

The Swope Park Masonic Temple Bodies Quarterly Newsletter



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WB Justin Dryer

Swope Park Family,

As many of us are aware (and as I'm sure this issue discusses further), our building has recently fell victim to a theft of the copper in our air conditioning system. While this came as a hit to us personally through very warm and/or cancelled meetings, we were also impacted financially. I would like to personally and on behalf of the Building Board thank each of you for your support in providing funds and assistance to support replacing the air conditioners and increase our security to prevent this from happening again.

Each organization that meets at our building donated to assist in paying for the insurance deductible, including the youth organizations. This goes to show how much each of us care for one another. Rather than throwing our hands up and saying that it wasn't our fault, everyone extended their arms out and gave their time and money to help others.

I would like to thank Brother James Parkinson in particular who was crucial in getting our air conditioner replaced. He worked late nights and weekends in order for our groups to be able to meet as quickly as possible. I would also like to thank our Building Board Secretary Worshipful Brother James Payne and Right Worshipful Brother Larry Cameron who worked with the insurance company and organized both the replacement of the air conditioner and the upgrade of security systems.

We now have an updated security system which I encourage each of the members to become familiar with and use as you enter and exit the building. We also have installed an upgraded security camera system with 16 cameras that provides a display of the perimeter of the entire lodge to two flat panel LCD TVs, one by the entrance of the lodge room and one downstairs in Shotwell Hall. There is also a PC in the lodge room which will automatically log on to the system and display the cameras at the secretary's desk. Members and guests are also welcome to log into the system to provide that "extra eye" on the building from their smart phones, tablets, and laptops. Instructions will be available for users to log into the system.

Future upgrades to the building are also in the works. We'll keep you informed of the progress as the plans are solidified, but a new sound system is one known area that is on the list for upgrading in the near future. Parking lot improvements are also going to be needed soon, and we are in the initial planning stages for those upgrades.

Fraternally,
Justin Dryer
Worshipful Master
Swope Park Lodge #617
Swope Park Building Board Association President

Swope Park Lodge Officers for the 2012 year:

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

Worshipful Master:	WB Justin W. Dryer
Senior Warden:	Bro Robert E Culver
Junior Warden:	RWB Paul Miller
Treasurer:	RWB Lawrence S Cameron
Secretary:	WB Kenneth Best
Senior Deacon:	Bro James E. O'Shea
Junior Deacon:	Bro James L. Lowman
Senior Steward:	Bro Stanley Jefferson
Junior Steward:	Bro Lawrence Alvis
Chaplain:	WB Gary W. Dryer
Marshal:	Bro Mark T. Schmidt
Tiler:	WB Charles A. Farris

SWOPE PARK LODGE NO. 617

James Crawford Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft

(June 14) **James Earl Crawford** (center) was Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. He was obligated by **WM Justin Dryer** (right). His lecture was conducted by **RWB Dave Colburn** (left), who also gave him the Charge. **WB Justin Dryer** gave the letter “G” explanation. **RWB Larry Cameron** was SW in the second section of the degree, **Bro. Brad Fowler** was JW, **RWB Dave Colburn SD**, **Bro. James Lowman JD**, **Bro. Stanley Jefferson SS**, **Bro. Larry Alvis JS** and **Bro. Mark Schmidt** was Marshal.

A short business meeting followed the degree work. The members and guests in attendance passed the hat and collected \$ 164 for **WB Jim Payne** to present to DeMolay member **Dakota Hulse**, a member of **Thirteen Brothers Chapter DeMolay** of **Butler, Missouri** on **June 19th**.



50 YEAR GRAND LODGE PIN PRESENTATION

Brother **Gary Hanson** received his 50-year pin from his wife **Rita** in a presentation at **Swope Park Lodge Nr. 617** on **May 10, 2012**. Brother Hanson is **Past Worthy Patron** and Sister **Rita Hanson** is a **Past Grand Matron** of the **Grand Chapter of Missouri, OES** and **Past Matron** of **Swope Park Chapter 520**.

CHIPS PROGRAM PRESENTATION BY BRO. BRAD FOWLER

(June 14) Brother **Brad Fowler**, Regional CHIP Coordinator, made a presentation on the MO Child Identity Program at Swope Park Lodge. We hit the magic number Saturday, June 16th by processing 150,000 children in Missouri since the program started six years ago. Since the program was implemented, eight children have been rescued thanks to the information processed and on computer disk for use by law enforcement departments. Swope Park Lodge has been an active participant over the past six years and will hold its ninth program August 11th at Hickman Mills Middle School. All Lodge members are encouraged to come out and participate.



WILLIAM F. KUHN DEMOLAY HONORED AS STATE CHAPTER OF THE YEAR



(June 7, 2012) Swope Park Lodge Nr. 617 made an official visit to the Wm F. Kuhn Chapter of Missouri DeMolay chapter to celebrate their honor of being named Chapter of the Year with honored guest, Grand Master **John W. Hess** present....Congratulations were shared by all present. Shown above, the Grand Master addresses the Chapter. Most Worshipful Grand Master John Hess visited the chapter to congratulate them for being chosen as the 2012 Missouri Chapter of the year. Most Worshipful told the

boys he was proud to have such fine young men in the Fraternity and hoped one day to see them as Masons.

Listening attentively, left to right in the foreground, **Wolfe Wheeler**- flag bearer.

Brother Alex Barnes- Master Council. Far right of the Grand Master, were **Tim Alvis**- sitting at sec. station- scribe, **Jacob Hampton**- Chaplain, **Chris Anderson**- Marshal and **Madison Parkinson**- Chapter Sweetheart



Contributed by Bro. Jim O'Shea

WM F KUHN CHAPTER DEMOLAY CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING BOARD

(May 24) Brothers **Alex Barnes** and **William Caldwell**, also members of the William F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay, presented a \$ 100 contribution from the Chapter toward replacing the AC units vandalized for the copper mentioned in the article below. These young men can always be counted on to step up to the plate and contribute their time and money to assist the Lodge and Building Board as the necessity arises.

BRAVE DEMOLAY BOY HONORED



(June 19) Members of the **Swope Park York Rite** bodies honored a brave DeMolay boy with a plaque and cash award for action taken last April 11th when a fire broke out in a two story home at 210 W. Dakota street in Butler while seven people slept- but thanks to the quick actions of two teens, everyone escaped the fire that eventually consumed most of the structure. Two adults were downstairs while five children upstairs were trapped by flames in the stairwell. 14 year old **Dakota Hulse**, who was spending the night, along with another teenager acted quickly by lowering the other children from a second story window onto a rooftop, then safely to the ground. Dakota, a member of *Thirteen Brothers DeMolay chapter*, went back into the house to find a five year old girl as soon as they determined she had not gotten out. The girl was functionally dead, not breathing and with no heartbeat. She was revived by CPR and suffered broken ribs. Dakota was admitted into the hospital having suffered from smoke inhalation. The brave action of the boys got everyone out alive, especially the little five year old girl who was saved by Dakota. Shown above, Past Commander Knight Templar Commandery Nr 68 **Tom Holmes** and MEPC **Roy Thomas**, secretary of

Wm F Kuhn Chapter 284 Royal Arch Masons, Westport Council 38 Cryptic Masons and the Westport Chapter 68 Commandery making the presentation to Dakota Hulse. Additionally, Swope Park Lodge number 617 AF & AM members presented Dakota with \$ 164 collected passing the hat at the June 14th regular stated meeting. Making the presentation on the Lodge's behalf was WB **Jim Payne**, also a member of the York Rite Bodies. Butler Lodge members who support the DeMolay chapter are justifiably proud of a fine group of young men who compose the membership of Thirteen Brother DeMolay Chapter, who welcomed the visitors of Swope Park Masonic Lodge with genuine Masonic hospitality and courtesy.



Jobs Daughters




JOB'S DAUGHTERS CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING BOARD



(June 14) Pictured above, left to right, WM **Justin Dryer** receives a check in the amount of \$ 100 from **Madison Parkinson, Alexis Parkinson and Lydia Foster** Making a contribution toward the cost of replacing the AC units which were vandalized for copper recently.

YORK RITE BODIES OF SWOPE PARK TEMPLE

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Contributed by: Jim Payne

SIR KNIGHT MARK SCHMIDT EXHAULTED

(June 16) Companion Mark Schmidt, a member of Swope Park Lodge and Harry D. Brown, Jr. Royal Arch Masons participated in a special York Rite festival held at Liberty Commandery Nr. 6. He received the Cryptic Masons degrees and completed his journey in York Rite Masonry through initiation into the Order of the Red Cross and Order of the Temple. Sir Knight Schmidt is now a member of Westport Council Nr 38 of the Cryptic Masons and a Sir Knight in Westport Commandery Nr. 68, both which meet at Swope Park Temple.

SWOPE PARK CHAPTER 520 OES



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Congratulations to Brother George Eib, Sister Marlene Eib and Sister Yula Bradshaw. Each of these now have 50 years of membership in Eastern Stars and have received their recognition.

Gabriella Faith Sudduth was born Dec. 20, 2011. Her mother is Sister Melissa Rimer-Sudduth; proud grandmother is Sister Eula Faye Sudduth.

Congratulations to Sister Kynadi Kemp and her husband Paul Henry. Dominic Lee Henry was born on May 28th. Brother Forest and Sister Delores McChesney are the proud great grandparents. They also welcomed a great granddaughter, Kapri Elizabeth McChesney who was born on June 15th to Chase and Kristen McChesney. Kapri made her appearance on the birthday of Brother Forest.

Several members attended Swope Park Lodge 617 when Brother Gary Hanson was honored with his 50 year recognition. Congratulations Gary.

Congratulations to our members who are serving on Bethel #1 as adult members. Sister Rita Hanson, Guardian; Brother Kenny Best, Associate Guardian; Brother Ed Culver and Sister Tonya Culver. They will be installed on July 23rd by the Grand Bethel Guardian. Brother Gary Dryer is Vice Associate Grand Guardian.

. Our membership is now 145 Sisters and Brothers. So far this year we have lost 4 members due to death, 1 demit and 4 suspensions. Do you have a friend or relative that you would like to have join Swope Park Chapter? Contact the secretary for the necessary forms and procedure.

A new roster dated June 22, 2012 is available. Let the secretary if you want a copy e-mailed to you or if you want it printed and sent to you.

COMING EVENTS

July 17 – no meeting this month

July 24 – Reception honoring Brother Richard Houston, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Missouri

August 14 – stated meeting

September 11 – stated meeting and election of officers

October 7-10 – Grand Chapter in Columbia, Missouri-let secretary know if you want the registration information.

October 16 – Stated meeting with Chapter Birthday Dinner, honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons, and Kick-out skit for Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron

November 10 – morning Installation of 2013 Officers

Submitted by Lois Patten, Secretary
Swope Park 520 OES

**Swope Park Chapter 520
and
East Gate Chapter 367**

Invite You to Join Us As We Honor

**Brother Richard Houston
Grand Representative
Of
New Hampshire in Missouri
2012-2014**



**At
Swope Park Masonic Temple
8521 Oldham Road
Kansas City, MO
(If you get lost call 816-678-5618)**

**Tuesday
July 24, 2012
Light Meal at 6 p.m.
Reception to follow**

Formal

**SWOPE PARK LODGE STUDY CLUB
DIRECTOR**

R.W. PAUL MILLER

Wednesdays- Swope Park Lodge from 7pm—9pm
Run by RWB Paul Miller, DDGL of the 18th Masonic District



Fraternally yours,
RW Bro Paul Miller
Study Club Director

Please be sure to visit <http://www.swopepark.org> for more information and updates on current building events and photos.



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.

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

William F Kuhn Chapter Takes Conclave



VANDALS STEAL COPPER LINES FROM AIR CONDITIONERS


(May 14) The Lodge building suffered a major loss after thieves cut and took the copper lines from our 15 ton and 5 ton A/C unit compressors. They gained access into the fenced area on the east side of the building from the roof. The \$ 15,700 loss was partially covered by our property loss coverage, netting our loss to the \$ 2500 deductible. The Building Board held a special meeting the following Sunday to approve replacing the units and upgrade the security system and implement measures to prevent future incidents. We are adding additional security cameras and an intrusion alarm sensors. The system will be monitored 24/7 by a security company in communication with the KC police department.





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