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The Swope Park Masonic Temple Bodies Quarterly Newsletter



Master's
Trestle Board

Jim Payne
Worshipful
Master

Brethren:

It has been said that the purpose of Freemasonry is **the pursuit of excellence**. All of the teachings of Masonry are directed to excellence in performing our duties to God, our country, our neighbors and ourselves. The continuing effort to improve ones self is the true mark of a Mason. We must constantly remember that in every moment of our life - in public - at work - at pleasure - with our families - even when you are alone - You are a Mason! The non-Masons who know us will judge each of us, and Masonry itself, by the way in which we conduct ourselves. We have in trust the reputation of Masonry. Let us not betray that trust! Masonry will flourish if we follow these precepts.

Propriety - Before we can expect to attract good men to the fraternity by our conduct and reputation in public, we must learn to conduct ourselves with propriety in the Lodge. One of our first duties shall be loyalty to the fraternity and obedience to its laws. This is a fundamental requirement. Propriety is not the result of law, but rather of tradition, custom and usage. Like good manners, it has behind it only the force of opinion. While there may be no penalties for breaches, there are tangible rewards for observance of the rules and ceremonies of good manners!

Respect - Every person has a basic need for both self-respect and the respect of others. The term "respect" includes courtesy, tolerance, kindness, sympathy, prudence, temperance, and a host of other concepts that refer to our relationships with people. It encompasses our words, our actions, our appearance and even our thoughts. Inside the Lodge and outside of it, we should strive to demonstrate in every way our respect for a Brother's honor, feelings, efforts, hopes and any other part of his life that we may contact.

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VALENTINE'S DAY SWEETHEART LUNCHEON



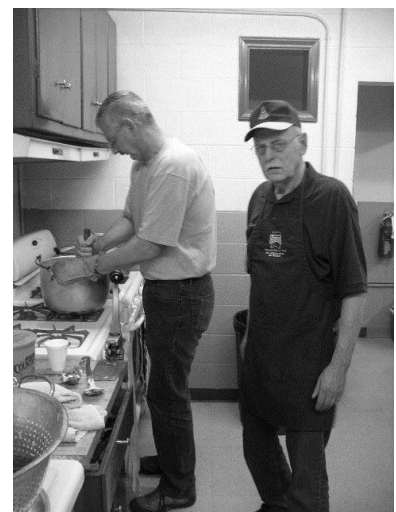
(Feb 13) Swope Park Lodge held its first annual Valentine's Day Sweetheart's Luncheon with approximately eighty enjoying a fine meal prepared by Chef **Charlie Farris**, **Larry Cameron** and **Bob Harman**. Assisting with serving, busing tables and clean up, were the outstanding gals and guys of Job's daughter's Bethel 1 and Wm. F. Kuhn DeMolay Chapter.

The event was our first family function this year in which the Lodge Brothers cooked and served the Ladies. Practically all the officers and regular Lodge attendees were there, either to serve, or the treat their ladies to a fine meal of chicken fried steak or baked chicken breast, with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and choice of pie or cake for dessert. Our Eastern Star Chapter, Swope Park number 520, was well represented with several members and their spouses, as well as a considerable number of Brethren from neighboring Lodges. The Ladies were each presented a Red Rose by the Brethren afterward..



Chef Bro. SW **Charlie Farris** preparing the entree

(below) **WB Bob Harman** and **RWB Larry Cameron** hard at work



SWOPE PARK OES CHAPTER 520

A Special meeting was held March 23, 2010 to confer the degrees on five candidates. Pictured, at the right of this column, from left to right: **Daniel Best, Justin Dryer, Pat Neece** (WM), **Richard Houston** (PP), presided during the conferring of degrees), **Brad Patten** (WP), **Rebecca Culver, Jayna Walden,** and **Meghan Culver.** We are pleased to have these new members in our chapter.

Membership Information

Welcome to Sister **Jane Withers** who was elected as a Dual Member at our February meeting.

50 year membership pins were achieved by **Richard** (PP) and **Marilyn Houston** (PM) and **Edward** and **Trula Jenkins.** They were given Life Membership in Swope Park Chapter. **Elnora** (PM) and **Jack** (PGP) **Clark** made a nice presentation to the Houston's at our January meeting.

We extend our sympathy to the families of the members who have died since our last report.

Sister **Lucille Welden,** PM, who died December 30, 2009; Sister **Beatrice Graham,** PM, who died January 11, 2010 and Sister **Betty Lowther** who died March 14, 2010.

Activities

Official Inspection was held at East Gate Temple with 17 of our officers and 7 other members participating. We have been collecting food cents off coupons to assist military families in Germany. In January we collected paper products for Rainbow Center. A Valentines dinner was sponsored by Swope Park Lodge 617. We assisted by providing desserts. Several of our members attended. Proceeds went to the Temple Board. Members have tried to support our DeMolay and Job's Daughters by attending their installations. We attended the Job's Daughters initiation of new members and served refreshments. We need to assist these two groups by encouraging young people to join them. They welcome our attendance. They are our future.

Coming Activities

April 13th at 7:30 p.m. we will hold our stated meeting at the Masonic Home. We will be the first chapter to do this since Grand Chapter law was changed to permit us to meet at the Masonic Home. This will give those members who reside at the home an opportunity to attend a chapter meeting.

April 18th we will have Go to Church Sunday with Worthy Matron, Pat Neece. Raytown Baptist Church, 10500 East 350 Hiway (on west bound lanes of 350 Hiway). Meet Pat in the lobby at 9:15 a.m. to attend the 9:30 a.m. service. We plan to sit together.

May 11th is our stated meeting and it will be Friendship Night. We will have a salad supper at 6:15 p.m. Each member is requested to bring a salad.

Lois Patten, PM, Secretary



ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER 139



(March 12) EC High Priest **Ken Best Sr** (left) presented newly exalted Companions of the Royal Arch **Mike Anderson, Danny Best** and **Greg Brackley** with their Patents and membership cards. These Swope Park members received the 4th through the seventh York Rite degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degree. The degrees were conferred at Independence Chapter 12 RAM which meets at Independence Lodge 76 AF & AM. Our chapter, the William F. Kuhn Chapter 139, which meets at Swope Park Lodge Nr 617, was represented by EC Past High Priests **Frank Chester, Mel Tacke** and **Mike Luellen,** and EC Secretary **Jim Payne,** in addition to EC High Priest **Ken Best Sr.** We meet the first Tuesday each month at Swope Park Temple. The Royal Arch degrees continue from the Blue Lodge 3rd degree, and concern with the destruction of King Solomon's temple, the return of the people of Israel from Babylonian captivity and the eventual discovery of the Lost Word. It is a continuation of Masonic knowledge. All Master Masons, who wish to continue their Masonic education, are invited to join.

From the Bee Corner:



We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and will have a safe and happy new year. In October 2009, our **Jobbie-to-Bee's** presented a Blanket with the American flag and an eagle on it to the Kansas city, Missouri chapter of the United States Marine Corp. at the October dinner meeting at the Scottish Rite in Kansas City, Mo. for their service to our country and their own 100th birthday. They plan on hanging it in their office in Kansas city, Missouri. Our little group is part of Bethel #1 chapter of Job's Daughter's International we meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30pm. at Swope Park Lodge in Kansas city, Missouri. We are starting a new project to help out our community and help teach the girls about showing empathy toward others that do not have a lot. This project will take us several months to complete because we hope to have at least 15-20 lap blankets made to give to an area Nursing Home that is in need of this kind of service. This will also teach the girls the lesson that it is rewarding to give to others that do not have a lot in their lives. At present time we have only 2 active Jobbie to bees but would welcome any newcomers to our little group. The ages of our girls start at 6 years old and go until age 10 years when they are able to go into job's daughter international organization. If you have little ones or know of a girl that would enjoy learning how to sign words, have the opportunity to meet other girls their own age, make crafts, and give service to the community Please contact Mom Lynn Cowan @ 816) 508-0964 .

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Temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice- as reflected in the four cardinal virtues in The Perfect Points of Entrance, provide us with a complete guide for truly Masonic action in the *pursuit of excellence*. It behooves each of us to periodically evaluate ourselves against these four standards, to see where we have those rough corners to which the common gavel can profitably be applied. Am I *temperate* in my relations with others, or have I been excessive in my actions toward someone? Have I displayed *fortitude* in pursuing the excellence I can achieve, or have I chosen to do as everyone else does? Do I direct myself wisely and *prudently*, or do I sometimes go beyond the bounds of courtesy and good taste? Have I given to each Brother, candidate, friend, and associate the consideration, help, and respect which they *justly deserve*, or have I let my own pride, comfort, and desires blind me to their needs?

These are the standards of Masonry applicable to our **pursuit of excellence**. It is not easy to apply them to ourselves. But then, being a master of any craft is never easy, and being the Master of oneself is perhaps the most difficult of all.

Condensed from an article by Grand Master Donald J. Flood, Grand Lodge of Minnesota



IN MEMORIAM

Brother Loren F. Lundy

Born August 7, 1909
 Raised February 18, 1947
 Passed away March 17, 2010

77 Year member DeMolay
 63 Year member Swope Park Lodge 617

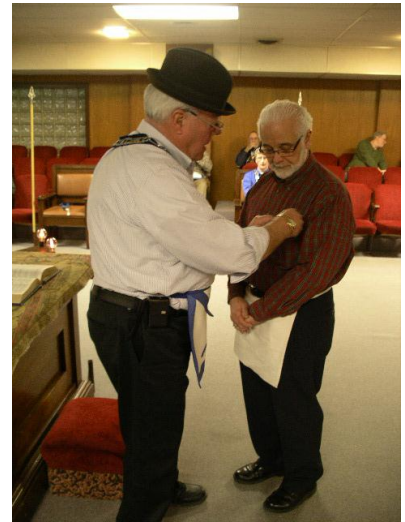
One by one they pass away, the brothers of our adoption, the companions of our choice. A brother whose hand we have clasped in the bonds of fraternal fellowship has passed from our sight.

Adieu! A heart-warm, fond adieu!
 Dear Brother of the Mystic tie!
 May Freedom, Harmony and Love,
 unite you in the Grand Design,
 Beneath the Omniscient Eye above.
 - Robert Burns



Masonic Anniversaries
 30 years or more

		Raised	Years
APRIL			
Edward	Pugh	4/27/1950	60
Kenneth	Scott	4/1/1954	56
Billy	Haynes	4/15/1954	56
Kenneth	Hyatt	4/28/1955	55
Glenn	Rogers	4/7/1959	51
Vernon	Johnson	4/11/1959	51
Edward	Arenson	4/30/1959	51
Ervin	Huebner	4/4/1961	49
Gary	Hanson	4/27/1962	48
Eugene	Sullins	4/12/1966	44
Stephen	Allison	4/6/1971	39
Melvin	Tacke	4/15/1980	30
MAY			
Howard	Harris	5/21/1946	64
Cletus	Losh	5/19/1948	62
Robert	Reagan	5/4/1950	60
Carl	Brockman	5/4/1951	59
Wallace	Reed	5/4/1951	59
Herbert	Vendig	5/10/1951	59
Jack	Cooper	5/8/1954	56
Roy	Stone	5/8/1954	56
Warren	Weston	5/8/1954	56
James	Cummins	5/22/1954	56
Edwin	Burr	5/22/1956	54
Russell	Wirt	5/22/1958	52
David	Christman	5/28/1966	44
Lawrence	Cameron	5/1/1969	41
Donald	Roscoe	5/24/1971	39
James	Pinson	5/25/1972	38
Gary	Leftridge	5/13/1976	34
David	Brown	5/2/1978	32
Fred	Aichele	5/10/1979	31
JUNE			
Kenneth	Gibson	6/1/1946	64
Jacob	Jenkins	6/28/1947	63
Rick	Van Doren	6/21/1949	61
William	Smith	6/15/1954	56
Robert	Fletchall	6/11/1955	55
Charles	Weedman	6/11/1955	55
Willard	Heidbrink	6/14/1956	54
Harry	Williams	6/20/1957	53
James	Stubbs	6/10/1959	51
George	Marcum	6/11/1960	50
Harold	Jordan	6/29/1961	49
Albert	Himegarner	6/14/1962	48
Harry	Albert	6/21/1962	48
Kyle	Dye	6/15/1963	47
Ralph	Elkins	6/15/1963	47
Nelson	Ruff	6/24/1976	34
James	Payne	6/14/1979	31



(Feb 25) WM **Jim Payne** presents Bro. **Armando Nunez** his Twenty Five Year Grand Lodge Jewel at our regular stated meeting Feb 25th. RWB **Larry Cameron**, representing the Grand Lodge of Missouri, made the announcement and rememced with Bro. Nunez about shared experiences in and outside the Lodge those many years ago. WB **Ken Best**, secretary, gave Brother "Armie's" Masonic history. He was initiated December, 1984, passed to FC the following February and raised February 20, 1985.



(March 11) WB **Kenny Best Sr.**, Secretary, (left) presents WB **Gary Barron** his 25 year GL Jewel. RWB **Larry Cameron** made the announcement and gave WB Barron's Masonic biography. Bro. Barron was initiated March 26 at East Gate Lodge 630 and later demitted to Swope Park Lodge, passed to FC May 14, 1981 and raised to the sublime degree of MM June 11, 1981. He was WM of Swope Park Lodge in 1990 and again in 2003. WB Barron is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason and serves as Almoner for the AASR Valley of Kansas City.

DEGREE WORK

INITIATED ENTERED APPRENTICE

ALEX WAYNE BARNES



(Jan 14) WM **Jim Payne** (l) and WB **Ken Best** (r) flank the first EA initiated in the New Year. WB Ken Best obligated the candidate and RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL, gave him the Lecture and Charge. There was a good turn out of Bro. Barnes' DeMolay chapter Brothers who are now members of Swope Park Lodge. Attending Bro. Barnes during the initiation as Stewards were Bro. **Danny Best**, SS and Bro. **Trevor Keller** as JS.

ROBERT LESLIE



(Jan 28) WM **Jim Payne** and WB **Mel Tacke** with **Robert Leslie**. WB Tacke obligated Brother Leslie, and the Lecture was given by RWB **Bill Van Meter** and the Charge by WB **Tom Butts**. WB Jim Payne was Bro. Robert's top line signer

MARK SCHMIDT



(Jan 28) WM **Jim Payne** and RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL, with **Maek Schmidt**. RWB Miller obligated Brother Schmidt, and the Lecture was given by RWB **Bill Van Meter** and the Charge by WB **Tom Butts**. Ken Best Sr. was Bro. Mark's top line signer

BRO. LABAN PASSED TO FELLOW CRAFT



(Feb 25) Bro. **Tom Laban** (center) was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft at a regular stated meeting. RWB **Larry Cameron** (left) obligated Bro. Tom. Due to a couple strategic absences because of sickness, we were not able to do the Second Section that evening. This will occur in March in conjunction with one or two other Brethren advancing to FC. WB **Dean Bezinque**, (right) was Bro. Tom's top line signer and is also his uncle.

RAISED TO MASTER MASON TREVOR ARMOND KELLER



(Mar 3) Brother **Trevor Keller** was raised at a special communication after "waiting a time with patience". Originally scheduled last January, but cancelled due to weather, Brother Trevor was obligated by RWB **Lawrence Cameron** (left) and Raised by Brother **Daniel Best**, Senior Steward. Brother Keller is the latest of a string of William F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay men who have become Masons upon becoming of age. Both Brethren are Chapter Past Master Councilors and, in fact, Swope Park's newly raised Master Mason is currently DeMolay Area 3 Master Councilor. He brought home the First Place trophy this past year for giving the Flower Talk, and was also honored for promoting his chapter by bringing in several new DeMolay members. Brother Daniel Best is currently Senior Master Councilor for the State. Brother Keller. These young Brethren exemplify the rewards reaped by Blue Lodges when they nurture and support the DeMolay Chapters. Swope Park's investment in the future assures we'll have strong ritualists and dedicated Masons for years to come. Special accolades to the Swope Park Brethren who work with the chapter- WB **Gary Dryer**, WB **Ken Best**, Brothers **Tony Broom**, **Kirk Fetteroff** and **Ed Culver**, specifically.

(Jan 30) A **Special Communication** was called for conferring the Master Mason degree upon Bro. **Trevor Keller**, FC. Due to the weather, there weren't enough Brethren to conduct the degree. The Lodge opened in the Second Degree for Bro. Keller to give back an almost perfect proficiency. We went up to the Third degree and Bro. **Stanley Jefferson** gave back a perfect Third Degree Proficiency. Bro. **Charles Farris**, SW, examined both Brethren.

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MORE DEGREE WORK

INITIATED ENTERED APPRENTICE PHIL ALVARADO



(March 11) Pictured above, left to right, Bro. **Charles Farris**, Bro. **Phil Alvarado**, RWB **David Coburn** and WM **Jim Payne**. Brother Phillip Michael Alvarado was initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry. Brother Charles Farris, SW, obligated him and he received the Lecture and Charge from RWB David Coburn. WB Jim Payne was Bro. Alvarado's top line signer.



SUPPORT THE MASONIC HOME AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

Ride the Goat

With the resurgence of interest in Freemasonry, lodges are once again busy with the conferral of our degrees. Just recently I overheard a young brother make the statement that he was sponsoring a friend to become a member, that he would "ride the goat". I asked him where he heard that term used. He replied that he had heard other older brethren use it and he thought it was cute to tease the prospective member....in essence brethren, he was following the lead of older brethren. I asked him if he knew what "ride the goat" meant, if he knew the origins of this term? His response was no so I elected to inform him of its origins. He looked at me in amazement as I explained it to him and he assured me he would never use it again.

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RAISED TO MASTER MASON ROBERT LESLIE



(March 13) Brother **Robert Leslie** (right) was raised by WM **Jim Payne** at the conclusion of a Chance to Advance Class held Saturday, March 12th at Summit Lodge Nr 263. Brother Leslie was one of twenty three EA and FC who advanced to the sublime degree of Master Mason at the all day class. In addition to the degrees, the Brethren received a comprehensive Masonic education on the Masonic Home and Out reach and the Child Identification Program. The Ritual and Lectures were well presented by several distinguished Grand Lodge officers. Particularly notable, Grand Lodge Treasurer RWB **Nick Cichiolo**, who gave an excellent Fellow Craft degree lecture in the manner of the New York ritual.

PASSED TO FELLOW CRAFT MARK SCHMIDT AND PHIL ALVARADO



(March 25) Brother **Mark Schmidt** was obligated by WB **Mel Tacke** (right) and received his Lecture and Charge from RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGM. Bro. **Justin Dryer** gave the Letter G Lecture.



(March 25) Brother **Phil Alvarado** was obligated by Bro. **Charles Farris** (right) and received his Lecture and Charge from RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGM. Bro. **Justin Dryer** gave the Letter G Lecture. WB **Jim Payne** (left) was First Line Signer.

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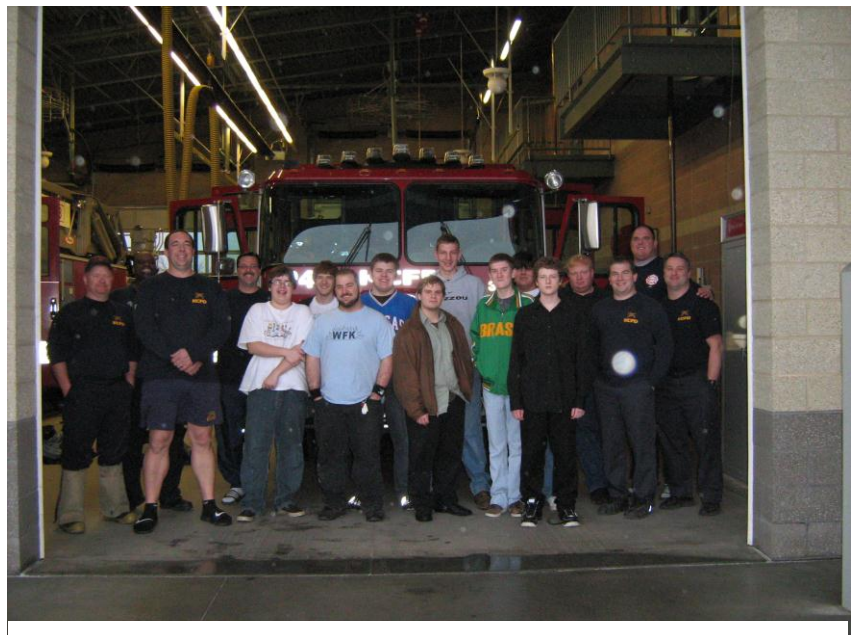


As many of you might know – March is DeMolay month. In honor of this – Wm F. Kuhn Chapter honored it in many ways.

Some of the things we did – Cooked and served dinner to the Masons on lodge night. We celebrated DeMolay Month by having birthday cake at our first meeting of the month. We collected and sent a package to one of our member's cousins serving in the Armed Services, We had a prospect party, Video night, Fund raiser Potato Bash, Took pizzas to the local Fire Station, and we had an awards dinner, honoring our parents. We distributed safety flyers to two local day care centers, we presented "HI DAD" book to the Mid Continent library. We initiated two honorary members RWB **Larry Cameron** and Brother **Charlie Farris**. We gave PM **Frank Chester** the "Hats Off" award for all of his continued support to our chapter. WE Honored Brother **Kevin Hampton** as "Mason of the Year". We are most proud of our proclamation we received from Kansas City, Missouri Mayor **Mark Funkhouser** – Named MARCH as DeMolay month. We concluded our celebration by attending church on Palm Sunday. Each and every day we all made a special effort to remember the meaning of our organization – and to all it represents.



RWB Cameron and Bro. Farris receive Honorary DeMolay Membership



Chapter members took pizza to the local Fire department



(Above) WB **Frank Chester** receives honors for his work with the Chapter.

(Right) The Chapter collected gift packages and sent them to members of the Armed Forces serving our country.

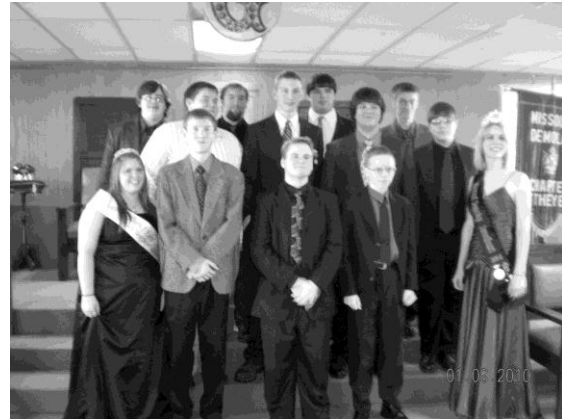




JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL NR. 1



Job's Daughter's Bethel Installation. (Above) 2010 Honor Queen Samantha Keller (right) with past Honor Queen Cassie Henderson.



(Above) Newly installed 2010 Honor Queen Samantha Keller with William F. Kuhn DeMolay Chapter.



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Ride the Goat (continued from page 5)

This term is a form of ridicule of our Fraternity. The god Pan has been around since the birth of mythology. Pan was a gentle god of the shepherds. He possessed long ears and horns and the lower half of his body was that of a goat. Early Christians drew upon this mythology, they modified and changed it. The once gentle Pan became Satan! To the common mind, Satan, or the devil was a he-goat. Thus the devil came into possession of horns, a tail and the cloven hoof.

During the early days of speculative Masonry in England, our Fraternity had many enemies and were mocked and ridiculed at every chance. Some of this ridicule was a bitter jest; that Freemasons were accustomed to raise the devil in their lodges; and of course the devil was to appear to them "riding on his goat"! Thus the belief was born that Freemasons "rode the goat", indicating that Freemasons were devil worshipers and anti-religious.

Every time a brother uses this term, he helps to perpetuate a ridicule of our Fraternity begun more than two hundred years ago.

Contributed by RWB Larry Cameron, PM