

## The Swope Park Masonic Temple Bodies Quarterly Newsletter



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**Jim Payne**  
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### The Mentoring Program

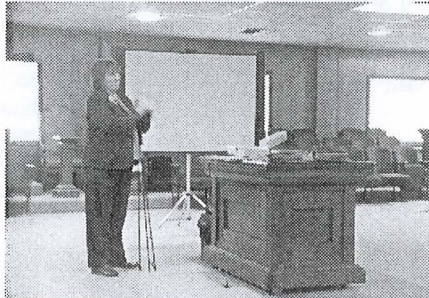
Brethren: Free Masonry is a system of continuing education. We bring good men in the fraternity and expose them to our precepts through initiation and advancement through the degrees. But, as top and second line signers, our work has just begun. I am asking that each of us participate in the mentoring program introduced earlier this Masonic year. We are obligated to share our knowledge of Masonry with every new Brother. This extends beyond solely on lodge night. We should make ourselves available to discuss the points inculcated in the ritual and flesh out the meaning and answer the new Brother's questions as they arise.

### Working with our Youth Groups

What a golden opportunity we have as Freemasons to help young people to live by the standards of those great virtues in Free Masonry we cherish so much. As young people progress through their formative years, let us recall to mind the words of Julius Caesar as he crossed the Rubicon: "The die is cast!" A night follows day, so adulthood follows youth. Freemasons might term youth as the cornerstone of life, a stone well-laid being a life well-begun. For the world, and for Freemasonry, it is during those precious years of youth that "the die is cast!" If during these years of turmoil, our Craft should do nothing more than to raise up and encourage, under the protecting wing of our Lodge, a few hundred young men and women committed to princely behavior, even though such behavior might not be 'in'--that in itself will be a significant contribution toward reestablishing the wholesome atmosphere we need so desperately. And the mighty role it plays thereby will be in the best of Masonic traditions. What a golden opportunity we have as Freemasons to help young people to live by the standards of those great virtues in Free Masonry we cherish so much.

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### MASONIC HOME PROGRAM

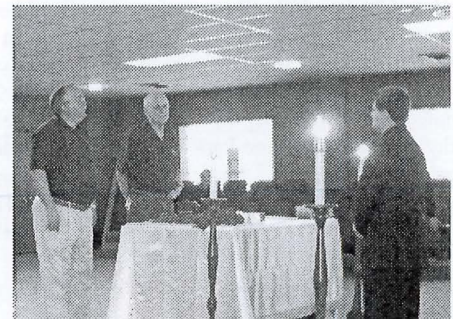


(May 13) Swope Park Lodge held an Open Lodge for a Masonic Home Program presentation conducted by Ms **Shannon Findley**, Public Relations Assistant. Over twenty Brethren and Guests were treated to a very informative presentation that covered the assisted living facility on Bannister road, the Outreach Program and the Children's Outreach Program. An annual average of 165 persons participate in the Mo. Masonic Home Programs and receive \$ 1.2 million dollars in aid. While most of us were familiar with the Home on Bannister road, few are aware of the benefits available through the Outreach Program. This program assists brethren, their widows and orphans in need through Monthly financial assistance to meet their household operating deficit to continue living in their homes or in the facility on Bannister, or meet specific non-routine expenses such as eye glasses, medical bills or hearing aids, dentures, utility bills or insurance premiums. The Masonic Home also has donated equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and other medical equipment available to members on a short or long term basis. Eligibility requirements are that you are in good standing at the time of application, or for your widow to receive benefits, good standing at the time of the death of the Mason. There are age and length of service requirements also. If you are over 60, you must have been a member at least 20 years. Over 50, 15 years, 40 years of age, 10 years and under 40 at least 5 years. If you wish more information on the program, or know of anyone who is in need and meets the qualifications, contact Brother Jim O'Shea, 520 5393 or Lodge Secretary Ken Best at 961 7236.

### MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON



(May 8) Swope Park Lodge held its First Annual Mother's Day Luncheon with approximately forty diners enjoying a spaghetti and meatballs/Italian sausage dinner complete with salad, Italian bread and dessert. The meal was prepared by RWB **Larry Cameron** and Bro **Charlie Farris**, with various desserts provided by members of the Lodge and their wives. Assisting with the serving, bussing of tables and clean up were the young women and men from Job's Daughter's Bethel 1 and William F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay. The event was the second family function this year where the Lodge Brothers cooked and served the ladies. Members of Swope Park Chapter 520, O.E.S, William F. Kuhn Chapter 139, Royal Arch Masons and brethren from neighboring Lodges were also present and enjoyed an excellent meal and fellowship. Following the meal, all retired to the Lodge room for an excellent presentation (below) of the Flower Talk by Bro **Trevor Keller**. He is the reigning Missouri DeMolay state champion in the presentation of this moving monologue dedicated to all Mothers and women. Following the presentation, each of the ladies received a red carnation.



## SWOPE PARK OES CHAPTER 520



**Barbara Jefferson** was initiated at our June meeting. She is shown between with **Pat Neece**, Worthy Matron and **Brad Patten**, Worthy Patron. **Richard Houston**, Past Patron presided during the conferring of degrees.

### Our Recent Meetings

The April meeting was held at the Masonic Home. We were honored to have **Sister Amy Tripi**, Worthy Grand Matron; **Brother Leonard Stephenson**, Worthy Grand Patron; **Sister Lenora Miller**, Grand Chaplain and **Sister Jan Clark**, Grand Organist present for this historic meeting. This was the first Eastern Star meeting held at the home and several residents of the home attended the meeting. The Worthy Matron honored the Secretary for all she does

At our May meeting we had Friendship Night with honored chapters being Golden Gate, Grandview and Blue Springs. We were pleased to have 71 in attendance at this meeting. We had a wonderful potluck salad supper before the meeting. The Mothers were honored by the Worthy Matron.

June meeting found us initiating **Barbara Jefferson**. The Fathers and Master Masons were honored by the Worthy Matron. We elected **Jess Hilliard** to membership at this meeting. He is a member of Swope Park Lodge 617. He will be initiated at our August meeting. His wife is **Sister Sandra Hayes**.

### News of Our Members

We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have died recently. **Sister Beverlee Gomerding** passed away April 10<sup>th</sup> and **Sister Lena Hagler** passed away April 14<sup>th</sup>. We also received word that **Sister Camille Newingham**, PGM and **Brother Kirk Carlin**, PGP passed away. **Sister Susan Thomas** has transferred her membership to Independence Chapter.

### Coming Events

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** we will ballot on a petition

**July 24<sup>th</sup>** 2 p.m. at the Masonic Home there will be a meeting to organize the new 11<sup>th</sup> District. This is part of the state wide redistricting which goes into effect after Grand Chapter. The 11<sup>th</sup> District will be composed of the chapters in the 59<sup>th</sup> District and 3 of the chapters in the 22<sup>nd</sup> District.

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** we will have initiation and bring school supplies

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** will be election of officers and we will bring school supplies

**October 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>** is Grand Chapter in Joplin

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** we will have a dinner before the meeting to honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** (Sat) at 2 p.m. will be installation of the 2011 Officers We would be pleased to see many members at all of these events.

### Meet Your Worthy Matron

**Sister Pat Neece** is our 2010 Worthy Matron. She was initiated March 14, 1977 into East Gate Chapter 367. She transferred to Ivanhoe Chapter 244 on November 11, 1986. While at Ivanhoe she served as Worthy Matron in 1990, 1995 and 1999. **Sister Pearl Harrell**, WGM appointed her Grand Representative of Ontario in 1998. Pat transferred her membership to Swope Park Chapter June 19, 2001. **Sister Debbie Royce**, WGM appointed her District Deputy Grand Matron of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District in 2004. She served as Worthy Matron of Swope Park Chapter in 2005 and now again in 2010. Pat is a "cat person" who loves cats. She retired from US Bank in December of 2008. Since then she has enjoyed being a volunteer at the Masonic Home in the ceramics department. Pat says this is her last time as Worthy Matron. We will see what the membership thinks of this.

*Lois Patten, Secretary*

### From the West:

Charlie Farris, SW



No Mason should begin climbing the flight of stairs to the Master's Chair in the East without first pledging, to himself, that he will dedicate and devote all his energy and zeal in order that he might fulfill all the duties of each office he will hold to the absolute best of his ability. The system of Historic Precedent adopted in almost all Masonic lodges whereby the Steward with the most seniority is appointed Junior Deacon, the Junior Deacon is appointed Senior Deacon, etc., is a fertile breeding ground for the insidious disease of indifference. When there is no competition for an office, when no candidate must prove himself more qualified or prepared than another to assume a chair, pride can and does get lost.

Each appointed line officer must solemnly and sincerely promise and swear to himself that he will fulfill the obligations and perform the duties of his station better than they have been done by any other since he has been a member of his lodge. And, when elevated, he will try, to the best of his ability, to do better than the brother now serving. He should also observe all the subtleties of his next station, not only that they might perform their necessary duties well, but that they may be able to add to their special personalities the strength that separates leaders from the appointed officers.

Pride begets pride; enthusiasm spawns enthusiasm. When officers display the virtues of enthusiasm for their station and pride of accomplishment, the membership of the lodge will be more willing to support them in all their endeavors. When all officers display a sincere love and concern for the Craft, respect for the brothers and humility with their authority, Masonry must prosper.

Remember, as an elected or appointed line officer, the lodge is not there to serve you. Your priority, as a line officer, is to serve the brethren and the lodge.

Reference: Planning for the East, Committee on Education, Grand Lodge of Missouri

### PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR LODGE OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGE

We need to know when you move to keep you current in the Lodge records.

Send an address change card to:

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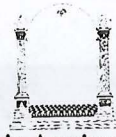
**CHIPS PROGRAM PRESENTATION**



(April 8) Bro. **Brad Fowler**, MO CHIP Technical Coordinator, thanked by WM **Jim Payne** at the conclusion of a great CHIPS program presentation. Bro. Brad informed the Lodge that 96,206 Missouri children have been processed since the program started. Of the 597 programs, Swope Park has sponsored six so far and is tentatively planning at least two more by the end of this year.

**HICKMAN MILLS CSD #1  
MOCHIP  
EVENT SCHEDULED**

Swope Park Lodge #617 has scheduled a MOCHIP's event on August 7th, at Hickman Mills 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, (formerly Hickman Mills High School) in conjunction with the Three Trails Community Day. The event time will be from 11 AM to 4 PM. The Three Trails Community Day is a family oriented event with a carnival like atmosphere that includes entertainment and activities for children (i.e. face painting and story telling) and adults alike. Although not finalized, exhibits could possibly include a MAST Ambulance, a fire truck, helicopter, climbing wall and obstacle course. There is no cost to attend and in the past has been a great success. The school district expects a large turnout again for this event. At the MoChip event last year, we registered 187 children. Volunteers to assist in the registration process will be graciously accepted. To volunteer, please contact, Bro. Charles Farris at 816-761-6667 or by email at [sailorretired@netscape.net](mailto:sailorretired@netscape.net). Hickman Mills 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center is located at 9010 Old Santa Fe Road, Kansas City, MO. Further information will be disseminated as it becomes available



**Masonic Anniversaries  
30 years or more**

		Raised	Years
<b>JULY</b>			
Harry	Brown	7/28/1945	65
Walter	Metz	7/18/1946	64
Glenn	Huff	7/8/1950	60
Donald	Bigler	7/16/1953	57
Hugh	Brown	7/1/1954	56
Richard	Gauert	7/5/1956	54
Forrest	Bland	7/21/1956	54
Thomas	Loftin	7/27/1959	51
Cloyd	Green	7/16/1963	47
Edward	Sweeney	7/14/1964	46
Richard	Edwards	7/9/1965	45
Henry	Martz	7/26/1966	44
Bernard	Tippie	7/8/1971	39
Marshall	Rimann	7/25/1974	36
James	Biles	7/10/1975	35
Richard	Brown	7/13/1978	32
<b>AUGUST</b>			
John	Flannagan	8/10/1948	62
George	Landes	8/5/1950	60
Elston	Patton	8/15/1953	57
Ronald	Moore	8/30/1954	56
Roger	James	8/25/1956	54
Edward	Lyle	8/2/1960	50
John	Nelson	8/1/1967	43
Donald	Morgan	8/14/1971	39
William	Hobson	8/26/1971	39
Harley	Manker	8/25/1977	33
Edward	Nolan	8/24/1978	32
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Evald	Lofgren	9/14/1946	64
Joedan	Saunders	9/24/1949	61
John	Edwards	9/30/1950	60
Max	Alexander	9/29/1962	48
Herman	Jones	9/10/1973	37
Donald	Reid	9/5/1977	33
Donald	Matney	9/15/1981	29



Support the Masonic Home Outreach program

**MASONIC CUSTOMS, CONDUCT  
and PROTOCOL**

One important tradition that must be honored is not to pass between the Alter and the Master. This rule must be adhered to even when the Lodge is "at ease". The reason for this tradition is obscure, but conjecture suggests that it is so not to conceal the Master's view of our Great Lights at the Alter.

Our etiquette encourages the wearing of appropriate clothing at Lodge. If attending after work, it is acceptable to attend in work clothing. Each Lodge has it's own standards, but attending in shorts, beach or other like attire is usually unacceptable. Officers and Brethren are to wear aprons during Lodge meetings, and is worn on the outside of the jacket. The Junior Deacon will procure an apron from the Tiler for a forgetful Brother. Lodge Officers will wear the apron of their office. The individual functioning as that officer wears the Office Jewel.

When addressing the Master, Officers, or the fraternity, it is appropriate to stand and say "Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren.

Non- essential should be avoided during opening/closing ritual, the business session and especially during degree work. If the Lodge is put "at ease", a conversation with a neighbor in a low breath is acceptable.

It is discourteous to leave the Lodge during a speech, examination, lecture or during the conferring of a degree. Emergencies are the exception.

To leave a tiled lodge, one should arise, go to the center of the Lodge, West of the Alter (if a brother is an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, the Senior Deacon will arise and meet the Brother West of the alter) and wait for the Master to rise. The Brother desiring to leave (and the Senior Deacon, if applicable) then give the sign of the degree that the Lodge is at Labor on. When the Master returns to the sign, permission has been granted to exit the Lodge. The Junior Deacon will arise and open the door for the departing brother. Travel to the Alter and then to the Outer Door will be on the square (square corner turns). Likewise, when the Master states "all who are not Fellow Crafts (or Master Masons) will please retire". The existing procedure is the same as stated above.

*Jim Payne, WM*

## DEGREE WORK

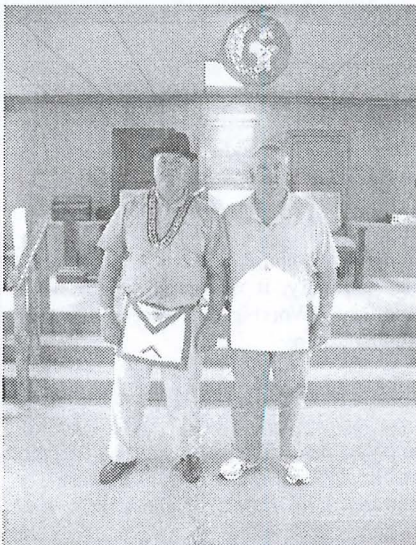
### INITIATED ENTERED APPRENTICE

(April 3) Brother **Michael Joseph Pappa** was initiated an Entered Apprentice at a special communication. He was obligated by Bro. **Charles Farris**, SW, and received the Lecture from RWB **Glen Burrows**, Region C Regional Grand Lecturer and the Charge from RWB **David Colburn**.

(April 3) Brother **William A. Caldwell** was initiated an Entered Apprentice at a special communication. He was obligated by WB **Ken Best, Sr.**, and received the Lecture from RWB **Glen Burrows**, Region C Regional Grand Lecturer and the Charge from RWB **David Colburn**.



(June 24) Brother **Jason Newcomer** was conferred an Entered Apprentice by his Maternal Grandfather, WB **Jim Payne** (left). His Paternal Grandfather, (far right) Bro. **C.J. Newcomer**, was Junior Steward. His Father, Bro. **Russ Newcomer**, (right of candidate) was Senior Steward. Thee Lecture and Charge was given by RWB **Glen Burrows**, Region C Grand Lecturer. RWB Burrows spoke afterward, commenting that "the first born son of a Mason, who becomes a Free Mason, is termed a "Lewis." Brothers Jason and Russell Newcomers, as well as WB Jim Payne, are deemed to be a "Lewis".



(May 27) Brother **Chris Duncan** was initiated an Entered Apprentice at the regular communication this date. He was obligated by RWB **Larry Cameron** and given the Lecture and Charge by RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL. Notibly, the Junior Steward's position was abily done by Bro. **Alex Barnes**, a recently made Entered Apprentice.

### Upcoming degree conferrals SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

July 10 8 Am  
Three (3) Second Degrees

July 22 7 PM  
One Third degree Degrees

July 24  
Two Third Degrees

## OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 8 - 2 PM to 4 PM  
SWOPE PARK LODGE NR 617 AF & AM

All interested parties are invited to an Open House Saturday, August 8th between 2 PM and 4 PM for the purpose of learning about Free Masonry and what we, Swope Park Lodge, the Eastern Star Chapter, Job's Daughters and DeMolay are about. There will be programs on the Appendant bodies and officers from the various Masonic bodies available to answer any questions and give information on our various activities such as the CHIPS Program and Masonic Home.

Please bring your prospective Candidates to this event

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## MASTER MASON



(April 14) Brother **Phil Alvarado** was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by RWB **Carl Terry**, (not pictured), in a special communication. He was obligated by Bro. **Charles Farris** (left), given the Lecture by RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL, (right) and given the Charge by RWB **Glen Burris**, Region C Grand Lecturer (far right).



(May 1) Bro. **Mark Schmidt** was obligated by WB **Mel Tacke** (left) and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. **Trevor Keller** (right) at a special communication Saturday, May 1st. Brother Keller presented the newly raised MM with his father's Masonic Ring afterward. Swope Park Lodge is grateful to WB **Robert Vanacter**, Master of Alpha Lodge Nr 659, WB **Tom Butts**, Master of Albert Pike Lodge Nr 219 and WB **John Arterburn**, PM and member of Ivanhoe Lodge Nr. 446, for attending the Saturday Special Communication and assisting us confer the degree. RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL, gave Bro. Schmidt his Lecture and Charge. WB **Ken Best**, Swope Park Lodge Secretary, fed the participants a great biscuits and gravy breakfast before the degree work. We opened in the Second Degree to take Bro. Schmidt's proficiency exam. RWB **Larry Cameron** sat in the East and did the Examination, given almost perfectly by Brother Schmidt.

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## WILLIAM F. KUHN CHAPTER ORDER OF DEMOLAY



(April 25) members of the Wm F Kuhn DeMolay chapter, Job's Daughter's Bethel and Swope Park Lodge rolled out Sunday morning to participate in a Temple wide Fund Raiser Bowling Tournament. Teams drew up combining members of the Masonic bodies who competed as teams. We had a total of 13 bowlers raise a total of \$665. The Job's Daughter's team of **Jayna Walden** and **Ashley Otte** won the grand prize of \$25 Best Buy Gift Card (a piece) and the second place winners of a \$10 gift card were WM **Jim Payne** and DeMolay Master Councilor (and Master Mason) **Trevor Keller**. Highest average scorers were: Bro. **Ron Hilliar**, 224, WB **Gary Dryer** 202 and Bro. **Tony Broome** 193. A great time was had by all!

### (Working with our Youth Groups, cont.)

As young people progress through their formative years, let us recall to mind the words of Julius Caesar as he crossed the Rubicon: "The die is cast!" A night follows day, so adulthood follows youth. Brethren: Come out and support our youth groups. Make a difference! I have heard this directly from one of the young men in our Lodge more than once. "If it wasn't was the DeMolay, my life would have taken a different course-probably ending up in prison. I had no direction or positive role models."

### My last article as Master of this Lodge.

Finally, Brethren: listen and live by the teachings of our Masonic lectures. Remember that Charity is the first lesson we were taught. Let the Tenants of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth guide us in our daily actions. Remember that we should always temper our actions by the four cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Thank you, Brethren, for the privilege of serving our Lodge this year.

*Jim Payne WM*

### NEWS FROM STATE CONCLAVE

WOW!! William F Kuhn Chapter swept the competition away again this year at Conclave! Wm. F Kuhn got Chapter of the Year again Our boys are SUPER ACHIEVERS!

In Ritual competition, **Trevor Keller** took second place as Second Preceptor, the Flower Talk, and Best Inquisitive-all Senior Division. He also took Third Place at the Sixth Preceptor. **William A. Caldwell** took Third place in the Ceremony of Lights, Chaplain and second place in the Magnificent Seven event and the Orator competition-all Senior Division. **Dakota Parkinson** took Third Place as Seventh Preceptor in the Senior Division and **Jeffrey Alvis** took Second Place as Senior deacon in the Junior Division. In Sports competition, **Danny Best** took Third in the Three Point Shot Competition and Third in Individual Bowling. Most important, however, was the Chapter got the Sportsmanship Award. Also, worthy of mention, we are proud to state that Dad **Kenny Best** was Honored as Mason of the Year, Dad **Gary Dryer** was elected Area Three Governor and Dad **Ed Culver**. **Connie Best** and **Daniel Best** were given the Masters Award for Service with the Youth.

### TEMPLE FUND RAISER EVENT

(April 28) Members of Swope Park Lodge and their wives and friends worked a KC Royals baseball game parking cars for a Building Board donation on a blustery sunny day. Participating were: WB **Mel Tacke** and wife **Diane**, Bro. **Charlie Farris** and wife **Cheryl**, Bro. **Jim O'Shea** and friend **Christa**, Bro. WB **Dean Bezenque**, Bro. **Tom Laban**, WB **Jim Payne** and **Tamera Hill**, wife of Bro. Steve Hill. \$ 250 was raised for 2 1/2 hours worked. A hearty "thank you" to those who came out. WB Ken Best, Sr. works security at the games and set the event up with the Royals organization.

### BUILDING BOARD FUND RAISERS

Wm F Kuhn RAM Donation 3/4	\$ 500
DeMolay Bowling Event 4/25	\$ 310
Royal s Baseball Game work 4/28	\$ 250
Mother's Day Luncheon 5/8	\$ 92
Quality Hill Ticket Drawing 3/4	<u>\$ 80</u>
Year to date	\$1232

**Thank You !!**



### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS QUARTER

Here is a schedule of the special events and upcoming degree work for Swope Park Lodge:

**July 8** - 6:30 PM - KCPD Program regarding "Smash & Grab" Incidents and the prevention of same.

**July 10** - 8:00 AM - SPECIAL - Three Second Degrees. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 AM, Lodge will open at 8:00 AM.

**July 17** - 8:00 AM - Work day at lodge. Breakfast at 8:00 AM work to follow. (Fix Flagpole, install outside cameras and other projects.)

**July 22** - 7:00 PM - SPECIAL - One Third Degree.

**July 24** - 8:00 AM - SPECIAL - Two Third Degrees. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 AM, Lodge will open at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**Aug 7** - 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM - MOCHIP event at Hickman Mills 8th & 9th Grade Center (Formerly Hickman Mill High School), 9010 Old Santa Fe Road, Kansas City, MO 64134. Set up is scheduled for 9:30 AM (Subject to Change).

**Aug 8** - 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Swope Park Lodge Open House. More info to follow.

**Aug 12** - 7:00 PM - SPECIAL - One Second Degree. and **Annual Election of Officers**

**September 23** - **Step up Night**. New Officer line move up to next chair and conduct Lodge.



### *In Memoriam*

No deaths reported to Editor



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