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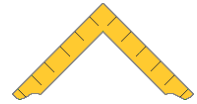


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## From the Master

Wayne Carby



Welcome Spring

Just when you are trying to prepare for a change of the weather it's here and some how you see yourself a little short and behind in what you needed to take care of; House, yard, autos, and the few extra pounds we put on during the winter and most of the day you start to come back to Lodge some how we put off things, until we find ourselves with so much to do that the best way out is to reduce the number of things you need to-do. The first is to rid yourself of the things you don't do and is what we all do with things we are not sure of. If I could take a little of your time and let you read a short poem then think about what it tell us, I hope you understand why I put it in this newsletter. Brothers we are going though change and change we must if are to make our lodge strong in Brotherhood.

**I HOLD IN MY HAND A LITTLE SCRAP OF PAPER  
2 1/2 X 3 1/2 INCHES IN SIZE  
IT IS OF NO INTRINSIC WORTH  
NOT A BOND, NOT A CHECK OR RECEIPT FOR VALUABLES,  
YET IT IS MY MOST PRICELESS PRSSESSION  
IT IS MY MEMBERSHIP CARD IN A MASONIC LODGE.**

**IT TELLS ME THAT I HAVE ENTERED  
INTO A SPIRITUAL KINSHIP WITH MY FELLOW MASONS  
TO PRACTICE CHARITY IN WORD AND DEED  
TO FORGIVE AND FORGET THE FAULTS OF MY BROTHREN  
TO HUSH THE TONGUES OF SCANDAL AND INNUENDO  
TO CARE FOR THE CRIPPLED, THE HUNGRY AND SICK, AND TO BE FAIR AND  
JUST TO ALL MANKIND**

**IT TELLS ME THAT NO MATTER WHERE  
I MAY TRAVEL IN THE WORLD,  
I AM WELCOME TO VISIT A PLACE  
WHERE GOOD FELLOWSHIP PREVAILS  
AMONG BROTHERS AND FRINDS**

**IT TELLS ME THAT MY LOVED ONES, MY HOME,  
AND MY HOUSEHOLD ARE UNDER THR PROTECTION  
OF EVERY MEMBER OF THIS GREAT FRATERNITY,  
WHOHAVE SWORE TO DEFEND AND PORTECT MINE  
AS I HAVE SWORN TO DEFEND AND PROTECT THEIRS**

**IT TELLS ME THAT SHOULD I EVER BE OVERTAKEN**

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**BY ADVERSITY OR MISFORTUNE  
THROUGHNO FAULT OF MY OWN  
THE HANDS OF EVERY MASON ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH  
WILL BE STRETCHED FORTH TO ASSIST ME IN MY NECESSITIES**

**AND FINALLY, IT TELLS ME  
THAT WHEN MY FINAL EXIT FROM THE STAGE OF LIFE HAS BEEN MADE  
THERE WILL BE GATHERED AROUND MY LIFELESS BODY  
FRIENDS AND BROTHERS WHO WILL RECALL TO MIND MY VIRTUES,  
THOUGH THEY MAY BE FEW  
AND WILL FORGET MY FAULTS,  
THOUGH THEY MAY BE MANY**

**IT TELLS ME THAT, AND A GREAT DEAL MORE,  
THIS LITTLE CARD,  
AND MAKES ME PROUD YET HUMBLE,  
THAT I CAN POSSESS THIS PASSPORT  
INTO A SOCIETY OF FRIENDS AND BROTHERS**

**THAT ARE NUMBERED IN THE MILLIONS.**

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN -

Brothers read and then reread this, think on what you read then act on it.

Sincerely Yours  
Wayne Carby



# SUBURBAN SOCIAL CLUB



Hey Everyone:

By the time you read this, the fish stand will be up and running. As many of you already know Suburban Social Club generates the revenue we need to offset a large portion of our lodge's expenses. I need your help, because without the dedication of our brothers at the fish stand our dues would triple. I am grateful to all our faithful workers who show up week after week. My thanks to the DeMolay, Rainbow and Eastern Star for all your help at the fish stand.

I think the key to our success at Suburban is that we all work together. The Lodge, Hall Association, Social Club, Eastern Star, Rainbow and DeMolay, all make significant contributions to our fish fry and lodge. We are truly blessed to have the financial success and that is due to everyone on us.

Brother Howard Mitchell, will be missed by all of us. We thank you for your countless years of service to our lodge and Social Club, as well as DeMolay and Rainbow. We will never forget you!

I will be calling on many of you for your help this year. You have far more experience than me, because of your many years of service to our fish stand. Thanks to everyone and we will see you at the fish stand.

Greg Coffey, President

## Have you met?



**Stan Robinson**

Unless you have been hiding under a rock lately, you should know this month's "Have you met?" Mason. He is none other than Bro Walter Stanley Robinson, Sr., better known as Stan. He is a very interesting person and has led a diverse life in his work and everyday life. Bro Stan was born on August 23, 1946 at St Joseph Hospital here in Louisville. It now gets interesting just telling you about where he grew up. How about Ft Pierce, Fla., Ft Meyers, Fla., Mize, Miss., Dickson, Tenn., Roanoke, Virg., and Louisville, KY. To have not been in the military, Stan sure has been all over the southern U.S.

Stan met his wife, Terri, and later married her on March 15, 1991. He has two children, and Terri has five. All of their children are married. Between the two of them, they have a total of 11 grandchildren.

Bro. Stan is currently employed by the Louisville Metro Police Dept. He had 35-½ years with the Jefferson County Police Dept., and 4-½ years with Louisville Metro. He will be retiring as of March 31, 2008 with 40 years of service. This sure is a record for longevity serving his city and county, and if it's not, it's pretty close to being one of the longest in tenure here in Louisville.

When asked what things he enjoyed away from work, he had a good list: mainly fishing, hunting, athletics, church and Lodge and not necessarily in that order.

Stanley joined Suburban 740 in Feb. 1997. He has served as Master twice (once filling out the term of Bro Don Hill, who passed shortly after he became Master). Also on his list of duties is his time on the Hall Assn (4 years).

Stan got his masonry honest: his father Clyde was a Past Master here at Suburban. As a DeMolay, Stan grew up watching his father, and other good Masons, do what they do best: making good men better. To him, becoming a Mason is a calling in life.

I asked Bro Stanley if he had anything to say to his brothers and he had a couple of words for them. Stan told me that he felt that he wasn't worthy of membership in Suburban Masonic Lodge because he felt he couldn't live up to the standards of those who came and went before him. And after 9 years, he still feels the same. And at times he feels that as hard as he tries, he can't satisfy all his brothers, so he keeps on trying to help those he can. Of course, it is wonderful to be a part of "our corner" and belonging to some of the different groups that meet here at Suburban.

In closing, Stan said that it is an honor and a privilege to be asked for information for this article. He wants all his brothers to know that he is always open to suggestions and willing to help in anyway to make this a better place for those yet to pass this way. He also mentioned that it is easy to be just a member of either just the Lodge or just the Hall Association or just the Social Club, but it is very time consuming, and satisfying to be a part of this "Corner". That includes DeMolay, Rainbow, OES and Suburban 740.

I want to personally thank Bro Stanley for his asking me to start in line toward the East, and for all his support and help while I was Master. As he sometimes has been known to say, to make a long story short, thank you Stanley for all you have done to help make Suburban Lodge the wonderful place it is and always will be.

Bill Harvey, Sr.  
P.M.



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**From the Desk  
of the Secretary**

**Joe Marshall**

**Suburban Lodge Stats**

**Entered Apprentices:** Conferred by Clint Carrier  
Donald Leon Mabry 2/14/2008

**Fellow Crafts:** Conferred by Steve Tollefson  
Mark Huff 2/28/2008

**Master Masons:** Conferred by

**Affiliations By Transfer:**

**Brother Shannon Fisher elected 2/7/2008**

**Plural Members:** None  
**Reinstatements:** None  
**Demits:** None  
**Petition for Degrees:** Benjamin Pifer  
Keith Gallia

**Sick and Prayer List:**

**Gary Harris**, recovering from fall.  
**Jim Davis**, Surgery  
**Melvin and Margaret Carter**, recovering.  
**Dave Hodge, and Wife Georgia** recovering.  
**Jim and Dottie Metcalfe**, recovering,  
**Brian Warner**, recovering from fall.  
**Carl Cox's wife Janet** recovering from fall.  
**Jack Riddle**, Respiratory Infection  
**Randall Bell II**, in Hospital Sugar Problem  
**Amanda Elbert**, Back Problems  
**Phil Byrd**, has the Flu  
**Jim Jordan**, had surgery  
**Cliff Owen**, having back surgery.  
**Don Jackson** Fell from Ladder  
**Mike McFarland**, By-Pass Surgery  
**Ann Elbert**, Eye Surgery  
**Claude Parkers Wife Margaret** , Ill  
**Jim & Wayne**  
**Jordan Mother**, in Hospital  
**Greg Coffey**, Flu  
**Bud Routon**, Ill

**In Memory of...**

**BULFORD WILLIAM MADISON 4/26/2007**

Brother Madison was born 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1926 in Edmonson County Kentucky. He was received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1959 He was passed the degree of Fellow Craft On the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1960, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1960, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM. He was a faithful member for 48, years, having Completed the designs upon his trestle board Brother Madison laid down the working tools of His busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2007.

No Masonic Services were conducted

**WILLIAM HAROLD NIPPER 1/16/2008**

Brother Nipper was born some 85 years ago In Pittsburg GA. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of February 1969, He was passed the degree of Fellow Craft On the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1969, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April 1969, all in Highland Park Lodge #865 F&AM. He Affiliated to Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1998. He was a faithful member for 39, years, having Completed the designs upon his trestle board Brother Harold laid down the working tools of His busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2008.

Masonic Services was conducted.

**CLAYTON GIBBSON ABNEY 1/18/2008**

Brother Abney was born 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1932 in Clark County Kentucky. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1952 He was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft On the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1952, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1953, all in Latonia Lodge #746 F&AM. He Affiliated to Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1978. He was a faithful member for 56, years, having Completed the designs upon his trestle board Brother Clayton laid down the working tools of His busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2008.

Masonic Services was conducted.

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### In Memory of... (continued)

#### Past Master HOWARD DUNHAM MITCHELL 1/23/2008

Brother Howard was born 5<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1937 in Metcalfe County Kentucky. He was received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1961. He was passed the degree of Fellow Craft On the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of September 1961, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1961, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM. He was a faithful member for 47 years, Serving as Master in 1968 having, Completed the designs upon his trestle board Brother Howard laid down the working tools of His busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of January 2008. Masonic Services was conducted.

#### HARRY ANDERSON REYNOLDS 1/24/2008

Brother Reynolds was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1918 in Kodak Kentucky He was received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of September 1945, He was passed the degree of Fellow Craft On the 6th Day of October 1945, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of November 1945, all in Vicco Lodge #929 F&AM. He Affiliated to Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1972. He was a faithful member for 63, years, having Completed the designs upon his trestle board Brother Reynolds laid down the working tools of His busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of January 2008. Masonic Services was conducted.

#### DAVID WILLIAMOSN 2/2/2008

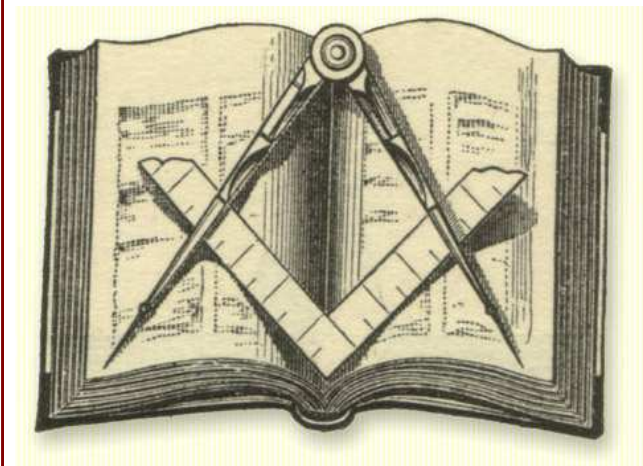
Brother David was born 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of February 1949 in Cumberland County North Carolina. He was received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1997 He was passed the degree of Fellow Craft On the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1998, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1998, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM. He was a faithful member for 11, years, having completed the designs upon his trestle board Brother David laid down the working tools of His busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of February 2008. Masonic Services was conducted

#### Tyler KENNETH RUSSELL ELBERT 2/16/2008

Brother Ken was born 15<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1939 in E. St. Louis Illinois. He was received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1977 He was passed the degree of Fellow Craft On the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1978, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1978, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM. He was a faithful member for 31, years, having Completed the designs upon his trestle board Brother Ken laid down the working tools of His busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2008. He is sadly missed by his Wife Ann and his children family members and many friends. Masonic Services was Conducted.

#### LLOYD CECIL BOSTON 2/16/2008

Brother Boston was born 12<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1919 in Louisville Kentucky, He was received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1953. He was passed the degree of Fellow Craft On the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April 1953, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May 1953, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM. He was a faithful member for 55, years, having Completed the designs upon his trestle board Brother Boston laid down the working tools of His busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2008. He is sadly missed by his Children family members and many friends. No Masonic Services was conducted.



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## Coming Events April - June

### April

1 Hall Association Meeting	6:30PM
3 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
5 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
7 DeMolay Meeting	7:30PM
8 Social Club Meeting	7:00PM
10 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
12 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
14 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
15 Southern Star OES Meeting	7:30PM
15 Lodge's District 13 Meeting at Scottish Rite - Master Masons only	7:00PM
17 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
19 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
21 DeMolay Meeting	7:30PM
22 York Rite Meeting	7:30PM
24 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
26 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
28 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM

### May

1 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
2 Parking Cars for Oaks	8:00 AM to ?
3 Parking Cars for Derby Fish Stand Closed	8:00 AM to ?
5 DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
6 Hall Association Meeting	6:30PM
8 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
10 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
12 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
13 Social Club Meeting	7:00PM
15 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
17 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
19 DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
20 Eastern Star Meeting	7:30PM
22 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
24 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
<u>19 &amp; 20 Relay for Life at Moore High School</u>	<u>7PM to 7AM</u>
26 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
28 York Rite Meeting	7:30PM
29 FAMILY NIGHT Bring a desert. Eat at	6:00PM
27 FISH FRY	10:00 am TO 8:00PM

### June

2 DeMolay Meeting	7:30PM
3 Hall Association Meeting	6:30PM
5 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
7 FISH FRY	10:00AM to 8:00PM
9 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM



Off The Secretary Desk...

**Joe Marshall**

Brothers,

Well 15 years ago March 11, 1993 was the night I took my first step on my Masonic Journey, at that time I was one of the youngest members, 32 years old, most of the Brothers was twice my age. My journey started rough it was hard for me to get the brothers who had been around the lodge for many years, some as long as I had been living.

I was elected Junior Deacon in a special election held in June 1994. I was Elected Senior Deacon for 1995, and Junior Warden 1996, and Senior Warden 1997, and Master in 1998.

After being Master I was elected to the Hall Association were I was President from January 1999 to December 27 2001, Then in January 2002 I was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to the Social Club, I served until May of 2002 when Brother John Rupley Passed I was elected as Secretary of the Lodge and Treasurer of the Social Club. Then I severed my second tour duty on the Hall Association January 2005 to December 2007 were I was Vice President and President.

I closing I would to say I not bragging about all I have done, well maybe just a little, but the real reason I'm writing this is to just show those who are new to the lodge just what a brother can achieve in just a short time. And when you been elected by the members of this lodge you should do your duty to the best of your ability and except the responsibility that come with the office you hold and just remember know one forced you into it and if that don't work , just remember if I can do it, any one can.

The first thing we tell all new members is you get out Masonry what they put into it. After putting 15 years into it I think I have got my just deserts. I am looking forward to the next 15, years.

Joe Marshall, Secretary 2008



# ROWLAND'S RAMBLINGS

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by JOE ROWLAND P.M.



Ever since I was knee high to a grasshopper I have been fascinated with trains. Now I'm talking about those monstrous, noisy, coal burning, steam powered monsters that used to go click clacking along on those two skinny rails that are just a few feet apart, sometimes pulling a hundred or more huge boxcars or tank cars or flatbeds full of merchandise for delivery.

And there was a time when passenger trains were a major mode of transportation for people to quickly get from one place to another, but that part of railroading has become almost extinct now, and trains are mostly used to transport merchandise.

I grew up near railroad tracks. My father was the supervisor of a crew of repairmen that kept the tracks maintained for trains hauling coal, people, and freight into the mountains of southeastern Kentucky. He and his crew of about fifteen men lived in L&N Railroad Company houses, always beside railroad tracks. I spent my entire childhood and teen years along those tracks, and loved every minute of it. I became hooked on trains, and I've never lost interest.

Of course most of the trains in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky in those days were "coal drags". There were many, many coal mines in the area, and those huge, black, dirty, coal burning, smoke belching, cinder spewing, **beautiful** monsters were a big part of my life while I was growing up. They came huffing and puffing by our house several times a day, bringing empty coal cars to the mines and pulling full ones out, to supply coal to factories in northern states. And I couldn't get enough of those shrill steam whistles. My dad knew all the engineers, and they always waved at me when I ran out to watch them go by. I told myself I would drive one of those big monsters some day, and wave at kids along the track.

Sometimes a train would wreck and the engine and several coal cars turned over and tore up the tracks. A "train wrecker" had to be brought in to restore everything to order to keep the coal moving. A wreck was a real occasion for kids in the neighborhood. Occasionally a "ditcher train" was brought in to clean ditches along the tracks. A steam powered shovel on a flatbed car reached down into the ditches and dumped huge shovels full of junk into empty coal cars for hauling away.

The engineer on the ditcher train was a friend of

my dad, and when he was cleaning ditches near our house he let me ride with him in the engine. Wow, I was the envy of every kid in the neighborhood. I sat up there in the window of that big wonderful steam engine and waved at my buddies like I owned the train. The engineer even let me blow the steam whistle for him. I was in hog heaven. (I'd still love to do that.)

When I was a teenager some of my buddies and I became "hoboes." When a train stopped at a mine near our house we would climb on one of those coal cars and ride to the next stop, and then catch another train going the other way to get back home. Sometimes the train we needed to catch to get back home would be going too fast for us to get on, and we had to walk back. Yes, I know now it was very dangerous, but teenagers never saw danger, and we had a lot of fun, until I came home one day with coal dust all over me, and my mother read me the riot act and started checking my clothes more closely. Then we started swimming in the river under a railroad trestle while a train passed over. That wasn't nearly as much fun though.

My dad could get free passes for the whole family on passenger trains, even on other lines in addition to the L&N and I loved it when we went on vacations to visit family in Ohio and Virginia. We even made a couple of trips to Georgia and Florida to visit my brother in army camps there. I was the envy of all the kids in my neighborhood. I strutted!

Of course model trains are a lot of fun too. My friend Tommy Linguist has the most elaborate layout of model trains I've ever seen. Trains of every description have taken over his basement. They traverse a terrain that has taken Tommy years to build. They whistle and blow smoke as they chug-chug through mountain tunnels, over plains, across bridges, and through towns that have lighted buildings, working drive-in theaters, and across roads with crossing gates and flashing lights. They pass a burning building with firemen trying to put it out. They travel around the walls, around the furnace and water heater, around the laundry room, into every nook and cranny of that fabulous basement. He also has a four foot long red caboose on rails in his yard. It's a real eye catcher.

I told my wife I was going to get a full size big red caboose for a workshop in our back yard. She told me she would get a divorce. When you drive by our house you may notice ----- ***There is no caboose in our yard !!***

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The results are in from DeMolay International's Chapter Challenge Bowling Tournament, and Cherokee Chapter did very well in the tournament. In the individual high-game category, **Keith James** came in second with a 246 game, **Matt Stich** tied for third with a 212 game. Cherokee won the Regional high-team series for Region 4 with a 2,175, and placed second in the International high-team series with a 2,175. The team was made up of **Keith James, Matt Stich, Matt Wemes, Pat Wemes and Jay Smith**. Congratulations guys! We are proud of you.

Cherokee Chapter did very well at the Winter Conclave in Lexington. In the ritual competition, they brought home the first place trophy for Initiatory Degree Team ritual. In the individual competition, **Cody Stevens** won the Chaplain competition. Cherokee also won the bowling, and the three-on-three basketball tournament. The basketball team included **Brendan Wise, Keith James and Ciendy Dumas**. Eighteen Cherokee DeMolay and four advisors attended the Conclave.

March is DeMolay month and we have several activities planned, such as the traditional Church service and lunch for parents, a bake sale/fundraiser planned, and a guest speaker will be speaking to the Chapter. A special initiation during DeMolay month will also be held. We will also be washing the windows at the fish stand as part of a Masonic Service Project.

The DeMolay International Basketball Tournament coming up May 16-17, 2008 at Fairdale High School. Cherokee plans to enter at least one team in the tournament. Most of our DeMolay are very excited to have Kentucky DeMolay host this event. Come out and watch us play.

Once again, we want to thank the Suburban Lodge family for your continued support of Cherokee Chapter. Feel free to come out and visit us the first or third Monday @ 7:30 p.m.

Greg Coffey, Chapter Advisor





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The Assembly started out the New Year with a lot of changes. It was bittersweet for all us to see Aunt Rose Flamm retire from being Mother Advisor after so many years, but we know she is there for us when we need her and hopefully she and Uncle Jack will get the much needed travel and alone time. Our Installation on January 27<sup>th</sup> gave us many new changes, including Aunt Rose's retirement and officially starting my term as Mother Advisory. Carolyn Reams is the new Assistant Mother Advisor and Amanda Elbert is our new Pledge Mother. Michaela Reams is serving another term as Worthy Advisor so at least one of us knows what is going on.

We ended January by attending the Lodge's Family Night. Our young ladies enjoyed the chili and the entertainment. During February, we visited other Assemblies to attend their Installations. It is always fun for the girls to get to visit others around the state. We also volunteered at the OES Home and played bingo. We brought lots of snacks and Valentines' gifts for all the residents. With the donation from Southern Star in addition, I'm sure they had a brighter holiday. Later in the month, the Social Club treated Rainbow and DeMolay with a bowling trip and pizza for their work at the Fish Fry throughout the year. It is great to see the Masonic youth groups get to know each other. Sadly, during February, we also lost a very dear member of our Advisory Board, Ken Elbert. He is also the grandfather of two Rainbow Girls, Miranda Elbert and Miranda Klingsmith, as well as two Pledge Girls, Faith Klingsmith and Cara Elbert. The girls and their family are holding up well, but he we will be missed by everyone in the Assembly. For the first time in several years we have a new Advisory Board Chair, Amanda Elbert.

We ended February with a Slumber Party where the girls baked for the first Bake Sale of the year and practiced for initiation. In March, you would never think a group of young ladies would be so excited to see the Fish Fry open and get to work. Hopefully, they will keep up that enthusiasm as the season continues. They have also started getting everything ready for Grand Assembly and are excited to participate in everything from Ritual Competition to Dance Team.

On March 30 at 2:30 PM the Pledge Class will be holding an initiation and installation. In April, we will be honoring each of seven bow lectures with different events including our annual church service and a slumber party. The Grand Officers and Grand Representatives also get to have their annual overnight trip to Elizabethtown for Grand Retreat. On April 14 at 7:00 PM, we will be having initiation, and I invite each of you to come and see the assembly do some wonderful work.

We normally meet every second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 PM. If you know any young women between the ages of 11 and 20, why don't you introduce them to Rainbow? We are also looking for girls between the ages of 7 and 10 to join our Pledge Class. I can be reached at (502) 409-4337 or [mrbartlett@insightbb.com](mailto:mrbartlett@insightbb.com).

In Rainbow Love and Service,  
Rebecca Bartlett  
Mother Advisor



### Suburban 740 Newsletter

Sponsored by Suburban Masonic Lodge #740 F&AM and published bi-monthly. All members and friends are invited to submit items of interest for publication.

Please send copy on or prior to the **3rd** Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November to:

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**Newsletter due date for next edition:**

**May the 15th  
by midnight**

## Those Men Who Wear Those Mason Rings

by **Michael R. Strampe**  
*Past Master: Lake Lodge #189  
F&AM Milwaukee, Wisconsin*



The Men Who Help My Dad Each day,  
They Wear Those Mason Rings,  
A Square and Compass Set in Gold,  
The Praise of Which I Sing.  
My Dad, He Hurt His Back, You Know,  
One Cold and Wintery Day.  
He Slipped and Fell Upon the Ice,  
The Insurance Would Not Pay.  
And Since That Time Those Rings I See  
On Hands That Help Us Much,  
With Mowing lawns and Hauling Trash,  
Each Day My Heart They Touch.  
They Even Built a House for Me  
Amid Our Backyard Tree,  
Where All the Neighbor Kids Would  
Play with Laughter Full of Glee.  
My Mom She Cried from Happiness  
That Time the Masons Came,  
To Aid Our Family in Distress  
Without a Thought of Gain.  
And When I'm Big, Just like My Dad  
Of This It Must Be Told,  
I Want to Wear a Ring Like His  
A Square and Compass Gold.  
Long Years Have Pasted Since When  
My Dad Was in That Plaster Cast,  
And Since I Swore That Solemn Oath  
Which Unites Us to the Last.

But More than That I'm Proud to Say  
I Wear His Mason Ring,  
The One Dad Wore for Many Years,  
Until His Death this Spring.  
And One Last Time His Comrades Came  
To Aid My Weeping Mother,  
They Praised and Bid a Fond Farewell  
To Our Fallen Brother.  
And After Which My Son Did Ask  
About Their Aprons White,  
And of the Rings Upon Their Hands  
Of Gold So Shiny Bright.  
With Tearful Eyes I Said with Pride  
They're Men of Spirit Pure,  
Those Men Who Wear Those Mason Rings  
Of That You Can Be Sure.  
And Before He Went to Bed that Night  
The Family He Foretold,  
Someday I'll Wear A Ring Like Dad's  
A Square and Compass Gold.



### EDITOR'S NOTE by Jack Riddle

I hope you do not mind me following the Master's suit by posting another poem. I am inspired by this story of a tradition of masonry passed from grandfather to father to son. My own father was not much of a man, much less a dad. As I am soon to be a father myself, I am challenged to look beyond his poor example and be the best dad I can be. I know that my journey through masonry will help me accomplish that, and I am thankful to have found this family.

Brothers, I am still quite new to the lodge—not even been here a year yet. However, it saddens me that on the very few opportunities I have had to witness a new candidate initiated or a brother passed to Fellowcraft, it seems that a good percentage of us run for the door. I know some do not like to be at lodge late, but regardless of the time required on degree nights, it is worthy work. Next time, please think about how a candidate will feel when he comes back into lodge for the 2nd section only to find all but 8 or 9 of his new brothers have deserted him.

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# Southern Star Ray

## OES Newsletter



## Social Club

Greetings from Southern Star Social Club.

The Social Club meets each month on the Friday evening following Chapter night. This meeting is always at 6:30 pm and we meet in the Fish Stand of Suburban Lodge Hall. In case anyone was wondering who can join us for our monthly meal, well, anyone, spelled A N Y O N E, can come and eat, meet, and greet each other. We usually have potluck dinner, but occasionally something different.

Tuesday evening, March 18<sup>th</sup> was a great evening for Southern Star as we initiated 3 new members into our order. One of these was the Master of Suburban Lodge 740. I personally invited each of them to join us downstairs on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for our monthly dinner meeting. I hope that our Social Club will grow in attendance again like we used to have.

We have several things coming up for the summer. Remember the Relay for Life fund raiser. It will be held at Moore High School on Outer Loop. Starting time is about 5pm on June 13<sup>th</sup> and will go thru the night and finish up June 14<sup>th</sup>. You will be given more details later when we get the info we need.

Please come and join us at Social Club and enjoy some food and lots of fellowship with you sisters and brothers of Southern Star . We would love to see you.

Finally, sisters and brothers, yellow is one of my favorite colors. It is the color for spring. A sign of new growth , a sign of new beginnings and that reminds me that God gives us each new day or each new spring to renew our lives and to be thankful for what He has given us. And we should be thankful to Him each day. Just remember: spring is just around the corner.

In Star love,  
Karen Harvey  
President





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**Secretary's Report**



**From the Secretary's desk**

Sister and Brother, do you have a friend or relative that would like to be a member and come to the meetings with you? Eastern Star members can solicit potential members that are qualified.

Dues for this year were due August 1, 07, if you do not have a light brown or tan dues card in your possession please pay your dues. Southern Star dues are \$23.90 per year, and of this amount Grand Chapter gets \$11.90 in assessment. Please send your dues to me at:

Rick Ballinger  
4305 Gaudet Road  
Louisville, Ky, 40299.

If you are having problems contact me at 502-267-6616 or my cell phone is 502-836-2590.

We do not get any pleasure by suspending members for non-payment of dues, but our Grand Chapter Constitution says we must suspend those that are 2 years in the arrears. As of this writing we still have 16 members that will be suspended July 31, 2008. We have 17 more members that are one year behind in their dues. Remember, You have to have 10 consecutive years of service to be eligible for possible life care admission to the Eastern Star Home. Dues notices for 2008-09 will be going in the mail during the month of April.

**Updates**

**Initiated**

Rebecca and Michael Harvey, 729 Denmark Avenue, Louisville KY 40215  
Wayne Carby, 8004 Rory Way, Louisville KY 40219

**Members that have passed away**

Clayton Abney  
Init. June 14, 1954  
Passed Jan. 18, 2008

Howard Mitchell  
Init. November 30, 1963  
Jan. 23, 2008

Harry Reynolds  
Init. July 27, 1946  
Jan. 24, 2008

Betty Tipton P.M.  
Init. May 19, 1987  
Passed Feb. 10, 2008

Kenneth Elbert P.P.  
Init. Feb. 20, 1979  
Passed Feb. 16, 2008

Virginia Denton  
Init. August 21, 1948  
Passed March 10, 2008

Please let us know of you Joys and Cares, if you don't, we will not know.

**In Star Love,  
Rick Ballinger, Secretary  
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# **WORTHY MATRON**

Well hopefully the snow and bad weather is gone for the year and spring is on the way. Despite the weather we have been having a very good crowd.

On a sad note we have lost a very active member of Southern Star, Brother Ken Elbert. Brother Ken was very active in Southern Star and he will be greatly missed. We have also lost several other members, who also will be missed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families. We have also lost several other members since the first of the year, and they will also be missed.

On a happier note, we have a very busy year ahead of us. In April we will have Past Matron and Past Patrons night and we hope all of the Past Matron and Past Patrons will be able to come and join us for the meeting.

In January Sister Debbie Ballinger, Worthy Grand Matron, had a School at Large at Suburban Lodge and the place was packed. The Lodge Hall was packed with 176 people present. Chairs had to be brought in for people to sit. It was a very informative school, I know I learned some things I did not know. Sister Debbie did an outstanding job at explaining things to everyone and then everyone had a chance to ask questions.

Southern Star had an Initiation on March 18 and Initiated 3 people, they are Rebecca Harvey, Michael Harvey and Wayne Carby—Master of Suburban Lodge. It is a pleasure to have you in our Chapter and hope you come to the meetings and join in the fellowship we share. We also invited you to come to our Social Club meetings on Friday nights following our meeting. Again welcome to the Chapter.

Our meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

In star love,  
Myra Curry  
Worthy Matron

