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THE MASTER'S WORD:



Our new Temple construction is about to begin. We have official sanction on our plans, financial status and our ground is paid for, thus everything is in order. Now the time seems to be right to start our new Temple. As you well know it has been a long hard difficult road but we have finally arrived at the

actual physical beginning of our new Temple. Our Ground Breaking Ceremony will be held on October 6, 1963 at 4:00 P.M. at 85th Terr. and Oldham Road, our New Temple Site. Members, friends or any one interested is cordially invited to attend. The minister, Reverend Riley, of the Loma Vista Baptist Church has given his consent to our using the driveway and rear parking lot of the church for this occasion and we appreciate this courtesy and expect continued friendly relationship with these new neighbors. This is a big step in the right direction for Swope Park Lodge and other organizations who meet with us.

At the last meeting of the Swope Park Building Ass'n, it was unanimously agreed upon upon to proceed with the necessary steps to get the Building Project started. There are a good many members who have expressed a desire to contribute to the Temple Construction Fund upon seeing this project underway, therefore we feel that actual construction will do much to increase our financial status and enthusiasm. At this time I personally want to thank each and every one who have donated their time, efforts and monetary gifts toward this project. If you have not been contacted by a member of our financial committee you will be and whether you can or cannot contribute at this time, we want you to know of the progress and feel that this is your New Temple and you are a part of it. We expect to see you SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, at the GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY.

George E. Shores

Worshipful Master

R-A-M-B-L-I-N-G-S

After a brief recess in August, our Lodge and Building Association have resumed their labor in a positive manner. Specific reports on the activities of these and other members of the Swope Park family will be found on pages 4 and 5. I hope they will be interesting and helpful to all our readers.

We realize the early days of September are busy and long for just about every member of our Lodge. However, we know that each one of us can take some time to help with the work to be done. Swope Park Lodge has been fortunate in receiving petitions from several fine young men again this year. Their interest can be made stronger by the assistance of our experienced brethren. This same situation applies to other chapters and organizations. Your attendance will help to insure the strong development of our entire Masonic family. Bro. L. Denny Crouch has provided me with a copy of an article entitled: "Masonry is Not a Door Opener", by Bro. M.A. Stillwaugh, Editor, "The Masonic Chronicler", which will be reprinted on a continued basis each month until the entire article has been printed. I suggest that you save each one so they can be combined and read as a complete article. The first installment starts with this issue on page 5.

Brethern, now is the time to furnish our hard working Secretary, Wor. Bro. Verne Hosis, with your latest address, phone number and newly assigned Zip Code number. Please send a card or letter with this information as soon as possible.

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It is possible and right, for the heart to believe many things which the mind cannot prove . . . Faith certifies to us many of the most precious things of life and all of the things of eternal life. ---Christian Observer

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HAVE BREAKFAST WITH US! on Sunday, 6 October 63, at Swope Park Lodge Dining Room, 2704 East Linwood. Enjoy bacon, eggs, pancakes, coffee, or milk, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations: \$1.00 - adults, .50 - children. This breakfast sponsored by Wm. F. Kuhn Chapter R.A.M. for the benefit of sending High Priest and Secretary to Triennial at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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

Companions:

Our first meeting for the fall season was held on Tuesday, 3 September 1963. Although we didn't have as many companions present as we had hopes for, we did have a rewarding evening in some other ways. We are pleased to announce that three brethren received the Mark Master degree as part of the James Luther Thomas Class. They are, Brothers Rennison, Stephenson, and Brown. There is plenty of room for additional members to this memorable class. Please submit the petitions prior to 5 October when all degrees will be conferred. Labor will be suspended long enough to enjoy another fine spaghetti and meat sauce dinner -- complete with garlic bread and coffee - to be served in a buffet luncheon prepared by Mrs. Harold Baker and her capable assistants, Mary Ann and Chris. This will be a good day, Companions. Mark your calendar--come and bring someone with you.

Ray Hamilton, High Priest

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RAMBLER CLUB

The Rambler Club Bowling League blasted off on the new King Louie East alleys Friday night, 6 September at 6:30 p.m. Sure good to see most of the regulars on hand plus some new members, their families in the league, or watching the games and players. If you are interested in bowling as a regular or sub -- don't hesitate to contact J. K. Wolfe or Dorothy Shores.

Plans are in motion for a fish fry to be sponsored by the Rambler Club for the benefit of the New Temple Building Fund. You will be advised or contacted as to the exact time and place.

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BUILDING ASSOCIATION

We are thankful to announce that we are making progress. In accordance with the members decisions, a proposal has been submitted to the Grand Lodge Building Committee to request permission to start construction of our New Temple by laying the foundation. Then, if finances permit, our second phase will furnish the shell and we could have all present meetings in the New Temple. At present, pending approval of the Building Committee, a ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for October and you will be advised by a special announcement as to the exact date, time, etc.

THE BLUE LODGE

We are pleased to announce the addition of three Master Masons to our list of members. Brothers Bill G. Chrietzberg, Leonard Ray Faulkner, and Robert W. Howard, were raised to the Subline Degree of Master Mason on Saturday, 3 August 63. Several members were present as their time permitted during the day. In addition, we are thankful for the presence of visiting brethren from Sister lodges. Wor. Bro. W. E. D'Amico from Cecile Daylight, obligated Bro. Faulkner. Several of the members of East Gate as well as Bro. Jack Dempsey from Sheffield 625, the Wor. Master of Cecile Daylight, Wor. Bro. Ralph E. Hahn, were with us, too. And we always enjoy having our Bro. Ralph Hammond with us - especially when we know he had a long trip from Nevada, Mo. to do so! Your visits and presence are appreciated, brethren, come anytime you can share your time with us.

Bro. Chrietzberg was obligated and raised by Bro. Warder Shotwell, Bill's Father-in-Law. Bro. Warder also presented Bro. Bill a ring in behalf of Mrs. Chrietzberg. Presentations were made to Bros Faulkner and Howard in behalf of their wives and each new M.M. received a lapel pin from the Ramble Club. Although a little on the warm side, it was a good day and we appreciate the opportunity and attendance of everyone present during the day.

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First Installment: MASONRY IS NOT A DOOR OPENER
By M. A. Stillwagh, Editor
"The Masonic Chronicler"

Among our members I have found some grounds for fear that too many think of Masonry merely as something "to belong to." I wish to state emphatically that Masonry is not at all any such thing.

Masonry, or membership in the Order is certainly not calculated to be used as a door opener or a smooth channel to charity.

What should be impressed upon every candidate for membership in Masonry is the fact that such a step is a serious matter and that acceptance as a brother entails far more than merely becoming a member of a powerful organization.

(To be continued in the October issue)

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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.

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!

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

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