



# Look To The West



## NEW YEAR

Well we've made it, another trip around the sun. 584 millions miles traveled. Zipping along at a quite impressive 67,000 miles per hour. In just a few short hours, as I write this, we start the journey all over again. Each year we travel that same distance, at that same speed. 365 sunsets, 365 sun rises. 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8760 hours, 525600 minutes, 31536000 seconds. With regularity better than any Swiss watch movement, time keeps her perfect pace.

Each year on December 31st we await the arrival of the new year. Some of us set goals, like that gym membership we only use until March! Or maybe we set out to be better Husbands, Fathers, Employees what have you. We place our hopes and dreams in the future that is inevitably coming our way.

Whatever it is that you endeavor to do, we here at CDR hope all your hopes and dreams come true in the New Year!

## 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!

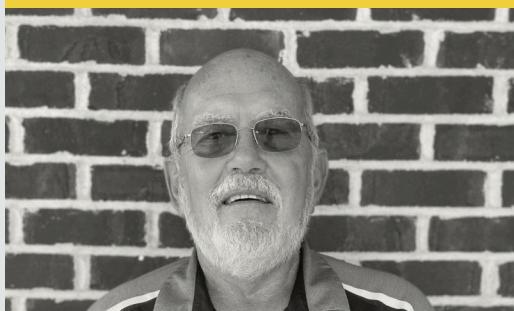


Events, lodge information, interviews, all are welcome.



## Masonic Spotlight!

Chuck Givin  
Chaplain CDR



Chuck has been a member of CDR 694 since 1989, when it was just Crittenden Lodge. Brother Givin has been a man of many hats. From Volunteer Firefighter, to working for the telephone company, to serving on the Bullock Penn water district. Above all this, Chuck has been an anchor in his lodge.

Many of our members, current and former, have had the privilege of having Brother Givin confer a degree upon them.

Chuck has served the craft well and continues to serve as a mentor to many. We at CDR are forever grateful to have him, his wisdom and his guidance.

## Outgoing Address

To the craft,  
on this St. Johns Day,  
I've chosen carefully,  
these words to you I now say.

I hope that during this year,  
I have served you well.  
But as with most things,  
only time will tell.

The work we have done, and the things  
we've went through,  
alone they could not be done, I could  
do nothing without you.

We've seen Brothers come, and we've  
seen Brothers go.  
But we kept at the work,  
and were starting to grow.

I leave this chair today,  
knowing it wasn't just me. You all have  
helped, grow our legacy.

To the brother moving to the south,  
Don't just observe the time.  
Cherish these days ahead,  
as the steps of this fraternity you climb.

Keep these men,  
from intemperance and excess.  
For they are in your care,  
when the lodge is at rest.

It'll be but the blink of an eye,  
before you take your next step.  
12 short months you'll be in the West,  
keep the lessens learned don't forget.

To my Brother moving to the West,  
with strength may you support your fellow man.  
For now you are the future, and soon you will lead this  
merry band.

Years are short,  
they go by oh so fast.  
Start planning now,  
to make an impact that will last.

To my Brother moving East,  
take this gavel I once held.  
It is yours now,  
to command and to weild.

Remember Brotherhood,  
is why we are here.  
Guide these great men,  
and always hold them dear

When I went to the East,  
on the shoulders of giants I did stand.  
Now I leave it to you,  
I did all that I can.

It is time now,  
for this old master to move along.  
To take my place in the craft,  
but I will not be gone.

I love you all,  
and the adventures we have undertaken.  
I thank you for your faith in me,  
I hope I have left with it unshaken.

As I take off this crown,  
I feel we have come so far.  
together, further we will travel as well,  
Thank you my Brothers of CDR



Join us as we  
visit:

CDR 694  
Crittenden Kentucky



Nestled in the middle of Crittenden's business district, sits a small welcoming building, with a large Masonic sign. This is CDR, or Crittenden- Dry Ridge 694 if you prefer excess syllables.

Over the years we have spent a lot of time, effort and money updating our lodge. From the practically new theater seating, to the lights, signs, paint and even the large TV that hangs in the East that displays our Fraternity's logo.

For all the nice things we have been blessed with though, it's the men who congregate here that really makes it special.

Come on out on a second Saturday of any month and visit. Yeah we meet early but it's always worth getting up a little early for good things!

## 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.

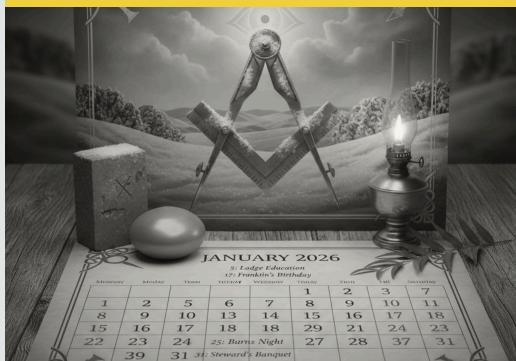


Slides presented on the website are without notes, and are just the pictures themselves. If you need the notes version, we have that too, but to get that version reach out as it has the lectures built in.

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:



## 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

CDR694 Regular Stated Meeting      January 10th 9am



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.