



**THE TRESTLEBOARD**  
**SAM DAVIS LODGE**  
**NO. 661 F. & A. M.**  
**P.O. Box 364**  
**Smyrna, Tennessee**  
**459-4576**



Stated Meetings  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM  
Gary Wayne Leffew – Worshipful Master

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

**FROM THE EAST**

I'd like to thank everyone for an exceptional turn-out for our March stated meeting. Freemasonry is obviously alive and well at Sam Davis. My special thanks to Brother Pete Winters for accompanying me in the East during the meeting. Pete, you're a valued member of our lodge and a patriot.

Thanks also to Brother K.I. Wright for an insightful school of instruction recently completed at Sam Davis. To all the brothers visiting from other lodges, we enjoyed the fellowship we were able to share and hope you'll all come back.

Brothers, I still want to "fill the rafters" at our May 7 stated meeting. As I commented earlier, let's make this our "Homecoming" for those brothers that haven't attended lodge in a while. We will eat at 6, meeting at 7. If transportation is a problem, please give me a call at 615-335-3171. I won't guarantee the weather but I will vouch for the food and fellowship.

Mark your calendars. Our official visit is scheduled for Thursday, Jun 18. Remember, practice does not make perfect.

Perfect practice makes perfect! Also, don't forget the Installation of Eastern Star officers on March 14 and our Spring Ham Breakfast on April 4.

Finally, I'd like to offer a special note of congratulations to Brother Bob Blackmer. Bob was raised as a Master Mason on March 28, 1959. I look forward to awarding his 50-year pin at our April meeting. Brother Bill Brown will be recognized for his 50 years in May. Six additional brothers will be added to this illustrious roll this year.

Fraternally, Gary Wayne Leffew, Worshipful Master

**WHAT IS THE MEANING OF FREE AND ACCEPTED?**

What do the terms FREE AND ACCEPTED mean? According to masonic tradition the Masons are said to have acquired the name of Accepted at the building of the second Temple; for the Fraternity were declared Free by King Solomon; and the brethren, when the first Temple was completed, were furnished with an honorary jewel or gold medal, with the word FREE inscribed upon it. The posterity of some of the Masons who assisted at the erection of Solomon's Temple having settled on the confines of Judea. Were carried into captivity with the Jews, and preserving a knowledge of the sciences of geometry and architecture, even in their fallen fortunes, were liberated by Cyrus, and subsequently declared FREE AND ACCEPTED, exonerated from all imposts, duties, and taxes, and invested with the privilege of bearing arms by Darius and Artaxerxes, who commanded the governors of the surrounding provinces that they should require no tax or other imposition from any of the priests, Levites, porters, or any that were concerned about the Temple; and that no man should have authority to impose anything upon them.

Fraternally, Larry K. Smith, Historian

**Who is important at Sam Davis Lodge?**

The answer to this question may surprise you. Many will feel that the officers and those that confer degrees are the most important and everyone else is secondary to them. Well that is not true! All master masons are on the same level. There is a place for everyone. Those who are officers are only important if there are others to support them. The officers of a lodge can only hold office by election or appointment and therefore they serve the other members. Without members there cannot be officers. Those who practice the rituals and perform the degrees cannot perform without a candidate or those members on the sidelines. Past masters are members, who have served as Master of a lodge and they represent the past. Without a lodge they have no place to serve or be. A Lodge is made up of its members. Members make decisions about how a lodge is run either by being present at Stated Meeting and voting or being absent and letting someone else do it their way. Members are the second most important people in a lodge. They are the backbone of the Lodge. They cut the grass, sweep the floor and perform many unpaid task that make a Lodge work. They seldom receive even thanks for their efforts and no one notices. Everyone notices when they miss one of even the small task. The candidate is the most important person in a Lodge of Masons. They are our future

Larry C. Hooper, Senior Warden

Happy Masonic birthday to the following brothers:

Billy Joe Agnew	3/19/60
David Franklin Austin	3/4/66
Eugene Camefon Beck	3/1/78
Robert Bruce Blackmer	3/28/59
Bobby Lee Brumfield Jr	3/24/81
Mark Frank Byars	3/22/97
Joseph Milton Clark	3/9/71
Mark Anthony Davis Sr	3/9/78
Stephen Wayne Dawson	3/15/01
Bernice Jasper Haire Jr	3/11/78
Egene Hardiman	3/4/52
Everett Douglas Kilgrow	3/19/63
Cecil Harris Lee	3/25/69
Gerald Burgess Lee	3/26/63
Kenneth Lane Lewis	3/25/80
Michael Randolph Long	3/21/87
Richard Eldredge Markham	3/29/89
Thomas Lee McDowell	3/6/73
Howard Thomas Mullins	3/17/87
Charles Raymond Percy	3/28/98
Samuel Arthur Peterson	3/24/53
Steven Ray Picklesimer	3/30/93
Arthur Coble Puckett Jr	3/12/49
Warren Gene Russell Jr	3/14/89
Mark Thomas Scherr	3/8/94
Bobby Gene Smith	3/28/06
Bob Frank Stephenson	3/15/63
Tommy Dell Tate	3/15/94
Howard Earl Waldron	3/1/77
David Emery Walker	3/28/98
Thomas Harrison Ward	3/16/65
James Donald Williams	3/24/81
Donald Ray Witherspoon	3/11/86

Happy March Birthday to the following brothers:

Shirley James Lawson	3/11
John Edward Moore	3/14
Richard Joseph Popolillo	3/14
Everett Douglas Kilgrow	3/28
Donald Wayne Fogg Sr	3/25
James Alton Strickland	3/18
Robert Douglas Lester Jr	3/28
Michael Thomas Allen	3/28
Wilbert Dale Kerby	3/16
Galen Lee Medlin	3/3
Terry Levon Thompson	3/11
Howard Thomas Mullins	3/24
Donald Ray Witherspoon	3/29
Ricki Mercer Pertee	3/2
Bryan Ray Caldwell	3/21
William Wooten Haley	3/10
James Robert Crawford	3/1
Brian Harrison	3/12
Darrell Steven Bell	3/14
Edmund Siwik	3/27
Rueben Flake Curtis	3/30

**50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR**

- Robert Bruce Blackmer
- Billy Wesley Brown
- Leon Wampler Whitmore
- Thomas Dwight Rethard
- Nick Bee Crowe Jr
- James William Allen
- Charles Thurman Davis
- Rueben Flake Curtis

**Upcoming Events:**

- 4 April Ham Breakfast
- 14 March – Eastern Star Officer Installation
- 18 June – Official Visit by Bro. K.I. Wright

**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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays. Covered Dish at 6:00 p.m., Open at 7:00 p.m
- YORK RITE MURFREESBORO** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
- SMYRNA-LAVERGNE SHRINE CLUB** 4<sup>TH</sup> Thursdays at Jim and Nicks BBQ in Smyrna

**SICK**

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](mailto:Leeferr@comcast.net)

