



***Plumb Lodge No. 862, F. & A. M.***  
***Annual Pig Tails and Sauerkraut Banquet***  
***Service Awards Presentation***  
***November 4, 2011***

Banquet-----5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
 Open Lodge-----7:00 pm  
 Invocation-----Chaplain  
 Introduction of Grand Officers  
 Introduction of Grand Master  
 Recognition of Visitors-----Kevin D. Skaggs, Master  
 Special Announcements  
 Special Presentations

*Program*

**Introductions**-----Master  
 Living Past Masters-----Honor Deceased Past Masters  
 Twenty-five Year Members  
 Forty Year members  
 Fifty Year Members  
 Sixty Year Members  
 Guest Speaker-----RWDGM Christopher Stout  
 Remarks Grand Lodge Officers  
 Grand Master's Address  
 Close Lodge

*Greetings from the East My Brethren All!*

As my term comes to an end and another year passes, I would like to express my gratitude, to all of those, who have lent a hand and made the last several months here at Plumb Lodge a success. As always, the Past Masters of Plumb Lodge have been an immense help throughout the year. I can't begin to explain how wonderful it is to have the security of brethren like these surrounding you throughout the journey. It is humbling to think my name will go into the records with such great men as those who have served as Master of this lodge.

We have been in our new location now for a little over two years. Our regular meeting attendance is comparable to the numbers we experienced in our old building. Some feared we would lose a few brothers with the location change but that doesn't seem to be the case. Robinson Lodge Hall has served as a wonderful home for Plumb Lodge as well as an exceptional location for our monthly breakfast. Since the move, we average around 75 visitors per breakfast. We continue to raffle off assorted Masonic gifts during each breakfast. Be sure to visit [www.plumbldodge862.org](http://www.plumbldodge862.org) to see the current prize. The members of Robinson Lodge have been extremely accommodating to our events calendar and more than happy to work with us in the case of conflict. I personally see the lodge utilizing this location for years to come.

As you know we have reinstated the Common Gavel Club. The Club has established such things as the Plumb Lodge # 862 F.&A.M. Community Scholarship, as well as purchased new paraphernalia for the lodge. The Common Gavel Club always meets on the 4th Friday of the month just before the regular stated meeting of Plumb Lodge. Remember if you were a life member of the Club in the past, your membership still stands in the new formation of the club. A new lifetime membership in the Club is \$20.00. A one year membership is \$2.00. The Common Gavel Club should serve as a useful tool in the future success of Plumb Lodge. Looking

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to the past, when Plumb Lodge was at its strongest, there was always a Common Gavel Club there to support it.

As I am writing this article, the lodge is preparing for our Annual Pigtail & Sauerkraut Banquet. Throughout the years of Kentucky Freemasonry, Plumb Lodge #862 F&AM has been noted for its Annual Pig Tails and Sauerkraut Banquet, which is held on the first Friday night in November of each year. On this night, we present service awards to the 25 year, 40 year, 50 year and 60 year members of our Lodge. The exact date that our Pig Tails and Sauerkraut Banquet began is uncertain, although most seem to believe it started in 1926. It is recorded in our minutes, that on March 28, 1918, for a charge of \$0.25 per person, a supper of Pig Tails and Sauerkraut was hosted by Plumb Lodge Hall Association, which was shown in net profit at \$28.88. This supper in 1918 could have very well been the forerunner of our annual banquet. In 1927 the Lodge wished to have a banquet at their Past Master's night and the Master appointed a committee to receive donations to provide a banquet. The first mention of this committee was in the minutes of November 11, 1927, which state that the special refreshments committee for the meeting of the 18th, lacks significant funds to supply ingredients for the occasion. The minutes of November 18, 1927 stated that the lodge was closed at 11:00 AM and all retired to the banquet hall and partook of a Pig Tails and Sauerkraut lunch. On November 12, 1937, Past Master William Munt (1917) was honored as the founder of the banquet. The cost of the banquet was paid by free-will offerings until 1934, when the Lodge voted to pay the cost out of the treasury. Over the years the banquet grew dramatically for Plumb Lodge. It has been recorded 300+ masons in attendance on this night, with up to 50+ lodges represented. Many Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and committee members have been in attendance for the banquet over the decades. It is hard to imagine from a simple luncheon, conceived because of a lack of significant funds, has grown a banquet that has become known throughout the state of Kentucky. Our Annual Pig Tails and Sauerkraut Banquet is held

the first Friday night in November of each year. We will begin to eat at 5:00 p.m. and our program will follow at 7:00 p.m. This year's guest speaker is our soon to be Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Christopher Stout.

I would like to wish my officers the best in their journey through masonry. As you brethren take the reins and clear the path for the future of Plumb Lodge you all will most likely hit a bump or two in the road. As long as you brethren work together and support each other I'm sure the lodge will flourish. Always remember it isn't a one person job. It takes the effort of all the officers to make the lodge successful. Regular attendances to the stated meetings of the lodge are very important to the health of the lodge as well as the morale of the craft. As an officer you must set an example to those around you, as you are the leadership of the lodge.

Fraternally Thine

**Kevin D. Skaggs, Master 2011**

#### **From the Secretary's Desk**

Dear Brethren,

First, I'd like to congratulate outgoing Master, Kevin Skaggs for a great year and a job well done. Congratulations to all our Lodge Officers for 2011. Having said that, I would also like to remind all my Brothers that Lodge Dues are due January 1 every year. Please consider this posting in the newsletter your **first notice**. They are the same as last year, **\$49.50**, and should be mailed to my address below(not to Robinson Lodge Hall).

Fraternally Thine

**Henry F. Watson, Jr., Past Master, Secretary**

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## *Gavel Club Corner*

Brothers,

As the year is coming to a close I thought this would be a good time to recap what has been going on in the Common Gavel Club. The All you can eat breakfast is still going strong. It is still on the 4th Saturday of each month from 7:30am until 10am. This is open to the public and it is always good to see old friends and new ones. The raffles that we are having at every breakfast are also a big hit. Don't forget the raffle for the Masonic Sword (for a picture, it is posted on the lodge website) will be drawn on Nov. 4th 2011 at the Pig Tail Dinner, so there is still time to get your ticket for a chance to win. This year was our first time for the Plumb Lodge #862 Common Gavel Club Community Scholarship, and I believe it was a success. We will be giving two scholarships this year. One to a Moore High School student, and the other one to a Fern Creek High School student. We will be finalizing the details at the October meeting. Finally I just wanted to remind everyone that we still meet on the 4th Friday of the month at 6:00 pm at the lodge hall.

Fraternally,  
**Charles McFall**  
**Past Master 2010**

## NOTICE

**We meet in Robinson Lodge Hall, 6919 Applegate Lane,  
Louisville, KY 40228**  
**Our Stated Meetings Are 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday @7:30 pm.**  
**Common Gavel Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday @6:00 pm**  
**Breakfast 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Every Month From**  
**7:30 am - 10:00 am**  
**Visit our Website @ [plumb lodge862.org](http://plumb lodge862.org)**

## **Officers for 2011**

Master	Kevin D. Skagg	502-593-0846 kevins@pubpress.com
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Senior Steward	Charles R. McFall	502-930-7173
Junior Steward	Richard A. Mattingly	502-269-9435
Tiler	John E. Shelton, Sr.	502-670-0856

## **Sick and Distressed**

Past Master Floyd H Booth's wife is still having health problem  
Past Master Randell Shelton's wife passed away.  
Past Master Bob Nolley is battling colon-rectal cancer.  
Past Master Dennis Rutledge is still having bladder and kidney problems.  
Senior Warden Jim Wilson's mother and sister are battling cancer.  
Our Widow Joann Shuler passed away June 10, 2011  
Our Widow Ina King passed away September 24, 2011

## **In Memorium**

*The following Brothers have been called from labor to eternal refreshment.  
To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy.*  
Brother Wilburn E. Cantrell passed away August 3, 2011  
Brother Eural C. Givens passed away July 26, 2011  
Brother Albert T. Whitlow passed away June 10, 2011

## Annual Service Awards

### 25 Years

John H. Hynes, Jr. Timothy S. Knauer  
Gregory N. Riggs

### 40 Years

Truman D. Carroll Larry D. Fields  
Walter F. Green Jack B. Johnson  
William H. Puckett Vance H. Sikes, Sr.

### 50 Years

John H. Jones John R. Kiray, Sr.  
Bernard H. McClard Carl W. Risen  
Samuel C. Willis

### 60 Years

Robert E. Goodman Jack B. Head  
William R. McNeely

**Note:** All Past Masters of Plumb Lodge, both living and deceased, are listed on the Lodge website,  
**[www.plumblodge862.org](http://www.plumblodge862.org)**.

## A Special Note

Kristin Rutledge, granddaughter of Past Master Dennis Rutledge and his wife Betty, recently graduated from West Point Military Academy, and, Masonic Home resident Margaret Ketchum created a figurine in her honor. You can read all the details in the August Edition of the Masonic Homes Messenger Newsletter.  
**Congratulations to Kristin and the Rutledge family.**

## Edgar Paul Phillips Fund News

Thanks to the generosity of our deceased Past Master, Brother Edgar Paul Phillips, Plumb Lodge was able to purchase much needed new collars and jewels and to hire one our lodge brothers, Lonnie Garmon, to build a custom cabinet to house them in, along with our new aprons. The Lodge was then able to donate our old collars and jewels to Morrison Lodge in Elizabethtown, KY. In life, Brother Phillips was a great supporter of Masonry in general and, more especially, Plumb Lodge. His dedication to the Fraternity and to the Lodge continues even after his passing. He was indeed a True and Faithful Brother of our Ancient Order.

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