

OUR CORNER

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

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From the Master Jack Riddle



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

When is a man a Mason? Is he a Mason only when he is with his brothers at lodge? Is it only when he dons his ring? Is it only when he is among those who know him to be as such? Of course we know none of these to be true, for a man is a Mason, in his heart for as long as he chooses to be, every moment onward after taking his obligation. As such, he should live as a Mason at all times and places no matter what company he is in the presence of or whether he is wearing a symbol of his association.

My first year as a Mason, I was proud to be a part of the fraternity and wanted to place the square and compass on my car, but I had reservations. Would I not reflect badly on the craft if I were to cut someone off, or drive aggressively? Wouldn't someone judge other Masons based on my actions? Of course they would! The solution to my 'problem' was obvious: don't do those things. After all, I had joined the fraternity to improve myself; why would I continue to make poor choices? Well, truth be told, we are all but human and prone to err. Yet still, we have to attempt to adhere to our obligations or they were for naught. I did place the emblem on my car; but less because I was proud and more as a reminder to strive to live as a Mason at all times—even with dealing with traffic.

To live a blameless and zealous life is quite the undertaking, but it is a choice we each have made as well as a promise to one another, ourselves and to God. That makes it a pretty important goal. So why do we do it? As with any objective we choose to pursue, we do so because we understand there are rewards for our success—rewards not necessarily understood by others.

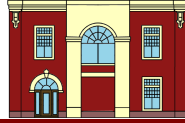
In my own experiences, last year I took to running and in April I completed my first half marathon race, the Derby Festival MiniMara-

thon. It took a lot of training to get to that point. Along the way, friends and family just shook their heads when I would share tales of my 5 mile trail run, or the adventures of the 10 mile run in the rain. They did not know for what reason I pushed myself to train so hard and often. During a training run a couple of months ago, I was on a particular two mile stretch that was all uphill. I had a flashback to a certain day just two years earlier where I had merely walked up a shorter and less steep hill while at the zoo with my son, but had struggled so much that I thought I might pass out and had to rest a good few minutes when I reached the top. Yet here I was running up a long and steep hill and feeling great, even knowing there would be no stopping for a breather when I reached the top. Through dedication and practice, I had improved myself. No one else, who had not experienced the same feeling of accomplishment and wellbeing, would truly understand the "why." The rewards, while very real to me, are somewhat intangible to others.

In another example more specific to Masonry, I was recently having a brief conversation with a friend, when I had to go excuse myself for lodge. He said, "Again? You go to lodge a lot; seems you are always going to a meeting, or to work the fish fry or to work on the newsletter. I don't get it; being a Mason seems like a lot of work!" I simply smiled and said, "You are right, you don't get it."

The rewards of Masonry are one of the true secrets of the craft; they cannot be learned from a book or found on the Internet. They can only be realized through experience. That experience is obtained from dedication and, more especially, practice. Thus it is your duty to live every day of your life as a Mason: for yourself, for your brothers, and for those that are observing and judging the craft by your actions.





**Coming
Events**



June 2012

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

July 2012

- 2 DeMolay Meeting 7:30PM
- 3 Hall Association..... 7:00PM
- 5 Lodge meeting 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
- 15 DeMolay Meeting 7:00PM
- 16 OES Southern Star..... 7:30PM
- 19 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM
- 19 Newsletter Deadline11:59PM
- 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

August 2012

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

Sick and Prayer List

- John and Keith Gallai:** Lost their Uncle
- Gene Younger Jr:** Lost his Grandmother
- Frank Coryell:** Recovery form surgery
- Dan Anderson:** Lost Grandson
- Dave Short:** Lost his Father In-Law



**Suburban
Lodge Stats**

Entered Apprentices:

Conferred On Brian Keith Vaughn 5/17

Conferred By Danny Davis

Fellow Crafts:

Conferred on None

Master Masons:

Conferred on None

Others:

Plural Members: None

Reinstatements: None

Demits: None

Petition for Degrees: None

**Petition for Affiliation
by Transfer:** None

Elected to Membership:

None

Suspended for Non Payment of Dues:

None

In Memory Of...

KENNETH ALLEN WHITTAKER 2/2/2012

Brother Whittaker was born on January 14, 1929 in Livingston, KY. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 3rd day of April, 1958, was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 8th day of May, 1958 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 19th day of June, 1958 all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 54 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Whittaker laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial Lodge above on the 2nd day of February, 2012.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

No Masonic Services were conducted.

SHELBY JENNING DOWNEY 3/24/2012

Brother Shelby was born on August 9, 1920 in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 1st day of July, 1961, was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 17th day of August, 1961 and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 28th day of September, 1961 all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 50 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Shelby laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial Lodge above on the 24th day of March, 2012.

He is sadly missed by his son, David, and other family members and many friends.

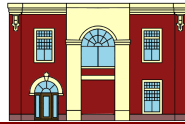
Masonic Services were conducted by Brother Tom Mercer.



First off, I would like to apologize that I have not written an article since November! In January, Brittney Horn was installed as Worthy Advisor for her 2nd Term. The other officers were Isabeta Rountree, Worthy Associate Advisor; Michaela Reams, Recorder; and Rachel Portman, Chaplain. On March 26 we had a Majority Member Night and I was very pleased with the turn out. That night we also initiated a new member, Jenny Sanford. Currently, we have two pledge girls Renee Wells and Renae Sanford. I am happy to report that an inactive member reinstated at our last meeting, Kaylan Gilkey and I hope that her sister, Rachel, will also be part of the Pledge Group again.

The girls are gearing up for Grand Assembly on June 14-16 at the Scottish Rite Temple. Registration is free this year and I hope you can come see our girls represent our assembly and Kentucky Rainbow. They have worked together to design a t-shirt for a new competition and are having a lot of work meetings to get the scrapbook finished. We always say that we will work on that along the way, but always seems to work everything out during the last few months.





Brittney and Isabeta are traveling to Grand Rapids, Michigan for Supreme Assembly July 21-25. Thanks to Christy Molen for going as the other adult chaperone. I am really looking forward to this trip. It is always fun to get to see Rainbow around the world, and this time is even better because we will be going on a bus so that means I don't have to drive! We have over 50 people going on the Kentucky Rainbow bus. It is going to be great to have that big of a delegation!

The girls are currently selling Krispy Kreme doughnut coupons, good for one dozen for \$7. This will go to help cover their costs for Grand and Supreme Assemblies.

On July 29th at 2:30pm we will have our Installation. Isabeta Rountree is our Worthy Advisor-elect. I look forward to seeing many of you there. It is an open Installation so that would be a great time to introduce someone you know to Rainbow or Pledge. Rainbow accepts members age 11-20 and Pledge is for 6-10 year olds. Our regular meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30pm

In Rainbow Love and Service,
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Our Corner

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Suburban Social Club

— Fish Fry —

Every Saturday 10am to 8pm, March—November

Serving Green River Style fish, fries, slaw, and our famous marinated sweet onions.

Located at 3901 South 3rd Street in Louisville, Kentucky — Where Southern Parkway and 3rd Street intersect

Cut this out and share with someone who may not know about the fish fry!



Do your part to conserve by going green! If you have access to the Internet, you can get our newsletter from our website, at www.Suburban740.org. You can also sign up to the announcement list so that you are notified when the next newsletter is available. In addition, if you wish to get the newsletter online exclusively, please let me know so I can remove you from the paper mailing list. You can contact me at jack@ancientcraftmasonry.com or 502-509-5551.

Southern Star Social Club invites everyone to:

A Bunko Party

Friday, July 20th, 6:30 pm

\$ 5.00 per person

Light refreshments provided

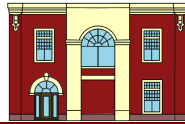
**Come and join us in our fundraiser!!!
Invite a friend!!!**

Character of a Freemason Farmers Almanac, 1823

The real freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in the fear of punishment which the law might inflict; They are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his creator.

In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the universal throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and the humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle..

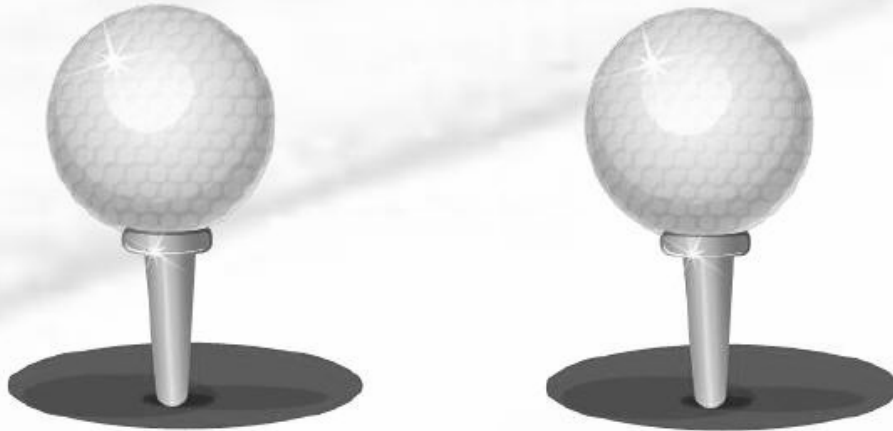




3rd Annual Suburban Lodge #740 Golf Scramble Benefitting Cherokee DeMolay

Ask about our hole sponsorships for only \$75.00

100% tax deductible.



Date/Shotgun Start: Sunday, June 24th Tee Off @ 1:30 p.m. sharp

Where: Seneca Golf Course, Louisville, KY

Entry Fee: \$80/Two-some

Prizes: 1st; 2nd; Closest to pin; Longest drive; Door prizes

Mulligans & Skirts for sale all day!

For Tournament information call: Clint Carrier 502-417-4799 or Jim Jordan 502-499-5739

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

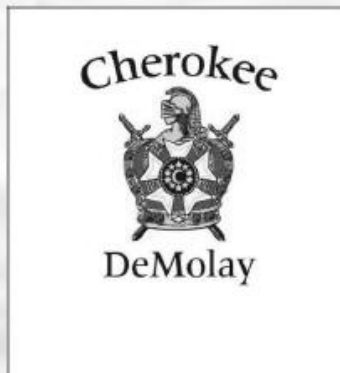
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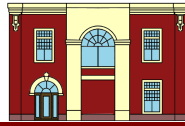
ZIP: _____ Phone Number: _____

Check Amount: _____ Number of Players: _____

All checks made payable to Cherokee DeMolay. Please send registration in by ~~June 1st~~
Clinton Carrier, 6312 Price Ln., Louisville KY 40229

Extended to June 10th!





FREEMASONRY AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

From The Grand Lodge Of Texas

The month of July is special to all Americans because we celebrate the birth of our nation on the fourth of July. On that date in the year 1776, representatives of the thirteen American colonies, assembled at what is now known as Independence Hall in Philadelphia, adopted a manifesto asserting their political independence from the British crown. We know that document as the American Declaration of Independence.

Over the last two centuries various Masonic writers have often attempted to inflate the involvement of members of the Masonic fraternity in the events leading up to and resulting from this important historic event. It has often been claimed that all or most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons; or that all or most of the general officers serving under Washington were Freemasons. These claims have been made to bolster the theory that the events of the American Revolution and the formation of the American colonies into an independent republic were carried out according to some Masonic plan, and in accordance with universal Masonic principles.

It is always best that such claims be tempered by the light of responsible and accurate historic research, not for the purpose of discounting the patriotic nature of our early American Masonic forbearers, but rather to understand the role that Freemasons did play in the formation of this great nation. Probably the best accounting of Masonic membership among the signers of the Declaration of Independence is provided in the book *Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers*, by Ronald E. Heaton, published by the Masonic Service Association at Silver Spring, Maryland. According to this well researched and documented work, proof of Masonic membership can be found for only eight of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence. They are:

- Benjamin Franklin, of the Tun Tavern Lodge at Philadelphia;
- John Hancock, of St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston;
- Joseph Hewes, who was recorded as a Masonic visitor to Unanimity Lodge No. 7, Edenton, North Carolina, in December 1776;
- William Hooper, of Hanover Lodge, Masonborough, North Carolina;
- Robert Treat Payne, present at Grand Lodge at Roxbury, Massachusetts, in June 1759;
- Richard Stockton, charter Master of St.

John's Lodge, Princeton, Massachusetts in 1765;

- George Walton, of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Georgia; and
- William Whipple, of St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Additionally, another five or six signers have from time to time been identified as members of the fraternity based on inconclusive or unsubstantiated evidence.

As for the Masonic membership among Washington's generals, it is true that many were members of the fraternity, but many were not. The recognized modern authority on the subject is James R. Case, former Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, who published his findings in the 1955 booklet *Fifty Early American Military Freemasons*.

When examining the participation of Freemasons in the American Revolution we should first remember the Ancient Charges of a Freemason, and especially that charge concerning "the Civil Magistrates, Supreme and Subordinate," which enjoins the Mason to be "a peaceable subject to the Civil Powers" and "never to be concern'd in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation." This charge was listed as the second of those contained in the Constitutions adopted by the Premier Grand Lodge at London in 1723, long before the American Revolution. How then can we justify the participation of American Freemasons in their rebellion against the King?

The answer can be given in two parts. First, the Masonic fraternity in the American colonies took no part in the Revolution, following Masonic tradition by taking no official stance. However, the fraternity's official neutrality may have owed as much to the divided loyalties of its leadership as it did to Masonic tradition. Many Masons were Loyalists. And second, rebellion against the state, whether justified or unjustified, is not a Masonic offense. The Old Charges state clearly "if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State, ... if convicted of no other Crime, ... they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his Relation to it remains infeasible." This simply means that, in the case of the American Revolution, many brethren, feeling that the actions of the crown warranted revolution and independence, were justified in following their consciences without fear of violating their Masonic obligations or any Masonic law.

As the charge concerning the Civil Magistrates reminds us, "Masonry hath been always injured by War, Bloodshed, and Confusion," the fraternity was indeed injured by

the war. General Joseph Warren, Grand Master of the Ancient's Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, lost his life at the Battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775 and his body was thrown into an unmarked grave. While he had led the American troops during that battle, his lodge brother, Dr. John Jeffries assisted the British troops. Nearly a year later, his body was exhumed and identified by another Lodge brother, Paul Revere.

Even before the Declaration of Independence, colonial Masonry suffered from the disruptions of the war, and the division of loyalties among its members. Many lodges found it difficult to meet regularly, and others ceased to meet at all. Many lodges were disbanded as occupying British forces prohibited private assemblies, and loyalist Masons fled the country or joined the British forces.

Although the Masonic fraternity played no part in the Revolutionary War, it can easily be shown that in many ways the revolutionary ideals of equality, freedom, and democracy were espoused by the Masonic fraternity long before the American colonies began to complain about the injustices of British taxation. The revolutionary ideals expressed in the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the writings of Thomas Paine, were ideals that had come to fruition over a century before in the early speculative lodges of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, where men sat as equals, governed themselves by a Constitution, and elected their own leaders from their midst. In many ways, the self-governing Masonic lodges of the previous centuries had been learning laboratories for the concept of self-government.

On September 18, 1793, President George Washington, dressed in his Masonic apron, leveled the cornerstone of the United States Capitol with the traditional Masonic ceremony. Historian Stephen Bullock in his book *Revolutionary Brotherhood* carefully notes the historic and symbolic significance of that ceremony. The Masonic brethren, dressed in their fraternal regalia, had assembled in grand procession, and were formed for that occasion as representative of Freemasonry's new found place of honor in an independent American society. At that moment, the occasion of the laying of the new Republic's foundations, Freemasons assumed the mantles "high priests" of that "first temple dedicated to the sovereignty of the people," and they "helped form the symbolic foundations of what the Great Seal called 'the new order for the ages'."

(from <http://www.themasonictrowel.com>)





Southern Star Ray OES Newsletter



SOUTHERN STAR DUES NOTICE

Dues for 2011 were due prior to August 1, 2011. Dues notices were mailed 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 were read at our April meeting. If dues 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 you 2011 dues cards.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary
502-267-6616

SOUTHERN STAR RECORDS

Newly Initiated Members:

Jennifer Osting
1114 Lone Oak Ave
Louisville KY 40219

Michaela Reams
236 Lawson Lane
Louisville KY 40214

Reinstated Member:

Betty Woosley (239-9765)
8102 Apple Valley Dr
Louisville KY 40228

Address Changes:

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2216 Red Mill Rd
Elizabethtown KY 42701-5639

Wilma Richardson
206 Goldfinch Court Unit 101
Fairdale KY 40118-9179

George & Edith Routon
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Louisville KY 40222

Sharon Stillwell (804-874-4334)
9036 Horrigan Court Apt B
Richmond VA 23294

Jerry Wayne Tucker
613 Pine Ridge Rd
Falls of Rough KY 40119

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 - District 15-School of Instruction - Jerusalem Lodge; 461 Klutey Park Plaza; Henderson KY

May 24 - Queen Esther #1 Courtesy Visit & Line Officer & Friendship - Reeves Lodge; Dinner at 6:00 p.m. reservations are required-Contact Wilma Phillips at 937-7831 or Lana Ashby at 447-8986; Presentation of Special Guests at 7:15 p.m.; Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Dress is casual (no jeans please) Come dressed in red, white or blue.

June 2 -Announcement Party-Center for Rural Development; 2292 South Hwy 27; Somerset KY

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. EDT, followed by the Party

June 14 - Victory #447 Courtesy Visit & Line Officer & Friendship - Highland Park Lodge; Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Casual Dress (no jeans)

June 15-17-Grand Assembly

July 17 - Southern Star Line Officers and Friendship - Details to be announced

July 21 - Dancing with the OES Stars - Scottish Rite Temple; Dinner at 5:00 pm; Entertainment at 6:30 pm; Advance tickets from OES Home Board Members or Line Officers for \$20.00 which includes the meal and show.

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Well, in my last report, I made a goal of earning the travel pin this year. Unfortunately, I've let that take a back burner as family and everything else seems to get in the way. But I still have exciting news from our Chapter!

Sister Gail Perry was appointed Grand Representative to Deleware. I am so glad that she was honored with this. She has truly taken me under her wing as my Conductress and I appreciate all the little things she has done for me so much!

At our June meeting will have Past Matrons and Past Patrons night. Usually this is at our birthday meeting in April, but Sister Rosie thought we should change it up a little this year so don't be confused;) In July we will be having another pajama party for our Line Officers and Friendship Night.

Have you made plans to attend Grand Chapter this year? Well, I think our Chapter needs to have a HUGE turnout. The first reason is that Sister Gail and I are part of the Conductress Circle that plans the luncheon honoring the Grand Conductress, the Associate Grand Conductress and the Grand Sentinel, so you don't want to miss that. And the 2nd reason is that Sister Debbie Ballinger is running for Grand Secretary and I would love to see her get this position. She really knows her stuff, and she promises that if she is elected, she will still stay our Secretary, so we have nothing to lose and plenty to gain. With her knowledge, I truly think it will help take off some of the burden Chapters' have in the reporting process and other requirements.

I am pleased to announce that we have a facebook page. If you have a facebook account go to www.facebook.com/southernstar154 and like our page. (You can find the "like" button on the top right)

Has it been so long, you don't remember our meeting nights? The 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. Hope to see you there J

In Star Love,
Rebecca Bartlett
Associate Conductress

