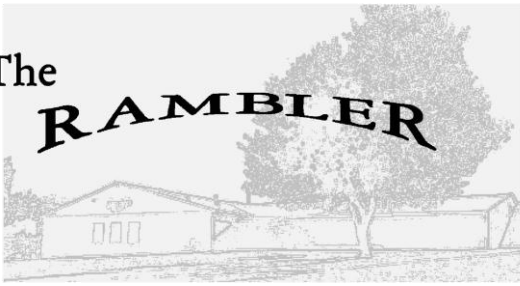


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WB Justin Dryer

Swope Park Lodge Officers for the 2012 year:

Swope Park Lodge #617 meets the second, and fourth Thursdays at 7:30.

Hello again Brethren and Sisters!

I am again glad to greet you on behalf of Swope Park Lodge #617. We have been quite busy recently with degree work which has been beneficial for more than just Swope Park.

On March 7, two first degrees were performed for Aaron Fordam and Lonnie Scott Siems. Aaron joined Swope Park, and Lonnie became a Freemason as part of courtesy work which was done for Kansas City Lodge #220. The following weekend the two brethren were two of 27 that were passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by way of a Chance to Advance (C2A) sponsored on by the brethren of Swope Park Lodge with great assistance by many other lodges around Kansas City. Swope Park would like to thank those who assisted with the degree work as well as the Scottish Rite, RWB Dan Sewing and RWB Glenn Burrows who did a great job in co-coordinating the events of the day.

The following meeting Swope Park performed two additional first degrees on James Crawford and Anthony Wright on March 21st. James joined Swope Park, and Anthony joined Ivanhoe Lodge #446 by way of courtesy work led by Brother Brad Fowler of Ivanhoe Lodge #446.

As we look ahead it seems there will be plenty more opportunities for Swope Park to introduce new members to the teachings of Masonry, and as those opportunities arise I welcome all of our brethren of the lodge as well as any visiting lodges to come out and assist in the degree work. We always have a great time and good food and fellowship always ensues down in Shotwell Hall following the night's work.

Justin Dryer
Worshipful Master
Swope Park Lodge #617

Worshipful Master:	WB Justin W. Dryer
Senior Warden:	Bro Robert E Culver
Junior Warden:	RWB Paul Miller
Treasurer:	RWB Lawrence S Cameron
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Tiler:	WB Charles A. Farris

SWOPE PARK LODGE NO. 617

Swope Park #617 KC #220, and Ivanhoe #446 newest Entered Apprentices

Swope Park Lodge and Kansas City Lodge conferred 2 first degrees on the night of March 8th 2012



RWB William Van Meter, WB Justin Dryer, Bro Lonnie Siems, Bro Aaron Fordham, WB Mel Tacke

Photo Contributed by: Bro James OShea

Swope Park Lodge and Ivanhoe Lodge conferred 2 first degrees on the night of March 22, 2012

WM Justin Dryer conferred the first degree for James Earl Crawford Swope Park Lodges newest Entered Apprentice. Swope Park Lodge also assisted B Brad Fowler and Ivanhoe Lodge in conferring the First degree for Anthony James Wright their newest Entered Apprentice.



RWB Dave Colburn who did the charge WB Justin Dryer EA James Crawford and Anthony Wright B Brad Fowler from Ivanhoe Lodge. RWB Bill Van Meter did the First Degree lecture. B Ben Pagel several Ivanhoe members were in attendance.

Contributed by: WB Kenny Best

Swope Park Lodge hosts C2A at the Scottish Rite Temple on March 10th 2012!



Many brothers from Swope Park Lodge turned out to help setup the Scottish Rite temple on the Friday night before to make the C2A class a success and it was. Swope Park lodge opened up the C2A Class and conferred the second and third degree on the exemplar candidates, and other candidates on the sidelines. 27 candidates in all turned out to become master masons on Saturday morning.

Many Master Masons turned out from other lodges from not only the 18th district, but surrounding districts.



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Swope Park Lodge Sweethearts Dinner

Swope Park Lodge # 617 hosted a Sweetheart dinner in honor of all the ladies who give the lodge so much assistance.

The Master of Swope Park Lodge with the assistance of his lady Deann fixed a wonderful dinner and it was a great day with good fellowship enjoyed by all.



Contributed by: WB Kenny Best



Jobs Daughter's Installation

At the last Jobs Daughters installation the Arch of Steel was performed by William F. Kuhn Demolay with the assistance of RWB Larry Cameron an honorary member and Bro Ed Culver a senior DeMolay.

You never know what you will see at an event at Swope Park.

Contributed by: WB Kenny Best

Jobs Daughters Bethel 1 Update



March 31st, 2012

So it seems Jobs Daughters has been lacking some update In the Rambler. Since the last update, Madison Parkinson has retired her term as Honored Queen, and has had a very successful term, and is wished to have a good remainder of her Jobs Daughters involvement. Beginning on December 18th, Ashley Otte has a new hold on Bethel 1 with her new goals as Honored Queen, to improve the Bethel's actions and involvement.

Recently, Bethel 1 has a parking meter piggy bank in the lobby to help raise money for the girls to afford to visit Jefferson City, Missouri for Grand Session on June 21st through June 24th. If you are visiting the Swope Park lodge #617, please donate pocket change, thank you for your donations! We currently have one petition approved, and are hoping to set an Installation date soon! We also are currently at a sleepover prospect party, and having a bunch of fun with it too! We are planning to order some pizza, along with some games and makeovers; it seems to be a good plan for a fun night!

Some of the activities we do to stay active in our Masonic youth is to serve the Scottish Rite dinners once a month, we also babysit at the Ararat Shrine every now and then, and we serve OES dinners, and hope to help as much as we can.

Job's Daughters will update again soon, so thank you for reading this update, and hope to write again soon!

-Ashley Otte
Honored queen
Bethel 1

ORDER OF THE SWORD OF BUNKER HILL



(MARCH 26) HARRY S. TRUMAN CHAPTER 113 OF THE GRAND ORDER OF THE SWORD OF BUNKER HILL HELD A CEREMONIAL AT SUMMIT LODGE AND INITIATED SEVENTEEN NEW MEMBERS INTO THE ORDER. JAMES LOWMAN, JD, AND JIM PAYNE, PM, REPRESENTING SWOPE PARK LODGE WERE AMONG THE INITIATES.

THE ORDER OF THE SWORD OF BUNKER HILL IS A HISTORICAL AND PATRIOTIC SIDE ORDER OF MASONRY FOUNDED TO PERPETUATE THE PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN LIBERTY, AND TO INDELIBLY IMPRESS UPON THE MINDS OF EACH GENERATION THE SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR MASONIC FOREFATHERS IN FORMING AND ESTABLISHING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.




THE "SWORD OF BUNKER HILL" IS NOT A MASONIC DEGREE, BUT RATHER AN ORDER CONFERRED UPON A MASTER MASON IN GOOD STANDING, AND SHOULD THEREFORE ALWAYS BE REFERRED TO AS AN ORDER AND NOT A DEGREE.

THE NEXT COMMUNICATION WILL BE IN NOVEMBER AT SWOPE PARK OR IVANHOE LODGE. CONTACT JIM LOWMAN OR JIM PAYNE IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PETITION. INITIATION FEE IS \$ 25 AND COVERS A LIFE MEMBERSHIP WITH NO DUES.

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YORK RITE BODIES OF SWOPE PARK TEMPLE

Officers for 2012

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SWOPE PARK CHAPTER 520 OES



We were honored to have our Worthy Patron, Brother Richard Houston, selected by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to receive the appointment as Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Missouri. We will be having a reception July 24th to honor Brother Richard.

The past months we have emphasized our ritualistic work. We had our Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron in February. The District Official Visit of the Worthy

Grand Matron was also in February. We were pleased at the number of our members who attended this event. This year our district (the 11th) and the 7th District had a joint Official Inspection. The Grand Family will be returning on May 5th for the joint District Reception honoring all the members she has selected for appointments in the two districts. The morning of May 5th will be the Grand Representatives Brunch and state meeting.

We have been saddened by the loss of four members so far this year. Sister Addie Rittenhour, PGM, died January 1st. Brother John Shollenberger died February 8th, Sister Hazel Bradshaw on February 13th and Sister Linda Sue Biggerstaff on February 19th. Our sympathy goes out to the family members of these departed Sisters and Brother.

Congratulations to Sister Bennietta Cox. March 31st she was installed as Worthy Matron of Edgar Moe Chapter #239 in Hardeeville, S.C. This is her dual chapter.

Congratulations to Brother Richard Floyd who as installed as Potentate of Ararat Shrine on January 11th.

Congratulations to Sister Elizabeth Renfrow who received her 25 year membership pin February 6th.

May 8th will be our Friendship Night. There will be a pot luck salad supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 17th we will be honored guests at the Oak Grove Friendship Night.

We are fortunate to have a Job's Daughter's Bethel and a DeMolay Chapter meeting in our temple. If you have children or grandchildren eligible and interested please contact us about them joining these organization. Five of our members are active leaders of these groups. Sister Tonya Culver is the Bethel Guardian and Brother Gary Dryer is the Associate Bethel Guardian as well as being a Grand Bethel officer. Sister Rita Hanson, Sister Jayna Walden, Brother Ed Culver and Brother Kenny Best are also active adult leaders in these groups.

Submitted by Lois Patten, Secretary

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RW Bro Paul Miller
Study Club Director

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I have always regarded my rank and title
as a Past Grand Master of Masons the greatest honor that had ever come to me*



Harry S. Truman

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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
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PUT BROTHERLY LOVE INTO ACTION

I have a challenge for us all. Commit at least one random act of kindness and love. Here's a partial list of things that can be done: take someone to lunch or have them over for a meal; help someone with a project; run an errand for someone; present someone with a gesture of appreciation; call someone you haven't seen or talked to for a while; visit a friend in the hospital; or give someone flowers simply because you care. The list could go on and on and fill this entire page and still not be complete. Hebrews 13:1 and 2 encourages us to, "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Let's be a true beacon of light and a true Master Mason. Let's always reach out to others!

Source: Brother Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Editor. Knight Templar magazine Missouri supplement



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