARTICLE 15 (B) PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 2 - PLURAL MEMBERSHIP. Section 101
A Master Mason in good standing in a lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, or in a lodge of a sister Grand Jurisdiction which does not forbid Plural Membership, may apply for affiliation to any lodge or lodges of his choice, or he may join in the application for the formation of a new lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and if such lodge be formed, he may retain his former membership, and also his new membership, but shall thereon and thereafter pay all dues and assessments required by each lodge, and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in each lodge. Suspension or expulsion from any lodge shall suspend or expel him from every lodge with which he may be affiliated in this Grand Jurisdiction, and reinstatement may only be made by the lodge that first suspended him, and upon his reinstatement in that lodge, he shall automatically be reinstated in all lodges with which he may be affiliated, providing he has paid his indebtedness to such other lodges.

Upon election of a Master Mason to Plural Membership as provided in this section, the Secretary of the lodge wherein such election is had, shall immediately notify the other lodges of which the elected brother is a member and thereafter the records of the Secretary of each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be so kept as to show plural membership and the monthly reports and annual returns of each lodge shall show the name of each lodge wherein such membership is held.

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Submitted by: The Jurisprudence Committee
Harold E. Armstrong, PGM - Chairman
Ronnie G. Bell, PGM
Timothy D. Sanders, PGM
ARTICLE 6, SECTION 22 – SPECIAL COMMITTEES.
The Grand Master may appoint Committees not otherwise provided for who shall report in the manner prescribed by the Grand Master. All matters referred to the Committee shall be reported on. (2018)

ITEM NO. 6

ARTICLE 13
Section 6- Burial of a Suspended Mason.
In the case of a deceased Mason who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, if after notice to the Master (or Senior Warden or Junior Warden in that order) and proper inquiry, the Master (or Warden) of the Lodge determines that such non-payment was due to the Brother's lack of mental capacity realize he was in arrears (and/or suspended) due to a physical or mental disability resulting from an injury or disease, the Master of the Lodge may approve Masonic Burial Service for said Brother. (2018)

(Amended to Read)
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(Amended to Read)
If a Mason has attained 50 years of service in good standing before being suspended for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive a Masonic Funeral upon request by his family." Submitted By: E. Darren Wilson, Grand Master (14,437,997)
Richard F. Short, Deputy Grand Master (111,997)
Mitchell A. May, Grand Senior Warden (928,672,998,997)
Luke Martin, Grand Junior Warden (180,955,997)
F. Keith Dreier, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer (607,999)
Donald H. Yankey, P.G.M., Grand Secretary (633,586)

ITEM NO. 7

Article 5 Section 3- Vote-who May. Each elective Grand Officer, Past Grand Master and the representative from each subordinate Lodge, shall have one vote and no more. Past Masters shall have one vote collectively. No one shall vote by proxy.

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Submitted by: Valley-Daylight Lodge No. 511

ITEM NO. 8

Standing Resolution. No. 12
This Resolution was adopted at the 223rd Annual Communication to become effective at 1:00 PM on the Second day of the 224th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. This change will put Clay Lodge No. 798 in District 29. Therefore, Clay Lodge No. 798 is requesting to be restored to District 26.

Submitted by: Clay Lodge No. 798

ITEM NO. 9

I'm including this Article 31 Section 2 for reference only.
Article 31 Section 2. Restoration of Charter Limited. A charter surrendered, arrested, or forfeited may, within one year thereafter, be restored by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge; but after the lapse of a year from the time the lodge became defunct, the old charter shall not be returned, nor shall its number be given to that or any other lodge except in the case of historical significance where the Grand Master may waive the one year limit.

Resolution for Charter Restoration - Georgetown #3
Amendments to by-laws changing the time and date of communication of lodges. By-Laws shall not become effective until they have been approved by Committee on By-Laws and lodged for record by the Grand Secretary who will endorse the same and notify the lodge of the Committee's action. Decisions of the By-Laws Committee shall be conclusive until reversed or modified by the Grand Lodge. Reports of the By-Laws Committee, with the names and numbers of the lodges whose by-laws it may have passed upon, shall be made to the Grand Lodge.

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### LEGISLATION TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 224TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONs

Whereas, Paris Lodge, No. 2, went defunct in 1802, and Paris Union Lodge, No. 16, was chartered in 1809, went defunct in 1836, and then restored in 1839, and, in 1871, the name and number were changed to Paris Lodge, No. 2, and Whereas, Hiram Lodge, No. 4, at Frankfort, had a period of dormancy from 1834 to 1840 and has retained its name and number, and Whereas, Washington Lodge, No. 6, at Bardstown, was chartered in 1801, went defunct in 1806, and Duvall Lodge, No. 99, at Bardstown, was chartered in 1836, went defunct in 1859, was reinstated in 1859, and the name and number changed in 1874 to Duvall Lodge, No. 6, and Whereas, Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, at Henderson, was chartered in 1805, went defunct in 1835, and restored in 1843, with its original name and number, and Whereas, Russellville Lodge, No. 17, was chartered in 1809, went defunct in 1831, was re-chartered in 1845, after working under dispensation, with the original name and number, and Whereas, other similar examples could be given: Winchester No. 20; Richmond No. 25; Franklin No. 28; Hopkinsville No. 37; Lincoln No. 60 etc., and Whereas, Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, went defunct in 1804, and Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14, at Georgetown, was chartered in 1807, which included a number of former members of Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, including Cary L. Clarke, the first Grand Junior Warden, as Master, and Whereas, the Grand Lodge interprets its own laws, be it therefore Resolved, That the name and number of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 14, be changed to Georgetown Lodge, No. 3, thus restoring the names and numbers of the five founding lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, through the provisions of Article 31, Section 2, and Appealing to the Craft for the same courtesy, and right that has been granted to many other lodges in their jurisdiction. Submitted by: Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 14

### ITEM NO. 10

**CURRENTLY READS**

**ARTICLE 6- CONCERNING GRAND OFFICERS, ELECTIONS**

**SECTION 1- QUALIFICATIONS** Section 22

No person shall be eligible for an office in the Grand Lodge unless he be a permanent member thereof, except the office of Grand Chaplain, which office may be filled by any minister, who is affiliated with a subordinate lodge in the state.

**(Amended to Read)**

**ARTICLE 9- STANDING COMMITTEES**

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**(Submitted By)** Halfway Lodge No. 852
Myths and Misconceptions

Masons know all too well that an organization with a rich history is often presented with myths or misconceptions about its creation and actions. Masonic Homes Kentucky, with history extending more than 150 years, is no exception.

To help dispel misinformation, Masonic Homes created Myths and Misconceptions, a program designed to decipher fact from fiction, and to give Masons a better understanding of the community.

Common misconceptions uncovered include the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F.&A.M. owns Masonic Homes, or you have to be rich to live in one of Masonic Homes communities. Both untrue.

Want to hear more? Masonic Homes’ Senior Vice President of Development & Fraternal Relations Rick Reeve and Vice President of Fraternal Relations Travis Short are taking the Myths and Misconceptions on the road. To schedule the presentation at your upcoming Lodge meeting or event, see contact information below.

Masonicare residents currently living with Masonic:
William S. Buckaway, Crescent Hill Lodge No. 456
Alice Daugherty, Shawnee Lodge No. 830
Virginia Dolan, Richmond Lodge No. 25
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Janet L. Fritsche, Ft. Thomas Lodge # 808
Donald Gabhart, Robinson-Plumb Lodge No. 862
Bruce H. Klobeke, Paris Lodge No. 2
Russell Larimore, Greensburg Lodge No. 54
Billy and Alice Minor, Magnolia Lodge No. 201
Joseph Morris, Hiram Lodge No. 4
Glenda Rust, Mayfield Lodge No. 369
John W. Smith, Valley-Daylight Lodge No. 511
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NORTHERN KENTUCKY CAMPUS
Spring Hill Village

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

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Brethren,

Your Scottish Rite Valley’s have been very hard at work on your behalf by bringing about a very successful One Day Statewide Reunion with a York Rite and Scottish Rite Class. Many thanks to the Candidates who witnessed excellent Degree work and pageantry and all the brothers who assisted with the event.

The Supreme Council Session has come and gone and was again, held in a Brotherly and Professional manner. My congratulations to those who received their 33 Degree, Inspector General Honorary at the Session. The other 33rd’s and KCCH’s elects will receive their Honors on November 18, 2023, Honors Weekend at the Valley of Louisville.

Please remember your Valley’s RiteCare program that provides assistance to children with non-operable language issues. This program gives them the tools they need to be successful in school and in life.

Let’s do want we can to embrace our new members and offer them a place to participate in the Valley. Also new members, do not be bashful in requesting to work where you would be comfortable.

There is still much of the year left to make your Valley even more successful by attending meetings and helping where you can.

Thank you all for what you do for Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Take care and may God Bless!

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

Brethren,

With a successful Spring Reunion well behind us and Summer in full swing, we look ahead to what promises to be a busy but fulfilling Fall season. This year has brought many changes and the hope of a genuine resurgence of energy and brotherhood for the Valley of Covington. We began the year with a new reunion format designed to increase fellowship and enhance the overall experience for our degree teams and new candidates. Like any new process, we will continue to adapt and make necessary modifications to make our reunions as enjoyable and meaningful as possible and we welcome any new ideas and suggestions. John Maxwell once said, “The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.” As Scottish Rite Freemasons, we should all strive to be leaders in our lodges and communities. I believe our Valley is demonstrating our ability to lead and adapt to the changes our fraternity faces.

The year began with a successful Magic Show at the Temple highlighting the talents of Hon. Bro. Billy Hall, 32° KCCH. On July 22nd our 1200 Club Car Show was held at the Furniture Fair on Alexandria Pike in Cold Spring. The car show proved to be a successful fundraiser and re-introduced our Valley to the community. We are blessed with a beautiful Temple and these fundraisers are necessary to help maintain such a magnificent building that we all cherish. As the old saying goes, “many hands make light work.” The burdens we share will be small if everyone contributes and we work together.

We look forward to kicking off our 1st Section of the Fall Reunion schedule at Morehead Lodge No. 654 on September 22nd and 23rd. We will observe the 4th through 18th degrees and eagerly look to increase the number of our proselytes, as we are so charged in the 30th degree! It will also be our privilege to celebrate the time-honored tradition of the Feast of Tishri. This obligatory observance is the epitome of the tenets that our Rite stands for and offers an opportunity for each of us to recommit ourselves to building Freemasonry “in the hearts of men and among nations.”

In closing, I want to offer the utmost esteem to our brothers across the state who have been elected to receive the honor and rank of K.C.C.H. and 33rd Degree. The dedication and service to your Orient and our Rite have warranted such worthy recognition. We each know that the true meaning and reward of Masonry resides in our hearts and not on our heads, but we hope that this honor serves to remind each of us that our best contributions to the fraternity lay ahead of us and not behind us. Well done, my brothers!

Michael J. Barnett, 32° KCCH
Personal Representative
Valley of Covington
**ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE - ORIENT OF KENTUCKY**

73rd Grand Assembly

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Kentucky had their 73rd Grand Assembly June 23-25, 2023 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Breana Wheateley presided as Grand Worthy Advisory at her “Don’t Follow the Herd, Just Be You” session. Her philanthropy during her term was the Ronald McDonald house. We collected supplies, did service activities at the Ronald McDonald, and raised over $1,200 to donate to organization.

Thursday night before Grand Assembly, we gathered and made 77 purses for our Supreme Worthy Advisor’s project. These purses were filled with toiletry items and then donated to local domestic violence shelters to help women in need.

Friday night was our opening session with introductions and greetings from our out of state guests. Saturday morning, we had our initiation, memorial service, baby dedication, service degree, and majority degrees. After, we had our Grand Cross Luncheon and then inducted Darren Wilson, Clinton Carrier, Ronnie Waiz, and four of our dedicated Rainbow Girls into the Grand Cross. Saturday night, we had our Grand Banquet. It was great to have so many of our sponsoring orders in attendance. At the session, we had greetings from our sponsoring bodies and received many donations. Thank you to everyone for their support of our endeavors. Kassie Parrish, our Supreme Deputy, appointed the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives for the next year. Sunday morning, we had our Prayer Brunch and installation. We presented 4 girls with $500 scholarships. In the spring, they are eligible to renew their scholarship for an additional $250.

Next year’s Grand Assembly will be June 21-23, 2024 with Natalie Gasparac presiding as Grand Worthy Advisor. Her theme is Faith, Trust, and Fairy Dust. Her philanthropy is Alzheimer’s Awareness and has asked each assembly to raise $500 to donate to a local nursing home and to assist with the quality of life for those effected by Alzheimer’s.

We will also be traveling to Virginia Beach for our biennial Supreme Session in July 2024.

We will be raising funds for Supreme during the next year and for our 75th Grand Assembly Session in 2025.

KY Rainbow would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all those who support our girls and organization. With the contributions and assistance for our sponsoring orders we are able to provide scholarships for our girls to “Choose Joy” in their further education goals.

If you know any girls interested in joining Rainbow or have any questions, please contact Kassie Parrish at kentuckyiorg@hotmail.com. More information about Rainbow can be found on our website at iorgky.org.

In Rainbow Love & Service,

KY Rainbow
On June 1, 1792, Kentucky split from Virginia, to be admitted to the Union as the 15th state. Freemasonry in Kentucky preceded this date with the Grand Lodge of Virginia forming Lexington #25, chartered November 17, 1788 and Paris #25 chartered on November 25, 1791. After statehood, George Town #46, Frankfort Hiram #57, and Abraham U.D. (Shelbyville) also chartered by the Virginia Grand Lodge, would be the five Lodges that would form the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the first Grand Lodge west of the Appalachian Mountains. William Murray would be the first Grand Master.

Very quickly, Kentucky Masonry would find itself chartering lodges both in and outside its borders, with Harmony #7, in Natchez, the first lodge held in Mississippi Territory, chartered on October 16, 1801. Natchez was an important partner to Kentucky as goods and merchandise were shipped there to be distributed and resold. William Murray no doubt, had connections in Natchez, as he recommended the chartering of Harmony Lodge and would afterward settle in Natchez, passing away in 1805. Harmony Lodge would surrender the charter on September 3, 1814, but revive itself, with many of the old members securing a new Kentucky charter, as Harmony #33, August 28, 1816, and two years later become Lodge #1, on the Mississippi Grand Lodge Roster with five of the seven Grand Lodge officers, being members of Harmony #33, including Dr. Henry Tooley as Grand Master and Christopher Rankin as Deputy Grand Master.

The first lodge founded in Indiana territory, Vincennes Lodge #15, was instituted by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky on August 13, 1809. Vincennes had been granted a dispensation on August 27, 1807, to form the lodge but had failed to organize.

Indiana Masonic historian Daniel McDonald advises that the G.L. of KY granted the dispensation to form a lodge at Vincennes, “with George Wallace Master, James Adams Senior Warden, and General W. Johnson Junior Warden.” On September 1, 1808, General W. Johnson wrote that several circumstances had prevented organization, and as the dispensation had expired, asked that another be issued, which was done, with the same officers as before—in other words, the dispensation was renewed.”

Both Vincennes #15, and the future Grand Lodge of Indiana, owes much to Brother General Washington Johnson (Johnston). G. W. Johnson was a member of Abraham Lodge #8, in Louisville, Kentucky, and it was through Abraham #8 that the Vincennes’ brothers made a request for their dispensation. Serving as Master of Vincennes on January 18, 1817, Johnson noted for his blandishments, wrote a circular letter “to all Lodges known to exist” to consult on the creation of a Grand Lodge in Indiana. He represented Vincennes Lodge at the Corydon convention in December to form a Grand Lodge of Indiana which would come to fruition with Kentucky native and Charleston, Indiana resident, Alexander Buckler as the first Grand Master, on January 12, 1818. Kentucky, the “Mother Grand Lodge” was the first to extend fraternal recognition. Besides Vincennes Lodge #15, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky would charter five additional Lodges in Indiana to assist in the forming of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, with Vincennes Lodge as #1, Madison Lodge #21, the second chartered lodge in Mississippi Territory by the G.L. of KY (August 5, 1812) would become the first lodge in Alabama. The city would be later named Huntsville after founder John Hunt, a member of the lodge. In 1812, the lodge reported 31 members, 3 FC and two EA, with Marmaduke Williams-Master, John C. Hamilton -Sr. Warden and Wm Harrison- Jr. Warden. Its Kentucky charter lasted until 1819, with the decision to became Madison #1 under the Grand Lodge of Alabama which was formed 1820. In 1824, Madison #1 and Bethesda #2 consolidated as Helion #1, where it continues to be the birth place of Alabama Freemasonry.

Also in 1819, a group of Masons from Arkansas Post petitioned the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to form Arkansas Lodge U.D. The #59 was assigned sometime in 1820, thus establishing the first lodge in Arkansas, with Robert Johnson as Master. One of the founders was Andrew Scott, then serving as Superior Judge of Arkansas Territory. He was a former Master of Potosi #39, established by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in Missouri.

In all, Kentucky, the first Grand Lodge west of the Appalachians, would establish eighteen lodges without its borders. The four lodges mentioned above, would be the first in the territory that would later receive statehood, and five others, had no Grand Lodge of their own. Each of these lodges would have their own story to tell, but the all-embracing story is that Kentucky Freemasons significantly influenced the Western Territory. Many of these Kentucky Masons would become leaders in their new communities and states, several reaching objectives as high as Governor.

The seed was sown and the Grand Lodge of Kentucky established lodges, that would grow to form their own Grand Lodge and this early nineteenth century movement would rapidly extend Kentuckians far west, championing the Texas fight for Independence, with many Kentuckians settling there. Author James D. Carter in his history Masonry in Texas lists the lodges that “contributed the major portion of early Texas colonists between 1788 and 1821.” Fifty-seven lodges founded by Kentucky’s Grand Lodge are recorded.

……….What do you think?

Note: Last month’s article on Abraham Jonas, inadvertently mentioned that Jonas had moved to “Columbus, Indiana” and established a lodge there. It should have read “Columbus, Illinois.” I offer my sincere apology to the Masons of Illinois.—B. Lorenz

The Masonic Library and Museum Association of Covington Scottish Rite is open 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays and the first four Wednesdays between 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm every month. Stop in and browse. Can’t make these times? For an appointment at your convenience please email: Bill Lorenz, Librarian at library.covsr@outlook.com
Greetings My Brethren All,

This being the year for our 2023 Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of those who have been selected to receive honors this year. The Valley of Louisville Scottish Rite is blessed to have many deserving Brethren eligible to receive these honors. To those receiving honors this year, you have exhibited knowledge, passion and sacrifice to the craft.

The following Brethren have been elected to receive the 33°, Inspector General of the Court of Honour, for the 2023 Biennium.

John Wesley Adkins II
William Gary Emberton
Larry Samuel Franklin
James Robert Poynter
Wayne Marvin Weaver

I congratulate each of you and truly appreciate your hard work and commitment to the Valley of Louisville Scottish Rite.

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

Kentucky DeMolay’s Summer Conclave

Kentucky DeMolay’s Summer Conclave was held on July 20-23, 2023, at the Cave City Convention Center in Cave City, Kentucky. It was a great weekend with a lot of fun and exciting new appointments.

Braxton Frazier of Cherokee Chapter in Louisville, Kentucky is the new 2023-2024 State Master Councilor of Kentucky DeMolay.

The remaining State Officers are: State Senior Councilor, Anthony Lane; State Junior Councilor, Christian Green; State Senior Deacon, Nate Cape; State Chaplain, Mason Morton; State Marshal, Easton Burton; State Scribe, Ben Daniels. The Annual Conclave was conducted under the leadership of 2022-2023 State Master Councilor Raice Hunter. Skylar Hare was elected Illustrious Knight Commander for the C. Frey Haley Memorial Priory.

Representatives from virtually every Masonic fraternal body and youth group attended the Grand Banquet. They were: Most Worshipful, Darren Wilson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky 2022-2023; Dick F. Short, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky 2023-2024; Don Yankey, PGM, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of KY 2022-2023; Terry Bowman, PGM, S.G.I.G for the Orient of KY Scottish Rite Honorary Member of International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay; Natalie Gasparac, Grand Worthy Advisor, Order of Rainbow for Girls 2023-2024 and Kassie Parish, Supreme Deputy, Order of Rainbow for Girls; Linda Overfield, Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star 2022-2023; Allan Johnson, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star 2022-2023; Greg Raque, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons 2022-2023; Bernie Kaita, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chapter of KY, Royal and Select Masters 2022-2023; J William Riggs, Governor General of York Rite Sovereign College; and Yvonne Shuck, Grand Royal Matron and Ralph Lawson, Grand Royal Patron represented the Order of Amaranth in Kentucky.

Also in attendance were Dads Danny Coffey, Executive Officer Emeritus for Kentucky DeMolay; Dad Patton R. Hart, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky; Past Grand Master of DeMolay International; Dad Bill Workman, Active Member of International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay; Dad Lenny Demoranville, Deputy Member of International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay; Dad Jon Elbert, Deputy Member of International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay; Dad Keith Gallai, Honorary Member of International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Our out of State guests and friends included: Dad Jeff Brunsen, Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International, Owen Vermeulen, State Master Councilor of Indiana DeMolay; Gage Barrett, Past State Scribe /Treasurer, Indiana DeMolay, Josh Hackney, State Scribe /Treasurer of Indiana, Dad Eric Vermeulen, Personal Representative, Deputy Member of International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay of Indiana and Dad Patrick Elmore, Indiana DeMolay.

Dad Paul Smith was inducted into the Kentucky DeMolay Hall of Fame for 2023. Paul is a longtime advisor and supporter of Kentucky DeMolay. Brother Christian Green of Cherokee Chapter was named DeMolay of the year for 2023-2024. Dad Curtis Grant of Valley of the Cumberland Chapter was named Advisor of the Year for 2023-2024.

Grand Master Darren Wilson and Grand Secretary Don Yankey were presented the DeMolay Medal of Appreciation for outstanding service to KY DeMolay!

The Jurisdictional staff of Kentucky DeMolay were present to assist the DeMolays in making this Annual Conclave one to remember. Their enthusiasm and hard work are integral to keep programs intact and are the sustenance that leads to growth and development of Kentucky DeMolay.
On Saturday 7/15/23, members from Pewee Valley #829 participated in the 2023 Oldham County Day parade. Pictured are Matt Denny, Chuck Eiler, Bob Payne, Brad Shipp and his son, Ed Meredith, Chuck Kimberl and Phil Wyatt. John Adkins took the photo, Gene Crady and his wife Janet pulled the float.

In the photo, left to right, are: Richard Curtis (Master, 252) David Hinton (DDGM 6) Patrick Little (Master 609) Brian Greer (Master 548) Scott Green (Sec. 252) and Dennis Moore (Master 143). Every individual pictured is a Past Master, three have or are serving as DDGM. Not present were Blake Elkins (Master 523) Robert Wilson (Master 608) Logan Pace (Master 628) and Blake Bratcher (Master 766). I am particularly sorry that Robert Wilson was unable to be with us, as the initial concept for the banner was his.

The brothers of River City Lodge #966 donating backpacks to Wilkerson Elementary School on July 26th.

On Saturday 7/22/23, the 11th Annual 1200 Club Car Show was held on a beautiful day. It exhibited 62 cars with 52 eligible to win one of 30 trophies, plus a ‘best truck’ trophy which went to Ray Coffey of Alexandria, KY for his 1947 Chevrolet custom 4-door pick-up. A special “participation trophy” was presented to the 513 Corvette Club for their large turnout.

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Hot dogs, door prizes, a raffle, and a silent auction added to the excitement and fun atmosphere to make a perfect day. The families who came to enjoy viewing the beautifully restored cars, as well as the many car enthusiasts who attended, certainly had a good time.


Covington Valley Personal Representative Mike Barnett 32° KCCH pronounced the 11th Annual 1200 Club Car Show “a huge success.” Held on a beautiful day, July 22, the Show exhibited 62 cars with 52 eligible to win one of 30 trophies, plus a ‘best truck’ trophy which went to Ray Coffey of Alexandria, KY for his 1947 Chevrolet custom 4-door pick-up. A special “participation trophy” was presented to the 513 Corvette Club for their large turnout.

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Brother Jacob Blanton (left), is shown receiving his 65 year membership in presented by Gary Hensley, Secretary of Benham Lodge #880. Brother Banton is a young 103 years old.

On July 29th, Gateway Lodge #109 held the 6th annual Vito Casullo Memorial Golf Scramble at Sugar Bay Golf Course in Warsaw, KY, in remembrance of our Brother and in support of our continued community charitable endeavors. We had 88 golfers and were pleased to raise $4042. The golf was fun and competitive, the steaks were fantastic, and the Sugar Bay staff were incredible. A great time was had by all. Well done, Brothers!!

In Woodford County, Kentucky — On Tuesday, August 1st, members of Buford-Landmark Lodge #41 completed a Community Service Project by clearing brush, limbs, and debris out of the Singleton Hill Cemetery, located on Trey Schott’s Farm. Captain John Singleton, Sr., is buried there along with members of his immediate family. Captain Singleton fought in the War of 1812. Pictured L to R: Mike Ford, Milo Ford, Earl Poynter, David Paul, Neil Craig, Justin Jones, and Nathan Craig.

On July 19th, Good Faith Lodge #95 and Gateway Lodge #109 conducted an Entered Apprentice Degree. Congratulations and welcome, Brothers Tim Ellis (GF), Stephen Cumpton (GF), and John Clemente (G) on taking their first steps into Kentucky Freemasonry. The WM was PM, Al Tucker and he and his corp of officers put on a fantastic degree. These hardcharing Lodges provided their talents and love of the fraternity to ensure these newly obligated Brothers received a great first Masonic experience. Well done, Brothers!

LUNCH WITH FIRST LADY BRENDA WILSON

Enjoy a fun afternoon out with the First Lady to Hubers Orchard & Winery Bordon, IN

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

Busses leave the Galt House at 10:30 a.m.

Includes ride to and from the event and lunch Business Casual - Ticket Required

Tickets - $25 each

JOHN E. MOYERS MEMORIAL MASTER MASON'S DINNER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

Galt House Hotel in the Grand Ballrooms

Doors Open At 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 P.M.

Tickets - $25 each

Includes Dinner and Entertainment Business Casual - Ticket Required
**By-Law Notices**

**Elkhorn Lodge #568**
At the stated communication following the publication of this notice in The Masonic Home Journal, Elkhorn Lodge No. 568 will be discussing, amending, and voting on raising the fees, dues, and any other changes deemed necessary by the Brothers to be approved as printed and/or amended. All Elkhorn Lodge Brothers are urged to attend.

**Valley-Daylight Lodge #511**
At the September 23rd meeting of Valley-Daylight #511, we will be voting to amend our By-Laws. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.

**Hazard Lodge #676**
At the first stated meeting after this notice is published in the Masonic Home Journal, Hazard Lodge #676 will vote on changes to our By-Laws. All members are urged to attend.

**Announcements**

**Joppa Lodge #167**
Joppa Lodge 167 Open House
Celebrating 175 years of Masonry
Open to everyone all invited
L.S. Jones Building
Bar B Que and chips
Come and help Joppa celebrated this milestone

**Veterans Corner**

...even on our worst day, we are blessed to live in America.

**Korean War**
15 September 1950
Troops Land at Inchon

**POW/MIA Recognition Day**
15 September

**Japan Formally Surrendered**
2 September 1945

**NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**
September 18th

**LORADO'S DAY**
24 September

**Mother's Day**
24 September

**Air Force Birthday**
September 18th

**Never Forget**
09.11.01
2 GRAVESITES at Louisville Memorial Gardens West, Masonic section, $4,645.00 each + transfer fee. Contact: Martha Brown 615-415-1820 or Mrbrown10@comcast.net
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Pictured is Brother Bill Perry presenting MWGM Darren Wilson an 1831 Grand Lodge of Kentucky document with the signatures of the elected 1831 Grand Lodge Officers: MWGM Levi Tyler, RWDGM John Payne, RWSGW Abraham Jonas, RWJGW Garret Davis and GS Harry L. Bodley.

Another addition to the Library and Museum is a gavel that was found by Brother David E. Jones. This gavel was presented to Brother James E. Wilhelm by Plain City Lodge #449 for his service as Master. Brother Wilhelm was elected GJW in October 1895 and served as Grand Master in 1899.

Brothers, always be on the lookout for historical items that can be added to your Grand Lodge of Kentucky Library and Museum.