

# OUR CORNER

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

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There are two freedoms -  
the false, where a man is  
free to do what he likes;  
the true, where he is free  
to do what he ought.

-Charles Kingsley



## From the Master Jack Riddle



### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

Sunday morning, before the sun was even up, I drove out to Jefferson Memorial forest to run the Siltstone trail. While I initially started with three other runners, I soon found myself on my own and for the next hour and a half it was just me and nature. There is something to be said about being alone in the forest; the cool early morning air, the birds singing out to the glory of the new day, and the quiet beat of your footfalls upon the dirt. One of the other simple joys of solitude is freedom. There are no societal expectations to conform to, no feelings to look out for, and no pridefulness or superiority to ruin your mood. You are free to just be. You are not going to offend the trees, or get in an argument with the squirrels, or even humiliate the wildflowers. It is easy to be moral, honest and just or rather difficult to be otherwise when there is no one else around. Yet, one cannot stay out there forever—at least not one who has family, friends and obligations—so I soon found my way back to ‘civilization.’ Back to the trials of day to day life; duties, responsibilities and chores. Back to the challenges of making good choices and treating people as though I hope to be treated. Back to the difficult decisions that everyone faces sooner or later.

My point is sometimes it is just plain difficult to around other people, though necessary it may be. But it becomes easier when you can take some time to yourself to reflect on your struggles along with the joys that make life worth living. It is further eased when you realize that we all face the same hardships, though the details may be different.

This recognition of commonality is one of the great lessons that Masonry has taught me. For example, by knowing a man has received the same lectures and ceremonies as I have myself, that we have taken the same or similar obligations and are bound by the same moral goals, I can call that otherwise stranger “Brother.” Though we may not have similar views on religion, politics, or even where to get the best cheeseburger, we can instead focus on what ‘unites and cements us into one common bond.’

Beyond the fraternity, Masonry has aided me in a similar fashion when dealing with others I may encounter on this level in time. The acknowledgment of the reflection of my own tribulations in others helps me to see past our differences and instead focus on our parallels.

Thus, the next time someone cuts you off in traffic, think about a time when you might have been in a hurry and what justifications you may have had for the same actions. When the worker behind the counter screws up your order, remember when you were distracted because you had something pressing on your mind. With a little understanding, cooler heads prevail. And if all else fails, a little solitude and fresh air couldn't hurt.





**Coming Events**



**October 2012**

- 1 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 2 Hall Association Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 4 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 6 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 9 Rainbow Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 10 Social Club Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 12 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 14 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 16 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 17 Southern Star OES Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 19 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 21 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 23 Rainbow Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 24 York Rite Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 25 Lodge Past Master and Awards Night..... 7:30PM

**November 2012**

- 1 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 3 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 5 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 6 Hall Association..... 7:00PM
- 8 Lodge meeting..... 7:30PM
- 10 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 12 Rainbow Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 13 Social Club Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 15 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 17 Fish Fry..... 10AM to 8PM
- 19 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 20 OES Southern Star..... 7:30PM
- 22 THANKSGIVING..... LODGE DARK
- 24 LAST FISH FRY OF THE YEAR. 10AM to 8PM
- 26 Rainbow Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 27 York Rite Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 29 Lodge Family Night..... 7:30PM

**December 2012**

- 3 DeMolay Meeting..... 7:30PM
- 4 Hall Association Meeting..... 7:00PM
- 6 Lodge Meeting..... 7:30PM

**Sick and Prayer List**

- Ernie Williamson:** Recovering from Heart Surgery
- Rusty Portman:** Was in Hospital
- Frank Coryell:** Hip Problems



**Suburban Lodge Stats**

**Entered Apprentices:**

**Conferred on** Chris Burkhart (8/9/12)

**Conferred By** Danny Davis

**Fellow Crafts:**

**Conferred on** Brandon Crisp (8/16/12)

**Conferred By** Tom Mercer

**Master Masons:**

**Conferred on** Dale Crigger (8/23/12)  
Louis Martin (8/23/12)  
Brandon Crisp (9/27/12)

**Conferred By** David Short

**Others:**

**Plural Members:** Lloyd White  
(8/2/12)

**Reinstatements:** None

**Demits:** David Darnell  
9/6/12

Rodney Lindauer  
9/20/12

**Petition for Degrees:** David Young  
9/6/12

Nick Carter  
9/6/2012

**Petition for Affiliation by Transfer:** None

**Elected to Membership:** None



On July 29, Isabeta Rountree was installed as our Worthy Advisor. Her theme is Making Rainbow Known. So far in her term we have made a trip to Holiday World and attended Fall Retreat where they learned

about self defense and the new marketing program from Supreme Assembly. In the works, we have our Official Visit planned, a trip to the OES Home for bingo, holiday activities and a trip to Magoffin County for the GWA's statewide Christmas Party.

On another note, this is the time of year that the Worthy Matron-elect and Master-elect are choosing who to put on the Advisory Board next year. Our group is appointed and made of 14-16 people, 6-8 from each sponsoring body. Your job, if appointed is to attend monthly board meetings, attend at least one Rainbow meeting a month, help us work the fish fry every other week, and support the girls in their other social and philanthropic efforts. The Mother Advisor, Assistant Mother Advisor, and other officers are elected by the board each year. The women on the board serve a vital role as chaperones for the girls, but that does not mean the men on the board are not needed to be physically there. As a former Rainbow Girl, I can not express how much the men that were on the board meant to me. Simply counting on them to be there for security, physical labor and even the occasional prank companion is invaluable. Not to mention, how can you make decisions for a group of young women, when you haven't seen them in action? Did you know that we can not technically open a meeting without a Master Mason in attendance? Now, I know you are thinking, that you have other commitments. I, myself, have a husband, 4 year old, job, serving on the national board for an organization, and also going through line in Eastern Star. We all are busy, the great thing about our Masonic families is that your own family can participate in a lot that we do. Maintaining an assembly is too difficult for the 2-3 of us that have been regularly involved this last year, much less attempt to rebuild from our current membership position.

We are looking for members ages 11 to 20 to join our small group! Right now our pledge group is on hiatus until we have more younger girls, ages 6 to 9, but we would love to get it started back up as well. Please come out to one of our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30pm.

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## Cloudy In The South

by Tom Mercer  
Junior Warden

My brothers, those of you who cannot or do not attend our weekly meetings, and those of you who seek to make sense of things that happen there, I bring you greetings from the South and my report from the Junior Warden's chair. Brothers, at this moment in our Lodge's history, I must report that it is Cloudy in the South. We have all been taught that it is the internal and not the external qualities of a man that Masonry regards. Would that this were so for all members who have come and gone this way before us. And if in fact that were so, perhaps I would have no reason to report "Cloudy in the South."

I know from the many brothers who attend our meetings and who have shared with me their great concern occasioned by recent events in Lodge that there are those inclined to over-react to the cloudy report from the South, but while we are at refreshment between meetings it is my duty to see that none pervert refreshment to intemperance or excess, myself not excluded. Those brothers who have expressed their distress that, by all outward appearances, our Lodge is more concerned with the external qualities of a man must consider that the ideals of Masonry are greater than the sum of Masonry's parts at any point in time, i.e., Masonry is greater than the sum of the members of

any given Lodge, including our own.

Those brothers who have expressed to me their concerns that Suburban Lodge is not a welcoming Lodge to those who are externally different from our current membership need to recall and understand the deeper meaning of the admonition from the Northeast Corner which teaches that, by all outward appearances a man may be an upright man and Mason, yet not accept in his heart the charge from that corner to forever keep and perform the same. As we mature we come to accept the reality that there are no perfect men, which reality is implied by the motto of Masonry which states that it seeks to take good men (not perfect men) and make them better. Those who wonder whether they should refer to the great poet, William Shakespeare, as "Brother Bill," likely have heard the bard proclaim that "a man can smile and smile and yet be a villain."

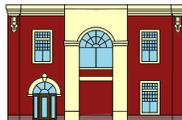
Yet how many men consider themselves to be villains? Like all of us, those who recently have caused the clouds to appear in the South likely would attribute their actions to noble motives. While you and I may attribute less noble motives, we must recall that we are bound by ties far stronger than any cord could secure to respect their right to so act—as painful as those ties to the Masonic Constitution, Resolutions and Edicts that empower their shrinking minority may be in this instance. Rules are rules.

However, to those who have given

thought to breaking those ties—an action I must confess that I myself have contemplated after considering for some time how easily the rules may be abused to betray the highest principles of Masonry—I ask you to consider this. Can a few clouds forever blot out the Sun at its meridian height, which is the beauty and glory of the day? However dark it may have been in the South post-Civil War, or in the past 100 plus years of this Lodge's existence, or even in the past 5 years for that matter, the clouds are receding, my Brothers. They are few in number and fleeting.

In flinging wide his firmament, the Grand Master of the Universe has created a world in which clouds may only temporarily block the great Sun before they die and burn away in the vast sweep of time. On a smaller scale in our own brief appearance on the stage of life perhaps we can more modestly understand, my disgruntled Brothers, that to take your own light from the Lodge can only increase the darkness.





**Have you met:  
David Stewart**

by  
Bill Harvey, Sr., PM

This issue I want to introduce you to a friend of mine, none other than David Stewart. David was born across the river in Elizabeth, Indiana on Jan 29, 1936. He grew up in Elizabeth and graduated from Elizabeth High School. His further education was at Asbury College in Kentucky.

He served 6 months in the Army Reserves. David met the love of his life, Martha Bullard, and they were married on June 25, 1966. They have 2 children, daughter Beth and son Tad. They also have 2 grandchildren.

David worked for 2 years at the old Louisville Trust Bank. He worked for Sears, Roebuck Co. and retired from there in 2004. He currently drives for Dignity Funeral Homes and is an inside host. David is a United Methodist minister and retired from the ministry in 1993.

I met David when I joined the Scottish Rite, not knowing that he was a member of Suburban 740 since he joined in 1968. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1975 and Kosair Shrine in 1976. I was surprised when I found out he plays the Scottish bag pipes. He plays them occasionally for the Rite and other occasions. He is the Choir Director for the Scottish Rite reunions.

Since I have known Bro Stewart about 3 years, he impresses me with his concern for others. With his years of preaching and serving others at the funeral homes, it does show that he is doing what a Mason should be doing: watching out for his neighbor and his brothers. David, thank you for what you do for Masonry and for your service to our community. God bless you and your family!



Do your part to conserve by going green! If you have access to the Internet, you can get our newsletter from our website, at [www.Suburban740.org](http://www.Suburban740.org). You can also sign up to the announcement list so that you are notified when the next newsletter is available. In addition, if you wish to get the newsletter online exclusively, please let me know so I can remove you from the paper mailing list. You can contact me at

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or 502-509-5551.

*"Masonry is Friendship, Love, and Integrity - Friendship which rises superior to the fictitious distinctions of society, the prejudices of religion, and the pecuniary conditions of life. Love which knows no limit, nor inequality, nor decay. Integrity which binds man to the eternal law of duty."*

—Augustus C.L. Arnold

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**Suburban Social Club**

**— Fish Fry —**

**Every Saturday 10am to 8pm  
March—November**

Serving Green River Style fish, fries, slaw, and our famous marinated sweet onions.

Located at 3901 South 3rd Street in Louisville, Kentucky — Where Southern Parkway and 3rd Street intersect.

*Freemasonry is a moral order, instituted by virtuous men, with the praiseworthy design of recalling to our remembrance the most sublime truths, in the midst of the most innocent and social pleasures, founded on liberality, brotherly love and charity*

*Augustus C.L. Arnold*





# Southern Star Ray OES Newsletter



## SOUTHERN STAR DUES NOTICE

Dues for 2012 are due prior to August 1, 2012; therefore, I will be sending notices later this month. 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.

If you have not attended Chapter recently, come see us on the third Tuesday each month. We would love to see you. The meetings begin at 7:30 and are usually over around 9:00. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you are still welcome to bring your family, along with a covered dish, and come to our Social Club, which meets at 6:30 on the Friday following the third Tuesday. We have a great time visiting with each other over a hearty pot luck meal which is followed by a very short business meeting.

Debbie Ballinger, Secretary  
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## SOUTHERN STAR RECORDS

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—Debbie Ballinger, Secretary

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

Last week I was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, OES. I want to extend my thanks to everyone who helped me in any way - attending Grand Chapter, providing cookies, donations, and much, much more. I have already started my new job and it is all that I expected it to be so far. Also, last night I was elected once again as Southern Star's Secretary. This is a job that I love. I am so proud of Southern Star and consider it an honor to be a member. Remember, we would love to see you at our meetings; so, if possible, please come visit.

## UPCOMING EVENETS

- ⇒ Oct 4 - Evening Star Installation - Meal at 6:00 p.m.; Installation at 7:00 p.m.
  - ⇒ Oct 5 - Southern Star Installation - Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Installation at 7:00 p.m.
  - ⇒ Oct 8 - Bright Star Installation - Meal at 6:15 p.m.; Installation at 7:30 p.m.
  - ⇒ Oct 13 - Queen Esther Installation - Reeves Masonic Hall; Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Installation at 7:00 p.m. Reservations by Oct 6 with Connie Soeder 939-7441
  - ⇒ Oct 13 - Fort Knox Installation - Camp Knox Lodge; Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Installation at 7:00 p.m.
  - ⇒ Oct 14 - Purity Installation - Installation at 2:00 p.m.; Meal follows
  - ⇒ Oct 20 - Kosair Dance Band Fall Dance - Kosair Temple Ballroom; Time - 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Cost - \$15.00 per person
  - ⇒ Oct 27 - District 21-School of Instruction - East Oldham Middle School; 1201 East Highway 22; Crestwood KY - Times are Eastern Time
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| Proficiency Test                       | 10:00 a.m. |
| Luncheon (\$2.00 Donation)             | 11:00 a.m. |
| Presentations                          | 12:00 p.m. |
| School begins                          | 12:30 p.m. |
| Banquet                                | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Courtesy Inspection of Rob Morris #114 |            |

7:30 p.m.

Motel reservations by October 5, 2012 - Reference Group EG1

Holiday Inn Express  
888-465-4329  
1001 Paige Place  
LaGrange KY  
Rate \$72.99/King; \$81.99 2/  
Queen + tax

Friday - Michael's Shutterbugs Spaghetti Dinner; Fortitude Lodge; Time - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Cost - \$10.00; Reservations Rebecca Marrillia 502-889-7118

Sunday - LaGrange Christian Church; First & Madison Streets; LaGrange; Time - 10:45 a.m.; Meal & fellowship to follow

## CONDUCTRESS-ELECT

By the time you are reading this, we will have a new Worthy Matron, Heather Rountree and Worthy Patron, Scott Rountree. Congratulations to both of them. Also to Sister Brittney Horn who was elected as Associate Conductress and will be going through line behind me. Thank you Rosie and Mike for another great year.

I attended Grand Chapter, and I'm so excited and proud to say that Sister Debbie Ballinger has been elected Grand Secretary. It is a full time job and she already in the office working hard for the order! No worries, she will still handle being our Chapter Secretary, too.

On November 10, we will have a bake sale. I hope you can donate some items or come out and sit at the table with me!

I'm also going to sneak in a plug for Rainbow to tell you to please check out my other article in this newsletter and consider asking Heather (or Dave) to appoint you to the Rainbow Advisory Board. I can almost guarantee that they won't turn you away!

Rebecca Bartlett  
Conductress-elect

