

WILLIAM O. WARE LODGE OF RESEARCH

CLASSES OF RESEARCH FELLOWS

July 2022

In 2018, William O. Ware Lodge of Research named its initial class of William O. Ware Research Fellows.

Honored for creating a lasting body of work over a period of years, the initial class consists of Bro. Edwin L. Vardiman (Golden Rule-Covington Lodge No. 109), William J. Lorenz (Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607) and John W. Bizzack (Lexington Lodge No. 1).

Each of these distinguished Brothers is to be commended for their enduring contributions to the body of Masonic knowledge and for their devotion to the Fraternity and the Craft. They have demonstrated their worthiness to sustain the legacy of the late Masonic Scholar and our noted Brother, M. W. P. G. M. William O. Ware, for whom our Lodge of Research was so aptly named.

2018 CLASS OF RESEARCH FELLOWS

Worshipful Bro. Edwin L. Vardiman is a Past Master of Golden Rule-Covington Lodge No. 109, a Past Master of the Lodge of Research (1989-90) and a former member of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky's Trial Oversight Committee. He has extensively researched the history and philosophy of Freemasonry and has written and presented many papers on subjects of great interest to the Craft. A longtime member of the Lodge of Research, Bro. Vardiman has generously shared his knowledge of Masonry to the benefit of all.

Worshipful Bro. William J. Lorenz is a Past Master of Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607, a Past Master of the Lodge of Research (2017-2018) and has served on several Committees for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Bro. Lorenz has for many years researched and explored the origins and forms of the Masonic Ritual. His knowledge of the history and evolution of the Ritual has been demonstrated on numerous occasions, much to the edification of the Craft.

Worshipful Bro. John W. Bizzack was Acting Master in 2017 and elected and installed as Master of Lexington Lodge No. 1 for the years 2018 and 2019. He is also a member of Alba Lodge No. 222 and Fiat Lux Lodge 1717 in Washington, D. C. The author of ten books on Freemasonry, including the highly acclaimed *Island Freemasonry*, dozens of essays and commentaries about aspects and factual history of American Freemasonry and research projects. Bro. Bizzack is a frequent speaker at national symposiums and seminars. A founding member of The Rubicon Masonic Society, Bro. Bizzack also played a key role in the origination and planning of the "Sowing Seeds of Freemasonry" seminars presented in Kentucky in 2018. He is a Fellow and Past Board member of The Masonic Society and serves on the Board of the Masonic Restoration Foundation and Third Vice Present of the Philaethes Society.

2020 CLASS OF RESEARCH FELLOWS

Worshipful Bro. Dan M. Kemble is a member of Hays Lodge No. 517 in Hays, Kentucky, Alba Lodge No. 222 in Washington, D. C., and is a Past Master of William O. Ware Lodge of Research. Through his tireless and substantial labors, Worshipful Bro. Kemble has advanced William O. Ware Lodge of Research to a nationally acclaimed society that offers valuable research, study and learning. His presentation of numerous scholastic papers, and his reviews of contemporary and historical Masonic books have continued to advance opportunities for study in the art and science of Freemasonry.