



# Look To The West



## Something Completely Different!

Masonry has a long literary history. Voluminous tomes written on her purpose. Actual debates, given by real men of accomplishment and renown. To poetry from the likes of Burns, Kipling, Voltaire and more. While I in no way place myself in the lofty realms of those men, I decided this month, to offer up an attempt of my own.

Remember

So when was it you,  
first gained interest in Freemasonry?  
Was it as a young lad,  
sitting upon your father's knee?

## Feedback

We want to hear from you!  
Feedback is always  
welcome. Want to write a  
piece? We're digital, we will  
give room to your voice!



Events, lodge information,  
interviews, all are welcome.



## Masonic Spotlight!

Meet Northern Ky's newest  
Master Masons. (at the time  
written)



Saturday July 26th was a great day for Boone United Masonic Lodge 264. Five brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in what can only be described as a Masonic Marathon. Brothers James Cleveland, Bryan Johnston, Greg Hoffrogge, Billy Overstreet, and Anthony Rudd, (pictured as Fellowcrafts above) returned their proficiencies along with Brother Don Wentzel, pictured above as Master Mason. Brother Wentzel was raised in Pennsylvania, in a day class, so he was returning his proficiencies so he may advance through the chairs here in Boone United!

## Remember!

Or listening to your grandpa,  
as he waxed and regaled,  
and filled your head,  
with his reminiscing tales?

Maybe it was a stranger,  
Bedecked in necklaces and rings?  
That piqued your interest ,  
in Masonic things.

Whatever it was, I ask,  
you to remember it well.  
For as long as you breathe,  
that's a story you should tell.

Remember when you first,  
knocked upon that door?  
Armed with curiosity,  
and nothing more.

What would happen,  
once you were inside?  
Would you be accepted,  
or cast back outside?

Can you still feel that light  
tremble in your hand?  
The one you felt when,  
at that door you did stand?

A friend, and guide  
was then presented to you.  
A brother who would promise  
to help get you through.



## Masonic Spotlight!

Brothers Cleveland, Johnson,  
Hoffrogge, Overstreet, and  
Rudd



Each Brother gave their  
proficiencies in fine order, a  
testament to their dedication and  
the work of their mentors.

Brothers from C.D. Ward and McKee  
Lodges were present to witness  
their son and grandson be raised,  
and assisted in that effort!

WM Mike Rodgerson and his corps  
of officers did a fantastic job during  
the degree work.

As newly raised Master Masons, we  
would like to congratulate you and  
encourage you to continue your  
travels!

## Remember!

'Do you still feel the anticipation, you did,  
when in darkness you stood?  
If you no longer do my Brother,  
Oh, how I wish you could.

Do you remember the excitement,  
as you tread upon the lodge floor,  
words being spoken, and knocks, getting louder,  
than the ones given before?

Do you remember the pride,  
by which your fear was smothered?  
When the master took your hand ,  
and first called you brother?

Or when you first saw light,  
surrounded by many other men,  
men who you'd soon call,  
Masons, Brothers, Friends?

Many nights you spent,  
learning the Masonic way,  
How to stand uprightly,  
and mean the words that you say.

Can you still feel the paper,  
of that old monitor book?  
The one when searching for guidance,  
between whose pages you did look.

Do you still remember the obligations,  
the promises that were made?  
The cornerstone of Masonry,  
that inside your heart was first laid?



Join us on a  
visit to:

## Boone United 264



Take a drive one day out Mt. Zion Road, make your way through some roundabouts, and eventually you will find, 1883 UNION SCHOOL ROAD, UNION, KY 41091. This is the home of Boone United 264.

Boone United was created July 27, 2024 by the merger of Boone Union and Burlington lodges.

This lodge has been quite active, and its growth is a testament to the hard work of its officers and brothers. As mentioned in the spotlight they just raised 5 new brothers into the fraternity.

Behind this success are men like WM Mike Rodgerson, Ralph Kelly, and that rascal, Joe Pierce.

## Remember!

I wish all could feel the way we did,  
when we first came through,  
when everything was fresh,  
and all this was new.

But time wears on,  
rendering boulders to grains of sand.  
It drains the energy,  
of even the strongest man.

Zeal and fervency,  
and an undeniable sense of pride,  
give way to lethargy, defeat, feelings  
of despair begin to rise.

It's only natural to be,  
worn down by the march of time.  
1883 UNION SCHOOL ROAD, UNION, KY 41091  
But, can you imagine,  
Oh brother of mine?

20 thousand Masons,  
united as one?  
can you imagine all, that,  
we could together get done?

If once again we arise,  
as the brothers we espouse to be,  
How this world we could change,  
by displaying the values of our fraternity.

Young men wondering, alone,  
in the dark, seeking, no help in sight,  
Could once again be directed  
to Masonry's glorious light.



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Boone United 264



Maybe these names sound familiar to you, and they should. Travel to almost any lodge in Northern Kentucky, and these men have visited.

But the story of this lodge isn't just the story of these men, it's a story of how all the brothers have bought into making Masonry thrive. From the effort they put into degree work, to the time outside lodge hours they put into their craft, these brothers are really doing the work of Freemasonry.

Stop by, they meet first Saturday of each month at 7pm, meal at 6pm. You will be glad you did!

## Remember!

Once again maybe,  
men of purpose could reign.  
If we showed the world, the power  
that Masonry contains.

To my older brothers,  
weary from the weight of time.  
To my youngest brothers,  
still in their prime,

To all of you,  
i give just one tiny task.  
It really is the minimum,  
that one could ask.

Remember!  
Remember all those words you said!  
reread them now,  
if they've left your head.

Remember!  
Remember the obligations you took.  
On bended knee,  
over that glorious Holy Book.

Remember!  
Remember that fervency you once had,  
when you first began,  
whether older or just a lad.

Remember!  
Remember one purpose we all share,  
To spread Masonry to the world.  
To lift humanity from vice and despair.



## Wish to learn?: From The Quarries



Wish to know more about Freemasonry, and many topics that surround it? Don't have the time or concentration for long dry books? Want things laid out in an easily digestible fashion? Then check out, From the Quarries. WB David Hartland Taylor found fascination in some old books and documents in his lodge, after realizing they hadn't been used in decades, he sat out to read them. As a result of this his fascination grew and now he publishes content on YouTube, as well as his own website.

His website has grown to a collection of writings, videos, music, podcasts, and other media, dedicated to Freemasonry.

## Remember!

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Remember, Once someone had faith in you.  
Recommended, you were admitted,  
and promised to perform the duties asked of you!

Remember!

Remember, As you chisel your ashlar of stone,  
we are supposed to do this together,  
No brother should have to carry Masonry alone.

Alas Remember!

Remember, When your journey is at its end,  
that it's an honor to work hard,  
together with brothers and friends

Dennis Roberts

I hope the readers enjoy my attempt at written verse. Sometimes it is nice just to change things up a bit. Most importantly, I hope this reaches you in some way, and gives you cause to Remember!



Want to learn?:

## From The Quarries



Most videos will generously show you a length, so if your time is limited, you may pick one that fits.

Brother Taylor has spent a lot of time and effort making this media and curating this collection.

So go check him out!

[www.fromthequarries.com](http://www.fromthequarries.com)

## Lecture Slideshows

Remember the slides you were shown on your way through the various degrees? At CDR we do too, and decided to modernize and upscale the images. After some expense and a great investment in time, we present them to you. Best part, the cost is every Freemason's favorite, free! We just ask that you make a donation to Masons Helping Masons. We will help you engage your candidates and brothers, and you get to help our greatest outreach program for Masons in need. You get great looking slides, and recognition for donating, and we get the satisfaction of helping our fraternity. Just go to [cdr694.com](http://cdr694.com), look for the tab that says giving back, and download them.



Slides presented on the website are without notes, and are just the pictures themselves. If you need the notes version, we have that too, but to get that version reach out as it has the lectures built in.

As well if you see some of us out and about and we will be happy to help you then as well. [Click Here](#)



## Mark Your Calendars:

### 3Rivers Scottish Rite Club



3 Rivers Scottish Rite club meets at the first Saturday of each even month, at Sunset Grill in Warsaw.

Here you won't find ritual, deep conversations on esotericism, or even prolonged business meetings. What you will find are men that deeply care about one another, and the communities in which they live, trying to do their part to make other's lives just a bit better.

Brotherhood, camaraderie, and fellowship, served with hot coffee, goetta, eggs or whatever your favorite breakfast food is!

9am, First Saturday of even months.

## Interviews

CDR has embarked on a project, and we need your help. We have been filming interviews of Masons. We all have our own unique story, and we want yours to be heard. Brother Ratliff has been saving our fraternity's history, one story at a time. He has invested heavily on this project, and all he needs you to do is schedule a time and talk. Let's face it, Freemasonry has been terrible at explaining to the world how it changes people's lives. For years we have let others speak on what the fraternity is, and most of what they say is false and unpleasant. Share your story, so the next generation can relate to you and this organization.



All you have to do is reach out to Brother Ratliff, and schedule a meeting. Even better, get a few brothers from your lodge together, and he will gladly come to you. It costs nothing, and who knows, maybe your story will inspire the next generation of Masons.

You may contact Robby through our lodge or via the email this newsletter is sent under.

Watch the interviews [HERE](#).





# Events far and wide



## Upcoming Events

CDR694 Regular Stated Meeting	August 9th 9am
3 Rivers Scottish Rite Club	August 2nd
C.D. Ward Annual Cave Degree	October 11th 11am 9am reg

## Notices

Do you have an event you would like us to share?

Email us.

Degrees, get together, we will share all.



Just send us an email to the address you receive this newsletter from. We will do our best to get them added. Need 2 months lead time.