

THE RAMBLER

SWOPE PARK MASONIC TEMPLE

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Brethren,

First of all, I would like to thank you for electing me Master of this lodge for the year 1984. This year we as Masons face the challenge of getting the Western Home Of Missouri off the ground. The new unit has been approved by the Grand Lodge and designs have been made so that construction can begin in the near future. We are now faced with raising funds to construct and support this facility. A committee will be formed in the next month to determine the best method for us to raise funds for this most worthy charity and your suggestions are solicited. Our fund raising project is tentatively scheduled for th April-May period. Most Worshipful Brother Robert J. Crede has made the Masonic Home the major charity for Missouri Masons in 1984, and we should support him in this undertaking.

The ritual at Swope Park is alive and well. We have several new candidates in the wings to be initiated and several more progressing in the degrees. We have a fine line of officers most of which either have completed or are completing the requirements for graduation from the Masters and Wardens Study Club. They really do a fine job and it reflects well on our lodge. Speaking of "reflecting well on the lodge", Worshipful Brother Gary L. Mullins was appointed District Deputy Grand Master this past September at Grand Lodge and is now a "Right Worshipful Brother". We congratulate you Gary and pledge our support.

I encourage you all to attend lodge when possible and to stay in touch with one another so that we can keep track of whats going on within our brotherhood and render comfort and assistance when possible.

Fraternally yours,

Richard G. Brown
Worshipful Master

From the Ritual Director

We have several petitions to be acted upon in the near future. Also several candidates are in process of their degrees of completing the proficiencies. Preston G. Pemberton and Lawrence L. Rieder received the Entered Apprentice degree on 22 Dec 1983. Ted E. Danley, his Fellowcraft degree on 8 September 1983 and raised to the degree of Master Mason were Charles J. Newcomer and Russell C. Newcomer on 22 September 1983 and Marion S. Miller on on 12 January 1984. I would also like for you to note that Brother Miller was coached in the degrees by both brothers Newcomer and the examination was given in lodge with Bro. Russell Newcomer in the east. A job well done.

On 27 October 1983 the Worshipful Master Calvert placed all Past Master in the officers chairs to open lodge. WM Herman Tribue, SW V.B. Gibson, JW Warder Shotwell, Treas Gary Mullins. Secy Glenn Kirk, Chaplain Richard Wilson, SD Dale Carter, JD Lawrence Cameron, Js Floyd Calvert. A great job was done by all.

Warder M. Shotwell
Ritual Director

On the Secretary's desk

Your lodge again selected two needy families for the charity project this year for assistance at christmass time. Two student families who are attending Calvary Bible College in Belton Missouri were assisted with a donation of \$100.00 each. The money was received by passing the hat in lodge.

The Grand Lodge has ask each Missouri lodge to appoint on e Master Mason to serve for one year as the "Masonic Home Information representative. R/Wor. Bro. Lawrence Cameron was selected to serve Swope Park for the current year.

The installation of officers for 1984 was held on Saturday 3 December 1983. The following are your corp of officers to serve.

Richard G. Brown	WM	Charles H. Brown	Marshall
Ronald H. Ross	SW	Melvin L. Tacke	SD
F. Steven Medlock	JW	Fred L. Aichele	JD
Warder M. Shotwell	Treas	Donald D. Hurlbert	SS
Glenn A. Kirk	Secy	Gary J. Barron	JS
Donald V. Matney	Chaplain	Edward W. Calvert	Tiler

Brethren, our Worshipful Master Richard Brown has been working hard to plan a good year for the lodge. There are going to be many interesting events in the near future. I would suggest that all the brothers make every effort to attend lodge whenever possible.

Our official visit of the DDGM AND DDGL to Swope Park will be March 8th. This is also the date of our annual dinner to be held at the Temple. Plan to attend and make this a big event. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM with regular stated meeting following at 7:30 PM. Make your reservations for the dinner by calling Glenn A. Kirk, Secretary at 763-5396.

Several pot luck dinners are planned for this year. Dates to be announced later.

Worshipful Master Brown is again this year using your Masonic Birthday as an inviation for to come to the lodge and greet your Brothers and renew old acquaintances. We will use this opportunity to present 25 year pins.

I am sorry to report that we have lost the following Brothers by death,

Marvin C. Hooker
Richard A. Steitz
Robert A. Bradshaw
Oscar H. Jones

Glenn A. Kirk
Secretary

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