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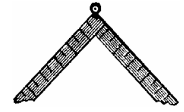
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### From the Master *Don Hill*



Well Brothers, here we are already going into a new year, 2006. So far it has been a whirlwind month for me. I didn't realize that there was so much to do going into a new year. Committees to form, installing new officers in all the different organizations and attending meetings. I sure have been coming and going, round and round, but it has been interesting and I have learned a lot and still have a long way to go. I would like to congratulate all the officers who are in line this year, or should I say the "older officers" who have been faithful through the years and the new officers, who accepted new positions this year. We have a great dependable and experienced group that you can always call on for help.

Let's not forget, February is coming up very quickly and we will have our annual visit to Keystone lodge in Indianapolis, February 11<sup>th</sup>. We are all looking forward to going and seeing our Brothers at Keystone. The main event will be our annual District 13 meeting, February, 25<sup>th</sup> at the Scottish Rite Temple at Brook and Gray streets downtown with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting to follow. Since we are the host, it would be great to have as many Suburban #740 lodge members as possible attend, especially the officers. Also coming up in March, our first Family Night of the year, *March 30<sup>th</sup>* and we will be having our annual "*Chile Cook-Off Night*". It is always a lot of fun so plan to attend and bring a big pot of chili and please spread the word around, not only some great food, but great entertainment, so plan to attend with your family.

Again, congratulations to all the officers who were elected or appointed this year. I am looking forward to having a great year and it will take us all working together.

May God watch over us all,

**Don Hill** , Master





**From the  
Senior Warden  
Bill Harvey, Sr**

Greeting from the West:

As your newly elected Senior Warden here at Suburban Lodge, I want to say "Thank You" to all the brothers who have faith in me to do

this job to the best of my ability. I look forward to working with Master Don Hill and the other brothers who make up our corp of officers in 2006. We seem to have a renewed interest in our membership about our Lodge and I hope we can work on getting more brothers interested in coming back to see us.

I hope that you have enjoyed the "Have you met?" articles that we write for each issue. I've learned a lot about several of our brothers and hopefully you have too. Some seem to think that maybe we should do away with our Newsletter, but I think this is a very important venue to reach our homebound and wayward brothers and keep them informed about the happenings on our corner.

We have recently had the walls in the fish stand washed and prepped to be painted. Then Brother Bill Baker brought in his paint crew and painted the walls in the main room, small kitchen and the fish preparation room. It looks great and I send a big Thank You, Bill for the hard work you and your crew did for our Lodge. Also, many thanks to all the brothers who moved the tables, etc, in preparation to have the painting completed.

I look forward to this coming year, with some new brothers coming into our Lodge. Of course, several of us met at the Lodge on Jan 1st and motored down to the Scottish Rite Temple and picked up our glass. Then we met back at Suburban for hot chili and sandwiches. I really look forward to this kind of fellowship. In closing, let me say that we would love to see some of you this coming year. We all enjoy seeing good ritual work here at Suburban, but mostly we really do enjoy the fellowship of greeting, eating and meeting. I wish the best for each of you this coming year and may God bless you all over more than anywhere else.

**Fraternally,  
Bill Harvey, Sr.,  
Senior Warden**



**From the  
Junior Warden  
Wayne Carby**

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the faith they have shown in me as an officer of this fine lodge. I know there has been some things around here that everyone doesn't agree with, how ever I would like to assure all of you that every thing done was for the good or the order or the lodge. I would like anyone to feel free to come and discuss the well being of this lodge with me. I found a long time ago that one man has one vote as it should be. There for I ask each of you the use that vote and change the way things are. Think about the way it was and the way it is, are you happy. This is your lodge and mine. I look forward to the New Year. Good men making a difference.

Sincerely,  
**Wayne Carby**  
Jr. Warden



**Grand Visitors at Don Hill's Installation**





## **From the Desk of the Secretary**

Well Brothers, it looks as if its another year, has come upon us, and we will have to carry on with what we got. I hope everyone please with their presents they received over the holidays. And I hope that everyone is well. I like to address something that was brought to my attention a few weeks ago concerning the benevolent fund, and why we are able to help some and not help others.

I would like to explain just what the Benevolent fund is. I believe that many don't understand how it works. The Benevolent fund was created by private donations not by the money collected for the dues. First you have to remember that its not the lodges place to help the needy Brothers. It's the members that are obligated to help a Brother in need. With that being said, back some time ago long before I became a member some of the Brothers here at Suburban Lodge decided to start a Benevolent fund this fund would be use to help Suburban Lodge members in time of great need, they appointed a committee of 7 to over see this. Each case presented to the committee is investigated and judge on its own merits, only members of Suburban Lodge in good standing can put in a claim. Not their family, friends or another brother can ask on his behalf, unless he himself makes the claim. And each claim will be fully investigated.

The amount of the claim given is determined upon the total amount in the fund. The committee can only give up to half the amount in the fund at any given time. Such as if there is only 1000.00 dollars in the fund, the most the committee can give is 500.00 dollars, which means they can only give to the next case 250.00 dollars. Unless there has been some more funds that have come in from more donations or fund raisers.

This money is just not given to the Brother without the understanding that it's a loan, and if the time should ever come and he finds himself in better standing in the future he should make an effort to repay it or some of it if possible, so not to depletes the fund and there will be some available for other Brothers who may come in need.

One Brother wrote and ask me that why was the lodge able to help others in time of need and did not help him, was it because he does not attend lodge regularly, and he feels that he is wasting his time paying his dues if he can't get help when he needs it. First I would like to remind everyone that when you petition the lodge and the investigating committee came to you one of the question you were ask was "Do you believe that

the Lodge is a financial institution, and insurance policy?" Every one answered that I investigated NO they did not think it was. That's true it is not a financial institution like I said it is not he lodge function to help anyone pay their bills, it is up to each of us to lend a brother a helping hand if we deem him worthy.

Another thing I was told when I joined this fraternity was you get out of it what you put into it, so I say if I don't put anything into it, other then my dues, then I should expect is just what my dues provide for me. Which brings us to just what my due provides for me? The current dues here at Suburban is 38.50 a year, which keeps you in good standing and lets you show the world you're a Mason. 23.50 of that goes to the Grand Lodge so they can manage their annual budget. Which leaves Suburban Lodge 15.00 from each dues paying member, and currently that 372 dues paying members which gives the lodge 5,580.00 to provide all its members with the following:

- Newsletter that cost around 1800.00 a year to print and mail out,
- Dues Notices that cost close to 1000.00 a year to print and mail out.
- Widow Bags we give out around 2000.00 a year.
- Payroll and taxes to the amount of 2200.00 a year
- Another 2000.00 to 3000.00 on family nights and other activities

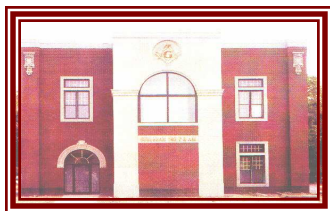
So you are looking at about 10,000.00 dollars to just run the lodge that's not counting everything.

Now I know your saying how can the lodge keep doing this, they must be making more money else where or why have they not raise the dues. We have not raise the dues because many of our hard working Brothers who get up early on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings from March to the end of November, and come over here and put lots of time and energy into preparing the Fish, Onions, Fries and Slaw, which generates the funds so we can keep our dues down, and fund other projects and make donations to our youth groups and others. They are doing their best to make it easier for all our members, especially those who are on fixed incomes and cannot afford any more increases like high energy costs, and insurance, and many others.

It's this determination that Masonry is all about, helping your fellow brother, that what this fraternity is. Ask yourself this when was the last time you reach into your pocket and pull out your last few dollars and gave it to a Brother in need? Or when was the last time you got up and came over to the lodge and help prepare the fish or help put the widows fruit bags, or came to a lodge meeting. Think about this before you feel I or anyone else weather it be a member of this lodge owes you anything. Remember

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# HALL ASSOCIATION

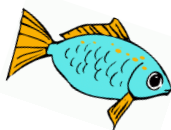


Brethren, I hope that you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We have started another year in the history of our lodge and we are off, and running. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO Brother Bill Baker and his painting crew for the great job they did in the dining room and kitchen. Brother Bill brought his crew in and painted these areas and all we had to pay for was the paint. Thank you to Brothers Hoit Vincent, Claude Boswell, and Burnis Pitts for helping with this huge task. Thank you to the Suburban Lodge members that was present on election night. You have elected 3 excellent members to serve with us for the next year. Elected were Brother Bob Marshal, P.M.; Brother Jim Evans; and Brother Rusty Portman. I am sure they will be great assets for the lodge and Hall Association. The next two months will be busy as we prepare the building for the opening of the Social Club Fish Fries. During the later part of January the carpets in the building will be cleaned. This was scheduled during a period of 5 days that no activities are on the calendar in order to give the carpet plenty of drying time. In February the floors in the kitchen and prep areas will be degreased and restored, and the walk-in boxes will be cleaned and sanitized, and the dining room floor will be stripped, waxed, and buffed. We are looking forward to warmer weather. The utility bills have greatly increased, because of the rate increases, and we are doing everything that we can do cut costs. If you use the building please remember to turn off all light and lower the thermostat when finished. Thank you again for you help in keeping our building clean and safe and a place that we are all proud of.

**Rick Ballinger, P.M.**  
President

**SUBURBAN LODGE #740 F&AM  
LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY**

# SUBURBAN SOCIAL CLUB



Hello Brothers, Howard Mitchell "Mitch" here, newly elected President of our Suburban Social Club. I need your help! Why? Because, without the dedication of a few brothers, of whom I am deeply grateful for, who work at the fish fry every week, our dues paying members of Suburban Lodge would be facing dues of \$150.00+ for utilities, insurance, taxes, refreshments and operations of this beautiful Hall of ours.

Please make an effort to continue to contribute a few hours frequently at our fish stand and enjoy the fellowship and work to keep our Lodge healthy and active, to permit us to support our youth that participate in Rainbow and DeMolay and the fine local charities which we support.

Looking forward to meeting and greeting you here!

"Mitch"

## Family Night

March 30th

7:30 p.m.

## Chili Cook Off !

*"Bring a pot of chili to be judged for the best Chili"*

*Entertainment is:*

*"Fresh Cut Grass"*

*Country and Bluegrass band*

Coming Events Feb.- March 06

# Famous Masons in America

February 2006

2 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
6 DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
7 Hall Association Meeting	7:30PM
9 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
11 <u>Visit Keystone Lodge Leave Lodge</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>
13 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
14 Social Club Meeting	7:00PM
16 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
20 DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
21 Southern Star OES	7:30PM
23 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
25 <u>LODGE DISTRICT MEETING 1PM SCOTTISH RITE</u>	<u>TEMPLE</u>
27 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
28 York Rite Meeting	7:30PM

March 2006

2 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
4 Fish Fry Reopens	10:00AM to 8:00PM
6 DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
7 Hall Association Meeting	7:30PM
9 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
11 FISH FRY	10:00 AM TO 8:00PM
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
20 DeMolay	7:00PM
21 Southern Star OES	7:30PM
23 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
25 FISH FRY	10:00 AM to 8:00PM
27 Rainbow Meeting	7:30PM
28 York Rite Meeting	7:30PM
30 Lodge Family Night	7:30PM

April 2006

1 FISH FRY	10:00 am TO 8:00PM
3 DeMolay Meeting	7:00PM
4 Hall Association Meeting	7:30PM
6 Lodge Meeting	7:30PM
8 FISH FRY	10:00 am TO 8:00PM

## Harry S. Truman, President and Master Mason

In 1911, Harry S. Truman lead the effort to organize Masonic Lodge 18 in Grandview, Missouri. He was elected its first master, served as secretary for four years, and was elected master for a second time in 1916. The Masonic Lodge became an important part of Truman's social life, and he gave himself energetically to leading the Masonic ritual and participating in meetings and ceremonies at several lodges in Jackson County. The thrill of being a leader among his Masonic brothers was strongly felt by a young man who had struggled for years to get over his shyness. "I have the big head terribly," he wrote proudly to Bess Wallace when he was elected master in 1911. (His letter of June 16, 1911.) About a month after becoming master, he conferred the first degree that was given in the Grandview Lodge. "...Sometime in the far distant future," he wrote Bess, "I'll be bragging about having performed that ceremony." (Letter of July 29, 1911.) He was frequently asked to officiate at Masonic ceremonies. He wrote Bess in late February 1912 that he had to preside over ceremonies at three different lodges on three consecutive nights. "That dispenses with three nights on which I receive nothing but hot air and get my hatband sprung," he said. (Letter of February 27, 1912.)

While Truman was serving in France during World War 1, the lodge hall in Grandview burned down and all its records were lost. After the war, he focused his efforts on serving the entire Masonic district that included Jackson County outside of Kansas City. In 1925, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master and Lecturer and for about five years he gave courses of instruction in lodges throughout the district.

Gaylon Babcock, whose family owned a farm near the Truman farm in Grandview, attended lodge meetings with Truman in the 1920s. Babcock was very critical of Truman's ability as a farmer, but he thought better of the skills he demonstrated in his Masonic work. "...He did a good job in the lodge work. Excellent. He was an excellent director. If things weren't going right along smoothly, Harry would come in and get them to going. He was a good lodge man." (Gaylon Babcock oral history interview, Truman Library, 1964.)

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this we are all equal, and stand on the same level. And to the statement if I was a regular at the lodge they would not hesitate to help me out. Well Brothers that pretty true we do tend to help out those of us who come around more often than those we never see. The reason being bases explains itself, If I see you here every Thursday night, or here every week working the fish stand, we learn more about each other such as personal day to day business, the same as if we work beside each other, or we attend the same church, or other activities and interest we share, then I will come to know about your problems and you mind, and then when and if the time comes for help I will generally give and more then likely give more then if its someone I really don't know, that just human natural, and friendship, not because I don't like you.

Remember we all took the same obligations and we all know our duties and limitations, so don't feel the lodge or the members owes you anything, because you pay your dues, that 38.50 a year is not the only dues you can pay, and the things it brings back to you, are not all the benefits you can receive. Remember you get out of the Lodge what you put into it. The more you put into it the more you get back. Just like paying into a retirement account for many years, you hope it there when you retire, and the lodge is the same we have many members who joined when they were young, for what every reason they had at the time, with their job, and other activities they never had the time to get involved with the lodge but now they have retired and have time on their hands and have found a new place to come and enjoy and spend their time help all the members of Suburban Lodge in many different ways.

One more thing I want to discuss and its on the same level as this, one brother a few month ago called and complaint that he had been sick, and in the hospital and no one had come by and checked on him. He a regular worker at the fish stand and is works often. It was reported that he was ill and even in the hospital, but no one had the chance to go visit him before he was sent home. I explained to him that this is not uncommon, That I too was ill a while back had a little surgery and no one came by or even called me, but I did not make me mad, because in the same token I did not take the time to visit of call others who were sick so why should I expect someone to call me. So I like to say to all those members that have taken the time to read this to stop and consider and remember your obligations, and you will see that its not the lodges place to help others but its yours. We as men and Masons must look at every individual that comes to us in need on its own merit, and hope that some day that maybe it's yourself that is in need.

Thanks

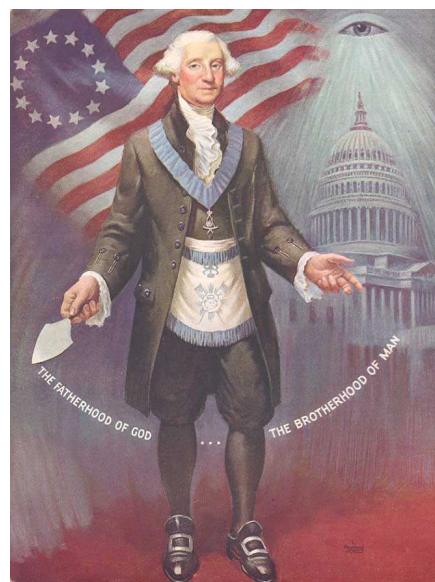
**Joe Marshall,**  
Secretary 2006



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In 1940, Truman was elected Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Missouri. His last duty in this position was to preside over the lodge's annual meeting, held in St. Louis on Sept. 30 and Oct 1, 1941. "Well my tour of duty as Grand Master ended up in a blaze of glory...," Truman wrote to Bess after the meeting. "My good friends were the happiest men you ever saw and I felt like it was worth all the effort and time." (Letter of Oct. 3, 1941.)

On October 19, 1945, Truman was given the 33rd Degree of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the southern jurisdiction. He is the only President to have received this distinction, which he considered with satisfaction to be the culmination of his Masonic career. "Freemasonry," he wrote in 1939, "is a system of morals which makes it easier to live with your fellow man, whether he understands it or not." (Letter to Frank P. Briggs, Dec. 13, 1939. Papers as U.S. Senator and Vice President.)



## **Bro. George Washington's Birthday February 22**





### Atomic Canuck Chili

by Dave Purell

This is a great chili recipe for your slow cooker. It allows you to spice it up as hot as you can take it. Oh, and let's not forget the garlic!"

Prep Time:  
30 Minutes  
Cook Time:  
5 Hours  
Ready In:  
5 Hours 30 Minutes  
Servings:  
10

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 large onion, diced
- 1 tablespoon crushed red pepper
- 3 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon seasoned pepper
- 2 (4 ounce) cans mushroom pieces, drained
- 1 (28 ounce) can baked beans
- 2 (15.25 ounce) cans kidney beans with liquid
- 2 (6 ounce) cans tomato paste
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 3 carrots, sliced
- 3 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 2 jalapeno chile peppers, diced
- 1/4 cup Canadian beer (or any beer you like)
- 2 tablespoons crushed red pepper
- hot sauce
- 1/4 cup barbeque sauce

### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, brown ground beef together with onion, crushed red pepper, garlic powder, and seasoned pepper. Drain off the fat, and place the mixture into a slow cooker.
2. Stir mushrooms, baked beans, kidney beans with liquid, tomato paste, sugar, carrots, celery, peppers, beer, and barbeque sauce into the slow cooker. Season with hot sauce and more crushed red pepper. Cover, and cook on Low for 4 to 5 hours



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## Cherokee Chapter DeMolay

Greetings from Chero-

kee DeMolay. This year we can increase our numbers because we only lose one member to majority. This means if we initiate only two new members we have reached positive growth for 2006. We had twelve new members join last year.

Thanks Suburban Lodge and Social Club. We could not do it without your generous support. Not only do you help us financially, but you provide us with a great facility to meet in. We know how lucky we are.

January 7, 2006, Cherokee's new corp of Officers were installed. We had over eighty people in attendance. Dad Jack Flamm was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service to Cherokee DeMolay. Brothers **Tim Wemes** and **Kevin Fautz**, assisted by **Brian Woodring** and **Patrick Foster** installed Cherokee's officers. Cherokee is the first Chapter in many years to install their own officers.

Kevin Fautz is Cherokee's Master Councilor for this term. Kevin is eighteen years old and a freshman at the University of Louisville. Kevin has put in many hours at our fish fry. All of us at Cherokee wish Kevin a successful term as Master Councilor. He has a great corp of officers supporting him.

The Degree of Ebon will be conferred on February 4, 2006, at the Louisville Scottish Rite at 3:00 p.m. All Master Masons are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the Degree. This Degree is only performed every few years, and for the first time in many years, the Degree will be held in Louisville.

This Degree is designed particularly for 19-year old Priory members in the Order of DeMolay. Please come out and watch this most impressive Degree and show your support for DeMolay. After the Degree, the Knighthood members will be coming back to Suburban for a Lock-in.

Suburban Lodge Veterans are invited to come out to our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please bring your military photos, Medals and memorabilia to share with our DeMolay. This is our **Patriot's day observance**. The DeMolay enjoy learning about our history and meeting all of you!

We are now entering a new year, and we know that it will go just as fast as 2005 passed. Since last we communicated, we had our meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>, including our Christmas Party and exchange of gifts. We were unable to have an initiation that night, as the candidate was not available, but we are looking forward to receiving this new member in the new year. In addition, Jana's Christmas Project was to collect gloves, hats, scarves, and socks, which we delivered to Wayside Mission on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. On Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, our girls helped Suburban Lodge assemble the fruit and candy bags for the widows. This was followed by Santa coming to meet with the children of the members' families, and he had a gift for each one. After all of this, there was plenty of food and candy for all who came for the party. On December 26<sup>th</sup>, our members and some of the advisors met at Aunt Rose's house, and had a wonderful time together. This year (unlike last year) there was no snow on our hill that night.

On December 29<sup>th</sup>, some of our members helped serve at the new Master's dinner. Our best wishes go out to Don Hill, and we wish him a very good year, and welcome him to our Advisory Board.

On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Installation of Officers for Cherokee Chapter, and we are always impressed by the ceremonies.

The Assembly held elections at our meeting on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at which time Laura Carter was elected as Faith, and Lauryn Reams was elected as Recorder.

The annual Christmas Party for the youth on our corner given by the Suburban Social Club was held on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at which time there was a lot of pizza, relishes, and desserts, and as always, many prizes. The Social Club does a tremendous job of letting our youth know how much they are appreciated, and are carrying on the tradition started by Dottie and Jim Metcalfe, who still contribute to this endeavor.

The Installation of Officers for Lorraine Assembly will be held on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at which

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time Lindsey Reams will be installed as our Worthy Advisor. She has planned a busy term, and we know her officers will have a good time and stay very involved.

At Lindsey's first meeting on Monday, January 23, the girls will begin selling shares on a \$50 Gift Card to Jefferson Mall. These shares are 3 for \$1.00, and the drawing will be on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Just ask one of our girls if you want to buy shares, and, if you win, this would be a wonderful help in shopping for a new Easter outfit.

We invite you to join us on any 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday night at 7:30 pm, and if you know of a girl between the ages of 11 and 20 who would be interested in Rainbow, or if you know of a girl between the ages of 7 and 11, we have a Pledge Class, which meets at 7:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday nights, and you can call Aunt Rose (491-4757) for more information.

In Rainbow Love,  
**Aunt Rose Flamm**



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We have several activities planned in the coming months. Some of these activities include: bowling, Rock climbing, Church service, lock-ins, fish fry's, basketball practice and a Spring Conclave. We like to keep busy as you can see.

Fraternally,

**Greg Coffey**



**DeMolay Officers for 2006**



**EDITOR'S NOTE**

by Jan Wilt



This is the first edition for the new year. The brothers of the lodge did not want to go quarterly, so we will bring the newsletter to you 6 times a year as usual. I want to thank the Southern Star for paying for all the paper and ink each year for the newsletter! I also want to thank Joe Marshall for all his help and getting the copier fixed and set up on a yearly maintenance schedule. Thanks again to the newsletter committee who I greatly appreciate putting this together! Let's have a great year!

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Please send copy on or prior to the **2nd** Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November to: Jan Wilt-Editor or email to **jdwilt@insightbb.com**

# Installation of Officers





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**2006**



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**SS.** Rusty Portman 935-8777

**JS.** Claude Parker 742-7104

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 13331 Horncastle Way 40272

**DEGREE TEAM CAPTAIN**  
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**AUDITING**  
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Alan Whitlow PM 367-1636  
 Carl Cox 368-3264

**WAYS & MEANS**

Donnie Brown PM Chm 448-4735  
 Bill Penrod PM 454-6923  
 Wayne Carby JW 964-7097

**BY-LAWS**

Stan Robinson PM Chm 267-6616  
 Bob Marshall PM 937-6812  
 Bill Harvey SW 448-4735

**LECTURE COMMITTEE**

Joe Marshall PM. Chm 937-6812  
 Bob Marshall SW 937-6812  
 Rusty Portman SS 935-8777  
 Alan Whitlow PM 367-1636

**REFRESHMENTS**

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 Stan Robinson PM 228-9255  
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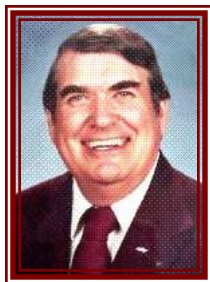
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# ROWLAND'S RAMBLINGS

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by JOE ROWLAND P.M.



While surfing the internet the other day I came across some words that I hadn't heard for a long time. It took me back many years to the nineteen thirties, forties and fifties.

How long has it been since you've heard the expression "store-bought?" When I was a boy, you had bragging rights if you had something "store-bought" instead of "home-made." You use the word to describe new things.

When was the last time you heard someone mention a "picture show?" In the thirties I was a regular at the local theater on Saturday to watch the "show" or "picture show."

If you knew a secret about some of your buddies, and you told someone else, you were labeled a "rat fink," and the "rat pack" wouldn't tell you any more secrets. "Rat" was fine, but "Fink" was a nasty word, and you sure didn't want to get that label hung on you.

When television was in its infancy, we used to watch The Dumont Network. It's been gone for many, many years. Television was only broadcast about twelve hours a day, and the few channels went off the air at eleven o'clock. All you saw until the next day was a "Test Pattern."

And our evening meal wasn't dinner; it was "supper." I miss supper. The entire family gathered at the table for supper and talked to each other while they ate. There is no supper table and few family discussions today. Today many people eat their TV dinners on their laps while watching the TV, and only talk to each other during commercials.

In the forties, I had a car with "fender skirts." I even had them painted a different color, to draw attention to them. My car also had a "steering wheel spinner," a knob attached to the steering wheel that would let you twist that old steering wheel in a hurry, and with only one hand. Man, that was "downtown" in those days.

Of course you *had* to have "curb feelers" attached near the wheels on the passenger side of your car. If the wheels scraped the curb while you were parking it left a streak on your white sidewalls, and that was very uncool.

We didn't have parking brakes on our cars in those days – they were "emergency brakes." And there

were no accelerators; they were "gas pedals." You didn't *accelerate* to go faster, you "stepped on the gas." Sometimes a passenger stood on the "running board" for a short ride, and held on through the open window.

And you were "running with the big dogs" if you had a "Continental kit" on your car. This was a rear bumper extender with a metal covered spare tire standing upright on it. That made my Ford look as gnarly (Gnarly? that goes back a few years too) as a Lincoln Continental.

I also once had a Buick with a "Dynaflow" transmission, a Chevrolet with "Powerglide," and a 1941 DeSoto with "Fluid Drive." Where have all these beautiful, powerful words gone? In those days, I could tell the make and model of every car made, even from a half mile away. That wasn't really difficult, because all the cars were made in America in those days, and the factories only made a couple of models of each car. Today I don't know the make or model of a car even if I'm sitting in it. Cars today have about six hundred different names, and I can't even pronounce most of them

I've owned too many cars and RVs to count since those days, and once owned five panel trucks when I had a dry cleaning business. But you know what? The most beautiful car I ever owned I built myself when I was a teenager. (Or maybe I should say I *unbuilt* it.)

I bought a 1929 Model A Ford for the huge sum of twenty-five dollars. It had major body damage, and most of the windows were broke out, but the motor and running gear still worked just fine. I took the fenders and the entire body off the car, including the ratty seats, upholstery, floorboards, and the entire interior. I left nothing but the frame, radiator, motor, running gear, and wheels. I cut a 55 gallon metal barrel in half, scooped out a place to sit in each half, bolted the two seats to the frame, and attached a piece of plywood to the frame to put my feet on. It was a real head-turner when I drove it. I was in hog heaven.

The one thing I didn't like about it was that I couldn't get many girls to ride it. Of course you got wet when it rained, and the wheels threw dirt and mud on you. You couldn't talk while driving because there was no muffler. And if you opened your mouth to talk the lack of a windshield let you eat a few flying bugs. But my fabulous, eye-popping, "homemade" monstrosity was really fun to drive! It was one-of-a-kind, and so ugly it was beautiful. I think I would trade all my vehicles for my Monstrosity if I could have it back today, along with the nineteen cent gasoline I put in it in those days.. Wishful thinking! Those days are gone forever.



# Southern Star Ray



## OES Newsletter

### Worthy Matron Speaks Out!

Well, we have started the New Year and it was with a bang. We have just completed the district 1 school. I was able to be the page to Grand Adah, Rick was the Assoc. Patron and our own Grand Conductress, Debbie, held her station. The school was very informative and the work was done impressively

After the school we had the district one party for both Debbie, and Louis Sperry the Grand Chaplin. The party was a great success. I know that Debbie now has many "dress" ideals. I do want to thank the Southern Star committee that worked very hard on this to make it a great day for all, Jo and Bob Vest, Myra and Jessica Curry. You could really tell that they are good at that job and they made it look so easy. I just wanted to let everyone know that this was very special, and I think both Debbie and Louie had a great time.

On Tuesday January 17, 2005, we had our inspection with the Worthy Grand Matron Joan Smith and Worthy Grand Patron, Ed Cook. As you should know I was very nervous, but Joan was so easy to talk and work with, she put me to ease at the beginning and I think the night went great. I do want to THANK all of my officers for a GREAT job. The night went very smoothly and your work was impeccable.

Next month, will be Valentine's Day, I want everyone to come out and be my valentine. It always looks great when the sidelines are full. I'll try to keep you informed of things coming up. If you haven't received an e-mail from me in the last month that means that I don't have your e-mail address. If you could just let me know what that is I'll add you to my list so that when something comes up quickly, I can tell most of you at one time.

Well I better go for now, just remember to have fun in Eastern Star that you will be attending.



In star Love  
Rosie



### SOUTHERN STAR SOCIAL CLUB



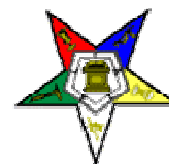
Well, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Now the fun is over and it is time to get down to business. Southern Star Social Club served dinner for Suburban Lodge's Installation of Officers on December 29, 2005. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and the dinner was very good. Southern Star Social Club wants to take this opportunity to congratulate Don Hill and his core of officers and wish them every success for the coming year.

The social club is a gathering for everyone to get together and enjoy the fellowship. We encourage everyone that belongs to Southern Star Chapter to come and join us for our meetings; we meet the Friday night after our Chapter meeting. Our next meeting is January 20 we are going to have Lasagna, everyone is to bring a salad and/or dessert, there will be a short business meeting afterwards. The meeting usually last about one hour and we really have a good time.

Please come and join us.

**Myra Curry**

President  
Southern Star Social Club



### Southern Star #154 Meeting Dates

**Feb. 21st**  
**March 21st**  
**7:30 p.m.**



# From the Conductress



Well it is the beginning of a New Year and I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will be having several bake sales this year for fundraisers. As soon as I have date together for bake sales I will let you know. If anyone has any suggestions for fundraisers please let me know your input is very important for the good of the Chapter.

*Congratulations to Dorothy Secuskie who won the ceramic Santa Claus at our meeting in December.*

District 1 School is Saturday, January 14 at the Louisville Scottish Rite Temple, lunch is \$2.00 and we will eat at 11:00, presentations are at noon and the school begins at 12:30. After the school is over there is a reception for the Grand Conductress, our own Debbie Ballinger, and the Grand Chaplain, Lois Sperry, I hope everyone will come and join in the fun. The reception will start immediately following the school approximately about 3:30 or 4:00 P.M. We are going to have a lot of fun.

Southern Star is going to have Inspection on January 17, and we hope everyone will come out and support the Chapter. We are gearing up for the Relay for Life, which is in May. I hope everyone can come out and support our Masonic family in this endeavor.

**Myra Curry**  
Conductress

## American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Committee Update

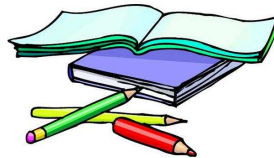
I would like to start by thanking EVERYONE who helped in anyway to make our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Relay for Life a success. If you haven't noticed on the Fish Fry wall, we received 2 awards one for "Most Money Raised" and the other for "Most Team Spirit". Now is the time for us to start gearing up again to participate in the 2006 Relay for Life of South Jefferson County. The dates for this event are May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and it will be at Moore High School. The theme this year is "Star Light, Star Bright ... Wish I Had A Cure Tonight!" This year I have committed myself to the event committee and we are planning activities for Relay night to make it a fun filled night for all. I am chairperson of the Survivor Development committee and am asking for your help. The Survivor committee is planning lots of wonderful things at Relay and pre Relay to honor the Survivors. If you know of any cancer survivor that would like to participate, please contact me at 502-327-6839 or via email at [jessica.curry@insightbb.com](mailto:jessica.curry@insightbb.com).

If anyone is interested in helping with any aspect of our 2 'Suburban Masonic Group' teams please let me know. We have 2 bake sale dates at the Fish Stand and they are March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also the event committee is conducting a fundraiser at Comedy Caravan on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. The charge is \$10 a person and the show is geared toward audiences 16 and over. The comedian will be Professor Milo Temley. You can check out his website at [www.milotremley.com](http://www.milotremley.com). If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact me. 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**



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**Southern Star - In Memoriam**

**Brother Owen Hammons – December 9, 2005**

Brother Owen was initiated into Southern Star on January 19, 1960 where he was a faithful member for almost 46 years.

**Sister Oris Richards – December 11, 2005**

Sister Oris was initiated into Southern Star Chapter on August 28, 1964 and remained a dedicated member of the Order until her death.

\*\*Remember to check your dues card. If you have paid your dues for this year, you should have a yellow card dated 2005. If you have not paid your dues, please mail them to me at: 4305 Gaudet Road; Louisville KY 40299.

Have a wonderful New Year !  
**Debbie Ballinger**  
Secretary -Southern Star #154



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