

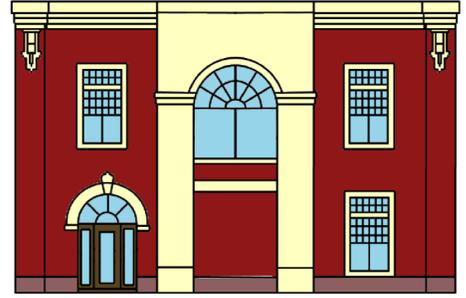
# OUR CORNER

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

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*January 31st, 2013*



## From the Master Jack Riddle



### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

As the year draws to an end, so too does my tenure as Master of Suburban Lodge. My departure will be bittersweet for me; while it has been an absolute pleasure and honor to serve my lodge, it will be nice to be free of the responsibility that comes with this office. However, I am saddened that I will no longer have the distinct privilege of laboring as an officer. As I was asked to serve in the line after having been raised just three months prior, being an officer is practically all I have known as a Mason. It is going to feel quite strange to return to the sidelines.

When I think back over this year, there are a few things I feel pretty good about. At the same time, I know I have made a lot of mistakes. I imagine every previous holder of this seat began their year with grand plans and ideas about how great their year will be, only to come up short. That may be wishful thinking on my part as I hope I am not the only one who ends their term with regrets—for those things done wrong, and for those things not done at all. I know I have disappointed some and to you, my Brothers, I am sorry.

For those things that went well, I can take little credit myself. There was not one meeting, event, trip, etc. involving this lodge over the last year where I did not rely on others to ensure success. While a number of the line officers had many conflicts this year, when called upon, they did their best to serve the lodge faithfully. While I am grateful for service of all the officers, there are a few that were particularly contributory throughout the year.

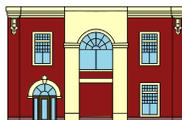
Our Secretary, Brother Joe Marshall PM, does a tremendous amount of work for the lodge. If any one person can be described as instrumental to our lodge, this is the guy. While I am certain he is asked the same questions from each new Master every year, it never showed to me that he was tired or reluctant to provide guidance the many times I called upon him.

Our Junior Past Master, Brother Clint Carrier did an outstanding job once again of taking care of refreshment throughout the year. While he initially only planned to continue in that capacity a short while this year, I am very grateful for his continued and often underappreciated service. I know a large number of other brothers assisted with the meals, or provided in Clint's absence. At the risk of leaving someone off the list, I want to also thank the following brothers who helped often: Wayne Carby PM; David Short, Joe Marshall PM, and Rusty Portman.

Our Marshall, Brother Stan Robinson PM, is always eager to offer advice. Some do not always appreciate it, but I know his passion comes from his love of our fraternity and I have always sought his opinions and found value in them even if they did not always align with my own.

Our Chaplin, Brother Jack Flamm PM, is very dedicated in his service to our lodge. Jack very seldom misses a meeting, and when he could not make it, he let me know well in advance. Further, I do not recall one time Jack left early. Even when degree work went to 11:30pm, Jack stayed so that he could fulfill his duty and close the lodge in prayer.





Our Senior Warden, Brother David Short, will do a great job as Master next year. He has assisted me often this year, especially with greeting visitors and guest, as I have never been a very forward person. He has many strengths that I do not., and will do a fine job in the East next year.

Once again, I thank all of the officers for their service this year. Several of our officers have found that their other commitments are too great to allow them to continue in the line. I appreciate their respect for the duties of their offices and their decisions to vacate those positions for those better able to serve. As such, we will find ourselves with four vacant seats on election night—two appointed and two elected.

Brothers, whether you are asked by the Master to serve next year or are elected by your brethren, please give it plenty of thought. I am not trying to talk anyone out of office, but make sure you know what you are committing to. Your service, in general, is one of the greatest gifts you have to give. The politician Shirley Chisholm once said, "Service is the rent that you pay for room on this earth." Service to the lodge is essential, for it is only by the combined efforts of many laboring for the same goals that anything is accomplished. Thus, when you answer the call to serve your brothers, know that there is a lot of importance placed on your participation. For the sake of the lodge, when you step up to bat, be ready to swing.

Also know, there are a great number of ways to serve the lodge if serving as an officer is too great of a commitment. I hope that our vacating officers will be able to continue to serve the lodge in some form or another. We have numerous parts for our degree work that only one or maybe two people know. For some parts, we often have to rely on brothers from other lodges to fulfill, so there is plenty of opportunity to help out there. If memory work is not your forte, there are plenty of other opportunities to help such as serving on a committee, visiting homebound brothers, or assisting with the newsletter. Whatever appeals to you, if willing and able, please seek a way to be a participant rather than an observer in your lodge.

Brothers, it has been an honor and a privilege and I will forever value my time in service to my lodge.

Have a Merry Christmas!

## Coming Events



### December 2012

- 3 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 4 Hall Association Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 6 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 7 Fish Stand Workers Banquet..... 6:00PM
- 10 Rainbow Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 11 Social Club Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 13 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 17 DeMolay Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 18 Southern Star OES Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 20 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 21 Widows Bags and Party ..... start at 6:00PM  
put bags together, then go to Lodge room for Program and Santa Claus Party to follow in the Fish Stand
- 22 Delivery of Widows Bags ..... Start at 8AM
- 25 Christmas Day
- 27 LODGE ELECTIONS ..... 7:30PM
- 29 Lodge Officer Installation (Open) ... 7:30PM

### January 2013

- 1 New Years Day Lodge Dark Scottish Rite Glass Day and Chili Lunch: Meet at lodge, go to Scottish Rite, pick up Glass, return to Lodge and have Chili.....11:00AM
- 1 Hall Association Meeting & Annual Elections..... 7:00PM
- 3 Lodge meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 7 DeMolay Meeting ..... 7:00PM
- 8 Social Club Meeting & Annual Elections Dinner ..... 6:00PM  
Meeting at..... 7:00PM
- 11 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 14 Rainbow Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 15 OES Southern Star..... 7:30PM
- 17 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 17 Newsletter Submission Deadline..11:59PM
- 18 Southern Star Social Club ..... 6:30PM
- 21 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 22 York Rite Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 23 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 28 Rainbow meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 31 Lodge Family Night - Chili Cookoff. 6:00PM

### February 2013

- 4 DeMolay Meeting ..... 7:00PM
- 5 Hall Association Meeting ..... 7:00PM
- 7 Lodge Meeting ..... 7:30PM
- 11 Rainbow Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 12 Social Club Meeting..... 7:00PM

## Sick and Prayer List

- Mike Frames:** recovering from surgery
- Frank Coryell:** recovering from surgery
- Paul Jones:** doing better

## Suburban Lodge Stats

### Entered Apprentices:

- Conferred on** Nick Carter 10/18  
David Young 10/18  
David Harrod 11/8  
Kevin Metcalfe 11/8  
Justin Mitchell 11/8

- 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:** 10/4/12  
Kevin Metcalfe  
Justin Mitchell  
David Harrod

- Petition for Affiliation by Transfer:** Neil Magel

- Elected to Membership:** 11/1/12  
Kevin Metcalfe  
Justin Mitchell  
David Harrod

## In Memory Of...

### LORNE GARVIN SMITH 10/27/2012

Brother Smith was born on January 5, 1922 in Ontario, Canada. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 8th day of September 1966, was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 20th day of October 1966, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 17th day of November 1966; all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 46 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Smith laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 27th day of October, 2012.





He is sadly missed by his Children and family members and many friends.

No Masonic Services were Conducted

**DONALD RAY JACKSON 10/4/2012**

Brother Jackson was born on December 19, 1928 in Louisville, Kentucky. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 27th day of May 1988, was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 12th day of August 1988, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 16th day of February 1988; all in Plumb Lodge # 862 and affiliated as Plural Member of Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM on the 10th day of November 2005.

He was a faithful member for 25 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Jackson laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 4th day of October 2012.

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

Masonic Services were conducted by Plumb Lodge #862 F&AM.



The girls are excited to see the year coming to a close, we always have a lot of fun planned for the holidays. This year we will be traveling to Magoffin for the Grand Worthy Advisor's Holiday Party. We are busy planned next term and trying to come up with ideas for a membership drive.

We are looking for members ages 11 to 20 to join our small group! Right now our pledge group is on hiatus until we have more younger girls, ages 6 to 9, but we would love to get it started back up as well. Please come out to one of our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30pm.

In Rainbow Love,  
Rebecca Bartlett  
Mother Advisor  
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[jack@ancientcraftmasonry.com](mailto:jack@ancientcraftmasonry.com)  
or 502-509-5551

*"Masonry is Friendship, Love, and Integrity - Friendship which rises superior to the fictitious distinctions of society, the prejudices of religion, and the pecuniary conditions of life. Love which knows no limit, nor inequality, nor decay. Integrity which binds man to the eternal law of duty."*  
—Augustus C.L. Arnold

**Our Corner**

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**Kentucky Masonic History, as appears in Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, 1892**

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was organized, October 16, 1800, and was the first Grand Lodge formed in the Mississippi Valley.

While Kentucky was still a part of Virginia, the Freemasons, residing in the town and vicinity of Lexington, applied to the Grand Lodge of Virginia for authority to open and hold a lodge. The application being granted, a warrant was issued, November 17, 1788, for Lexington Lodge, No. 25. This lodge, so far as know, was the first lodge organized west of the Alleghany Mountains.

Three other lodges were organized in Kentucky under the same authority, as follows: Paris Lodge, No. 35, at Paris, Bourbon County, November 25, 1791; Georgetown Lodge, No 46, at Georgetown, November 29, 1796; and Frankfort Hiram Lodge, No 57, at Frankfort, December 11, 1799. Early in 1800 a dispensation was issued for Abraham, afterward Solomon's Lodge, at Shelbyville.

On September 8, 1800, delegates from five lodges assembled at Masons' Hall, in Lexington, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge.

A committee was appointed to draft an address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, giving the reasons that induced the lodges to separate from its jurisdiction, among others that:

"The Grand Charity Fund, an important object of the Institution, cannot be extended to any brother or family in Kentucky, by reason of the distance from the Grand Lodge of Virginia."

"The difficulty, from the same cause, of being represented in the Grand Lodge and from receiving the visits of the Grand Master and other visitors."

In accordance with the resolution of the convention, the representatives of the five





## Masonic Widows and Orphans Home: History as appears on Wikipedia.org

The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home was formed in 1867 due to a discussion on November 23, 1866 pondering what to do with the number of widows and orphans of Masons caused by the American Civil War; the 1867 founding makes Kentucky's Masonic Widows and Orphans Home the oldest Masonic home in North America. It started when a group of Louisville Freemasons on November 23, 1866 gathered with an intention of creating such a home. The Kentucky General Assembly chartered the organization in January 1867. The initial starting funds for starting the home was \$30,000, with additional funds totaling \$20,000 and \$12,000 separately. The cornerstone of the original home, located north of Avery Street between First and Second Street in what was previously a cornfield, was laid in 1869, with the first resident admitted on April 7, 1871. The building was completed in 1873. A tornado on June 2, 1875, damaged the roof and center walls of the original building, but no one was injured.

World War I and the Spanish influenza outbreak following the war caused overcrowding. Thus, the decision was made to construct a larger orphan's home than the original in Louisville, to the present-day location in Louisville/St. Matthews on Frankfort Avenue, at the cost of \$94,100,000. Construction began in 1925 on the 176-acre (0.71 km<sup>2</sup>) location, and the residents moved to it on August 15, 1927. The Louisville *Courier-Journal* called it "Little City Beautiful". The largest concentration of orphans at the home was 632 in 1930. The last orphan left in 1989, resulting in the home being solely for senior care.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masonic\\_Widows\\_and\\_Orphans\\_Home](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masonic_Widows_and_Orphans_Home)



lodges assembled at Lexington, October 16, 1800. A Master Mason's lodge was opened in due form, and the Masters of the several lodges produced their charters, also the authorities under which they represented their respective lodges, and a Grand Lodge was regularly formed.

The seal of Lexington Lodge was adopted as the seal of the Grand Lodge until a proper one could be prepared. The lodges surrendered their charters and received new ones, which were numbered according to the date of their institution, upon the payment of a small fee each, Abraham Lodge under dispensation paying double.

The Grand Lodges of the country soon extended fraternal recognition, and thus most happily and harmoniously was a Grand Lodge of Freemasons established in the land that had been known as "Kaintuck-ee," – "The Dark and Bloody Ground." It issued warrants for lodges in the following Territories and States: Tenn., Mo., Ind., Ohio, Miss., Ill., La., and Ark.

A Grand Charity Fund was started as early as 1802, levying a tax of \$1 on every initiation into a subordinate lodge, and for every initiation in the Grand Lodge, \$5. In 1858 this fund had increased to \$22,029.57.

Delegates from the several lodges assembled at Lexington, October 6, 1806, for the purpose of drafting a constitutional rules and regulations. After due consideration, regulations, consisting of twenty-six articles, were adopted. These were published under a modified form in 1808. As these regulations were predicated upon the Virginia Ahiman Rezon, which was mainly a revision of Smith's "Ahiman Rezon of Pennsylvania," and which in turn was an adaption of Dermott's, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky may, therefore, be said to have been organized under the system of the "Ancients."

In 1814 the bearer of a challenge, that passed between two Master Masons, to fight a dual, was tried and suspended for one year by his lodge. Upon appeal to the Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of the committee, to whom the matter was

referred, the sentence was set aside, and that of reprimand was substituted. Some few years later the Grand Master, William H. Richardson, emboldened, doubtless, by this leniency, fought a duel with a member of his own lodge. At the 1818 communication, the Grand Master and his opponent, Benjamin W. Dudley, were cited to appear before the Grand Lodge for having engaged in a duel. It was then

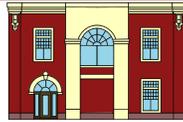
"Resolved, that the Grand Lodge have jurisdiction to inquire into the charge," etc.

On motion of Brother Henry Clay, a committee was appointed "to produce a reconciliation between them." The next day the committee reported, recommending, as a substitute for the resolution of expulsion then pending, suspension from the privileges of Masonry for one year. The recommendation was adopted. September 1, 1819, funeral rites were held by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in respect for the memory of Thomas Smith Webb, who died in July, previously. A novel feature of the procession, on the occasion, was the presence of nine boys, sons of Master Masons, three bearing the banners of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, and six carrying baskets of flowers.

In 1824 the corner-stone of a Masonic hall was laid in Lexington. Two years afterwards, the building that was erected thereon was consecrated by the Grand Chapter. A large part of the funds used in the erection of this building were raised by lottery, authorized by an act of the legislature. At La Grange there is a monument to the Masonic Poet-Laureate, Rob Morris, LL.D.

In 1867 the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home was incorporated. The Grand Lodge, when it was necessary to raise a means for the extension of the building and its maintenance, authorized a tax upon its members. Several discouraging circumstances interfered with the work. The Home is now occupied, and many orphans are cared who otherwise would have been thrown on a cold world.





# Southern Star Ray

## OES Newsletter



### SOUTHERN STAR DUES NOTICE

Dues for 2012 are due prior to August 1, 2012. If you do not have a 2012 dues card, please send your \$24.00 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.

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 2012 dues card.

If you have not attended Chapter recently, come see us on the third Tuesday each month. We would love to see you. The meetings begin at 7:30 and are usually over around 9:00. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you are still welcome to bring your family, along with a covered dish, and come to our Social Club, which meets at 6:30 on the Friday following the third Tuesday. We have a great time visiting with each other over a hearty pot luck meal which is followed by a very short business meeting.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary  
502-267-6616

### Southern Star - In Memoriam

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following members who have died since the last issue of the newsletter. Each one will be missed.

#### **Sister Betty Fentress – October 7, 2012**

Sister Betty was initiated into Southern Star on November 18, 1969 where she remained a member for almost 43 years.

#### **Sister Dorothy Thomas – October 12, 2012**

Sister Dorothy was initiated into Southern Star Chapter on March 18, 1958 where she was a loyal member until her death.

#### **Sister Wanda Jensen – October 18, 2012**

Sister Wanda was initiated into Southern

Star on January 21, 1958 where she remained a faithful member for over 54 years.

### From the Conductress

First, I would like to thank everyone for the help I received at the bake sale. Thanks to Gail, Jane, Karen, Debbie and Carolyn for bringing donations and thanks to Gail, Jane, Karen, Lucy and Heather for working the table.

We had several attend the first district school of the year in Lagrange. It was interesting to see what Michael and Linda have in store for the year. December 8th is the school at large in Louisville at the Scottish Rite. After the school will be Debbie Ballinger's party for Grand Secretary. I hope to see many of us there to thank Debbie for being a dedicated member of our chapter and to show how proud we are of the great job she is already doing.

At the December chapter meeting, Heather has asked us to bring items for the joy wagon at the Eastern Star Home. They are in need of dove soap, tooth paste, Kleenex, and hairbrushes. If you can, please donate the full size items.

Remember to like us on Facebook. I try to make sure to post announcements when I know about upcoming events. Facebook.com/southernstar154

Rebecca Bartlett  
Conductress 2012-2013

### From the Associate Matron

Greetings to everyone,

Our new chapter year is moving along. October was our first meeting with our new officers. It was a very good meeting with our Worthy Matron Sister Heather Rountree. Also in October was our first School of Instruction held in Lagrange KY, lead by our new Worthy Grand Matron Sister Linda Stepp and our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Michael Martin. It was a wonderful time seeing so many friends. The schools are to help us in our chapter meetings. If you have not been able to attend

before it is a wonderful time of helpful instruction and gathering of friends. We will be having a School At Large in District 1 to be held at the Scottish Rite Building in Louisville KY on December 8 beginning at 10 am. Right after the school we will be having a party honoring our own Debbie Ballinger, newly elected Grand Secretary, and also Wilma Phillips, Grand Treasurer, also at the Louisville Scottish Rite Building. There will also be a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$20.00. Reservations can be made by contacting Alice Wiggins, 859-264-8396. This should be a wonderful fun filled day. Looking ahead we will be collecting items for the Joy Wagon for the residents at our Eastern Star Home. They are in need of Dove bar soap, Kleenex, toothpaste, and hair brushes. As you can see we have lots of fun with our sisters and brothers. Please come and join us every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Let Us Give Thanks.....**FOR EYES TO SEE...** a child perched happily on Santa's knee; a calm sea beneath a starry winter sky.

Let Us Give Thanks.....**FOR EARS TO HEAR...** the whispering voice of the one you love; words of appreciation for a job well done.

Let Us Give Thanks.....**FOR TASTE TO ENJOY...**a cup of cocoa before a roaring winter fire; mom's own pie.

Let Us Give Thanks.....**FOR SCENTS...**fresh apples at the market; the smell of wood burning on a chilly morn.

Let Us Give Thanks.....**FOR TOUCH...**a sweetheart on your shoulder; a friend's comforting hand on your shoulder.

Let Us Give Thanks.....**FOR LIFE...**itself and the opportunities of loving and being loved, of giving and receiving, of serving and being served, of living in a free country, where one's horizons are limited only by one's talents and visions.

May God bless you and hope to see you soon.

Gail Perry  
Associate Matron  
Southern Star #154

