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Master's Trestle Board  
WB Gary Dryer, WM

Brethren: it has been a pleasure to have served this lodge as Worshipful Master the last two years. It has been a time of healing, growing, brotherhood, and dedication to the point where I don't think I could do it justice in trying to describe what transpired. First and foremost I would like to thank all the officers and members of this lodge for their unselfish work and dedication they have displayed the last two years. Without their continued support, dedication, and labor, there would have been no successes, just failures to report. You have heard me state it in every article I have written and I will do it again, now. These men have taught me the true meaning of this fraternity- brotherhood and dedication above and beyond their normal roles. Now I know why I am a Mason. Our brothers stepped up to institute the "1 in 10" program designed to help young DeMolay and other young men to join the Masonic Order. We have used this program numerous times to help defray the cost of these young men to join. I strongly urged everyone to make a contribution to this program, it will insure we have a brighter future. We have gained a lot of new members in the last two years with more coming. I have heard at our next meeting we have two more petitions coming, with possibilities of perhaps two more. Even though we have fallen way short of my goal of one new member a month, we have steadily gained ground, for which I am very pleased. We have continued to support our youth groups, which I hope we will continue from now on without hesitation. These groups are our life blood, without them we will merely struggle to survive. Our DeMolay Chapter is on the move, growing, helping, and they are a pillar of our community. They are known all over the state for their loyalty, dedication, brotherhood, and even their ritual. The Squires are off to a running start, bringing home many awards from state conclave, as did the DeMolay. These young men are growing and expanding and we support them with all we have. Dad Dryer's Social Club, as it is being called, until we can get the fifteen (cont. page 6)

## CHIPS PROGRAM HELD IN GRANDVIEW



May 5 2007. Swope Park Lodge held its second CHIPS program of the year during TRIUMPH STRUCTURES open house.

WM Gary Dryer, a senior employee, arranged for the Lodge to process several children of their employees who participated in the CHIPS registration.

Photo above, a father observes the processing of his two daughters by Ms. Candy Austin (center). Others shown working were (top, right) WB Jack DeSelms, Rising Sun Lodge 13, Danny Best, Wm F Kuhn DeMolay, Mrs. Connie Best, (right of Ms. Austin, Ms Debbie Pointer, left of Ms Austin and Alex Barnes, Wm F. Kuhn DeMolay. Others working the CHIPS program, but not shown were: Bro.. Bob Nelson, DDS, WM Gary Dryer, SW Ken Best, Sr Deacon Jim Payne, Jr Deacon Charles Farris- all Swope Park members; and Bros Rick Gross, Rising Sun Lodge Nr 13 and SW William Huff, Grandview Lodge Nr 618.

Mrs. Jane DeSelms, Jack's very supportive lady, also assisted in the success of the program by running the registration table.

Bro. Best's family was well represented by his wife Connie, his sisters Candy and Debbie, and of course, grandson Danny Best. A great time was had by all. and we

went home feeling that Saturday was a very productive day. The children ranged from 16 years down to 3 months. Below, Bro. Rick Gross, Rising Sun Lodge Nr 13, assists our youngest participant getting her foot print taken for the ID packet.



Bro. Gross exemplifies a serious effort to be serviceable to his fellow man by working many CHIPS events all around our Masonic district. He is an inspiration to all of us who strive to practice the tenets taught in the degrees.



*From the West*  
*Kenny Best*  
*Senior Warden*

I would like to welcome Westport Lodge as they bring their rich history to help make Swope park a stronger and better lodge. I know the Swope Park brothers will do everything they can to make Westport feel at home here with us and their presence at lodge meeting will be greatly appreciated.

Many of you may have noticed we have begun cleaning and painting the outside of the lodge, this process will continue all summer.

DeMolay and Squires had a very successful conclave it was very competitive and the ritual scores were the highest I've seen in a long time. The days started at 7:00 AM and ended at 1:00 AM after three days of sports and ritual at this pace it was a very quiet ride home. The youth groups are continuing to grow. June 27<sup>th</sup> they will be involved in a special program at the Scottish Rite Temple.

June 30<sup>th</sup> the Squires are having their first recruitment party. The girls are planning events also.

There should be lots of degree work still ahead for the lodge this year I also hope to have events for everyone planned by August for the upcoming year. Don't forget the upcoming **C.H.I.P.S. EVENT** September 15<sup>th</sup> Everyone is invited to help - they are a fun and satisfying time.

***Swope Park Squires of the Round Table***, Pictured below, pose for a group picture at the recent Conclave. The newest Masonic youth group at our Temple is strongly supported by the Lodge, as evidenced by Bro.s Dryer, Cowan and Federhoff proudly looking on in the rear of the photo.



*From the South*  
*Johnnie Nemec*  
*Junior Warden*

As we proceed through the three degrees of the Blue Lodge, we are given a sacred duty to find "That which is lost." Have you found it? I have - twice, in fact! Freemasonry provides its initiates with two different paths in which to find it and I have traveled both. The more popular of the two is The Scottish Rite.

Over a one, two or three day Reunion, as you are conducted through the 4<sup>th</sup> through 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees of the Rite, you find it, lose it, and then ultimately find it again in a new form. The problem with what you find is that it is based on the Scottish Rite Blue Lodge degrees which are not the degrees that the majority of the Brethren receive.

The second path is that of The York Rite and the one that is more in tune with the degrees that are conferred in Lodges throughout the United States. While like the former path, the York Rite is also divided into individual bodies. For the sake of this piece, the only one that matters is the first body: The Royal Arch Chapter. The degrees conferred by the Chapter complete the lessons that the candidate was taught in the Blue Lodge and provides him with what truly was Lost.

It has been said that every Master Mason should belong to a Royal Arch Chapter and I agree. Chapters are facing an even greater membership crisis than Blue Lodges. The newly raised Master Masons are more apt to run straight into the Shrine before anything else. While Freemasonry will always exist in some form, if we lose the Royal Arch Chapters then the entire York Rite will become extinct. When that happens, what was lost will stay lost. So I'll ask you again, have you found it?



*From the Secretary's Desk*  
*WB Warren Weston PM*

At a recent lodge meeting, I had the privilege of saying "hello" to a couple of members (Billy Jester and Glen Rogers) that hadn't attended for some time. We talked on the telephone previously and I invited them to see the good work we are doing. An excellent conferral of the Entered Apprentice degree on our new brother, Dennis E. Laughlin, added to the good work and pleasure of all in attendance. We all need to call on our Brethren and tweak their desire to make the effort to attend lodge. Particularly, during the summer months when it isn't too dark to drive home after the stated meeting. Those of us who are able to drive at night should make the extra effort to pick up a brother that might need a ride. Do it for our next meeting July 12<sup>th</sup>. Let's fill up the seats like days of old.

Keeping the secretary posted on the health conditions and/or a new mailing address is vital to your brethren to aid in assisting in whatever manner we can. Your lodge is ready- keep us in the loop as your situation. We cannot assist if we are not aware of a need.

During the moments when I am bored with nothing else to do, I have been writing some helpful hints of things that the lodge secretary should do and the time frame to get things done. Each time I go upstairs at the temple, I discover new information and data hidden in the files. We have a monumental bit of history that needs to be preserved, not only Swope Park lodge, but York and now, Westport lodges as well. We need to start putting a book together for the upcoming centennial anniversary of Swope Park lodge in four short years- 2011. This will not be a "click, clink and bind the books job", it will take much effort and planning. This history should not be lost.

Clip and save with your important papers

**When there is a health or address change  
 Please notify the Lodge Secretary for assistance. We are always ready and eager to assist our Brethren in their time of need.**

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## In Memoriam



WB Clarence W. McCalister (PM York 1990)

Born July 16, 1914  
 Raised December 16, 1947  
 Passed away April 29, 2007

Donald A. Monroe  
 Born April 4, 1938  
 Raised December 11, 1980  
 Passed away May 20, 2007

Reed Roseph  
 Born November 14, 1923  
 Raised August 4, 1951  
 Passed away February 1, 2006  
 (Lodge notified June 4, 2007)

Neil Bryan Clark  
 Born October 31, 1928  
 Raised June 19, 2002  
 Passed away June 12, 2007

## Swope Park Lodge's newest Master Mason



April 12, 2007. Jim O'Shea (center) raised to sublime degree of Master Mason. WB Harry Brown (left) raised Brother O'Shea. WM Gary Dryer (right) congratulates Swope Park's newest Master Mason. Over thirty Brethren attended and participated in the degree work



## Masonic Milestones

*Anniversary of date raised to sublime degree of Master Mason*

### July

	<i>Raised</i>	<i>YRS</i>
Harry Brown	7/28/1945	62
Walter Metz	7/18/1946	61
Donald Bigler	7/16/1953	54
Hugh Brown	7/1/1954	53
Richard Gauert	7/5/1956	51
Thomas Loftin	7/21/1959	48
Cloyd Green	7/16/1963	44
Lewis Crouch	7/18/1963	44
Henry Martz	7/26/1966	41
William Smith	7/15/1969	38
Daniel Quillen	7/23/1970	37
Bernard Tippie	7/8/1971	36
James Woods	7/5/1974	33
Marshall Rimann	7/25/1974	33
James Biles	7/10/1975	32
Richard Brown	7/13/1978	29
Henry Shive	7/25/1979	28
Kenneth Best	7/28/1994	13
Ronald Hilliard	7/29/1994	13
Chris McCloud	7/10/1999	8
Garold Schnoor	7/10/1999	8
Francis Cowan	7/27/2006	1

### August

	<i>Raised</i>	<i>YRS</i>
John Flannagan	8/10/1948	59
Glenn Huff	8/10/1950	57
Lewell Cooper	8/2/1960	47
Edward Lyle	8/2/1960	47
John Nelson	8/11/1967	40
Timothy Duff	8/4/1970	37
Donald Morgan	8/14/1971	36
William Hobson	8/26/1971	36
Harley Manker	8/25/1977	30
Edward Nolan	8/24/1978	29
John Zion	8/22/1984	23
William Patten	8/8/1985	22
John Hess	8/28/1986	21
Paul Turnquist	8/27/1987	20
Gary McCloud	8/9/1990	17
Gary Dryer	8/15/1992	15
Michael Whiteside	8/15/1992	15
Claude Wolfe	8/25/1992	15
Robert Schadel	8/27/1992	15

### September

	<i>Raised</i>	<i>YRS</i>
Evald Lofgren	9/14/1946	61
Willie Davisson	9/20/1949	58
Donald Melin	9/22/1966	41
Paul Taylor	9/29/1973	34
Donald Matney	9/15/1981	26
Charles Newcomer	9/22/1983	24
Russell Newcomer	9/22/1983	24
William Palmer	9/13/1984	23
George Wilson	9/25/1986	21
Joseph Klos	9/14/1991	16
Louis Carter	9/12/1992	15
Carl Conteras	9/24/1992	15
Billy Pinion	9/15/2001	6

### Degrees Conferred this fiscal year to date:

October 2006-June 2007

#### Master Mason

12/9/06 Kirk Federhoff  
 1/11/07 Justin Dryer  
 4/12/07 Jim O'Shea

#### Fellow Craft

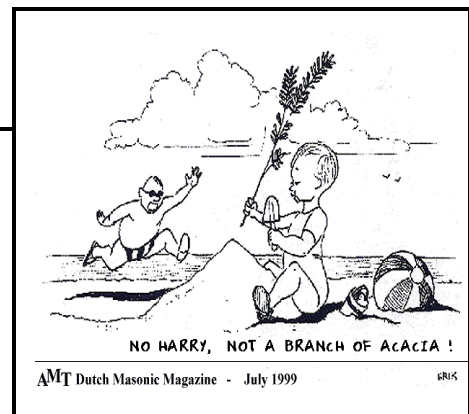
2/8/07 Jim O'Shea

#### Entered Apprentice

6/14/07 Dennis Laughlin



Ask the Secretary for a petition and carry it with you.  
 Sign up a Candidate This quarter!



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## Swope Park Chapter 520 O.E.S.

Our thanks to Swope Park Lodge 617 for inviting us to join in their quarterly newsletter. Our goal is to keep our membership informed and to let those who know little about our chapter to become familiar with us.

**Membership:** We welcome Sister Barbara Stillman and Brother John Stillman who have joined our chapter as dual members. We were pleased to initiate Sister Susan Dolan at our May meeting. We look forward to getting to know her better. We were saddened at the death of Sister Othella Thyre and Sister Mariam O'Neill. Five members have achieved the 50 year membership milestone. Sister Donna Baker, Brother Willis Baker, Sister Adeline Werner, Brother R. Glen Thompson and Sister Erma Kiewit received a 50 year tac and certificate from Grand Chapter. Swope Park Chapter recognized them as Life Members.

**Honors:** Sister Rita Hanson, Past Grand Matron was chosen by Sister Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, to serve on the Credentials Committee of General Grand Chapter. Sister Joyce Hartoebben chose Sister Lois Patten as Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Missouri. A reception honoring Sister Lois was held May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Participation in District Clubs:** We are proud of our Line Officers as they all are active in the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Line Officers Club. Our Worthy Matron, Sister Deborah Merrick, is a first time Worthy Matron and is President of the Club. Our Conductress, Sister Jean Vantellman, is a first time line officer and serves as Sunshine Chairman of the Club. Sister Stella Turnquist is on the Ways and Means Committee and is busy selling Rada cutlery and related products. Sister Stella welcomes all orders. Sister Pat Neece serves as Kick-Out Committee Chairman, as well as President of the Ruth Club and Vice-President of the Past District Deputy Grand Matrons Club. Many of our members are Past District Deputy Grand Matrons and attend the club which meets quarterly, Sister Delores McChesney is Treasurer of the group.

**Youth Groups:** We have supported the Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay with financial gifts this past six month. We assisted the DeMolay in their formation of a Squire's Manor by serving refreshments at their installation. If you have children, grand-children or great grand children who are interested in these organizations please let us know so we can refer you to the leaders of the groups.

**MO CHIPS** is one of the Worthy Grand Matrons projects this year. It is a Child Identification program. It is a program to provide you with information in case the child is lost. We assisted the Masons with this project in February. If you would like more information on this important program please contact the secretary.

**News from Members:** Sister Harriet Wigginton was elected Valentine's Day Queen at Foxwood Springs Living Center. Congratulations Sister Harriet!!! Brother Richard Houston is serving as Worthy Patron of Josepha Chapter 63, OES (his dual chapter). Sister Holly Johnson is serving as Worthy Matron of Blue Springs Chapter 428 (her primary chapter). Sister Delores McChesney is Chairman of the Masonic Home Volunteers. Nine other members have Grand Chapter Committee appointments.

**Masonic Home:** Our members, Sister Fran Williamson and Sister Marlyn Lineberry now reside at the Masonic Home. We have adopted Sister Mildred Carsel as our Special Friend at the home. If you would like more information on the Masonic Home please let us know. All of our members are eligible for this lovely facility at 12101 East Bannister Road in Kansas City.

Sister Bonnie Nelson is our **Sunshine Chairman**. She is doing a great job of sending cards but needs to know when someone is ill or feeling low. Let the Secretary know and she will pass the information to Sister Bonnie.

**Charity Projects** continue to be an important part of the work of Eastern Stars. So far this year we have contributed over \$3,000 to charity projects. We appreciate the generosity of our members to these worth while projects.

Chapter election of officers will be September 18<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter will be held October 7 thru 10 in Cape Girardeau. If you are interested in attending please call the secretary for more information. .

*Submitted by Lois Patten, Secretary  
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### LODGE WEB SITE

May 21. Swope Park Lodge is pleased to announce a new web site. Created by Bro. **Justin Dryer**, Web Master, you can now go on line to get the latest information on events, projects, degree work and even a little history about our lodge. Access it at [www.Mofreemason.com/swopepark617](http://www.Mofreemason.com/swopepark617) Have an article you would like to share? Send it to Jim Payne, Rambler Editor at [dsmazdad@yahoo.com](mailto:dsmazdad@yahoo.com).



## Wm. F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay Danny Best

Ten members of our chapter participated in Conclave this year, competing in four team events and 32 individual ritual competition. In 95 % of all individual ritual work we scored well over 900 and were unable to get trophies. All competing teams scored very high this year. In individual competition, we fared much better. Daniel Best, 3<sup>rd</sup> Preceptor-1<sup>st</sup> place, word perfect. Trevor Keller-Marshall took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. William Caldwell took 1<sup>st</sup> place as Orator, 2<sup>nd</sup> place as Mag. 7 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Ceremony of Light competition. In sports, we took 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tug-a-war and Danny Best 2<sup>nd</sup> place in bowling.

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*Installation of Officers  
Master Councilor Elect  
Alex Barnes*

*July 20th, 2007 7:00 pm  
Swope Park Lodge  
Reception to follow*

**WOW! Did our boys leave any trophies for the others?**



## Swope Park Manor Order of Squires

We had a good time, arriving Friday and returning home the following Monday. This was the first year for our SQUIRES MANOR attending., and we did Great! The Squires attending were Tyler Walden, Jacob Linnager and Andrew Hoaglan. The three officers took second place Team Manor Proficiency. Other trophies won: Junior Squire-First Place. Andrew Hoaglan. In sports, Dodge Ball 1<sup>st</sup> place team, Tug-a-war-2<sup>nd</sup>. place, 400 Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Individual awards: Andrew Hoaglan 1<sup>st</sup> place Billiards, Frisbee and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 50 yard dash. Tyler Walden-1<sup>st</sup>. place 50 yard dash, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Long Jump. Jacob Linnager took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the bowling competition.

## Study Club moving to Swope Park

It has been announced that effective Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Study Club will be held at 7 PM each Wednesday at our Lodge. We had been meeting at Ivanhoe temple under the direction of **RWB Paul Miller**. Paul is a great coach and he makes learning ritual a fun experience. Please come out and join us. The fellowship is great and our efforts have made a noticeable improvement in our degree work. We were tested May 25<sup>th</sup> and earned the Silver Award for our competence.

**RWB Mike Armstrong**, our Regional Grand Lecturer, announced Swope Park Lodge will host the Regional School Study Club July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM. Our DeMolay boys will put on a breakfast starting at 7:30 am. Please mark your calendar and attend this important event.

## Swope Park's newest E.A.



(June 14<sup>th</sup>) Brother Dennis E. Laughlin (center) was initiated an Entered Apprentice at our regular stated meeting. **RWB Larry Cameron** (left) obligated the new brother and **WB Ray Stecker, PM** (right) Aurora Canopy Lodge, Aurora, Missouri, attended on behalf of Bro. Laughlin and greatly contributed to the degree work as Senior Steward.

## Tug-a-War winners



Our Wm F Kuhn De Molay chapter champions battle for second place award in the Tug-A-War contest at Conclave, showing great athletic ability as well as expertise in ritual. These young men are Swope Park lodge's future leaders, assuring Masonic continuity well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## MASON RIDING FOR MS



**Bro. Jim O'Shea**, a seven year veteran of the annual MS BIKE TOUR, is a prime example of a Mason with a "sincere wish of being serviceable to his fellow creatures", as stated by all waiting in the preparation room for initiation into Freemasonry. If you wish to sponsor him, send a check made out to the MS Society, put Bro Jim's name on the memo portion and mail it to Jim O'Shea at 10916 Bellaire Ave. KCMO 64134. Or, if you prefer, make a credit card pledge on line [www.msmidamerica.org](http://www.msmidamerica.org). Click on "epledge" and type Jim O'Shea's name as participant. Funding research for a cure for Multiple Sclerosis is a worthy avenue of service for any Mason wishing to be serviceable to his fellow man.

## Third CHIPS Program sponsored by Swope Park Lodge coming up Sept 15th

Our Lodge will have the distinct honor of being the only Missouri Lodge conducting three CHIPS programs this year. The first was held at our Lodge last February, the second in May at Triumph Industries in Grandview, MO. And this, the third program this year, will be at the Methodist church at 95<sup>th</sup> and James A. Reed road, KCMO at 9 am Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a breakfast before the program starting at 7 am. For a \$ 2.00 donation, all you can eat. Those who worked the earlier programs will attest it was a gratifying experience to assist the parents by ID'ng their children and we all enjoyed great fellowship. This, too, is an excellent vehicle to practice "being serviceable to your fellow creatures" as exemplified in your obligation and inculcated through out the degrees you received.



## From the Treasurers Desk

**RWB Larry Cameron**

Your lodge continues to operate in the red. Although our losses are minimal, we are doing everything in our power to keep them as low as possible. At the present time I project a \$500 loss for this fiscal year. This is due to many different driving forces out of our control; renewing our CD's at a higher interest rate, maintaining the bulk of our "on hand monies" in a 4% Money Market Account, the generosity of the brethren donating to the building fund and a new Building Board Secretary/Treasurer, Bro Jim Payne. Bro Jim has instituted many prudent procedures for building expenses. The cost for mowing and snow removal has been drastically reduced by going out on competitive bid. He also applied this to our insurance, both resulting in about a \$1200/year reduction in operating costs. The active members are trying to obtain other renters for our facility but without much response. If you have a wedding anniversary or the firm you work for needs a facility for off-site purposes, contact anyone of the line officers. Our lodge website is up and running! Be sure and read the inset in this issue for details. Brother Justin Dryer, JS, did a wonderful job creating it for our membership. We will be fine tuning it to meet future demands.

I was fortunate to be named Chairman of the committee to oversee the proposed merger of Westport Lodge into Swope Park Lodge. **WB Frank Chester** and **Bro Charles Farris, JD**, worked hard to make this transaction as smooth as possible. Your lodge voted unanimously to accept the brothers of Westport Lodge as members of Swope Park Lodge. This will become effective July 1, 2007. Our lodge membership will be increasing by 63 members. We welcome them with open arms and hope that they enjoy their membership with us.

I am very excited to see that there will be a Job's Daughters Bethel once again at our lodge. Many of our brethren were active with our old Bethel #7. **WB Gary Barron** was Associate Guardian and his spouse Beverly was Guardian as was **WB Fred Aichele** and his spouse Helen. **WB Barron** went on to become Grand Associate Guardian, and myself and my spouse Pearl served on the Guardian Council for many years. Other brethren had daughters in our Bethel and were always there to lend a helping hand. During this time our lodge benefited from our time and effort with the Bethel through an increase in membership. Many new brethren were obtained in this way as well as through our DeMolay Chapter. It is hoped that the same results will happen again with a Bethel at our lodge and also from our new Junior DeMolay program called the "Squires".

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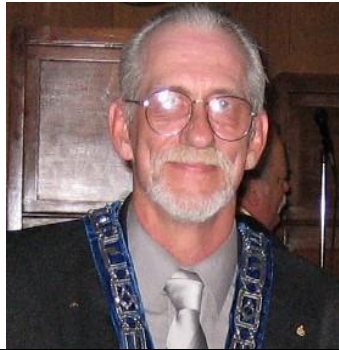
## Master's Trelseboard (cont.)

Girls needed to officially launch our Job's Daughters Bethel, are meeting twice monthly, and are planning a lot of events. We look forward to them getting their chapter Our ritual has steadily improved thru the year, with the new members and thru the members attending study club. Swope Park earned the Silver Ritual Award this year. It was a long and tiring night, with everyone doing their best. Swope Park is blessed to have the past masters attending lodge and serving on the line or helping with the ritual when needed. My hat goes off to all the men for their dedication to the craft and to their HOME lodge. They have taught the rest of us well, and a job worth doing is worth doing right. Our lodge earned the silver Grand Master's Achievement Award last year, and we're striving to do it again this year. With the changing of the point system it will be harder to do, but the lodge is busier than it was last year, so it is within our grasp. When I place that medallion around my neck, it represents all of Swope Park, which I had only a small part. We have kicked off the official web site of Swope Park, thanks to Justin Dryer, which will be a tool we can use to stay in touch. It is available to be used for correspondence, calendar of events, posting of the Rambler, and a knowledge and information tool for others wanting to information about Free The Rambler, which Brother Jim Payne has done very well, is one our best communication tools we have. It has been very successful in reaching out and informing all of brothers of what is happening at the lodge. Adding all the youth groups and other Masonic bodies that meet at our building, it is a true temple newsletter. After losing the merger with Heroine -Rockhill, it gave me much pleasure when we were able to have Westport Lodge merge with us. There gentlemen were looking for a home, and with the friendship and courtesy the members of Swope Park extended to them they accepted. We welcome our new brothers with open arms and hope they enjoy their new home. Our first two Chips events we sponsored were a success and now we're setting a record to be the only lodge hosting three events in one year. I am happy that the members feel a strongly about this as I do. What a worth while cause. Please come out and participate and see for yourself. We've been busy as you can tell but there is still so much more to do. We must work to build the future of this institution for its survival. I want to see Swope Park as a main stay in Masonic history in Kansas City, and it will take all of to achieve this. Get involved; be counted among the (cont. next column)

active, contribute what you can, and most of all believe. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity that I tried to fulfill and hopefully I didn't fail too badly. It was with great pleasure I served with these great men, the Brothers of Swope Park, thank you one and all.

Gary W. Dryer

Worshipful Master 2006 & 2007



### SWOPE PARK LODGE Nr 617 AF & AM

Regularly stated meetings are 7:30 PM

Each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** Wm F Kuhn DeMolay chapter  
Installation of Officers 7 PM

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** Regional School of Instruction  
Conducted by RWB Mike Armstrong at  
Swope park Lodge. 9AM  
DeMolay sponsored breakfast 7:30 - 8:45 am

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** Election of '07-'08 Swope Park  
Lodge officers 7:30 pm stated meeting

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** CHIPS program 9:AM at  
Church NW corner James A Reed and  
Bannister Rd.  
Church sponsored breakfast \$ 2.00 donation  
7-8:45 am.

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** 7 PM Installation of Swope  
Park Lodge officers refreshments follows in  
Shotwell hall

## Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Brethren, please take the time to visit your lodge and see the work that is going on. If any of our brethren have a fund raising idea please contact me at (816) 767-9073. We need your help and input to keep our lodge going forward. Also if any brother needs coaching prior to coming back to lodge, feel free to call also. All of the Officers are here to serve you and will assist you in any way you may desire or need. In the words of a good friend of mine, a Past Grand Master deceased, MWB Lewis C. "Wes" Cook; "Happy to meet, sorry to part, Happy to meet again". See you in lodge brethren!

**RWB Larry Cameron**

Treasurer

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