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The Swope Park Masonic Temple Bodies Quarterly Newsletter



Master's
Trestle Board

Jim Payne
Worshipful
Master

Brethren:

The New Year presents an opportunity for turning a new page in our lives. Are we making the best use of our time? Are we spending too much time in pursuit of entertainment and trivial diversions, or too much time acquiring material and monetary rewards? Perhaps the new year is a time to contemplate on the esoteric or spiritual aspect of our being. We should look to our church and our Masonic teachings for core support systems of inspiration and guidance. Have you considered reviewing the lectures and charges you received in the degrees? How about applying the lessons toward better managing the time left in our lives? Consider what was presented when you stood in the Northeast corner of the Lodge as a newly initiated Entered Apprentice. Remember the twenty four inch gauge, and how we are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our time?

Are you allocating your time in balanced proportion between pursuing your vocation, refreshment and sleep, and most importantly, in service to God and your fellow man?

Brethren: If you take time to review the lectures and charges given when you received the degrees, and make a conscious effort to apply them into every day practice, your life will be more enriched and you will achieve real happiness and a sense of purpose in your life. Masonry is far more than wearing a ring, a lapel pin and carrying a dues card. Remember, one of the reasons you became a Mason was to improve yourself through the lessons taught in the Craft. Practicing the lessons of Masonry offers many avenues of service- charity, assisting distressed Brethren and in community service through our many projects. Come out and be a part of it!

Happy New Year Brethren!

SWOPE PARK CHAPTER 520 O.E.S. INSTALLATION



(Nov.21) The Elected Officers installed were: Sister **Pat Neece**, Worthy Matron; Brother **Brad Patten**, Worthy Patron; Sister **Holly Johnson**, Associate Matron; Brother **Preston Pemberton**, Associate Patron; Sister **Lois Patten**, Secretary; Brother **Richard Houston**, Treasurer; Sister **Rita Hanson**, Conductress and Sister **Alby Shipman**, Associate Conductress. The Appointed Officers are: Chaplain -**Prudence Irwin-Brennan**; Marshal-**Jean Vantellman**; Organist-**Marilyn Houston**; Adah-**Frances Banks**; Ruth-**Delores McClesney**; Esther-**Barbara Stillman**; Martha-**Deb Merrick**; Electa-**Gladys Mohart**; Warder-**Ken Best**; and Sentinel-**John Stillman**.

VETERAN'S HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS VISIT



(Dec 19) Once again, the Swope Park Temple Veteran's Hospital Christmas Visit was a huge success. Friday evening, December 18th, members of the Swope Park Masonic Family, Swope Park Chapter 520 O. E. S., William F. Kuhn Chapter Order of DeMolay, Bethel #1 Job's Daughters, William F. Kuhn Chapter #139 Royal Arch Masons and Swope Park Lodge #617, gathered to assemble gift bags for the hospitalized veterans of the Kansas City Veteran's Administration Hospital. Socks, stocking caps, playing cards, bananas and oranges were put into gift bags, along with a letter and card thanking the veterans for their service. Members of the above named groups, again braved cold weather Saturday morning

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BRO DANNY BEST HONORED



(Oct..10, 2009) Bro. Daniel D. Best (front, left) was invested with the Chevalier Degree at Swope Park Lodge. Many Lodge brothers, family and friends attended this program. The Degree Team was under the direction of Bro. Tony Broome (rear, second from left). We were honored to have the degree composed of all Past State DeMolay Master Councilors. Grand Commander: Vince Sciara,(front middle) Commander in the West: Mitch Cross, (back, right) Commander in the South Roger Salyer,(back,third from left) Grand Marshal: Justin Dryer (rear, left) and Grand Chaplain: Tony Broome. Bro. Geoffery Ingram is in front to the right).The Flag Presentation: William F. Kuhn Chapter. The Degree of Chevalier is an "Honor" and cannot be "earned" or worked towards. The Advisory Council makes the nomination and submits it to the Executive Officer who then forwards the nomination to the ISC. A unanimous vote of the ISC is required for the honor to be granted We are very proud of Bro. Daniel Best, his work within his chapter as well as his service on Missouri State Line. Following the investiture, a Mexican Buffet was served downstairs.



Swope Park Chapter 520, O.E.S.



Installation

The installation of the officers was held Saturday November 21st. It was a beautiful day and the attendance was large. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Amy Tripi, was the Installing Grand Matron. She was assisted by Brother Steve Crotty, PGP; Sister Rita Hanson, PGM; Sister Patty Crotty, PGM and Sister Alice Williams, PGM. The Elected Officers installed were: Sister Pat Neece, Worthy Matron; Brother Brad Patten, Worthy Patron; Sister Holly Johnson, Associate Matron; Brother Preston Pemberton, Associate Patron; Sister Lois Patten, Secretary; Brother Richard Houston, Treasurer; Sister Rita Hanson, Conductress and Sister Alby Shipman, Associate Conductress. The Appointed Officers are: Chaplain – Prudence Irwin-Brennan; Marshal-Jean Vantellman; Organist-Marilyn Houston; Adah-Frances Banks; Ruth-Delores McChesney; Esther-Barbara Stillman; Martha-Deb Merrick; Electa-Gladys Mohart; Warder-Ken Best; and Sentinel-John Stillman. The chapter room and dining room were decorated with the symbol, emblems and flowers of the Worthy Grand Matron: the Holy Family, the angel, candle, American Flag and dove. The fun emblems are the Happy Face and the Rooster (we have something to crow about in Eastern Stars).

Membership Information

We welcome Sister Janet Anschutz and Sister Gayle Holland who transferred their membership to Swope Park Chapter.

50 year membership pins were achieved by Sister Carolyn Engle and Sister Mary T. Hutton. Brother Preston Pemberton completed 25 years of service Our congratulations to them on reaching these goals.

Memorials

We extend sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones since our last mailing. Sister Dorothy Brewer was born February 14, 1914; she was initiated May 6, 1963 in the Raytown Chapter and transferred to Rural Chapter in 1966. She served as Worthy Matron in 1970. She passed away September 25, 2009.

Sister Bonnie Beth Becker was born September 24, 1926; she was initiated April 27, 1945 and transferred to Swope Park Chapter May 18, 2004. She passed away September 29, 2009.

Sister Erma Kiewit was born February 11, 1915; she was initiated into Swope Park Chapter May 14, 1957. She served as Worthy Matron in 1963. She passed away November 19, 2009.

Sister Geraldine Molander was born October 16, 1914; she was initiated into Orient Chapter October 22, 1945. She served as Worthy Matron in 1952 and as Worthy Grand Matron in 1966. She passed away December 5, 2009.

District Activities

The Official Inspection of the Worthy Grand Matron to the 22nd District will be held February 6th at East Gate Temple. Ruth Club Breakfast is at 9 a.m. and honors Grand Ruth. Reservations are required. At 10:45 a.m. the Worthy Grand Matron will recognize all members who have 50 or more years of membership. If you plan to attend these events please let the secretary know. The Official Inspection begins at 11 a.m. with officers from all four chapters participating. A light dinner will be held following the inspection and we do need a count for this. Contact the secretary at 816-318-9808 for more specific information. (continued page 3, column 1)

Annual Missouri Masonic Home Halloween party



(Oct. 17, 2009) Swope Park Masonic temple youth groups ,Wm F. Kuhn DeMolay, Job's Daughter's Bethel Nr 1, the Jobie-2 Bee's and Squires, lead by Bro. Danny held their third Annual Halloween party at the Missouri Masonic Home. We had Bees, a Southern Belle, Pumpkins, Pirates, and a Boxer. The youth that attended had a great time visiting with the residents. The judging was done in age groups, and everyone was a # 1 "Winner". Several of the residents dressed up and participated as each contestant had their choice to pick a prize which ranged from Toys, Games, and gift certificates. Three years ago this was started to get the youth more involved with the residents as well as giving those residents the opportunity to see the youth dressed in their costumes. Each year the party gets bigger and better. With the help of the Scottish Rite, Local lodges, O.E.S. groups and Shrine clubs we have been able to provide a very nice party – The donations that are received are used solely for this event. We look forward to being able to continue this in the future. At the conclusion of the judging a \$150.00 gift certificate from Home Depot was given to the Masonic home to help with minor repairs or needs. Before leaving everyone went into the dining hall for refreshments, and then Trick or Treated in the activity room, for candy and more gifts.

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January and February Meetings

Our January meeting will be January 12th with the new officers. This will be our Christmas in January meeting. We will be collecting paper products for the Rainbow Center in Blue Springs. We did not have a quorum for the December meeting.

February 9th will be the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron to our chapter. Our officers will be doing all of the work of the order.

Thank You

Thank you to Sister **Jean Vantellman** and Brother **Loren Taylor** for their leadership the past year. We appreciate their dedication to the responsibilities of their offices.

Lois Patten, Reporter



VA Hospital (cont. from page 1)

to personally deliver gift bags to approximately 100 hospitalized veterans for the Christmas holidays. Due to privacy restrictions, photographs were not allowed, but it was quite apparent by the smiles and thanks we received from the patients, that they were truly grateful. Patient's gift bags, who were under quarantine and unable to receive their bags personally, were left at the door.

Funds for this year's project were raised through a fundraiser that included a 26" HDTV/DVD player combination, an 11 piece set of Snap-On wrenches, a Coleman Party Grill and a \$25 Applebee's Gift Certificate as prizes.

I want to thank everybody who contributed and gave of their personal time to assist with this project and ask that all of you remember our veterans in your prayers every day, not just at the Christmas Holidays. Also keep our present military members in your thoughts and prayers as they go in harms way.

Fraternally,
Charles Farris, SW
Committee Chairman



**Masonic Anniversaries
25 and 50 year or more
In five year increments**

<i>January</i>		<i>Anniversary</i>	
Kenneth	Peck	1/14/1950	60
Cecil	Thompson	1/29/1955	55
Larry	Maple	1/18/1955	55
Lawrence	Akers	1/19/1965	45
Dale	Carter	1/9/1975	35
<i>February</i>			
Loren	Lundy	2/18/1947	63
David	Irvin	2/24/1975	35
Thomas	Leo	2/27/1975	35
Armando	Nunez	2/20/1985	25
Scott	Smithwick	2/28/1995	15
Alexander	Hamlin	2/6/1999	10
Allen	Hartley	2/6/1999	10
<i>March</i>			
Frederick	Danas	3/2/1946	64
Curtis	Hopson	3/11/1950	60
David	George	3/2/1950	60
Robert	Bennett	3/23/1950	60
Lawrence	Noah	3/24/1960	50
Leonard	Stephenson	3/11/1980	30
Chris	Morgan	3/9/1995	15
Gary	Hedrick	3/23/2000	10



**WM F KUHN
DEMOLAY CHAPTER
NEWS**

Congratulations are in Order –

Representing the Missouri DeMolay Area 3 for the 09/10 year is Bro. **Trevor Keller**. Trevor was installed as Area 3 Master Councilor Dec. 5th at the St. Louis Scottish Rite. This is Trevor's first year as a State officer and I'm sure he has a lot of ideas to present to his area chapters. Trevor is a member of Wm. F. Kuhn and will also be returning in Jan 2010 as Master Councilor of his own Chapter. Trevor has received many trophies over the years in his ritual work – This past year earning the First place trophy for the "Flower Talk" – which is really something to be proud of. A big thanks to Trevor for helping to promote his chapter by bringing in several new members – he was recognized by Dad Cockerham for bringing in the most new members this past quarter and for his efforts he was awarded \$100.

Distinguished Service Award

Representing William F. Kuhn for his 4th and final year as a Missouri DeMolay State Officer, Bro **Daniel Best** was installed as Senior Master Councilor for the State of Missouri. After introductions, a special presentation was made by Dad Cockerham to Bro Best, who was honored by receiving the Distinguished Service Award. This award is known as the "DeMolay" of the year. The purpose of the award is to recognize a member for outstanding service to others. Congratulations!!!



Joseph L. Holt
Born July 25, 1936
Raised January 13, 1968
Passed Away October 6, 2009

Robert H. Dugan
Born May 31, 1921
Raised July 7, 1951
Passed Away November 4, 2009

MASONIC HOME VISIT



(Dec 21) Left to right, JD **Jim O'Shea**, Secretary **Ken Best** and WM **Jim Payne** visiting our Masonic home adoptee, Sister **Delores Coffey**, who is a member of Swope Park OES Chapter 520. Sister Delores began her Masonic career as a Rainbow Girl. Her parents, Agnes and Elmo Anderson were OES WM and WP when they initiated her into the OES in 1950. Delores was Worthy Matron in 1961 and five more times afterward. She held 12 of the 18 stations in her Chapter over the years and went on to be DDGM in 1990 and Grand Representative to Puerto Rico in 2000. Sister Delores was a volunteer at the Masonic Home teaching Ceramics for several years and would still be doing it if not confined to a wheel chair. Delores was married 45 years to Bob Coffey and has two daughters and a son. Sister Coffey lives in the Masonic Home assisted living center and exclaims that it is a wonderful place to live and that everyone is so friendly and caring. She loves to sew and cross-stitch. Speaking of my experience visiting her, she is a delightful lady and we, the Swope Park Lodge members are proud to have her in our extended Masonic family!

Jim Payne, Editor

RAISED TO MASTER MASON

MIKE ANDERSON



(Oct 8) SWOPE PARK LODGE Nr 617, welcomes Brother **Mike Anderson** as it's newest Master Mason. WB **Jim Payne** (left) opened the first stated communication in his year with RWB **Larry Cameron** (left of Bro. Anderson) conferring the degree and RWB **Dennis Spears** (right) raising Brother Anderson.

STANLEY JEFFERSON



(Dec 2) A special communication was held to raise Bro. **Stanley Jefferson** (center) to the sublime degree of Master Mason. RWB **Larry Cameron** (left) obligated Bro. Jefferson, RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL gave the lecture and RWB **Glen Burrows**, Region C Grand Lecturer (right) gave him the Charge. Twenty four Brethren were in attendance to work in the degree, visiting from Alpha, East Gate and Ivanhoe Lodges.

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PASSED TO FELLOW CRAFT

STANLEY JEFFERSON



(Oct 22) Brother **Stanley Jefferson** gave back an excellent full EA proficiency and was passed to the degree of FC. He was obligated by Brother **Charles Farris**, SW (left) and received the Lecture from RWB **Glenn Burrows** (right), who was recently appointed Regional Grand Lecturer, Region C in Missouri.

TREVOR ARMOND KELLER



(Nov 14) A special communication was held to confer the Second Degree on Bro. **Trevor Keller**. Above, left to right, WB **Tom Butts** who gave the Charge, RWB **Paul Miller**, who gave the Lecture, Bro Keller, and Bro. **Charles Farris**, who obligated him. Bro. **Justin Dryer** did the letter "G" lecture. Bro. Keller gave back an almost perfect full EA Proficiency prior to receiving the degree. Bro. **Stanley Jefferson**, a FC, also returned an excellent full FC Proficiency.

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INITIATED ENTERED APPRENTICE

THOMAS HENRY LABAN



(Nov 12) Left to right, RWM **Bill Van Meter**, who did the Lecture and Charge, WB **Mel Tacke** who obligated Bro. **Tom Laban** and his Uncle, WB **Dean Bezinque**, First Line Signer and Coach. An outstanding degree by all participating with 20 Brethren in attendance.

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Wm F Kuhn Royal Arch Masons Chapter Installation.

(Dec 1) The Royal Arch Chapter had it's installation of officers for 2009/10. The Installing Master was MEGHP **George Duncan**. Installing Marshal was PDDGHP **Roy Thomas** and Installing Chaplin was PDDGHP **Steve Anderson**. The officers are: High Priest **Kenneth Best Sr**, King **Charles Farris**, Scribe **John Arterburn**, Chaplain **Harry Brown**, Treasurer **Mike Luellen**. Secretary **Jim Payne**, Captain of the Host **Frank Chester**, Principal Sojourner **Bill Rogers**, Royal Arch Captain **Mel Tacke** and Master of the 3rd Veil **Sergio Martinez**.

The chapter voted to contribute \$ 100 to the Temple VA Hospital Christmas Fund.

The Royal Arch Masons offer a continuation of the Blue Lodge degrees.

Upcoming Degree work.....

Mark your calendars, get out of the house and come join us! Great ritual, excellent fellowship and Gourmet food afterward!

January 14 Thursday 7 PM

First Degree (2)

Alex Barnes & Robert Leslie



January 16 Saturday 8 Am

Third Degree

Trevor Keller. FC



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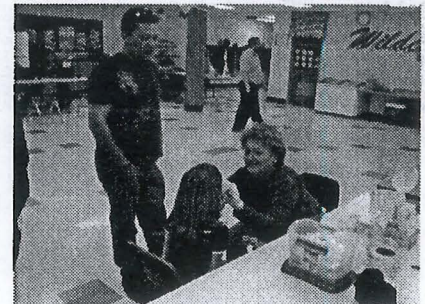
(Nov 7) Swope Park lodge sponsored it's sixth CHIPS event, this one at the Greenwood Elementary school in Greenwood, MO. Participating from the Swope Park Masonic family were Sister **Alby Shipman**, OES Chapter 520, **RWB Jack Clark** and **WB Ken Best**, also members of the OES chapter and Swope Park Masonic Lodge, **Bro. Jim O'Shea**, **RWB Larry Cameron**, **WB Gary Barron**, **Bro Charles Farris**, **WB Jim Payne**, **Bro. Mike Anderson** and **Bro. Stanley Jefferson**. **SW Charles Farris** is the lodge Chips committee coordinator who made it happen. We are especially proud of two of our newest members, **Bro Anderson** and **Jefferson**, who participated and showed a willingness to be involved early in their Masonic affiliation. Also assisting behind the scene, **Bro.. Danny Best**, **Wm F Kuhn DeMolay** chapter and Swope Park Lodge member, who loaded the tables.



Left to right- **WB Jim Payne**, **RWB Larry Cameron** and **Bro. Mike Anderson** doing data entry while **MO CHIP coordinator, Bro Joe Long** looks on.



RWB Jack Clark (right) processes participating youngster's finger prints with **MO CHIP coordinators Bro. Mark Hamilton** (rear, left) and **Bro Joe Long** (rear right) assisting



And in conclusion: volunteer **Beth Fleer** does the dental imprint and DNA collection to complete the process as dad observes.

And the WINNERS were..... Fund Raiser Drawing for the VA Hospital Christmas held Nov. 12th...
First Prize: 26 " HDTV TV **Kevin Hempton**, member **Wm F Kuhn DeMolay**
Second Prize: Snap on Wrench Set **Richard Westbrook** **Third Prize:** Coleman Gas Grill **Ruth Ward**
Fouth Prize: AppleBee's Gift card **Anita Gupta**. **Congratulations and THANKS TO ALL !!!**



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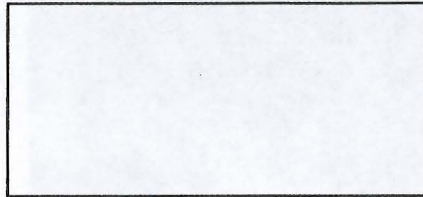
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