

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

From the East:

Suburban Lodge Installs New Officers



By Gary Rainey
Worshipful Master

Brothers, Greetings and Happy New Year 2021. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Let me start by introducing myself. I am Gary Rainey and I became a member of Suburban Lodge in 2013 and went right into the chairs.

I have been married to my wonderful wife, Renea, for over 45 years We have two children, Derick and his wife Sheryl and David and his wife Chyanna. We have two grandchildren Cate and Daniel, who is a member of DeMolay.

I would like to introduce our line officers for 2021: Senior Warden is David Young, Junior Warden is Clayton Carrier, Senior Deacon is Danny Davis PM, Junior Deacon is Tony Vincent, Senior Stewart is Simon DiDonato & Junior Stewart is Tim Abney. Our installation was held on January 7th and was conducted by Rite Worshipful Past Grand Master, Geary Laird. It was a very enjoyable evening. A big thanks to all involved.

This year has started off very busy, just like they always do. I would like to thank Jim, Jordan, Clinton Carrier & Clayton Carrier who helped with the Gift Cards for the Christmas Widow Basket. Everything went well and hopefully next year back to normal.

The opening day of our World-Famous Fish Fry was March 6th. We are going to need lots of help at the fish fry this year.

Throughout the fish season there are times when we just don't have enough people to remain open and we have already had to close one line early due to lack of help. So even if you only have a couple of hours to spare, come down and lend a hand.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in my journey to the East. I would like to especially thank, Past Master Tom Mercer, Past Master Danny Davis & Past Master Chris Burkhart who lectured me through the First Three degrees, Past Master Jim Jordan who has lectured me through the journey



of the chairs from his basement, Without his encouragement and support making it to the Masters Chair would have been a rough journey, and Past Master Chris Burkhart working through the chairs together. It is very comforting knowing you have so many people in Lodge supporting you and willing to help get things done. I think that if we keep working together and supporting each other, we will have another great year at Suburban Lodge.

Thank you.
Gary Rainey
Worshipful Master

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Gary Rainey, Master • Jim Jordan, Secretary

Masonic Youth:

Cherokee DeMolay Installs New Officers, Make Plans for a Busy 2021



Greg Coffey
KY Executive Officer,
Active Member,
International Supreme
Council, Order of
DeMolay

On Saturday, January 9, 2021, we installed officers for the first term of 2021. Brother Braxton Frazier was installed as Master Councilor, Brother Owen Jackson was installed as Senior Councilor and Brother Elijah Dickson was installed as Junior Councilor. Other officers installed were:

Elijah Ennis, Senior Deacon
Keegan Shields, Junior Deacon
Jeremiah Oliver, Marshal
Daniel Rainey, Senior Steward
Bryson Wright, Junior Steward
Christian Green, Chaplain
Aaron Appleby, Standard Bearer

We had 11 Cherokee DeMolay present, along with DeMolay and advisors from Bluegrass and Northern KY Chapters.

The Installation team was as follows: State Master Councilor, Elliott Anderson, the Installing officer, Deputy State Master Councilor, Keilen Frazier, Installing Senior Councilor, Installing Marshal, PSMC, Joshua Ball, Installing Junior Councilor, and Anthony Lane Installing Chaplain. Cherokee thanks these young men for installing our officers.

Two awards were presented at the Installation. Past Master, Chris Burkhart was presented the "Hats Off" Award for his continued support of Cherokee Chapter. Mom Faye Green was presented the "Medal of Appreciation" for her continuing dedication to Cherokee Chapter.

Congrats to Brother Chris and Mom Green.

We are looking forward to a great 2021 and have several activities planned including Laser Tag, Kings Island, basketball, Fish fries and Conclaves.

We had representatives present from our Suburban Lodge family including our Master, Gary Rainey, Jr. Past Master, Chris Burkhart, Senior Warden, David Young, Senior Deacon, Danny Davis and Tiler, Wayne Carby. Thanks to David Young for taking pictures at the Installation.

Many thanks to the Suburban Lodge family for their continued support of Cherokee DeMolay. Please come out and visit us on the first or third Monday at 7:00 p.m. ✦

Achievements Celebrated

Mark Galloway
Past Master

When it was time for Suburban to present the 50 year members with a pin and gold card, it was decided that a committee be formed to make in-person pin presentations to those who could not attend awards night.

Billy Benningfield of Campbellsville was presented his pin by PM Bill Harvey and PM Mark Galloway. Robert Land of Greensburg was presented by the same two PMs. Both brothers enjoyed our visit and were glad to catch up on lodge happenings, since they can't attend. Past Master Chris Burkhart also presented PM Bill Harvey his 50 year pin.

Your Masonic Homes has a program in place called Badge of a Mason, where any brother can donate a sum of money to support the Masons who live there. This money only goes for brother Masons or their widows care. During the fall two brothers stepped up and donated and Jason Wilson of The Homes Mission Advancement department presented our Treasurer PM Clinton Carrier with a beautiful framed apron which anyone donating to one of three levels: bronze, silver or gold will receive. Our Sr. Steward Simon DeDenato also received his commemorative apron.

Suburban has worked hard and received the Grand Masters Excellency award every year since

2009-10. This award is not just handed out, but the members work hard to get this by such things as being proficient in their degree work, visiting lodges both in and out of our district, etc.

A group of visiting brothers from Indiana lodges presented WM Chris Burkhart with a set of beautiful sounding blocks to be used in our degree work. These wood blocks are inlaid and are almost too nice to use.

That's a few of the things going on around your lodge this past fall. Come on out any Thursday for good food and fellowship. Let's make 2021 a better year than last — God knows it couldn't be much worse. ✦

From the West:

Moving Forward Together



David Young
Senior Warden

As we attend our weekly lodge meetings, each officer is called upon to perform

his duty. We often hear little voices from the past saying, “that’s not the way we do it,” or “those are not the right words,” or my favorite, “That’s not the Suburban way.” Brothers, none of us look, act, or walk as our brother of old. Remember, in the past, the only “proper” dress for the lodge was a three-piece suit, hat, and tie; these practices are long gone but well remembered. Remember a time when a past master proudly displayed

his past master jewel on the chain of his pocket watch? How many pocket watches are around today? We love our organization’s proud traditions and history, but changes are happening and will continue to happen. Some are good, and some are bad. Still, I would like to think that one of our professions’ tenets is to accept those changes, whether good or bad, so long as we continue to be Free and Accepted Masons.

Please remember that each line officer, new or old, moves through these chairs for one reason, because he chose to. He wants to become a better and more informed brother and mason. He may stumble from time to time, say the wrongs words,

mispronounce something, or completely forget what to say, but does this make him a lousy mason? When a brother makes a mistake, we as Masons should offer him good counsel, and not in such a way to discourage him, but rather lift and support our brother. We follow our traditions and perform those duties to the best of our abilities, and that is all we can ask for. We, as masons, must become teachers, not critics; if you take the time to assist a brother, we may help him become a better man and mason. Still, most of all, we will become closer friends and brothers, and is that not what Masonry is all about. ✧

From the South:

What is Masonry to you?



Clayton Carrier
Junior Warden

Greetings from the South! First let me start out by saying that I hope this Newsletter finds

everyone well. I hope that we are coming to the end of this Pandemic and that all the brothers that want it are getting their Vaccine and soon life may be able to get back to some version of normalcy. The last Year or so has been very trying for all and I believe there is finally some light at the end of the tunnel.

This is my first Article for the Newsletter and I racked my brain on what to write about. About a week ago a brother stood up and voiced his displeasure on how there had been some disrespect and high tensions

throughout the Lodge. He also spoke about how we were not setting the best example for the community and what God would think of some of our actions when it comes to how we were treating one another. His words could not have come at a better time and regardless of how it was presented the words are true. I am not sure why this has weighed on my heart so heavily over the past few days since he brought it up however it has been on my mind constantly. I guess because I am just as guilty of this as others.

We (myself included) really do need to be more conscientious of our words and actions. We need to make sure that we are setting the example for what upstanding men in this community should act like. We need to treat each other with civility not hostility. Regardless of if we believe

it or not, we have people watching us all the time. They see our actions and hear our words. From customers on Saturday at the Fish Fry, family, friends, our own children, and the young men of the DeMolay. How we conduct ourselves when in their presence paints a picture for what Masonry is to them. If we continue to paint a negative picture people will think that this is Masonry is about and our numbers will continue to dwindle. Let us make this the kind of place that people see and want to be a part of!

I apologize for turning this article into a rant. However, I truly do believe though that we could all do a better job squaring up our actions before God and all mankind. So, in closing ask yourself this, what is Masonry to you? Be safe Brothers. ✧

Suburban Social Club Helps the Kentucky Humane Society



From the Kentucky Humane Society Facebook page

We are so overwhelmed the outpouring of support for our hardworking shelter staff who are caring for Ethan and hundreds of other shelter animals this week! Suburban Fish Fry donated fish, fries and dessert to our staff on Saturday. Clinton from Suburban is the proud daddy of Farmer, a Pointer who arrived at KHS in very rough shape. Farmer was

heartworm positive, underweight, had painful dental disease and his legs were covered in pressure sores. Farmer spent two months receiving TLC at KHS, and he is now a very spoiled family member with a hound sibling. Farmer also has a chronic medical condition, and his family makes sure he gets everything he needs to stay healthy. We are so grateful to have amazing adopters like Clinton and his family! 💎

Coming Events

May 2021

1 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
3 DeMolay Mtg	7:00 PM
4 Hall Association Mtg	6:00 PM
6 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
8 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
10 Rainbow Mtg	7:30 PM
11 Social Club Mtg	6:00 PM
13 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
15 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
17 DeMolay Mtg	7:00 PM
18 Southern Star Mtg	7:45 PM
20 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
22 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
24 Rainbow Mtg	7:30 PM
27 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
29 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM

June 2021

2 Hall Association Mtg	6:00 PM
4 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
6 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
8 Rainbow Mtg	7:30 PM
9 Social Club Mtg	6:00 PM
11 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
13 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
15 DeMolay Mtg	7:00 PM
16 Southern Star Mtg	7:45 PM
18 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
20 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
22 Rainbow Mtg	7:30 PM
25 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
27 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM

July 2021

1 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
3 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
5 DeMolay Mtg	7:00 PM
6 Hall Association Mtg	6:00 PM
8 Lodge Mtg	7:30 PM
10 Fish Fry	10 AM-5 PM
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