



Look To The West



Snow

As the calendar turns in February, many of our homes and lodges are covered in snow. As we all dig our way out one cant help but be reminded that some things are just out of our control. Our Creator and Nature occasionally show us we just aren't in charge.

Schools, businesses, doctor's offices and lodges across the state closed. Well planned events pushed to another date. And every roll of toilet paper, crate of eggs, and gallon of milk disappeared from store shelves.

As we snarled about the inconvenience of it all, the treacherous road conditions, and the sheer torture of shoveling our drives, maybe there was another message.. As our day to day existence ground to a halt, maybe we were just being reminded to take time for refreshment and rest. The great harvests, and the beauty revealed to us in the spring, can only happen after the rest and dormancy of the winter months. Renewal can only happen after refreshment and rest.

While we battle these low temps, and the heaps of snow that just won't go away, maybe we should take the time to look ahead and be grateful, that soon we will have a chance to be renewed, a chance to once again see the beauty in our Craft.

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!

Greg Johnston
Bradford 123, District 18 DDGM



Have you ever met someone and just knew you were staring at a new lifelong friend? That is Greg Johnston.

Greg is a member of Bradford 123, as well as Trinity 163, he is also active in the Newport York Rite Bodies, as well as the Valley of Covington Scottish Rite, Oola Kahn Grotto, Syrian Shrine, and The Widow's Sons. This year he also serves as District Deputy for District 18.

Greg is always eager to help his brothers and our institution. His easy going manner is forever enshrined in his Widow's Sons nickname.

If you're ever up in District 18 just keep your eyes open and you may just see the happiest man in Masonry!

Light Houses

What can we learn from a lighthouse?

Every since man looked to the seas for adventure, trade and conquest, it became apparent a way to warn seafarers of hazardous conditions, and to direct them to port were needed. So light houses were born. From the ancient Pharos of Alexandria to Boston Light in Massachusetts, light houses began to dot the coastlines. Warning sailors of treacherous hidden shallows, and welcoming them home after long days at seas.

At the top of these structures were placed great lights, and in the earliest models, fires were kept throughout the night. Hardy brave men would fight the weather and the sea to keep them lit. Often putting themselves at risk, they knew a failure to keep the lights on would result in tragedy.

If the light was extinguished no information could be received, no warnings, just peril would await. If the shutters were left closed, the result would be the same.

As a Freemason, we are charged with seeking, preserving, and spreading light. Without light, others in this world wouldn't be warned of danger, or guided home. And even if we collect all the light, but don't share it with our fellow man, if we leave our own shutters closed, the boats, our fellow man, will still sink.

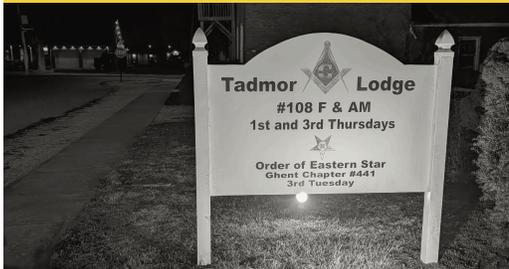
If you love this fraternity, if it has added value to your life, it is your duty to share that with others. All mankind has rights to your kind offices.

As we trudge through the dreary days of winter, may you find safety and welcoming in the light of your brothers! Open your own shutters and cast the light for all to see!



Join us as we visit:

Tadmor 108
Warsaw, Kentucky



Warsaw Kentucky is a quintessential Kentucky river town. Built by rugged men during the riverboat boom days. It got its name from a novel, Thaddeus of Warsaw.

Over on Market Street, in the heart of Warsaw, is Tadmor Lodge 108. A small lodge with a big heart.

On a recent visit, the aroma of white chicken chili filled the air as the men of the lodge discussed their upcoming fundraisers and scholarship presentations for the year.

Whether you're a lifelong resident or just a casual visitor, Tadmor exudes a homey warmth, and is always welcoming.

If your ever find yourself traveling near the Ohio River and come across Warsaw, stop in and say hello, you'll be glad you did!

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, look for the tab that says giving back, and download them.

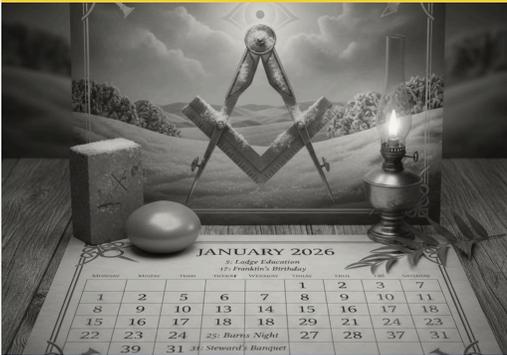


Slides presented on the website are without notes, and are just the pictures themselves. If you need the notes version, we have that too, but to get that version reach out as it has the lectures built in.

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:



March 21st 9am, Grant 85 in Williamstown Kentucky will be hosting a Master Mason Degree.

First section will begin at 9am, followed by refreshment, then the rest of the degree will be performed.

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



Notices

Upcoming Events

Boone United Regular Meeting	February 7th 700pm
Education "Communication"	
CDR694 Regular Stated Meeting	February 14th 9am
Master Mason Raising Grant 85	March 21st 9am
District 17 Meeting Carrollton	April 3rd 730pm meeting
District 18 Meeting Covington	April 4th 230pm meeting
District 19 Meeting Cynthiana	April 4th 730pm meeting

- District meetings will have a meal scheduled for 1 hour before meeting time.



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