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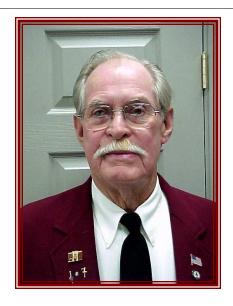
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JAMES DONALD HILL JULY 15, 1935 TO APRIL 10, 2006 MASTER

Suburban Lodge has lost one of its best, Brother Don Hill, Master Passed away Monday April 10, 2006 at Jewish Hospital after a long Illness. Brother Don was born in Louisville Kentucky on July the 15th, 1935. he was Initiated as a Entered Apprentice on September 9, 1979, Passed to Fellow Craft November 3rd 1979, and Raised on the 12th Day of December 1979 all in Zoneton Lodge # 964. He Affiliated to Suburban on the 16th Day of August 1997. He was a faithful member for over 26 years. He will be deeply missed by all....





From the Senior Warden Bill Harvey, Sr

"HAVE YOU BEEN FISHING LATELY?"

Thought I'd ask a question to get your attention. Your Lodge Officers have been looking at our Officer jewels and have decided they need to be refurbished. Our current jewels are many years old and the ropes are getting frayed and discolored and the jewels themselves are missing some parts and are getting tarnished. So your Wardens have taken upon themselves to start a fund raiser to get new collars and jewels this year.

Bro. Donnie Brown, Past Master, has secured us a beautiful rod and Ambassador reel so we can sell shares on it. We've sold about \$ 285.00 at the District 13 meeting in February. They are going for \$ 1.00 a share or 6 for \$ 5.00. We will have it at some of the bake sales here in our fish stand. We will draw for the winner at the end of April. We are also selling some beautiful gavels made by Bro. Bob Vest, a member of Suburban Lodge and Southern Star OES. They are mostly made of exotic woods from around the world.

If you would like some share on the rod and reel, contact Bro. Wayne Carby, Junior Warden, Bro. Alan Whitlow, P. M., or myself and we'll be glad to fix you up. Or if you would just like to make a donation, you can - just send it to Bro. Joe Marshall, Secretary, and here at the Lodge. All donations are greatly appreciated.









From the Junior Warden Wayne Carby

Were has the time gone? It seams only yesterday I started thinking about getting in line to serve my lodge, and the next thing I know I am setting in the south.

Thanks to all for the support I have received for all. If you did not know our Master Don Hill is very ill and hasn't been able to attend like he would like too. Don gets well and we hope to see you soon.

The line officers have taking on the task of refreshing our jewels, as our old ones are showing some well worn use. We, the line officers, are trying to meet of the cost of replacement by having some giveaways such as the rod and reel that cost well over two hundred dollars, and the drawing for this is April 29 2006. (you don't have to be present to win). For your share tickets see any line officer cost is \$ 1.00 per share or 6 for \$5.00. We hope everyone will help with this for the costs of the jewels and collars are considerable some what high.

Brothers let me touch on a subject that might raise a few eye brows. **Dues**, I believe us at Suburban pay the cheapest dues in the state, this year again the Grand lodge assessment will go up, and as they go up we must come in line to meet the cost of our budget. We are losing more members than we are taking in and just by doing the math you will see we can't keep up with our present dues. We will address this problem in the up coming meeting (every Thursday), for those of you that have forgot we meet every Thursday at 7:30 pm. If you haven't been here for a while come on by about 6:00 for supper and fellowship with us as we will be glad to see you, come on by and meet some new faces and renew your friendship with some old ones, Hope to see you soon .

Respectfully,

Wayne Carby Junior Warden





Views from the Secretaries Desk



Brothers,

Spring is here and things are looking great, the Fish Fry is going, and we all having fun, fun and

fun, so come out and join us. You don't know what you're missing. I will not take to much space this time, I would like to thank all those who responded to my last article, it may have seem very long but I hope it was informative, according to the response I received it was.

Who are we? And why do we do the things we do? These are a few questions that many new members ask me when they come into the lodge. One of the first questions that is asked the most of me is How old is the Masonic Order? That's a hard question to actual answer, We are told that the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in the early 1700's but we all know that the order is much older than that, just from the degree work and the writings in the Holy bible tells us that it's a ancient order. The reason most claim its only as old as the Grand Lodge of England, is because all lodges that have been Chartered by the Grand Lodge of England can only be as old as it. Do you see what I mean? But the age of the Masonic Order itself, no one knows. Its true birth, I have found in reference books that the degrees were written by the ancient Egyptian teacher named Hermon, or Hermes. He wrote the First 3 Degrees of Masonry, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason. So in trying to date the birth of the order, its almost impossible, so that why I tell everyone the order is as old as the first stone that was laid, on the first building that was every build.

The next question that is normally asked is Who are the Masons and what do they do?

Well let me lay a little foundation for you. We are what is referred to as Speculative Masons, our ancient and Brothers were called Operative Masons. These brothers were the ones who have been credited with building such find edifices as King Solomon's Temple, and all the other buildings through out history, including such sites as the Ancient Pyramids, and the Great Wall of China. You could say where ever a stone was placed, it was laid by a Stone Mason. Because that is what our ancient brothers did they were the designers and builders of all such things.

They were Stone Masons, builders and they did outstanding work. They were so great that many Kings across the world wanted them to come to their kingdoms and erect them a great Temple, Church, Wall or something of equal importance. So in order that they may do so they were given special permission to travel in foreign lands. In these travels many new brother where brought into the craft, to replace those that grew too old to travel or work, or some who may have lost their lives in this endeavor. So they would teach these new Entered Apprentices, how to do the work, and after they became proficient in this task they would become Fellow Crafts, or Journeymen, and then after becoming very proficient in this field they would be come Master Masons.

But too much unlike the lodges of Speculative Masons, many never became proficient in the 2 lesser degrees, and many lost their lives, and never attain that level of Master Mason. Now that I have laid a little foundation let me explain the reason we try to help Brothers in need, or their widows and orphans. During these travels and construction many a brother would lose his life and maybe some would lose a limbs. So the Brotherhood would take this Brothers family in and provide from them until they were able to come back to work, but if by chance he never could return they would provide help as long as need. And once the children if any especially a son, grew they would teach them how to provide for the family by letting them join the order.

As you can see this was many a Masonic building blocks for the speculative Masons, to building his Masonic Tenets on. I could go on and On like many do, But I will end it here and hopes that in a the next Newsletter enlighten you some more,

Thanks
Joe Marshall,
Secretary 2006





HALL ASSOCIATION



Words from the Hall

The building is looking really good. The walls are freshly painted, the carpets are clean, floors are waxed, and the walk-in boxes are clean and sanitized. Yes, it is spring and the trees are budding out, flowers blooming, the building has been cleaned, and the fish is being fried. We have received many compliments from the customers about how clean the building is, and we hope that it will stay that way. That will be possible with your help and cooperation. If you drop it, pick it up; if you spill it, clean it up; if you turned it on, when finished turn it off. Please clean up after yourself at the tables and empty ash trays after they are cool. We do not have any magic fairies that wave a magic wand and the building is clean. We do have several Brothers that clean up after the messes are made, and I thank you. We are all on a common level and it is not the job a few to clean up after many. Please help us keep our building clean and safe.

If you know of a lawn service that is interested in our business, please contact one of the Hall Association members. We are constantly reviewing contracts and trying to get the best deal for our lodge. The current contract expires in June. I can be contacted at:

richard.ballinger@insightbb.com

Rick Ballinger P.M. President

SUBURBAN SOCIAL CLUB





Green River Style Fish

Every Saturday

From 10:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M.





Taking their first steps as Mason's, Bro. Wayne Carby bestows the degree of Entered Apprentice to John Gallai (left) and Matthew Foley.





Coming Events April -May 00

April 2006

1 FISH FRY	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
3 DeMolay Meeting	7:00 PM
4 Hall Association Meeting	7:30 PM
6 Lodge Meeting	7:30 PM
8 FISH FRY	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
10 Rainbow Meeting	7:30 PM
11 Social Club Meeting	7:00 PM
13 Lodge Meeting	7:30 PM
15 FISH FRY	10:00 am to 8:00pm
17 DeMolay Meeting	7:00 PM
18 Southern Star OES LOF	night 7:30 PM
20 Lodge Meeting	7:30 PM
22 FISH FRY	10:00 am to 8:00pm
24 Rainbow Meeting	7:30 PM
25 York Rite Meeting	7:30 PM
27 Lodge Meeting	7:30 PM
29 FISH FRY	10:00 am to 8:00 pm

May 2006

1 DeMolay Meeting	7:00 PM
2 Hall Association Meeting	7:30 PM
4 Lodge Meeting	7:30 PM
5 Parking Cars for Oaks	8:00 am to?
6 Parking Cars for Derby	8:00 am to?
8 Rainbow Meeting	7:30P M
9 Social Club Meeting	7:00PM
11 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
13 FISH FRY	10:00 am to 8:00pm
15 DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
16 Eastern Star Meeting	7:30PM
18 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
20 FISH FRY	10:00 am to 8:00pm

19 & 20 Relay for Life at Moore High School 7AM to 7PM

27 FISH FRY	10:00 am to 8:00pn
25 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
23 York Rite Meeting	7:30PM
22 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM

June 2006

1 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
3 FISH FRY	10:00am to 8:00pm
5 DeMolay Meeting	7:00 PM
6 Hall Association Meeting	7:30 PM

How Much More Can We Stand?



How Much More Can America Bleed As our fighting forces are across the sea Liberating strangers from evil Tierney. As we fold our hands and fall to our knees.

We hear the voice of our nation cry As we can turn toward the sky Hope that he can see the tears that's in our eyes For our sons and daughters who have die,

Laying down their lives in foreign lands As we turn our attention to just one man In hopes that he will place his healing hand Upon those who shed their blood upon the sand

I don't know how much more we can bare
It seems as though many just don't care
About the souls of our soldiers who climbs those golden
stairs

Into the arms of the man with the great white hair.

And as I stand beside this fresh dug grave There is nothing I could have said nor done that could have save

The life or the sacrifice that this young soldier gave. On this his 21st Birthday

I once again turn toward the sky,
As my anger forces tears into my eyes,
I shake my fist and scream,
Why did you take my hopes and dreams
Why did my son have to die.
Then I remember I drop my fist and I start to cry.

Because his son to also had to die...

By Joe Marshall







Have you met?





Jack Flamm

One of the faces you will regularly see at Suburban Lodge Is Mr. John Irvin Flamm, or "Jack" as he is usually called. Jack was born and raised here in Louisville, KY. He was born on his father's birthday in 1936, June 23rd to be exact.

After his time in school was up, Jack joined the U.S. Army and spent 2 years at Ft Bragg, N.C., then 2 years in the Army Reserves. One day in the summer of 1962, Jack asked Miss Rose Roller if she would accept a ring from him. They were at the corner of Ashland Ave and Taylor Blvd. Of course she accepted it and they were married in April 1963. They were blessed with 2 girls. The oldest is Jackie Hunley, who is married and is an engineer in Houston, TX and the younger is Dawn DeWeese, also married and is a guidance counsellor. Jack and Rose don't have any grandchildren, but have 2 grand dogs, Sammy and Axel.

Jack worked for the old L&N Railroad for 16 years, then became a pilot and worked 9 years for Modern Industries. He free-lanced for a time and has taught flying at Ky Flying Service. He currently teaches driving at Ky Driving School.

Jack joined Suburban Lodge in Oct. 1957 when he was 21 years old. He has been Master of our Lodge twice. He and Rose are long time members of Southern Star Chapter OES. He is Treasurer Emeritis and Chairman Emeritus of DeMolay and Aunt Rose is currently Mother Advisor for our Rainbow girls at Lorraine Assembly, which meets at Suburban Lodge.

When asked what he wanted to leave with you, he said that being a nearly 50 year member of Suburban is well worth the time and effort of going through the Chairs twice.

Well, let me say thank you Jack for all your years of still be attending their Lodge and leading our younger member by example.

service to Suburban Lodge. We need more $50\ \mathrm{year}$ members too.

Masonic Trivia

At one time, Golden Lodge #5, Stanstead, Canada occupied a lodge room, which straddled the boundary between Canada and the United States. There were entrances on both sides of the border.

Washington Chapter #3 of Portsmouth, NH announced its meetings via the town crier, who received from 6 to 25 cents for his work.

In 1872 the commissioner of Patents held that the Masonic emblem could not be used in a trademark or trade name for commercial purposes.

In Hammer v. State, 173 Indiana, 199 (1909), the Supreme Court ruled that it was a criminal offense to wear the emblem of any society or organization of which one is not a member. The court based its decision on the fact that the membership in such societies is the result of fitness and selection and that the wearing of such emblems by non-members is a deceit and false pretense.

In Robinson v. Yates City Lodge, 86 Illinois, 598 (1877), a court ruled that an expelled Mason was not entitled to the return of his degree fees. The court held that the plaintiff voluntarily paid the fees and the expulsion under the provisions of the rules of the organization does not constitute the rescission of a contract under which the fees were paid.

Frederick A. Bartholdi, a freemason, designed the statue of Liberty in NY harbor. Grand Lodge of NY laid the corner stone on August 5, 1885.

Bernard Pierre Mangam, Marshall of France and Senator was appointed Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France and served from 1862 to 1865. This is unusual because he was not a Mason. He was appointed by Emperor Napoleon III.

The letters of the English word GOD are the first three letters of Hebrew words for beauty, strength, and wisdom. G in Gomez, O in Oz, D in Dabar.

In 1860 in Limerick, Ireland, there as found a stone in a small chapel, dated 1517, with the following inscription: "I will serve to live with love &care, upon the level, and by the square."

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Francis Stephens, the Duke of Lorraine, received the first two Masonic degrees in 1731 in a special lodge convened at The Hague, Holland, becoming the first known royal freemason. Later he received the third degree in England. In 1735 renounced his title.

Dr. Joseph Ignace Guillotine was a member of Concorde Fraternelle Lodge of Paris and a member of the French Assembly. He obviously invented the device that bears his name and was later executed with one.

The Rev. William Dodd, first Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, was hanged for forgery on June 2nd, 1777.

In 1839 the Mormons left Missouri and settled in the area of Nauvoo, IL. On October 15, 1841, the IL Grand Master issued a dispensation to form a lodge at Nauvoo. On March 15th, 1842, Joseph Smith received his first degree and the others shortly after. Certain irregularities were reported - in five months the lodge initiated 256 candidates and 243 were raised. After investigation, the grand master revoked the dispensation, but the lodge continued to work. On April 5, 1844, the Mormon masons dedicated a Masonic Temple. IL Masons got in trouble for taking part in the ceremony. Opposition to the group and internal dissension led to the assassination of Joseph Smith and the removal of the Mormons from IL.

Operative Lodge #150 in Aberdeen, Scotland is unusual in that it is only open to operative stonemasons.

Dr. Edward Jenner, in 1789 discovered the vaccination process against smallpox. He was worshipful master of Faith and Friendship Lodge #270 in Berkeley, England at the time.

In July 1863, Confederate raiders rode into Versailles, IN, capturing the local militia and stealing the county treasury. The next day, General John Morgan (CSA), learned that his men had also made off with the jewels of the local lodge. They were returned the following day. Morgan was from Daviess Lodge #22, Lexington, KY.

Wheelock Commandery No. 5 in Texas had all 55 of its members killed serving in the Confederate Army. The Commandery ceased to exist.

Missouri's first Confederate Capitol was the Masonic Building in Neosho, MS. From here the legislature passed the Act of Secession.



Buffalo Chicken Strips II

A homemade lower fat dip accompanies these Buffalo-braised chicken strips. Delicious and less unhealthy Buffalo chicken strips than served in many restaurants. Easy!

INGREDIENTS

Prep Time: 5 Minutes
Cook Time: 15 Minutes
Ready In: 20 Minutes
Yields: 6 servings
2/3 cup plain non-fat yogurt
2 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise
2 ounces crumbled blue cheese
3 tablespoons finely chopped green onions
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1/2 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast
halves - cut into strips
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons butter
1 tablespoon hot pepper sauce

DIRECTIONS

To Make Dip: In a small bowl, whisk together the yogurt, mayonnaise and bleu cheese. Stir in green onion and pepper; cover and refrigerate. To Make Strips: Heat oil in a large skillet. Season chicken with salt and sauté over medium high heat, stirring frequently, until lightly browned and cooked through, about 7 to 10 minutes. Remove skillet from heat. Add butter and hot pepper sauce to skillet and swirl until the butter melts and the sauce coats the chicken. Serve hot chicken with refrigerated dip mix.



With our sunny and warmer days, it seems we are letting go of winter and welcoming a new spring. Also, it is time to bring you up to date with all of the things the girls have been doing.

On January 29th, we went to Hardinsburg Assembly and attended its Installation, and had a very enjoyable time. It is always interesting for our members to see other Lodges where the different Assemblies meet. On Sunday, February 19th, our members, some prospects, and members of the Advisory Board went bowling at Ken-Bowl, and rolled some exciting games. Our District Deputy, Jon Elbert, invited our Assembly to represent the Rainbow Girls at his Masonic District Meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple on February 25th, so Lindsey Reams, our Worthy Advisor, and Reams, our Recorder, and Aunt Rose attended, where the girls sold 54 Booster Lines for our Grand Assembly Program. On February 26th, Lorraine Assembly hosted the District School at the Lodge Hall, and had a very good attendance, and were very proud when the majority of our Advisory Board sat on the sidelines. School was a good practice for our ritual work, and questions were answered by Mom Anne. At our meeting on February 27th, we had the drawing for the \$50 Jefferson Mall Gift Card, and Sarah Klinglesmith was the winner, and she had just purchased her shares that evening before the meeting.

Saturday, March 4th, was the first fish fry of the year, and our girls were on hand to help put the orders together, as well as holding our first bake sale for the year. Our customers did not disappoint, with the fish selling so well that there was no more fish by 6:30 p.m. that evening. On Saturday, March 18th, we again helped with the fish fry, and the fish sold very well.

On Sunday, March 19th, the Lorraine Pledge

On Sunday, March 19th, the Lorraine Pledge Class held its Initiation for 3 new members, Desirae Bell, Samantha Wolcott, and Alexis Wolcott. Afterwards, the Pledge Class held its Installation of Officers, with Miranda Klinglesmith becoming the Pledge Sister for this term, with her Officers consisting of Miranda Elbert, Samantha Wolcott, Faith Klinglesmith, Desirae Bell, Alexis Wolcott, Olivia Foster, Summer Minton, and Morgan Givens. Members of Lorraine Assembly assisted in these ceremonies, and we always are amazed

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Cherokee Chapter DeMolay



Cherokee Chapter Order of DeMolay welcomes Jon Hicks to our family. Jon attends Eastern High School. We now have ten DeMolay from Eastern. Tim signed Jon's Petition and Tim now has seven petitions so far. We have more petitions on the way and will confer both Degrees on Monday, April 3rd.

March was DeMolay month and we attended Church at Saint Andrews United Church of Christ on Sunday, March 19th. We had over twenty people in attendance. During the month of March we observed all Seven Cardinal Virtues with various events during the Month. Some of these events were: Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon, Basketball practices, Parent's Appreciation luncheon, and cleaning and organizing the DeMolay closet. We had a Past Master Councilors' Night. The Advisors were also honored. We have worked two fish fry's in March.

Our Spring Conclave in Mt. Sterling will be the first weekend of April. Our DeMolay will play Basketball, Golf and compete in Ritual competitions. On April 14th, we will attend the Derby Classic Basketball Game at Freedom Hall. There will be two more fish fry's and two more DeMolay meetings in April.

Cherokee welcomes Dad John Gallai and Dad James Stevens. These are two of our newest advisors at Cherokee. John Gallai was my first Master Councilor when I became Chapter Advisor and he is a great asset to the Chapter. John is actively coaching our DeMolay in Basketball. John is also one of our newest Entered Apprentices at Suburban. James Stevens is the father of Cody Stevens a DeMolay at Cherokee. James is also an Entered Apprentice at Suburban.

We would like to thank Suburban Lodge and Suburban Social Club for your continued support of Cherokee. We also thank Southern Star Chapter and Southern Star Social Club for their support. The support of the Suburban family has contributed to our overall success. Come out and see us the first or third Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Greg CoffeyChapter Advisor

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at how well these Pledges, ages 7 to 11, are learning their ritual work. The Pledge Class meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights, when they first do their ritual work, and then have crafts, fun, and games.

On Saturday, March 25th, members of Lorraine Assembly and its Pledge Class headed to the Eastern Star Home to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments that we took with its residents. We were happy to see 14 of the residents in the Dining Room to play for the quarters, which were donated by Southern Star Chapter. Also, Beverly Westphal had donated a number of beautiful corsages, which we took to the Home, and each of these residents chose a corsage that we pinned on them for good luck that day, and were assured they would wear these corsages on Easter Sunday.

On Sunday, April 2nd, we will observe our annual Church Service at Southside Baptist Church on Camden Avenue, and then the members and their families will enjoy The Grand Worthy Advisor, a pizza lunch at the church. Jessica Johnson, will be making her Official Visit to our Assembly on Monday, April 10th, when we will have a special dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Also on April 10th, we will be having Initiation for 2 new members, Amanda Upshaw and Rachel Portman. It is always an exciting time for our Assembly when we welcome new members, and it seems that our Assembly will be growing, as we have received another Petition, and hope that it will be the first of many more. Saturday, April 15th, will have us working the fish fry again, and holding another bake sale for the Assembly. The girls are attempting to raise some funds to help us attend Supreme Assembly, which will be held this year in Oklahoma City from July 22-We are hoping to be able to ride the bus from 26, 2006. Kentucky, and attend the festivities at that time.

Our Assembly is currently selling ads and Booster Lines for the Grand Assembly Program, and if you would like to buy an ad, please contact Aunt Rose. We are very appreciative of all the organizations on our corner that purchase ads in this Program. This year Kentucky Grand Assembly will be held on July 7th, 8th, and 9th at Executive Inn West. Our members will be busy preparing their design for the aprons, the scrapbook and its cover, planning a door design, planning for ritual competitions for this year, arranging a dance team routine, and filling out applications for Grand Appointments for next year.

We invite our Masons and Eastern Stars to attend our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, and if you know a girl between the ages of 11 and 20 who would be interested in Rainbow, or of Pledge Class age of 7 to 11, call Aunt Rose (491-4757) for more information.

In Rainbow Love, Aunt Rose Flamm









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Please send copy on or <u>prior</u> to the **3rd** Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November to: Jan Wilt-Editor or email to **jdwilt@insightbb.com**



EDITOR'S NOTE

by Jan Wilt

I have moved the newsletter articles due date back to the 3rd Thursday of the selected months again, simply because I did not

know how hard it would be to get all the articles in with southern star added. It seems that it is no worse than before, so I decided to get back to our old due date.

Let's not forget that the Fish Fry has been going on for a few weeks already this season. Try to go and help work on Saturday's and if you can, help out during the week with the preparation work for the fish fry. Tell your friends about the Fish Fry, it is still the cheapest fish around and the best.



DeMolay & Rainbow Picture Page

Cherokee DeMolay and DeMolay Sweetheart Tera Paris at District 13 meeting.

DeMolay Bowl-A-Thon





Lorraine Rainbow girls Lori and Linsey Reems at District 13 meeting

ROWLAND'S RAMBLINGS

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by JOE ROWLAND P.M.



Some of the stuff that people forward to my e-mail box is informative. Some of it I could do without.

Someone sent me a story about rat doo-doo being in the glue on envelopes. Yuk! That caused me a lot of extra work. Now I have to keep a wet sponge in a container on my desk to use when I seal an envelope. I also

scrub the top of every can I open for the same reason. More extra work.

I'm thinking about giving up Coca Cola too. I read an article that said Coke would remove toilet stains. Do I want something that strong eating up my stomach? I only have one stomach. Of course my waist size has caused some people to talk about my having two stomachs along with my two chins. And I won't drink Dr. Pepper anymore because the people who make it refuse to put "Under God" on their cans. I suspect they're atheists.

I'm having a hard time giving up deodorant though. I've heard it causes cancer. I guess I'll have to shower two or three times a day, because on a hot day I smell like a bullfrog swimming in swamp scum. If I have to give up toothpaste, I'll smell like a bullfrog swimming in swamp scum with dog breath. I'd have to stand up wind from everybody.

I wouldn't dare stick my hand in the coin return on a pay telephone to see if I can find a quarter somebody left. I'm afraid I'll get stuck by a needle infected with AIDS. There aren't very many pay phones left anyway, so I won't fret about that.

I read in the newspaper that some people in shopping center store like to spray a perfume sample on people. Sometimes those perfumes have stuff in them that knocks you out, and they rob you. I don't want to be robbed, but if I was sure it was legitimate perfume I could go for it, since I don't use deodorant any more.

I'll probably stop answering the phone too, because someone may ask me to dial a number for them, then I'll get a bill for calls to Sicily, Bangkok, Tarzana, or Timbuktu. It happened to one of my friend's best friend's brother-in-law's boss' secretary.

I got an e-mail telling me that God will not answer my prayers unless I forward their message to twenty-two of my closest friends within twenty-two minutes. What if I didn't *have* twenty-two close friends? God would never listen to me again? I certainly want God to

listen to me. No one else will.

I no longer have any savings because I sent it to a little girl in Bangladesh who had a terminal illness for the 3,257th time. I hope the poor little sick girl is still with us. I haven't heard from her for a week and a half now. In fact I don't have *any* money now, but I'll be rolling in dough when Microsoft and AOL sends me the \$50,000 they promised me for participating in their special e-mail program. I'm sure my mailman will bring it soon. He brings me lots and lots of letters from people in Ethiopia who need money. I can't send *anybody* any money until I get my check. I sure hope the little girl in Bangladesh can wait.

I have to mail and receive all my packages through the post office now, because my third cousin once removed on my mother's side told me that UPS and FedEx is actually Al Qaeda in disguise. My third cousin once removed on my mother's side is a pretty smart cookie. He had a 1981 Cadillac destroyed in the 1973 Louisville tornado.

Some things are going my way now though. I don't have to buy Keebler Cookies anymore, because I found their recipe on the internet. Now I can make my own Keebler's. Last night I played a blank tape at full blast. My mime neighbor who lives next door went nuts.

But there are still a few things I don't understand. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular? If people from Poland are called Poles, why are pople from Holland not called Holes? And why isn't the number eleven pronounced onety-one? And if we are here to help others, what are the others here for? Do people know those little bottles of Evian water they pay two dollars for is *Naive* spelled backwards? Some of these things really confuse me.

Mothers feed their babies with tiny spoons and forks. What do Chinese mothers use to feed their babies? Toothpicks? I wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag. If four out of five people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that the fifth person enjoys it? Whatever happened to Preparation A through G? When cheese has its picture taken what does it say? I need answers. I'll ask my third cousin once removed on my mother's side.

If you don't send this article to 9,999 people in the next nine minutes a large pigeon with a wicked case of diarrhea will land on your head at 4 p.m next Saturday. I know it will happen, because it happened to my next door neighbor's ex-mother-in-law's second husband's cousin's beautician. You just can't take a chance.



Worthy Matron Speaks Out!

Well here it is time for the Ray's again. Time seems to be just marching along. I just wanted to tell everyone again what a great job they did on our inspection. The night went along very smoothly.

March has started and you know if it comes in like a lamb, it will go out like a lion. I know that every one especially me can't wait until summer. The warm months just perk me up.

I do want to take this time to let everyone know that Jessica is doing a spectacular job with the Re-lay for Life. She has some very exciting up coming events. She has scheduled a bake sale at the Fish Stand, and if at all possible, let all come out and give her a hand.

You know it must be daughter like mother, as Myra is also doing a great job as President of the Social Club. She is also working hard on new and fun projects for our group. I do know she is also planning a bake sale. Both of these are in either late March or early April. I'm sure both of them will keep you informed.

In the upcoming months we will be having our Past Matrons and Past Patron Night. I do hope that all of you will be able to be there, as you are the backbone of the Chapter.

Well, I had better close for now, hope to see all ya'l at chapter.

In Star Love,

Rosie



Everyone is invited to come to social club; we meet on Friday nights after our Eastern Star meeting. We have a pot luck dinner at 6:30 P.M. and our meeting starts around 7:00 P.M and does not last very long. This is a very good time to get to know everyone.

We are working on our Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. We are having a yard sale April 15, 2006 at Teresa and Alan Whitlow's house, Teresa has been gracious enough to offer her yard for the sale. If anyone has any items they would like to donate please contact Teresa Whitlow, Jessica Curry, me or any member of Eastern Star and we will make arrangement to pick them up.

Myra Curry President







from the Conductress



Well spring is here, hopefully, the weather will be better and we do not have many storms. I know the weather and sickness has kept several of our members at home, so if the weather gets better everyone can come to Chapter. We have had several initiations this term and we are looking forward to seeing our new members coming to Chapter.

There are several bake sales scheduled for our chapter. The next one is April 22, 2006, if anyone can donate any baked goods or can come out and help it would be greatly appreciated. I am in the process of making a directory of members to be sold; hopefully this will be ready by the April meeting.

If anyone has any suggestions on fundraisers please let me know.

Myra Curry Conductress



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Southern Star - In Memoriam

Sister Carolina Justus - February 2, 2006

Sister Carolina was initiated into Southern Star Chapter on June 4, 1954 and remained a dedicated member of the Order, even though she was living in Florida, until her death.

DUES

I am beginning to accept dues for 2006 and will have our dues cards ready in the next couple of weeks. Please send me your dues for 2006. Dues will be \$23.90 again this year.

If you are not current in your dues (you should have a vellow dues card for 2005), please mail them to me at: 4305 Gaudet Road; Louisville KY 40299 along with your 2006 dues.

> **Debbie Ballinger** Secretary Southern Star #154



American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Committee Update

The Relay for Life is getting closer and closer. It is only 2 months away!! Please mark your calendars for May 19th and 20th. We are sure to have a good time again! The Relay will be held again at Moore High School from 7pm to 7am. The theme this year is "Star Light, Star Bright ... Wish I Had A Cure Tonight!" I wanted to thank everyone to donated baked goods & money to the bake sale we had on March 11th. We raised just over \$180. We have another bake sale coming up on April 8th so please mark your calendars to drop off some baked goods so we can raise over \$200 this time.

Just like in years past we are selling the Luminaries again. They are \$5 for one and you can designate them 'In memory' or 'In honor' of someone whose has battled cancer. If you would like to purchase them, feel free to contact me at the below phone number. Also, if you or someone you know is a cancer survivor, please send me their information. We are honoring all the cancer survivors at the Relay with a special ceremony as well as a few other surprises.

Remember we are still collecting old cell phones and printer cartridges to be recycled and that money will be going to our fundraising total. I welcome anyone's help in planning and fundraising for our Corner's teams, please contact me at 502-327-6839 or via email at:

iessica.curry@insightbb.com.

Remember, there is no finish line until we find a CURE and we can't find a cure with your help!

> In star love, **Jessica Curry**



