



THE TRESTLEBOARD
SAM DAVIS LODGE
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Stated Meetings
 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM
 Gary Wayne Leffew – Worshipful Master

Practice and Degrees
 Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM
 Charles Percy - Secretary

FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

First, I'd like to thank Brother Sam Peterson for sitting with me in the East during the February stated meeting. Brother Sam is one of twenty-three 50-year members in the Sam Davis Lodge and is truly a treasure. Brother Arthur Wilhoite, another esteemed 50-year members, was in attendance also. I'd like to say thanks to these Brothers for the more than 100 years of Freemasonry they share with us.

Brothers, we'll have our annual Spring ham breakfast on April 4 and we need your support. This is one of our two major fundraisers of the year. Please mark your calendars and If you can't lend a hand with the work, come on out and support the cause with your stomach.

Fraternally,
 Gary Wayne Leffew
 Worshipful Master

WHY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY BECAME A MASON

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happen to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, If that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Many of us may wish to come to light by improving in knowledge. Every Tuesday in January, we had an informal school of instruction. We have worked with anyone present wishing to learn. We have eight card holders up for renewal this year. Tuesday's are a good time for those wishing to renew to practice together. We also have some brothers who wish to have a card and they may need to learn. Tuesday's are ideal for this. Everyone has to start in order to learn to improve. Any brother who needs instruction on any part of the degree work, please contact me. I will attempt to put you together with a qualified instructor to improve your knowledge.

We have a group of Entered Apprentices who, have taken only the first degree and advanced no farther. I would like to extend an invitation to each of them to make contact with me and let me find someone qualified to teach them. We can find someone to work on a schedule when they are available. I need help making contact with these brothers. If you know an Entered Apprentice who has not completed his work please make contact and help me find someone to help. These men searched us out and were found worthy. Did they not find what they needed? Was it our fault? Can we make a difference in these worthy men's lives? I think it is worth the effort.

Larry C. Hooper
 Senior Warden

FROM THE HISTORIAN

What is the meaning of ``Dew of Hermon``? In Palestine, which is arid for almost half the year, dews have always been sources of irrigation, fertilization, and refreshment for agricultural growths. Mount Hermon was noted for its heavy dews. The phrase is a symbolic expression denoted the bedewing influences of divine grace.

Where is Zion and why its importance? Mount Zion was the southwestern of the three elevations which constituted the high tableland upon which Jerusalem was built. It was the site of the Royal Residence, and hence is often called ``the city of David``: also it is sometimes used as synonymous with Jerusalem.

Any questions please call me or write,

Fraternally,
 Larry K. Smith

Happy January birthday to the following brothers:

Billy Joe Agnew	2-Feb
Henry Wayne Bain	5-Feb
James Alfred Bricker II	26-Feb
John Thomas Burnette	22-Feb
Mark Frank Byars	13-Feb
Connie Howard Clabo	21-Feb
Joseph Milton Clark	6-Feb
William Denson Covington	24-Feb
Robert Allen Crisp Jr	28-Feb
Horace Leon Cyree	8-Feb
Angelo John Daconto Jr	24-Feb
Robert Jason Dozier	28-Feb
Michael Lee Ferrell	24-Feb
David Gray Hailey	5-Feb
David Henry Hammon	18-Feb
Larry Carlton Hooper	20-Feb
Robert Lee Jobman	24-Feb
James Fred Johnson	8-Feb
James Deck Kennedy	28-Feb
William Jerry King	26-Feb
Richard Eldredge Markham	23-Feb
Thomas William McGhee	9-Feb
Eugene Clifford Monroe	18-Feb
Ernest Edward Petty	3-Feb
Odis Rhea Phillips	4-Feb
Edwin Lee Raymer	13-Feb
James Lowell Ross	4-Feb
Michael Terry Royal	20-Feb
Harold Ernest Scott	25-Feb
Thomas Lee Scott	1-Feb
Billy Joe Sells	24-Feb
Perry Douglas Wall	15-Feb

Upcoming Events:

22 Feb (Sun) MM of the Year dinner for Doug begins at 2:00 PM (covered dish)
26 Feb (Thur) School of Instruction at Sam Davis
19 Mar Lodge clean-up / repairs 9:00-2:00
4 April Ham Breakfast

Happy Masonic Birthday to the following brothers:

Robert Lawrence Akin	27-Feb-96
Darrell Steven Bell	21-Feb-06
John Raymond Carter	17-Feb-98
James Glenn Crook	25-Feb-69
Mark Anthony Davis II	26-Feb-94
Floyd Bracy Dennis Sr	6-Feb-62
Robert Jason Dozier	13-Feb-96
Doyle Lindon Fox	27-Feb-79
Jack Richard Gentry	16-Feb-71
Carl Turner Haddock	24-Feb-68
Brian Harrison	25-Feb-97
Milton Dwayne Hicks	17-Feb-98
Gilbert Joseph Laforest	1-Feb-05
Brian Allan Melendy	24-Feb-04
John Norman Miles	21-Feb-85
Odis Rhea Phillips	18-Feb-64
Lynn Patrick Ruch	14-Feb-98
Richard Floyd Shinn	15-Feb-83
John William Stagner Sr	23-Feb-65
Sewell Felix Summers Jr	25-Feb-70
Perry Douglas Wall	24-Feb-72
Lloyd Williams	9-Feb-71
James Marion Yearwood	20-Feb-73

FROM THE SECRETARY

Just a friendly reminder that dues notices have been sent. We must pay our per capita to the Grand Lodge, which is a part of your dues, so if you haven't paid, please go ahead and send them in.

Fraternally

Charles Percy, Secretary

AFFILIATE BODIES MEETINGS:

ORDER OF THE EASTER STAR 2nd Thursdays. Covered Dish at 6:00 p.m., Open at 7:00 p.m

YORK RITE MURFREESBORO 2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

SMYRNA-LAVERGNE SHRINE CLUB 4TH Thursdays at Jim and Nicks BBQ in Smyrna

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Please keep the following in your prayers; Henry Faust, Ronald Wright, David Walker and Steve Picklesimer's mother. Brother J.T. Burnette, PM is in Mayfield Manor Nursing Home, Room 100. He would be most appreciative of your visit with him.

WEB SITE

Check out our web site at <http://samdavislodge.home.comcast.net/~samdavislodge/> A special thank you to Brother Floyd Dennis, Jr., our webmaster, for all of his great ideas and the time that he has donated in order for us to be on-line.

TRESTLEBOARD INFORMATION

If you have any information or announcements that you would like in the Trestleboard, call Mike Ferrell at 615-223-0379 or send him an email at Leeferr@comcast.net

