

“KENTUCKY FREEMASONRY”

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Opening Comments

Steven E. Wright, Chairman







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“Donald Yankey, PGM, Grand Secretary”

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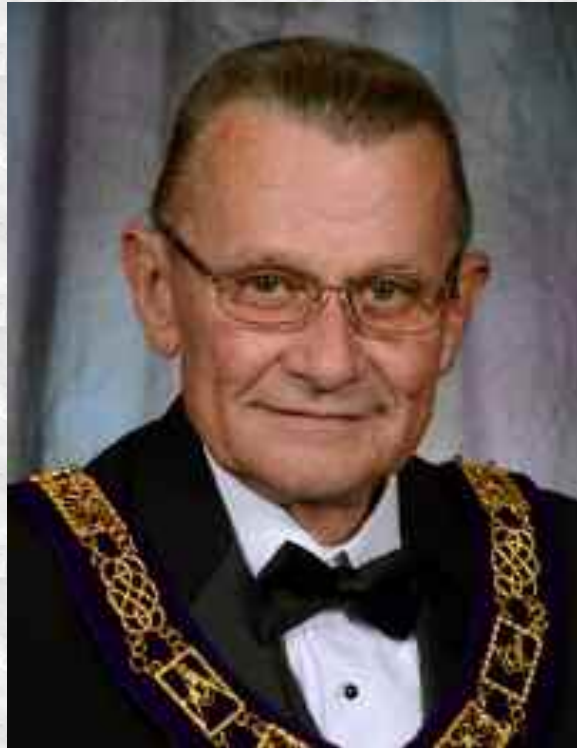
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Area Officer, Area No. 1*

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*“Gary Rose, Grand Senior Warden”
Area Officer, Area No. 2*

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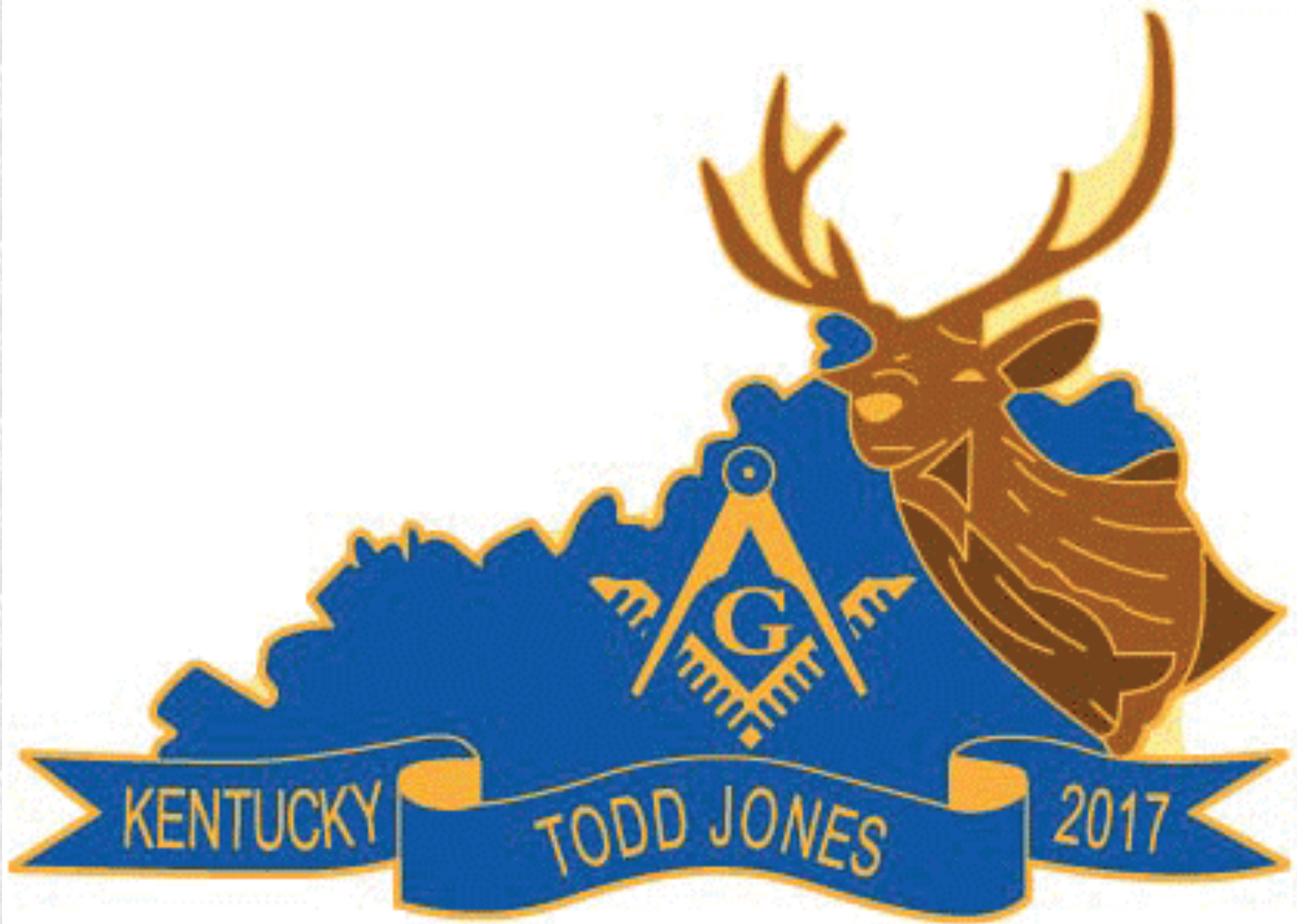


*“Tim Sander, Deputy Grand Master”
Area Officer, Area No. 3*

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Paul Todd Jones
“Grand Master of Masons of Kentucky”
“To have Masons, you must be a Mason.”



“FAITH- FAMILY - FRATERNITY - FUN”

“Faith”

**We all have and need faith more now than ever
as our world’s morals are crumbling.**

“Family”

Without our family we have nothing.

“Fraternity”

**Family and Fraternity go hand in hand.
They both are the same, if it’s our blood family or our fraternal family, we
would do what we can for each other.**

“Fun”

**If we can’t enjoy or have fun in what we are doing
then we need to make the changes in what we are doing.
Life is too short not to enjoy it.**

Masonic Education Committee Members

Steve E. Wright (4) Chairman

Michael Terry (499)

David V. Cassesa (163)

Eddie Hazelett (381, 657)

George M. Pennington (315)

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Committee on Collegiate Fraternal Relations

John L. Fisher, Chairman

Robert S. Silverthorn, Jr.

Bill Buckaway, Jr.

David L. Nicholson

Welcome
to

ORGANIZATIONS
AFFILIATED WITH
FREEMASONRY



MEMBERS 1st
COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

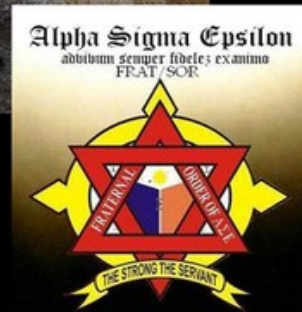
Masonry And The College Fraternity



FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES ARE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS



"AS ABOVE"



"SO BELOW"





THE
HARVARD LODGE

SURVEY OF THE CRAFT

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky's "Committee on Collegiate Fraternal Relations" is exploring the known history that the rituals of college fraternity's are based upon (and in many cases almost identical to) masonic ritual and that many among the Craft are current or alumni members of these fraternities. In essence, they are the offspring of masonry, but the history is better celebrated in some college fraternities than in others and the relationship has dissipated. It should also be noted that the college "Greek letter" fraternities have collectively made great and intentional strides over the last 10 years to become leaders in the Leadership Development of young men in America. Our hope is that by understanding who among the Craft are current or alumni members of these fraternities, the Craft will have the opportunity to gain a new additional ally in the cause to **Make Good Men Better**.

Please answer the following regarding the members of your Lodge who were members or are alumni members of college fraternities:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FRATERNITY</u>	<u>UNIVERSITY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>EMAIL/PHONE</u>
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Either bring this completed form to your District Meeting OR scan/email to John@JohnLFischer.com OR mail to:
1532 Rosewood Ave, Louisville, KY 40204

“Restructured Constitution”

“CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE of KENTUCKY, F. & A. M.”

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS

OF

The Grand Lodge
of Kentucky

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

CONTAINING THE

Constitution, Code for Masonic
Trials, and Other Information

TWELFTH EDITION

Prepared by
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Grand Secretary

J. C. McClanahan, P.G.M., P.G.S.
Roland T. Stayton
William A. Buckaway, Jr.

Under Resolution of the Grand Lodge
Amended and Adopted October 17, 1995

“Restructured Constitution of The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M.”

**CONSTITUTION
OF
The Grand Lodge of Kentucky
FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS
Adopted October 17, 1995**

ARTICLE 1-DECLARATION (Formerly Declaration)

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, acknowledges a belief in God to be the great fundamental principle and Landmark of Freemasonry upon which our fraternity is erected.

Without an avowal of such belief no man shall be initiated in a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and if a Freemason shall renounce or forsake his belief in God, or if he does not continue to entertain such belief, he shall not remain a member of any lodge and shall be expelled.

SECTION 2. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, acknowledges its allegiance to the United States of America and obedience to the laws therein and that changes of these laws will be by the due process of law.

Following the ritualistic opening of a lodge, all Brethren who are citizens of the United States of America will join in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance” to the American Flag.

SECTION 3. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, admonishes its members concerning the negative aspects of alcoholic beverages while at the same time advocating the practice of temperance. Drunkenness, as defined by applicable federal and/or state law, is a Masonic offense and should be punished.

No lodge shall apply for, nor hold any alcoholic beverage license as defined by Kentucky Revised Statutes and issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. In addition, no lodge shall have a bar serving alcoholic beverages.

SECTION 4. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, admonishes its members concerning the negative aspects of gambling while at the same time acknowledging the risks associated with monetary investment policy. Its members are enjoined to comply with applicable federal and/or state laws concerning gambling and are not entitled to Masonic relief for debts incurred by gambling.

No lodge shall sponsor, nor participate in, any gambling activity which is contrary to applicable federal and/or state law. A lodge so doing may have its charter arrested by the Grand Master.

SECTION 5. The Fundamental Law. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge is the fundamental Masonic Law, and as such, should be studied, fully understood and strictly obeyed.

SECTION 6. It is the duty of every Freemason to obey the moral law, to be neither an atheist nor a skeptic, but be a good man and true, to live in peace, practice charity and be a member of some lodge. (Formerly Section 94)

“Constitutional Quiz”

“Constitutional Quiz to be used with the Old or the Restructured Constitution.”

“50 Questions in Total”

- 1. An Entered Apprentice returning his proficiency is _____?**

 - a. Is required to answer questions up to the obligation.
 - b. Is required to answer questions of the first and second sections.
 - c. Is required to answer all questions of the first section though the explanation of the working tools. **Answer _____**
 - d. Both A and B.
- 2. A petition for degrees or affiliation by demit shall not be balloted on by any lodge _____?**

 - a. Unless the petitioner has been a continuously a bona fide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months.
 - b. If the petitioner has been a continuously a bona fide less than six months a waver must be requested from the lodge having jurisdiction. **Answer _____**
 - c. Both A and B.
 - d. None of the above.
- 3. A Lodge that is performing a Masonic Burial may postpone their regularly stated communication when _____?**

 - a. Approval is given by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky
 - b. There is a 2/3 vote passed by the Brothers of the Lodge **Answer _____**
 - c. Secretary reports it in the minutes
 - d. None of the above is correct
- 4. The Master may call a communication _____?**

 - a. If requested by three or more members.
 - b. And conduct any such business as he deems necessary.
 - c. Only involving Past Masters of the lodge. **Answer _____**
 - d. Where the only business that may be conducted is that for which the communication is called.
 - e. None of the above
- 5. Annual election of officers shall be reported to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary no later than _____?**

 - a. When all officers are installed
 - b. By April first
 - c. The first stated meeting in January **Answer _____**
 - d. None of the above
- 6. The _____ shall see that monthly reports are made to Grand Lodge Office?**

 - a. Senior Warden
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Junior Warden **Answer _____**
 - d. Master
 - e. None of these above

*Old Constitutional Quiz Answer Sheet.
"Include the Answer and Section that applies."*

**Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.&A.M.
Constitution Quiz Answer Sheet**

<u>Answer</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Answer</u>	<u>Section</u>
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
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39.	40.
41.	42.
43.	44.
45.	46.
47.	48.
49.	50.

Press the button to email your quiz answers!



Name:

Lodge:

District:

Date:

Restructured Constitutional Quiz Answer Sheet.

“Include the Answer, Article and Section that applies.”

Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.&A.M.

Constitution Quiz Answer Sheet

<u>Answer</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Answer</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Section</u>
1.			2.		
3.			4.		
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43.	44.
45.	46.
47.	48.
49.	50.

Press the button to email your quiz answers!



Name:

Lodge:

District:

Date:

“Accessing the Constitutional Quiz”

1. Open your web browser and navigate to <http://www.grandlodgeofkentucky.org>.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Members Only Page.”
3. If prompted, enter your username and password. If you have not previously register, click on “Click here to register.”
4. Click on [“Education-Constitution-Masonic Home Journals-Masonry Matters-Others.”](#)
5. Find the files that you need and click on them to download them to your computer.
6. The files may also be downloaded from the “Files” area of the Grand Lodge Constitution group on Facebook.

“Submitting the Constitutional quiz.”

Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F&AM

Constitution Quiz

Directions: The following questions have been developed to help lodges review their understanding of the **Grand Lodge of Kentucky Constitution**. Please read each question carefully along with all answer choices before making your selection. List the section of the Constitution required to answer the question in the area beside the answer choices. Please remember that the Standing Resolutions and the Digest are part of the Constitution, too. The answer will not be correct without the section of the Constitution, Standing Resolution number, or section of the Digest. To satisfy the requirement for the Excellence Award, 46 out of 50 questions must be answered correctly.

*Please download the **answer sheet** to record your answers. The **answer sheet** will make it easier to grade. If you use the answer sheet, it is the only document I need to have submitted. Please email your answers to bobby@bobbygriggs.com. If you need to mail it by mail, send it to Bobby Griggs, 1975 Poosey Ridge Road, Richmond, Kentucky 40475.*

The Answer Sheet can be easily filled out in a PDF reader. I recommend Adobe Acrobat Reader. Please be sure to enter your information at the end of the Answer Sheet. A button has been included at the end of the Answer Sheet that will automatically execute your email program to forward your submission.

Masons who pass the Constitution Quiz for the first time will receive a pin as a reward for their effort. If you passed the quiz last year, you will receive a certificate this year affirming that you are a Constitutional Scholar.

The following Worshipful Brothers served on the committee that developed this quiz:

Bobby Griggs, Chairman

Darren Wilson

David Eric Jones

A special thank you goes out to Worshipful Brother William Vinson for his assistance in composing the quiz. Thank you for submitting questions to help with this task!

*“Constitutional Scholar Pin
for
Taking the Quiz for the 1st time.”*



*“Constitutional Scholar Certificate”
for
Taking the Quiz for the 2nd time!”*



Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M.



*In Recognition Of Your
Knowledge of the Constitution*

Is Certified as a Masonic Scholar.

Awarded this ____ day of _____, 20__



Todd Jones, Grand Master 2016-2017



*“Submitting Legislation
for
Constitutional Changes”*

Article 33 - Amendments

Section 1

Section 2

“Submitting Legislation”

Article 33, - Amendments

Section 1, (Old 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 August 15 prior to the Grand Lodge Communication.” (1998)

“Submitting Legislation”

Article 33, - Amendments

Section 2, (Old Section 218)

When any resolution, regulation or amendment to this Constitution is under consideration, it may be amended if the proposed amendment be germane to the subject.

“Items Presented and Laid over”
at the
217th Annual Communication
of
The Grand Lodge of Kentucky
October 17-18, 2016

Item No. 1

Section 95 of the Book of Constitution

Article VI, (D) Jurisdiction Section 1) - GENERAL RULE

The Jurisdiction of every lodge, except as in Sections 96 & 97, shall extend halfway to the nearest lodge meeting location by a straight line measurement in any and every direction.

Amend to read:

(Article VI, (D) Jurisdiction, Section 1) GENERAL RULE

Every lodge within the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall have concurrent jurisdiction with every other lodge in this Commonwealth. Such jurisdiction shall extend to all borders of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, except as provided in (Article VI, (D) Jurisdiction, Section (3). (2016)

Delete:

**(Article VI, (D) Jurisdiction, Section 2
Cities having two or more lodges**

Amend:

(Article VI, (D) Jurisdiction, Section 5 – Waiver of Jurisdiction

Item No. 2
Concurrent Jurisdiction within Marion County
(Old Section 96, now Article 11 (D), Section 2)

Item No. 3
Section 104 – Business
Stated Meetings on EA, FC, MM
(Old Section 104, now Article 12, Section 4)

Item No. 4
Section 128 – Ballot Secret
(Old Section 128, now Article 15 (B), Section 6)

Item No. 5
Section 104 – Business
Funerals on EA, FC or MM
(Old Section 104, now Article 12, Section 4)

Item No. 6
Amend Section 104 supporting Elvin E. Helms Lodge
(Old Section 104, now Article 12, Section 4)
and
Amend Standing Resolution 9 supporting Bradford Lodge No. 123

**Item No. 7
Solicitation of Membership
Failed to Lay Over**

**Standing Resolutions are not required to be Laid Over.
These items were presented, voted on and passed.**

**Item No. 8
Amend Standing Resolution No. 14, Masonic Burial Dress Code**

**Item No. 9
Amend Standing Resolution No. 9, Veterans Emblems**

**Item No. 10
“Committee on Parliamentary Procedures”
“Fraternal Recognition of The Grand Lodge of Estonia”
“Visitation without Dual Membership with The Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons in
Kentucky”**

“Lodge's Bylaws”

Article 11 (A) Powers

Section 1, General

Section 2, Shall Adopt By-Laws

Article 9, Standing Committees

Section 8, By-Laws

“Lodge Bylaws”

Article 11, (A) Powers **Section 1, General (Old Section 75)**

Subordinate lodges have such powers, and only such powers.....

Article 11, (A) Powers

Section 2, - Shall Adopt By-Laws (Old Section 76)

Each subordinate lodge shall adopt by-laws for the government of its own affairs

Notice of the proposed amendment must be given to the member of the lodge.....

In either case, the amendment must be concurred in by two-thirds.....

**Article 9, Section 8 - BY-LAWS.
(Old Section 55)**

The Committee on By-Laws shall examine the by-laws of subordinate lodges.....

Decisions of the By-Laws Committee shall be conclusive.....

Reports of the By-Laws Committee.....

“Prince Hall Masons of Kentucky, Inc.”

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- 2.) Make up of Membership, (43-48)**
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Most Worshipful Grand Master Jonathan A. Bryant

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Our Mission:

Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community, thus, it impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility; enlightens them as to these things which make for human welfare and inspires them with that feeling of charity or good will toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.

“History”

of the

*“Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons of Kentucky, Inc.”*

Chartered, August 16th, 1866

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*Prince Hall Lodge's
By Districts*

Eastern - 7

Central - 16

South Central - 8

West - 7

Far West - 6

Prince Hall Lodge's of Kentucky

Eastern District

Hiram Lodge No. 7, Paris, KY

Kenton Lodge No. 16, Covington, KY

Acacia Lodge No. 24, Maysville, KY

Mosaic Lodge No. 25, Winchester, KY

Ashler Lodge No. 49, Richmond, KY

Radliff Lodge No. 56, Mt. Sterling, KY

Newport Lodge No. 120, Newport, KY

Prince Hall Lodge's of Kentucky

Central District

Mount Moriah Lodge No. 1, Louisville, KY

St. Thomas Lodge No. 2, Louisville, KY

Keystone Lodge No. 3, Louisville, KY

Unity Lodge No. 12, Louisville, KY

Euclid Lodge No. 13, Bardstown, KY

Southern Cross Lodge No. 39, Louisville, KY

Hardin Lodge No. 46, Hardinsburg, KY

Southgate Lodge No. 87, Shelbyville, KY

Mammoth Lodge No. 104, Louisville, KY

Prospect Lodge No. 109, Prospect, KY

Mount Calvary Lodge No. 126, Jeffersontown, KY

Luckett Lodge No. 137, Radcliff, KY

Industrial Lodge No. 145, Louisville, KY

Pride of Oldham Lodge No. 149, LaGrange, KY

Pride of Parkland Lodge No. 152, Louisville, KY

Hub City Lodge No. 172, Elizabethtown, KY

Prince Hall Lodge's of Kentucky

South Central District

King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Lexington, KY

St. Paul Lodge No. 11, Georgetown, KY

Doric Lodge No. 18, Danville, KY

Silver Cord Lodge No. 23, Harrodsburg, KY

Meridian Sun Lodge No. 26, Frankfort, KY

Ionic Lodge No. 65, Somerset, KY

Central Lodge No. 91, Nicholasville, KY

Golden Link Lodge No. 155, Lebanon, KY

Prince Hall Lodge's of Kentucky

Western District

St. John Lodge No. 4, Henderson, KY

Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 20, Owensboro, KY

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 28, Bowling Green, KY

Excellent Lodge No. 44, Providence, KY

Fred Douglass Lodge No. 72, Russellville, KY

Eureka Lodge No. 99, Morganfield, KY

Strangers Rest Lodge No. 101, Franklin, KY

Prince Hall Lodge's of Kentucky

Far Western District

Stone Square Lodge No. 5, Paducah, KY

Jethro Lodge No. 45, Pembroke, KY

Ruling Star Lodge No. 51, Murray, KY

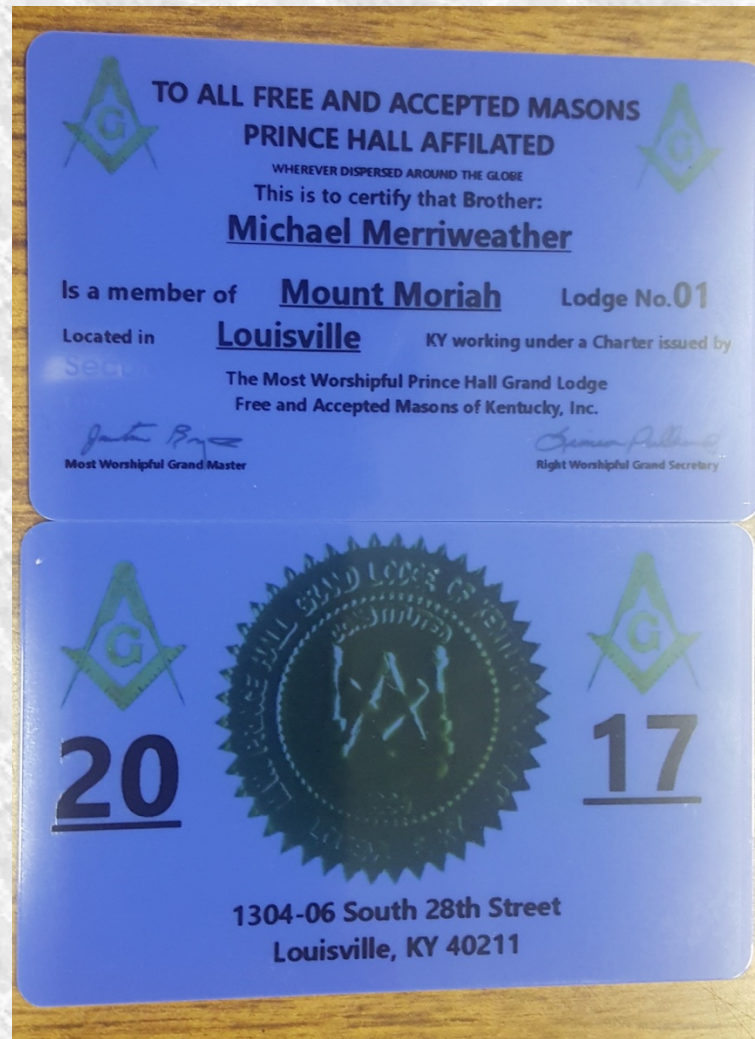
Braden Lodge No. 67, Princeton, KY

Howe-Finley Lodge No. 160, Hopkinsville, KY

Thomas A. Simms, Jr. Lodge No. 170, Oak Grove, KY

“Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Kentucky, Inc.”

Dues Card



Dues

\$140.00 - \$260.00

*Dress Code Requirements
of
Prince Hall Lodges
are
Black Suit, Black tie and White shirt*

Petition

Investigation Report

Background Check

Investigation process of a Candidate

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
F. & A. M. of Kentucky, Inc.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBORDINATE LODGE

To the Officers and Members of: _____ Lodge No. _____ F. & A. M.
Greetings:

Having formed a favorable impression of your Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, and being desirous of becoming a member of the same, I hereby, of my own free will and accord, most sincerely petition to be initiated into your Ancient Rites and to become a member of your Lodge. I know of no act of mine at present or in the past to disqualify me for membership.

I certify that I was born in _____
(City, State, Zip Code)

_____ and I am now _____ years of age.
(Month, Day, Year) (Age)

If accepted, I promise to subscribe to and abide by all the laws of the Lodge, and those of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Kentucky.

(Print Name) (Social Security Number)

(Street Address) (City, State, Zip Code)

(Area Code-Telephone Number) (Your Signature)

CERTIFICATE OF VOUCHERS

We recommend the Application for membership in this Lodge:

VOUCHERS: _____

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY

I hereby designate, _____
(Print Name) (Relationship)

(Street Address) (City, State, Zip Code)

(Area Code - Telephone Number) (Your Signature)

CERTIFICATE OF LODGE

The Candidate was given the Master Mason Degree on _____
(Date)

(Master's Signature) (Secretary's Signature)

(Seal)

**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
F. & A. M. of Kentucky, Inc.**



LODGE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

LODGE NO. _____

Petitioners Name: _____
Petitioners Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Petitioners Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Petitioners Wife's Name: _____
Petitioners Beneficiary: _____
Beneficiary's Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____

Are you a registered voter: YES: _____ NO: _____
If not when do you plan to register: _____

Do you believe in Deity and the Life Hereafter? _____
What is your religious affiliation? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____

Have you ever made an application to any other Prince Hall Lodge and rejected? _____
What caused you to petition this lodge for membership? _____

I, _____, certify that all the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and give this lodge and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Kentucky, Inc. my permission to verify the above information through any agency they deem necessary.

(Signature of Petitioner)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE

Favorable: _____ Unfavorable: _____ (If unfavorable, please state reasons below)

(Chairman of the Investigative Committee)

NOTE: This form will be used to investigate all applicants for membership and kept on file with the lodge secretary.

Lodge Name



**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS of KENTUCKY, INC.**



P.O. BOX 11839, LOUISVILLE, KY 40251-0839
(502) 776-5544
(502) 776-5560

**CONSENT FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK
AUTHORIZATION/WAIVER FORM**

I hereby give permission for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Kentucky, Inc. and its representatives to obtain information relating to my potential criminal history record. The criminal history background check may include arrest and conviction date(s) as well as plea agreements, and sexual misconduct. I understand this information will be used in part to determine my eligibility for admission into a subordinate lodge within this organization. I also understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history as reported of any problems or concerns regarding information received.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Last First Middle
Other Names Used: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Date of Birth (Month/Date/Year): _____
Social Security Number: _____
Phone Number: _____
Have you been convicted of a felony? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes for what and year: _____

I hereby affirm that all the information provided on the petition and waiver is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Verification of Visiting Prince Hall Masons of KY

Recognition during Visitation of Prince Hall Masons

RECEPTION OF VISITING BRETHREN

A printed form of visitors' cards should be kept on hand in the Tyler's room for use of visiting brethren, one of which should be filled out by each brother, not visiting officially as the Grand Master or his proxy. Upon the occasion of his first visit it should show his name and address, the number and location of his lodge, etc., and should bear his signature. The following form has been prescribed by the Grand Lodge of one of the States:

VISITOR'S CARD.

.....19....
For the purpose of gaining admission to and recognition in.....
.....Lodge No., F. & A. M., located at.....
....., I hereby state on my honor as a man and a Mason,
that I was regularly initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree
of a Master Mason inLodge No..... F. & A.
M., located at.....in the State of.....
the same being a just and lawfully constituted lodge; that I am neither
expelled nor suspended from a lodge, but am a member of the order in
good standing, with my membership in.....
Lodge No., located at.....in the
State of.....

I subscribe my name hereto, that this paper may be sent to my
home lodge, or otherwise used to test the truth of the above statements.

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Witnesses.

Every possible courtesy should be shown the visitor prior to his admission as well as afterwards but it should be borne in mind that he has not as yet undergone the "strict trial" or "due examination" required by Masonic law.

the question of regularity of the visitor's home lodge and should be verified.

A committee should be appointed by the Master to examine the visitor and, should the preliminary inspection of the documents prove them satisfactory, the committee and visitor should retire to a convenient room where the committee should conduct such an examination as it deems proper, after having first administered the Test Oath.*

Now follows such examination as the committee deems proper, according to the regular catechism or otherwise in the sound discretion of the committee. It should be borne in mind that it is not the purpose of the examination to display the knowledge of the committee or of the visitor except for the purpose of determining "Is the visitor a Mason, duly raised in a legal lodge, and now in

fore any strange and unknown visitor can gain admission into a Masonic Lodge, he is required in America to take the following oath:

"I, A. B., do hereby and hereon solemnly and sincerely swear that I have been regularly initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a just and legally constituted Lodge of such; that I do not now stand suspended or expelled, and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic Communication with my brethren."

It is called the "Tyler's Oath" because it is usually taken in the Tyler's room, and was formerly administered by that officer, whose duty it is to protect the Lodge from the approach of unauthorized visitors. It is now administered by the committee of examination, and not only he to whom it is administered, but he who administers it, and all who are present must take it at the same time. It is a process of purgation, and each one present, the visitor as well as the members of the Lodge, is entitled to know that all the others are legally qualified to be present at the esoteric examination which is about to take place.

This custom is unknown in English Masonry.—Mackey, "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry."

Visitor's Card, page 319

Tyler's Oath, page 320

No brother should be allowed to visit a lodge for the first time without an introduction. If the visitor is a Past Master, an officer of any Grand Lodge, or a permanent member of the Grand Lodge of the local jurisdiction, he should be invited to a seat in the East. In some lodges it is expected of the visitor that he shall take such seat.

The Master and all members should take great care to extend the proper courtesies to visting brethren, and to make them feel that they are welcome.

AVOUCHMENT.

It is a rule in Masonry that a lodge may dispense with the examination of a visitor, if any brother present will vouch that he possesses the necessary qualification. This is an important prerogative that every Mason is entitled to exercise; and yet it is one which may so materially affect the well-being of the whole Fraternity, since by its injudicious use impostors might be introduced among the faithful, that it should be controlled by the most stringent regulations.

To vouch for one is to bear witness for him, and in witnessing to truth, every caution should be observed, lest falsehood may cunningly

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Questions and Answers!

Benjamin Franklin, Simple Charge to the Fraternity

Closing Comments from Committee Chairman

Closing Comment from the Grand Master

Prayer