

*The Swope Park Masonic Temple Bodies Quarterly Newsletter***MASTER'S****TRESTLE BOARD***WB Justin Dryer*

Swope Park Lodge has its new officers installed and they are ready to go! The lodge held its Installation of Officers on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 with a great turnout including many Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Swope Park Masonic Family. It was great to see the support that everyone has for the lodge.

I will strive to continue the tradition that has been set forth by many Past Masters before me, most recently by the Junior Past Master **Charlie Farris**. He showed that Swope Park Lodge has the talent and dedication to be one of the best lodges in the state by bringing home the Truman Honor Lodge achievement award from Grand Lodge on September 25, 2011. The Truman Honor Lodge award is the most prestigious achievement award that can be earned from Grand Lodge, and it will make for some big shoes to fill in the upcoming year.

I hope to continue many of the events that we have had success with in the past, including:

- Inviting veterans from past wars to share their experiences with members of the lodge and guests
- Providing veterans at the VA with presents and a special thanks during the holiday season
- Assisting with MoCHIPS events
- Hosting holiday and Valentines celebrations
- Bowling tournament benefiting every group that is involved

As always, if any group needs assistance from the lodge or myself, don't hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to assist as far as our abilities will permit.

*Justin Dryer***SWOPE PARK 617 INSTALLATION 2012 OFFICERS**

(Oct 1) Swope Park held its 101<sup>st</sup> installation of officers which was attended by the Grand Master of Missouri, MWB **John Hess** (to the left of newly installed Worshipful Master **Justin Dryer** (center). Installing Master was WB **Gary Barron**, Installing Marshal was Bro. **Tony Broome**, brother of WB Justin Dryer. Other Swope Park officers installed were: Brother **Ed Culver**, Senior Warden, RWB **Paul Miller**, Junior Warden, RWB **Larry Cameron**, Treasurer, WB **Ken Best, Sr.**, Secretary, Bro. **Jim O'Shea**, Senior Deacon, Bro. **Jim Lowman**, Junior Deacon, Bro. **Larry Alvis**, Senior Steward, Bro. **Stan Jefferson**, Junior Steward, WB **Gary Dryer**, (WB Justin's father) Chaplain, Bro. **Mark Schmidt**, Marshal and WB **Charles Farris**, Tiler.

Several Grand Lodge officers accompanied the Grand Master in attending Swope Park lodge's installation.

Outgoing Worshipful Master Charles Farris presented the lodge with the Truman Honor Lodge certificate, the Safe Child Certificate and informed the lodge that the earned Silver Ritual Award Certificate will be forth coming. The Lodge presented him with a Certificate of Life Membership for his outstanding year as Master. WB Farris' mother, **Hanna Farris**, and his wife, **Cheryl** presented him with his past master's apron and surprised him with a LEWIS Jewel. A Lewis is a Master Mason who is the eldest son of a Master Mason. The jewel has WB Al Farris' date of raising and year of service as Master of Swope Park, with WB Charles Farris' date of raising and year of service as Master also inscribed. WB **Al Farris** was Master of Swope Park in 1976, thereby making WB Al and WB Charles the first father/son relationship to serve in that capacity. By coincidence, the Dryer family has followed by being the only other father/son combination to serve in the East at Swope Park lodge. WB Justin's dad, WB Gary Dryer served as Master in 2006 and 2007.

Many of WB Justin's DeMolay brethren, who have now become Master Masons, were in attendance and assisted in the installation, particularly Bro. **Alex Barnes** and Bro. **Danny Best**. Prior to the installation ceremonies, a delicious Cajon Jambalaya meal was served downstairs in Shotwell Hall. Many thanks to the young ladies of Job's daughter's Bethel One for their work in serving and cleaning up afterward.

FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE CONFERRAL



Brother **Thomas Schmidt** (second from left) was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. **WB Melvin Tacke** (far right) obligated him Brother **Justin Dryer**, (second from right) Senior Warden, gave the Letter G Lecture in between the Second Section of the degree and Charge given him by **RWB Glen Burrows**, Region C Grand Lecturer. Brother **Mark Schmidt**, Thomas' father (left) was Junior Steward in the degree.

The Schmidt family presented the Lodge with a check to purchase a new projector for use in the degree lectures in memory of their mother, Mazie Schmidt, who recently passed away. Mrs. Schmidt was very supportive of her son and grandson in pursuing their Masonic affiliation and was the widow of Brother Oswald Schmidt, who preceded her in death some years back.

We had an excellent attendance, 25 brethren, including visitors from Alpha, Grandview and Ivanhoe lodges who participated in the degree work. **WB Albert McDowell**, PM Grandview lodge and their pianist, accompanied the brethren in the

opening and closing ode, which certainly enhanced the singing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, W.B.GARY DRYER!



Following the communication, the brethren retired downstairs to Shotwell hall for refreshments where upon **The Job's Daughter's Bethel Number One** honored **WB Gary Dryer** in observing his birthday with cake and ice cream. Shown with **WB Gary**, are Sister **Jayna Walden**, Bethel Guardian and Bethel members **Caitlin Geiminhardt**, **Ashley Otte** and Honor Queen **Madison Parkinson** at the right. **WB Gary** is the Bethel Advisor and Liaison with Swope Park lodge Nr. 617.

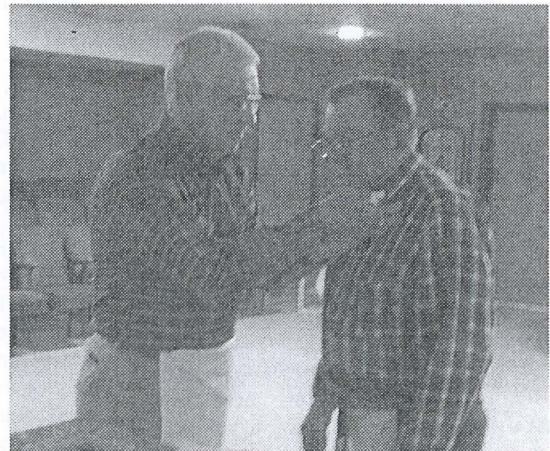
August 25 regular stated communication.

MASTER MASON DEGREE CONFERRAL



Bro. **Thomas Schmidt**, flanked by dad, Bro. **Mark Schmidt** (left) and **RWB Larry Cameron** (right) who obligated him. Brother **Thomas Schmidt** was presented his grandfather, **Ozzie Schmidt's** Masonic ring by his dad. The Lecture was given by **RWB Paul Miller**, DDGL and Charge by **RWB Jim Spencer**, Past Grand Lecturer. Twenty eight Brethren attended and participated in the degree work. We inaugurated the new projector donated in memory of Bro. Schmidt's grandmother, **Mazie Schmidt**, for use in presenting the lecture.

TWENTY FIVE YEAR JEWEL AWARDED



(Sept22) **WB George Wilson** (right) was presented his 25 year membership jewel from **WB Melvin Tacke**. **WB Wilson** was raised September 25, 1986, appointed in line by **WB Tacke** in 1987 and was Master of Swope Park Lodge in 1992.

*The Rambler* is the official quarterly newsletter published for Swope Park Masonic Temple Appendant bodies to communicate the activities of the organizations meeting there. Articles and photos are earnestly solicited. Please place your submission in The Rambler's box in the vestibule outside the lodge room. We reach over 400 households.

## WILLIAM F. KUHN CHAPTER DEMOLAY INSTALLATION AND HONOREES

Contributed by WB Ken Best, Sr.

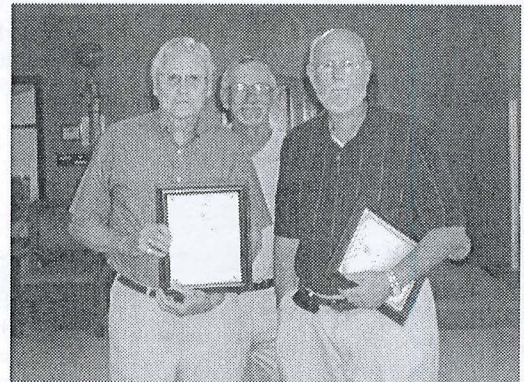


(July 16) **Tim Alvis** (front row center) was Installed as Master Councilor of William F. Kuhn Chapter Order of DeMolay along with the other 14 Officers. The Installation was under the Direction of Brother **Tony Broome** (front row left) and several Senior DeMolay from William F. Kuhn, notably, Brother **Larry Alvis** (rear row left), Brother **Ed Culver** (center row right) and Brother **Justin Dryer** (directly behind Tony Broome). The young ladies from the Job's Daughter's Bethel are Honor Queen **Madison Parkinson** (right front row) and Ashley Otte (right) William F. Kuhn Sweetheart.

There was a very nice crowd for the event after the Installation cake and punch was served in Shotwell Hall

## DEMOLAY HONORS 65 AND 50 YEAR MEMBERS

William F. Kuhn Chapter Order of DeMolay honored Brother **John Stillman** (left in photo to the right) With a 65 year Certificate in DeMolay it also honored Brother **David Irvin** (right) with a 50 year Certificate in DeMolay both men were unaware that they would be receiving the award. **WB Gary Dryer** (rear) made the presentations.

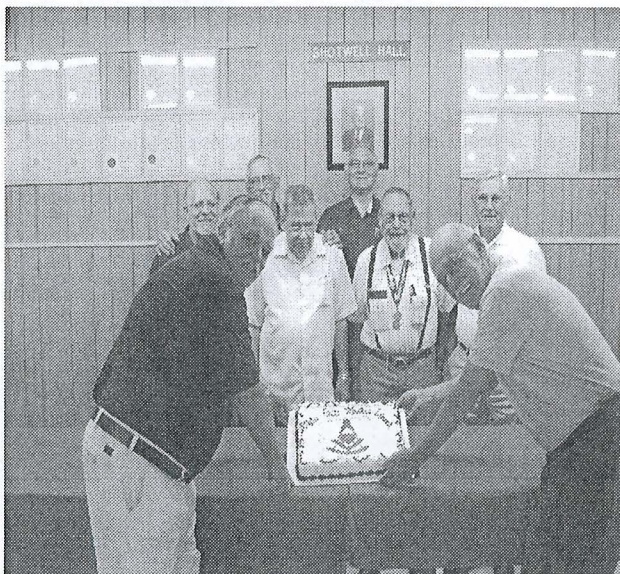


## Swope Park Lodge Holds Past Masters Dinner

Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Swope Park Lodge had a Past Master's Dinner. The dinner was in Shotwell Hall at the Lodge and was attended by 16 people. The dinner was catered by RC's Restaurant in Martin City and consisted of a salad, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and biscuits or bread with cake for dessert.

As seen in the photo to the left, there were seven (7) Past Masters were in attendance, **RWB Larry Cameron** (1978), (right front) **WB Mel Tacke** (1987) (right 2<sup>nd</sup> row), **WB Gary Barron** (1990/2003) (left 2<sup>nd</sup> row), **WB Frank Chester** (1994) (middle 2<sup>nd</sup> row), **WB Gary Dryer** (2006/2007) (middle back row), **WB Kenny Best** (2008) (left back row) and **WB Mike Luellen** (2009) (right back row). **WB Charles Farris** (2011) front row left).

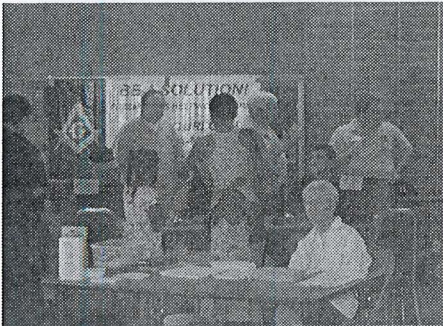
Special thanks goes to **Cheryl Farris**, WB Best and **RWB Cameron** for their assistance in setting up Shotwell Hall for the dinner, also to WB Best for picking up the food and transporting it to the lodge on Friday evening and last but not least, for all the brothers assistance in cleaning up the hall following the dinner.



**SWOPE PARK LODGE HOLDS EIGHTH C.H.I.P.S EVENT**



(Aug 13) Thirty five (35) members of the Swope Park Temple family turned out to work our annual Child Identification Program at Hickman Mills Junior HS. Swope Park Chapter 520 OES, Job's Daughters Bethel One, Wm F Kuhn Chapter DeMolay and the York bodies all joined with Swope Park lodge NR. 617 to make this an outstanding event at the Three Trails celebration. We processed 172 children, adding to the 130,011 children processed at 805 events statewide.



Shown left: Three Region Six CHIPS Event Coordinators who worked hard to make our event successful by training and backing up those who worked the computers inputting data, electronically finger printing and photographing the children for input on their ID cards and CD disks given the parents. Many thanks to Bro. **Brad Fowler**, Bro. **Mark Hamilton** and RWB **David Dowell** for their dedication to the CHIPS program.

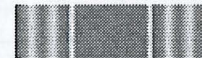


**WORLD WAR II VETERANS HONORED**



(Sept 21) Swope Park Lodge No. 617 held a special program honoring our World War II Veterans. Several area middle school civics classes attended this rare opportunity to hear, first hand, the experiences of some of these members of the greatest generation, whose numbers are rapidly diminishing. The event was emceed by WB **Robbie Robertson**, (pictured above) who also served during the Second World War. And who described his years on the Air Force base on Guam Island during that period. **Carl Freeman**, one of the guest speakers, then spoke of his time as a tail gunner on a plane assigned to the air craft carrier Lexington. Carl's plane was shot down 5 times and each time his pilot was able to get them back to base safely.. **Charles Siebert**, another one of our speakers, also was a tail gunner for the Air Force serving in the European theatre stationed in England. Charles made but one flight over Germany when his plane was shoot down. He spent two and a half years as a prisoner of war in the German camp Stalag 17B. Charles told of the struggle he and his fellow prisoners faced just trying to stay alive. RWB **Jack Clark**, a member of Swope Park lodge, rounded out the program with a fascinating story of his experiences at wars end. He served with the Army 1024 Military Police in Vienna, Austria and guarded the German POWs. This generated several questions from the students in the audience. Everyone stayed afterward to see many of the artifacts that were on display and to continue asking each of the Veteran's many question's.

*Submitted by WB Ken Best, Sr.*



**SWOPE PARK TEMPLE MASONIC BODIES MEETINGS DATE, TIME and CONTACTS**

- Swope Park Lodge Nr 617 AF & AM Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:30 PM Ken Best, Secretary phone 965 5261
- Swope Park Order Eastern Star Chapter 520 Second Tuesday each month 7:30 PM Lois Patton, Secretary phone 318-9808
- Job's Daughters Bethel Nr 1 and Jobie-2-Bees Second and Fourth Mondays 7:30 PM Jayna Walden, Bethel Guardian phone 645 0544
- Wm F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay First and Third Thursdays 7:30 PM Gary Dryer, Chapter Advisor Phone 763 9494
- Squires of the Round Table First and Third Thursdays 7:30 PM Tammy Laughlin, Adult Advisor phone 304 2353
- Harry D. Brown Jr. Chapter 284 First Monday 7:30 PM Roy Thomas, Secretary phone 318-3939
- Westport Council Royal & Select Masters Nr 38 First Monday 7:30 PM Roy Thomas, Secretary phone 318-3939
- Commandery of Knights Templar Nr 68 Third Tuesday 7:30 PM Roy Thomas, Secretary phone 318-3939
- SWOPE PARK TEMPLE STUDY CLUB Wednesdays 7:30 PM Paul Miller, DDGL & Coach Phone 886 0066

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**Congratulations** to the incoming  
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Worshipful Master, WB Justin Dryer, at 27  
is the youngest Master to preside in the  
East at Swope Park. Our elected and  
appointed officers for the new year  
average age is 56, providing Swope Park  
lodge a youthful, yet experienced,  
leadership team. Of the twelve, only four  
are Past Masters. Swope Park lodge has a  
proud and productive past. We can expect  
great things in the coming year and beyond  
with the new guard bringing their ideas  
and enthusiasm for the Craft into fruition.  
If truly, it is said "the past is a prologue to  
the future" – then, Swope Park lodge's  
best times are ahead.

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Jim Payne PM



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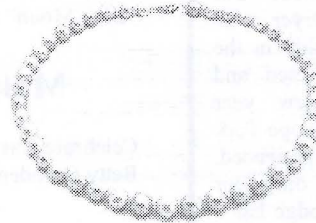
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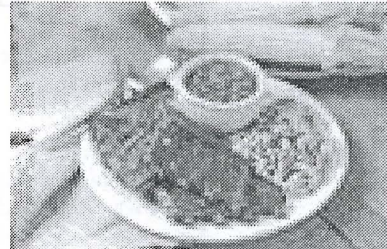
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## SWOPE PARK OES CHAPTER 520



Sister **Holly Johnson**, Grand Representative of Utah in Missouri (center, photo left) was honored at a reception September 27, 2011. Sister **Linda Wilson**, Worthy Grand Matron (left in photo) and Brother **Bill George**, Worthy Grand Patron (right in photo) were special guests. The reception was hosted by Swope Park 520 and Golden Gate 58. We were pleased with the attendance as we honored our Sister Holly.

Election of Officers was held at our September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The following were elected and accepted: Sister **Alby Shipman**, Worthy Matron; Brother **Richard Houston**, Worthy Patron; Sister **Rita Hanson**, Associate Matron; Brother **Ken Best**, Associate Patron; Sister **Lois Patten**, Secretary; Sister **Barbara Stillman**, Treasurer; Sister **Deb Merrick**, Conductress and Sister **Lois Compton**, Associate Conductress. The appointed officers will be announced at our October meeting.

Swope Park Chapter is celebrating its 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a catered Homecoming Dinner at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to join us for the dinner, but **reservations are required. Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> with the dinner chairman.** Please contact **Barbara Stillman**, Dinner co-chairman at 816-796-9309 or e-mail [jbstill@swbell.net](mailto:jbstill@swbell.net). She will answer your questions and take your reservation. All Eastern Star members are encouraged to stay for the stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. where Past Matrons and Past Patrons will be honored.

The Worthy Grand Matron has several charities this year and we are glad to have the opportunity to participate in some new ones. Locks of Love are a special project and our own Worthy Matron, Holly Johnson, donated her locks to this project. Camp Wonderland is located in the Ozarks. We took up a collection of items for this camp and they will be presented at Grand Chapter. We have two sets of Mickey and Minnie Mouse to present at Grand Chapter for first responders. The other new charity this year has been Support Dogs. We appreciate the generosity of our members in supporting all the charities.

Our thanks to Swope Park Lodge 617 for inviting us to participate in activities. Several of our members took part in the MOChip event in August. We were pleased to be asked to serve refreshments for their special night to honor Veterans.

Grand Lodge is issuing Widows cards to all widows of Missouri Master Masons. If you have not received yours please contact Secretary Lois Patten at 816-318-9808.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011** at 2 p.m. will be installation of our officers at Swope Park Temple. This is a good time to come and meet with your Sisters and Brothers.

*Lois Patten, Secretary*

## HARRY D. BROWN, JR. CHAPTER 284 ROYAL ARCH MASONS

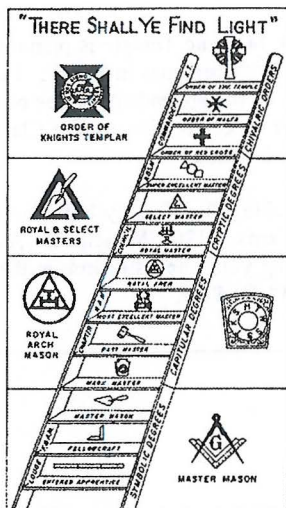
### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

(Oct 3) Harry D. Brown, Jr. Chapter 284 RAM held it's installation of 2012 officers at it's October regular stated communication. Those present for installation were: ECPHP **Thomas Holmes**, High Priest; Com. **Jim Payne**, King; ECPHP **Charles Girtten**, Scribe; ECPHP **Timothy Holmes**, Treasurer; VECGRAC **Roy Thomas**, Secretary; ECPHP **Melvin Tacke**, Principal Sojourner; Comp. **Mark Schmidt**, Master of the Second Vel and Comp. **Mike Dolan** as Master of the Third Veil.

### CHAPTER DONATES WARDROBE AND PROPS



(September 27) MEC **Roy Thomas** (center), on behalf of Harry D. Brown JR Royal Arch Chapter 284, donated a full set of costume and props used for degree work to the newly formed Webb City chapter 119 Royal Arch Masons. Shown receiving the High Priest's robe is EC **John Kuehn**, King (left) and EC **Jared Richmond**, Captain of the Hosts (right). Wm. F Kuhn RAM chapter 139 and Grandview RAM chapter 145 merged and received their charter as Harry D. Brown JR Chapter 284 on May 19m 2011 as did Webb City chapter 119 at the Grand Chapter RAM of Missouri annual meeting in Jefferson City Missouri. Having merged, Harry D Brown JR chapter had two sets of costumes and props and voted to donate one set to the Companions to the South of us.



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(Sept 26) COLUMBIA, MISSOURI Seen above, foreground, RWB **Jim Spencer**, Grandview Lodge 618 and Past Grand Lecturer with, left to right opposite him at table, WB **Jim Windhausen**, PM Grandview lodge 618, incoming WM **Justin Dryer**, **Cheryl Farris**, outgoing WM **Charles Farris** and WB **Ken Best**, all from Swope Park Lodge 617. Standing behind our group is, left to right, Bro. **Ed Culver**, SW and Bro. **Jim Lowman**, incoming Swope Park lodge Junior Deacon and Ivanhoe lodge 446 Junior Warden.

**Congratulations** to outgoing WB Charles Farris for bringing home the Truman Honor Lodge Grand Lodge Award, Silver Ritual Award and Safe child CHIPS recognition award! This is the second Truman Honor Lodge award for our lodge and the fifth Silver Ritual and Safe Child Lodge Distinction awards.

**Christmas In Song**  
December 11<sup>th</sup> 2011  
**3 PM Matinee**

Once again, Swope Park Masonic Temple is planning an outing to Quality Hill Playhouse for "Christmas in Song". This has become an annual outing for all of the appendent bodies of the Temple to attend the cabaret revue in celebration of the Christmas Season. Tickets this year are \$26.00 each.

Please make checks payable to the Quality Hill Playhouse and mail them to WB Charles Farris, 11305 Manchester Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64134, or bring your checks to him at the Lodge, on or before the November 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.