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The Master's Trestle Board

WM Gary Dryer



It's hard to believe the first quarter of my year is over. Time flies when you're having fun! It's been a busy time with two new members initiated and another petition in my hand. There have been the meetings concerning the proposal for Herione-Rockhill Lodge to merge with us, and of course, the Lodge preparing for the official DDGM and DDGL visit January 12th. I will cover these subjects in more detail as I continue. I have the petition of Danny Bartelli, the first recipient of the 1 in 10 proposal. Let me briefly explain the purpose and objective of the **ONE IN TEN PROGRAM**

Objective: Offer financial assistance to candidates for the degrees in Free Masonry

Criteria: Must have a financial need, be active in DeMolay and express a desire to participate in the Ritual and Degree work in Swope Park Lodge. Recommended by a Swope Park Master Mason and/or Advisor of the sponsored Chapter. After being raised to the sublime degree of MM, candidate agrees to join One-in-ten program within three (3) years of completing post-graduate or vocational training and being established in his profession or vocation. This assures return on the Lodges investment and continued recruiting of new members into the Craft. One-in-Ten Swope Park Lodge Participants consist of teams of ten (10) Masons who pledge \$ 15.00 a quarter into a dedicated account for the purpose of providing \$ 150.00 a quarter to cover the initiation, passing and raising of sponsored candidates.

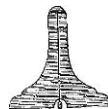
After discussing this with the brethren of the lodge, we decided to make this available to all young men, not just DeMolay members. The criteria for participation remains a financial need, desire to participate in ritual and degree work and being recommended by a lodge member.. Brethren...we need to invest in our future to insure the lodge is still here for our sons and grandsons. Please join me in supporting this effort. **Send the Secretary your check today, designate "1 in 10 program"**.

Talks continue on the proposed merger with Herione-Rockhill Lodge. We have met a couple of times to iron out a few of the details concerning meeting date and time. I believe the real obstacle is going to be the number designation of the Lodge. It has been proposed to change it to #104 from #617. I have heard a lot of discussion both ways and they are all valid points. Our next meeting will take be February 3rd, 8:00 A.M at Swope Park Lodge, with breakfast served by Wm. F. Kuhn DeMolay. All Lodge members are encouraged to attend. If you live out of town please submit your comments beforehand to any of our lodge officers. I hope peace and harmony will prevail and we can join forces (Master's Trestle Board continues page 2 column 3)

Swope Park Lodge's Newest Entered Apprentice



Bro. Kirk Federoff (center) was regularly initiated an Entered Apprentice at the October 27th stated meeting. Pictured above, WM Gary Dryer and Bro. Kenneth Best, Junior Warden, welcoming Bro. Kirk to our Lodge. Bro. Best was his top line signer.



From the West

**Sergio Martinez, PM
Senior Warden**

Brethren, when was the last time you visited your LODGE? It's been that long, huh? Brethren.. that's a long time to be away from getting involved with what started with the right intentions. Remember that special day when you raised your right hand and took that beautiful obligation? That time was special for you, you felt good about what a wonderful accomplishment you had just experienced. When you were surrounded with all those brethren that had previous done what you just went through, wasn't that a great feeling? Of course it was! Well, now is the time to revive that great feeling and start attending Lodge. We are doing things never done before. We need your help to keep up with our demands. Remember, if you ever thought of getting involved with the community or of becoming a LODGE OFFICER, this is the best time for it, Our election of LODGE OFFICERS will be coming up soon, and believed me, here is the best opportunity to start serving your LODGE. If you need transportation assistance to attend LODGE, please let us know and I am sure the WORSHIPFUL MASTER will be more than glad to assist in every way possible.

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Milestones

In Memoriam


January Anniversaries			Years	March Anniversaries			Years
Names	Raised	Years	Names	Raised	Years	Names	Years
Alexander Hamlin	01-16-47	59	David George	03-02-50	56		
Kenneth Peck	01-14-50	56	Robert Ross	03-17-53	53		
Larry Maple	01-18-55	51	K Mullikin	03-10-55	51		
Cecil Thompson	01-29-55	51	Quinton Hintom	03-07-57	49		
Jackie Reeder	01-30-58	48	Linden Pankin	03-07-57	49		
James Rich	01-30-59	47	Lee Young	03-19-57	49		
Marvin Pollard	01-15-63	43	Lawrence Noah	03-24-60	46		
Kenneth Todd	01-15-63	43	Dean Lawson	03-27-61	45		
Lawrence Akers	01-19-65	41	John Washburn	03-16-61	45		
Joseph Holt	01-13-68	38	George Leslie	03-21-67	39		
Billie Jester	01-13-68	38	Paul Taylor	03-29-73	33		
Harold Moody	01-13-68	38	Ray Cole	03-10-77	29		
William Monroe	01-23-69	37	Walter Bollinger	03-08-79	27		
Walter Lilley	01-14-71	35	Donald Hurlbert	03-12-81	25		
Richard Wilson	01-22-72	34	Thomas Allen	03-24-83	23		
Dale Carter	01-09-75	31	Chris Aller	03-24-89	17		
Allen Beach	01-18-77	29	Clyde Manley	03-28-90	16		
Floyd Scheinost	01-14-78	28	Anthony Broome	03-02-01	5		
Alan South	01-25-79	27	Dwight Dodgen	03-02-01	5		
Robert Bazan	01-26-83	23	Larry Winterton	03-03-01	5		
Loren Taylor	01-14-93	13					
Charles Hamilton	01-25-96	10					
Jerome Joyce	01-27-96	10					

February Anniversaries			Years
Names	Raised	Years	Years
Loren Lundy	02-19-47	59	
Chas Clark	02-02-54	52	
George Eib	02-28-57	49	
Robert Stephenson	02-21-57	49	
Donald Zahnter	02-18-64	42	
Alvin Hills	02-23-67	39	
Ralph Smith	02-22-68	38	
David Irvin	02-24-75	31	
Thomas Leo	02-27-75	31	
William Parker	02-10-77	29	
Fred Medlock	02-28-80	26	
Herman Brunssen	02-26-81	25	
William Dean	02-12-81	25	
Armando Nunez	02-20-85	21	
Paul Gilbert	02-11-88	18	
James Blau	02-06-99	7	
Allen Hartley	02-06-99	7	
Kenneth Love	02-09-99	7	
Chris Morgan	02-06-99	7	
Dale Mort	02-06-99	7	
David Wilbanks	02-06-99	7	
Randall Mason	02-04-00	6	


Degrees Conferred



Entered Apprentice
Kirk Federoff October 27, 2005



Fellow Craft
Steve Hill October 29, 2005



Master Mason
Steve Hill October 29, 2005

Chance to Advance Class

Bro. Steve Hill, Swope Park Lodge's newest Master Mason, was passed to the degree of FC and raised to the degree of MM Saturday, Oct. 29th at the Chance to Advance Class held at Independence Lodge nr. 76. Steve was one of forty Brethren who received their FC and MM degrees. WB Frank Chester and Bro Jim Payne, JD, attended to his raising in the second section of the degree.

Cemetery Lot FOR SALE
Floral Hills
Blue Ridge & Gregory Blvd.
Two Plots
 Well below Market Price \$ 1625. each
 Swope Park Lodge selling for **\$ 800 ea.**
 Call RWB Larry Cameron, Treasurer
816 767 9073

Change of Address Notice
And all correspondence
 Should be sent to:
WB Don Hurlbert, Sr. Secretary
Swope Park Lodge Nr. 617
PO Box 35313
Kansas City, MO 64134



HOWARD N. LISIOW
 Born January 8, 1933
 Raised December 11, 1986
 Passed away October 16, 2005

Charles S. Phillips
 Born July 21, 1920
 Raised September 14, 1961
 Passed away November 8, 2005

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I want to give a big THANK YOU to all the brethren that answered the call to aid the building fund. The response has been very positive and we should be in the black for another year unless something unforeseen occurs.. Your generosity has kept our lodge alive and active the past two years. We have yet a lot of work to do this term. I would like to thank all the lodge officers for the work they have done thus far. It truly is an honor to work and serve with these gentlemen, for they have taught me the true meaning of brotherhood and commitment. Keep our sick and distressed brothers in our thoughts. And prayers. Especially R.W. Harry Brown, R.W. Frank Chester and W.B. Don Matney.

Yours in the Faith,
 Gary Dryer, Worshipful Master

Join the One-in-Ten Club !

Sponsor a deserving young man become an active Lodge Brother.

Only \$ 15.00 a quarter will help perpetuate what you started when you became a Master Mason.

Your nomination of a candidate is seriously solicited.

Swope Park and Heroine Rockhill Proposed Merger

Heroine Rockhill Lodge Nr 104 voted at a regularly scheduled meeting held November 14, 204 to meet with Swope Park Lodge Nr 617 on Saturday, December 3rd to work out a possible merger between the lodges. WM Wallace Busbea, RWB Paul Kawakomi, WB Frank Chester, Junior Warden Mike Luellen, WB Dale Flanigan, WB John Arterburn, WB Pat Hennessey, Marvin Cleveland, Jr Deacon and WB Andrew Hennessey; Heroine Rockhill Lodge, voted to proceed with the merger. Swope Park Lodge WM Gary Dryer, WB Mel Tacke, WB Frank Chester and Jim Payne, Jr Deacon attended the Nov 14th stated meeting at Heroine Lodge.

Merger Discussion

Joint Meeting held Dec 3, 2005 after breakfast at St. Luke's Methodist Church, KCMO. To discuss proposed merger between Heroine-Rockhill Lodge and Swope Park Lodge .

Those present were:

Heroine-Rockhill Lodge Nr 104

Wally Busbea Worshipful Master
Frank Chester Senior Warden
Mike Llewellyn Junior Warden
John Arterburn Secretary
Pat Hennessey Chaplain

Dave Topping Senior Deacon

Swope Park Lodge Nr 617

Garry Dryer Worshipful Master
Sergio Martinez Senior Warden
Ken Best Junior Warden
Johnny Nemece Senior Deacon
Jim Payne Junior Deacon
Don Hurlbert Secretary

Larry Cameron Treasurer

Mel Tacke PM

Warren Weston PM

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues and concerns to take back to the membership of the respective Lodges to vote to at their next regularly stated meeting to merge Heroine-Rockhill into Swope Park. It was decided the name would remain Swope Park Lodge and consider changing numeration to 104, recognizing Heroine is the oldest lodge in the Kansas City area. It was decided to keep the second and fourth Thursdays, 7:30 pm as time for the regularly stated meetings. Peace and harmony prevailing, the brethren adjourned at 9:45. Swope Park Lodge will solicit the input of its membership on their wishes concerning changing the numeration from 617 to 104 in a notice put forth in the January Rambler.

Join the "One-in-Ten" Program.

\$ 15.00 per quarter

Sponsor a deserving young
Candidate for the degrees in
Free Masonry. Send your check to the
Secretary



Treasurer's Report

RWB Lawrence Cameron, PM

Year End Report for FY2005

Your Lodge continues to function in a sound manner. Although the Lodge experienced some unusual expenditures this fiscal year, cash on hand was able to absorb them without accessing our savings. This was primarily due to the generosity of the Brethren of this Lodge answering the call for donations for the Building Fund and Charity. The Brethren of this lodge are to be commended for their generosity.

The budgetary projection for income versus actual was within 1.76% and disbursements were within 3.1%. The Officers continue to serve the Lodge in a financially prudent manner and are also to be commended.

The Lodge started FY2005 (Oct 1, 2004) with \$17,184.84 in checking and \$89,112.65 in savings for a combined asset of \$105,297.49. The Lodge ended FY2005 (Sept 30, 2005) with \$13,161.89 in checking and \$90,468.75 in savings for a combined asset of \$103,630.64. Actual income for FY2005 was \$12,279.88 and expenditures were \$15,337.08; a deficit of \$3,057.20.

Although the Lodge continues to remain on a sound financial footing, current trends of income/expenditures do not look favorable for the coming years. Financial support for the building continues to be our largest expense and will continue to escalate each year based on utility costs only. Currently your Lodge pays \$200/meeting rent or \$5,000/year. In addition to the rent your lodge donated an additional \$3,117 to the Building Association for a combined total of \$8,117 or 53% of our total expenditures. The only other renters we have are two Eastern Star Chapters which pay a combined rent of \$180/meeting or \$4,680/year. Anticipated income for the Building Association for FY2006 is budgeted at \$9,680 and expenses are estimated to be \$14,500.

The Lodge continues to draw the interest from our savings to help offset a shortage in income. The rise in interest rates this past year should also help some but it is not nearly enough. Expenditures have been cut to as minimal as we can make them. Starting this fiscal year the dues were increased which will also help offset our yearly deficit but your Lodge still needs your help.

Last year I issued a challenge to each brother to contribute \$5/meeting or \$120/year. This challenge was answered with \$2,836.20 collected. As you can see above all those monies were spent to

support the building. I again issue the challenge brethren. We will continue to need and depend on your generosity for the coming fiscal year.

On a lighter note, there was \$602.50 collected for charity and \$925 spent. Of this amount your lodge donated \$500 to assist our brethren whom were devastated by the hurricanes this past summer.

And in closing, remember your lodge brethren and please join us in fellowship whenever you can. Your Officers are hard at work to maintain your lodge and are always encouraged by your attendance.



From the Secretary's Desk
Don Hurlbert, PM

Dear Brothers,

We been approached by Heroine-Rockhill Lodge to merge with Swope Park Lodge #617. There are about 250 members in that lodge. They meet in our building the second Monday once a month.. There are several active members in their lodge

. Most members are 50yr members or are to be endowed before merging. The merger would make a lodge of about 500 members They have agreed to use our name, but ask if the merged lodge could retain the lodge number of 104, which is the oldest Lodge number in the Kansas City area. This would require a new charter from Grand Lodge. The meetings will continue to be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 PM. The current officers ask for your opinion about the change in the lodge number from 617 to 104.

If you have an opinion one way or the other let us hear from you. Not hearing from you, we will take as NO Opinion.

Hope this New Year finds you and yours healthy, wealthy and wise for another year. May the good Lord bless you and keep you.

Don Hurlbert, Lodge Secretary

**Regularly stated meetings
2nd and 4th Thursdays 7:30 PM**

Make a New Years Resolution

Exercise your mind and body

Join a fitness program

And

Attend Study Club!!

Ivanhoe Temple

Wednesday 7:PM

WB Paul Miller, Director