



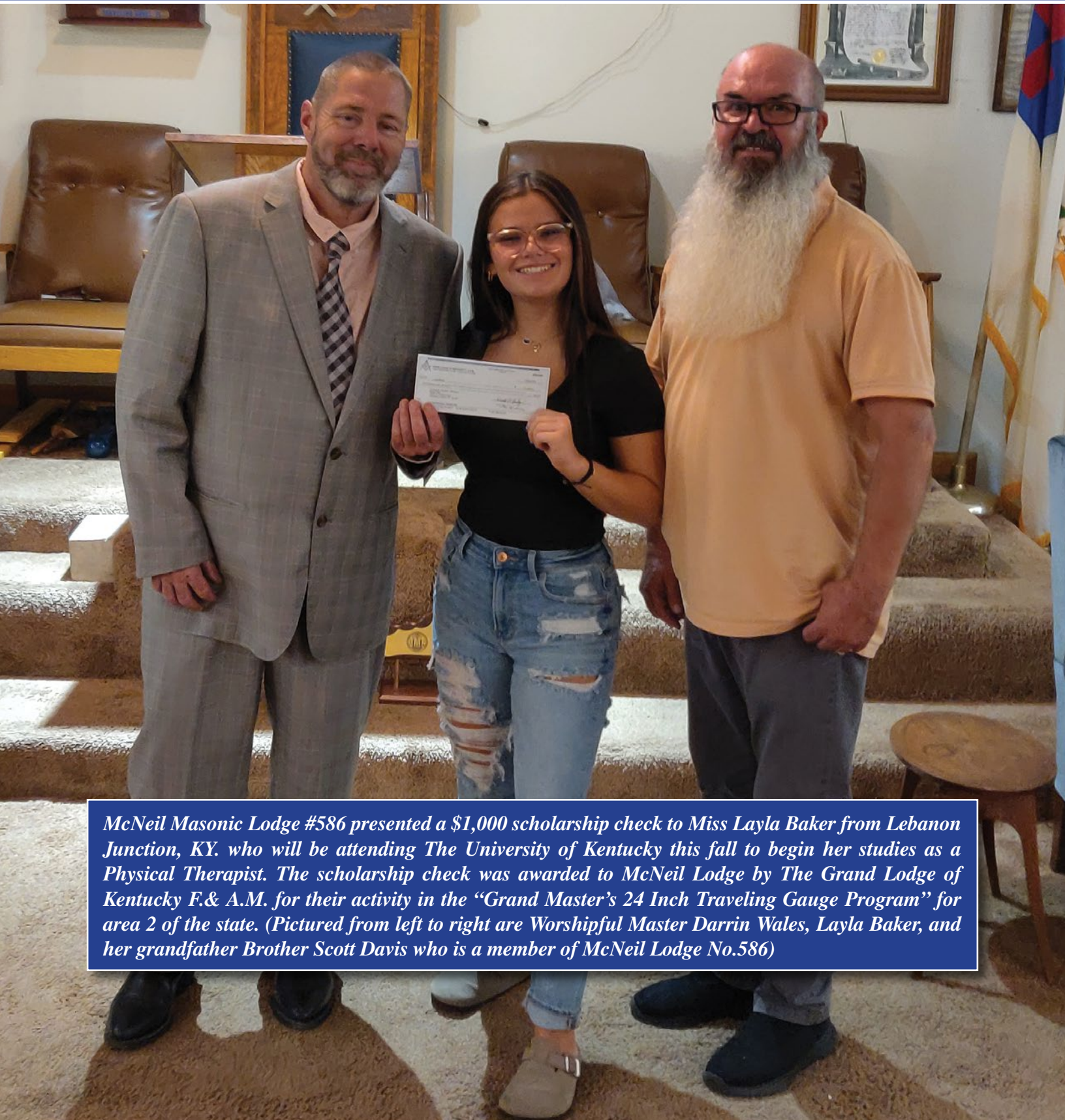
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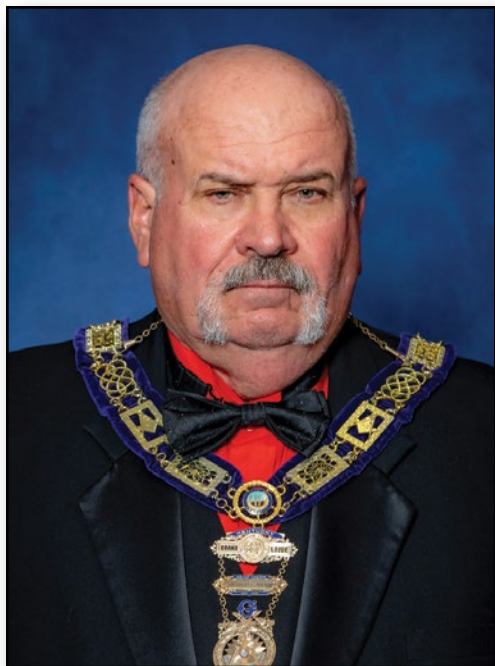
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McNeil Masonic Lodge #586 presented a \$1,000 scholarship check to Miss Layla Baker from Lebanon Junction, KY. who will be attending The University of Kentucky this fall to begin her studies as a Physical Therapist. The scholarship check was awarded to McNeil Lodge by The Grand Lodge of Kentucky F.& A.M. for their activity in the "Grand Master's 24 Inch Traveling Gauge Program" for area 2 of the state. (Pictured from left to right are Worshipful Master Darrin Wales, Layla Baker, and her grandfather Brother Scott Davis who is a member of McNeil Lodge No.586)

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



RICHARD F. "DICK" SHORT
Grand Master 2023-2024

Happy 4th of July Brothers.

Summer is here and we are busy with family and friends, enjoying the outdoors. What a perfect time to include our families in our lodges. If you just have your family join you at the lodge meal or have a special event like a picnic or trip as a lodge family. We all know we can not do what we do as Masons if we did not have the support of family.

Brothers we all know the importance of living up to our obligations. But we need to be that Mason 24/7. We need to live our morals out in our communities we live and work in. Be known as a Mason by your actions, not by a ring, cap, shirt or license plate on your vehicle. If we live Masonry in our daily lives people will want to be like us and they may make the choice to knock on the outer door and ask to gain admission.

I hope to see many of you at the Open House at your Grand Lodge office July 13th at 2PM ET. Bring your family and friends and take a tour.

Fraternally Thine,
Richard F. "Dick" Short
Grand Master of Masons
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On April 18th 2024, Bro. Jerry Everett and his wife Cora presented a Veterans Quilt of Honor to our Most Worshipful Grand Master for His Honorable and Selfless Service in the United States Marine Corps. Thank you to ALL Veterans for their sacrifice in defending the freedoms that we hold so dear. Pictured left to right: Bro. Jerry Everett, his wife Cora, our MWGM and Steven Dotson (Master Elkhorn #568).

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CONTACT: Sr. VP/ Development & Fraternal Relations Rick Reeve at 502.753.8861 or giving@masonicky.com



Devotion Lodge #160 Flag Placement and A War of 1812 Marker placed at the Grave Site of Devotions first Master Olive Anderson and Masonic Memeorial flags at the Masonic section B of Lexington Cemetery. Pictured in photo on left: Chaplain Bruce Sahli, WM Bruce Burton, SEC Anthony Wright, DDGM 20 Tristin Root.

THE CRAFT AT WORK



Worshipful Master of **Bullitt Lodge #155**, Sam Holbrook, is passing the Grand Master's Traveling Gavel to Bro. Mike Burton who is the District 15 Masonic Homes Ambassador to claim for Salt River Lodge #150. At the same time, Bro. Burton is presenting Bro. Holbrook 24 Masters Lapel Pin.



PGM Cloyd Bumgardner the brothers at **Hardburly Lodge #924** (PGM Cloyd Bumgardner, Robert Caines & Danny Roberts).



Congratulations to Brother Grady Allen, Marshal at **James W Alley #869**, First Responders Committee, and Ambassador to China. Grady received the Safety Ambassador Award from The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary's Office of Safety this week at The Kentucky Safety Summit. This award is presented to individuals who are pillars of safety not only within KYTC but within our communities and JW Alley #869.



Grand Lodge of Kentucky donated \$1,000 from the Veterans' Fund to support the Louisville Bluegrass Honor Flight on 21 May 2024. The check was presented by GSW Luke Martin. Several Kentucky Masons were on the flight.



This picture is of the Worshipful Master of **Bullitt Lodge #155 F&AM**, Sam Holbrook, presenting the 60 year anniversary pin to Brother Don Ward, a mason of 63 years.



On May 25th, **Good Faith Lodge #95** conducted an Entered Apprentice degree on brothers, Johnny Seabolt and Dennis Presley. Congratulations, brothers Johnny and Dennis, on taking your first steps on your Masonic journey and welcome to the Fraternity. The Master was PM Kevin Schneider. Well done, Brother Kevin. You and your corp of officers put on a fantastic degree. Well done, Brothers!



On May 14th, **Gateway Lodge #109** held Past Master Appreciation night, honored our widows with dinner and flowers, and conducted a Lodge of Sorrow ceremony remembering our passed brothers. We had 22 Past Master's in attendance who shared their thoughts and memories of being Master of the Lodge. We thank our Past Master's for their service to the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity. A wonderful time was had by all.



THE CRAFT AT WORK

MASONIC LODGE AT PETERSBURG, KENTUCKY TURNS 100 THIS YEAR

On the first day of July 1924, a group of men, led by a 25 year old farmer named Otway Deck from Petersburg, gathered to form the inklings of a Masonic Lodge in Petersburg, Kentucky. Otway was joined by the following: 28 year old farmer Jesse Gale Loudon, 23 year old Merchant Harvey Wilson White, 29 year old Railroad Clerk Claude Hamilton McWethy, 64 year old Cream Tester John Boles, 23 year old Clerk Edward Weindell Keim, as well as Charles E Cox and John Perry Mahan former Postmaster of the old Petersburg Post Office.



On Wednesday, October 22, 1924, these eight men with a vision to form a Masonic Lodge in Petersburg, Kentucky received their charter to open what would be known as Petersburg Lodge #926 F&AM. Inaugural dues were set at \$4 per year to help cover expenses of \$12 rent for the building previously known as the Knights of Pythias Lodge Hall Workum Lodge #66 along with 65 cents for coal per year.

Through the years, the brethren continued to modernize our lodge with the purchase of a gas lantern in 1927 with a reimbursement of 20 cents for a gallon of gas. Further upgrades came in 1932 with the installation of electric lights at 25 cents per night. The Flood of 36/37 saw the lodge used from January to July of that year for flood refugees.

Our lodge has been honored twice in its storied history to have two members ascend to the honor of Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Namely brothers L C Harper and Gregory C Powell. During the term of brother Powell in 2006-2007, the lodge requested a name change to Elvin E Helms Lodge #926 to honor two of our dedicated secretaries. Ironically they were father and son and combined for 77 years of secretarial service to our lodge.

After 100 years, may the brethren of Elvin E Helms Lodge #926 continue the tradition of our forefathers for another millennium. We all have our reasons to belonging to the Masonic Lodge in Petersburg, Kentucky, but once a month on the second Tuesday we all make the same winding, twisting trip to that little lodge on the river to partake in what has become to be known as "The Friendliest Little Lodge on the River."

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THE CRAFT AT WORK



The Brothers of **Robert M. Sirkle** placed flags on Veterans graves at the Highlawn Memorial Cemetery on 5-18-2024. From left to right; R.L. Trent, Steve West, David Overman, Pete Padova, Doyle Rambo, Troy Ballard, Bill Sparks, Dave Brown, Charles Burkes, Troy Blair, John Smith, and Gayle Tipton.



Members of **James W. Alley** recently spent the day delivering bicycles to local Elementary Schools in Floyd and Knott Counties. Pictured above are members of James W. Alley delivering bicycles to Allen Elementary School. A total of ten bicycles have been given to five schools this year.



On May 28th, **Good Faith Lodge #95** held Past Master's Appreciation night. Ten Past Master's were in attendance. We thank our Past Master's for their service to the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity. Past Master ball caps were presented. The Brothers look marvelous.



On Monday, June 3, 2024, WB David Paul, **Buford-Landmark #41**, who is the Warden at the Federal Medical Center in Lexington celebrated Correctional Workers' Week Memorial Service with special guest, WB Keith Murphy, Honorary Grand Musician, **Scott #702**.



River City Lodge #966 presenting a check to the PRP Fire Department for the Crusade for Children.



At the regular stated communication of **Robert M. Sirkle Lodge #954** the Grand Master paid a visit. Members of the Masonic Homes were also present. An excellent evening of fellowship and education.



Vicco Lodge #929 Outside event had around 155 people, and Justin Bentley is Mason of the Year.



At the regular stated communication of **Robert M. Sirkle Lodge #954** a presentation was made to the Masonic Homes. Pictured is Rick Reeves of the Masonic Homes and Master Troy Ballard presenting a check for \$1,500.00.

THE CRAFT AT WORK



An American Hero-Vietnam ex-POW Gail Kerns has died. Gail Kim and I had the honor to see a couple of weeks ago as we were in Rainelle, WV making plans for the 20th Anniversary of LZ Rainelle/WV Veterans reunion. He was weak and had to have two ladies help him to the bed from his wheel chair. He said he was sorry but he had to rest. I said we understood and we loved him and looked forward to seeing him at LZ Rainelle when we visited the residents at the Nursing Home. I said we love you and he said he loved us. Two years ago when Ray Manzo, founder of Rolling Thunder and I first met him we will never will forget. It was not planned but we all were so blessed and it as the nurse said Gail walked ten foot tall after we honored him with our kind words to a true hero. We all lost a dear friend we will never forget. Walk tall Gail, you earned it. Danny "Greasy" Belcher, Executive Director, Task Force Omega of KY Inc., Vietnam Infantry Sargent D Troop, 7th Sqdn, 1st Air Cav., 32 Degree F&AM.



Recently Brother Tim Shera, Past Master of **Hiram #4** presented our Past Master Scholarships to Mackinley Sharp and Joshua Scott of West Hills High School and Samuel Gilbert of Frankfort High School. Also on May 25th Brothers Tom Roach (Senior Deacon), Caleb Young (Master), David Thornton (Junior Warden), Ron Wise (Past Master 1988), Larry Sowder (Past Master 2007 & current Secretary) and Bill Canon (Past Master 1998 and Secretary 1999-2023 not shown) participated in the placing of the American Flag on the graves of our deceased veterans in the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Frankfort.

2024 Attendance Winners

Bikes donated by Jerusalem Masonic Lodge #9 & Henderson Masonic Lodge #958
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Photo collage from the **Jerusalem Lodge #9** and **Henderson Lodge #958** bicycle presentations. We take two bicycles to 13 schools, so 26 bicycles in total. Not pictured is the Central Academy, as they presented the bicycles to the students without us being there.

Aurora #633 Master Andy Hobson James Palmer and Steve Logsdon presented scholarship checks to Mallory Williams and Nicholas Busby Students of Nelson County High School.

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Brethren,

As we celebrate the 4th of July with friends and family may we give thanks for the many Blessings that has been bestowed upon us. We are so fortunate to live in a Country where our freedom was earned by the men and women that fought the many wars and conflicts to keep our freedom.

Let's also keep in mind our brothers and men of the Colonies that drafted the greatest document the world as ever known, our Constitution. A document that as held true for many years. We most protect the Constitution at all costs.

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Topics like our VMAP and Master Craftsman program. Many podcasts and on YouTube several documentaries concerning many areas of Masonic interest.

Our Scottish Rite petitions are now online by QR code. This helps our Secretary/ Registrar's with communicating enrollment with the Supreme Council Office. Brothers, all we have to do is ask a Blue Lodge member to join us in the University of Freemasonry. Take care and may God Bless!

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



On Tuesday May 23rd, 2024 SGIG Illustrious Terry Bowman stepped in as the exemplar for the 29th degree at the **Louisville Scottish Rite**. He was knighted by Knight Commander Ed Meredith and joined by the other Knights of St. Andrew.

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FALL REUNION COMING TO PADUCAH

For many years I have attended district meetings and I have heard brothers say “if it were closer, I would join.” Obviously, I am talking about membership, so we are going to move our Fall Reunion scheduled for September 28 to Paducah Lodge #127, located at 2340 Jackson St. Paducah, KY. Registration will begin at 7:30 AM. Breakfast and lunch will be served at no cost to the candidates or members.

I hope you have a Great 4th of July.

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



Greetings My Brothers All,

The Illustrious John Worden Wilder 33° Spring Reunion Class concluded on Saturday, June 8, 2024, welcoming three new members to the Valley of Louisville. It is always a pleasure to watch the degrees conferred or communicated with such enthusiasm and commitment. Congratulations to our newest members, wishing you the very best in all your Masonic endeavors. Thank you to all that made this reunion class a success.

Our next reunion class in honor of Illustrious John Thomas Middleton 33° will be held Saturday, August 24, 2024. This will be a one-day reunion class enabling those with busy work schedules the opportunity to become a member of this great fraternity. Please let the members of your lodges know of this opportunity to become a member of the Valley of Louisville Scottish Rite in this one-day class.

It is always good to see the ladies and families at our events here at the Temple. We hope you will encourage them to attend our Family Night, Service Awards and Capping Ceremony on Thursday, September 12, 2024. The Masonic Family is not just about the individual members but also includes family and friends which helps our fraternity to thrive and grow.

Brethren, may we exemplify the principles of Freemasonry and go forth with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to making the world better. Again, thank you for what you do for the Valley of Louisville.

Geary F. Laird, PGM, 33°
Personal Representative
Valley of Louisville

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“I Didn’t Know That.....”

August 15, 2024, marks the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette’s (1757- 1834) arrival in New York for his final American tour. Both the 2024 spring issue of the *Knights Templar* magazine, and the May/June 2024 issue of the *Scottish Rite Journal*, contained splendid articles regarding the Marquis’ visit. These two articles of course, cannot tell the whole story and certainly failed to notice Kentucky’s elaborate participation in the nation’s celebration of Lafayette’s visit. Fortunately, Kentucky historian and Freemason J. Winston Coleman’s *“Lafayette’s Visit to Lexington”* and Edgar Erskine Hume’s *“La Fayette in Kentucky”* corrects those omissions.

Brother Coleman’s extensive writings on Kentucky history, Kentucky Masonry and biographies of famous Kentuckians, makes his writings the ‘go to’ for researchers and historians today. Edgar E. Hume, born at the Capital Hotel in Frankfort, Kentucky, studied medicine at Centre College and later at John Hopkins University, was a military doctor who obtained the rank of Major General. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society and served as President General of the Society of Cincinnati. He died in 1952, and was buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Both authors detail the activities of Marquis de Lafayette’s visit to Kentucky. However Hume’s work contains reprints of invitations, speeches, responses and prayers, together with detailed descriptions of parades, parties, receptions and visitations. Both Hume and Lafayette shared like interest. The two Major Generals were both were members of the Society of Cincinnati and the event took place in Kentucky, Hume’s home state.

Lafayette was born into a long line of military men. His soldier father, a wealthy landowner, was killed in battle when Lafayette was age of two years. His mother’s death occurred about ten years later, leaving the twelve year old with a very generous inheritance. In his teenage years, as was the custom in his family, he participated in various military training programs. He is believed to have become a Freemason about age 18 years and supposedly finding the American cause for liberty against England, to his liking, he was soon convinced saying, “My heart is dedicated.” The French military wishing to aid America against England, sent negotiators to sail to America, including nineteen year old Marquis de Lafayette. It has been said, many times over, that the war for Independence would have been lost, without the aid of France, and it was Lafayette who provided that link by assisting Bro. Benjamin Franklin in obtaining the needed funds and support from France.

Lafayette arrived in South Carolina in June, 1777, and travelled to Philadelphia to join the Continental Army agreeing to serve without pay. In August, he met and dined with General George Washington. The two Freemasons genuinely admired each other and became great friends. Major General Lafayette would join Washington’s staff. In September, 1777, Lafayette would be injured at the Battle of Brandywine, but would recover in time to join Washington during the harsh winter at Valley Forge. The Major General would be involved in many battles against the English, but the last major battle of the Revolution, the Battle of Yorktown fought in August, 1781, was the most significant.

Lord Cornwallis had positioned his troops in Yorktown to protect the English ships. Lafayette’s 400 men held Cornwallis restrained until the arrival of George Washington’s troops. The French fleet arrived in time to barricade the English ships and Cornwallis was then cut off from the needed support. After some fighting, Lord Cornwallis was forced to surrender on October 17, 1781. A hero in all of America’s eyes, Lafayette left for home from Boston that December and arrived in January to a hero’s welcome in France. Lafayette would become a key figure in the French Revolution in 1789 and the July, 1830 Revolution. With advice from Thomas Jefferson, Lafayette wrote the “Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen” which was presented to the National Assembly in July, 1789 and approved, and still in force today. His fight for the common man would lead to enemies. He would eventually spend time in prison for his efforts. However, Lafayette became acknowledged as the “hero of two worlds.”

Lafayette’s August 15, 1824 Grand Tour arrival in the United States (then consisting of twenty-five states) was marked with much fanfare. While in New York and among the dinners, speeches, honors etc., he took time to receive the Royal Arch degree in Jerusalem Chapter that September. One week after his arrival in New York, August 22, he was invited to visit Kentucky by the President of Transylvania College, Horace Holley. In a letter to Speaker of the House of Representatives, PGM Henry Clay, Lafayette accepted an invitation to a joint meeting of Congress and signified his intentions of also visiting Kentucky. Brother and Governor Joseph Desha felt it necessary for an official invitation from Kentucky and to have a portrait painted of Lafayette.

From Washington, Lafayette visited several states while traveling down the coast to New Orleans and back up the Mississippi by steamboat to St. Louis. Then travelling to the mouth of the Ohio River, and then onward to the mouth of the Cumberland River, Lafayette had officially entered Kentucky on April 30, 1825. At the mouth of the Cumberland River, the entourage changed to a smaller boat, the *Mechanic*, to meet with General Andrew Jackson, Past Grand Master of Tennessee and future President, in Nashville, where Lafayette attended the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. By May 7, he was back on board on the *Mechanic* headed toward Louisville, but the *Mechanic* sank the next day, causing both the passengers and crew to spend the night in Tell City, Indiana. He would again leave for Louisville, Kentucky the next day.

{NOTE: Part Two will appear in the next issue}

.....What do you think?

Kentucky Masonry has an extensive history, a history filled with drama and passion, and exciting to read. The Covington Masonic Library, in the last six months has added a nice collection of books to its already substantial “Kentucky Freemasonry Collection.” Stop by and browse the Covington Masonic Library, 1553 Madison Avenue, opened on the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and the first four Wednesdays, 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm, each month. The library is also available on Friday evenings during Scottish Rite meetings. Can’t make these times? For a special appointment, please contact Librarian Bill Lorenz at: library.covsr@outlook.com

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On behalf of the **Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville**, Bro. Brandon Ian Rice, Master of Morrison Lodge No. 76, presented the Jack London Supreme Council JROTC Award to Cadet Matthew Runyon of John Hardin High School.



The **Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville**, was honored to present the Jack London Supreme Council JROTC Award to Cadet PFC Matthew Anderson, Jeffersontown High School, Marine Corps JROTC. Cadet PFC Anderson was selected due to his demonstrated leadership, patriotism and Americanism.



The Jack London Supreme Council JROTC Medal was awarded to Cadet/SMS Mark M. Shumaker, Nelson County High School-AFROTC, by the **Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville**, for his demonstrated leadership, patriotism and Americanism.



Award presented to Cadet Antwan Jones by James Roll 32* KCCH on behalf of **Western Kentucky Scottish Rite**.



On behalf of the **Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville**, Bro. Steve Johnson, 32 Degree (wearing the Glengarry of the Knights of St. Andrew) and COL. Don Korpi (1st Responders Uniform), 32 Degree, presented the Jack London Supreme Council ROTC/JROTC Award to Cadet Justin Bynum, North Hardin High School AJROTC, for his academic excellence.



The **Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville**, were honored to award Cadet Yuliana Bustamante, Valley High School NJROTC, the Jack London Supreme Council Award for her academic excellence and outstanding leadership.



Cadet Lt. Whitney Ferguson, Butler Traditional High School AJROTC, was presented the Jack London Supreme Council JROTC Award by the **Scottish Rite, Valley of Louisville**, for her scholastic excellence and patriotic Americanism efforts.

BY-LAW NOTICES

CRESCENT HILL #456

At the next stated meeting following this notice in the Masonic Home Journal we will be having a vote on By-Law changes.

HISEVILLE LODGE #320

Hiseville #320 will be voting on By-Law changes and anything else that needs to be taken action that may need to be voted on the next meeting after it comes out in the Journal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POND RIVER LODGE #244

Pond River Lodge #244 will hold an election for Master of our lodge and any other offices which may be vacant at that time. This election will be held at our stated meeting following this published notice in the Masonic Home Journal.

OWENSBORO-YELLOW BANKS LODGE #130

Owensboro-Yellow Banks Lodge #130 will be holding a special election for the office of Junior Warden at its regular stated meeting on August 5th, 2024.

ST. MATTHEWS PRP LODGE #906

St. Matthews PRP Lodge #906 will be holding a special election for the office of Tyler and any other office that might become vacant. This election will take place at the next stated meeting after publication.



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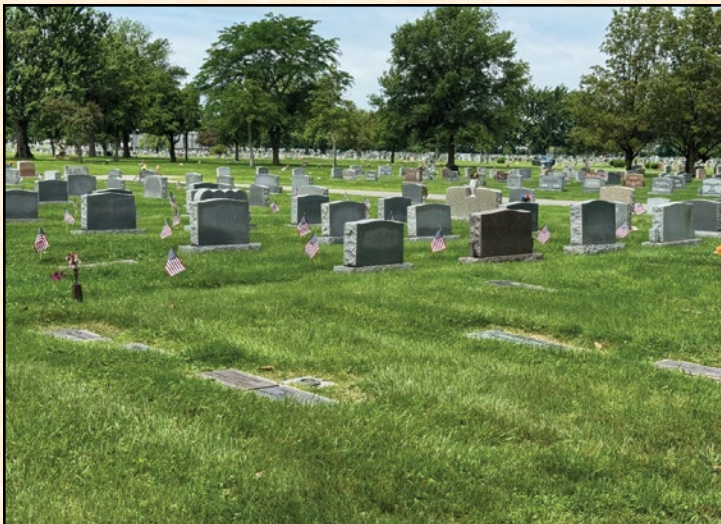
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