



THE TRESTLEBOARD
SAM DAVIS LODGE
NO. 661 F. & A. M.
P.O. Box 364
Smyrna, Tennessee
459-4576
AUGUST 2009



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

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

FROM THE EAST

Brothers, we've moved our Family Day to Sep 26 so it would not conflict with Old Timer's Day in LaVergne. It's still scheduled from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All members of Sam Davis Lodge are invited to bring their families out for burgers, dogs, and entertainment. We're hoping to have numerous activities for children including horses, a bounce house, police canine demonstrations and others. The horseshoe pits will be open as well. Remember, there is no charge for the event but everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish, including dessert. If you're going to attend, please help us to plan accordingly by notifying Brother Charlie Pearcy at 459-3519 or me at 335-3171.

Congratulations to Brother Larry Smith for earning the coveted Pin of Excellence during the recently completed official visit at Mars Hill Lodge. The future of Freemasonry, and Sam Davis Lodge in particular, is in good hands with Brothers like Larry.

Finally, please plan to attend Sam Davis Lodge for degrees on August 16 and 25th. Brother Dennis Gerle Kelly is scheduled for a Fellow Craft Degree on the 16th and Mr. Jeffery Alan Jordan an Entered Apprentice Degree on the 25th. Congratulations also to Brother Eric Scott Eastridge on his recently completed Fellow Craft Degree.

Fraternally,
 Gary Wayne Leffew
 Worshipful Master

To continue explanation of Masonic Phrases and Verses

Or ever the silver chord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken.*

The loosed silver cord is believed to denote the spinal column and therefore the physical infirmities (stooped back) of age. The golden bowl is believed to denote the brain and the gradual decline of mental powers, which in dotage is described as senility.

****Or the pitcher be broken at the fountain.****

Having a desire to urinate, but being unable to do so.

****Or the wheel broken at the cistern.****

The body contains all its blood, (the cistern is full), but the heart's pumping action (the wheel) ceases.

``And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low,``

This refers to no longer being able to hear the noisiness of life due to deafness.

Larry Smith, PM, Historian

ELIZABETH ST. LEGER or THE HONORABLE MRS. ALDWORTH

In 1735 Lodge #44 at Doneraile, Ireland usually met at Lord Doneraile's home who was Master of his Lodge. His sister also lived with him, Elizabeth St. Leger.

Knowing that the meeting was about to open Elizabeth hid in a storage room adjoining the lodge room. She removed a brick that she had loosened from the wall a few days before and watched the conferring of the Fellow Craft degree.

When the meeting was about to close, Elizabeth realized what she had done, and in her nervous attempt to leave knocked over some storage boxes. The Tiler, hearing the ruckus, sounded the alarm and ran to dispatch the intruder. Lord Doneraile appeared just in time to save her life.

After questioning her, the members re-assembled and deliberated on what to do about this intrusion. After two hours of heated debate, cooler heads prevailed. She was given two alternatives, either she submit to receiving the first two degrees in Masonry or other arrangements would be made for her. Miss St. Leger, being able to hear some of the debate, gladly accepted.

Upcoming Events:

- 11 Aug – FC degree – Michael Candler
- 18 Aug – FC degree – Dennis Kelly
- 25 Aug – EA degree – Jeffrey Allen Jordan
- 26 Sept – Family Day
- 7 Nov – Country Ham Breakfast
- 14 Nov – Sam Davis Chapter OES Spaghetti Supper

- Every Fri. night – Line dancing at 7:00 PM

Mailing list for Trestleboard

Our plans are to start emailing the Trestleboard to those wishing to receive it by email instead of by US Mail. If you wish to be added to this email list, please email Mike Ferrell at Leeferr@comcast.net

Eastern Star Spaghetti Supper

Sam Davis Chapter OES will be having a spaghetti supper on Nov. 14 from 4 – 7 PM. A donation of \$7.00 would be appreciated for the supper. We hope that you all can attend and support the OES

Masonic Secrets

Many people do not understand the dividing line between things we keep secret and information we can share about their Masonic life. This causes many masons to refuse to discuss anything regarding Masonic life. There is a clear and definite line dividing Masonic secrets and providing information to an interested wife, friend or an acquaintance. There are two categories of things we must keep secret. The first is the lessons you were taught in the lodge, the lectures, or anything that occurred inside the lodge room with the door sealed, and the other is the secrets communicated to and received by you from a brother. In Tennessee each mason receives a small blue book entitled "Tennessee Craftsman". This book contains portions of the rituals. The printed words in this craftsman are not secret. The blanks and any actions that occur inside the sealed Lodge room are secret. You can tell your wife(friend or relation) you are a mason. You can tell them you are going to the lodge. You can tell them you are teaching degree work, or participating in the degrees. You can practice the written portion of the Tennessee Craftsman with their help, just stick to the written and do not fill in the blank spaces. I hope this helps. Show it to your wife. Share the bulletin with your wife. Tell your friends and family about the scheduled meetings. Be open about attending the meetings. Tell them about the plans the lodge has for remodeling or fund raising. If there is still uncertainty in your mind set down and talk with an officer or a well informed brother. Remember the secrets are those things you learned inside the Lodge hall with the door sealed, the lectures, and those things given and received by you from a brother, in confidence.

Larry C. Hooper
Senior Warden

Happy August birthday to the following brothers:

Terry Keith Armstrong	28-Aug
David Franklin Austin	5-Aug
Julian Overton Bailey Jr	9-Aug
Clinton Jacob Beel	7-Aug
Bobby Lee Brumfield Jr	17-Aug
Mark Anthony Davis II	28-Aug
Ernest Milton Durrett	14-Aug
Roger Dale Elks	7-Aug
Arthur Garfield Everitt	31-Aug
Robert Jones Floyd	17-Aug
Gary Lee Graf	3-Aug
Joseph George Hunter	31-Aug
Michael Lee Jenkins	15-Aug
Joseph Noel Lebeau III	19-Aug
Gary Wayne Leffew	24-Aug
Cletues Delrue McGowan	14-Aug
Leslie Alvin Morgan	23-Aug
Albert Leon Parker	10-Aug
Bobby Gene Smith	26-Aug
Larry Kent Smith	4-Aug
David Wesley Stricklin	12-Aug
Van Gary Tenpenny Sr	18-Aug
David Emery Walker	18-Aug
Larry Wayne Ward	8-Aug

Happy Masonic birthday to the following brothers:

Terry Keith Armstrong	8/17/85
Julian Overton Bailey Jr	8/23/68
Clinton Jacob Beel	8/12/78
Jessie Warren Cox	8/20/55
Larry Hillyard Crowder	8/10/76
Horace Leon Cyree	8/31/76
William Wesley Donnell	8/22/72
Conley Morgan Dykes	8/17/82
James Michael Flynn	8/19/86
Robert Michael Glaspell	8/11/81
Harold Davis Grider	8/26/75
Clifford Keith Hall	8/16/77
David Henry Hammon	8/25/98
Bobby Lee Harper	8/31/04
Robert Marion Igou	8/29/81
Richard Gooch Johns	8/23/66
Victor Howard Jordan	8/14/75
James Deck Kennedy	8/18/81
Charles Bryan Kimmel	8/15/61
Joseph Noel Lebeau III	8/22/95
Vance Joseph Legarde	8/24/04
Galen Lee Medlin	8/22/89
Joe Edward Poole	8/2/77
Thomas Dwight Rethard	8/25/59
Anthony Samuel Ross	8/9/44
John Gibb Savage	8/24/65
Doyle Gene Short	8/25/87
Robert Wayne Smith	8/20/85
William Michael Smith	8/24/85
Kevin Mark Stephenson	8/21/84
Van Gary Tenpenny Sr	8/16/66
Ronald Dale Wright	8/21/99
Bryan Ray Caldwell	8/19/08

Grand Commandery Inspection

There will be a Commandery inspection at Mt. Moriah Lodge in Murfreesboro on October 31, 2009. Our own Robert Waldron, PM is the Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of Tennessee for the current year. Let's all get out and support Brother Waldron at this important event.

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

WEB SITE

Check out our web site at <http://samdavislodge.home.comcast.net/> 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