



News and events from the organizations that meet at Suburban Lodge #740.

From the East:

Looking Forward from the East



By Ron Adcock
Worshipful Master

This is all new to me as you all know but I want to thank you for all the support that each and every one of you has given me. I hope to do a great job in the upcoming year. I'm sure that I will mess things up as I usually do, but it's not for lack of trying or caring and I know with your help and guidance that we will have a great year. I look forward to traveling to other lodges with as many brothers as I get to go. Suburban Lodge has a long history of excellence and with help from God and you it will stay excellent. I believe we can achieve a great deal this year while enjoying ourselves.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who made our installation so memorable. It was an honor to have Luke Martin, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky,



serve as the installing officer. I also need thank Rick Adcock & Gary Rainey for the preparation of such a great meal. Also, I'd like to thank the DeMolay boys and the Rainbow girls for their help for serving the meal. I also thank Kay and Kasie Parrish for the table setups.

We had our first Fellowcraft degree on January the 15th. Dinner was again prepared by Gary & Rick, and as usual it was enjoyed by all. Junior Warden Chris King did a great job on the degree work and Past Master Hank Buckwalter did a great job on the Letter G. Also, I thank all the brothers that helped put on the degree and did such a great job. We had a lot of guests and gave out a lot of Challenge Coins, but it was a good time had by all.

Family Night is on January 29th at 6:30 PM, featuring a chili cookoff. If you would like to join, bring your best chili. There will be prizes awarded for the top three best chilis, then we will have games of some sort of prizes.

Fraternally Thine,
Ron Adcock, Worshipful Master, 2026

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The Chili Cookoff had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.]



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From the West:

The Positive Impact of the Suburban Social Club Fish Fry



Tom Holcomb
Senior Warden

After finishing my year as Junior Warden in 2025, I am looking forward to my term as Senior Warden to which I was elected. Thank you for your continued support and trust. I learned a lot about degree work last year, and I hope to learn even more this year and to improve upon my part in it.

If you have ever wondered about the positive impact that our Suburban Social Club Fish Fry has had upon our community at large, something I received from a lady from my neighborhood in Southwest Jefferson County should leave you little doubt about it. Over the internet, she sent me a copy of an article with photos from

The L&N Magazine published in January 1964 titled "Frying Fish ... for a worthy cause!" You will find it here in this edition of Our Corner.

The lady was not sure if her grandfather was a member of Suburban Lodge No. 740, Free & Accepted Masons. But he did work for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, from which many of our members came and some still remain. For her to have kept this article with these photos for over sixty (60) years, shows the impact our Fish Fry had upon her, how much our customers have loved it, and how deeply imprinted on the history of Louisville it is. This is a distinction few organizations can claim for over one hundred (100) years.

May we keep up the Lord's work, my Brothers, and always remember. The pay may not be much, but the retirement benefits are out of this world!

Fraternally Thine,
Tom Holcomb, Senior Warden

Suburban FISH FRY
"GREEN RIVER STYLE"
EVERY SATURDAY 10 TO 10 SOFT DRINKS & GOOD COFFEE

Frying Fish ... for a worthy cause!

Many L. & N.'ers help staff Suburban Social Club Fish Stand in Louisville, thus making valuable contributions to area charities

"Come in and enjoy the best fish in town," say A. L. Jones, left, and Jesse Bryant at door of Louisville's Suburban Fish Fry!

Item: Several years ago \$3500 in fish-fry-stand receipts went toward equipping a nurse's station and hospital room at the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home in Louisville. Item: Year-phans Home in Louisville, provide sufficient funds to buy toys, decorations and a turkey dinner for children. Item: Other contributions—all from fish-stand receipts—go to the Old Masons' Home in Shelbyville, Ky.; and to Kossair Crippled Children Hospital, and "Crusade for Children," both in Louisville. Other beneficiaries include the Kentuckiana Children's Chiropractic Center and Louisville Chapter, American Red Cross.

But let's return to the fish stand for a closer run-down of its operations. Of course, right now—in the midst of winter—its workers are enjoying a well-deserved rest. But, on any given Saturday, April through November, a half-dozen or more brawny males in clean white caps and aprons can be seen, effectively dispelling the notion that cooking and serving fish is a woman's specialty! One man busies himself slicing frozen fish, which is quickly passed to the "batter-and-meal" men. Incidentally, for the garments, the stand buys locally supplied frozen, boneless, jumbo cod from Iceland!

Fryers next cook the fish to a crisp, ready-to-serve brown. Meanwhile, another team runs the counter, taking orders, serving hot coffee, soft drinks or cupfuls of onions. Those onions, which are prepared from an old Dutch recipe, are added treats—they're free for the asking, and hardly a customer turns them down!

But who are the individuals who voluntarily man the fish stand, Saturday after Saturday? As noted before, many are L. & N.'ers, either from the general office building, South Louisville Shops or Yards. Several are train-servicer employees. On the Saturday this reporter visited the stand, three men, just off their runs, were arriving, ready for work. And, there are some retired L. & N.'ers who also make the fish stand a regular activity.

In addition to the railroaders mentioned, men from other nearby industries—American Air Filter, Henry Vogt Machine Company, General Electric and International Harvester, to mention a few of the firms—also help out at the stand. On extra-busy Saturdays

By C. B. C.

The L. & N. Magazine—January 1964

These are some of many active and retired L. & N.'ers who help run stand. From left: Clarence Rousin, George Caffee, Johnny Harrison, Edgar Wilson, A. L. Jones, F. B. Roebing, Floyd Harrison, Fred Blase, Paul Harrison, Robert Tipton, E. B. Smith.

Jesse Bryant hands take-home order of fish to Edwina Welch, secretary's office.

Youngsters who are members of Masonic Auxiliaries—Demolay Boys and Rainbow Girls—pitch in beside their dads.

Summer Saturdays are the busiest, when temperatures soar and housewives prefer swimming pools to kitchen stoves! That's when the women-folk show up in droves at the fish fry. On a steamy July or August Saturday, as high as 1,100 pounds of fish may be sold by the stand, which also does a lively business in take-home orders of "fish by the pound."

Virtue displayed by fish-stand workers does not go unrewarded; this reporter learned from Jesse Bryant, Suburban Social Club vice-president. "When the men finish their particular shifts," explained Mr. Bryant, "they are free to help themselves to a fish sandwich or to a pound of fish to take home to the missus. And from a book each man signs when he reports for work, we know who has helped out. Then, in January, the officers of our club treat these men and their families to a banquet."

But most important, perhaps, is the very gift of giving—the knowledge each man at the fish-fry stand shares with his fellow worker that in some small way they are enriching the lives of little children and elderly men and women less fortunate than themselves.

Christmas 1963 was made brighter and more joyous for these little children at who operate the Suburban Fish Fry stand. Seated with the young people is Mrs. Steve Wilson, second from left, wife of the home's superintendent. Other beneficiaries of fish stand are elderly Masons and several crippled-children agencies.

It's strictly business in neat kitchen of fish stand! From left, and in background: Paul Harrison, Jesse Bryant, A. L. Jones, F. B. Roebing and George Caffee. Stand is especially famous among South Louisville residents, but patrons come from miles around.

From the South:

So, What is a Warden, Exactly?



Chris King
Junior Warden

For those who do not know me, I have been a member of Suburban 740 for sixteen years and, though active for the first few years, family and work obligations kept me from being very active in the lodge until a few years ago. Now, with my children (almost) out on their own, I have been able to dedicate more time to the Work and have enjoyed my time as Jr. Steward, Sr. Steward and Jr. Deacon. Since first joining Suburban 740, I have moved out of the lodge’s jurisdiction to southern Indiana. Despite that, Suburban is still my home lodge and I’m proud to be a part of it and serve as your Junior Warden.

Being elected or appointed to an office in any lodge is an honor and a great responsibility, but, in my view, it is an even greater responsibility to hold an office in Suburban 740. Our lodge has a rich and respected history and it is our duty to maintain and expand on the Work of our predecessors. I am honored to have been elected to serve as your Junior Warden for the coming year and will endeavor to discharge my duties faithfully and live up to the high standards set by those who have come and gone before me. So, what is a warden, exactly?

The word “warden” comes from Old Northern French *wardein*, meaning a guardian or keeper, and traces back even further to a Germanic root, *wardōn*, meaning “to watch or protect.” It came into the English language in the 13th century and its meaning has changed little since. Today, when we hear “warden”, we still hear echoes of that original sense of watchfulness: A game warden protects land and wildlife, and a church or college warden tends to the well-being of an institution. At heart, “warden” is a word about trust—about standing watch, taking responsibility, and protecting what has been placed in one’s care.

In that spirit, Brethren, I view the office of Junior Warden not merely as a title or a station, but as a trust placed in me by this lodge. You have entrusted me to stand watch over the harmony, dignity, and labors of Suburban 740, to support our Worshipful Master and fellow officers, and to serve each of you with humility, diligence, and brotherly love. May I prove worthy of the confidence you have shown in me, and may our lodge continue to prosper as we honor the past, labor faithfully in the present, and prepare the way for those who will follow after us.

Fraternally thine,
Chris King, Junior Warden ✦

2026 Suburban Lodge

Important Dates to Remember

EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Family Night	30 Apr	6:30 pm	Suburban Lodge
Past Masters Society	30 May	5 pm	Barker #129
Family Night	30 Jul	6:30 pm	Suburban Lodge
Suburban Officers Bake Sale	TBA	TBA	Suburban Lodge
GL Annual Communication	19-20 Oct	9 am	Galt House
Past Masters Night	29 Oct	6:30 pm	Suburban Lodge
Election of Officers	27 Dec	7:30 pm	Suburban Lodge

Note: Dates and times may change. More will be added in future newsletters.

He Wore the Apron: Col. Harland Sanders



Colonel Harland David Sanders best known as the founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, was also a committed Freemason whose Masonic life spanned several decades. Sanders was initiated into Freemasonry on April 6, 1917, in Lodge No. 651 in Henryville, Indiana. He later received the degrees of Fellowcraft and Master Mason in 1919, completing the traditional progression of Masonic initiation. He remained a member of the lodge until February 27, 1920, when he demitted.

After achieving business success and national recognition, Sanders reconnected with the fraternity. On October 27, 1953, he affiliated with Hugh Harris Lodge No. 938 in Corbin, Kentucky, near the region where he developed his famous fried chicken recipe and restaurant enterprise. He remained associated with that lodge until April 13, 1976. Sanders was also active in the Scottish Rite and was honored as a 33° Mason in Washington, D.C.

His long Masonic affiliation reflected the fraternity's ideals of charity, perseverance, and brotherhood—values that also shaped his public life and philanthropy. ❖

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17	18 	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

- Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- Fish Fry 10:00am-5:00pm
- Hall Association 5:30pm
- DeMolay 7:00pm
- Social Club 7:00pm

From the Desk of the Secretary :

2026 Installation of Officers



G. Thomas "Tom" Mercer
PM (2014), Secretary

No Stated Meeting of Suburban Lodge No. 740 F&AM was held on Thursday, the 1st day of January, 2026, because Lodge was dark due to the national

holiday, pursuant to Section 2 (A) of the Bylaws and Rules of Order of Suburban Lodge No. 740 F. & A. M. Open Installation of the Officers of Suburban Lodge No. 740 F&AM were held on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 2026, with the Most Worshipful Luke Martin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Free and Accepted Masons presiding as the Installing Officer.

Dinner was served by the Social Club, with assistance from the Cherokee Demolay and the Rainbow Girls of Kentucky. Welcoming over one hundred family members, friends and guests in attendance, outgoing Master for 2025, Henry L. "Hank" Buckwalter opened the proceedings. Chaplain Robert "Bob" Franklin gave the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Past Master Buckwalter.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master proceeded with the Installation of Officers for 2026, aided and assisted by his Installing Marshal, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Mike Martin, and his Installing Secretary, the Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Bobby Briggs. Brother Matt Huber took photographs for the Lodge newsletter, *Our Corner*. (Suburban Lodge thanks our Editor/Publisher, Brother Jim Dewese, for his work on *Our Corner*.)

All the Elected and Appointed Officers for 2026 were present and duly installed as follows: Master Ron Adcock; Senior Warden Tom Holcomb; Junior Warden Chris King; Secretary G. Thomas "Tom" Mercer, PM; Treasurer Clinton Carrier, PM; Senior Deacon Timur Iermolenko; Junior Deacon Paul Ballinger; Tiler Tony Vincent; Senior Steward Matt Stull; Junior Steward Mike Crenshaw; Chaplain Robert "Bob" Franklin; and Marshal Stan Robinson, PM.

Introduction of the newly installed officers was made by the Master for 2026, Ron Adcock, who presided over all Presentations. Among those were the presentation to Hank Buckwalter, now Junior Past Master, of his Past Master's ring; and a presentation by Junior Past Master Steve Freeman to Most Worshipful Grand Master Martin and his wife, Amber, of a check for \$630.00. This was a donation raised from sales made by Honorary Suburban Widow, Darcus Fain, and Freeman, matched by Suburban Lodge, for the benefit of one of the Grand First Lady's charitable causes—the Sproutlings Pediatric and Daycare Program. Master Adcock invited outgoing Junior Past Master Freeman to move his photo from the wall near the Secretary's desk to the south wall of Past Masters. The Master then asked new Junior Past Master Buckwalter to place his own photo on the wall near the Secretary's desk.

Following the presentations, Chaplain Franklin gave the Benediction to close the proceedings. ❖



Travelers to that Undiscovered Country

Recently, the Secretary received notes from the families of **Brother William Lowell Lovins** and **Brother Johnny Beryle Hart** advising of their deaths on June 1, 2025 and August 25, 2025, respectively. **Brother Lovins** was born on October 15, 1937 in Somerset, Kentucky. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on September 11, 1980, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on March 19, 1981, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on May 27, 1982—all in Suburban Lodge No. 740 F&AM where he was a true and faithful member for forty-five (45) years. **Brother Hart** was born on May 28, 1938 in Austin, Texas. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on October 13, 1959, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on November 14, 1959, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on January 15, 1960—all in Progress Lodge No. 932 F&AM. He then dual affiliated with Suburban Lodge No. 740 F&AM on November 9, 1969, and was a true and faithful member of our fraternity for sixty-six (66) years. Having laid down the working tools of their busy lives, these Brothers are sadly missed. ❖

Thank You, Burnis



As Suburban's 2024-2025 Fish Fry Season came to a close, members of the Friday morning fish prep crew (L to R, Bros. Lee Borders, Tom Holcomb, Mike "Red" Hecht, Dave Swango, Rusty Portman, and Tony Vincent—including cameraman Tom Mercer) celebrated with Bro. Burnis Pitts, PM (holding cake) his announced retirement from the Fish Fry. Brother Pitts began working at the Fish Fry's old location at 3rd & Woodlawn (now Denny Crum's Pass) in 1963. We are eternally thankful for his lifetime of leadership and giving.