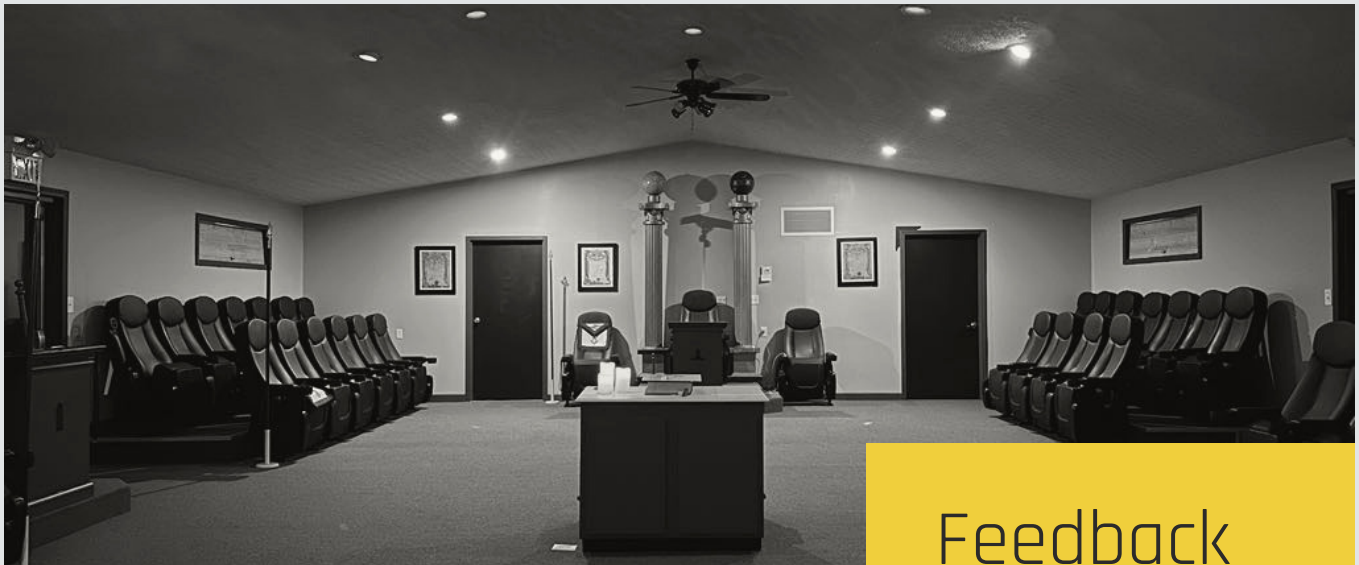




Look To The West



Mentorship

In a recent conversation with Brother George Pennington of Kingston Lodge, I was deeply impressed by his enthusiasm as he spoke of the mentors who guided him at the beginning of his Masonic journey. One particular name consistently arose in our discussion, so often in fact, that it left a lasting impression on me. A notable achievement as I seldom recall names so easily.

That name was Brother Robert Fobbe, who for many years dedicated himself to mentoring new brethren at the former Florence Lodge 949, in Florence Kentucky. Though I never had the privilege of meeting him, his influence has none the less touched me through Brother Pennington's warm and endearing recollections.

Brother Fobbe's dedication, combined with his gentle manner of instruction and high expectations, left an indelible mark upon all who were fortunate enough to learn from him. His legacy continues to inspire others.

More recently, I have witnessed another brother who embodies this same spirit of mentorship- Brother Dennis Roberts of Grant Lodge 85, and sitting Master of CDR Lodge 694. Brother Roberts has taken several

Feedback

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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!

Every Brother present on
October 13th!



Lesson in Masonry exhibited in
life.

October 13th was a great day for
Masonry and a great day to
witness. We started the night
with 52 Master Masons in
attendance, and ended with 56!

2 brothers from Carrollton and 2
from CDR were raised to that
sublime degree of Master Mason.
The degree itself was put on by
Carrollton with much assistance
from Pewee Valley! Dinner was
provided by CDR, and a couple of
our guys were able to assist in
the degree.

I can certainly attest that when
our newest brothers see this kind
of support it leaves an impact. I
just want to thank everyone that
made it out that night, your
presence left an impact on me
also!

Mentorship

brothers under his charge, guiding and educating them in their growth as both men and Masons.

Such devotion to mentorship stands as a cornerstone of our craft. To take the time to teach, to listen, and to guide our newly initiated brethren is vital not only to their personal success, but also to the continued vitality of our lodges and Freemasonry itself. We cannot endure if we do not grow, and growth requires that we nurture those who follow in our footsteps.

To serve as a mentor is to do more than impart knowledge; it is to foster fellowship, strengthen bonds, and uphold the very principles upon which our Order is founded. The lasting connection between Brother Pennington and his mentor is a shining example of this truth- a testament to the power of time well spent in brotherly instruction.

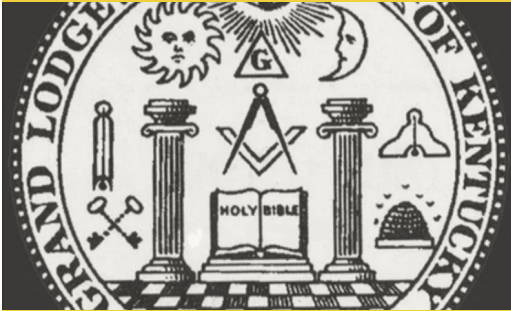
In closing, let us each remember the importance of taking time to teach and guide. Remember once, every Mason was new to the craft. Together, through patience, kindness, and sincere effort, we can build stronger relationships, and stronger lodges. One lesson, one conversation, and one Brother at a time.

Written by: Brother Robby Ratliff



Join us as we visit:

226th Grand Lodge of
Kentucky Annual
Communication



Once again another Masonic term ends and a new one begins. MWGM May is now MWPGM May. Out is the year of the White Castle, and in is the Year of the Pizza!

Congratulations to the elected Grand Officers and the appointed officers and committeemen.

I do not have the space in the sidebar to go over all the legislation, the outcome of every vote and what have you. Some legislation was enacted, some was rejected. I agreed with some and quite disappointed at others. But, my opinions are moot. I bring it up to remind us all, Masonry is a living breathing thing, but it requires participation. Agree, disagree, if you don't participate it doesn't matter.

Just shy of 1000 fewer Masons in Kentucky than the year before. Thats a lot less participants. If we're ever going to change that trajectory, we need to all participate.

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:

Leaving this
dark.



Brothers I have been swamped with degree work, proficiencies, Grand Lodge, an anniversary, and the wife's birthday. I haven't reached out nor heard of much for November.

Please feel free to contact us with your event dates.

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 November 8th 9am

Notices



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.