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# From the Master Steve Tollefson



First off I guess I should start off by

saying greetings! We sure have had a lot of to be excited about the last couple of months. We have had degree work just about every week and took a pilgrimage to Keystone Lodge in Indianapolis. Man! You talking about busy! I want to personally welcome each and every one of the newly obligated brothers in their respective degrees if I haven't already. Welcome to Suburban. I especially would like to thank the line officers. In my last article I had made reference that we are a team. Well boys I'm here to tell you that if each and every one of us had not played an intricate roll in this degree work and the trip to Indy then I would not be as proud an honored as I am now to be your Worshipful Master. That's what team work is all about! I cannot begin to tell you all how thankful I am to have such a wonderful core of officers. Now on a more serious note I would like express my opinion on leadership. Guys when I was coming up in the line I was always asking "what does it take to be a leader, or should I say Master." A great man stood about me whose name I won't reveal but whom I revere and said unto me "Son, if you're going to be Master of this lodge, you gotta be willing to pay the price!" I thought pay, what in the world is he talking bout! But I soon found out that what he was meaning was that you have to be willing to make the necessary sacrifices and to be able to handle all of the criticism and critic, so to speak, that come with such a high and honorable distinction. He also taught me another valuable lesson. If you're gonna lead son then lead by example. In other words, set a good example for the brothers behind you and let actions speak louder than words. Another great thing he taught me were 3 letters of the alphabet and what they represented. As far as how we live our everyday lives. But I also think they can be applied to our Masonic careers as well. Let me share them with you they are as follows:



#### A I & O

A. means to adapt. To any and all situations. To this lodge and the way things are handled or whatever life in general has to throw at you.

I. stands for Improvise. When things aint going your way or the way they should do your best to make it what's right. Don't give up!

O. Overcome. By following the first 2 steps you will surely overcome.

Gentlemen I am living proof! Some of you but not all know of the trials and tribulations that I have had to endure in years past. Believe me it was tough. But with the help of these 3 letters I am stronger now than I have ever been. Truth is I had it in me all along, it just took that one brother to whisper good council. Thank you brother, you have been like a father to me many times and I don't know what I or this lodge would ever do without such a man or mason as yourself. I hope that this article finds you with fond memories and is warming to your heart to know that you have touched the heart and have had such an impact on the life of one such as myself.

Fraternally Thine, Steve Tollefson Master 2010



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#### The Old Master's Wages

I met a dear old man today Who wore a Masonic pin It was old and faded like the man, It's edges were worn and thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat, To give the old brother his due I said "I see you've traveled east", He said, "I have, have you?

> I said, I have and in my day Before the all seeing sun I played in the rubble With Jubala, Jubilo, and Jubalum.

He said don't laugh at the work my son It's good and sweet and true..... And if you've traveled as you said You should give these things their due.

The work, the sign, the token, The sweet Masonic prayer. The vow that you have taken You have climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason are never paid in gold But the gain comes from contentment When you're weak and growing old.

You see, I've carried my obligations For almost 50 years It has helped me through the hardships And the failures full of tears...



Now I'm losing my mind and body Death is near, but I don't despair I've lived my life upon the level And I'm dying on the square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons Are those that are learned anew And the old man in the park today Has changed my point of view.

To all my Masonic brothers The only secret is to care May you live upon the level And depart upon the square.



Do your part to conserve by going green! If you have access to the Internet, you can get the 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.

# Suburban Social Club



#### 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

Tear this out and share with someone who may knot know about the fish fry!

# fish fry!

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# Coming Events



#### April 2010

1 Lodge Meeting7:30PM 3 FISH FRY10AM To 8PM
5 De Molay Meeting 7:00PM
6 Hall Association6:30PM
8 Lodge meeting7:30PM
10 FISH FRY10AM To 8PM
12 Rainbow Meeting7:30PM
13 Social Club Meeting 7:00PM
15 Lodge Meeting7:30PM
17 FISH FRY10AM To 8PM
19 DeMolay Meeting7:00PM
20 Southern Star OES7:30PM
22 Lodge Meeting7:30PM
23 Southern Star Social Club
24 FISH FRY10AM To 8PM
26 Rainbow Meeting7:30PM
27 York Ritr Meeting7:30PM
9 Lodge Fam Night Bring a Dessert6:00PM
30 PARK CARS FOR OAKS DAY 8AM to?

#### May 2010

1 Fish Stand Closed - Derby Day Park Cars         3 DeMolay Meeting       7:00PM         4 Hall Association Meeting       6:30PM         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 0ES 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

# June 2010

1 Hall Association Meeting	6:30PM
3 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM





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# Suburban Lodge Stats

#### **Entered Apprentices:**

Conferred by	David Short
Confurred on	2/17/2010
	Arthur Raines
	Joshua Whiacre
	Adam Nischwitz

#### Fellow Crafts:

Conferred by Jack Riddle
Confurred on
I/28/2010
Scott Rountree
Brandon Rountree
3/18/2010
Arthur Raine
Joshua Whitacre
Master Masons:
Conferred by Clipton Carrier

Conterred by	Clinton Carner
Confurred on	<u>2/27/2010</u> Scott Rountree Brandon Rountree
Plural Members:	None
Reinstatements:	None
Demits:	None
Petition for Degrees:	None
Petition for Affiliation By Transfer:	None
Elected to Membership :	None

Sick and Prayer List

Paul Jones, Reoverying from Broken Hip George Greenwell, Improving getting better

Phil Bryd, and his Wife, Had food posion, doiing better

Harold Noe's Wife, Home from Hospital Bob Tipton: In Nursing Home

Tom Mercer: Mother in hospital Teresa Whitlow's : Father passed away. Jack Riddle: Mother-In-law passed away Mark Galloway: Father-In-Law Passed away

# In Memory of...

#### JAMES T PIPES

3/1/2010

Brother Pipes was born on the 31<sup>th</sup> August of November 1912 in Lebanon Junction Kentucky . He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the  $23^{rd}$  day of June 1949, he was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1949, and raised to the the Sublime degree of Master Mason on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1949, all in Suburban Lodge740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 60, years, having completed the designs upon his trestle board brother Pipes laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial Lodge above on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March 2010.

He is sadly missed by his family members and many friend s. No Masonic Services

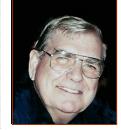
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# Rowland's Ramblings

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#### By Joe Roland, P.M

The year-end holidays are a hectic, nerve wracking, exhausting time for many people. They hustle their way through jostling crowds, buying things they don't need and can't afford, and wonder what happened when the bills start rolling in. They buy electronic gadgets that cost hundreds of dollars for kids who think they are *entitled* to the April — May 2010

latest toys without earning any of them. And many of them are broken before the first bill arrives. But when a new version hits the market two months later they have to have that one too. They buy coffee makers and toasters for their friends that already have two of them. They buy clothes for friends that are the wrong size, the wrong color, or something that the friend just plain doesn't like. In the meantime the friend is going deep into debt to do the same thing for them. Now how much sense does that make?

The holidays are over now, and maybe life will return to normal again. Of course normal for many of those people means maxed out credit cards, overdrawn checking accounts, and trying to figure out how in the world they are going to pay for everything. They have spent money they didn't have, and now have to pay twenty-four percent interest on those credit cards. Many of them will not be paid off before the same cycle starts again next year. Of course the credit card companies love this. Fortunately I'm not one of those people.

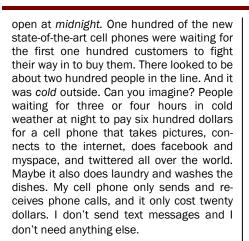
Sure, my wife and I spend money for our children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. But we don't do any shopping. We learned a long time ago that we could keep our sanity if we stayed away from the stores in November and December. We simply write a small check to each of them, put it in a Christmas card, and hand it to them the first part of December so they can buy what they want. Our shopping is done in the time it takes to write the checks. Now I can stretch out in my Lazy Boy with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and enjoy Christmas programs on TV. We don't have to worry about bills coming in all year long. We've already paid for everything. Now we can enjoy Christmas.

I watched a news reporter on TV interview a mother shopping at Walmart. She was buying a four hundred dollar cell phone, a three hundred dollar iPod, and a six hundred dollar laptop computer for her ten year old daughter. *A ten year old*? I couldn't believe it. That child will never learn responsibility. She will never learn to fend for herself. She will always think she is entitled. I couldn't stand it. I changed channels.

What do you think was on the other channel? You guessed it. A camera showed a long line of people waiting to buy a new version of a cell phone. The line was *outside* the store, and about two blocks long. It was the 11:00 p.m. news, and the people were waiting for the store to



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But the thing that bothers me most is how Christmas has changed from being Jesus' birthday to being Santa Claus day. The holiday is *CHRISTmas*, not *SANTAmas*. We're giving presents to people on the wrong day. The custom is to give presents to someone on their birthday. If your birthday is March 13 or August 22 why do you expect a present on December 25? That isn't your birthday. So if your birthday is not on December 25 why do we give you presents? Why do we give gifts to everyone except Jesus on December 25?

Now I know you can't physically hand a present to Jesus on his birthday, but couldn't you give a useful present to some needy person on Jesus' birthday? I think Jesus would like that. And I don't think a needy person would want a cell phone or a computer, when they need food and clothing.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Valentines Day, Halloween — holidays have become far too commercial. The big box stores have brainwashed people to think they must live in the lap of luxury. Newspapers have more ads than news. Television commercials use up more time than the programs they sponsor. Buy, buy, buy, spend, spend, spend. Live on other peoples' money. Have the latest and most expensive things so you can keep up with the Joneses.

But I think I've got it all figured out. Let's change our holiday system. Let's have one holiday each month. Let's call it Family Day. Let's get the family together, relax, talk, eat together, and enjoy each other. Let's not give *anybody* presents on this day. Let's celebrate *not* spending money. We won't have to worry about sizes, colors, inferior merchandise, guarantees, and best of all – no bills coming later for holiday spending. And if we want something we can afford to pay cash for we can buy it ourselves. Let

the kids flip hamburgers to earn money to buy their high powered toys. Maybe they will learn something we refuse to teach them.



#### SUBURBAN "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" 2010

For years now, Suburban 740 has been exchanging visits with Keystone lodge, (the old Veritas lodge), in Indianapolis, IN. Last year some of the Keystone brothers came down and went with us to Madison, TN. This was our year to visit them, so on Feb 27th, a large contingent made up of Suburban lodge members and also a few from other lodges, headed northwest for Indiana.

It was a blustery cold morning when the caravan of vans pulled out of the parking lot on 3rd street, but the warmth from the brotherhood inside made it fun. We made it in no time thanks to Bro Clint Carrier's driving abilities in one of the vans, but the State Trooper didn't agree. Luckily he only flashed his lights as a warning and we made it safely.

We were met with hot coffee and donuts and camaraderie before we got started at 11:30 AM. Keystone has a lovely lodge and we were made to feel right at home. Worshipful Master Bro Steve Tolefson and his core of officers put on an excellent first section with SW Bro Clint Carrier sitting in the east. They must have had a heat vent under Clint's chair as he was sweating profusely but you would have never known it was Clint's first time because the work was exceptional.

Then it was downstairs to the cafeteria for fried chicken, mashed potatoes green beans and cake put on by the ladies of the Eastern Star in IN. What a great meal is was but soon we were back in lodge performing the second section on our newest master masons, Bro Scott and Bro Brandon Rountree. I do believe they got their moneys worth. Our JD Bro Tom Mercer led the degree team and we put on a memorable allegory for the newest brothers but also for April — May 2010

the IN brothers as well. There were probably 80 in attendance to watch the superb work that Suburban always does.

At the conclusion Bro Steve was made an honorary member of keystone Lodge and given an IN stuffed animal for our lodge hall.

Thanks again to WM Bro Steve Tollifson, SW Bro Clint Carrier, JW Bro Jack Riddle, Stan Robinson, acting sec, Wayne Carby, acting treasurer, Jack Flamm Chaplin, SD Bro Dave Short ,JD Bro Tom Mercer, JS the Brother acting as SS, Ben Pifer filling in as JS, the brother acting Tyler and to all the brothers who came along.

This is one of the big things that brotherhood in our fraternity is all about. Getting out and having a good time together and putting on some of the best degree work to show our newest obligated Bro Master Masons, what it`s all about.

CONGRATS TO SCOTT AND BRANDON ROUNDTREE, MASTER MASONS

Mark H. Galloway PM 740 D.D.G.M. District 13 Grand lodge of KY

#### THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone highway, Came, at the evening, cold and gray, To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide, Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim; The sullen stream had no fears for him; But he turned when safe on the other side, And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near, "You are wasting strength with building here; Your journey will end with the ending day; You never again must pass this way; You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide, Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head: "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,

"There followed after me today A youth, whose feet must pass this way.

"This chasm, that has been naught to me, To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim; Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Will Allen Dromgoole, 1860-1934



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Newest Masons: Above: Chris King receives his Fellowcraft degree. Top Right: Brandon and Scott Rountree were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Right: Arthur Raine and Joshua Whitacre receive their Fellowcraft degree. Below: four new Entered Apprentice masons.



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# **Associate Matron**

Greetings to all,

Spring is upon us. So good to see the sun shine for a change. Hopefully with the warmer weather you will be able to get out and about. We would love to see you at chapter which meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Come out and enjoy the friendship and fellowship with your sisters and brothers. If you need a ride please don't hesitate to let someone know and we can make arrangements to see you get to chapter. Our meeting in April will be our chapter birthday and honor our Past Matrons and Past Patrons. Dinner will be served before our meeting. Come out and help us celebrate. Our May meeting will be our Line Officer and Friendship night which was originally scheduled in February but cancelled due to bad weather. We will also have dinner before that meeting. We have been saddened of the passing our sisters Rita Bishoff, Margaret Carter and Lillian Foster. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to each of these families. We look forward to the beauty of spring, it seems to me Is the Glory of Heaven descended as I breathe the fragrance in the air of lilacs and roses, blended.

Gail Perry Associate Matron

#### 2009 DUES NOTICE

I have mailed dues notices to our members who either one or two years behind in their dues. If you received a notice, please pay your dues as soon as possible. Those members who still owe two years dues on the date of our April meeting will have their names read in Chapter as being delinquent. If these dues are not paid by July 31, they will be suspended. We do not want to lose anyone as a member; therefore, if you are having problems paying your dues, please contact me to work out a solution. Remember, Southern Star exempts members who are at least 90 years of age or who are in a nursing home. If you believe that you qualify for this exemption, please let me know.

If you have not attended Chapter recently, come see us on the third Tuesday each month. We would love to see you and the Lodge has an elevator which makes it easy to access the Chapter room. The meetings begin at 7:30 and we are usually finished by 9:00. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you are still welcome to bring your family and a covered dish 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 <u>very short</u> business meeting.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary Southern Star #154 4305 Gaudet Road Louisville KY 40299 502-267-6616

#### SOUTHERN STAR RECORDS

Address Changes:

Ernestine Leslie 3080 Frogtown Road Loretto KY 40037

Virginia Hartman (270-243-0817) 4 Possum Pass Louisville KY 40216

> Jane Veach 2404 Roddy Road Louisville KY 40216

Neva Blair Signature Healthcare of South Louisville 1120 Cristland Rd Louisville KY 40214

> Ramona Hawkins (802-0686) 2714 Taylor Blvd Louisville KY 40203

Heather Raisor (417-2166) 4716 Burkley Ave Louisville KY 40214

Candace Reich 10470 Lotticks Corner Rd SE Elizabeth IN 47117-7704

Heather affiliated with Southern Star. Jane and Ramona became Dual Members.

I have received returned mail from Juanita Karman, Kathy Kestal, and Kathryn Smith. If anyone knows their correct address, please let me know.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary

#### HOW DOES ONE JOIN EASTERN STAR?

Those desiring membership must petition to do so. Petitions are carefully read, eligibility investigated and election to membership must be by unanimous vote. The Order strives to select persons of mental, moral and spiritual quality who will work together in harmony and to perform its objectives.

We would love for you to join us at Southern Star. If you are interested, or if you would like some more information, please call me at 267-6616.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary



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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 20 - District 7-School of Instruction

March 20 - Harmony Mexican Fiesta & Bazaar - Okolona Lodge -Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Included in this price is a Hotdog, Chili, Dessert & Drink. March 27 - District 4-School of Instruction

March 27 - Brilliant Star Style Show & Ladies Tea - Sunset Lodge -

Cost is \$10 each (please call for a reservation - 366-0639). Come see the new Easter styles from the Dress Barn.

April 10 - Party for Dewey Simmons-Gr. Sentinel & CV of Goshen #198

April 10 - Arch Presentation - Kosair Temple - Visit booths beginning at 1:00 p.m. The Arch Presentation will begin at 3:00 p.m. This is an open ceremony and everyone is invited to attend. April 15 - Shively Star #566 - CV & LOF - Reeves Masonic Hall -Meal at 6:00 p.m. - Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - Theme - Dress Country Western

April 16 - Brilliant Star # 153 - Inspection - Sunset Lodge - 7:30 p.m. - Desserts after meeting.

April 20 - Southern Star's Chapter Birthday and Past Matron & Past Patron Night - Potluck dinner at 6:30 (meat provided by the Chapter). The meeting begins at 7:30.

May 18 - Southern Star's Line Officer and Friendship Night - Potluck dinner at 6:30 (meat & dessert provided by the Chapter). The meeting begins at 7:30 with presentations at 7:15.

#### SOUTHERN STAR - IN MEMORIAM

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Sister Virginia Norton - December 22, 2009 -- Sister Virginia was initiated into Southern Star on January 15, 1952 where she was a member until her death.

Sister Augustine Royalty - January 9, 2010 - Sister Augustine was initiated into Southern Star on November 19, 1957 where she remained a faithful member for over 52 years.

Sister Rita Bishoff- March 9, 2010 - Sister Rita was initiated into Southern Star on January 21, 1971 where she continued in her membership until her death.

Sister Margaret Carter - December 22, 2009 -- Sister Margaret was initiated into Brilliant Star on April 20, 1962 and affiliated with Southern Star in March 1978 where she was a faithful member until her death.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

As you celebrate your birthday,

we'll be celebrating the very special person that you are.

According to my records, the following Southern Star members will

celebrate their birthday from January through May. If your birthday is in one of these months, and your name is not listed, please let me know so that I can update your record.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary

#### JANUARY

- 5 Karen Harvey 9 - Wayne Carby
- Lillian Foster
- 12 Virginia Bell
- 14 Virginia Jones
- 15 Donna H
  - Broyles & Lenice Byrd
- 16 Vanessa Whitworth
- 18 Alta Rex
- 19 Euphema
- Holsclaw & Evelyn Kinman
- 26 Sandra Adams 28 - Betty Fentress Nancy Clemons

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 Stephanie Fields
- 3 Jon Elbert
- 5 Sheri Fenwick
- 12 Kenneth Sears, Gwen Wix
- Harold Woosley 13 - Janetta Pitts
- Rebecca Bartlett 14 - Margie Davis
- 15 Mark Galloway
- 19 Alma McCov
- 20 Marge Bandy
- 22 Nancy Burney Paula Duncan Joe Ann Havnes
- 27 Doylene Bruce Elizabeth Williams Edythe Wise

#### MARCH

- 1 Jerry Wayne Tucker
- 2 Melba Madison
- 7 Jo Ann Wells
- 8 Kathryn Smith
- 9 Tonya Evans
- 11 Mary Parker Rowena Vaughn
- 16 Melvin Carter
- Avanell Powell 20 - Evelyn Goodman
- 22 Helena Mink
- 23 Anna Bradbury
- Marie Evans

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- Sue Poiles
- 24 Eleanora Cole Lloyd Richard Hitt
- 27 Mary Lawrence

#### APRIL

- 1 Evelyn N Mudd
- 2 Pauline Geary
- 6 Twana DeWeese
- 8 Mary Lee Cornish
- 9 Lillie Casteel
- 13 Owen Logsdon
- 14 Wilma McMackin
- 16 Bill Harvey Sr, Patricia Manion Annie Louise Smith
- 19 Rachel Whitlow-Pullem
- 21 Deborah Routon 22 - Cathie Williamson
- 23 John Hurst & Dorothy Key
- 24 Chloe McClure
- Audean Merrell
- 27 Michael Harvey Clemmie D Thompson
- 29 Michael R Shuffitt Sr.
- Paula Wells 30 - Virginia K Hartman

#### MAY

- 2 Wanda Gibson
- 3 Kathy Patrick
- 6 Rebecca Hurst
- 7 Charlotte Ekart
- 8 Linda Geary
- Lucille Richardson 9 - Mary Bayer
- 11 Heather L Raisor
- 12 Gloria Lewis
- 15 Mary Margaret Tomerlin
- 16 Gena Lee Theiss
- 17 Betty Parker

25 - Nora True

23 - Betty Jo Cardwell

28 - Jeanette Dyche

29 - Louis E Flamm

30 - Bernice Bohler

31 - Chester Richardson