

OUR CORNER

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

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January 30th at 6pm

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From the Master Tom Mercer



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

A YEAR OF OUTREACH

It is both my honor and pleasure to serve as Master of Suburban Lodge #740, Free and Accepted Masons, for 2014. Our newly installed Lodge Officers look forward to having another great year as was had under the firm and steady hand of the Master for 2013, David Short. We are forever grateful for his service to our Lodge, with the loving assistance of his lovely wife, Kim, and we will continue to look to him for guidance as our Junior Past Master for this year.

For those who were unable to attend, and for those who attended and requested a copy, what follows is both the invocation of the aid of the Diety for our newly installed officers and my remarks following our installation on January 2, 2014 by the Most Worshipful Richard T. Nation, Grand Master of the Lodge of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with an addendum. This year, which I am calling "A Year of Outreach," our procession of officers to be installed were led into the body of the Lodge to the joyous and inspiring strains of "Scotland, The Brave" gloriously played on the bagpipe by our own Brother David Stewart, who added a special flair to the event by leading the procession dressed out in full Scottish regalia, kilt and all.

INVOCATION

Masons are taught that, before embarking on any great and important undertaking, to first kneel or bow before Almighty God and invoke the aid of deity. Therefore, will those who are able please now arise and bow your heads with me for a short prayer for the newly installed Officers of this Lodge.

Almighty God, Supreme Architect of the Universe, Author of All Good Gifts and Graces,

We thank You for the challenge that You have placed before us as the newly installed Officers of this Lodge. We pray that You will give us guidance and strength to perform the great duties we owe to You, our families, our Lodge, our neighbors and ourselves. Please bless us now, Our Father, for these things we ask in Thy Holy Name.

Amen. So mote it be.

REMARKS

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors and Guests, Members of this Lodge, Family Members and Friends,

I stand before you at the beginning of my one year term as one in a long line of Masters of this Lodge, who have stood newly installed at this station in each of the 112 years since this Lodge was chartered in 1902. Their faces adorn these walls.

Some of these men, still living or now dead, it has been my great privilege to know. Looking upon these faces, I am aware keenly aware that men worthier than I have sat in this chair and have stood where I stand tonight. Yet the weight of this recognition is somewhat lifted by something taught to me a few years back by my friend and brother, Alan Whitlow, himself a Past Master, who once asked me, "What is the difference between a good Master and a bad Master?" The answer? "One year," he said.

That somewhat deflating and yet comforting thought brings to mind a similar situation encountered years ago when my sister-in-law put me in charge of her then infant son before she and my wife went shopping. My wife and I had no children of our own at the time, so I was woefully lacking in experience. I reminded my wife and sister-in-law of that fact, but then promised that, while I may not do everything right, I would at least keep him alive until they came back.

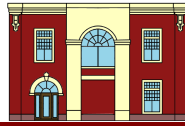
To my brothers of Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM, I now make that same modest promise tonight. I promise to keep this Lodge alive until my successor can be elected and installed.

Of course, with the help and prayers of my fellow officers and all Lodge members, with the help of the greater fraternity of Free Masons and like-minded men and women of this community, with the help of my wife, family and friends, and with the help of Almighty God, I hope to do more than that.

As an institution, Freemasonry deserves more than a succession of caretakers to continue its proud tradition. Fortunately, most of the Past Masters depicted on the walls have been more than caretakers of their trust and all doubtlessly have served to the best of their respective abilities. This Lodge neither deserves, nor shall it have, a mere place holder for this year.

Freemasonry proudly traces its roots back to the first stone masons and the builders





of King Solomon's Temple and other sacred and important edifices. It continued down through the Middle Ages with the building of the great cathedrals of Europe.

Imagine what it took in human effort, time and resources to raise those marvels of architecture to the glory of God! Imagine the skills that had to be acquired and the trust that had to be established between the Master Mason and the workers who sought to accomplish the tasks drawn upon his trestle board.

Before Gutenberg's press, these things were not written down, for only a select few among the clergy and the nobility could read and write. So while there were some drawings, there were no written instructions for all to read, no written credentials to prove one possessed the requisite skill.

As a result, sometimes cathedrals were built by men who lacked the requisite skill and learning, not only about the sciences of Geometry and Architecture, but also about how best to organize and lead men, to account for their strengths and weaknesses, to consider the impact of their vices, prejudices and quarrels. Where this requisite skill and learning was lacking, where men could not be brought together to work in peace and harmony, with a single-mindedness of purpose, cathedrals collapsed at great cost of life to the worshippers assembled, and at great material cost to the Lord of the Manor, who had commissioned the work.

One of the greatest architectural accomplishments of the age was the development of what is called the Roman Arch—the semi-circle of stones you see at the entry ways and windows of the ancient cathedrals. A documentary on the History Channel pointed out that, as a consequence of the occasional calamity of a collapsing cathedral wall, a practice developed whereby the commissioning Lord or nobleman had the Master Mason stand beneath such an arch, once completed. What better way could one warranty or "stand behind" his work?

Obviously, the Master Mason who failed this test did not receive any more commissions, and the men who worked under him, not having the skills of their previous employer, likely found it difficult to get more work from any other Master Masons who might fear a similar fate. It is not hard to imagine that, over time, a premium would have been placed upon identifying good men from the start, along with developing and teaching them a value system and code of conduct to make them even better men, whereby they could work in peace and harmony together and build trust and allegiance among one another so as to perform their tasks in solidarity for the glory of God and to the resulting betterment of their community.

Because of his knowledge and skill, and the reflected glory of his work with stone, a Master Mason assumed a stature in his country that he might not otherwise have achieved on his own in feudal times. Most men of the time were given or achieved rank in society due to their noble blood or their relationship to the nobility. However, a Master Mason could rise in society based upon his own merit, based upon the skills he had developed and what he had learned that was

passed down from mouth to ear in an oral tradition spanning the ages.

Over time, many in the nobility came to admire these stone masons (referred to by the Masons of today as "operative masons"), with their ancient craft and their codes of human conduct, doctrines and philosophies which allowed them to work so well together. These noblemen sought admission into the Masonic guilds as honorary members, leading eventually to the formation of their own Masonic lodges, where the actual stonework skills were no longer taught. Instead, what was taught were the symbolic meanings derived from the work of the ancient stone masons, their codes of conduct and the central tenets of their profession, a belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and all which that entails, for the betterment of their individual members and of society as a whole.

And so it was that Ancient Craft Masonry and its oral tradition continued down through the mists of time, until the appearance of the first written recording regarding the formation in 1717 of a Masonic Grand Lodge in England. During this era, a Freemason near the end of his life and writer of great repute during the period of the Enlightenment, Voltaire, wrote about what was then a radical idea, a long held Masonic tenet that all men were created equal. Doubtless, you are all aware to varying degrees of the influence of Freemasonry on many of our founding fathers, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, Paul Revere and many others. To learn more about the myths and realities of that connection, I recommend to you Christopher Hoddap's book, *Solomon's Builders*, from which much of the historical context of my remarks have been taken. According to Hoddap, our founders have given us a United States Constitution, which was modeled after the existing Masonic Constitution, creating three branches of government, based upon a concept of equality, separating church and state to protect each from the other, guaranteeing freedom of speech and ultimately guaranteeing the principals of one man, one vote. Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, members of Congress and well known personalities throughout American history have been Masons.

Masons of today, as members of the world's oldest existing fraternity, are heirs to a rich tradition of which to be proud, to strive to emulate and, where necessary, to improve. However, maintaining that heritage has not been easy. Over time, all charitable fraternal organizations—not just Masonic organizations—have dwindled in membership. In Suburban Lodge, I am told that membership once exceeded 1,000. I was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in this Lodge, my father's Lodge, in 2006. Since then, membership has fallen from over 500 members to little more than 300 members now. Masonry may have done nothing wrong over the years to contribute to this decline, but clearly it is not doing something right. Brothers, we need to figure out what that is. We must reverse this trend or face the inevitable consequences.

As the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Richard T. Nation, notes in the website for the Grand Lodge

of Kentucky, for those interested in pursuing membership, "the basic criteria for membership is:

- A belief in God
- Believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man
- Male and at least 18 years old
- Be a resident of Kentucky
- Be recommended by 2 members of the Lodge
- Receive a unanimous ballot for membership

"There is one little known aspect of petitioning for membership of which you should be aware. You will not be asked to become a member. Masons in Kentucky do not solicit for membership, we wait for the man to ask for a petition."

Our membership of brothers who now, sadly, are dying off, those members who were among those the journalist, Tom Brokaw, called, "The Greatest Generation," were humble men, the strong and silent type of Americans, who were nonetheless men of action. They did much, but said little about it.

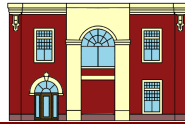
Those of us here tonight have grown up in the time of Muhammad Ali, dubbed "The Louisville Lip," in a time of when media and technology overwhelms a new generation of Americans with demands on their attention. While I do not advocate that we attempt to compete for the world's attention with the audacity of "The Louisville Lip," I do not believe the old strong and silent approach is well fitted to our present situation. I believe we need to hang on to the best of our old values, while beginning to let the outside world know a little more about who we are and what we do instead of continuing to hide our light under a bushel.

More people in the greater community need to know about the connection between Kosair Children's Hospital and Kosair Charities and the Masons who occupy what we call the "Blue" Lodges, like Suburban. Without braggadocio, we need to let our fish fry customers, who are not Masons or members of other affiliated organizations, that their patronage allows our **volunteer** workers collectively to make donations to help support the Kosair Charities, various youth groups, organizations that provide Christmas gifts to abused or neglected children in our community, college scholarships for deserving youth and many other charities.

We have to give more people more opportunities to know who we are and what we do and what we value and what we want to pass down to future generations. That is why, building upon the good work of Past Masters, I hope to make this a year of greater outreach:

- To our own new and young members, our future, for whom we will establish a Young Masons' Committee for this year to address ways in which Suburban Lodge can be more welcoming and supportive to young and Masons and others among their friends who may have felt unwelcome in the past;





- To our sick and distressed members and families, who I along with other members hope to visit or contact in the coming year;
- To our widows, with whom I hope our members will help me make contact more than once a year around Christmastime;
- To our members who no longer attend Lodge or involve themselves in its many activities, who I hope to contact and have others help me contact this year;
- To the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls and Demolay Chapters who share our building and whom we support and want to establish an even closer relationship;
- To the brothers of our sister lodges in District 13, each of which we shall visit this year;
- To other of our affiliated fraternal organizations, such as the Shriners, Scottish Rite and York Rite, and the Masonic Home, where we will seek a special dispensation to hold a Lodge meeting this year for the home bound masons who can no longer attend their various lodges;
- To the leadership of other like-minded charitable organizations, whom I would like to invite to our Family Nights this year; and,
- To other community institutions, such as our local schools, where we hope to establish a community outreach program such as is envisioned by the "Masonry Matters" program; and perhaps even to our local Family Courts, where we have been petitioned by the Court Appointed Special Advocates volunteer program to consider being of some assistance to their program which provides the eyes and ears of the Court for individual abused or neglected children who are placed in the care of the state.

As always, Masonry has much to do in and for its community. With God's assistance, let us continue together in this great and good work—in this year of outreach—with renewed vigor and with an eye to the future as well as the past.

ADDENDUM

In a recent address to Lodge brothers, I pointed out that, in addition to the fact that our membership has fallen from more than 500 members in 2006 to little more than 300 members today, approximately a third of our current members are 80 years of age or older and approximately half of our current members are 70 years of age or older. The trend is unmistakably clear and the conclusions to be drawn are bleak if we insist upon doing the same things over and over and expecting a different result. This Lodge has survived for 112 years since 1902, but can it survive another 112 years? A pessimist would say no.

But the future does not need to be so gloomy if men of action and goodwill determine to reflect upon the way things are, develop action plans to enhance those things that are working and change or replace with new ideas those old things (not old values) that are not working, and

then roll up their sleeves and do the work needed to put those action plans into effect to control and direct our future for the better.

Contained within this publication is an article, "Masonry Matters," by Kentucky Supreme Court Justice, Bill Cunningham, a member of Parkersville Lodge #484 in Lamasco, Kentucky for over thirty-five years. I commend it to your attention. His concerns are our concerns and his vision should be our vision. It is perhaps a cliché that any vision of our future must include the young, because they obviously are our future. That is one reason why we now have a new Young Masons Committee, comprised of motivated members in their thirties and under. It is my hope that these young members can help us come up with ideas that they believe will help make this Lodge more welcoming toward and relevant to its younger members and, consequently, more attractive to their friends and other young men who might consider joining our Lodge.

It is axiomatic that no species can survive unless it can reproduce itself, nor can it flourish unless it replaces its dying members with new generations that outpace in numbers those that are passing away. The same is no less true for a Masonic lodge. Because our membership is not flourishing, let alone replacing itself, we now have a new Membership Development Committee. That committee will serve a dual purpose. Not only will its members develop and present to our Lodge ideas about how best to go about developing new members, they will also do the same with regard to the development of our existing members. One such idea is our new Lodge Ambassador Program, which revolves around a simple "call tree" concept. If I get the kind of support I am hoping to receive from those 1% to 2% of members who regularly attend Lodge, Social Club and/or Hall Association meetings, then every member of our Lodge should be receiving a call from one of these Brothers, a Lodge Ambassador, within the next few weeks and at least four times throughout the year. They will check on how each of you are doing, determine whether there are any sick or distressed in your family, determine whether you might need a visit from the Master or anyone from our Visiting Committee, invite you to return to Lodge if you have been missing in action recently, share with you what has been going on in our Lodge, ask if you might be able to pledge to donate at least two hours of work each month to our Fish Fry operations from the first Saturday in March through the last Saturday in November—or perhaps assist by becoming a Lodge Ambassador and contacting others. Generally speaking, we hope our Lodge Ambassadors will help show that none of our existing members have been forgotten. If you have not heard from one of them by the end of February—even if you are a member who regularly attends Lodge—please let me know. That will indicate to me that either we are understaffed or there has been a mistake.

Closely aligned with membership development is the concept of community involvement. Many Masons have family members who are Masons or were Masons at the time of their death. But

what about other potential members who had no such affiliation (and the significant women in their lives, whose support or lack thereof may be critical to any decision to apply to join)? Have we given them any idea of who we are and what we do?

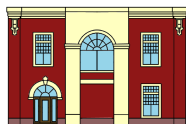
Aside from our Masonic symbol, for example, which many people do not have any idea what it stands for, what would a non-Mason entering our Fish Fry see that would tell him anything about who we are and what we do? Would he get any idea that our workers are all volunteers? Would he get any idea that his purchase from us would contribute to supporting important and charitable causes? What about our visibility in our community in general? Are we involved in our desperate schools, as Justice Cunningham has suggested we be? Are we involved with helping abused or neglected children in our Family Courts, as a visiting speaker, Lonna Ohlmann, Volunteer Program Manager for the local Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, whose volunteers become the eyes and ears of the Court for specific children, will ask us to be in a future meeting? (On the subject of abused and neglected children, I am proud to report that, among the charities to which we have been regularly providing financial support through the efforts of our Social Club and the building maintenance supplied to the Lodge and the Social Club by our Hall Association, in the past two years we have added our support to a Christmas and Holiday program providing gifts to abused or neglected children who have been removed from their family homes by the courts.)

Our new Community Involvement Committee will help our Lodge, without braggadocio but without hiding our light under a bushel, to establish our brand in the community as that of a relevant and socially involved organization committed to the development of our society in positive ways.

Highlighting these new committees is not meant to detract from the valuable work performed by the committeemen of the committees that have been around longer. They too will be considering the impact of their actions on the areas discussed. It is all a matter of emphasis. But they too will help manage the business of this Lodge and strive to push this Lodge forward toward a more certain future.

If all of the committeemen appointed for 2014 will accept their appointments (confession: unfortunately, I have not been able to ask all of them yet, so they may just be learning about it in this publication), that will mean 36 different Brothers donating their time to see that this Lodge functions at a high level for this year. Many of them, and some others, likely will also volunteer to be Lodge Ambassadors. This is on top of all the many other things that these men have done and will do to maintain and strengthen this Lodge. Needless to say, all present and future members owe them a great debt of gratitude, and I—who am asking that they give even more than they have and already are giving—cannot begin to properly express my appreciation. Yet this work must be done, and they are the men who can and I believe will do it. Our future depends upon it. May God bless!





“Masonry Matters”

By: Justice Bill Cunningham
Kentucky State Supreme
Court



“All Masons Day”
Kentucky State Capitol
Frankfort, Kentucky

February 28, 2012

Every morning, when I walk out the door of my apartment down on St. Clair Street, the first thing I see is the Old State Statehouse down the street. It’s a beautiful, historic structure with Greek revival architecture and fluted columns. It’s been anchored there at the foot of St. Clair since 1830.

As I drive across the river and up broad, tree-lined Capitol Avenue to our “new” Capitol, I feel high. I’m driving into the morning sun as it reflects off the dome of our magnificent Capitol—the beautiful edifice looming larger as I near its shadows.

I’m on a high for two reasons. First, that the people of the First Supreme Court District of Kentucky have given me the honor and privilege to rub shoulders with history and come to this historic Capitol to serve them. Secondly, I am inspired by the vision of those men—those public officials—who over 100 years ago had the vision to lay the plans for the construction of one of the most splendid Capitol buildings in the United States.

In 1904, the Kentucky General Assembly had outgrown the elegant, but small Capitol building downtown and appropriated one million dollars to begin a new one on that very site. Frank M. Andrews of Dayton, Ohio was commissioned as the architect. When Andrews came back with his plan a year later, in 1905, the lawmakers faced a dilemma. The building he had designed would not fit upon the site where the existing Capitol was located. They had to decide whether to scale back the plans for the new Capitol in order to fit the footprint of the old one or to keep the plan for the grander Capitol and find a place to visit. They decided to maintain the larger plan and purchase another site for construction. They appropriated \$40,000 to purchase 33 acres of the “Hunt farm” across the river in south Frankfort.

In other words, these speculative masons kept the vision which was larger than their size. And today, because of that vision, we have one of the most magnificent and impressive Capitol buildings in the United States—one which people all over the nation travel to see.

What is the vision of Free Masons today in Kentucky?
Our numbers nationwide have shrunk from 4.5 million fifty years ago to less than 1.5 today. Why? Because we lack vision. We eat and meet, but have no notion of a mission. No goals. No great call from the hills. No vision. The Bible admonishes us that “without vision the people perish.”
We are perishing. We have slowly divorced

ourselves from the communities in which we meet, eat and greet.

I have attended several lodge meetings over the last few years. I don’t hear much going on which is relevant to our communities. The talk is most times only about future meetings, future eatings, either at that lodge or at other lodges. No outreach projects are discussed; no community activities in which the Masons are engaged.

My wife Paula and I raised five boys. They were all outstanding athletes and all played baseball—two of them college baseball. Needless to say, over the years I watched many youth league baseball games at numerous ballparks throughout west Kentucky. I cannot recall seeing one single Little League, Pony League, or any youth league team sponsored by a local Masonic lodge. What a great opportunity to send the name of Masons home on uniform backs to washers and dryers in every county of the state.

But alas, we shrink from these opportunities because we have lost our place in the community, our mission, our vision. We have become irrelevant. To survive we must have a vision. Like the builders of our state Capitol, we must have a vision larger than ourselves.

Today, I declare that vision to you. By the year 2020, over fifty percent of high school seniors in this state will know who the Masons are and what they do. Our means of reaching that goal is “Masonry Matters.”

This program is in two parts. First, it is reaching out to raise and give much needed financial support to the needy children in our high schools. It may come as a sobering surprise to many that there are high school students in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who are destitute. By that I mean there are those who do not have money to meet even the basic needs and wants of a high school student. Even in the most thriving school districts there are young men and women enrolled in our public schools who cannot afford to go to basketball games, pay fees for certain extracurricular activities or cover the expenses of participating in such constructive activities as band, the debate team, or cheerleading.

In west Kentucky, several of our lodges have already accepted the challenge and, on a regular basis, are raising money to assist these needy students. School administrators are given the money free of any strings attached to use as they see fit for boys and girls in need without regard to race, religion or gender. Except for one condition. They are required to inform the receiving youngsters that “this comes from the Masons.” Who knows what long lasting seeds are planted there?

The second part of “Masonry Matters”—or the bookend to the fundraising and financial assistance part—is “Operation Preparation.” Our Kentucky State Department of Education is begging for community mentors for high school students. “Operation Preparation” is a new program aimed at providing positive community

influence upon our young students. There is one guidance counselor in the public schools of Kentucky for every 500 students. Volunteer community advisors are being sought to meet one on one with high school sophomores and seniors for only a short period of time to guide them in their career plans and aspirations. This is a great opportunity for Masons to get into the schools and meet directly with students in a positive and helpful way. You need to ask your local high school principal about this program.

We are at a crossroads in American Masonry. We can continue to meet, eat, and greet ourselves out of existence. Or we can respond to this opportunity. If we turn away this challenge our loss in numbers may prove to be irreversible in years to come. Said the poet John James Ingalls about opportunity, “I knock unbidden once at every gate—if sleeping, wake—if feasting, rise before I turn away.”

My vision is that by the year 2020, fifty percent of high school seniors in Kentucky will know who the Masons are; what they do; what they stand for. Masonry Matters will be to the Blue Lodge what children’s hospitals are to the Shriners.

That is my vision. One of my favorite stories in literature comes from Cervante’s “Don Quixote.” He has arrived in front of this dilapidated and abandoned old house. The windows are broken, the shutters dangling askew, holes in the roof, weeds in the yard. “Look at the beautiful palace,” says Don Quixote. “It is magnificent with its grand gates and lofty turrets. It matches the beauty of the palace of Alvacar.” His servant Sancho Panza is quick to correct his employer, telling him that it is just an old rundown shack, abandoned and in ruins. The answer of Don Quixote was, “I will not let your facts interfere with my vision.”

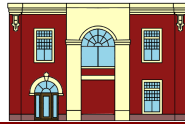
We live in frightening and decadent times where fear and doubt are rampant. Our numbers are dwindling. But we “must not let these facts interfere with our vision.”

Unless we as Masons hold fast to a vision that is larger than ourselves—like the original builders of our resplendent State Capitol—we will perish. So, as I close, let me ask you to lift your eyes beyond the troubles and fears of today to the hopes and dreams of tomorrow. Let us heed the slightly paraphrased words of Langston Hughes:

“Hold fast to a vision
For when a vision dies
Life becomes a broken wing bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life becomes a barren field
Covered with snow.”





**Coming
Events**



February 2014

- 3 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 4 Hall Association Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 6 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM
- 8 FISH STAND CLEAN UP..... 8 AM TO ?
- 10 Rainbow Meeting 7:00PM
- 11 Social Club Meeting 7:30PM
- 13 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM
- 15 FISH STAND CLEAN UP 8 AM TO ?
- 17 DeMolay Meeting 7:30PM
- 18 Southern Star OES Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 20 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 22 TRIP TO KEYSTONE LODGE
- 24 Rainbow Meeting 7:00PM
- 25 York Rite Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 27 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM

March 2014

- 1 First Fish Fry of the Season..... 10AM to 8PM
- 3 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 4 Hall Association Meeting 6 7:00PM
- 6 Lodge meeting 7:30PM
- 8 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 10 Rainbow Meeting 7:30PM
- 11 Social Club Meeting 7:00PM
- 13 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM
- 15 Fish Fry 10AM to 8PM
- 17 DeMolay Meeting 7:00PM
- 18 OES Southern Star 7:30PM
- 20 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 21 Southern Star Social Club..... 6:30PM
- 22 Fish Fry 10AM to 8PM
- 24 Rainbow Meeting 7:30PM
- 25 York Rite Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 27 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 29 Fish Fry 10AM to 8PM

April 2014

- 3 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 5 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 7 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 8 Hall Association Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 10 Lodge Meeting Dinner..... 7:30PM



Sick and Prayer List

- Justin Mitchell** Father recovery foot surgery
- George Parker** recovering from surgery
- Gene Younger** recovering from surgery
- Bud Routon** wife recovering from surgery

**Suburban
Lodge Stats**

Entered Apprentices:

Conferred None

Fellow Crafts:

Conferred Liam Michener 1/16

Conferred by Jim Jordan

Master Masons:

Conferred None

Others:

Plural Members: None

Reinstatements: None

Demits: None

Petition for Degrees: Paul Crawley

Petition for Affiliation by Transfer:

None

Elected to Membership:

George Younger Sr.

In Memoriam...

HOWARD GENE HUFFMAN 1/4/2014

Brother Huffman was born on the 7th day of January, 1940 in Grayson, KY. He received his Entered Apprentice degree on the 26th day of October, 1990; was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 22nd day of February, 1991; and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 22nd day of March, 1991—all in Okolona Lodge # 853. He affiliated to Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM on the 28th day of March 1998.

He was a faithful member for 23 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestleboard, Brother Huffman laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial Lodge Above on the 4th day of January 2014.

He is sadly missed by his children and many friends.

No Masonic Services were conducted.



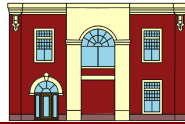
Greetings from Lorraine Assembly #6

As Kaylan Gilkeys' Term ends we are starting another fun filled Term with Michaela Reams who will be Installed as Worthy Advisor on January 19, 2014. Kaylan had a fun and exciting term. We initiated new girls and traveled to Bowling Green for the Grand Worthy Advisors' Holiday Party. The girls got to go bowling and played Rainbow Jeopardy. During this party girls from all over Kentucky were in attendance and hope some new friends were made. Good job Kaylan and don't go too far we still need you!

Michaela has many fun things planned during her term such as having a picnic in the park, going horseback riding and a few sleep over's. Her Service Events include: playing Bingo at the Eastern Star Home, donating pull tabs from cans to the Ronald McDonald House along with items from their wish list, taking donations and making 4th of July Cards for the VA Hospital for the patients and making cards for Suburban Lodge shut-in's and widows. During her term the Assembly will have the Kentucky State Retreat where the girls from all over Kentucky assembly and practice for Grand Assembly which will be held in June. Michaela plans on several fund raisers during her term which include the bake sales, working the fish fry, selling tickets for bowling (more to come on that), selling Krispy Kreme coupons and serving at a local restaurant for a percentage of their proceeds.

As the New Year starts we also have new Board Members for Lorraine Assembly and I want to welcome each of you. Without your help and the continued help from the "Old" Board Members we would not have such a good success with our assembly. We have many new members and are continuing to grow. I would also like to thank Suburban Lodge and Suburban Social Club for their continued support. If there is anything that we as Lorraine Assembly can do to help in any way please let us know, service is a big part of who we are as Rainbow Girls.





Lorraine Assembly #6 invites you to attend our meetings which are held every 2nd and 4th Monday's. We start our meetings at 7:30 and would love to see you. If you know of any young ladies between the ages of 11 and 21 who would like more information about becoming a Rainbow Girl please contact me. We also are trying to get younger girls to join our Pledge Class which are girls from the ages of 6 to 11. Pledge Class Girls meet during the regular meeting and plan service and fun activities along with the Rainbow Girls.

In Rainbow Love and Service,
Carolyn Reams (502) 777-4008
Mother Advisor of Lorraine Assembly #6

LODGE COMMITTEES – 2014
(Each Committee is to elect their own Chairman)

Membership Development

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Jack Riddle
Clinton Carrier
Tom Mercer
Danny Davis
Greg Coffey
Louis Martin
Bo Jordan
David Young
Ben White

Young Masons Committee

David Young
Ben White
Matt Dymoski
Cody Stevens
Ben Pifer

Community Involvement

Bill Harvey
Mark Galloway
Alan Whitlow
Tom Mercer
Jim Jordan
Carl Cox
Gene Younger
Rusty Portman

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Jim Jordan (MM)

Dave Short (FC)
Jack Riddle (EA)

Lecture Team

Danny Davis
Jim Jordan
Dave Short

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Master: T. Mercer
SW: Danny Davis

JW: Jim Jordan
Sec: Joe Marshall
Treas: Mike Shuffitt
PM: Dave Short
PM: Bill Harvey

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Wayne Carby
Bill Baker
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Joe Marshall
Clinton Carrier
Tom Mercer
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Stan Robinson

Historian

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Wayne Jordan
David Young
Justin Mitchell

Wayne Carby
Alan Whitlow
Alain Piloto
Tom Mercer

Ways & Means

Carl Cox
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Bill Harvey
Alan Whitlow
David Young
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Wayne Carby
Alan Whitlow
Justin Mitchell

Rainbow Board

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David Young

Our Corner

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Southern Star Ray

OES Newsletter



SOUTHERN STAR

Dues for 2014 are due on August 1, 2014. Legislation was passed at Grand Chapter to increase Per Capita from \$11.90 to \$17.00. This is the first increase in Per Capita in many years. This causes our dues to increase from \$24.00 to \$29.00 beginning August 1, 2014.

If you do not have a 2013 dues card yet, 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. I will begin accepting August 1st dues (\$29.00) in February. If possible, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for me to use to return your card. 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 applies to you.

Our Worthy Matron, Gail Perry, has many plans for this year. I invite each of you to come to our meetings. Remember, we meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Our meetings normally do not last very long then we go downstairs for refreshments and fellowship.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary

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Southern Star - In Memoriam

Sister Jane Taylor Hallinan – September 18, 2013

Sister Jane was initiated into Southern Star on February 12, 1943 where she remained a faithful member for over 70 years. She will be deeply missed by her many Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Dorothy Key – November 25, 2013

Sister Dorothy was initiated into Southern Star on November 16, 1971 where she was a dedicated member for 42 years. Our members and her many friends will miss her.

Brother John E. Jolley, Sr. – December 14, 2013

Brother John was initiated on April 4, 1966 at Barker Chapter. He affiliated with Southern Star Chapter on January 18, 2000 where he remained faithful until his death. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

SOCIAL CLUB

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Lodge Installation Dinner. Especially Justin Mitchell and Karen Harvey, who arrived early and helped decorating, and Bill Harvey, who did all the cooking! Also, my husband, Greg that ordered and picked up all the food – to my very specific instructions. Several others were able to come help serve. I think for my first year, it went smoothly. We had way too much food left over, but better than not enough, right? And I got some ingredient tips for next year from the Harveys. Tom Mercer is the new Master and he presented me with a very nice gift as a thank you.

My goal for the rest of the year is to try and get more families involved with the Social Club. Maybe some of our members with young families can't come out to Tuesday Night meeting because of childcare. But a Friday night, casual dinner could be easier. It's a place to start and welcome people back. It's also a good place to bring people to introduce them to our Masonic Family. I see that several of our members get a lot of joy seeing my 5 year old and the other kids that come. We usually have very little "business" and it really is an evening of fellowship. We meet the Friday after our chapter meeting with a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm.

In Star Love,
Rebecca Bartlett
Southern Star Social Club President



Recipe: Winter Fruit Salad

Recipe courtesy Food Network Magazine

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1-inch piece ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise and seeds scraped out
- 1 lemon
- 5 large navel or blood oranges
- 2 mangoes, peeled and diced
- 2 firm bananas, peeled and diced
- 5 kiwis, peeled and diced
- 12 kumquats, very thinly sliced crosswise, seeds removed
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds (from 1 pomegranate)

Directions

Combine the sugar, 2 cups water, the ginger and vanilla seeds and pod in a saucepan. Use a vegetable peeler to remove wide strips of zest from the lemon and 1 orange, add to the saucepan and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat and simmer 5 minutes. Refrigerate until cold.

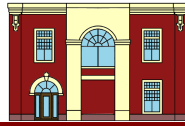
Meanwhile, peel the remaining oranges with a paring knife, cutting along the natural curve of the fruit. Hold an orange over a large bowl and cut along both sides of each membrane to free the segments, letting them fall into the bowl. Squeeze each empty membrane to release the juices. Repeat with the remaining oranges. Add the mangoes, bananas, kiwis, kumquats and pomegranate seeds and gently toss. Pour the syrup over the fruit and chill overnight.

Before serving, remove the citrus zest, ginger and vanilla pod. Spoon the fruit and syrup into bowls.

To remove pomegranate seeds, cut the fruit into quarters, then break apart in a bowl of water. Skim off the pith that floats to the top and drain the seeds

Read more at: <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchens/winter-fruit-salad-recipe/index.html>





Chili Cook-Off!



Join Suburban Lodge for our Annual Chili Cook-Off, a family night on January 30th.

All entries should be in by 6:00 PM when judging will begin.



STAY AFTERWARD FOR AN
IMPORTANT PRESENTATION BY
VONNA OHLMANN, Volunteer Program
Manager for the local Court Appointed
Special Advocate (CASA) program.



~ Suburban Lodge Officers for 2014 ~

