

# THE RAMBLER

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## Swope Park Masonic Family is SMOKING HOT!

Wow! What a year it has been so far! Our Masonic Family has been so busy these last few months. We continue to be recognized by the members of our Masonic community for the concept of a Masonic Family. Other Lodges and Orders have said that they want to imitate what we have, a Masonic Family. The truth is easier said than done. Not every organization has the same interests, personalities and people with the passion to work hard at nurturing the relationships like what we have with our Swope Park family. This is not a one-size-fits-all process. We owe a great deal of thanks to the members of our family who have worked hard for over a decade to achieve this "Masonic Family" concept. We can continue to build upon this by making sure that each of us takes a vested interest in every Lodge/Chapter/Order of our members. We do ourselves a favor when we make sure that our members are informed and included in our activities. Communication between our respective bodies will allow us to be more supportive of each other.

There is a common thread of philosophy in

each of our respective groups, which is our youth. Many people were surprised when at our Installation of Officers, our youth and leadership were acknowledged. The William F. Kuhn Chapter of DeMolay received the honor of obtaining for the last four consecutive years (and five out of the last six years) "Chapter of the Year." Madison Parkinson, Honored Queen of Bethel #1 and Tim Alvis, Past Master Councilor of William F. Kuhn Chapter received the Royal Arch youth awards for their respective groups.

A special thank you goes out to the leaders of our youth for your dedication, persistence, passion, and patience for your efforts. I would also like to thank our Order of Eastern Star, Swope Park Chapter #520 and our York Rite Chapter, Council and Commandery for your support of these groups and your continued role in working towards this concept of a Masonic Family. Our young ladies of Job's Daughters, Bethel # 1 and the William F. Kuhn DeMolay Chapter have been and will continue to be our focus of support and attention.

Our Lodge has also been busy! We obtained our Silver Ritual award back

in April. We had hopes of the Gold Ritual award, but due to member availability and schedule conflicts, we will look to achieving this award in the future. The Lodge met the requirements for the Lodge Achievement award earlier this year, and we are now more than four times the amount of points required for this award. Just for your information, our Lodge has 22 stated communications, or regularly scheduled meetings. But we have also had to date 13 special communications for the purpose of conferring degrees and other associated activities. Keep in mind that we have also conferred degrees on our regular meeting nights. A thank you goes to our officers and members who have dedicated themselves to this Lodge and consistently make Swope Park Lodge a shining star in Freemasonry.

On May 8th of this year the Lodge renewed a tradition with a Past Master's dinner for all Past Masters of Swope Park Lodge #617 and special guests. A special meal was prepared for our honored guest of Tuscan Smoked Pork Loin, Loaded BBQ Baked Beans, Tri-Colored Pasta Salad, Corn & Cabbage

Salad with Apple Crisp a-la-mode for dessert. Our Regional Grand Lecturer, RWB Glenn Burrows and our District Deputy Grand Lecturer, RWB Dennis Spears were invited guests along with other Past Masters from other area Lodges. A great time was had by all.

I have a few dates for you to mark on your calendars. On August 23rd, we will have a work day at the Lodge to take care of some general maintenance tasks and make some required building weatherproofing projects. Most of the work will be done on the inside, most of which will be cleaning interior surfaces to make the building sparkle. Tasks for every group will  
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Jeffrey L. Engle  
Worshipful Master 2013-2014

## Swope Park Sponsors First Bike Rodeo

On May 10, 2014 Swope Park Lodge # 617 sponsored their first bike rodeo at Santa Fe Elementary School.

B James O'Shea was chairman of this event and because this was the first of what the lodge hopes to be many. B

O'Shea had to spend many hours of hard work to assemble all the information to help his committee to be successful.

Officers from the Kansas City Police also assisted.

Many brothers and family members assisted him. RWB Larry Cameron, WB

Charlie Farris, B Mark Martinez and family, Sister Rita Hanson, WB Bob James, B Matt Vogel, B Uriel Payan and family, B Roy Gutierrez and family, B Bob Nelson , B Chris Duncan and daughter, RWB Kenny Best and wife Connie.

Swope Park handed out free bike helmets and knee pads and other items for safety, they also provided free hot dogs and drinks to everyone, the weather was great with many members present.





## Update from Swope Park Chapter #520

Una Bowman was presented a 25 year recognition pin at our July meeting.

Six members have been suspended for non-payment of dues. They can be reinstated by sending in their \$13 to the secretary

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of four members since our last Rambler report. Forest McChesney died March 23, Edward Jenkins on April 20, Adeline Werner on April 21 and Ellnora Easley on March 31. The charter was draped in memory of each of these sisters and brothers.

We are proud of our sisters and brothers for the work they do with the Job's Daughters and DeMolay. Several of them also have state offices in

these organizations

Worthy Matron, Deb Merrick, has been honoring each of the officers this year. We look forward to these presentation. We are proud of our officers for the work they do and their dedication to the chapter and the order. She has also honored the Mothers, Fathers and Master Masons. Many of our members visited other chapters on Friendship Night. We enjoy this opportunity to get together with those from another chapter.

Swope Park Chapter continues to promote our charity projects. We take a collection at each meeting for the Grand Chapter charities. We sent \$1,547.07 to Grand Chapter charities in June. This represents money given at chapter meet-

ings, donations made when paying dues and memorials.

Other charity projects include collection of supplies for Rainbow Center, and purchasing them a new vacuum cleaner. We collected food for Hope Network Food Bank and will be taking up another collection in August. A baby quilt was made by Stella Turnquist. This was one of the projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and it will be taken to Grand Chapter.

A brochure to promote Eastern Star and our chapter has been prepared. These are available for any member to distribute. Thanks to April White for assembling this brochure. If you would like copies please let the secretary know.

We do have meetings all summer. These are usually shorter and gives us time for fellowship. We will meet August 12th and bring non-perishable food items. September 9th is election of officers. October 14 we will have a dinner before the meeting and honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons. September 18, 19 and 20 the groups that meet at the temple will have a garage sale at the temple. Bring your donations to the temple at our August meeting or give to one of the members. Come and shop at the sale.

Other events are Grand Chapter October 12 through 15th. On November 22 we will install our 2015 officers.

Lois Patten, Secretary

## Swope Park Masonic Youth Recognized for Involvement

The Swope Park Masonic Family can be very proud of their youth. Past Master Councilor Tim Alvis from William F. Kuhn Chapter of DeMolay and Past Honored Queen Madison Parkinson from Bethel No. 1 of Job's Daughters were both recipients of the Royal Arch Masonic Youth Award by Roy Thomas, the Most Illustrious Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. Most Excellent Roy commented on the how active both Tim and Madison were in the

preceding year.

The presentation was made to Tim at Missouri DeMolay Conclave and to Madison at Missouri Job's Daughters Grand Session, both held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.



**Left: Tim Alvis, PMC of William F. Kuhn Chapter**  
**Center: Roy Thomas, Illustrious Grand High Priest**  
**Right: Madison Parkinson, PHQ of Bethel #1**

## Harry Days Proves Fun For All

On May 3, 2014 Swope Park Lodge # 617 teamed up with William F. Kuhn DeMolay and Bethel # 1 Jobs Daughters to operate an informational booth in Grandview MO at their celebration of Harry Truman's birthday. It was a wonderful day of Fellowship.

Over 200 packets with information on each of the organizations were handed out throughout the festival. A DVD presentation about Freemasonry was also played in the booth which several people stopped to watch.

Swope Park thanks those who helped set up and

work the event, RWB Larry Cameron and wife Pearl, WB Bob James, PWM Rita Hanson, RWB Gary Dryer, B Kevin Sykes, RWB Kenny Best and wife Connie, B Larry Alvis, B Jim O'Shea, Honor Queen Tory Odell and Lexi Parkinson from Job's, and Master Coun-

cilor Jacob Hampton, B Jeff Sykes, and Mom Kathryn Wheeler from DeMolay. These guys and gals really helped make this a successful event as many people were interested and asked questions about joining the various orders!



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be available and greatly appreciated. We will also be scheduling another work day in the cooler months of fall to tackle our exterior projects.

The other date is for a garage sale, September 17th – 20th. Please go through your households and see what items you may have that you could put in this sale. We hope to have a 40' trailer to use to store items before the

sale. Unsold items may be picked up the following week, after that items will be donated to Goodwill or another worthy organization. The purpose for this project is to raise money to replace our tables and chairs in Shotwell Hall. Our Eastern Star Chapter got wind of this early (somehow) and quickly stepped up to the plate with a contribution of \$250 for this purpose. The Swope Park Masonic Building Association also received a \$150 donation

from a Grand Lodge Officer from the State of Indiana for use towards our meeting hall. The Building Association had an emergency meeting to vote for the additional costs required to purchase ten tables, as these tables were on sale. The bigger cost of this project will be for the chairs. Each table will seat eight people comfortably, but the cost to set a table with these chairs is about twice the cost of the table. We will

continue to look for ways to raise the necessary funds for this project.

Thanks again to each and every one of you who have made and continue to make my year as Master of the Lodge and President of the Building Association so successful.

Fraternally yours!

Jeff Engle, WM

**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, or email to WB Justin Dryer at [justind@modemolay.org](mailto:justind@modemolay.org). We reach over 400 households.

## 25 Year Pin Presentation

Una Bowman, Past Matron received her 25 year pin.  
 Her daughter Becky Bowman, PM is beside her.  
 Behind her is Ed Culver, Worthy Patron and Deb Merrick, Worthy Matron.



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## Special Presentation

WB Bob James was presented with a very special Masonic Apron on May 22, 2014. This apron identified WB Bob as "Señior Chef" and was presented in appreciation for his hard work and dedication in the kitchen by the Junior Warden, WB James Lowman.

### Lenexa

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 3917 Prairie Lane  
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## DeMolay Honors and Awards

Two very special presentations were made on May 3, 2014 on behalf of the Order of DeMolay. RWB Larry Cameron was invested as an Honorary Legion of Honor, the highest honor that can be bestowed on any individual in DeMolay. RWB Marshall Rimann was also presented with his 50 Year Senior DeMolay Certificate, marking an important achievement. Congratulations to both of these fine young men!





## William F. Kuhn Represents Well at Missouri Conclave

Wm. F Kuhn Chapter, Order of DeMolay, attended State Conclave over Memorial Day Weekend. The boys, as usual, performed beyond expectations in ritual, sports and attitude all weekend.

Eleven (11) DeMolays came home with twelve (12) ritual trophies and one (1) sports trophy. Congratulations to Jeff Alvis, Tim Alvis, Christopher Anderson, Jacob Hampton, Wolf Wheeler

and Jeff Sykes on trophies they won for outstanding ritual work, and to Shawn Snyder who won a trophy in Billiards.

Wm. F Kuhn Chapter also won Chapter of the Year for the fourth year in a row, which also makes five out of six! This is not only due to the hard work the boys have put forth in reaching out to the community, but also to the support we receive from the entire Masonic Family

at Swope Park and the "local" Lodges and appendant bodies. Without this support, the boys could not learn to grow and give as much as they do.

Thanks to this support, William F Kuhn gladly accepted the Missouri DeMolay Sponsors' Achievement Award, which was made out to the Swope Park Masonic Family. This is a first for Missouri DeMolay and a

testament to the way all the organizations at Swope Park work together!

While Conclave 2014 has ended, the chapter has already started working on new team parts to do at Conclave 2015. William F Kuhn, always striving for success!

Larry Alvis



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## Members Continue Through the Mysteries of Freemasonry

Swope Park Lodge #617 has remained busy, assisting the following brethren advance through the listed degrees:

**April 5**

David McBee (EA)

Roy Gutierrez (EA)

**April 9**

Alexis Montenegro (MM)

**April 10**

Matthew Vogel (FC)

Uriel Payan (FC)

**April 24**

Roy Gutierrez (FC)

**May 14**

Matthew Vogel (MM)

**May 22**

Uriel Payan (MM)

**June 4**

Wesley Shankles (FC)

Robert Cortes (FC, Alpha Lodge #659)

**June 12**

Roy Gutierrez (MM)



## Great Turnout for Past Master's Dinner

Swope Park Lodge #617, or more specifically, Swope Park Worshipful Master Jeff Engle and lady Valerie Kistler, proudly hosted the Past Master's dinner to honor and enjoy fellowship with Past and Future Masters of Swope Park as well as other area lodges.

WB Jeff and Valerie provided a great spread of

homemade recipes, including coleslaw, pasta salad, beans, rolls, and the best pork tenderloin many have had in years. This was all topped off with a dessert which decidedly nobody needed, but it didn't stop many from capping off a awesome dinner with a superb dessert!



Top: Valerie and Jeff thank everyone for attending.

Left: Beneficiaries of the labor.

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## Swope Park Masonic Youth Poker Run

Help us get to Conclave and Grand Session!!!



**Where: Swope Park Lodge  
8521 Oldham Rd. Kansas City, MO.**

**When: September 13, 2014**

**Who: Bikes, Cars, and Passengers**

**Cost: \$25**

### SWOPE PARK TEMPLE MEETINGS DATE, TIME and CONTACTS

- **Swope Park Lodge #617 AF&AM**  
Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:30 PM  
Kenny Best, Secretary  
Phone (816) 965-5261
- **Swope Park Order Eastern Star Chapter 520**  
Second Tuesday 7:30 PM  
Lois Patton, Secretary  
Phone (816) 318-9808
- **Harry D. Brown Jr. Chapter 284**  
First Monday 7:30 PM  
Roy Thomas, Secretary  
Phone (816) 318-3939
- **Westport Council Royal & Select Masters Nr 38**  
First Monday 7:30 PM  
Roy Thomas, Secretary  
Phone (816) 318-3939
- **Commandery of Knights Templar Nr 68**  
Third Tuesday 7:30 PM  
Roy Thomas, Secretary  
Phone (816) 318-3939
- **Paul F Miller Memorial Study Club**  
Wednesdays 7:00 PM  
Joshua Thompson, Director
- **Job's Daughters Bethel # 1 and Jobie-2-Bees**  
Second and Fourth Mondays 7:30 PM  
Rita Hanson  
Phone (816) 525-2681
- **William F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay**  
First and Third Thursdays 7:30 PM  
Gary Dryer, Chapter Advisor  
Phone (816) 763-9494
- **Squires of the Round Table**  
First and Third Thursdays 7:00 PM  
Kevin Sykes, Adult Advisor  
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