



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



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 EAST

Congratulations to Brother Bob Blackmer for 50 dutiful years in Masonry. It was an honor to be able to present his 50-year pin at our April stated meeting. It was also a pleasure to have Brother Lyn Wilhoite, another esteemed 50-year member, accompany me in the East during the meeting. With Brother Floyd Dennis Sr. serving as Chaplain of Sam Davis Lodge and fast approaching the 50-year mark, these Brothers formed a triangle of nearly 150 years of Freemasonry. They truly represent what Masonry is all about.

Sam Davis Lodge is quickly approaching our 100th birthday. September 1st of this year marks the 99th anniversary of a meeting in the hall over the newly built Peoples Bank of Smyrna when J.S. Gooch announced that he'd receive a dispensation from the Grand Lodge to establish a Masonic Lodge in Smyrna. All 283 of us represent that heritage. Brothers, I've dedicated our May 7 Stated Meeting to those brothers that rarely have the opportunity to attend lodge. If transportation is a problem, please give me a call at 615-335-3171. Remember, we eat at 6 and begin the meeting at 7.

Fraternally, Gary Wayne Leffew, Worshipful Master

FREEMASONS IN THE AIR

On his famous solo flight over the Atlantic in 1927 Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh wore the square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck emblem. He was a Mason at the time.

When Bernt Balchen, explorer and air pioneer, flew over the North Pole and the South Pole with Brother Richard E. Byrd, they dropped Masonic flags on both Poles. In the 1933-35 expedition over the South Pole, Brother Balchen also tossed his Shrine fez on the Pole.

Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., famous astronaut, on his 22 orbit flight carried a Masonic coin in his pocket as well as a blue Masonic flag which he later presented to his mother lodge, Carbondale No. 82, Carbondale, Colorado.

On August 23, 1879, Lodge No. 239 of France held a meeting in a balloon flying over Paris, at which time a Brother was initiated.

The inventors of the first balloon were Joseph Montgolfier, Michel Montgolfier, and Jacques Etienne; all were members of the Nine Sisters Lodge in France.

Brother Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I air ace, was a devoted Mason for many years.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.....This book contains the written landmarks, rules, regulations, ancient charges, and fundamental principles of the Order; a detailed exposition of the duties of officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and the rights and privileges of members. In all processions when the Grand Master appears the Book of Constitutions is carried before him, guarded by the Tiler's sword.

AMPLE FORM. When the Grand Master performs any Masonic ceremony in person it is said to be in ``ample form;` if by the Deputy Grand Master it is in ``due form;` and, if by any other person it is ``in form.` `Due and ancient form` is often applied in place of the above terms.

Fraternally, Larry K. Smith, Historian

Friday Night Line Dancing

Anyone wishing to learn to line dance should contact Samy Percy at 459-3519. The group meets each Friday night at 7:00 PM at Sam Davis Lodge.

Happy Masonic birthday to the following brothers:

William Steven Bell	4/4/06
Dennis Earl Blair	4/21/79
William Seth Brittan	4/29/80
Billy Wesley Brown	4/18/59
Larry Clark Cates	4/13/82
Dayton Odell Cook	4/10/54
Jeffry Todd Davis	4/30/94
Floyd Bracy Dennis Jr	4/27/93
Russell Ray Faulk	4/29/86
Douglas Paul Frazier	4/14/98
Randall Moore Gibson	4/24/76
Joseph George Hunter	4/24/04
Aubrey Dale Jackson	4/14/86
Robert Lee Jobman	4/12/83
Jerry Conner Johns	4/13/55
George Franklin Kersey	4/25/50
William Jerry King	4/16/68
Robert Clinton McClendon	4/14/81
Harold Darrell Morris Jr	4/23/02
James Robert Oglesby	4/23/85
Albert Leon Parker	4/24/90
Joshua James Perkins	4/24/01
Jimmy Dale Pressley	4/1/69
Thomas Harris Seat	4/10/56
Larry Kent Smith	4/23/88
Robert Michael Smith	4/19/94
Arthur Lynwood Wilhoite	4/29/58
William Lee Woodwall Sr	4/29/86
Matthew Link Phifer	4/24/03

Happy April Birthday to the following brothers:

Richard Anderson Jr	4/30
Larry Clark Cates	4/14
Larry Hillyard Crowder	4/5
Jack Richard Gentry	4/5
Randall Moore Gibson	4/18
Jerry Conner Johns	4/17
Charles Bryan Kimmel	4/22
Danny Ray Kyle	4/30
Bobby Wayne Lanius	4/9
Gerald Burgess Lee	4/27
Richard Rodney Long	4/4
Thomas Fleming McAllister	4/26
John Norman Miles	4/12
Michael Earl North	4/29
James Leroy Parks	4/23
William Thomas Porterfield	4/19
Jimmy Dale Pressley	4/3
Lynn Patrick Ruch	4/6
Prim Hershel Shelton Jr	4/30
John William Stagner Sr	4/22
Denison Taylor	4/27
Lloyd Williams	4/8
Michael Louis Workman	4/25

Upcoming Events:

25 April – District 11 meeting
18 June – Official Visit by Bro. K.I. Wright

FROM THE SECRETARY

Just another reminder that 2009 dues are past due. If you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as you can.

Also, if you change your mailing address, please let us know when you move as the Post Office will not forward bulk mailings to your new address and will return the Trestleboard to us.

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

SICK

Brother J.T. Burnette, PM is in Mayfield Manor Nursing Home, Room 100. He would be most appreciative of your visit with him. Also, we're sure that George Kersey would appreciate a visit as he doesn't get out to the lodge as often as he would like. Keep them in your prayers.

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

