

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

From the East:

Suburban Lodge Installs New Officers



By Steven L. Freeman
Worshipful Master

Greetings to all! I am greatly humbled by the distinct honor of having been elected and

installed as Master of our Lodge for the ensuing year. I look forward to serving you this year, and there are many people I would like to thank for this opportunity. First, I would like to thank my lovely wife for her love and support. Next, I would like to thank all the brothers of Suburban lodge for their vote of confidence and for entrusting me with the position of Worshipful Master. I especially would like to thank Brother David Young, PM, for having the trust and faith in me to ask me to join him in his fine line of officers a few years back. I know that I have some big shoes to fill. I would like to continue what our previous Masters have started, i.e., community involvement, our websites, and various programs.

I am excited because the new year brings with it a time for new beginnings and reminds us why we joined Freemasonry. It reminds



us of our boundaries and the responsibilities we should never lose sight of—the teachings of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Whatever your motivation was to join, now is the time to rededicate yourself to being the best member and Mason possible. Our Masonic Motto, “We take good men and make them better,” admonishes us to work within our Lodges to do what we do best and make great Masons. Outside our Lodges let us practice those important lessons we were taught within Masonry, i.e., to make it a way of life not just a Fraternity to which we belong.

So Brethren, I ask those among you whom we have not seen in some time that you come back and please enjoy fellowship. Like all Masons we meet on the Level and part on the Square. And as your Newly Elected Master I would very much like to shake your hand and have fellowship with you. So come and receive a grand welcome and have a great time with us, as we continue to do our work as Masons. I leave you with these words from one of our past poetic brothers.

Fraternally,
Steven L. Freeman
Worshipful Master, 2024

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Doing the Work

2024 Lodge Committees

The following Borthers have been appointed by the Worshipful Master to serve as committe members for the 2024 term. Committees will elect their own Chairman. If there are areas of service that interest you, your input is welcome! Reach out to a member of the committe or a line officer. ✧

Membership / Young Development

Master Steven Freeman
Jack Riddle
Greg Coffey
Gary Rainey
Hank Buckwalter

Lodge Consolidation Committee

Gary Rainey
Burnus Pitts
Donnie Brown
Hank Buckwalter

Community Involvement

Master Steven Freeman
Mark Galloway
Tom Mercer
David Short

Degree Team

Jim Jordan
Gary Rainey

Lecture Team

Master Steven Freeman
Tom Mercer
Bob Franklin

Benevolent Fund

Steven Freeman
Senior Warden Ron Adcock
Junior Warden Hank Buckwalter
Secretary Tom Mercer
Treasurer Clinton Carrier

Visiting

Master Steven Freeman
Senior Warden Ron Adcock
Junior Warden Hank Buckwalter
And anyone who wants to attend

Auditing

TBA

By Laws

Master Steven Freeman
Clinton Carrier
Tom Mercer
Stan Robinson
Hank Buckwalter

Historian

Donnie Brown

Refreshment

Master: Steven Freeman
Tom Holcomb
Gary Rainey
Rick Adcock

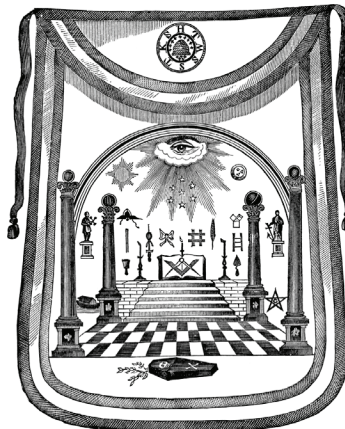
Newsletter / Lodge Website

Jim DeWeese
Jack Riddle

On the Square

by Brother Edger McLlenaghan

My Brother, in the Courtyard each one of us have stood, Outside the tyled Temple door awaiting as we should.
Take heed, thou young apprentices, The Word emblazoned there; To meet upon the level and part upon the square.
My Brother, at the altar each one of us has knelt with solemn oath and brotherhood the Mystic Tie we've felt.
Take heed, my brother Fellowcraft, the word emblazoned there; to act upon the plumb and part upon the square.
My Brother, in the Temple; each one of us were raised and on receiving further light into the light we gazed.
Take heed, my brothers, Master all the world emblazoned there; to live within the compass and part upon the square.



Greeting from the West:

Looking Forward



Hank Buckwalter
Senior Warden

Hey Brothers!
It's your Sr.
Warden again,
Hank Buckwalter.

Although it's early in 2024 I am highly looking forward to prospectively becoming Master next year, and the stage is currently being set. I am now writing into my 2025 calendar (which was hard to find!) the ideas I have and thinking about all of the opportunities and initiatives that our Lodge can fulfill and achieve. Not only are we continuing to bring light to our communities, but we have a chance to continue the objectives

of our current Worshipful Master. More is to come regarding the duties we owe to our communities and Brothers.

As our prospective Master next year, I will ensure to take into account all feedback and recommendations from all Brothers. Your input and investment is not only needed but encouraged. As we all know that "Iron Sharpens Iron" and the more time I spend with our Brothers inside Lodge and at our Fish Fry I can feel that my blade is gradually becoming sharper. Our dedication, not only to each other but to our communities, is exemplified in all of the work in which we labor. Daily, in our

own lives, we strive to improve not only ourselves but society at-large. Masonry has brought this fact into the forefront for me and I can sense that becoming a Mason was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

As 2025 approaches, I can't wait to meet with every Brother and get a better understanding of your aspirations and goals as well. The new year will be here before we know it in the blink of an eye. So come to Lodge, volunteer at our imperative Fish Fry, and let's get to know each other better than we already do. ✧

Greeting from the South:

Honored to Serve



Ron Adcock
Junior Warden

This past St. John the Evangelist Day, December 27, 2023, I was honored

to be nominated and then elected to the office of Junior Warden for Suburban Lodge No. 740 F. & A. M. All our elected officers were then honored to have the Most Worshipful

Grand Master of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, Richard F. "Dick" Short, serve as the Installing Officer at our installation a day later.

Having sat in the Junior Warden's Station in the South for the past few months, I recognize that I still have much to learn. It is not as easy as it may appear while sitting on the sideline. Suburban's Past Masters take pride in our Lodge's reputation for good ritual work. So

a bit of teasing is part of the Rights of Passage for all new line officers whenever mistakes are made.

Fortunately my hide is tough, and I know my Brothers have my back as I continue to advance in knowledge and, hopefully, in virtue. I hope to continue to justify the faith you have placed in me by continuing to do my best in service to the Lodge and to the Craft. ✧



Instead of “Where’s Waldo?” we should ask, “Where’s Burnis?”

Oh! There he is! He’s on page 6 of the August 2023 edition of the Masonic Home Journal, being hosted by Past Grand Master Carroll M. Curtis at a reunion of Curtis’s remaining Deputy District Grand Masters from his 1969-1970 term. Among the many offices he has served in over the years, including as Master, Secretary and Chaplain of Suburban Lodge No. 740 F & AM, and as the Grand Lodge’s DDGM of his District, Brother Burnis is known by many current members as the “Godfather of Suburban Lodge.” Like E. F. Hutton, Brother Burnis is not know as a big talker, but when he speaks wise Brothers listen. ❖



In Their “Other” Aprons, Ready to Work

Carl Cox (right), who turned 85 on August 27, and P.M. Burnis Pitts, who turned 86 on September 16, are ready to work for the Social Club’s Fish Fry. They have done so every year for the past several decades. For this and more, we are so proud to call them our brothers and thank them for their leadership and example. ❖



THE CRAFT AT WORK

MW Carroll M. Curtis, PGM hosted a reunion of his remaining DDGMs from 1969-1970 at Cattlemen’s Roadhouse in Shepherdsville, KY on July 1, 2023. This was a wonderful reunion filled with reflection on the great accomplishments from the past and a vibrant discussion of the amazing things that are to come for Freemasonry in Kentucky. The DDGMs present included WB Jackie Robinson (Emulation Lodge # 688), WB Burnis Pitts (Suburban Lodge #740), and WB Wavy C. Mayes (Bullitt Lodge #155).



Pictured from left to right: WB Jackie Robinson (688), WB Burnis Pitts (740), MW Carroll M. Curtis, PGM (291), WB Bill Ryan (155, 586, 999), and WB Wavy C. Mayes (155)



Pictured from left to right: WB Wavy C. Mayes (155), MW Carroll M. Curtis, PGM (291) WB Jackie Robinson (688), and WB Burnis Pitts (740)



Members of Jefferson Lodge #774 Awarded a \$500 Scholarship to Miss Kayla Williams of the Build and Design Academy - Jefferson High School. Brothers present: L. to R. Charles Bowman, PM, Joe Craft; Chris Lockhart, Master; Miss Kayla Williams; Daniel Matthews, Counselor; John Szafanski, PM; George Kemp, PM and John Lockhart.



Boaz Masonic Home Lodge #850 was proud to present \$1000 each to the scholarship fund of the Kentucky DeMolay and Kentucky Rainbow Girls again this year. We would like to challenge other lodges in Kentucky to contribute to their youth groups in any way they can to help our possibly future members.



Request For A Masonic Funeral Service

I, _____
Name of Brother (print clearly)

Being a member of Suburban Lodge No. 740 F. & A. M., do hereby request that, at the time of my death, the Lodge provide a Masonic Funeral Service for me. Also I request that my Brother Masons serve as Pall Bearers if requested to do so by my next of kin.

My Spouse is: _____
Name

My Children (if any): _____
Name(s)

My family or next of kin have been informed of my request and have been given a copy of this form. They will notify the Lodge of my date of death and the date, place and time of my funeral arrangements. They will do their utmost to see that my Lambskin (White Leather Apron) be preserved and given to one of the Officers of the Lodge, or to my Funeral Director for proper display during the Masonic Funeral Service. It is my further request that, in the event that my remains are buried rather than cremated, my Masonic Apron be buried in my grave.

Signed Brother: _____ Date: _____
Signature

The original signed copy shall be kept as a record for the Lodge and a copy provided to the Brother for his family.

From the Desk of the Secretary :

A Life Sentence



G. Thomas "Tom" Mercer
PM (2014)
Secretary

Greetings, Brothers!
It is my honor to serve you this year as Lodge Secretary. I say "this year" because mine is an elective office and I do not want to presume that a majority of the Craft necessarily will be satisfied with my work come Election Day on St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 2024. But it is said by some that the job of Lodge Secretary generally is a life sentence.

My predecessor, Brother Jim Jordan, PM (2016), was fortunate [?] enough to get time off for good behavior after over 6 years of service (Sept. 2017 – Dec. 2023). "Fortunate," may be a poor word to describe someone who underwent back-to-back surgeries for cancer last year. However, if you saw the huge grin on Brother Jim's face when he turned the job over to me, you might better understand my word choice.

For this my first newsletter article as Secretary, I decided to do a little research into those secretaries who have gone before me so as to honor their names and their terms of service as Secretary. As an 18 year member, I remember when Brother Jim Jordan, PM (2016), stepped up and assumed the many duties of Secretary in a time of tumult and shock following the sudden death of Brother Joe Marshall, PM (1998), on August 24, 2017. Thinking back on Brother Joe's tragic death from a brain aneurism at the age of 57, I recall both how I first met him and how I finally decided to become a Mason.

Following the September 10, 2009

death of my father, Kermit Mercer, a 56 year Suburban member, Brother Marshall conducted my father's Masonic Funeral Service ritual. In the throes of illness years earlier, my father had asked me to see that he received a Masonic funeral. That eventually led me to Brother Joe, who assured me that all I needed to do was contact him when the fateful day arrived, and Suburban Lodge would be there. Years later, after I eventually had become a Mason in 2006, I realized that it was principally my dad's earlier request and Brother Joe's willingness to help my family when the time came that had led me to petition Suburban Lodge for membership.

Thereafter, Brother Mark Galloway, PM (2009), made a call from the East for someone to learn the Masonic Funeral Service so as to take some of the pressure off Secretary Marshall, who had become the last Suburban member capable of performing it. Since Brother Joe had helped me honor my father's last request, I did not see how I could refuse to answer that call. As I worked month by month to memorize the funeral service from the Kentucky Monitor by Henry Pirtle, Brother Joe was there whenever I asked him to be, patiently listening and prompting me when I needed assistance.

From Brother Stan Robinson, PM (2004, Interim 2006), I learned that Brother Joe had become Interim Secretary following the death of his predecessor, Brother Secretary, John Rupley. I learned from the Past Master photos on the Lodge's walls that Brother Rupley also had been Suburban's Master in 1965. I learned from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky that Secretary Rupley had died on May 23, 2002. Thus,

from the combined information I received from Brother Robinson, PM, and the Grand Lodge, I knew Brother Marshall had become Interim Secretary to finish Brother Rupley's 2002 term before being elected yearly thereafter from 2003 through 2017.

As Past Master Burnis Pitts recalls, Past Master Rupley began his almost 24-year term as Secretary in 1979. Past Master Pitts had served as Secretary in 1977 and 1978, following the death of his predecessor, Brother Charles W. "Charlie" Fowler, in 1976. A photo of Secretary Fowler, as well as those of other Lodge officers who died in office, is hung on the Lodge's wall in the Tiler's room near the Tiler's station to the left of the Lodge Hall's door of admission. According to the inscription on his photograph, Brother Fowler served as Secretary of Suburban Lodge from 1954 to 1976.

An inscription in our Lodge Bylaws indicates that Brother George H. Shaw became the first Secretary for Suburban Lodge No. 740 F. & A.M. when the Grand Lodge of Kentucky first granted Suburban Lodge its charter on October 23, 1902 and the Lodge set to work following the installation of its first officers by two Master Masons from Preston Lodge No. 281, F. & A.M. As of this date, I have not begun the lengthy work necessary to research the names and terms of all Lodge Secretaries from 1902 to 1953.

As I contemplated what I had learned about our Lodge Secretaries from 1954 to the beginning of my own term of service as Secretary in 2024, I realized that almost 70 different Brother Master Masons had served as Master of the Lodge during that period. However, during the same 70-

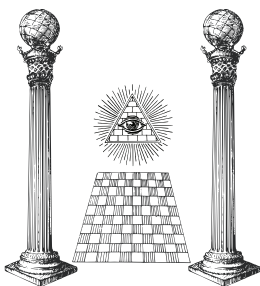
year period, only 6 different Brothers have been elected to the office of Lodge Secretary. I found that thought to be both humbling and intimidating. For three of those Brothers, Charlie Fowler, John Rupley, PM, and Joe Marshall, PM, their terms of service as Secretary were indeed life sentences, ending as they did with the deaths of those Brothers.

It struck me that the length of my own term of service has yet to be determined. ♦

One of my objectives as Secretary is to gather all the email addresses of our members so that we can utilize the Grand Lodge's new computer system to send emails to all our members at once. This would seem to be particularly useful to all those members who live out-of-state or do not attend Lodge frequently. But it also allows all members to be notified of important events as quickly as possible, and it comes at no additional cost to the Lodge.

If you find your name among those on the list of Brothers on page 8 whose email addresses I do not have, PLEASE text your email address to me at (502) 609-2143, or email me at tom.mercer@outlook.com.

Help us stay connected to ALL our Brothers and Sisters, bound as we are by common ties of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. ♦



MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7		8	9	10	11	12
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28	29	30	31			

- Lodge 7:30pm
- Fish Fry 10:00am-5:00pm
- Hall Association 5:30pm
- DeMolay 7:00pm
- Social Club 7:00pm

2024 Suburban Lodge

Important Dates to Remember

EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
GL Education Video Conference	27 Jan.	12 pm	Suburban Lodge
Past Master Society	27 Jan.	6 pm	Willis Stewart
Constitutional Quiz	10 Feb.	10 am	At Valley-Day Lodge
Chili Cook-off Contest	29 Feb.	10 am	Suburban Lodge
District 13 & 14 Meeting	20 April	2pm	Kosair Shrine Temple
Widows Dinner	30 May	6:30 pm	Suburban Lodge
Past Masters Night	29 Aug.	6:30 pm	Suburban Lodge
Suburban Officers Bake Sale	12 Oct.	6:30 pm	Suburban Lodge
Grand Lodge Conference	Oct. 21-22	9am	Galt House
Veterans & First Responder	Oct. 31	6:30 pm	Suburban Lodge
Election of Officers	Dec. 27	6:30 pm	Suburban Lodge
Installation of Officers	TBA		

Note: Some of these dates, and times may change. More will be added in future newsletters.

Let's Keep In Touch

Email Addresses Needed!

In order to improve communications from the Lodge to the Brothers listed below (or their Widows)—neither of whom I have email addresses for, please email me at tom.mercer@outlook.com or (preferably) text me at (502) 609-2143 with your name and email address. That way I can keep you apprised of important Lodge events and information quickly, efficiently and at no cost (other than to my time). It's not that hard, is it? 💎

Larry Beauchamp	Harry Davis	Joseph Feldpauch	John Hurst	Nicholas McDonald, Jr.	Roderick Rowland
Oliver Bell	Stephen Denny	Darrell Fogle	Richard Jordan	Russell Meredith, Jr.	Cleo Saltsman, Jr.
Morris Bennett	John Diblasi	Daniel Forbis	Sherman Kallin, Sr.	Kevin Metcalfe	Kenneth Saunders
William Bennett	Lewis Dodd	Wilbur Foster	Donavon Kemp	William Minks	George Seay
James Blain	Joseph Downs	Keith Gallai	Thomas Killman	William Mitchell	David Short
John Boles II	James Duncan	Kenneth Garrett	Timothy Killman	John Morris	Thomas Simpson
Patrick Boone	Mathew Dymouski	Walter Gatewood	Robert Larue	George Parker	Michael Sinnett
Gary Burkhead	John Eaves	Matthew Gnau	Mark Lawson	James Parker	Malcolm Slider, Jr.
Jerry Cantrell	Jon Elbert	David Goodcase	Thomas Lindquist	Wesley Parrott	Paul Stevens
James Casteel	Patrick Elbert	Denzil Goode	William Lovins	William Penrod	David Stewart
William Clark	Harold Ellison	Eugene Hack	Carlos Luker	Burnis Pitts	Kenneth Tharp
Kendrix Combs	Clem England	Barry Harshfield	Samuel Lyons	William Potter	Lloyd White, IV
Richard Corbin	Richard Epley	Johnny Hart	Dennis Mackin	Terry Puckett	Alan Whitlow
Matthew Crigger	Benny Evans	William Hess	James Magruder	Paul Robson	Kevin Williar
Brandon Crisp	Robert Evans	Jackie Hollifield	Robert Marshall, Jr.	Scott Rountree	Duane Witten
Herschel Currens	Kevin Fautz	Jackie Hooper	James McCarthy	Paul Routon	Gene Younger, Jr.