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Master's Trestle Board *Ken Best Sr. WM*

I will start my first article in the New Year by hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas! There are several things I would like to comment about. Job's Daughters Bethel #1 is open and very active. I think Guardian **Tonya Culver** and Associate Guardian WB **Gary Dryer** have everything under control. The Swope Park Squires of the Round Table Manor will have its installation Jan. 5th with a new Master Squire, **Andrew Hoaglan**. My congratulations to **Tyler Walden** who did an outstanding job to get them moving forward. Also, a heartfelt thanks to **Jayne Walden** who stepped forward to help guide these young men the second half of 2007. **Danny Best** of William F. Kuhn De Molay chapter was instrumental in helping get both the squires and Jobies of the ground. Brethren, Swope Park now has as large a group of young people as anyone else in this area. Some of you may be unaware of the good work our lodge is doing in this area. Many of these young people would have no direction or discipline if there was no place for them to meet. I know it is a large expense for the lodge to supplement these youth groups, but remember - we are helping to form the leaders of tomorrow. Saturday, Feb. 9th we will be doing another C.H.I.P.S. program. Please contact the lodge officers if you would like to help. It will be at the Ruskin Heights Presbyterian Church located at 11000 Ruskin Way across from the high school. Check our Lodge Website periodically for updates on this and all events and activities. I can not say enough about Brother **Jim Payne** and the *Rambler* and how he has changed a one page sometime newsletter into a highly informative newspaper. Many thanks to **Cheryl Farris** and **Lynn Cowen**, a couple of our Brother's wives who sold advertising in the *Rambler*. The production and mailing costs are now covered and the newsletter is no long a financial drain on our lodge. There have been a number of changes financially with Grand lodge

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SWOPE PARK CHAPTER 520 O.E.S. INSTALLATION 2008 OFFICERS



(Nov 3) Installation of the 2008 officers occurred Saturday, 2PM at the Swope Park Masonic Temple under the direction of Installing Matron Sister **Alby Shipman**, PM. Matron.

Pictured above; *Front row:* **Marilyn Houston**, Organist; **Jean Vantellman**, Assoc. Matron; **Stella Turnquist**, Worthy Matron; **Preston Pemberton**, Worthy Patron; **Loren Taylor**, Associate Patron; **Becky Bowman**, Assoc. Conductress; **Delores McChesney**, Assoc. Matron and **Gladys Mohart**, Electra.

Second row: **Holly Johnson**, Esther; **Pat Neece**, Conductress; **Richard Houston**, Treasurer; **Susan Dolan**, Martha; **Francis Banks**, Adah; **Brad Patten**, Warder; **Lois Patten**, Secretary; **Deb Merrick**, Marshal, **Prudence Irwin-Brennan**, Chaplain and **Forest McChesney**, Sentinel.

The Bible ceremony was performed by Sister **Delores McChesney**, PM., followed by the American Flag tribute lead by RWB **Jack Clark**, PGP and the O.E.S. Flag Tribute by Sister **Addie Rittenhour, Banks**, PM. Approximately 55 guests and members attended this beautiful and well conducted installation ceremony. Refreshments were served afterward downstairs in Shotwell Hall. The Honor Emblem for the Chapter is the Holy Bible- **Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**. The Symbol is the sewing machine to enable the theme - sewing kindness, spreading Love. The Chapter actively supports several charities- Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay Boys, the MO CHIP program, Cancer Research Center in Columbia, MO., the Dream Factory, Penny A day Educational Fund and the Masonic Home.

In other news, ten members attended the Grand Chapter Session at Cape Girardeau in October. It was an interesting session with lots of business to be conducted. If you would like a listing of the changes made please contact the secretary. The Worthy Grand Matron, **Sister Brenda Austin** has selected the sewing machine as her emblem this year. She has chosen six charities for us to support. They are Youth Groups, Cancer Research Center, Masonic Child Identification Program (MO CHIP), Penny a Day to the Educational Fund, Masonic Home and the Dream Factory. Each meeting we take up a coin march collection, as well as donations for the monthly birthdays and anniversaries. This money goes to support the Worthy Grand Matrons Charities. This is supplemented by members gifts sent to the chapter for the charities,

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DEGREES CONFIRMED



From the West
Johnnie Nemec
Senior Warden



(Oct 25) Bro. **Andre Newsom** was the first EA initiated in WB Ken Best's term. Shown, left to right) WB **Gary Dryer**, secretary, WB **Frank Chester**, who obligated the new Brother to his left and WB **Ken Best**. Brother Newsom came up through the Wm. F. Kuhn DeMolay chapter under the guidance of WB's Dryer and Best., who have known him several years. We had an excellent turn out for the stated meeting. Bro. **Armando Nunez**, who recently moved back to the area, Brother **Ricky Glover** and RWB **Marshall Riemann** added to the event with their presence. Our Lodge received the petition for the degrees for Mr. **James Parkinton** - another example of the positive direction we are heading. Under sick and distressed, we were saddened to hear of the recent passing of two past master's ladies. Mrs. Joynce Wilson, wife of WB **Richard Wilson** and Mrs. Helen Achele, wife of WB **Fred Achele**.

(Nov.14) Bro. **Andre Newsom** was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft after making a satisfactory proficiency in a special communication. RWB Larry Cameron obligated him followed by Bro. Johnnie Nemec presenting the second section. RWB Paul Miller gave him the charge.



(Dec 13) **James Parkinton** was initiated an Entered Apprentice. Worshipful Master **Ken Best** (left) was his top line signer. RWB **Paul Kawakami** (right) Bro. Parkinton's wife's grandfather, obligated him. RWB **Bill Van Meter**, who did the lecture and Charge, made an interesting observation: He said RWB Kawakami did his EA lecture many years ago.

Freemasonry teaches men many valuable lessons; one that is often looked is Patriotism. During the Candidate's journey through the three degrees, he is told that he should be a peaceful citizen of whatever he lives. He is taught to follow the dictates of his conscience in Civil, as well as Spiritual, matters. After taking the Third degree, he is left to his own devices and few members think back on the more obscure lessons such as Patriotism. I freely admit that I, myself, am guilty of exactly that. Recently I was reminded of that shortcoming and took steps to remedy the situation.

On October 22, 2007, I was Initiated into Harry S. Truman No. 113, The Grand Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill. During the ceremony, Candidates are reminded of the important role the Fraternity played during the Revolutionary War. The Order is a "side degree" that is open any Master Mason, by invitation. "Side degrees" used to be a large part of the Craft, from the early 1700's through the early 1900's. This is especially true during the period of the late 1800's. Men of that time devoured all that Freemasonry had to offer and demanded more. Inventive Brothers cranked out specialty degrees by the score to keep up demand. Many of these have been lost to the tides of time. Sometimes, a Masonic Scholar gets lucky and finds a ritual for one stashed away in a collection somewhere. The Mortar and Pestle degree was one that was saved in this manner. That particular degree was created for practitioners of the Healing Arts in the aftermath of the Civil War.

The last thirty years of the 20th Century and these first years of the 21st, have not been kind to the Craft. Our losses due to death versus gains through Initiation are starting to plateau. We can't start thinking about the light at the end of the tunnel, just yet. The problem of membership retention is waiting in the wings, and still needs to be addressed. Many of our new members run to the Shrine, and never come back; while others lose interest because we fail to deliver on the promises we made to them.

With Lodges, RAM Chapters, Cryptic Councils, and Templar Commanderies consolidating or surrendering their Charters, it is time to finally address the problem. In order to secure our future, maybe we need to take a couple of steps back. Maybe it's time to bring back the "side degrees." Not as full fledged organizations in themselves, but as a means to spotlight various aspects of Freemasonry, etc. Imagine a Lodge room packed to capacity, just to see one of these degrees exemplified. It's not so far fetched as it sounds The fasted growing Masonic body in North America is the Allied Masonic

Degrees. The AMD is an invitational body of the York Rite that is open to Royal Arch Masons. Its purpose is to research and preserve the "side degrees." In addition to the Mortar and Pestle, they maintain and exemplify the Order of the Bath; Knight of Constantinople; Royal Ark Mariner; St. Lawrence the Martyr; Grand Tyler of Solomon; Red Branch of Erin; Order of the Cork; Excellent Mast; and the Order of the Secret Monitor. Just some food for thought.

Swope Park Masonic Family delivers Christmas cheer.



(Dec. 15) RWB **Larry Cameron** chaired the committee coordinating contributions from Swope Park OES 520, William F. Kuhn DeMolay, Jobs Daughters Bethel #1 and many brothers of Swope Park Lodge Nr. 617. Brother Cameron purchased socks, oranges, and bananas with funds collected. Braving the wintry elements Friday evening, volunteers from the youth assembled the Christmas sacks. (above) young Job-Bees **Lexi** and **Madison Parkinton** assist Chief Elf Larry along with DeMolay Boys **Matt Hoaglan**, **Dakota Parkinson** and **Alex Barnes** working in the background.



Saturday afternoon, through the snow storm, RWB **Larry Cameron**, Brother **Al Beach** and WM **Ken Best** accompanied by Master Councilor **Alex Barnes** Senior Deacon **Matt Hoaglan** and Junior Deacon **Dakota Parkinson** visited the KC VA Hospital. Santa's helpers spent all afternoon delivering the gifts bringing smiles to every veterans they met. What a great day it was - to listen to the many stories the veterans had to tell. (above) DeMolay MC **Alex** delivers Christmas cheer to one of our Veterans. Over 155 gift sacks were distributed.

Master's Trestle Board (cont. from page 1)



and I want to thank RWB Larry Cameron who has been assisting WB Gary Dryer on his first term as lodge secretary. I would at this time like to thank everyone

who comes to the meetings it makes my job easier and enjoyable. I must commend all the groups for coming together to make Christmas at the KC VA hospital a special event. As you may have noticed, the lodge has been more active and is getting more active than ever before. Come out and join us for an enjoyable evening of friendship and brotherhood!

Did You know.....

By ancient custom, the King was always covered while his subjects were never covered in his presence



Oct. 11th Supplementary Installation



(Oct 11) First order of business at the first stated meeting in WM Best's year was the election and installation of WB Gary Dryer (middle) as secretary. WB Dryer replaced WB Weston who resigned earlier for personal reasons. Also installed, Bro. Justin Dryer (left) who was appointed Junior Deacon. Bro. Dryer the younger was out of town during the regular installation of officers the previous Saturday. Installing Marshal was Bro. Jim O'Shea, Marshal. This completes the 2008 line of officers except for Junior Steward, to be appointed in the near future.

WM Best appoints Lodge Committees
(Oct 11) WM Ken Best appointed the following Committees for the ensuing year.
WB Harry Brown Masonic Education and Ritual Committee.
Bro. Jim O'Shea Masonic Home Representative and Masonic Charities
Bro. Charles Farris and Bro. Jim Payne Budget & Audit Committee
WB Mel Tacke Grievance Committee
WB Warren Weston Delinquent Dues Committee
Bro. Justin Dryer Masonic Youth Committee and Web Site Master

In Memoriam



Charles C. Penson
Born 1909
Raised July 29 1938
Passed away March 24, 2007
Lodge found out December 2007



Anniversary of date raised to sublime degree of Master Mason

January				February				March			
		Raised	YRS			Raised	YRS			Raised	YRS
Gustave Egner		1/15/1947	61	Loren Lundy		2/18/1947	61	David George		3/2/1950	58
Kenneth Peck		1/14/1950	58	Chase Clark		2/2/1954	54	Robert Bennett		3/23/1950	58
Curtis Hopson		1/20/1950	58	William Betts		2/20/1957	51	Robert Kenney		3/1/1951	57
Robert Baldwin		1/12/1951	57	Robert Stephenson		2/21/1957	51	Linden Pankin		3/7/1957	51
Courtland Sanders		1/21/1951	57	George Eib		2/28/1957	51	Lee Young		3/19/1957	51
Larry Maple		1/18/1955	53	Allen Stevens		2/1/1958	50	Daniel Ulam		3/13/1959	49
Cecil Thompson		1/29/1955	53	Donald Zahnter		2/18/1964	44	Lawrence Noah		3/24/1960	48
Jackie Reeder		1/30/1958	50	Alvin Hills		2/23/1967	41	John Washburn		3/16/1961	47
Kenneth Todd		1/15/1963	45	Edward Oman		2/27/1967	41	Dean Lawson		3/27/1961	47
Lawrence Akers		1/19/1965	43	David Irvin		2/24/1975	33	Sherman Glenn		3/26/1968	40
Joseph Holt		1/13/1968	40	Thomas Leo		2/27/1975	33	Walter Bollinger		3/8/1979	29
Billie Jester		1/13/1968	40	Fred Medlock		2/28/1980	28	Leonard Stephenson		3/11/1980	28
William Monroe		1/23/1969	38	William Dean		2/12/1981	27	Donald Hurlbert		3/12/1981	27
Walter Lilley		1/14/1971	37	Herman Brunssen		2/26/1981	27	Thomas Allen		3/24/1983	25
Eugene Sullins		1/19/1972	36	Armando Nunez		2/20/1985	23	Chris Aller		3/24/1989	19
Richard Wilson		1/22/1972	36	Paul Gilbert		2/11/1988	20	Benjamin Kenney		3/10/1993	15
Robert Kenney		1/23/1973	35	Scott Smithwick		2/28/1995	13	Anthony Broome		3/2/2001	7
Dale Carter		1/9/1975	33	James Blau		2/6/1999	9	Dwight Dodgen		3/2/2001	7
Allen Beach		1/18/1977	31	Allen Hartley		2/6/1999	9	Larry Winterton		3/3/2001	7
Floyd Scheinost		1/14/1978	30	Chris Morgan		2/6/1999	9				
Alan South		1/25/1979	29	Dale Mort		2/6/1999	9				
Thomas Norman		1/27/1981	27	David Willbanks		2/6/1999	9				
Robert Bazan		1/26/1983	25	Kenneth Love		2/9/1999	9				
Loren Taylor		1/14/1993	15	Randall Mason		2/4/2000	8				
Charles Hamilton		1/25/1996	12								
Jerome Joyce		1/27/1996	12								
Justin Dryer		1/11/2007	1								



**Support the
Masonic
Out Reach Program**

NOTICE

YOUR 2008 DUES CARD MAILING
WILL BE A FEW DAYS LATE

Grand Lodge Secretary sent out the 2007
Cards by error instead of 2008.

Degrees Conferred this fiscal year to date:
October 2007-September 2008

Entered Apprentice

Andre Eric Newsom Oct. 25, 2007
James Parkinton Dec. 13, 2007

Fellow Craft

Andre Eric Newsom Nov. 14, 2007

MISSING FROM THE TEMPLE

We have lost contact with the following Brethren. If you know their address, or their circumstances, please notify the secretary. WB Gary Dryer (816) 763-9494
or e-mail dadgdryer@aol.com

John R. Flannigan
Gary L. McCloud
John R. McLaughlin
Robert L. Thomas
Jeffrey T. Woods
Keith A. Wren

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Address change or health status
As soon as possible.

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



Sister **Patty Crotty**, Associate Grand Matron (left) presented Sister **Rosalee Ely** with her 50 year Tac and certificate at the October 16th, meeting. The mother of Sister Patty, Sister **Hulda Hughes**, recommended Sister Rosalee when she joined Malborough Chapter 360.



(Nov. 3) Installing Officers with the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron: (left to right) **Rita Hanson**, PGM, Installing Chaplain; **Marilyn Houston**, PM, Installing Organist; **Stella Turnquist**, Worthy Matron; **Richard Houston**, PP, Installing Patron; **Preston Pemberton**, Worthy Patron; **Barbara Stillman**, PM, Installing Marshal and **Alby Shipman**, PM, Installing Matron.

"Master's wages". What are they?

Today, the Free and Accepted Mason is concerned only with moral work. His reward, therefore, is found within himself. The spiritual wages go well beyond these and have countless worth. The very heart of being a Freemason and the joy received is a much more meaningful wage. The intangibles. of love, friendship, respect, opportunity, happy labor and associations are the wages of a Master who earns them. Not all earn them, hence, the phrase "to pay the Craft their wages if any be due. . ." A member may earn as much as he desires, and the more one puts into the Craft, the

(cont. From page 1) memorial gifts and part of our endowment interest.

The Worthy Grand Matron gave several committee appointments to our members this year. They include Sister **Delores McChesney** as Chairman of the Masonic Home Volunteers and Sister **Barbara Stillman** as Masonic Home Activities Coordinator. Also serving as Masonic Home Volunteers are Sister **Lois Compton**, Sister **Bonnie Nelson**, Sister **Jean Vantellman**, Sister **Joyce Elkins**, Sister **Donna McChesney**, Brother **Gary Hanson** and Brother **Larry Nelson**. These members go every Tuesday to assist the residents and we are so very proud of them. It is welcome to Sister **Esta Broderick** who has become a dual member of our Chapter. Three members have reached the 50 year mark this quarter. They are Sister **Rosalee Ely**, Sister **Betty Lowther** and Sister **Louise Corrigan**. We were honored to have Sister **Patty Crotty**, Associate Grand Matron, attend our chapter meeting and present Sister Rosalee with her tac. We were saddened at the death of Sister **Helen Aichele**, Sister **Mary Lou Butterworth** and Sister **Gladys Trimble**. Members conducted the Eastern Star funeral ceremony for Sister Helen. Congratulations to **Chase McChesney**, grandson of **Forest** and **Delores McChesney**, who received an ESTARL award this year. Chase is planning a career as a Youth minister.

We joined with the Swope Park Lodge 617 in purchasing socks and fruit to be taken to the veterans at the VA Hospital as Christmas gifts. We were pleased to serve the luncheon before the formation of the new Job's Daughters Bethel at our temple. About 80 people were served. The ceremonies were very impressive. Sister **Stella Turnquist** presented a cute program to "kick-out" our Worthy Matron Deb and Worthy Patron Brad. All of the officers participated in the theme of Nursery Rhymes. Now what do you suppose Jean will think of next year that goes with a sewing machine?

Coming Events

- Jan. 15 – Stated Meeting
- Feb. 9 – District Official Inspection by the Worthy Grand Matron at East Gate Temple
- Feb. 19 – Meeting with Official Visit of District Deputy Grand Matron, Anna Morrow
- March 19 – Stated Meeting

Call or e-mail the secretary if you have any questions.

Lois Patten phone 816-218-9808

or email LBPat@comcast.net



Treasurer's Report

RWB Lawrence Cameron, PM

Swope Park Lodge Nr 617

Brethren I feel that I must apologize to some of you. The dues committee, of which I am the Chairman, mistakenly used an older roster to establish the dues for each brother. I discovered that the older roster had not been updated for the 50 year and Endowed members which I think resulted in some brethren receiving wrong dues notices. Those wrong notices are primarily the former Westport Lodge members who affiliated with us. I cannot tell if your dues notice is correct or not. If you are an 50 year member your dues are \$4.00 and if you are an Endowed member your dues are \$5.00. If you are both Endowed and a 50 year member your dues are \$4.00. Although these fees are listed under dues, they are actually special assessments levied against every brother by the Grand Lodge.

Many of our brethren who have not kept current with Grand Lodge law are under the impression that if they are Endowed, a 50 year member or both they do not pay anything. This is wrong brethren. You do not pay normal lodge dues of \$35.00 nor Grand Lodge per capita tax of \$14.50. But you are responsible for Grand Lodge assessments.

These assessments are to be paid by every brother and are exclusive of normal dues and Grand Lodge per capita tax.

Those special assessments are:

CHIPS Program.	\$2.00
Paid by every member	
Grand Lodge Insurance	
\$1.89(rounded up to \$2.00)	Paid by every member
Public Relations	\$1.00
Paid by every member except 50 yr members	

I hope that this clarifies this matter for you. Again let me apologize if any of you received a wrong dues notice. If you did, please remark the dues notice accordingly and be sure and enclose it with your remittance. They will be double checked against the current roster. Also if any of you remitted too much we will contact you to remedy the error. I sincerely hope all of our brethren had a safe and happy Christmas and hope the New Year finds each of you healthy and happy.

In the words of our deceased Past Grand Master Lewis C. (Wes) Cook-Happy to meet.....Sorry to part... Happy to meet again.



William F. Kuhn
Chapter 139
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
Comp. Johnnie Nemec,
Secretary.

(Oct 26) Brothers **Charles Farris** and **Jim Payne** received the Royal Arch Masonic degrees at the York Rite Festival at Independence Masonic Temple. Attending from the William F. Kuhn chapter in support of the initiates were Companions **Mike Luellen**, High Priest; **Frank Chester**, King; **Mel Tacke**, Royal Arch Captain; **Johnnie Nemec** Secretary and **John Arterburn**, Past High Priest.

On December 4, William F. Kuhn Chapter No. 139, RAM had its Official Visit from EC **Steve Anderson**, District Deputy Grand High Priest. He was accompanied by EC **Roy Thomas**, Grand Master of the First Veil. There were eleven Royal Arch Masons in attendance, the two distinguished guests and nine Chapter members. This marked the first time that the Chapter was able to open on the Royal Arch degree in almost a year. It was also the first time both of our new members, Comp. **James Payne** and Comp. **Charlie Farris** were in attendance. EC Anderson encouraged all present to visit other Chapters to show support and actively promote Royal Arch Masonry whenever we can. One of the other things brought up was that Chapter High Priests could wear Jewish Yarmulkes, instead of normal hats. High Priests that choose the yarmulke will not have to remove them as they are traditional prayer caps.

Royal Arch Masonry is the next step in the York Rite and is open to any Master Mason in good standing.

Royal Arch Masonry was founded in Boston in 1797. One of the most fascinating aspects of Royal Arch Masonry has always been how so many men, from so many different walks of life, can meet together in peace and never have any political or religious debates. No Rite of Freemasonry covers the world so much as does Royal Arch Masonry. In every country of the earth, on every continent and on many isles of the sea, will be found Royal Arch Chapters, eager and willing to receive their companions from other parts of the world into that full fellowship that characterizes Royal Arch Masonry. All Royal Arch Masons believe in one God and in respect for each other. Royal Arch Masonry contains one simple, plain statements of Truth, easily understandable and helpful in our relation to life. Lodge symbolism deals with lessons of the material side of life. The Chapter degrees, and particularly the Royal Arch, deal with the spiritual side of life.

Royal Arch Masonry is the logical step for every Master Mason to take. If after becoming a Royal Arch Mason, you desire to continue your studies, you may take the

Council Degrees and the Commandery Orders, both of which are illustrative of and carry forward the principles of the Royal Arch. Any Royal Arch Macon will eagerly propose your name as a candidate for the advancement in the mysteries of Freemasonry. Anyone seeking Membership in the Royal Arch must sign a Petition, stating his age, occupation and place of residence. Members of the Chapter vote by ballot. To be accepted, the ballot must be unanimous. What has attracted so many Brethren to seek further light in Royal Arch Masonry?? The Royal Arch Degrees was considered most important in the early years of Freemasonry and so dogmatic was the Mother Grand Lodge - from which all Speculative Masonry derives - that in 1813, when the two grand lodges in England united, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted and placed in the Articles of Union to guide Masons throughout the world forever on this matter: "Pure Ancient Freemasonry consists of but three degrees, that of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry consists of four degrees, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. **The Mark Master Degree** is believed to have originated as a ceremony of registering a craftsman's mark in those years distinguished by operative craft masons and their temple building. It was later developed into a full-fledged degree by the Masonic fraternity as we know it today. Some scholars say it was the earliest degree and may predate all others by many years. It is highly regarded by students in all Masonry, teaching lessons that have proven of value in all walks of life. Some Grand Lodges place so high an eminence on the Mark Master Degree, that they confine it to the jurisdiction of a separate grand body, the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters. **The Past Master Degree** came into being because originally the degree of Royal Arch was conferred by the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge only on actual Past Masters. This degree was instituted to make it possible for all worthy Brethren to receive the Royal Arch degree. The first record of its conferral is found in 1768 in England. **The Most Excellent Master Degree** is a product of American innovation. It was conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter as early as 1783 in Middletown, Conn. It is by far the most spectacular degree in all Freemasonry. It is the only degree that brings forcibly to our attention the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. **The Royal Arch Degree** is the climax of Ancient Craft Masonry and Masonic

Symbolism. It is described as "the root and marrow of Freemasonry." It is the complete story of Jewish History during some of its darkest hours. Jerusalem and the Holy temple are destroyed, The people are being held captive as slaves in Babylon. Here you will join with some slaves as they are set free to return home and engage in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the city and the Temple of God. It is during this rebuilding that they make a discovery that brings to light the greatest treasure of a Mason --the long lost Master's Word. Many historians have traced the earliest origins of the Royal Arch Degree to Ireland, late in the 17th century and in England in 1738, In 1752, ambulatory or military warrants for Lodges were introduced. This was instrumental in placing the Royal Arch Degree on a par with the Master Mason Degree. Military lodges were greatly responsible for planting Freemasonry in the Colonies and also gave birth to the use of the Mark and Royal Arch degrees in the "New World." Lodge records show that the Royal Arch Degree was conferred at Fredericksburg No. 4 on December 12, 1753. George Washington was raised in this lodge a few months prior to this date. The value of Royal Arch Masonry will be appreciated by all who are exalted to that most sublime degree, particularly by those who are seeking to complete their Masonic education. It reveals the full light of Ancient Craft Masonry, presents it as a complete system in accordance with the original plan and justly entitles you to claim the noble name of Master Mason. For information, contact Bro. **Johnnie Nemec**, Secretary of the Chapter at (816) 966 9565

SwopePark Masonic Temple Bldg. Assoc.

hosted a social get together November 17th with representatives of OES chapter 520, Job's Daughter's Bethel Nr 1, Wm. F. Kuhn DeMolay chapter, Royal Arch chapter 139 and Swope Park lodge Nr 617 in attendance. All tenants were invited. WM **Ken Best** opened the meeting asking for input from everyone as to "what we can do better to serve the groups meeting here". He is looking into possibly installing a two person elevator for better access to Shotwell hall for some members. RWB **Larry Cameron** talked about the affiliate bodies joining with Swope Park lodge in presenting Christmas gifts to VA hospital patients next month. (see article) Bro. Payne asked for each chapter's input for Rambler articles and offered to split income for ads sold and published in the Rambler. As Building Board Secretary, Bro. **Jim Payne** suggested a proposal to drop the telephone service, which costs the building association \$56 monthly. His proposal was roundly vetoed by both of the OES Chapters, who indicated they would rather endure a rent increase than drop the land line to reduce expenses. More information concerning the Building Association on page eight.



Job's Daughters Bethel Nr 1 *By*
Becca Culver



Job's Daughters is an organization of young women between the ages of 10 and 20 who are related to a Master Mason, and share a common bond. We have members in the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and the Philippines. We have fun together at activities such as swimming parties, dances, family picnics, slumber parties, miniature golf, marching in parades, travel . . . well, you get the picture. By working closely together, you will make new friends that will last a lifetime. We also help others. Throughout the year, we perform service projects to help our community, the less fortunate, and other charities. We actively support the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund, which purchases hearing assistive devices for hearing impaired children. We learn leadership. By holding various offices in Job's Daughters, you will gain valuable leadership experience, be a part of a team, and learn democratic principles. Job's Daughters can qualify for various scholarships that are offered on a state-wide and a national level. All Job's Daughters are members of a local chapter called a Bethel. Members of a Bethel elect their own officers, decide their own activities, and plan their own events. In short, Job's Daughters International offers the qualities that today's young women want and need from organizations that earn their commitment . . . fun, friendship, helping others, and the chance to learn organizational and leadership skills.

We are always looking for new members for both Bethel and our Jobie-to-Bees, so if you have a daughter, niece, grand-daughter or other female relative that is between the age of 10-20 and is interested in Job's Daughters. Please let us know because she will be welcomed into a great group of friends. Contact me via e-mail tonyac1@comcast.net or telephone (816) 322-5433.

Jobie love and mine,
Becca Culver
Grand Bethel Representative to Iowa
Bethel 1



Shown above, the lovely young 'Jobie-Bees'
**Madison Parkinton, Polly Cowan and Alexis
Parkinton**

Photo to the left, front row, **WB Ken Best, Lynn Cowan, WB Gary Dryer, Bro. Ed Culver and Tonya Culver.** In the rear of the photo is (left to right) Grand Associate Guardian **Albert Beal** and Grand Guardian **Donna Goede.**

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SWOPE PARK MASONIC BUILDING ASSOCIATION

Jim Payne
Secretary/Treasurer

Brethren: Below is a draft of our proposed budget which I shall present at our annual Building Board Meeting. The meeting, as called for in the by-laws, will be conducted the first Thursday in February, February 7, 2008 at 7 PM. Companies providing heating gas and electricity have announced 12 % increases. These, along with a projected 8 % increase in insurance premiums and 3.5 % inflation in maintenance materials and supplies necessitate increasing our tenant's rent to \$ 205 per meeting starting February1, 2008.

The table to the right designates meeting nights of the various Appendant bodies meeting at the temple. We have two Mondays, two Tuesdays and three Fridays open. If you know of any potential organizations looking for a new home, have them contact WB Ken Best (816-965-5261) or Jim Payne (816-537-7457) Don't overlook renting Shotwell Hall for your special family events. It is perfect for anniversaries, birthdays or reunions. Remember the Building Association in your will – consider a memorial to a loved one.

SWOPE PARK MASONIC TEMPLE ORGANIZATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		RAM 139	Study Club	DeMolay & Squires		
	Jobs Bethel 1		Study Club	Swope PK 617		
		OES 520	Study Club	DeMolay & Squires		
	Jobs Bethel 1		Study Club	Swope PK 617	OES 63	

Note: Most organizations open at 7 PM call to confirm

Organization	Contact	Phone Nr.
Swope Park Lodge 617	Gary Dryer	763-9494
Swope Park OES 520	Lois Patten	318-9808
Josepha OES 63	Adeane Boyer	795-8854
Jobs Daughters Bethel 1	Becca Culver	322-5433
Wm F Kuhn DeMolay	Alex Barnes	313 8824
Wm F Kuhn RAM 139	Johnnie Nemec	966-9565
Squires of the Round Table	Janet Barnes	699 3544
Study Club	Paul Miller	886-0066

2008 Building Board Budget		Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Income														
Rent	Swope Park Lodge Nr 617	\$360	\$360	\$405	\$405	\$405	\$405	\$405	\$405	\$405	\$405	\$405	\$405	\$4,770
	Swope Park O.E.S. 530	\$180	\$180	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$2,410
	Jephia O.E.S. 63	\$180	\$180	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$2,410
	Wm F Kuhn R.A.M.	\$180	\$180	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$2,410
	Youth Group Subsidy	\$540	\$540	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$615	\$7,230
		\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$19,230
Contributions		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Raisers		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income		\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$1,635	\$19,230
Expense														
	Bank charge	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$63
	Building Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,260	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,260
	Building Maintenance	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$600
	Custodial Service	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$3,000
	Maintenance- grounds	\$150	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$1,650
	Maintenance supplies	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$720
	Office supplies & postage	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$60
	Telephone	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$696
	Trash service	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$22	\$264
	Utilities													
	Electricity	\$195	\$302	\$314	\$305	\$272	\$281	\$436	\$513	\$424	\$360	\$283	\$283	\$3,968
	Natural Gas	\$303	\$396	\$490	\$186	\$85	\$54	\$50	\$50	\$41	\$47	\$93	\$185	\$1,980
	Water	\$190	\$0	\$165	\$0	\$165	\$0	\$165	\$0	\$153	\$0	\$165	\$0	\$1,003
	Total Utilities	\$688	\$698	\$969	\$491	\$522	\$335	\$651	\$563	\$618	\$407	\$541	\$468	\$6,951
Total Operating Expense		\$1,290	\$1,300	\$1,421	\$3,353	\$1,124	\$937	\$1,253	\$1,165	\$1,220	\$1,009	\$1,143	\$1,070	\$16,264
Net Ordinary Income		\$150	\$140	\$214	\$1,718	\$511	\$698	\$382	\$470	\$415	\$626	\$492	\$565	\$2,966
	Accrual for capital outlay	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$1,800
Net Cash flow		\$0	-\$10	\$64	\$1,868	\$361	\$548	\$232	\$320	\$265	\$476	\$342	\$415	\$1,166