

# THE RAMBLER

SWOPE PARK MASONIC TEMPLE

8521 OLDHAM RD.

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## From the Ritual Director

Since our last news letter, we have been quite active on degree work. The following have been raised to the degree of Master Mason:

William J. Groll, Chester L. Aubuchon, Thomas B. Allen, Donald L. Johnson and Charles H. Brown. Several new members have received their first degrees and are working for the next; David P. Owsley, Kevin R. Owsley, Ted E. Danley. We have a number of petitions received and in the process of being acted upon. Plan on attending lodge the next few meetings to meet these new members and to assist in the degree work. Ronald H. Ross has now completed all the requirements of Sub-Division I and is now a qualified Instructor. I would like to encourage all Master Masons to attend our Ritual Practice meetings at the lodge on the third Tuesday of every month and at the Study Club on Wednesdays at 9th and Harrison.

Warder M. Shotwell  
Ritual Director

## On the Secretary's Desk

This is the time of the year when we compile all the facts and figures to submit to the Grand Lodge for our annual report. I want to thank all the brethren for their promptness in remitting of dues that we might complete this report. It is also at this time of year we find many, many address changes that take place through out the year. I would like to remind you again that it would expedite information and save considerable expense to notify your lodge Secretary of these changes as they happen. I will in turn notify the Grand Lodge and will keep your standing in your lodge and the Grand lodge up to date.

We would like to extend the invitation to all Master Masons to attend the One Hundred Sixty Second annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free And Accepted Masons Of Missouri which will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 26 and 27, 1983 at the Saint Louis Scottish Rite Cathedral, 3633 Lindell Blvd, Saint Louis Missouri. All Master Masons have the right and privilege to attend. Plan now to be present and participate in the activities.

It is with regret that I report the death of the following Brethern and have been called home by the Grand Artificer of the universe.

Robert M. Hamilton, Past Master, Earl D. Hostetter, Charles H. Montgomery, William R. Gray, Past Master, Byron M. Clopton, Dudley H. Jones, Orrin E. Masoner, Clyde P. Kerney and Ira E. Mayer.

The history and records of Swope Park Lodge are in the process of being brought up to date. This is being done under the capable direction of Worshipful Brother Harold Baker. If you have any information, forms, letters etc that you think might be helpful or worthy of note, would you please send to myself or Brother Harold.

We are now having Masonic Education at almost every Stated meetings. This is on almost any subject that pertains to our Masonic Fraternity, in order to improve our knowledge of our rules, Tenets, words or meaning of any practise. We would like for you to test our panel of "experts", If you have any question of the above nature, if you will send it in, it will be researched, read in lodge and your answer printed in the next issue of the Rambler.

We know that you like to hear from us at your home lodge, if you have the time would you drop us a line and let us know what has been happening with you. Im sure the brethren would be glad to hear.

Glenn A. Kirk  
Secretary

## The Masters Word

We have had one of our potluck dinners with dates set for two others. The upcoming dates will be 16 July and 27 August. Both are on Saturday evenings at 6:00 PM at the Masonic Temple, 8521 Oldham Road. Bring your favorite dish or dishes, invite any of your friends and family members and join in the fun and good food. The Bread, butter and drink will be furnished by the lodge. Please provide your own table service. There will be a short meeting following the 16 July dinner. It is open to all persons present. The noted Drill Team from Bethel #26 International Order of Jobs Daughters will be there. Mark these dates on your calander and plan to attend. For those of you who were unable to attend, we had a catered dinner on 29 April 83. we had approximately 65 people in attendance, and after the dinner everyone was invited upstairs to listen to a 2 man Blue Grass band consisting of a fiddle and guitar. The songs were the ones we have heard and enjoyed by all. After our last potluck dinner we were entertained by a group from the ArmourHills Baptist Church with their spirituals. We now have the date set for the annual Past Masters dinner. It will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple, Linwood and Paseo on Saturday 15 October 1983 at 7:00 PM. Be sure and mark your calandar and contact the Secretary, Glenn Kirk for your reservations. Reservations must be in by 12 noon 13 October 83. In closing, I would like to remind you that you are sorely missed at our regular meetings and would like to see you. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays and start at 7:00 PM. All meetings are published in the Kansas City Star under lodge notices. Please come out, your lodge needs and wants you.

Fraternally,  
Ed Calvert, Worshipful Master



**SWOPE PARK PAST MASTER NAMED  
YORK RITE MASON OF THE YEAR**

On October 9, 1982 at the annual meeting of the York Rite Association of west central Missouri, J. Ferrall Amos received the York Rite Mason of the year award. The meeting was held at the Grandview Masonic Temple, Grandview, Mo. Some of the highlights of Bill's Masonic record which was read at the ceremony are:

Raised to the degree of Master Mason in Competition Lodge #432, Competition Missouri - 1930  
Demitted and affiliated with Swope Park Lodge #617, Kansas City, Missouri - 1956.  
Served Swope Park Lodge as Master - 1972.  
Received 50 year pin as Master Mason, - 1980.  
Received Royal Arch degree in WM. F. Kuhn Chapter #139, Kansas City, Missouri, - 1956.  
Served as High Priest, - 1965.  
Was made a Select Master in Shekinah Council #24, Kansas City, - 1961.

Served as Illustrious Master, - 1972. Knighted in East Gate Commandery #70, Kansas City Mo., - 1973. Anointed a Knight of the York Cross of Honor, - 1974. A member of Abou Ben Adhem Shrine, Springfield Mo., - 1977. A member of the LeClede County Shrine Club. A 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Lebanon Chapter #259, Order of the Eastern Star. "Congratulations Bill", we are proud of you !.