

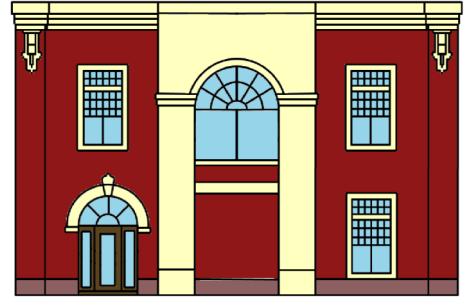
# OUR CORNER

News and Events from the organizations that meet at Suburban Lodge #740.

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**Special—Photos from the Keystone visit in this issue!**



## From the Master Jack Riddle



### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

We are the stewards of Freemasonry for future generations. It is an important statement, but one that can easily be misconstrued. Some will take it to mean that we are to preserve the craft as it is now or as it were in the years before. There are those that want to center solely on the past, and ignore the future. They focus on where we have been rather than where we are going. Now, before I go too far down this path, let it be certain that I am in no way implying the past should be forgotten or cast aside. Nothing could be further from the truth, for our history defines us! Yet, it is merely one side of the equation; only a part of the sum. Our future and present are as important as our past much in the same way that current and new brothers are as necessary as those that came before them.

Our craft is based on certain landmarks that are static, and cannot be diverged from without compromising the spirit of this fraternity. Those landmarks, the foundation of Freemasonry, should indeed be steadfast. However, this notion of rigid inflexibility is often unnecessarily applied to all aspects of the lodge and its activities.

The phrase “the Suburban way” is spoken often in our lodge, and the spirit in which it is used is noble even if its meaning is anything but definite. What

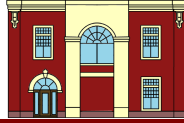
“the Suburban way” is will differ depending on who you ask. I am sure we are not alone in this dilemma, as it is certainly a difficulty faced by any organization, Masonic or otherwise, comprised of those that are passionate to preserve the past as they know it to be. The trouble is that these traditions, no matter how minor or unimportant they may be, are heartily clung to as though the entire edifice of Freemasonry would come tumbling down should they not be adhered to; as if a single action or word could contain such power!

Many traditions are important—they have meaning for those that started them, and for those that continue them onward. However, not everything that has been done over and over in the same fashion is necessarily meaningful nor worthy to be designated as a tradition. Yet, it seems practically anything related to the lodge is regulated as such and thus is treated as though it were a landmark: rigid and unwavering. Of course, there is no ill intention in doing so, it is merely to preserve the past—“To carry on “the Suburban way.”

However, my brothers who so long to maintain such history neglect the past themselves! They forget that once upon a time, there were no burgundy jackets adorning our officers. They do not remember that the social club and fish fry did not come about until

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years after lodge was chartered. They fail to recall that we did not always enjoy such kinship and trade degree work with lodges in Indiana and Tennessee, or create gift bags for our widows, or have a chili cook-off or any number of great things this lodge does. Indeed, our lodge's history is rich with improvements and innovations. Were it not, it might surely have faltered long ago. As we move into the future, we must bring along all the great things this lodge and fraternity have done and can offer, be strong enough to leave behind that which is unnecessary, irrelevant, or broken and to evolve into a fraternity that continues to have value for men of decades to come.

A hymn from my church's service this morning contained the lyric, "My foot carries days of old into new, our dreaming shows us the way." What a beautiful way to express the importance of the past and the vision of the future. There is another meaning in this line as well; we cannot go back. We must move forward or we do not move at all. Once we become stagnate, are no longer relevant, we will no longer attract new men to the craft and we will fall.

I have faith that this will not happen. Perhaps we have momentarily lost our way, and the size of our beloved fraternity is a fraction of what it once was. However, our feet will carry the days of old--when Freemasonry was on the rise--into the new, and our dreaming of how the fraternity can be in the future will show us the way. We will remember that our organization has changed over time to stay relevant to both the men whom have long stood as pillars in this institution as well as those just being placed in the Northeast corner, and we will once again discover a way to find the necessary balance; to carry forth the important principles and traditions without fear of the necessary changes just as our forefathers have done. These things we must do, for we are the stewards of Freemasonry for future generations.



### Coming Events



#### April 2012

- 2 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 3 Hall Association Meeting ..... 6:30PM
- 5 Lodge ..... 7:30PM
- 7 Fish Fry ..... 10AM to 8PM
- 9 Rainbow Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 10 Social Club Meeting ..... 7:00PM
- 12 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 14 Fish Fry ..... 10AM to 8PM
- 16 DeMolay Meeting ..... 7:00PM
- 17 Southern Star OES Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 19 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 20 Southern Star Social Club ..... 6:30PM
- 21 Fish Fry ..... 10AM to 8PM
- 23 Rainbow Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 24 York Rite Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 26 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 28 Fish Fry ..... 10AM to 8PM

#### May 2012

- 1 Hall Association Meeting ..... 6:30PM
- 3 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 4 Park Cars Oaks Day ..... 8:00AM to Noon
- 5 Fish Fry CLOSED DERBY DAY Parking Cars
- 7 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 8 Social Club Meeting  
Dinner ..... 6:00PM  
Meeting at..... 7:00PM
- 10 Lodge meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 12 Fish Fry..... 10:00AM to 8:00PM
- 14 Rainbow Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 15 OES Southern Star Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 17 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 18 Southern Star Social Club ..... 6:30PM
- 19 Fish Fry..... 10:00AM to 8:00PM
- 21 DeMolay Meeting ..... 7:00PM
- 22 York Rite Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 24 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 24 Newsletter Submission Deadline..11:59PM
- 26 Fish Fry..... 10:00AM to 8:00PM
- 28 Rainbow Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 31 Lodge Family Nt. Bring a Dessert.... 6:00PM

#### June 2012

- 2 Fish Fry ..... 10:00AM to 8:00PM
- 4 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 5 Hall Association Meeting ..... 6:30PM
- 7 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM

### Sick and Prayer List

- Murphy Wilson**, recovering from auto accident
- Wayne Carby**: Lost his Uncle
- Stan Robinson**: Lost his Aunt
- Tom Mercer**: Mother In-Law in Hospital
- Mike Frames**, Lost his Father
- Shelby Downey**, in nursing Home
- Gary Harris**: having eye surgery
- Mike Frames**: Heart issues

### Carl Cox: Lost his Brother-in-law Suburban Lodge Stats

#### Entered Apprentices:

**Conferred On** Louis Martin 2/9/12

**Conferred By** John Morris

#### Fellow Crafts:

**Conferred on** Ben White 1/26/12

**Conferred By** Tom Mercer

#### Master Masons:

**Conferred on** Ben White 2/25/12

Donald Lashbrook

**Conferred By** Jack Riddle

#### Others:

**Plural Members:** None

**Reinstatements:** None

**Demits:** None

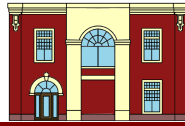
**Petition for Degrees:** None

**Petition for Affiliation  
by Transfer:** David Downey

**Elected to Membership:**  
David Downey  
Louis Martin  
Dale Crigger

**Suspended for Non Payment of Dues:**  
None





**In Memory Of...**

**RUSSELL I MEREDITH SR. 1/21/2012**

Brother Meredith was born on January 2, 1930 in Louisville, Kentucky. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1951, was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 31<sup>th</sup> day of May 1951, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1951, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 61 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Meredith laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial lodge above on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2012.

He is sadly missed by his wife and children, family members and many friends.

No Masonic Services were conducted.

**KENNETH B. SEARS. 1/12/2012**

Brother Sears was born on February 12, 1925 in Corbin, Kentucky. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1952, was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 21<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1952, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1952, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM where he served as Master in 1967.

He was a faithful member for 60 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Sears laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial lodge above on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

He is sadly missed by his wife and children, family members and many friends.

No Masonic Services were conducted.

**LARRY WAYNE FRENCH. 2/11/2012**

Brother French was born on October 4, 1946 in Jacksonville Florida. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1983, was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1983, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1983, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 29 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother French laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered

that celestial lodge above on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

He is sadly missed by his wife and children, family members and many friends.

No Masonic Services were conducted.

**DONALD C. KLINGER 1/15/2012**

Brother Klinger was born in Millersburg, Pennsylvania on July 18, 1934. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1958, was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1958, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1959, all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 53 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Klinger laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial lodge above on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

No Masonic Services were conducted.



**Have you met:  
Clinton Kyle  
Carrier, PM**

by  
Bill Harvey, PM

This month our person of interest is our Junior Past Master, Clinton Kyle Carrier. Clinton was born here in Louisville on December 17, 1980. He attended elementary school at St. Polycarp and graduated from Butler High School. His next step in education was to major in Business Management at University of Louisville. Clinton works for PNC Bank as an investment counselor. Clint married the love of his life, Miss Lauren Canterbury on September 30, 2006. They have no children but do have a substitute: 2 dogs named Ruby and Phantom. Lauren works for Gould's Discount Medical.

Clinton joined Suburban 740 in 2007. I feel like he's one of my children as I was Master that year. He worked his way up through the chairs and became Master in 2011. He told me that the highlight of his Masonic career was raising his dad, Kenny, during his year in the East. He and Kenny are joining the Shrine together this month.

When I asked what he wanted to say to his brothers about Masonry, he told me that

Suburban Lodge is a place that he looks forward to attending each week. Everyone is glad to see him and no arguments break out along the way. I want to thank Clinton for all the help he gave me as Master. He volunteered to cook the food for our suppers, freeing me up to do what a Master has to do. I'm glad Bro. Clinton is one of ours as he works hard at our fish stand and whenever he's needed.

I feel Masonry is being advanced by his love of the Fraternity. Oh yes, did I say that he coaches football for the kids at his church? Way to go, Clint!



**RAINBOW  
GIRLS & YOUR  
FAMILY**

by Tom Mercer  
Junior Warden

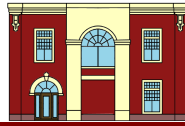
Greetings from the bright and sunny south, where we observe the sun at its meridian height, which is the beauty and glory of the day! God makes our day more beautiful still when He "paints his bow of beauty upon the canvas of a summer shower." God's rainbow always brings a smile to our lips. It reminds us that though storms may blow into our lives and leave destruction in their wake, as they have done so cruelly in our region of late, we can through faith still find beauty and grace enough at the end of it all to find the hope and strength to endure and build again.

In our Masonic family, we have our own rainbow, also known as Lorraine Assembly #6, International Organization of Rainbow Girls. In 1922, Rainbow was created for young women whose fathers were members of the Masonic Lodge, and their friends. For the Rainbow Girls of Lorraine Assembly #6, the basic teachings of faith, hope, and charity remain a cornerstone of this dynamic girl's youth group.

Through Rainbow our daughters, granddaughters, nieces and their friends learn not only to improve themselves and their self-esteem through their volunteer and charitable work in service to others and through gaining such skills as public speaking and leadership ability, they also prepare themselves to become builders of a better society for all of us. For the good of all, they deserve our support.

Do you know a girl in your family or in the family of a friend who might enjoy the challenges and rewards of member-





ship in Rainbow Girls? Rainbow members are between the ages of 11 and 20 years old. Rainbow welcomes everyone, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin, and members need not come from any particular faith. Studies have shown that girls who are actively involved in organized activities with other girls (such as athletics, Girl Scouts, Rainbow Girls, etc.) develop a higher sense of self-esteem and are less likely to become involved with drugs or alcohol, less likely to have a child out of wedlock, less likely to become victims of sexual abuse, and less likely—in their future lives—to become victims of domestic violence or to remain in a relationship where there is domestic violence.

Please consider recommending Rainbow Girls for the girls in your life. Both they and the girls who are current members are sure to benefit from the shared friendship. For further information, contact Mother Advisor Rebecca Bartlett, or any member of the Lorraine Assembly #6 Advisory Board. You may also wish to check out the website [gorainbow.org](http://gorainbow.org).



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**Newsletter due date for next edition:**

**May 17th**

**Above:** On Saturday, February 25th, Suburban Lodge #740 traveled to Keystone Lodge #251 in Indianapolis to confer the Master Mason degree at their lodge on two of our Fellowcraft Masons. Pictured are District Deputy Grand Master, Tom Nichols, Officers of Suburban Lodge #740, Officers of Keystone Lodge #251, newly raised brothers Don Lashbrook and Ben White. Many remarked of the fun they had on this trip, and no one came away hungry thanks to the wonderful meal of fried chicken provided by the Eastern Star at Keystone. We look forward to Keystone once again visiting us in Louisville next year!









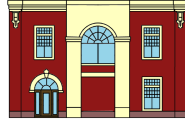












# Southern Star Ray OES Newsletter



## SOUTHERN STAR DUES NOTICE

Dues for 2011 were due prior to August 1, 2011. To save the Chapter money, I have included the Dues notice in the Newsletter and I want to thank each of you who have been able to send your dues based on this notice. This week I have mailed dues notices to members whose dues have not been paid. If you have received a notice from me, please send your check, payable to Southern Star #154, to Debbie Ballinger, 4305 Gaudet Road, Louisville KY 40299 as soon as you can. If possible, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for me to use to return your card.

Several of our members owe dues for two years. Per the Constitution, these names must be read at our April meeting and if remain unpaid on July 31, 2012 these members must be suspended. We do not want to lose any of our members. If you are having a problem paying your dues, please let me know and we will see what we can do to help you. Remember, if you are at least 90 years of age or if you are in a Nursing Home, you are exempt from paying dues. Please let me know if either of these situations apply to you and I have not already sent your 2011 dues cards.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary  
502-267-6616

## SOUTHERN STAR RECORDS

### **Newly Initiated Members:**

Adrian & Victoria Wright  
10723 Vine Hill Dr  
Louisville KY 40299

### **Initiation Scheduled March 20, 2012:**

Jennifer Osting  
1114 Lone Oak Ave  
Louisville KY 40219

Michaela Reams  
236 Lawson Lane  
Louisville KY 40214

### **Address Changes:**

Helen Ellis  
2912 Lexham Rd  
Louisville KY 40220-2820

Tonya Evans  
2765 Autumn Lake Dr  
Louisville KY 40272-5112

Kevin Fautz  
1041 Parkway Dr No. 1  
Louisville KY 40217

Helen Garrison  
6604 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St  
Louisville KY 40214-2829

Ramona Hawkins  
6907 Avanti Place  
Louisville KY 40291

Lovie Hughes  
8605 Shelbyville Rd Apt 101  
Louisville KY 40222-5368  
Barbara Lindsey  
7200 National Turnpike Apt 104  
Louisville KY 40214

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary

## SOUTHERN STAR IN MEMORIAM

### **Sister Beulah Bach – August 12, 2011**

Sister Beulah was initiated into Southern Star Chapter on February 16, 1965 where she was a dedicated member for over 46 years.

### **Sister Judy Wright – November 19, 2011**

Sister Judy was initiated into Eastern Star on October 7, 1947 in Sturgis KY. She affiliated with Buechel Chapter on December 26, 1989 and affiliated with Southern Star on May 16, 2006 where she remained a faithful member for over 64 years.

### **Sister Rita Jordan – November 23, 2011**

Sister Rita was initiated into Southern Star on November 18, 1980 where she remained a faithful member of the Chapter for over 30 years.

### **Brother Kenneth Sears Sr – December 1, 2011**

Brother Kenneth was initiated into Southern Star on November 30, 1963. He remained a devoted member of Southern Star for over 48 years.

### **Sister Jane Williams Whitlow – December**

### **17, 2011**

Sister Jane was initiated into Southern Star Chapter on March 18, 1969 where she was a dedicated member until her death.

### **Joe Ann Smothers – December 26, 2011 –**

Sister Joe Ann was initiated into Naomi Chapter #14 on August 20, 1949 and affiliated with Southern Star Chapter on April 16, 1991. Sister Joe Ann remained a loyal member until her death.

### **Brother Irvin Holsclaw – January 8, 2012**

Brother Irvin was initiated into Southern Star on January 15, 1955. He remained a loyal member of Southern Star for almost 57 years.

### **Sister Mary Elizabeth (“Libby”) McClain – February 21, 2012**

Sister Libby was initiated into Southern Star on March 30, 1962. Since she was so close to being a 50 year member, her fifty year pin was presented to her husband upon her death. Sister Libby remained a devoted member of Southern Star until her death.

## FROM THE CONDUCTRESS

Greetings my Sisters and Brothers,

Spring is here and the daylight time will be getting longer. Come on out and visit and fellowship with your sisters and brothers at Southern Star Chapter on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. We had an initiation in January and will have an initiation in March along with our inspection by our Worthy Grand Matron. We welcome our newest members. Come and get to know each one. Just remember each of us has a story to tell as we learn and grow with each other. We miss you when you are not here and look forward to seeing you soon.

Gail Perry  
Conductress

