

# THE RAMBLER

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Brethren:

Due to circumstances and conditions beyond our control we find it necessary to make an immediate change in our Temple site. We, therefore have discussed pro and con whether to rent a suitable building in another area. We find most of our members favoring partially completing our new Temple thus we have decided to break ground as soon as blue prints have been completed. We will not be able to completely finish the Temple with present funds. However, our Finance Committee will be contacting our membership for donations to help with this project. By partially completing our building we will be able to meet in the finished portion thereby accomplishing our ultimate aim of moving into a new area much sooner than previously hoped for. It is possible for us to be in our new Temple before spring, weather permitting of course and with the ideas, assistance, and co-operation of each brother. We hope by this move to increase the attendance of our own lodge as well as the other organizations who meet in our Temple.

A Building Committee has been appointed consisting of Orin Masoner, Roger Parker, Jim Capper, Herman Tribue, Master and Senior Warden, Hal Stonebraker and Charles Day. These men will do the sub-contracting as well as work with the Building Association. We feel that they will do a splendid job.

A Finance Committee has also been appointed. There will be about 25 men serving with the Chairman, James L. Thomas. These men have a lot of hard work to do and will be supplied with brochures giving all the pertinent information you may desire. Your co-operation will be expected, accepted and greatly appreciated, and our new Temple will be one to be proud of.

Harry G. Marshall  
Master



There are always interesting bits of history available for the Freemason to discover by reading the many good publications available on this universal subject. I always enjoy and appreciate "The Freemason" published by our Grand Lodge of Missouri. This fine publication is available free and will be mailed to your address without charge if you will request the Grand Secretary to put your name on the mailing list. Recently, however, in the interest of economy, each reader was requested to re-establish their request for "The Freemason" in order to eliminate the names of those who no longer desired the publication or lost mailings to incorrect addresses, etc. This is good business, indeed, for such a worthy publication. Seems to me it is always good to take an inventory at regular intervals to see how things are going and what action would be helpful for our issue of "The Rambler" and the Ramble Club objectives as well.

Consequently, I often wonder if our "Rambler" is reaching every one of the approximate 680 to 700 mailings each month? What improvements could be made to stimulate interest in our Lodge efforts?

Swope park Lodge No. 617 has a very proud history to maintain for our predecessors and I am sure every member is grateful for the privilege of adding their name to the roster. Will YOU help retain and maintain this honor and tradition?

YOUR interest and support of every Lodge project is necessary now and in the future months. We welcome your attendance, your assistance, your support, your ideas as well as your constructive criticism. And, as ever, it will be good to see and hear from you at any time and in any way.

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Putting off an easy thing makes it difficult; putting off a hard one makes it impossible.---

Sunshine Magazine

The measure of a man is not according to the number of his servants, but according to the number of people whom he serves.----Eugene Overton

## WHAT ARE THE DEGREES OF THE ROYAL ARCH ??

You will no doubt have heard of all of the degrees conferred by the Chapter for the words "Mark Master" and "Royal Arch Mason" are known wherever Freemasonry exists. Yet the order of the degrees is not so well known. It is:

1. Mark Master
2. Past Master
3. Most Excellent Master
4. Royal Arch Mason

It is thought and with plenty of evidence the support of the belief that the Mark Master degree may be the oldest of the Masonic degrees. At any rate, it is one of the most highly thought of, and its practical lessons will be found helpful in our every day life. The degree appeals to all who receive it.

The Past Master degree was once conferred in lodges upon who all had presided over Masonic Lodges, it was regarded as essential to the Master of the Lodge. We hear the name mentioned quite frequently when referring to one who is qualified, for we say, "He is a past Master of the Art," meaning that he is amply qualified for a position. Just so in Freemasonry when one received the degree he may be said to be equally as well qualified for advancement.

The symbolism of Freemasonry surrounds the building of a Temple. In symbolic Freemasonry the Temple is never completed. In only one degree of Freemasonry is the ceremony attendant upon the completion and dedication of this Temple mentioned and brought to our attention through a ceremony, this is the degree of the Most Excellent Master, the third of the temple's completion.

But in the degree of the Royal Arch, the



ultimate of Masonic Symbolism is found. The laborer in the lodge concerns himself with the symbolism of the present or material life, in the Royal Arch his attention is directed to the symbolism of the spiritual life, wherein he is taught to look forward to the erection of a spiritual temple which shall outlast the earthly one, and in which his life constitutes one of those essential stones wherewith to complete the structure. (Royal Arch Handbook)

The Excellent High Priest will pay the first five dollars (\$5.00) with each petition he secures. No gimmicks or coupons needed, so don't rush me.

The Chapter is at sorrow with the death of Excellent Companion, Clarence Layton. Excellent Companion Layton put the Past Master degree in 1c form. Several of the Chapters have adopted it and use it quite frequently instead of the original one.

At this time I want to personally thank Excellent Companion Claude Morris for his candidate who is a member of Orient Blue Lodge. Excellent Companion Lester O Hart for his candidate who is a member of Southgate Blue Lodge and to Companion Ray Hamilton and his candidate who is a member of Swope Park #617.

We are starting out fine with candidates and many visiting Excellent Companions and Companion. 2 from Liberty and 2 from Mount Washington.

Edmon L. Gould  
High Priest.

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\* \* \* for ye are the temple of the living God; as god hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. II Corinthians 6:16-18.

Message from the High Priest--  
Wm F. Kuhn Chapter, R.A.M.

Companions:

Early in the year, Wm F. Kuhn Chapter #139 R.A.M. decided to work toward a 10% net gain in membership. The chances are great at the present time. We only need a few more petitions to clinch it. This is the first year in a long time that we have been this close to a ten percent gain and should we fail the Chapter would feel something like a baseball club that lost the pennant by only one game.

A large class is starting the work on the 6th of November and completing it with the Royal Arch Degree on the 20th of November.

May I remind you of the evening of the 4 Dec 62. At this time we will honor our past high priests with a dinner. All companions are invited and urged to make reservations as early as possible. During the Business meeting that evening we will have the annual election of the 1963 officers. Please try to be present on this special evening so that we can enjoy the largest attendance we've ever had on a Past High Priest night. I'd like to set a goal of eighty (80) for us to shoot at. Let's attain this figure, yes, even surpass it. We can if YOU are there.

As far as I know none of our members is in the hospital at the present time. Companion Earl H. Bregg was in Veterans Hospital twice during the last month because of his eyes, however, he is home now and we trust he is getting along fine. We hope and pray that all our companions who are ill or have sickness in the family will soon be well and back again with us.

That's all for now. See you in chapter.

Harold W. Baker, High Priest

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NOTICE: To the other organizations who meet in Swope Park Temple. Do you have a news item or an announcement for this publication? Call us or write a note for the Rambler pigeon hole over the Tiler's station. We will be glad to include it in the next issue if we have the copy prior to 25th of the month.

DON'T FORGET

Ramble Club Meeting - Second Monday of  
Each Month. Buck Ram

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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 Tribue 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.

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## 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.  
Job's Daughters Bethel #7 . . . . . 1st and 3rd Mondays

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!

Ramble Club memberships are due and payable January 1, 1962. You may wish to use the convenient blank below. Please make checks payable to the Ramble Club. Thank you!

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