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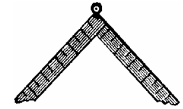
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From the Master Jack Flamm



AVE ET VALE

From my early school days when I knew zero Latin, it means "HAIL AND FAREWELL". The time has now come when I must hang up my spurs and mosey off into the sunset.

It has been a great and rewarding year. I am very thankful for all the help and support I have received during the past year. I would like to say thanks for a lot of things, just a few of which are:

Thank you for the reupholstering and repair of the officers' chairs, to Bro. Wayne Carby, you did a lot of back-breaking work above and well beyond what duty called for, and this will not be ever forgotten.

To Dad Rick Ballinger (you have always requested to be addressed as just "Rick", but I will make an exception this one time) to say thank you for the countless work and services that you have given so freely to our Lodge. Thanks Mr. President and Grand Marshal. To the hard workers in the fish stand, I know that Saturday is my big day, sorry I was weak in helping, but no one can say THANKS enough.

To District Deputy Jon Elbert, you have brought honor to both Suburban Lodge and District 13, Thanks, Jon.

To my boss, Richard Epley of Kentucky Driving School, thanks for the neat Wildcat Blue Corolla you gave me to drive the last year. I know this sounds like bias, but we can both help Coach Tubby get through another successful year.

To our newly proficient Fellowcraft, Bro. Chris Polley, you are going to be a Master Mason before Christmas, my congratulations.

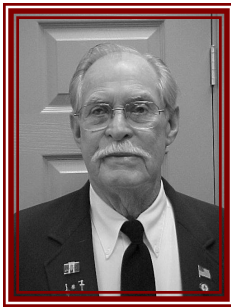
As General Pershing said at Paris, "Lafayette, we are here." As General Macarthur said at the Philippines, "I have returned." As for myself, like an old soldier, I am not going to die, but simply fade away. I have come from the ranks, and now I am returning to the ranks. So to one and all, I say a big "thank you".

FOR THE RECORD

During the year we have had six Entered Apprentices, two Fellowcraft's, three Master Masons, 15 deaths, one Reinstatement, four Affiliations by Transfer (two pending), two Demits, two Suspensions, and five Honorary Memberships.

This is the second time in 65 years that I have been fortunate enough to serve as Master twice. It has been a great and unbelievable year, so, again, from the bottom of my heart, Thank You.

Jack Flamm
Master



**From the
Senior Warden**

Hi Brothers,

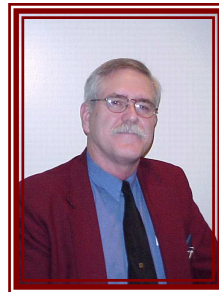
I 'm back, not at 100% or even 50% but I'm back typing. This has been a long hard summer for me, health wise with problems that medicine can't find. I have lost a lot of weight and I stay nervous and shaky, but I am doing better.

I would like to take the opportunity to tank all my Brothers for their concern, the cards and visits. I received and financial help from all of you and the lodge. I couldn't have made it with out you, thanks a lot.

The year is nearly gone, by the time you read this, the fish fry will be close for the season and Christmas is nearly upon us. As with all of us, we will be anxious when the fish fry opens again, but we all do need the rest and time off. It has been a fast year it seems.

Elections for new officers are near, and I am looking forward to a new year. Jack has done a great job as Master; it will be hard to follow him. I know that our lodge will continue in our tradition and will grow and prosper. I will do my level best and will give my all to continue our great traditions with a great bunch of officers and Brothers to work with, it will continue. Until then, may God walk with each and every one. See you at Lodge!

Don Hill
Senior Warden



**From the
Junior Warden**

Greetings from the South:

The other evening as I was sitting in the South, I glanced over at all the pictures of our illustrious Past Masters, all lined up by their year in the East. I never met 3/4 of those men, but I have met most of the other 1/4th, most still living. I thought about all the knowledge those pictures represented (Masonically speaking) and wished I only had a drop of that knowledge to spread about. Since our fraternity goes back hundreds of years, many great men have been blessed by joining the Masonic Lodge and studying it's many tenets.

My father gave me a Masonic Encyclopedia years ago and the information in it is mind boggling. We have so many Masonic writings available to us but like most people, we don't make use of it. If we were all to live our lives according to the phrase "friendship, morality and brotherly love", this would be a much better place to live in.

The great thing about being a Mason is that you have friends throughout the world who are willing to help you if you're down, and to give you encouragement if you need it. We have far too many people who are glad to kick you if you stumble. We, as Masons, are taught to help our brothers if they are in need, so we should do that. I know that some young Masons have felt left out of our fellowship at times. I know that sometimes we have a tendency to bunch together in groups (cliques) and does that ever drive people away. You know, we have a few hundred brothers who never darken our Lodge door, but there are so many of them who would love to hear from another brother. Whether one has been ill, works long hours or just too lazy to attend Lodge, they all still need to make contact with their Lodge brothers. So I want to encourage you to call a brother, send a card to someone who is ill, or if you have the time and ability, go visit him. He will be blessed and so will you! Hope to see you in Lodge next week.

Bill Harvey, Sr.
Junior Warden



**THE REAL SECRET OF
FREEMASONRY**
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER



From the Desk of the Secretary



Living in a land of enchantment, this is what we now refer to Our Lodge.

Why? And you may ask what so enchanting about this place? Well sit right back and you will here a tale. A tale of a journey that took place a long time ago, that started from 3rd and central to our current location. I can only give you first hand account for over the past 12 years. The things I have observed with my own eyes and have been privy too. But let me give you the definition of what a land of enchantment is...

A land of enchantment is a place where those that inhabits it live in a state of suspended animation, where in their minds nothing every changes, things stay the same for ever and ever. In this land there are certain creatures that do mystical and sometime magical things at times that just amaze those that live there.

First there is the Food Fairies, and I know you're saying to yourself, Food Fairies what are they? These are some of those creatures that do magical feats. And only a few have ever observed them in action, many don't even know they exist. Let me ask you this when you come over to the lodge on any given Thursday night and you walk in and there is food on the table, do you know how it got there? Do you know who prepared it? And most of all, how long did it take to prepare it? Who bought it? I know many of you cannot answer these questions, But I'm sure there is one question I know you can answer, and that is who going to eat it?

Secondly there are the elves, what are the elves? They are those mystical beings who sneak in when you're a sleep or away, and do various things from cleaning to making shoes, as in another tale, that I'm sure you heard of. Back to the Food Fairies, after they done their job of preparing the food and you done yours and have gone up stairs, who cleans up the mess, who washes the dishes? Who puts things away? I sure you have notice that these things are done, but most never put much thought in to how, or who.

Then brings us to the Gremlins, they are those mischief little characters that create havoc, such as making messes, like spilling drinks, leaving food on the table, and floors. Removing objects that are being used by others, its there one day but gone the next and mysteriously reappears in a few days right where you left it. We have several of these little creatures running around.

Then there are the Ogres these are those charac-

ters that stand in the way of others as they try to perform their duties. And say things Like This is My Forest stay out. Leave things alone, there is no reason to change it, it has always been that way, and it works fine don't fix it if it's not broken. I am sure many of you have confronted these creatures.

Then there is the Troll; he is the worst of all the creatures that live in the land of enchantment. And I have myself encountered this creature on many adventures into this land, he's the one who hates to see things run smooth, he does not like any one or any thing, he finds fault in everything. And he hates everybody, he thinks that every thing belongs to him and if you use it or take some for yourself, you're a thief.

Many of our brothers have trouble distinguishing fantasy from reality and I thought I would put them in terms that they could understand. I don't mean to insult anyone; this is only a story of how things appear to many, especially those that have pointed this out to me. It's only mean to be entertaining and not vindictive and if you're offended by it then I guess I'm sorry and I hope you find it in your heart to forgive me. But keep this in mind Life often imitates Art. And in the immortal words of Conway Twitty "It's Only Make Believe," and in closing I hope that one day we can all learn to live in the real world but it's often rude and crude, and life is much better in a make believe environment, so I say farewell to 2005, and Hello to the new year and hope that maybe one day and I hope not to far away we all meet on a common level and enjoy the peace and goodness that emanates from that land in which we all are seeking, that land which no traveler has ever returned.

Sincerely,

Joe Marshall,
Secretary 2005



HALL ASSOCIATION



Words from the Hall

The year is winding down yet we still have many projects that await our attention. We are having a drainage problem on the Collins Court side of the building and we need to address the trees growing beside the grease traps. Brother Wayne Carby is looking into solutions for these problems. We are continuing to look at the various contracts and as they come up for renewal they are being re-bid.

As I stated the year is winding down and with that the annual meeting of Suburban Lodge and the election of Officers of the Lodge and the election of 3 members of the Hall Association. Please keep in mind that these members must be able to physically perform some of the maintenance we have in the building and a willingness to perform these duties. The Hall Association is much more than one meeting a month, and we need to make sure that we put members on the Hall Association that have the lodge and building in their best interest. As we move further into the 21st century we need to be willing to think and make some decisions that are progressive. We can not afford to do things the same way they were done even 5 years ago. Our membership is getting smaller and the members are getting to the age that they are not physically able to perform the same tasks that they did even 1 year ago.

I would be derelict in my duties if I did not thank three Brothers that have given 3 years of service to the hall Association. Brothers Carl Cox, Jan Wilt, and Bill Penrod will complete their terms as members of the Hall Association. Each of these brothers have offered their expertise and knowledge for the betterment of this Lodge and I and very grateful for them giving their time and talent to our Lodge.

Remember that election night is December 27 and your decisions that night will play a part in the future of our lodge and building.

Thank you for your help in keeping our building clean and safe and may God bless each of you and your families during the coming holiday season and 2006.

Rick Ballinger, P.M.
President

SUBURBAN SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks to everyone for your help at the Fish Fry this year. Your support shows you care about our Lodge. Let's all come together and work as a fraternity. Let us not forget how fortunate we are to have a nice building that is paid for and the resources to keep our building maintained. By working together, we all reap the rewards.

There are so many individuals to thank for their hard work and support. I would like to thank a few people who have helped Suburban out this year, they are:

Joe Marshall - thank you for your help during my transition as President. Most of us do not know how much you do behind the scenes. You may not get the credit you deserve but you are appreciated.

Russell Puckett - you always go the extra mile.

Glen Wells - keeping up with our supplies is a tough job. I know you catch grief when we run low on supplies.

John Morris - I wish more people knew how much you love and care about our Lodge.

Bill Armstrong and Amanda Leis - you both do a great job for us.

Thank you to our onion peelers on Thursday.

Thanks to the Friday morning crew and all the prep work and clean up.

Mike Shuffit thanks for all the breakfasts you have cooked this year.

Howard Mitchell, Burnis Pitts, Carl Cox and Hoyt Vincent thank you for your help on Fridays and Saturdays. The fish fry would not be able to operate without your continued support frying, slicing and preparing the fish, and for keeping all of us grounded.



Thanks to everyone that I may not have mentioned !

I would also like to thank Suburban Social Club for your

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Coming Events Dec. 05-Jan. 06



December 2005

Dec 1	Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
5	DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
6	Hall Association Meeting	7:30PM
8	Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
9	Fish Stand Workers Banquet 6:00PM Holiday INN Fern Valley	
12	Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
13	Social Club Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
16	Lodge Christmas Party Packing Bags6:00PM	
17	Delivery Christmas Widow Bags 8:00AM	
19	DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
20	Southern Star OES Meeting	7:30PM
22	Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
26	Rainbow Meeting	7:30 PM
27	Lodge Elections	7:30PM
29	Installation Of Officers	Dinner at 6:30PM

January 2006

Jan 1	Meet at Lodge to go get Glass return for Chili	11:00AM
2	DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
3	Hall Association (Election Night)	7:30PM
5	Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
9	Rainbow Meeting	7:00PM
12	Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
10	Social Club (Election Night)	7:00PM
16	DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
17	Eastern Star Meeting	7:30PM
19	Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
23	Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
24	York Rite Meeting	7:30PM
26	Lodge Meeting	7:30PM

A Simple Act of Kindness....

I am reminded of a story that was told to me when I was just starting out in my adult life, at my first job. The store that I was working in had a manger who was a very a true Mason at heart, the type of man who was born a Mason, but never walked through that lodge door. One spring I observed this person that appeared to be homeless enter the store, he ask to see the manager, whom I call to come to the front of the store, He step out side the door and had a brief conversation with this Man. A few minutes later he came back in to the store, when back to the meat department and fixed four sandwiches, and wrapped them up, on his way back to the front he picked up a carton of milk and then gave all of this to the Homeless man. Who when over to the side of the building and ate one of the sandwiches and drank the milk. Then went on his was south. I did not think any more about it.

Then in the fall of the year this same homeless man return and came in ask to see the manager again. Same as before, once again I said nothing. Then in the following a Spring here he came again. This time after his visit I approached the store manager and told him that it appears to me that this man is taking advantage of your kindness. The store manger looked at me and Thank me for my concerns and then perceived to invest in me some education about the human kindness that I misread. He told me that this man had been coming by twice a year for many years, once in the early spring, and then in late fall. He travel from his home in Indiana to

A place in Bowling Green each year where he would work on a huge farm there from planting to harvest. Then he travel back to his home in Indiana and along the way he had places just like our store in which he would do a few jobs to earn enough money or food to help him in his journey. But I never seem him do any work here, you always give him the food. He enlighten me even more, he said always remember that if a person comes to you asking to work for food, you better off giving them the food, that way you know they are truly in need. But more then anything else you never know when it's the Lord testing you. Because an honest man will offer to work for his supper, while others want you to pay for theirs.

Author Unknown...



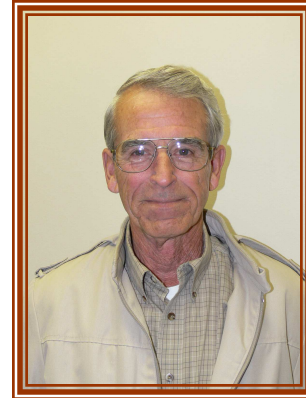
Have you met?



Have you met?



Ken Elbert



Claude Boswell

If you ever make it up to the Lodge Hall on any Thursday evening, you will usually have to pass our Tyler, one Bro. Kenneth Russell Elbert, better known as Ken. Ken was born on Jan 15, 1939 in a town known as East St. Louis, Illinois, just across the Mississippi from St. Louis, MO. When Ken was 3 years old, his family moved to Louisville, his home ever since.

Bro. Ken met and dated his wife to be, Ann, and they were married on June 28, 1978. When I asked him this date, Ken shot it right back to me with no hesitation, so I guess he's in good standing with Ann as far as dates go. They have 3 children, 2 girls and 1 son. Karen and Sarah are former Rainbow girls, and son Jon is a former DeMolay and Past Master of Suburban Lodge. Currently Jon is District Deputy for District 13, Grand Lodge of KY. Ken and Ann have 7 grand children, 5 girls and 2 boys.

Between the dates of 1960-69, Ken served his country by serving in the US Air Force and in the Air National Guard. He worked for Transit Authority of River City (TARC) for 31 years, retiring in November 2004. He still works part time driving for Miller Transportation, as he has for 13 years.

Ken joined Suburban Lodge in 1977, and a year later he and Ann joined Southern Star 154, Order of Eastern Star which meets here at Suburban. He has served as Chaplain and Tyler for the Lodge and is Past Patron for Southern Star, having served with Ann when she was Worthy Matron.

The Elbert's favorite hobby consists of 'CAMPING'. They are affiliated with the NCT Travelers, and locally the Derby City Travelers.

When asked why he joined the Lodge, Ken said that his
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Brother Claude Boswell is one of those Lodge brothers you don't hear a lot from but you see him here at Suburban Lodge every Thursday night. Claude was born on Feb 22, 1934 in a place called Camp Taylor, KY and also grew up there.

Claude worked for 32 years at Louisville Switching Service (Teamsters), retiring from there in 1997.

In the year 2000, he married his wife, Glenda. He has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren, 2 girls and 2 boys.

Several of his friends encouraged Claude to join the Masonic Lodge, so in 1960 he joined Harrods Creek Lodge #456. He demitted to Okolona Lodge in 1963 to be closer to home. But his children's school activities conflicted with Okolona's meeting nights, so he moved to Suburban Lodge in 1964 and has been a fixture here ever since.

Claude hasn't held any chairs in Lodge but works each Friday mealing the fish for our Fish Stand to sell on Saturdays.

Basically he has one hobby: GOLF!! (You have to like someone who plays golf even if they play as bad as I do!)

To finish, Claude wants everyone to know he really enjoys Lodge and all of our activities and most of all the fellowship.

Thanks you Claude for supporting your Lodge by your faithful attendance and your friendliness to everyone you meet!



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support of DeMolay and Rainbow over the years. I know this support is costly, but I know how much you value their support at the fish fry. These two groups are our future. Thanks to all the DeMolay and Rainbow for your help at the Fish fry's this year.

I hope you all have a great Holiday season. I look forward to seeing most of you at our Christmas party.

Greg Coffey



SUBURBAN LODGE #740 F&AM
LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY



Chocolate Chip Pecan Pie

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans
- 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch single crust pie

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a large mixing bowl beat eggs until light and fluffy. Add sugar, flour, melted butter or margarine, salt, lemon juice, and corn syrup. Mix thoroughly, then stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Pour mixture into pie shell.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes or until set and golden.





**Lorraine Assembly #6
I.O.R.G**

It is so hard to believe that this year has passed so fast, but we are already approaching Thanksgiving week. November has been a very busy month. Although Jana Givens is our present Worthy Advisor, she is now living in Eastview, KY, and attends school in Hardin County, which makes it difficult for her to attend many of our meetings and activities on school nights. Because of this situation, Lindsey Reams, our Worthy Associate Advisor, has been acting as our Worthy Advisor for many of our meetings and activities.

We had a sleepover on Friday, November 4th, to prepare for the Assembly's Inspection by Mom Anne; then we worked the fish fry on Saturdays, November 5th and 12th; some of our girls attended the chili supper and bonfire at Dad Adler's house on Saturday, November 12th; prepared and served dinner to Suburban Lodge before its meeting on Thursday, November 10th; had a Bake Sale on Saturday, November 12th; prepared and served dinner for members and guests prior to the Assembly's Inspection on Monday, November 14th, and then had a good time at our Inspection with Mom Anne; also, we had our Annual Grand Cross Dinner on Wednesday, November 16th.

We are still taking orders for candles, gels and lotions, and fragrances, and if you would like to place an order for delivery in time for Christmas, please call Aunt Rose.

Now we can take a few days until we will be traveling again, and this time we will be attending the Grand Worthy Advisor's Holiday Party and sleepover at Greenup Lodge in Greenup, KY, on Saturday and Sunday, November 26th and 27th. This Holiday Party gives all the Rainbow girls in Kentucky an opportunity to get together for fun and games, as well as reviewing the Grand Worthy Advisor's Project (which this year is "Service and Therapy Dogs"), collecting jars of peanut butter to be donated to Dare to Care, and exchanging Christmas gifts.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 28th, and for our Worthy Advisor's Christmas project, we will be collecting hats, gloves, etc., to donate to Wayside Christian Mission. The final day to bring in these items will be at our meeting on Monday, December 12th, so that we can deliver them in a timely manner. If you would care to help with this project, please contact Aunt Rose.

Our meeting on Monday, December 12th, is

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**Cherokee Chapter
DeMolay**



What a great year for Cherokee DeMolay. We have increased our membership by 30% by taking in twelve new members this year. We are the only Chapter in Kentucky with positive growth. Our newest member Nikolas Mayhew joined Cherokee in November. Nik is the nephew of Nathan Mahaffey. Welcome to Cherokee.

Brother Tim Wemes earned the Founders Award. This award is for bringing in 5 new members. Tim has brought in 6 new members. Tim was also the regional winner of the Kach Essay competition. DeMolay International awarded Tim \$300.00.

The last three Master Councilors from Cherokee have earned the Past Master Councilor's Meritorious Service Award. Eric Feldpausch, Brian Woodring and Ryan Foster have all done a great job as Master Councilor. These awards would not have been possible without the support of their entire Chapter, their parents and the Advisory Council. Tim Wemes is now working toward earning this very special DeMolay award.

We have done a great deal of traveling this year. We attended all three DeMolay Conclaves. Brian Woodring and I attended DeMolay International's Annual Session in Orlando, Florida. Some of us will be attending the session in 2006 in Seattle, Washington. In October, Tim Wemes and Kevin Fautz attended the Super Regional in Nashville, and learned how other States operate.

Some of our events this year have included: laser tag, Kings Island, the Derby Classic Basketball game, bowling, lock-ins, dances, putt-putt golf, and pizza parties, a church service and lunch. We have had visits from Mayor Dave Armstrong, Senator Julie Rose Denton and Colonel Carl Black. The DeMolay plan all their own events and have a lot of fun at each one.

Many thanks go out to our Suburban family. Suburban Lodge, Suburban Social Club and Suburban Hall Association and Southern Star have been great to Cherokee by supporting our Ad sales and making donations to us. Suburban has provided most of our funding this year. The young men of Cherokee are grateful to the whole Suburban Lodge family.

I want to thank Jon Elbert for his support of Cherokee this year. Jon has a family and a very demanding job, but always manages to find time for Cherokee DeMolay. I would also like to thank my wife Teri. She does as much for Cherokee and Kentucky DeMolay as anyone in the State and works much harder than myself. Mom Coffey thank you for what you do for DeMolay.

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expected to be an initiation and we will be starting the meeting at 7:00 pm, which will be followed by the Assembly's Christmas Party and the exchange of presents.

Our members are looking forward to Friday, December 16th, to help Suburban Lodge assemble the Lodge's fruit baskets for the widows, and then attending the Lodge's Christmas Party so they can tell Santa their Christmas wish.

If you need something unique and special for a Christmas gift, Aunt Rose still has some Supreme Assembly Cookbooks, which include some of the recipes of a few members of our Assembly and other recipes from Rainbow Assemblies throughout the United States. These Cookbooks have almost 500 pages and sell for \$20.00.

We invite you to join us as a sideler on any 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 pm (at 7:00 pm when we have initiations), and enjoy getting to know our girls and letting them get to know you. In addition, we have a Pledge Class, with Pledge Mother Teresa Whitlow, for girls 7 to 11 that meets at 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights.

In Rainbow Love,
Aunt Rose Flamm



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father-in-law was instrumental in getting him to join. Plus he had been thinking about the Masonic Lodge for quite some time. Brother Ken said that he would encourage any young boy or girl to join the DeMolay or Rainbow, as both organizations are wonderful groups to be in to learn leadership and self-control. To show the Elbert's walk the talk, they have 3 grand daughters who are currently in Rainbow Pledge.

So stop by and shake hands with your Tyler, and meet one of the nicest gentlemen here at Suburban 740.



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Jack Flamm, Ken Elbert, Raleigh Foster and Sam Lyons thanks for continuing to serve Cherokee. Most of you may not know, but Jack and Ken have served Cherokee for over thirty-seven years combined. Thank you, gentleman for your commitment and service to our youth.

Cherokee wishes the whole Suburban family a
blessed Holiday season!

Dad Greg Coffey



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EDITOR'S NOTE

by Jan Wilt



I have been talking to the Master and we are considering on going quarterly on the newsletter. This will save a lot of money plus it will make it easier for me, and it would only add one month to wait to get your newsletter. Instead of 2 months of information it will be 3 months. This has not been decided yet and if anyone has a serious objection to this, please let me know. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



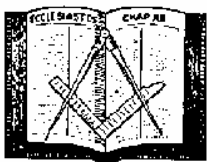
The Trouble Maker

I could tell from the moment I saw him,
He was nothing but the trouble making
kind,
His hair was much too long,
And his motley group of friends.
Had nothing but rebellion on their minds

He's rejected the establishment completely,
I know for sure he's never held a job,
He just goes from town to town,
Stirring up the young folks,
Until their nothing but a disrespectful mob,

I know for sure he's never joined the Army,
Served his country, like we all have done,
He would rather wear his sandals and his flowers,
While other rage the war that must be
won,
They arrested him last week and found him
guilty,
But that's no great loss,
Friday they will take him to a place call Calvary
And hang that Trouble Maker to a
Cross...

Written By Willie Nelson.



The Masonic Emblem

The Masonic emblem, consisting of the square, compass and letter G, was never used to a great extent for commercial purposes. Between the years 1810 thru 1834 "Old Sheffield Razors made by the Lummus Co. were labeled with the Masonic square and compass. The Poindexter and Orr Ranch in the Montana Territory registered the first cattle brand in 1864, made with the square and compass. Koch Industries, which still uses this brand, gave one of their branding irons to the Grand Lodge of Montana.

When the owner of a flour mill in the late 1800's decided to use this emblem on his flour bags, a suit was brought against him. Even tho there was no trademark protection as such, the courts decided that the square and compass was so clearly identified with Freemasonry that he was stopped from using it. In 1872, the American Commissioner of Patents ruled that the square and compass emblem could not be used as a trademark or trade name for any commercial purposes.

In England, in the 1880's, there were two companies making ginger beer with the Masonic emblem on its label. Also, one company was putting out "Master Mason Tobacco".

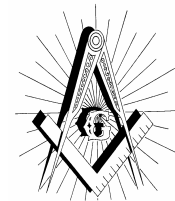
In 1992, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania registered the square and compass for their jurisdiction and the Masonic Service Assn. of North America. Since there was no U.S. Masonic national authority, each Grand Lodge would have to register independently.

According to the Grand Lodge of Michigan Constitutions and By-Laws, any non-mason that uses the names and emblems (square and compass) can be taken to court. Any freemason who does the same can be charged with un-Masonic criminal charges.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has a copyright in place for the square and compass with the letter G.

Although the state of Idaho has no formal policy on the usage of the square and compass, the brethren are free to use it to promote Freemasonry. And in 2001, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand registered the mason's mark.

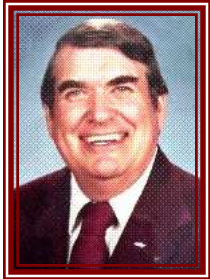
So it would seem that there are those who would use the square and compass to promote more than Freemasonry. Who would have thought it?



ROWLAND'S RAMBLINGS

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by JOE ROWLAND P.M.



Could somebody please tell me what happened to Thanksgiving? We seem to have gone directly from Halloween to Christmas. Immediately after Halloween, newspapers became full of ads for Christmas. Stores put their Christmas items on display immediately after Halloween. What in the world is happening? Why have we bypassed Thanksgiving? Aren't we thankful for anything any more?

Oh, there are a few small references to Thanksgiving in stores, and a couple of ads for turkeys in newspapers, but they are vastly overshadowed by Santa Claus. And the Jolly Ole Elf has taken over more and more space in the stores and in newsprint. I expect the gift-giving hype and "shop till you drop" ads to begin in July in a few years, probably right after Independence Day.

I also expect "Christmas Day" to be renamed "Santa Claus Day." Santa Claus seems to have replaced Christ during the Christmas season. Maybe a few kids know that Christmas is meant to be celebrated as Christ's birthday, but I'm sure for the vast majority Christ is pushed into the back-ground, and the emphasis is put on Ole Santa now. I see boo-koo pictures of Santa during Christmas season, but seldom see a reference to Christ until Christmas day.

Many people are still paying for the unnecessary expenses they incurred during the last Christmas season when the next Christmas rolls around. And most of the things they bought on credit last Christmas has been destroyed, worn out, given away, or cast aside long ago.

But economic conditions doesn't seem to affect the spend, spend, spend mentality of the Santa Claus season. We whip out that old plastic and swipe it through that greedy machine at checkout counters all over the country, without a single thought of the bill that's going to be in our mailbox next month, with twenty-four percent interest added to the cost of the things we bought, that we didn't need to buy in the first place.

But that's O.K. We only have to pay a minimum amount this month, and forget about it until next month, when another twenty-four percent is added to the balance. Then next month another twenty-four percent is tacked on. It becomes a vicious cycle, and goes on and on. We never get out of debt, but we have to keep up with the Joneses. It's ridiculous to give these card companies exor-

bitant amounts of our income every month. The necessities have to sometimes be bypassed to pay for the luxuries. But does that stop us? Noooo. We have to have everything we want, whether we can afford it or not. We'll worry about the consequences later.

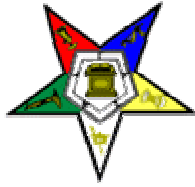
I had two brothers and four sisters when I was growing up. My dad had a supervisory position with the railroad, and was never out of work during the depression of the late twenties and thirties. We had everything we needed, but had few luxuries. Christmas morning each of us got about five dollars worth of presents, and we were happy with them. Many of our friends had much less, and we were taught to share with them. Today children probably get about five HUNDRED dollars spent on them at Christmas. and most of them want more. Shortly after Christmas the toys are lost, broken, or cast aside, because the kids are tired of them and want something else. And they usually get it.

I just can't understand that mentality. The kids are bombarded with expensive toys, and never have enough. Parents are so busy they spend very little time with their children, feel a little guilty and try to buy their love. Some of the kids would rather spend quality time with their mom and dad than spend a beautiful day in their room playing with a Game Boy or Nintendo, or some other electronic toy that cost as much as an automobile used to cost.

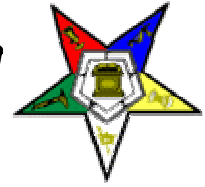
O.K. So I admit I have a room full of electronic toys and gadgets in my "toy room," but I paid for everything with my own sweat, and never bought anything with my one credit card that I didn't pay off in full every month. Nobody gets twenty-four percent from me, dude. My mama didn't raise any stupid kids.

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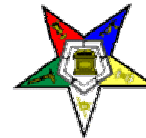


OES Newsletter

Worthy Matron Speaks Out!



SOUTHERN STAR SOCIAL CLUB



Hi,

I can't believe that it's already the Holiday season. Time will soon be getting away from us, with all the hustle and bustle. I just want to take this time to tell each of you to have a very wonderful Holiday season. Let's all remember the reason for the season, and not forget to thank God for each and every day that he gives us. Let also remember to thank our families and tell them daily that we love them.

Chapter is starting on a high note. We are going to have an imitation in November. I know that each of you will do a terrific job. I'm looking forward to having Joan Smith, Worthy Grand Matron to be with us in Jan. This year we will be inspected, and Joan is such a nice lady, that all of our "butterflies" will just fly away once the night starts.

I would like to have a full house that night, so I'm asking all of our members try to be there. Will we be hosting the Worthy Grand Matron, we will also have the Grand Conductress, Debbie, our Debbie there with us and I want us to have a full house to show our support for her and our chapter.

I also want to let each of you in on Rick's and my plan. We plan to make each meeting efficient and FUN. If we can't have fun, then we need to stay at home. I learned the last time I went thru, that chapter is where you can make life long friends, where you can laugh and cry together. So, come on out and laugh with us.

In Star Love,

Rosie



Elections were held at our October meeting the officers are as follows: Myra Curry - President, Karen Harvey - Vice President, and Jo Vest - Secretary/Treasurer. We hope everyone will come and join us for a good time. We sure would like for all the members of Southern Star Chapter to come out and support the club. Our numbers are small but we have big hearts and a big smile for everyone.

We meet the Friday after the Eastern Star Meeting, which is the third Tuesday of the month, and we really have a great time. The dinners are potluck, everyone needs to bring a dish and the food we have is delicious.

We have boxes at the lodge for anyone that has old printer and toner cartridges, which are emptied regularly. We also have boxes for old cell phones; this money goes to the Relay for Life, which we participate in every year.

Myra Curry
President





From the Conductress



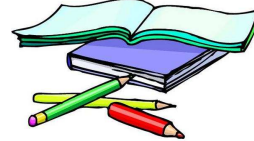
Well the Holiday season will be here soon. If you have not been to Chapter lately we sure wish you would come back and join us. Rosie, our Worthy Matron, has great plans for this year. We extend a hardy welcome to our new initiates and hope all of you will keep coming to the meetings. The more you come the more you will enjoy it.

I am selling shares on a ceramic Santa Claus. Shares are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00. Drawing will be at our December 20th meeting. I am planning on have several bake sales this year for money making projects. I will let everyone know the dates as soon as they are set. I hope everyone will help support our Chapter by donating baked goods for these sales and I will also need everyone's help with the bake sales (all help will be greatly appreciated).

Myra Curry
Conductress



Southern Star Records



Since the last issue, we have not had any deaths, name changes, address changes or any new petitions! We will be initiating Nora True and Judy McQueen on November 15, 2005 and Kate Sureck will be eligible to sign our By Laws as a Dual Member. Each of you is invited to share this exciting evening with us and welcome our new members.

Remember to check your dues card. If you have paid your dues for this year, you should have a yellow card dated 2005. If you have not paid your dues, please mail them to me at: 4305 Gaudet Road; Louisville KY 40299.

Have a wonderful Holiday.

Debbie Ballinger
Secretary



STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Margie Davis
Ken Elbert
Jessica Curry

Relief

Jim Metcalfe
Rose Flamm
Janet Riddle

Ways and Means

Myra Curry
All Officers

Other Committees

Examining

Teresa Whitlow
Rachel Whitlow
Bob Vest

Proficiency

Jo Vest
Debbie Ballinger
Rick Ballinger

Instructor

Jo Vest



Paraphernalia

Jessica Curry
Jon Elbert
Ken Elbert

**Sickness, Distress
& Shut Ins**

Myra Curry
Cliff Martin
Elizabeth Williams

Special Events

Jessica Curry
Myra Curry
Jo Vest
Bob Vest

Prompter

Dottie Metcalfe

Calling Committee

Dottie Metcalfe
Tina Holsclaw
Lucy Murphy

Rainbow Board

To be announced

Refreshment Committees

October

Lorraine Assembly #6
Rainbow Girls

April

To be announced

November

Karen Harvey
Lucy Murphy

May

Myra Curry
Jessica Curry

December

Rosie Gray

June

Janet Riddle & friends

January

Jo Vest
Bob Vest

July

To be announced

February

Teresa Whitlow
Rachel Whitlow

August

Ann Elbert
Sarah KlingleSmith

March

Lucy Murphy

September

Rosie Savage



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