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THE MASTER'S WORD



Brethren, the photo on the cover of this month's news will be familiar to some but to most of us it is not. Swope Park Lodge was originally Park Lodge and was set to work in 1910 and was located in the N.E. corner of the building on the cover located at 61st and Jackson.

The name Swope Park was added later in 1918 or 1919. This photo was in the possession of Brother Frank R. Johnson, Master of Swope Park in 1922 and who was kind enough to let us use it for this issue. Also a historical review of Swope Park being prepared by Brother George Blansett and Brother Harold Baker. They are doing a splendid job of getting together historical facts about our Lodge which you will all be pleased to see at a later date. Thanks Brother Johnson for the picture and Brother Ray Hamilton for getting it for us.

I bring to you sad news of the passing away of our friend and Brother R.V. "Nick" Carter who was Master of Swope Park in 1950, and who will be sadly missed by all of us. May we each spend a moment of silent prayer for our departed Brother and we send our sympathies and consolations to his wife. We stand ready to help in any way we can.

I wish to thank the officers in the splendid manner in which they performed their duties on Official Visit night.

Lewis L. Bushell
Worshipful Master

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE RAMBLER:

Just had to write you and thank you for sending me a copy of your wonderful club magazine. I get a kick out of it and I only wish I could be there to share all of the good things it has to offer. I do hope you go rambling ahead with your wonderful ideas and really build a nice Temple. It can be done by good thinking and faith. Knowing that it is for the betterment of all mankind and it will stand as a monument of good will towards man and a blessing to all those that enter its portals. I know and speak from experience that the tenets of Freemasonry are the mainstay of a real Christian life and I wish Swope Park members all the best of luck in their new venture and do hope to hear about its progress from time to time. I hope Brother Kunz recovered from his accident and is able to go fishing. Please send along some more poems, I enjoy them so much. Please excuse writing and errors, the T.V. is going and the noise is kind of confusing to say the least. Enclose please find 2 bucks for dues. Kindest regards to all. Maybe in your town when it warms up a bit.

From a Rambler who has rambled far away but thinking of you all everyday.

Fred Ellis, Past Master
Torrance, California.

What more could we add that would say more than Brother Fred has already written. Thanks Fred for a wonderful letter. We sincerely appreciate it and want you to know as long as we have members who feel as you do, Swope Park will go forward and do the things necessary to be the best and friendliest Lodge of all.

Thanks again,
Harry g. marshall
Buck Ram

Each death of a member of our Lodge brings about thoughts of our Welfare and Benevolent Association and the necessity for more members. We repeat again that Herman Tribute and James Thomas invite any member of an organization meeting in our Temple to become members. Well worth your time to inquire Brothers and Sisters.

Brother Walter Jennings and his committee are planning a Rabbit Bar-B-Que at the Grain Valley Airport, very shortly. If in April you will be called by phone and if in May notice will be in next month's news. Watch for this!!!

Set aside, Saturday, May 20, 1961 and plan on being with us. Another \$5 per plate steak dinner with entertainment is on the agenda. We are giving a Transistor Radio for a door prize, so we know you all will want to be at this Fund Raising Dinner. Don't forget, May 20, on Sat.

"Time flies why don't you?"

If you are interested in learning to fly or getting additional ratings come out to Olathe City Airport and see Brother Bill Dempsay. If you require any agricultural applications see Brother Cliff Dempsay and don't forget to see Brother Edgar for the best maintenance and aircraft Licensing. Olathe City Airport, 151st and Eureka Road, Olathe, Kansas.

Swope Park Chapter #520, Order of Eastern Star, sponsored the serving of refreshments to the Order of the Rainbow Girls who meet in our Temple. Sister Eula Carter, Worthy Matron and her committee served the members immediately after their meeting, Wednesday, March 22, 1961.

Swope Park Chapter #520 Ways and Means is serving a dinner Saturday, April 22, from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Price, \$1.25 adults and 75 cents for children. Sister Hester Gay Associate Matron is chairman of the Ways and Means.

FREE GIFT, Valuable porcelain china or sterling for your courtesy in looking at Easterlings lovely Tableware patterns in your own home. Distinctive Gorham Sterling and Stainless flatware, Rosenthal China, Belgian Crystal, Stainless Cookware. Jeanne Mielke, Distributor, De 3-3993.

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Some give gifts, and some give wealth,
but come out Brethren and give of yourself.
Come out! Help support the Ramble Club
and let's have a new Temple soon!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Swope Park #617	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Wm. F. KUHN Chapter R.A.M. #139	1st and 3rd Tues.
Swope Park Chapter O.E.S. #520	2nd and 4th Tues.
Park Chapter O.E.S. #327	1st and 3rd Fri.
Country Club Chapter O.E.S. #448	2nd Fri.
Rainbow Girls Assembly #7	2nd and 4th Wed.
Acacia Conclave, True Kindred	3rd Wed.
Royal Neighbors	4th Thursday Afternoons.

These are the regular meetings of the various organizations who meet in the Temple. They earnestly solicit your attendance and support. Come out to the meetings, enjoy YOUR Lodge; be a member instead of just someone on the roster!

We are proud of the many letters we receive from our out of town members and also those from in the city who do not get the opportunity to get to Lodge often. It is evidence of the desire to aid and support the Ramble Club activities and Swope Park Lodge. We do appreciate the letters fellows, so keep them coming!

Dues for the coming year are payable now. You may wish to use the convenient blank below. Please make checks payable to the Ramble Club. THANK YOU ALL.

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