



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

**THE TRESTLEBOARD  
SAM DAVIS LODGE  
NO. 661 F. & A. M.**

**P.O. Box 364  
Smyrna, Tennessee  
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Practice and Degrees  
Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM  
Charles Percy - Secretary

**FROM THE EAST**

Brothers, I'd like to thank everyone for making our family day a huge success. I'd especially like to thank Brother Larry Smith and his friend Roy for providing the magic acts. I'd also like to thank Brother Larry Morgan for games he built for the children.

Our annual ham breakfast is scheduled for Nov 7. Check your calendars. We need all the help we can get to make this year's breakfast a success. Please contact Brother Charles Percy for advance tickets. Ticket cost is \$ 7.00. The breakfast is scheduled from 6:00 to 10:00 AM.

Brothers, don't forget about our query meeting with the Grand Lodge on Nov 4. A representative of the Grand Lodge will be available to answer any questions concerning Masonry in the state of Tennessee. Ritual work however, will not be discussed at this meeting. Sam Davis is hosting the meeting for the entire middle Tennessee area. As always, we eat at 6 and start the meeting at 7.

Finally, please plan to attend a Master Mason Degree for Brother Michael Brandon Candler on Oct 13. Remember, this is a covered dish. We also have an Entered Apprentice Degree set for Mr Gary Ray Runge on Oct 20.

Fraternally,  
Gary Wayne Leffew  
Worshipful Master

**FREEMASONRY IN THE WHITE HOUSE**

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House. When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it. James Hoban was a Mason. He was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic.

During President Truman's term of office it was necessary to rebuild the White House. In 1952, while the work was in progress, Brother Truman discovered that some of the original stones contained traditional "Mason's marks". He directed that these stones be preserved and delegated the duty to Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Brother Renah F. Camalier, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. These stones were distributed to the Grand Lodges of the United States and to certain territories and foreign governments. On February 22, 1966, the last stone was presented to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association for display in the Temple on Shooter's Hill.

**Legal Information**

Does legal information really matter? As a mason, you used this term three times. You were at the altar. You may have been confused at the time. You may have been unclear as to what was happening to you at that time. There are not many secrets we have to keep as a Freemason. Those secrets are how we recognize each other, and what we do behind the closed doors of a Lodge. Without those secrets we would pass and be forgotten. The works we do would cease. We would not have the Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly love we now enjoy. When you meet a person, representing themselves as a Mason, try them and know for sure. This is how we ensure our survival, and that no one is admitted who is not entitled. Do not introduce this person as a Mason without Legal Information of that fact. If you do you are guilty a great wrong toward your lodge or a brother. If you do not know how to try a brother or get this Legal Information, take advantage of the practice time at the lodge to learn. Do not be embarrassed. Many brother Masons do not know. Do not be embarrassed. Avoid cheating, wronging, or defrauding your lodge or your brother by saying something you believe but, do not know. It matters.

Larry C. Hooper, Senior Warden

**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](mailto:Leeferr@comcast.net)

## The Ark of the Covenant

The sacred chest, or coffer, which Moses constructed by command of God, wherein were deposited the two tables of stone on which were graven the Ten Commandments, Aaron's rod, and a pot of manna. The ark was a symbol of the Divine presence, and a protection to the people, so long as they adhered to the articles of the covenant, which the ark contained. It was made of shittim-wood, covered with plates of gold, nearly four feet in length, and two feet three inches in width and height. On the top of it, all round, ran a kind of gold crown. It had four rings of gold, two on each side, through which staves were put, whereby it was carried. These also were overlaid with the finest gold, and were not to be removed from the rings. The lid of the ark, glistening with gold, was call the Mercy-seat; and upon its opposite ends were two golden cherubim, fronting each other, with their wings so extended as to cover the Mercy-seat. It was borne from place to place during the journeys of the Israelites, with great solemnity, and deposited in the most sacred places in the tabernacle. It was finally placed by Solomon in the Holy of Holies, and was supposed to have lost at the destruction of the temple by the Chaldeans. The idea of the concealment of an ark and its accompanying treasures always prevailed in the Jewish sect. The use of this sacred symbol, and the import moral lessons its discovery inculcates, are exceedingly interesting to Royal Arch Masons.

Fraternally,

Larry Kent Smith, Historian

### Happy Masonic birthday to the following brothers:

William James Ash	10/22/96
Thomas David Bucher	10/17/06
John Joseph Burchell	10/18/88
Mark Andrew Copeland	10/16/90
Nick Bee Crowe Jr	10/6/59
Angelo John Daconto Jr	10/25/88
Henry Ray Faust	10/26/04
Donald Wayne Fogg Sr	10/2/95
Jacob Artermus Ford	10/4/76
Larry Lee Fraley	10/26/76
David Gray Hailey	10/18/83
William Wooten Haley	10/17/00
Paul Douglas Lamb	10/13/92
Shirley James Lawson	10/24/67
Bobby Eugene McClendon	10/24/95
Carl Anthony McMillen	10/24/98
William Roy Mitchell	10/14/03
Leslie Alvin Morgan	10/21/58
Michael Earl North	10/11/88
James Leroy Parks	10/21/58
Ricki Mercer Perteet	10/2/97
Terry Neil Robertson	10/18/88
James Lowell Ross	10/5/65
Harold Ernest Scott	10/25/75
James Alton Strickland	10/21/71
Robert Warren Waldron Sr	10/16/73

### Happy October birthday to the following brothers:

Egene Hardiman	10/1
Raymond Clark Hutton Jr	10/24
Richard Gooch Johns	10/17
Victor Howard Jordan	10/19
Chester Joseph Kaczneski	10/7
Philip Wayne Lampley	10/10
Vance Joseph Legarde	10/14
Kenneth Clyde Loftis	10/4
Stephen Gray Morgan	10/16
Roger Keith Patton	10/14
Joshua James Perkins	10/22
James Allen Reed	10/19
Mark Thomas Scherr	10/28
Robert Dale Sewell	10/22
Earl Benjamin Thomas	10/18
Edward Louis Waldron	10/21
Thomas Harrison Ward	10/18
Ronald Dale Wright	10/7
Joseph Paul Hartman	10/26

### Upcoming Events:

13 Oct – MM degree – Bro. Michael Brandon Candler  
20 Oct – EA degree – Mr. Gary Ray Runge  
7 Nov – Country Ham Breakfast

### 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

### 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 [Leefer@comcast.net](mailto:Leefer@comcast.net)