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Mission Advancement UPDATE

FALL 2022



REMEMBERING THE RED SLIPPERY ELM

In September, Masonic said farewell to its majestic Slippery Elm, certified as the largest species in the state and the nation by the American Forests' National Register of Big Trees. The tree was removed after a Certified Arborist with Bob Ray Company diagnosed the tree with a fatal disease.

Masonic considered the Red Slippery Elm a crowning jewel on our campus. It was part of the Olmsted Brothers' original landscape plan. The Red Slippery Elm, located behind Davies Hall, measured 282 inches in circumference and a soaring 90 feet in height, with an average crown spread of 82.6 feet wide. It is estimated to be more than 150 years old. We have been fortunate to have such a beautiful and remarkable tree on our campus for so long.

Portions of the Slippery Elm will be reserved, crafted into ceremonial gavel sets and gifted to various Kentucky Masonic lodges.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX SAVINGS

Have you been looking for a way to save on Social Security taxes? When your income reaches a certain threshold, more of your Social Security payment is taxed. If you are over seventy and a

half, you can lower the tax on your social security payments by transferring some of your IRA funds to charity.

You may transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA to charity this year without paying any federal income tax. By giving some of your IRA withdrawal away, you may be reducing your income this year, in turn possibly reducing the tax on your Social Security payments.

You can make a gift by simply notifying your IRA plan custodian of your intent to make a current transfer to Masonic Homes of Kentucky, Inc., the St. Johns Day League, Inc. or Masonic Homes of Kentucky Pediatric Daycare, Inc. (Sproutlings Pediatric Preschool & Day Care).

For details on how to make an IRA rollover gift, please reach out at 502.259.9627 or visit our new, refreshed website masonichomesky.com.



MASONIC HOSTS SUCCESSFUL BOWLING GREEN EVENTS

The Inaugural Jim Johnson Charity Golf Classic and Limestone Wealth Advisors VIP Dinner and Auction were a hit in Bowling Green, Ky., on September 18 and 19. Attended by 88 supporters, the event raised more than \$40,000 for Masonic Charitable Care, a program that provides residents who cannot fully pay for services with quality care and housing, as well as general living necessities like

JANUARY

- Friends of Masonic Annual Campaign
- 2023 Badge of a Mason Campaign

FEBRUARY

- Masonic's Employee Count Me In Campaign
- Adopt a Resident Program
- Carefree Living Luncheon - Shelbyville, February 13

MARCH

- Masonic's 2nd Annual Masonicare Glock Raffle/\$10
- Great Day of Service-Louisville and Shelbyville Campuses, April 22

JUNE

- Sproutlings Annual Golf Scramble, June 12

JULY

- St. John's Day League Summer Appeal
- Masonic Alumni Reunion, July 9
- Grand Lodge of Kentucky's 2nd Annual Masonicare Car Show, July 15



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wheelchairs, glasses, transportation, meals, clothing and more.

A special thanks to our Title Sponsor Jim Johnson Nissan Hyundai; VIP Dinner Sponsor Brian Haehl, Limestone Wealth Advisors and Jim DeCesare, The DeCesare Group.

OLMSTED SOCIETY ANNUAL BANQUET

On September 22, Masonic held its Annual Olmsted Society reception at Meadow located on our Louisville Campus. As a tribute to Frederick Law Olmsted's timeless work and ageless vision, The Olmsted Society was created to recognize those who have made planned gifts to Masonic.

Gifts can be made in a variety of ways, including designating Masonic or Sproutlings as a beneficiary of a will, trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or other differed giving options. We recognized five new members this year including Masonic resident Edna Bielefeld, Charles and Patricia Morgan and Rick and Wendy Reeve.

In October 1920, Past Grand Master James Garnett, Columbia Lodge No. 96 proposed a committee of five Master Masons be appointed to carry out a campaign to raise a million dollars, for construction and then support. Today, the James Garnett Fellowship supports Masonic's endowment fund.

The Charter Class of Honorees included Roland and Barbara Stayton, J Scott and Tricia Judy, Gene and Martha Miller, Gary and Geneva Straub and the Shismanian Family.



2022 CAREFREE LIVING LUNCHEON FEATURED COACH SCOTT DAVENPORT

We had a great showing for our third annual Carefree Living Luncheon on September 29. A huge thank you to each donor, perspective donor, Masonic resident and Bellarmine alumni who was in attendance.

The Carefree Living Luncheon was created to educate the community about Masonic's services and raise funds to supplement \$4.1 million in charitable care provided annually to residents who need additional support services.



Last year, Masonic provided \$1.5 million to our Masons, their wives or widows through

Masonicare at our communities in the following amounts:

Shelbyville:

\$41,164, Sam

Swope Care

Center: \$1,359,155

and Village Active

Lifestyle Community:

\$120,880 and an additional \$2.6 million to non-

fraternal residents who need care and housing, as well as general living necessities like wheelchairs, glasses, transportation, meals clothing and more.

Scott Davenport, Bellarmine Men's Basketball Head Coach, delivered an inspiring message as the keynote speaker. He talked about the importance of showing gratitude in everyday life, that none of us are as good as all of us, and that caring is a talent.



“ When we realize we are part of something bigger than ourselves, it brings out the best in us and makes us better. It's not about us as individuals, it's about being the best team, everybody wanting the same thing and doing whatever it takes to get that. ”

- Scott Davenport

Horse Soldier Bourbon was gifted for donations of \$500 or more. If you would like a bottle signed by Coach Davenport and a member of the original Green Barret team, please contact Vice President of Mission Advancement Lisa Ammon at lammon@masonicky.com.

Scan this code to watch a video about Charitable Care, including a few residents talking about how the program helps them.



PEBBLE BEACH GOLF EXPERIENCE WINNER ANNOUNCED

Brian Masterson with Masterson's Catering was the lucky winner of the Craig & Landreth Cars Pebble Beach Golf Experience. The package included a round of golf including cart fees at Pebble Beach Golf Links, a two-night stay at The Inn at Spanish Bay, a two-night stay at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey, and a \$200 voucher for a rental car. A big thank you to Larry and Joey Craig with Craig and Landreth Cars for sponsoring this trip of a lifetime. Masonic would like to thank all who purchased a raffle ticket.

— MEMORIAL TREES —

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