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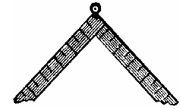


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From the Master Bill Harvey



Greetings from the East.....

It has been a while since I have greeted each of you from the East. But there is a good reason for this. As many of you know, our newsletter equipment gave up the ghost and had to be replaced. We have spent the money that the Lodge earned at Derby time parking cars on the new printing equipment. We also added money donated by Southern

Star OES. Hopefully, we are now back in the Newsletter business on a regular basis.

I want to thank Bro. Joe Marshall for his assistance in procuring this equipment. And also thanks to Bro. Jan Wilt for his hard work as editor, and thanks to everyone who comes out and helps us get the newsletter ready to mail. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a huge undertaking and requires several hours by several people so that you can enjoy reading the latest happenings at Suburban Lodge and Southern Star OES. One of the joys of being Master is seeing so many petitions come to the Lodge and seeing these men investigated, screened, voted on and then receive their degrees. There definitely is a renewed interest in men joining Suburban Lodge and being part of "making good men better". We have been having 40-60 members and visitors join us each week for supper and Lodge. I remember when we had a big night if 20 showed up. So I hope you will join us any Thursday night and be a part of the excitement of your Lodge.

I have appointed a Library Committee and they are currently getting prices and ideas on setting up the room outside the Lodge door as a Library. We have had some books donated and we want to consolidate all these into one room. More on this as it happens.

If you have seen Suburban's robes and other paraphernalia lately, you could see they are several years old and getting quite thread bare. So I have asked PM Jon Elbert, PM Stan Robinson, SW Wayne Carby and Bro. Tom Mercer to be on a committee to see what we need to replace and to enlist some volunteers to sew, and to help us out on this project. It won't be cheap, but nothing ever is if it's done correctly. We may be asking for donations to help defray this cost. Suburban has always been known for their degree work and we want to have new outfits to match that work. If we bought these already made, it would cost several thousand dollars but I believe we can keep the cost way down with volunteer help.

Brothers, Suburban Lodge has always done anything they do first class. Some Lodges do degree work reading out of a book. Better not be caught doing that here. Many Lodges run on the cheap, due to small funding. Fortunately, we have our Social Club to help us out when needed. I see a vision for our Lodge as one of high expectations from its Officers and members. Hopefully, we will always expect high standards in our Lodge work, how we treat our widows and how we meet and greet each other and our visitors. My Corp of Officers are excited about our future and with God will-

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**From the desk
of the Secretary**

Joe Marshall



Suburban Lodge Stats

Entered Apprentices: Conferred by Rusty Portman

Jonathan Treadway	June 14, 2007
Mark Huff	June 14, 2007
Lewis Riddle Jr.	June 14, 2007
David Faircloth,	July 12, 2007

Fellow Crafts: Conferred by Mark Gall

Clinton Carrier,	July 19, 2007
Jonathan Treadway	July 19, 2007
Joe Hardman	July 19, 2007
Lewis Riddle Jr.	July 19, 2007

Master Masons: Conferred by Wayne Carby
None

It has been a great year for Cherokee DeMolay. As of July 1st, we have taken in seven new members. With one more member, we will have achieved the number of new members we gained in all of 2006. So far, we have worked fish fries, attended two Conclaves and had two Installations of Officers.

June 14th through June 16th, Mom Coffey and I attended DeMolay International in St. Louis. Kentucky's own Patton R. Hart was installed as Grand Master of DeMolay. Our state was well represented at Dad Hart's Installation, with representatives from several of our Masonic bodies in attendance.

We are getting ready to leave for our annual Conclave, which is being held July 18th through July 22nd in Williamsburg, KY at Cumberland College. We have fourteen young men from Cherokee attending this Conclave. We congratulate Tim Wemes and Ben Pifer who have been elected to receive the Degree of Chevalier at this Conclave.

Three of our DeMolay graduated from Eastern High School this year. Two of which will be attending Kentucky Wesleyan College beginning in August, Brothers Eric Feldpausch and Chris Hirsbrunner. We will miss both of them very much. We look forward to seeing them on some weekends and hopefully on their college breaks. Both Chris and Eric are six year members of Cherokee and have been very active with the chapter. One of our members will be attending UofL this summer, Brother Tim Wemes. Hopefully, Tim's first year at college won't be as grueling as his year as State Master Councilor. Cherokee also thanks Southern Star Social Club for the two scholarships presented at our installation of officers.


Cherokee thanks Suburban Lodge and Suburban Social Club for making it possible for Cherokee Chapter to succeed. Your financial support as well as moral support have helped make us the strong chapter we are today.



Deaths:

Brother Randall Jarvis Jr. - Who passed away in January 2005.

Brother Jack Trent -Who passed away July 9, 2007



Affiliations by Transfer: None
Plural Members: None
Reinstatements: None
Demits: None

**Greg Coffey,
Chapter Advisor**



**From the
Junior Warden
Mark Galloway**

At one time in the history of the Masonic Fraternity, men flocked to our doors in search of something better for their lives. So at various points in American history, our membership grew by leaps and bounds. But as of late, this is not the case, not only for the Masons but for all fraternal groups. Listed below are a few things that I have seen happening that is causing the demise of Masonic Lodges.

1. **Health problems** - a very real block to Lodge attendance, especially for our older members. Whether it is because of a family member being ill or the Mason himself, it is hard to attend if someone doesn't feel like attending.
2. **Transportation difficulties** - many older members can't see to drive at night, or don't have reliable transportation. This is where our Lodges have fallen down by not trying to get transport for older Masons.
3. **Financial distress** - many, many Masons are on a fixed income and can't afford the gas or the yearly dues to belong to his Lodge.
4. **Relocation** - sometimes it is very hard to relocate and fall back into Lodge attendance due to location of a Lodge or just meeting new people.
5. **Beliefs change** - some Masons change their views on membership in the Masonic Order, possibly due to joining a different church.
6. **Family opposition** - some family members just don't want their husband or father to be gone from home.
7. **Lack of time** - time is a determining factor when one has to decide how to divide up their day for church, clubs, Lodge, etc.
8. **Disharmony and cliques** - we all have a tendency to hang with those who think and talk like us (a clique) thus causing disharmony with those you don't associate with. This is very harmful to the fellowship Masons should be cultivating.
9. **Discrimination against others** - who are not of the same ethnic or religious group as yourself. This can be very destructive to any Lodge.
10. **Boredom** - "Is this all there is?" The Lodge is not all about the short meetings we have, but about the fellowship we cultivate together, helping each other and helping others in need.
11. **Lack of attention affecting attendance** - listen to what the Master and others have to say, don't contribute to

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ing, we will go into the future always expecting the best that we can give. Brothers, in that same thought, the other night I had to address the way part of our standard was slipping. That being in how we dress while at Lodge. We have no "dress code" as such, but we like to think that our Lodge meetings are on a par with going to church. Thusly, we should dress accordingly. We don't expect everyone to be in suit and tie, but it would be appreciated if we did not wear shorts and t-shirts with curse words or vulgarity on it. I know there will be times a brother may have to wear shorts to Lodge due to a medical condition or came to Lodge straight from work. As I told the Lodge, I would rather you were here in Lodge in shorts than sitting at home in long pants. Anyway, this was NOT done to pick on any certain persons or to push a "communistic dress code" but just to try and get back to a standard of dress we will all be proud of. Enough said on that!!

Brothers, I am always available to speak to anyone who desires to share a thought, especially if it is to help our Lodge grow and prosper. But if you just want to gripe and complain, without any idea of how to make the situation better, talk to your dog or cat. They will be more interested in listening to you than I will. We don't need or want growling, arguing, fighting and back biting. What we want is some helpful input to help our fellowship and our Lodge grows stronger. Instead of complaining about a brother having on an article of clothing you don't like, go over and shake his hand, slap him on the back and tell him how glad you really are to see him. Brothers, this year is already half over and I would like to hear from you. Don't forget our Picnic on July 29th. God bless you and yours and remember to help those who are less fortunate than you are!!

**Fraternally,
Bill Harvey, Sr
Master**





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disturbances in your Lodge.

12. **Fear of examination** - at your local Lodge, if you have an up-to-date dues card, someone will know you and you will get in. Have you heard of the Tyler's Oath? Learn it, it's not very long, and you probably can get into any Masonic Lodge.

13. **Involvement with other groups** - unfortunately, too many men join Masonry in order to get into other appendant Masonic groups. What a slap in the face of your Lodge. If it weren't for your Blue Lodge, you wouldn't be in any of the other groups. Shame on those who do that and forget about their Lodge.

14. **Uncomfortable after a long absence from Lodge** - so what? Come on back to Lodge and just get over it! It happens to us all.

15. **Different work and schedules** - it happens, but please try to be there when you can. It won't kill you to take a day off once a year in order to attend Lodge.

16. **Multiple memberships** - they cost money and require your time if you attend them all. Try to make it to your Blue Lodge a few times a year if possible.

17. **Security** - older members don't like to be alone at night in order to go to Lodge. Try to go with a couple of other brothers as there is safety in numbers.

18. **Priority** - sometimes one has to prioritize activities in their lives and sometimes Lodge is first to go! Try to not get rid of your membership, but come occasionally if you can.

19. **Lodge mergers** - it is a fact of life now that Lodges do merge when each Lodge doesn't have enough members to pay the bills. Come to your new merged Lodge and get to know the new Masons you may not have known before.

20. **Don't like change** - who does? Remember, the only thing that doesn't change is the fact that things do change. Work into change slowly and you will eventually get used to the changes.

21. **"They don't do degree work the way they used to"**. Yes, some changes do happen, especially in how meanings change due to the old ways not being taught anymore. Don't like it? Then come to Lodge and be a part of keeping the old ways alive. Don't always blame changes on others. Your Lodge needs you there to help keep up their traditions.

22. **Unmasonic conduct of others** - don't just talk about it, be a part of making sure everyone follows the rules and does things right.

23. **Disagreements** - whether it be politics, behavior, standards, bullying, put-downs or cliques, stand up for what you think is right. No one is correct all the time, including you, so be a little more understanding of others.

This is just a summary of items that can and do keep Brother Masons from attending Lodge. After you finish reading this and if you feel a little guilty about not

attending your Lodge, try and make an effort to correct some of the items listed and become a part of the solution and not part of the problem. I would also like to add something about the brothers who leave lodge early on degree work nights. I realize that morning comes around pretty early especially if you work. Some of the brothers make it a habit to leave after the first section, like their parts done, goodnight. Think back brothers when you went through the degrees and joined lodge. What if everyone had gone home when you were raised? What kind of impression would it have made on you at that time?

We (unfortunately) don't have degree work all that often, try to stay, it will impress the new brother and maybe he will want to come back. I have seen a new brother leave a packed lodge room to change clothes and come back to an empty lodge with only the necessary officers to finish and congratulate him. This is sure sad to say but I have even seen brothers sneak out when the lights go out during the obligation. Shame on you! Our lodge will only be as great as its members make it.

Mark Galloway
Junior Warden



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Coming Events August - September 2007

August 2007

2 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
4 Fish Fry	10:00AM to 8:00PM
6 DeMolay Meeting	7:30PM
7 Hall Association Meeting	6:30PM
9 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
11 FISH FRY	10:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
13 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
14 Social Club Meeting	7:00PM
16 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
18 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
19 SPECIAL EVENT: August 19, 2007 Rob Morris Pilgrimage	
<u>At the Rob Morris House in La Grange KY</u>	
Church 10:30AM Lunch 11:30AM Program	12:30PM
20 DeMolay Meeting	7:00 PM
21 OES Southern Star Refreshments	6:15PM 7:30PM
23 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
24 Southern Star Social Club Pot Luck	6:30PM
25 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
27 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
28 York Rite Meeting	7:30PM
30 Family Night Bring a Dessert Dine at 6PM	7:30 PM

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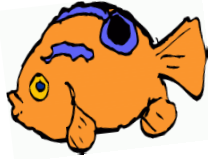
1 FISH FRY	10:00AM to 8:00PM
3 LABOR DAY	
4 Hall Association Meeting	6:30PM
6 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
8 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
10 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
11 Social Club Meeting	7:30PM
13 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
15 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
17 DeMolay Meeting	7:30PM
18 OES Southern Star (Elections)	
Refreshments	6:15PM 7:30PM
20 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
21 Southern Star Social Club Pot Luck	6:30PM
22 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
24 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
25 York Rite Meeting	7:30PM
27 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
29 FISH FRY	10:00 am TO 8:00PM

October 2007

1 DeMolay Meeting	7:30PM
2 Hall Association Meeting	6:30PM
4 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
5 Southern Star (Installation) Refreshments after	7:30PM
6 Fish Fry	10:00AM to 8:00PM
8 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
9 Social Club Meeting	7:00PM
11 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM



SUBURBAN SOCIAL CLUB

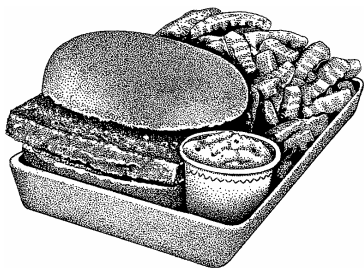


Hey brothers, Mitch here again. Perhaps, some of you might not realize the importance of this segment of Suburban Lodge. Just ask a member of our Hall Association, like Joe Marshall, Stan Robinson, Bob Marshall, Wayne Carby or past members of the Hall.

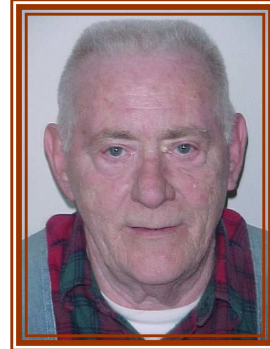
Ask about the costs, like real estate taxes, insurance, utilities, cleaning, grounds keeping, operating maintenance, etc, for a month or a year. You will be astonished at the cost, and yet only a few, a very few, make it possible to pay these bills by the sale of fish. Ask also where the money came from to pay off this beautiful Lodge and the property it sets on.

Brothers, your dues come nowhere close to being able to maintain these costs. Your lodge needs you to volunteer a little time, now and then, at the fish stand to keep us a viable organization.

Howard (Mitch) Mitchell,
Social Club President



Have you met?



Howard (Mitch) Mitchell

Howard D. Mitchell! Now here is a man who's name is as big as he is. On November 5th, 1937, Howard was born in East Fork, KY in Metcalfe County, a few miles northeast of Edmonton. He was raised there till he was 12, then moved to Casey County for a couple of years then made the big move to Louisville. His father was in the saw mill business and logging was his livelihood, so Howard moved about a lot. After attending several elementary schools, he attended Ahrens Trade School and graduated from there in 1955. Since Howard's trade was maintenance work, he was suited to work at different places. He went to GE in 1955 for 9-½ years, then to American Standard for 4-1/2 years, moving on to Reynolds Metals for 4-½ years and Seagram's Distillery for 11 years. Finally he landed at the Jefferson County Public Schools and worked there 13 years before retiring in 1999. So you can see why we call upon Mr. Howard when we need something fixed in the fish stand. He has the experience to fix about anything. Shortly after leaving Ahrens, he married Jessie Helen Stevenson in 1957. This union brought about 1 daughter and 2 sons. Then it all spreads out. He is the proud grandparent of 7 (2 boys, 5 girls) and has 4 step grandchildren. I'm not finished. He has 7 great grandchildren and 3 step great grandchildren. Whew!! Someone's been busy! Unfortunately, his wonderful wife left us much too soon in 1998.

Howard joined Suburban Lodge in 1961 and became Master in 1968. He is currently President of the Suburban Social Club and has been doing an excellent job residing over it. He told me that he worked at every St. John's Day League picnic from 1961 till the last one a couple of years ago. As far as hobbies and interesting things to do goes, he likes to hunt, fish, do a little farming and he helps vets and other older people in his area with home repairs, etc.

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In closing, I asked Howard what he wanted to say to his brothers and he said that he has made lots of friends through the Lodge and has enjoyed every minute as a member here. He said that your participation in and around the Lodge will help you make friends, too. I want to thank Bro. Mitchell for all his hard work, long hours in the fish stand and for his faultless help in the degree work at Suburban. He is truly a brother to look up to when we think of leaders in our Lodge.



EDITOR'S NOTE

by Jan Wilt

As you can see, the Newsletter is back in business. We have a new duplicator and this edition is it's first test. If you are reading this in print, then apparently it works. Speaking of print, we really need to have every one that has access to a computer and the internet or can receive email to let the lodge know. We are trying to cut back on cost of the newsletter and if you can received email we will send it to you in full color and the complete edition. We plan on putting out in print only a condensed version of the newsletter, mainly with the news from the lodge, the Masters article, the calendar of events and Suburban news stats. One article from OES, Rainbow and DeMolay. All the other articles including things like Rowlands Ramblins, special Masonic articles, Recipes, etc. will be sent by email. Also you can get the full version in color from our website at suburban740.org. We need to cut back on the cost of the newsletter and this is the only way to do it. If you have a computer and can get email or are on the internet, you can have a full version in color, to read on your computer or even print it out. Over a month ago we sent out a letter explaining this to everyone, and so far we have only received 7 requests for the email version. 7 out of over 825 mailings is not very good. We would like to cut the mailings down by at least half, so please contact the lodge and tell us if you want it by email or if you can download it from our website.

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Submitted By
Chester Tunidajewicz, Amsterdam, NY.

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AT
SUN VALLEY
COMMUNITY CENTER



SUNDAY
JULY 29, 2007



FOOD SERVED AT 1:00 P.M.

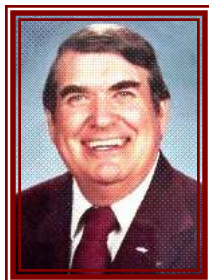
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THE STONE HOLLER BAND

ROWLAND'S RAMBLINGS

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by JOE ROWLAND P.M.



You just have to love *senior* drivers who are so courteous to other drivers on the road. A senior grandmother told this story about how courteous other drivers were to her one day while she was driving with her grandson.

“The other day I went up to a local Christian bookstore and saw a "Honk If You Love Jesus" bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day, because I had just come from a thrilling choir practice, followed by a powerful prayer meeting, so I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.”

“I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus; because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.”

“I found that **lots** of people love Jesus. Why, while I was sitting there, the nice man behind me started honking like crazy, and he leaned out of his window and screamed, "For the love of God, GO! GO!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for the Lord.”

“Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all these loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love. There must have been a man from Florida back there, because I heard him yelling something about a “sunny beach.” I saw another man waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. When I asked my teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant, he said that it was an Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I've never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign back. My grandson burst out laughing; why even he was enjoying this religious experience.”

“A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray, or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So I waved to all my sisters and brothers, smiled at them all, and drove on through the intersection. I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again, and I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared, so I slowed the car down, leaned out of the window, and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!”

Now I love senior grandmothers. I'm married to one. But I don't share the grandmother's story about how courteous other drivers are on the road. I'm convinced that a lot of drivers on our highways today are either nuts or have a death wish. A person driving a huge truck ten feet from the car in front of him, at 75 miles per hour, is about two seconds away from killing himself and everybody in the car in front if the car slows down or the truck driver is distracted. And it happens more and more often. This is insane. Tailgaters should lose their licenses, and have to ride with senior grandmothers.

I also can't understand why people drive 75 in a 65 mph zone. And the speed limit on Interstates and Expressways in Kentucky will soon be increased to 70, which means drivers will then drive 80. Fatal accidents will surely increase, and many of the fatalities will be innocent victims. I just can't understand why people are in such a hurry.

Now I'm not a wimpy, ninety-eight pound, dogooder, and like everybody else, I sometimes break a driving law. But I don't *intentionally* break laws, I simply try to drive safely. But speeders, tailgaters, and traffic light jumpers *intentionally* break the law. And there are far too many of them on the roads nowadays.

I was driving with a friend in my car one day when he made the remark that I drove like an old grandpa. Well, duh --- I *am* an old grandpa, and even an old *great*-grandpa. But of course age has nothing to do with safe driving. It just makes sense. I always set my cruise control at 5 miles per hour *under* the speed limit. And I *never* tailgate another vehicle. I've been driving for 65 years, and I have never been at fault in an accident. I have always been aware of the great responsibility I owe to my family to drive carefully and try to stay alive, for *their* benefit, for *my* benefit, and for the benefit of *others*.

I also make it a point to drive in the outside lane on a four-lane highway. Sure, most of the vehicles behind me come whizzing by, but so what? I arrive at my destination safely, because I started early enough to get there on time, even if I was delayed by an accident caused by the speeders or tailgaters.

So come on, folks. Observe driving laws. Drive safely --- for yourself --- for your family --- and for **me**. If a speeder, a tailgater, or someone with a cell phone stuck in their ear kills me, I'm going to be really mad!

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Southern Star Ray



OES Newsletter

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Christopher East
Browns Lane

Cathie Williamson
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Louisville KY 40272

Members that have passed away

Sister Mary Preston Passed May 31, 2006

Flossie Evelyn Vaughn Passed February 28, 2007

Wilma Denton Passed Passed March 19, 2007

New Members

Charlotte Ekart, initiated March 20, 2007
11805 Garden Grove Way
Jeffersontown KY 40299

Greg Bartlett initiated 7/17/07
5611 Charleswood Place
Louisville KY 40229

Re-instated

Thelma Cheatham
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Louisville KY 40214
From Purity Chapter #116

Alma McCoy
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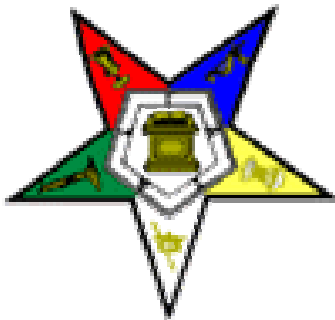


Demits Granted to: Sister Ramona Osting Hawkins and Sister Joyce Motley

Remember our young men and women that are serving our country in the Armed Forces. It is because of their efforts that we are able to enjoy our beautiful order. Remember our sick and bereaved with a card or phone call, you never know how much it can mean. Please let us know if you are sick and in the hospital, if you change your address, and share any good news you may have. We will try to let every one know your joys and concerns.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2006 DUES. Your 2006 dues were due prior to July 31, 2006. Please pay your dues to avoid suspension. Dues are \$23.90 per year and we have several members that are 2 years behind in their dues and they face suspension in July 2007. **If you are having problems that we are unaware of please contact me at (502) 267-6616, and we can make arrangements for payment.**

In Star Love,
Rick Ballinger, Secretary
(502)267-6616
e-mail-richard.ballinger@insightbb.com



One-pan Cheesy Grits with Eggs and Bacon

- 12 -strips bacon
- 1- cup coarse-ground white grits
- 2 -cups water or more, if needed
- 2- cups milk
- 2 -teaspoons salt
- 1- teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1- cup sharp white Cheddar
- 6- large eggs

Set a large, 12-inch sauté pan over medium-low heat. Place the bacon in the pan, 6 strips at a time and cook until rendered and crisp, about 4 to 5 minutes per side. Repeat with the remaining bacon and set aside.

Pour off the fat from the pan and return to the heat. Add the water, milk and grits to the pan. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook the grits, covered, stirring often, until soft and most of the liquid has been absorbed, 45 minutes to 1 1/2 hours depending on the grits. Add more water (a half cup at a time), if necessary.

Once the grits are cooked to the desired degree of tenderness, season with 1 teaspoon of the salt and 1/2 teaspoon of the pepper. Add the cheese and stir well to combine. Crack 5 eggs around the perimeter of the saute pan in a five point star pattern, and 1 egg in the center, and season with the remaining salt and pepper. Place 2 strips of bacon in an X pattern over each egg and return the lid to the grits. Continue to cook, undisturbed, until the whites of the eggs are set and the yolks are still runny, about 12 minutes. Remove the lid and serve the grits by scooping the eggs and bacon with the grits onto plates or shallow bowls. (For folks who like their eggs cooked more, simply stirring the eggs into the hot grits when served will cook the yolks further.



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