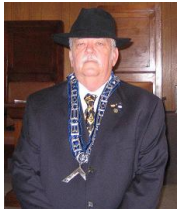


The Swope Park Masonic Temple Bodies Quarterly Newsletter



**Master's
 Trestle Board**

Charles A. Farris
 Worshipful
 Master

I extend greetings to all members of the **Swope Park Masonic Family**. I thank the brethren of the Lodge for having the faith and confidence in my ability to be Worshipful Master. I will work hard to justify your faith and confidence. To **our** Swope Park Chapter Eastern Star and William F. Kuhn Chapter Royal Arch Masons, you are valuable members of **our** Masonic Family and I hope we can continue to work together and keep **our** family strong. To **our** youth groups, William F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay, Job's Daughters Bethel One and Squires, you are the future of **our** Masonic Family and I hope you will continue to grow and maintain the level of excellence you have demonstrated in the past.

Brethren, this year's theme will be **"Do More Than Belong...Participate, Do More Than Care...Help."** **We**, as a group, must continue to work together to keep **our** Lodge moving forward through new membership and maintaining a high degree of ritual proficiency.

I have been in Swope Park Lodge for only four and a half years and have made a few observations. I have seen that when it comes to getting things done in and around the Lodge, there are only about four or five individuals who consistently step forward to lend a hand. Sometime in the future, these four or five brothers will not be with us to help. **Who will then step forward?** This Lodge belongs to each of us, and while we are unable to assist with every event or program that is presented, each of us should endeavor to participate whenever and as much as we can. I challenge each of you to look in the mirror and ask yourself, "Am I doing as much as I can to help Swope Park Lodge grow and prosper?" For the officers, "Am I being the leader that was expected of me when I accepted the position to **serve** my brethren after being elected or appointed as an Officer?" For those of you who are honest enough with yourself to say "no" to the previous questions, (cont. page 5 col. 1)

SWOPE PARK LODGE NR. 617 100TH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



(Oct 2) Pictured left to right, front: RWB **Paul Miller**, Installing Master, Bro. **Justin Dryer**, SW; WB **Charles Farris**, WM; Bro. **Ed Culver**, JW; Bro. **Stanley Jefferson**, Marshal. Rear, left to right, RWB **Larry Cameron**, Installing Marshal; WB **Jim Windhausen**, Sr. Steward; WB **Ken Best, SR**, Secretary; Bro. **Jim O'Shea, Jr.** Deacon; WB **Gary Dryer**, Treasurer and WB **Jim Payne**, Tiler. Not Pictured: Bro. **Jim Lowman, Jr.** Steward, WB **Mel Tacke**, Installing Sr. Deacon and RWB **Marshall Rimann**, Installing Chaplain. WB Jim Payne, MC, opened the 100th Installation of Swope Park Lodge at 3 PM. After welcoming the honored guests and Masonic family OES Sisters and Blue Lodge Brethren, the incoming Officers escorted their ladies to their seats. The Wm F Kuhn Chapter DeMolay presented the colors and a flag ceremony and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Job's Daughter's Bethel Br 1 then gave an outstanding Bible Ceremony. (cont. page 8)



**SWOPE PARK
 CHAPTER 520
 Order of the Eastern
 Star**

Chapter Birthday

October 19th we will celebrate our chapter birthday. Swope Park Chapter was instituted in 1924. All members are welcome to the

catered dinner at 6:15 p.m. The Job's Daughters Bethel #1 will be assisting us with serving and clean up. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons will be honored at the meeting.

Installation

November 13th, 2 p.m. will be the installation of officers at Swope Park Temple. Refreshments will be served following the installation. This is an open installation with members and friends invited to attend. Elected officers to be installed are Sister **Holly Johnson**, Worthy Matron; Brother **Preston Pemberton**, Worthy Patron; Sister **Alby Shipman**, Associate Matron; Brother **Richard Houston**, Associate Patron; Sister **Lois Patten**, Secretary; Sister **Barbara Stillman**, Treasurer; Sister **Rita Hanson**, Conductress and Sister **Deb Merrick**, Associate Conductress

Membership

Welcome to Sister **Erin Harman** and Brother **Jess Hilliard** who were initiated recently. Also welcome to the following who became dual members: Sister **Tonya Culver**, Brother **Ed Culver**, Sister **Terry Scarborough** and Sister **Connie Sohn**. We are pleased to have these new members join our chapter. We lost two members due to death **Sister Dorothy Gregory** and Brother **Brad Patten**. (continued. page 5, column 3)

LODGE WORK SESSION



(July 17) Several members of Swope Park Lodge, Job's Daughters and the DeMolay Chapter put in a good morning's work cleaning and repairing fixtures at the temple. Shown above, left to right, RWB **Larry Cameron**, Bro. **Charles Farris** and Bro. **Mark Schmidt** are replacing light fixtures downstairs in Shotwell Hall. **Rich DeCourcy** and WB **Jim Payne** installed wiring for the new parking lot security cameras and monitor while Bro. Farris, with the aid of the DeMolay members, replaced the flag pole lanyard. The Job's Daughters cleaned the dining area, kitchen and Lodge room and reorganized their storage area upstairs.

TEMPLE OPEN HOUSE



(Aug 28) The Swope Park Temple Masonic bodies held an open house for visitors and prospective members Saturday. Shown above, Wm F Kuhn chapter DeMolay giving an excellent presentation to the guests on their order, led by MC **Claton Stiff**. The Swope Park Lodge presentation was conducted by RWB **Larry Cameron**, who gave a brief history of Swope Park Lodge 617 following an excellent DVD documentary on Masonry. Sister **Rita Hanson** spoke on the Order of Eastern Star followed by a great presentation on Job's daughters by Sister **Janna Walden**, Bethel Nr 1 Guardian. Finally, Sister **Tammy Laughlin** Adult Leader of the Squires of the Round table summed the event up very eloquently, stating the positive impact of Masonry on the young people involved in the youth groups at the Temple. We had a big turn out of visitors and prospective members.

SWOPE PARK TEMPLE'S SEVENTH C.H.I.P.S EVENT



(August 7) Swope Park Lodge sponsored it's seventh, and most successful, C.H.I.P.S event. It was held at Hickman Mills Middle School during the annual Three Trails festival. We processed 123 children, entering their identification data into a CD disk and a photo ID, which included their electronic finger prints. Working the event, which started at 11 AM and finished at 4 PM, were members representing all the Masonic bodies which meet at Swope Park temple.

Swope Park Chapter 520 Order of Eastern Star was represented by Sisters **Jayna Walden**, **Alby Shipman** and **Jane Withers**. **Job's Daughters Bethel Nr 1** attendees were **Victoria O'Dell**, **Samantha Keller**, **Ashley Otte**, **Isabella Jimenez** and **Tina Anders**. **Wm. F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay** workers were **Tyler Walden** and **Anthonie Martnez**. **Swope Park Lodge Nr. 617** participants were Brothers **Alex Barnes**, **Charles Farris** and wife **Cheryl Farris**, **Jim O'Shea**, **Gary Dryer**, **Jim Payne**, **Phil Alvarado**, **Gary Barron**, **Larry Cameron**, **Mike Anderson**, **Mark Schmidt**, **Chris Duncan**, **Ken Best**, **Ed Culver** and wife **Tonya Culver** Sister **Jayna Walden** is also Job's daughter's Bethel Guardian. Brother **Alex Barnes** is also a member of the DeMolay Chapter, and Brothers **Farris**, **Payne**, **Anderson** and **Ken Best** also represented **Wm F Kuhn Chapter 139 Royal Arch Masons**. This was an outstanding turnout of the members of Swope Park Temple family, clearly exemplifying one of the key stones of our Masonic fraternity- service to our community.



(Right) Brother **Phil Alvarado**, Swope Park lodge, setting up to receive data for inputting CHIPS participants

(left) Brother **Charles Farris**, far right, CHIPS coordinator for our lodge, with Job's Daughter's member **Victoria O'Dell** and Brother **Alex Barnes**, Wm F Kuhn DeMolay and Swope Park Lodge member, setting up to process the children for the CHIPS program.





MASONIC SERVICE AWARDS

Masonic Anniversaries (Over twenty years)

Name		Raised	Years
OCTOBER			
Edward	Miller	10/29/1936	74
William	Flora	10/16/1953	57
Lewis	Robb	10/7/1954	56
John	Schollenberger	10/3/1957	53
Everett	Bozarth	10/17/1957	53
Van	Gillespie	10/28/1967	43
Edward	Welch	10/28/1971	39
Eric	Peterson	10/3/1972	38
James	Starke	10/12/1972	38
Ernest	Bell	10/8/1973	37
Harold	Martin	10/10/1974	36
Gary	Mullins	10/13/1977	33
John	Kennedy	10/23/1986	24
NOVEMBER			
Marion	Bybee	11/26/1949	61
Martin	Baier	11/7/1950	60
Harvey	Johnson	11/20/1952	58
Willis	Baker	11/1/1956	54
Fred	Von Dorn	11/13/1956	54
James	Dewar	11/1/1958	52
Wm	Frazier	11/5/1963	47
Jack	Clark	11/15/1966	44
Karl	Roscoe	11/27/1967	43
Stephen	Morgan	11/14/1968	42
William	Groll	11/11/1982	28
William	Scofield	11/9/1989	21
DECEMBER			
Wilbur	Feagan	12/11/1944	66
Hulen	Luetjen	12/17/1946	64
Franklin	Whiting	12/16/1948	62
Courtland	Sanders	12/10/1949	61
Clyde	Rayburn	12/15/1955	55
Frank	Chester	12/16/1977	33
Floyd	Scheinost	12/14/1978	32
Oren	Woods	12/10/1982	28

65 Years

WB HARRY BROWN

Raised July 28, 1945. Past Master Swope Park Lodge 617 in 1954. And Past Master of York Lodge 563. Was presented a Certificate of Commemoration for his sixty five Years of membership and service To Swope Park Lodge. **WB Harry Brown** is also a 78 year member Of the Order of De Molay and a Past High Priest of WM F Kuhn Chapter Royal Arch Masons



RWB **Larry Cameron** (center) made the presentation along with **WB Jim Payne** (left).

25 Years

BROTHER BRAD PATTEN



Raised August 8, 1985. Served four times as Worthy Patron, Swope Park Chapter 520 OES. Brother Patten was visited by **WB Jim Payne**, Bro. **Charles Farris**, RWB **Larry Cameron** and **WB Ken Best**, August 2, and presented to Brother **Brad Patten** a 25 year certificate of service and his 25 year membership service jewel, given to his wife, Sister Lois Patten, to pin upon him.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brother **Trevor Keller**, Private E-2, (right) recently graduated from Army Basic Training at Ft Leonard Wood Missouri. He is currently attending Foreign Language School in Monterey, California. Living up to his Masonic promise to be of service to his fellow man and country.



In Memoriam

Edward P Arenson
Born April 18, 1930
Raised April 30, 1959
Passed June 16, 2010

Ervin H. Huebner
Born August 26, 1918
Raised April 4, 1961
Passed June 28, 2010

William (Brad) Patten
Born March 25, 1933
Raised August 8, 1985
Passed August 4, 2010

Dale G Carter
Born December 7, 1927
Raised January 19, 1975
WM Swope Park Lodge 1980
Passed August 19, 2010

SWOPE PARK MASONIC BODIES MEETINGS DATE AND TIME

Swope Park Lodge Nr 617 AF & AM Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:30 PM

Swope Park Order Eastern Star Chapter 520 Third Tuesday each month 7:30 PM

Job's Daughters Bethel Nr 1 and Jobie-2-Bees Second and Fourth Mondays 7:30 PM

Wm F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay and Squires of the Round Table First and Third Thursdays 7:30 PM

Wm F Kuhn Royal Arch Masons Chapter 139 First Tuesday 7:30 PM

SWOPE PARK TEMPLE STUDY CLUB Wednesdays 7:30 PM

DEGREE WORK



WB Tacke, Bro. Barnes and RWB Miller



RWB Cameron, Bro. Caldwell and RWB Paul Miller, DDGL.



Bro. Farris, Bro. Duncan and RWB Paul Miller.

(July 10) A special communication was held to pass to the degree of Fellow Craft Brothers **Alex Barnes**, **William A. Caldwell** and **Chris Duncan**. Brother Barnes was obligated by WB **Mel Tacke** with Bro. **Charles Farris** SW and RWB **Larry Cameron** SD. Brother William A. Caldwell was obligated by RWB Larry Cameron with Bro. Charles Farris, SW and WB Mel Tacke SD. Brother Chris Duncan was obligated by Bro. Charles Farris with RWB Larry Cameron SW and WB Mel Tacke SD. The Lecture and Charge for all three Brethren, and Bro. **Tom Laban**, FC, was given by RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL Bro. **Justin Dryer** gave the Letter "G" Lecture. WB **Jim Payne** was JW in the second section of the degree. WB **Frank Chester** served as Chaplain, WB **Mike Luellen**, Tiler, Bro. **Stanley Jefferson** was JD and WB **Gary Barron** served as SS in all three degree conferrals. Bro. **Mark Schmidt** was JS in Bro. Barnes' degree, Bro. Barnes was then JS in Bro. Caldwell's degree and Bro. Caldwell served as JS in the conferral of Bro. Duncan's degree.

MASTER MASON



(July 22) Brother **Tom Laban**, second from the left) was raised to the sublime degree of MM by Brother **Charles Farris**, SW (left). RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL (right) gave the lecture and Charge. WB **Dean Bezinque**, to the right of the candidate, is his uncle and top line signer. In the absence of WB Jim Payne, WM, Brother Farris opened, presided in the East and closed the Lodge for his first time. He has conferred all three degrees this year

FELLOWCRAFT



(Aug 12) Brother **Jason Newcomer** (second from left) was passed to the degree of FC . His father, Bro. **Russ Newcomer** (left) was Senior Steward, Grandfather **Charles Newcomer** (right) Junior Steward, Grandfather **WB Jim Payne** (second from right) obligated him and **RWB Paul Miller**, DDGL, center) gave the Lecture and Charge. Letter G lecture was given by Bro. **Justin Dryer**, JW. Brother Jason Newcomer is a fourth generation Free Mason, extending down from his maternal Grandfather's lineage.

MASTER MASON



(Sept 23) Brother **Chris Duncan**, right, was raised to the Sublime degree of MM. Brother **Charles Farris**, left, WM-elect, obligated him. RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL, 18th Masonic District, raised him and gave him the Lecture and Charge afterward. Brother Duncan was the tenth Master Mason raised in our Lodge this Masonic year, which began Oct 3, 2009 and ended Oct. 2, 2010. Our Lodge also conferred nine Fellow Craft and nine Entered Apprentice degrees in a very busy year.

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(Sept 22) A Special Communication held to confer the Sublime degree of Master Mason on Brother **Kenneth Washington**, a member of East Gate Lodge Nr. 630. Shown above, left to right, RWB **J. David Dowell**, DDGM 18th District, WB **Jim Payne**, RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL, 18th District, the newly raised Master Mason, Bro. **Kenneth Washington**, RWB **Dennis Abernathy**, WM East Gate Lodge Nr. 630. Back row, Bro. **Charles Farris**, SW and WB **David Bower**, PM Eastgate Lodge Nr. 630. Swope Park lodge did the courtesy degree for Eastgate Lodge. Brother Washington was obligated by Bro. Farris and raised by RWB Miller, who also gave him the Lecture and Charge. Many Brethren from lodges other than Eastgate assisted in the degree. WB **Ben Pagel**, Ivanhoe Lodge Nr 446 was SW. WM-Elect **Jim Windhausen**, Grandview Lodge Nt 618 was SS. Alpha Lodge Nr 659 was well represented by our RWB Paul Miller, who is also a member of Swope Park Lodge. Our DDGM, RWB David Dowell is a member of Ivanhoe Lodge Nr 446. It was a great night of Masonic fellowship of the highest order.



First photo: Left to right, WB **Jim Henley**, Bro. **Alex Barnes**, RWB **Larry Cameron**, RWB **David Colburn**. Second photo: Left to right: WB **Mel Tacke**, Bro. **William A. Caldwell** and RWB **David Colburn**.



(Sept 11) A special Communication was held to raise Brother **Alex Barnes** (left) and Brother **William A. Caldwell** (right) to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Barnes was obligated by RWB **Larry Cameron**, Lecture and Charge given by RWB **David Colburn** and he was raised by his great-uncle, WB **Jim Henley**, PM Friendship Lodge Nr. 89, Chillicothe MO. RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL, was MEKS in both degree conferrals. WB **Frank Chester** was SW, WB **Ben Pagel** PM Ivanhoe lodge Nr 446, was JW and WB **Robert Van Vacter**, PM Alpha Lodge Nr 659 was SD in both degree conferrals Brother **William Caldwell** was obligated by WB **Mel Tacke**, Lecture and Charge given by RWB **Dave Colburn** and was raised by RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL. WB **Gary Barron** was J.A. in the Second section of the degrees, Bro. **Charles Farris** was SW, WB **Jim Payne** was JD and Bro **Stan Jefferson** was Marshal. in the second section of the degree conferrals. WB **Mike Luellen** was Tiler. A biscuits and gravy breakfast was served prior to opening the lodge for the degree conferrals and pizza lunch served afterward, thanks to Chef WB **Ken Best, Sr.**, Swope Park Secretary. Many thanks to the visiting Brethren from the other Lodges, who made the degree conferrals happen. Swope Park lodge appreciates the continued support in degree conferrals from these dedicated Brethren who gave up a beautiful Saturday to assist our Lodge with the degree conferrals. Brother Barnes and Brother Caldwell came though the ranks, so to speak, from DeMolay. Both young men have been part of the Swope Park family since they joined William F Kuhn chapter over six years ago. They are an ongoing testimony to the success of our Lodge in nurturing and supporting our DeMolay chapter over the years.

Master's Trestle Board (cont. fm p 1)

I ask that you rededicate yourself to the Masonic principles we have been obligated under and become a better and more involved brother/Officer.

However brethren, whether an Officer or not, remember that your conduct and zeal towards **our** Fraternity sets an example that **our** new members and future Officers will accept as the norm and emulate.

Now is the time to work together to continue to keep **our** Lodge strong and solvent. If you have any ideas, let me know. I will always listen to any suggestions to help **our** Lodge grow.

Yours in the faith,

Charlie, WM



ANNUAL TEMPLE HOLIDAY OUTING

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OES Chapter 520 (continued from page 1)

Past Grand Patron Brother **Creed Marriott** passed away. We had seven members participate in a Proficiency Class at our September meeting.

Our collection of school supplies was successful. These went to an elementary school in Independence. One Saturday we went to the Masonic Home to entertain the residents and serve them refreshments. Several of our members participated with Swope Park Lodge in a MOCHIP program in the Hickman Mills School District. We were pleased to join with the Masons, DeMolay and Job's Daughters in hosting an Open House at Swope Park Temple. Millie Carsell is our adopted resident at the Masonic Home. We honored her on her birthday. Several of our members are working with the "Rainbow Center" on their "Wreaths and Wits" annual fund raiser. A large group is planning to attend Grand Chapter in Joplin October 10-13. Following Grand Chapter we will a part of the new 11th District. Sister **Carolyn Wells**, a member of Oak Grove Chapter 407 will be our DDGM next year.

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WILLIAM F KUHN DEMOLAY CHAPTER INSTALLATION



(July 15) The incoming DeMolay chapter officers for 2010-11 stand before the alter and are duly installed. They are, left to right, Master Councilor Claten Stiff, Tim Alvis, Junior Councilor, Michael Schmidt,, Alex Barnes, Senior Councilor, Tyler Walden, Matt Hoaglan, William A Caldwell, Anthony Martinez, Dakota Parkinson and Thomas Schmidt.

MASONIC HOME HALLOWEEN PARTY AND PARADE



October 18th. The Wm F Kuhn DeMolay Chapter will have it's fourth annual Halloween party at the Masonic home. There will be prizes for the residents participating in a costume contest and entertainment provided by the DeMolay Chapter. Come out, bring your children and grandchildren and get into the SPIRIT of the season! The Masonic home is located at 12101 E Bannister Rd. The fun starts at 1:PM.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL NUMBER ONE



This is an exciting time for Jobs Daughters Bethel #1. We are continuing to grow and have been very busy attracting new members. In June we were excited when our own Associate Bethel Guardian **Gary Dryer** was elected to Grand Outer Guard which will put him in line to be Grand Associate Guardian if elected each year We were equally proud when **Samantha Keller** was chosen as

Grand Bethel 4th Messenger and **Lexie Parkinson** was chosen for Grand Bethel Representative to California Region #4, **Becca Culver** is also a Grand Bethel Advisory Board Member.

After Grand Session we start back with full force. We installed a new Guardian Council, **Jayna Barron-Walden** was chosen as Guardian, **Gary Dryer**, Associate Bethel Guardian, **Connie Best**, as Guardian Secretary, **Tonya Culver**, as Guardian Director of Music, and we welcomed **Rita Hanson** as Director of Music. The girls are much excited to work with Rita and the council welcomes her experience. We know that she will be a great asset to our growing Bethel.

In August we initiated **Mackenzie Vonderahe** and we currently have several petitions still out. Our girls were also excited to be asked to talk about Jobs Daughters at the Masonic open house and impressed everyone on their participation. We also attended Masonic Youth Day in Columbia where everyone got muddy and wet but had a blast. The girls have also participated in Babysitting at the Ararat Shrine dances, and Scottish Rite Dinners. October 16 there is a Halloween Party at the Masonic home from 1-3 and we will be having a prospect party afterwards at the Lodge with the DeMolay There will be a Wii tournament, boys vs. girls and we invite all members to bring any interested young boys or Girls to participate. Jobs Daughters currently have a program for young girls ages 6-10 called Jobie to Be and they have a very special program just for those "fairies in training" that evening.

The Masonic youth are currently selling Evergreens if you are interested or need more information please contact Jayna Walden at 816-645-0544 or Kenny Best. Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and we always welcome anyone to attend.

Jayna Walden, Guardian Council

Fourth Annual

Christmas for the Veteran's Fundraiser

Members of Swope Park Lodge, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Eastern Star will visit the Kansas City Veteran's Hospital, on December 18th, 2010 to deliver gift bags to hospitalized veterans. As we have done in the past, you can support this endeavor through the purchase of fundraiser tickets. All monies from the purchase of these tickets will be place in a separate account, with a strict accounting by the lodge. In the past, all funds received in support of this worthy endeavor have been expended, supported by lodge funds. Should there be any excess funds, they will be carried over for the 5th Annual visit in 2011. The drawing will be held on November 11th, at our stated communication. You do not have to be present to win. Winners will be notified starting the next day. Please support this honorable cause in any way that you can. Remember, if it wasn't for the sacrifices of these veterans in the past, you would not have the freedom you have today. Help us to remind them that they have not been forgotten.

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Donated by: Especially Jewelry

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History of Swope Park Lodge - The First 100 Years

Charles Farris, Worshipful Master

Brethren, this is the first of four articles that will present a brief history of our lodge. I plan on having one in each issue of the Rambler.

The history of our Masonic organization can be traced to the closing weeks of the year 1910. After a great deal of planning on the part of very few men, the plan was finally instituted. Bro W. M. Clemons during a conversation with Bro Ollie J. Forris stated that he would be instrumental in establishing a lodge in the neighborhood of 56th and Swope Parkway, since the closest one was Ivanhoe Temple located at 33rd and Woodland Ave. Following this conversation Bro Forris stopped in at the drug store of Bro S. B. Moses and discussed the possibility with him. Other Masons in the area, who visited the drug store, entered the conversation and it was decided that a meeting would take place at Albert Placy Hall at 56th and Swope Parkway the next Saturday evening and that all interested Masons living in the neighborhood that could be contacted would be invited to attend. The meeting was held as scheduled with Bros W. S. Pryor, T. I. Johnson, M. C. Burns and T. W. Ferguson in attendance. Since they were unfamiliar with the procedures necessary to institute a lodge, Bro Pryor was asked to call on RWB Leon Thalman, DDGM of the 22nd Masonic District for instructions and report the following Saturday at a meeting to be held at Bro Moses drug store. At the meeting, it was announced that the waivers of jurisdiction had been obtained. Temporary officers were elected as follows: W. S. Pryor, WM; U. G. Day, SW; M. Swofford, JW; and S. B. Moses, Sec. Park Lodge U. D. A. F. & A. M. was instituted at Swope Park School House located at 61st & Jackson at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, June 16, 1911. A specific session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri was called to order on the 3rd Degree of Freemasonry with numerous officers in attendance. The Grand Master read the order to put Park Lodge Under Dispensation to work and appointed the following officers: Bro W.S. Pryor, WM; Bro U.G. Gray, SW; Bro M. Swofford, JW; Bro J. Dalgliesh, Treas.; Bro S.B. Moses, Sec.; Bro Rev. C.C. Thompson, Chap.; Bro E.J. King, SD; Bro T.W. Ferguson, JD; Bro R.E. Fisher, SS; Bro M.C. Burns, JS; and Bro B.G. Gray, Tiler. The first meeting was held on July 21, 1911, and initiated its first candidate Dr. W. M. Clemons, MD, on, in Albert Placy Hall. The fees for the three degrees were \$40, with the annual dues of \$4. Our charter was receive from the Grand Lodge in St. Louis, Missouri and was dated September 28, 1911. Brother Dalgliesh owned a grocery store at 6704 Cleveland and lived on the second floor above it. Since it was deemed unsatisfactory to meet in a one story frame home, Bro Dalgliesh was finally persuaded to move into one of his own houses and remodel the second floor of the grocery store for use by the lodge. The first meeting at Dalgliesh Hall was held on November 1, 1911, at which time Park Lodge #617 A. F. & A. M. was constituted, consecrated and hall dedicated. All officers appointed by the Acting Grand Master on June 16th were elected or appointed at the with the exception of Tiler. The new tiler was S.L. Flacy. RWB Thalman was the Installing Master for the installation. Effective January 1, 1913, the dues were increased from \$4 to \$4.50. Peace and harmony prevailed at this location until a severe fire on August 5, 1913, destroyed the building so extensively that Lodge had to be held at Ivanhoe Temple, until the hall could be repaired. Damage estimates were \$700 on the building and \$1150 on the content, which included lodge equipment and paraphernalia. On August 20, 1913, only 15 days after the fire, WM Pryor announced that a duplicate charter had been obtained to replace the original that was lost in the fire. At the last meeting held at Ivanhoe Temple, on October 15, 1913, a motion was made and seconded and carried that the Lodge return to the Cleveland location. Effective January 1, 1922, fees for the three degrees were increased from \$50 to \$75 and dues were raised to \$6 annually. At the stated meeting of October 12, 1922, a petition was submitted to the Grand Lodge requesting permission to change the name of Park Lodge to Swope Park Lodge No. 617 for numerous reasons. The name change was also recommended by the DDGM of the 22nd District. The name change was granted to be effective on October 17, 1922. On October 16, 1923, the Grand Lodge of Missouri, then in session in Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple at 9th & Harrison, Kansas City, Missouri, suspended from labor and traveled to the site of a new temple being erected to Swope Park Lodge #617 at 60th & Swope Parkway and with full Masonic Ceremony laid the cornerstone of the building. Numerous items relating to Swope Park Lodge, Wm. F. Kuhn Chapter #139 RAM and Park Chapter #327 OES were placed in the corner box that was then placed in the corner stone. A new Swope Park Temple was erected at 60th & Swope Parkway and the lodge moved from the Lodge located at 6704 Cleveland to the new temple on October 4th, 1926. Effective July 1, 1932, fees for the three degrees were reduced from \$75 to \$65 and effective January 1, 1933, fees for the three degrees were reduced from \$65 to \$61.

(From the History of Swope Park Lodge #617, researched and compiled by WB Harold Baker, PM, in 1966. Prepared for Swope Park's 75th anniversary)

INSTALLATION (Cont. from page 1)

WB Mel Tacke, Installing Senior Deacon, introduced the Installing Officers and escorted them to their respective stations. RWB Marshal Rimann gave the Invocation. RWB Paul Miller conducted the installation in due form. Following the installation, WB Charles Farris called Immediate Past Master WB Jim Payne and his grandson, Bro. **Jason Newcomer** to the alter and presented WB Payne with his Past Master's apron. Bro. Newcomer put it on his grandfather and presented him with a Past Master's jewel. WB Payne, in turn, presented WB Charles Farris with the Master's jewel, a gold Square, which had been handed down continuously since WB Harold Moody, PM 1978, presented it to his successor. WB Farris then presented Bro Justin Dryer the SW jewel and he, in turn, passed the JW jewel on to Bro. Ed Culver. Other presentations were: RWB Larry Cameron, presented the newly installed Master with his father's (WB Al Farris PM 1976) gavel. WM Charles Farris presented RWB Larry Cameron, outgoing Lodge Treasurer, with a certificate honoring him as Treasurer Emeritus and a proclamation as Mr. Swope Park 2010. WM Farris than presented the Junior PM with a Life time Membership in the Lodge. WB Jim Payne presented the Lodge, through the newly installed Master, with three (3) awards received at the recent Grand Lodge Communication. Swope Park Lodge won, for the first time, the coveted TRUMAN HONOR LODGE Grand Lodge award. We also received the Silver Ritual Award, for the third consecutive time, and the SAFE CHILD AWARD for sponsoring a Child Identification Event. Honored guests were then introduced. WM Farris presented his mother, Hannah Farris and his wife, Cheryl Farris, with flower bouquets. RWB Rimann gave the Benediction and WB Mel Tacke closed the Bible at the conclusion of the Installation. Dinner was served afterward downstairs in RWB Warder Shotwell Hall. The menu consisted of barbequed brisket and pork loin served with scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, cake and ice tea and coffee. We had a capacity crowd in attendance for the installation. Everyone enjoyed the ceremony and fine meal that followed.

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GRAND LODGE ATTENDEES

(Sept. 27) Swope Park Lodge officers, pictured left to right, WB **Ken Best, SR**, WB **Charles Farris**, incoming WM; Bro. **Ed Culver**, JW-elect, and WB **Jim Payne**, outgoing WM attended the 189th session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Not pictured is Bro. **Jim Lowman**, incoming Jr Steward Swope Park Lodge received three awards. The Truman Honor Lodge Grand Lodge award, the Silver Ritual Award and the Safe Child Lodge Citation.

Swope Park Lodge had a very successful year. Twenty eight degree conferrals, two Child Identification events, a VA Hospital Christmas event for the hospitalized veterans and two events honoring our wives and sweethearts- the Valentine's Day luncheon and Mother's Day luncheon.