

# THE RAMBLER

SWOPE PARK MASONIC TEMPLE

8521 OLDHAM RD.

MARCH 1981

## The Masters Word

Brethren, it is my intention to promote specifically that portion of Freemasonry dealing with brotherly love. No person should ever be allowed to attend a lodge without the benefit of Fellowship. To promote Fellowship, I have appointed a committee of Greeters who's purpose it is to assure that a feeling of belonging is extended to all members and visitors. You were given the hand of brotherly love and affection three times in the road to becoming a Master Mason; I now request that you reflect on the memory of that day and renew the feelings of Fellowship due all Freemasons. We who are elected and appointed officers of your lodge will provide the environment you as members must take advantage of the Fellowship which is there to be received.

A special invitation is extended to Brothers, who for whatever reason, have not attended lodge meetings for some time, to come to lodge and renew old friendships and refresh the meaning of Freemasonry. You promised in your degree work not to cheat a Freemason, my brother do not cheat yourself of the functions of your Blue Lodge.

Your officers have for the first time won the attendance record at the annual lodge of Instruction. The attendance is counted by the six meetings at which twelve officers could attend. Therefore, seventy-two is a perfect record. Swope Park Lodge won the record with sixty-eight counted attendees. This count does not include non-officers who attended. I congratulate the officers for their effort and dedication which gave Swope Park Lodge this honor.

An award donated by Rt. W. Brother Tom C. Hunt will be presented by Rt. W. Brother Hunt on March 26, 1981.

Offical Visit - on March 26, 1981 the D.D.G.M. Rt. W. Brother Lawrence S. Cameron and Rt. W. Brother Melvin J. Sanders D.D.G.L. will make their official visit to Swope Park Lodge. A dinner will be held at the lodge starting at 6:30 pm on March 26, 1981 before the meeting. All Freemasons are invited to attend this dinner.

## Ritual Directors Report

### Events of January, February and March 1981

On January 20th, 1981 Bro. Donald Hulburt was examined in the 1st Degree by Wor. Bro. Marshal Curt Rimann, then took the 2nd Degree, with Wor. Bro. W.M. Shotwell in the East, with Wor. Bro. Dale G. Carter delivering the lecture and Wor. Bro. Richard A. Wilson giving the Reception and Charge.

On January 22, 1981, Bro. Randy Louis Brown took the 1st Degree with Wor. Bro. Marshall Curt Rimann in the East, with the Lecture being delivered by Wor. Bro. Glenn A. Kirk, and the Charge by Wor. Bro. W.M. Shotwell.

On January 14th, 1981 the Lodge of Instruction started at the Masonic Temple at 9th & Harrison & continued for a total of 6 weeks. This was the first year that Swope Park Lodge No. 617 had a chance to win the Plaque awarded annually by the 22nd District for the largest attendance. Heretofore all members of Lodges counted, & the big Lodges had a great advantage over the smaller Lodges. However, this contest was for Lodge Officers only, & I am happy to state that your Lodge, Swope Park No. 617 won the Plaque easily with a total attendance of SIXTY-EIGHT, with East Gate coming in second with FIFTY-THREE. This Plaque will be presented to Wor. Master Richard A. Wilson on the night of March 26th, our annual dinner at the Lodge, & also the night our District Deputy Grand Master & Grand Lecturer make their official visits to your Lodge. Brethren make your reservations early & plan to attend this dinner & Lodge meeting.

On the night of February 17th, the Officers & Members of Swope Park Lodge went by convoy over to 39th & Broadway & helped York Lodge No. 563 confer the 1st Degree on their candidate. Several of our Officers worked in this degree & I can state proudly that 10 of the Officers attended. A good night of Fellowship was enjoyed by all present. It is always a pleasure to attend Lodge at York No. 563 with our good friends Wor. Bro. Paul Kelly & Wor. Bro. Bill Bear.

On the night of February 18th, Rt. Wor. Bro. Stanton T. Brown took charge of the last meeting of the Lodge of Instruction & put on a 3rd degree for about 150 Brethren who attended.

Brethren, the Ritual Study Club at 9th & Harrison begins on Wednesday night March 4th at 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Hope to see all the Officers of Swope Park No. 617 there each night to support our new Ritual Study Club Director, our own Wor. Bro. Marshall Curt Rimann.

Some notes that escaped December 1980 - On Dec. 2nd, 1980, Bro. Don Monroe took his 3rd degree, and Bro. Charles Day examined Bro. Herman A. Brunson in the 1st Degree. Bro. Brunson is slated to take his 3rd Degree on February 26th, if all works according to plan.

W.M. Shotwell, R.D.

### On The Secretary's Desk

Brethren, again at this time of year, I would like to request your cooperation on remitting your dues for the present year. The necessary reports to the Grand Lodge are so much easier when all of the information is in hand early in the year.

Since we have been utilizing the third class bulk mail as much as possible to reduce postal expenses, you may have noticed a notation on the outside of your envelope which states "address correction requested". This does not mean that you have to verify your address, but means that the postal department will notify us of any change of address you may have on file in the post office. These address corrections cost your lodge 25¢ for each one returned. Please notify your lodge of your change of address as well.

We will be having 3 pot luck dinners between the months of March & September of this year. The dates are to be announced later. These are for all Masonic related bodies & any & all family members & friends whom you wish to invite. At the same time we will have a very short informal open meeting with a Program of interest to all. You will be notified of these dates later.

I am sorry to notify you that we have lost the following members through death since last reporting: Cecil E. Reed, Wm. A. George, Marion L. Sappenfield, George W. McNally, Othel T. Clark, Norvel L. Smith, and Clifford R. Kallenberger.

Fraternally yours,  
Glenn A. Kirk, Secretary

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In order that we may have an ample supply of food without excessive purchases, would you please make your reservation for the March 26th dinner by Monday (March 23, 1981).

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I will attend the dinner on March 26, 1981 at 6:30 p.m. Stated meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

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I will attend the dinner on March 28, 1981 at 6:30 p.m. Stated meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

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