

OUR CORNER

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

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From the Master David Short



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

Happy New Year! For those of you who do not know me my name is David Short. I have been a member at Suburban Lodge for six years. I was born and raised in Eastern Kentucky where I was surrounded by a group of men who I greatly admired who were known to be masons. I always appreciated the work that these men performed for the community during my childhood. I have been in Louisville, Kentucky for thirty-three years and until I met the distinguished men of Suburban Lodge I had been missing a part of who I am. That being said I am very honored to be the master of Suburban Lodge this year.

been eager to learn their responsibilities and have shown great enthusiasm.

As we look ahead into February, I am pleased to announce that Keystone Lodge of Indianapolis, Indiana will be joining us on Saturday February 23, 2013 to put on a Master Mason Degree (Indiana style). I am sure it will be entertaining for everyone who joins us that evening.

As we try to stay warm during the winter months remember that the fish fry begins the first Saturday in March. I hope to see you all there helping us serve up some fish.

If you have any questions about these events, please feel free to call me or my officers for further details.

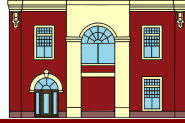
My officers and myself are looking forward to serving Suburban Lodge this year. If you have not been around in awhile, please come join us on Thursday nights because you are dearly missed.

We have had to hit the ground running because January has been a busy month so far. There have been four Entered Apprentices pass to the degree of Fellowcraft. These distinguished men are as follows: David Young, Kevin Metcalf, Chris Burkhart, and Justin Mitchell. These brothers have



RETURNS MARCH 2ND!





**Coming
Events**



February 2013

- 4 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 5 Hall Association Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 7 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM
- 9 FISH STAND CLEAN UP..... 8 AM TO ?
- 11 Rainbow Meeting 7:00PM
- 12 Social Club Meeting 7:30PM
- 14 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 16 FISH STAND CLEAN UP 8 AM TO ?
- 18 DeMolay Meeting 7:30PM
- 19 Southern Star OES Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 21 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 23 KEYSTONE LODGE COMES FOR THEIR VISIT
- 25 Rainbow Meeting 7:00PM
- 26 York Rite Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 28 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM

March 2013

- 2 First Fish Fry of the Season..... 10AM to 8PM
- 4 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 5 Hall Association Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 7 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM
- 9 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 11 Rainbow Meeting 7:30PM
- 12 Social Club Meeting 7:00PM
- 14 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM
- 16 Fish Fry 10AM to 8PM
- 18 DeMolay Meeting 7:00PM
- 19 OES Southern Star 7:30PM
- 21 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 21 Newsletter Submission Deadline . 11:59PM
- 22 Southern Star Social Club..... 6:30PM
- 23 Fish Fry 10AM to 8PM
- 25 Rainbow Meeting 7:30PM
- 26 York Rite Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 28 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 30 Fish Fry 10AM to 8PM

April 2013

- 1 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 2 Hall Association Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 4 Lodge Meeting 7:30PM

Sick and Prayer List



Jim Metcalf : was in hospital.
Rusty Portman: Had flu.
Tom Mercer's: cousin under going treatments.
Wayne Carby's brother recovering from surgery.

**Suburban
Lodge Stats**

Entered Apprentices:

Conferred

Fellow Crafts:

Conferred Chris Burkhart
 Justin Mitchell
 Kevin Metcalfe
 David Young

Conferred By Danny Davis
 1/17

Master Masons:

Conferred None

Others:

Plural Members: None

Reinstatements: None

Demits: None

Petition for Degrees: None

**Petition for Affiliation
by Transfer:** None

Elected to Membership:
 None

In Memory Of...

WILLIAM W. WOOD 12/22/2012

Brother Wood was born on May 3, 1919, in Chester PA. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 11th day of June, 1956; was passed the degree of Fellow Craft

on the 22th day of July, 1956; and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 17th day of September, 1956—all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 56 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Wood laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial lodge above on the 22ND day of December, 2012.

He is sadly missed by his children, family members and many friends. No Masonic Services were conducted.

RICHARD CHASE FULK 7/20/2012

Brother Fulk was born on February 9, 1927, in Wichita KS. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on the 7th day of February, 1957; was passed the degree of Fellow Craft on the 14th day of March, 1957; and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 18th day of April, 1957—all in Suburban Lodge #740 F&AM.

He was a faithful member for 55 years. Having completed the designs upon his trestle board, Brother Fulk laid down the working tools of his busy life and entered that celestial lodge above on the 20th day of July, 2012

He is sadly missed by his children, family members and many friends. No Masonic Services were conducted.



From the Senior Deacon
 Jim Jordan

Brothers, it is with mixed emotions that I write to you as the Senior Deacon of Suburban Lodge #740.

I am honored to server as your Senior Deacon, and I hope you elected me because you were confident I could carry out the duties of the office. I will admit that in the short time I have been in office I have found the demands of the office are far greater than I had expected. You can be assured, however, I will work diligently to carry out the duties of the office in a competent manner. I hope with the assistance of my fellow officers, as well as my Brothers of Suburban Lodge #740, to represent you in a manner that will reflect well on you and our lodge.

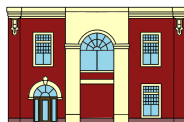
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 March 21st by midnight**





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 JUNIOR DEACON: Louis Martin502-489-0690
 SENIOR STEWARD: Wayne Jordan502-921-2348
 JUNIOR STEWARD: Ben White502-439-9364
 TILER: Wayne Carby.....502-964-7097
 CHAPLIN: Jack Flamm502-491-4757
 MARSHALL: Stan Robinson.....502-439-6662

Historian

Bob Marshall

Refreshment

Clint Carrier
 Dave Short
 Wayne Jordan
 Wayne Carby
 Jack Riddle

Ways & Means

Burnis Pitts
 Carl Cox
 Bill Baker

Newsletter

Jack Riddle
 Carl Cox
 Bill Harvey

Rainbow Board

Jack Riddle
 Dave Short
 Tom Mercer
 Greg Bartlett
 Scott Rountree

Reporter/Photo

Greg Coffee
 Alan Whitlow

Social Activities

Clint Carrier
 Jack Riddle
 Carl Cox

Degree Team

Tom Mercer
 Jim Jordan
 Wayne Carby

Lecture

Danny Davis
 Tom Mercer
 Jim Jordan

Benevolent Fund

Master: Dave Short
 SW: Tom Mercer
 JW: Danny Davis
 SEC: Joe Marshall
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 PM: Clinton Carrier

Masonic Board of Relief

Wayne Carby
 Wayne Jordan

Visiting Committee

Dave Short
 Tom Mercer
 Danny Davis
 Wayne Carby

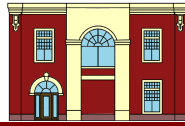
Auditing

Carl Cox
 Bob Marshall
 Alan Whitlow

By Laws

Joe Marshall
 Stan Robinson
 Burnis Pitts





From the Editor Jack Riddle

With so much going on during the production of last edition of the newsletter, with me finishing my year as Master and what-not, I completely forgot that it was my 5th year as editor. I had been a Mason just two months when I was gently encouraged to take over as editor. In fact, the picture of me receiving my MM was in the issue prior to my first publication. In these five years, I have learned much. Things like how to best persuade the duplicator to be a little nicer when it is being particularly persnickety, that the Master's article is usually going to be late (and no exception during my own year), and that you just cannot expect many to come out and help if you do not bribe them with some food. I have made my fair share of mistakes as editor as well—some readily pointed out to me, and some I was possibly the only one to notice. Either way, they bothered me the same as I do take great pride in my work with the newsletter, at times to a fault. I have really enjoyed my time thus far assembling this newsletter for you. Perhaps in another five years, I will not forget my 10th anniversary.

Editor Note: The following two articles were submitted as "anonymous."

Florida Grand Master Decides Pagans Can't Be Freemasons

Jason Pitzl-Waters

<http://wildhunt.org/2012/12/florida-grand-master-decides-pagans-cant-be-freemasons.html>

On November 28th Jorge L. Aladro, Grand Master of Florida's Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, issued a ruling stating that Paganism, Wicca, Odinism, and Gnosticism were not compatible with Freemasonry. Further, any Freemason who "professes to be a member of one of the groups mentioned above shall tender his resignation or suffer himself to a Trial Commission whose final outcome will be expulsion since there is no provision to allow anything contrary to the Ancient Landmarks."

What's remarkable about this ruling and resulting document is that modern Paganism, along with several strains of ritual magical practice, have been a part of modern

Freemasonry for generations, a situation that has only become more pronounced as a new flood of younger people have become interested in the "establishment mysticism" that alienated many in their parent's generation. Indeed, many prominent Freemasons, like Christopher L. Hodapp, author of "Freemasons For Dummies," seem to find the concept of Pagan Masons completely uncontroversial.

"A question that pops up from time to time on Masonic forums and in lodge has to do with the requirement of a petitioner to believe in a "supreme being" and whether Wicca qualifies as such a belief. Undoubtedly, part of the trepidation by some Masons to accept Wicca as a religion has to do with seeing inverted pentacles drawn on floors by hooded devil-worshippers in too many old Night Gallery reruns. Curiously, these same brethren generally have no problem with the inverted pentacle of the Order of the Eastern Star."

As you might imagine, this ruling has reverberated across social media, surprising and angering many Pagan Masons. Comments range from "If they banned paganism, they'd have to shut down every lodge in the country," to "this is absolutely insane and goes against everything that I, as a Freemason, believe in." Lon Milo DuQuette, author of "Angels, Demons & Gods of the New Millennium: Musings on Modern Magick" (and a Freemason), who alerted many on Facebook to this ruling, is calling for concerned Freemasons to write to the Grand Master of Florida.

"Perhaps frank, yet respectful, letters should be sent to Florida's Grand Master of Masons, Jorge L. Aladro, pointing out our feelings on this matter. I believe his publicly published email address is: gm@floridamason.org"

A commenter on that post elaborated that letters from active Freemasons "should also be directed to your own state's grand lodge. This violates the criteria to be considered Masonic and states need to suspend recognition of Florida masons and their grand lodge until they become regular again."

Whether this pressure will sway the Florida Grand Master, who seems motivated by a religious bias, remains to be seen.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky Constitution, under STANDING RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY reads:

17. *Negative Reference - Race, Creed, Faith Whereas Freemasonry is universal in scope, and professes to be a Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God, and; Whereas the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free & Accepted Masons is a full member of this worldwide Brotherhood, and; Whereas our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity welcomes to its doors and admits to its privileges worthy men of all faiths, creeds and of every race who believe in a Supreme Being, as stated in our Degrees and lectures, and; Whereas there is no reference to the exclusion of any petitioner with regard to race, creed, and/or faith in any of the accepted Rituals and/or Monitors authorized for use within the constituent lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M., and; Whereas it is incumbent upon the Brotherhood to abide by the Laws, Rules, Regulations, and Edicts of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. and be what they profess to be;*

Therefore be it resolved:

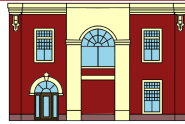
That no negative reference is to be made by any officer or member of any lodge chartered under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. in reference to a petitioner's faith, creed or race at any time in the conferral of the Degrees—i.e. lectures, obligation, by proficiency lecturers, etc.— or during any lodge Communication.

Further, it is the responsibility of the Master of each lodge constituted under the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A. M. to insure strict compliance with this edict, and, further, have it read by the lodge Secretary at the following three Stated Communication of the lodge following its reception.

Any lodge found in violation of this directive will be subject to Masonic discipline accordingly. (2010)

Brothers, we are fortunate to be in a jurisdiction that upholds the landmarks of Freemasonry, including freedom of faith, provided one believes in one true fatherhood of God. While they may be some that follow Pagan faiths that are not compatible with Freemasonry, the Grand Master of Florida has decided that anyone who follows a nature-based religion as incompatible with Freemasonry and has declared there will be no due process for those accused as such. It is a modern day witch hunt within the fraternity that has already caused some brothers to unjustly lose their place in the lodge. Please keep our brothers in Florida in your prayers that they may escape persecution and that this resolution from the sitting Grand Master will come to pass.





Southern Star Ray OES Newsletter



SOUTHERN STAR DUES NOTICE

Dues for 2012 are due prior to August 1, 2012. If you do not have a 2012 dues card, please send your \$24.00 check, payable to Southern Star #154, to Debbie Ballinger, 4305 Gaudet Road, Louisville KY 40299 as soon as you can. If possible, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for me to use to return your card.

Remember, if you are at least 90 years of age or if you are in a Nursing Home, you are exempt from paying dues. Please let me know if either of these situations apply to you and I have not already sent your 2012 dues card.

Southern Star has about 230 members but unfortunately I no longer know most of you. Many of you who were active when we joined are no longer active and many of our new members do not come back to Chapter. Why??? We miss each of you and would love to see you at our meetings and/or at Social Club. Remember, we meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Our meetings normally do not last very long then we go downstairs for refreshments and fellowship.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary
502-267-6616

SOUTHERN STAR RECORDS

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Clarksville IN 47129

Ben Pifer
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Louisville KY 40245

Reinstated:

Connie Ballenger Combs
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Clarkson KY 42726

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary

Southern Star - In Memoriam

Sister Wilma Richardson – December 4, 2012

Sister Wilma was initiated into Southern Star on November 15, 1977 where she remained a faithful member for over 35 years.

