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James O'Shea
Worshipful Master
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Master's Trestle Board

case with the Widow's Tea / Past Master's Luncheon / Masonic Home Visitation.

A critical item that persists in our Lodge is the lack of response from the Masonic Family when food is involved. Without a rough estimate of those attending, we have furnished more than enough needed which caused the event to cost more. Please be respectful and let the lodge membership know when you plan to attend. Another item of discussion these last few months is the lack of attendance from the Brethren during our regular / special communications to fill all the chairs to open lodge. On average, only six officers attend our Study Club on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 pm. Due to having several special visitors from other lodges we are and continue to hold business as planned.

We concluded our last School of Instruction at Alpha Lodge the first Wednesday in April. William F. Kuhn DeMolay's Installation of Officers was on Saturday, April 11, 2015. A big turnout was expected on April 18th for the MOChip / Bicycle Rodeo Safety event at Longview Chapel Christian Church with Longview Community College scheduling their Kite Festival, but with

weekend rains the kite and bicycle rodeo were cancelled and only 27 children went through the MOChip event. On the last Saturday morning of the month RWB Kenneth Best hosted a Masonic Mentoring Class in Shotwell Hall which was preceded by a super breakfast. Our Paul A. Miller Study Club continued throughout the month under the direction of RWB Larry Cameron, which was moved to Alpha Lodge on April 29 for a quarterly Square and Compass meeting and combined Study Club.

As we entered May, several Special Communications were scheduled to receive two new Brothers, Tim Alvis and Jeff Alvis into Swope's membership. Congratulations to these newest Master Masons. An afternoon meeting on May 16 brought Past Masters, Widows and members to the official visit of Carly Dibben from the Masonic Home of Missouri. This event was held in conjunction with a Widow's Tea / Past Master's luncheon. Eighteen attended this presentation and later enjoyed a wonderful luncheon prepared by "Mrs. Swope Park" Connie Best and Rita Hanson. Those present received a Masonic Home Informational Guide. Additional copies may be obtained at the

Lodge. Over the Memorial Day weekend, William F. Kuhn DeMolay traveled to Conclave in Columbia, MO having a successful weekend by bringing back numerous trophies for their work.

The first meeting in June a special Communication was scheduled to receive Mikhail Dietrich Fetterolf as the newest member into the Mysteries of Freemasonry with RWB Kenny Best obligating his Entered Apprentice Degree. The All Family Masonic Picnic was held as scheduled at Darter Park on Saturday, June 13 under the canopy of a rainy sky. The rain didn't stop the fun with four Master Masons cooking hotdogs and hamburgers under the cover of their umbrellas. The rain continued as everyone ate and the sun popped out the last hour for the youth to have their water balloon toss / egg toss and a group picture of the 28 persons attending. A wet, but very fun day by all in attendance. Later that evening Alpha Lodge hosted a Square and Compass Appreciation Dinner for all of the Study Club Leaders, DDGL and DDGM concluding a busy day of Freemasonry.

On June 25, the Order of Eastern Star #520 hosted a special dinner for all Master Masons in the

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Three of Swope Park #520's OES Sisters Honored for Length of Service

At the stated meeting held in April, (pictured left to right) Sisters Delores McChesney and Stella Turnquist received 60-yr pins and Sister Alby Shipman received both her 60 and 65-yr pins. It has always been customary for members to be given a 50-yr pin but the 60 and 65 year pins have only recently become available. Congratulations!

Sister Delores McChesney was initiated into Northeast Chapter #300 in 1955 and held the Star Point station of Ruth the following year. She subsequently held other offices until 1976 when she was elected Worthy Matron. In 1977 Sister Delores was elected to serve as their Secretary, a position she occupied through 1980.

In 1987 Northeast Chapter #300 consolidated with East Gate Chapter #367 and in 1991 Sister Delores became a dual member with Orient Chapter #491 (then meeting at Swope Park temple). She later dropped her membership at East Gate and became a member of Swope Park #520 in 1998 through consolidation of chapters.

Sister Delores has been the recipient of several Grand Chapter appointments: Grand Representative of New York in Missouri (one of the very few states that is under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter) in 1971; Grand Martha in 1981 and District Deputy Grand Matron in 1996. In 2002, Delores

presided as Worthy Matron of Josepha Chapter #63, her dual chapter at that time, and has served as the Star Point station of Ruth ever since.

While still very active in both of her Chapters in the early 1990s, Sister Delores became a volunteer at the Masonic Home Western Unit in the ceramic department, and in 1999 became Chairman of the of the Volunteers. She remained a good and faithful volunteer at the Masonic Home Western Unit until it was sold, a total of 20 years.



Sister Stella Turnquist petitioned Rural Chapter #518 and was elected to membership on November 15, 1954. She served as an officer from 1963 through 1983 in various stations including Worthy Matron in 1976.

In 1983 Sister Stella affiliated with Swope Park Chapter #520 by consolidation of Chapters and served the Star Point stations of Adah, Esther and Martha, some more than once. Sister Stella first served Swope Park #520 as Worthy Matron in 1994 with husband Paul by her side, and in 1994, 1999, 2003 and 2008 with

other Worthy Patrons. Additionally, Sister Stella has been honored with two Grand Chapter appointments: Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in 1996 and District Deputy Grand Matron in 2010. Although not currently serving as an officer, Sister Stella pro tems regularly.

Sister Stella has been general chairman of numerous receptions and installations and chairman of the dining room too many times to count. She can be counted on to always help at any OES

Sister Alby Shipman petitioned Swope Park Chapter #520 and was elected to membership on October 28, 1947. The one and only chapter she has ever belonged to.

Sister Alby has faithfully served as our Worthy Matron a total of seven times; in 1954, 1984, 1985, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2012. Over the years Sister Alby has served in many other stations and is currently Marshal. Sister Alby is always ready to help wherever she may be needed.

Two appointments from the Grand Chapter of Missouri have been bestowed on Sister Alby. In 1986 she served as District Deputy Grand Matron and in 2000 she began her two year appointment as Grand Representative of Alberta. As with our two other honorees, Sister Alby also helped with sewing and volunteered her time to serve the residents at the Masonic Home of Missouri Western Unit until it was sold.

Besides Sister Alby's precise ritual skills, she is also known throughout the state for her decorating skills. There hasn't been an event, occasion or meeting where Sister Alby couldn't provide the appropriate decorations. She has always offered to share her expansive collection with anyone who might need them. We have no doubt that Sister Alby will be the first member of Swope Park to receive a 70-yr pin when it becomes available to her in 2017.



Alvis Brothers Travel the Path of Masonry Together



Two members of William F. Kuhn Chapter have recently ascended through the degrees in Masonry. These members also happen to be brothers and the son of Swope Park Lodge's Junior Warden, Larry Alvis. Swope Park Lodge #617 welcomes Jeffrey and Timothy Alvis, both Past Master Councilors. The following accounts summarize the great degrees performed for these members.

Entered Apprentice

Timothy and Jeffrey Alvis were obligated by their father, JW Larry Alvis at Swope Park Lodge #617 at a Special Communication on April 9, 2015. Others assisting during the evening were RWB David Coburn providing the lecture and B Clayton Stiff who gave one of the most moving charges the lodge has ever witnessed. A super evening that was shared by all the Brethren

present.

Fellow Craft

Another special evening occurred on April 23, 2015 at Swope Park Temple with the conferring of two Fellow Craft Degrees and a special visit from the Grand Chaplain from the State of Nebraska. WB Charles Farris obligated the two new Brothers, Jeffrey and Timothy Alvis to the Degree of Fellow Craft, followed by the Lecture given by RWB Glen Burrows, the Letter "G" by WB Justin Dryer and the Charge by RWB David Colburn. The Senior Deacon during both degrees was the Alvis' father, JW Larry Alvis. The degree was witnessed by members of Swope Park, other visiting Lodges in the district, and the Special Guest, Very Worshipful Kevin Lindly, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Very Worshipful Lindly, from

Broken Bow Nebraska, also gave the closing prayer. Masonic Brotherhood was shared throughout the evening with refreshments following in Shotwell Hall.

Master Mason

On Saturday, May 9, 2015 the Brethren at Swope Park Lodge conferred two Master Mason degrees for Brothers Jeffrey and Tim Alvis who were symbolically raised by their father, JW Larry Alvis.

Thank you to the Officers of Swope Park #617 who assisted and the many guests from other Lodges including RWB Ken Crawford, Bro Kelly Mercier, WB Ben Pagel, RWB David Colburn, WB Cecil Wagers, RWB Joshua Thompson, B Jason Woods, and WB Douglas McDonald.

Also in attendance and providing assistance were family members of the

Alvis family, B John Foster (Larry's uncle) from Columbia, MO and Hermitage Lodge # 288 in Hermitage, MO, WB Michael Foster (Larry's cousin) from Columbine Lodge #147 in Denver, CO, and WB Melvin Foster from Aurora Lodge #156 in Aurora, CO (Larry's uncle).

Our guests made it possible to accomplish these two important Master Mason degrees. Congratulations Brothers Jeff and Tim and Papa JW Larry! We look forward to seeing you grow in this great fraternity.



Top Left:
Entered Apprentice Degree
Top Right:
Fellow Craft Degree
Bottom Row:
Master Mason Degree



William F. Kuhn Chapter and Swope Park Manor Attend Conclave And Return With Numerous Honors



Congratulations to the young men from William F. Kuhn Chapter and Swope Park Manor for all their accomplishments at Conclave. Conclave was held over Memorial Day, May 22-25, 2015.

The young men competed in many different individual and team competitions for both ritual and sports. In sports, the Chapter took home the second place trophy in the Senior Division Tug of War competition. In ritual, several team and individual trophies were won. Tim Alvis, Jeffrey Sykes,

and Andrew Sykes brought home many individual awards, and the trophy count was also supported by Truman Gouldsmith and Wolf Wheeler who also won trophies.

The two biggest awards taken home by the individuals were received by Tim Alvis and Jeffrey Sykes. Tim Alvis was awarded the Master Ritualist Runner Up in Senior Division which identified him as the second best Ritualist in his division across the state of Missouri. Jeffrey Sykes was

awarded the Best Inquisitor trophy for his outstanding role as Senior Inquisitor in the team DeMolay Degree competition.

Swope Park Manor, Squires of the Roundtable also had good representation from their newest member, Andrew Sykes. Andrew not only joined at Conclave, but came home with a 3rd Place trophy for Chaplain and two medals for Sports, 3rd Place in the Football Throw and 2nd Place in the Long Jump (all Junior Division).

William F Kuhn also had a new member join at Conclave. Welcome to Avery Paszkiewicz! An exciting and fun filled weekend was had by all!

Congratulations to all the young men in the Chapter. Your Masonic family is always behind you and proud of your accomplishments.

A list of all the trophies won can be found below and pictures throughout the weekend on the opposite page.

William F. Kuhn Chapter Winners at Conclave 2015

| Individual Competition | Place | Name |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| 1st Preceptor Junior Division | 2nd Place | Jeffery Sykes |
| 1st Preceptor Senior Division | 2nd Place | Tim Alvis |
| 2nd Preceptor Junior Division | 3rd Place | Jeffery Sykes |
| 2nd Preceptor Senior Division | 3rd Place | Tim Alvis |
| 3rd Preceptor Junior Division | 1st Place | Jeffery Sykes |
| 3rd Preceptor Senior Division | 2nd Place | Tim Alvis |
| 5th Preceptor Junior Division | 2nd Place | Jeffery Sykes |
| 6th Preceptor Junior Division | 1st Place | Jeffery Sykes |
| 7th Preceptor Junior Division | 3rd Place | Jeffery Sykes |
| Marshal Junior Division | 2nd Place | Truman Gouldsmith |
| Obligations Junior Division | 2nd Place | Jeffery Sykes |
| Obligations Senior Division | 2nd Place | Tim Alvis |
| Magnificent Seven Junior Division | 3rd Place | Jeffery Sykes |
| Master Councilor Initiation Senior Division | 1st Place | Tim Alvis |
| Master Councilor - Fourth Section Senior Division | 3rd Place | Tim Alvis |
| Ceremony of Light Junior Division | 2nd Place | Wolf Wheeler |
| Flower Talk Senior Division | 3rd Place | Tim Alvis |

| Team Competition | Place | Chapter |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Initiatory Degree - 8 Man | 2nd Place | William F. Kuhn |
| Majority Service | 2nd Place | William F. Kuhn |
| DeMolay Degree | 3rd Place | William F. Kuhn |

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 justinwdryer@gmail.com. We reach over 400 households.





Master's Trestle Board (continued)

18th Masonic District and their spouses in Shotwell Hall. It was followed by an open meeting in the Lodge room where the Swope Park Lodge Officers put on a "Chair of Remembrance Degree" prepared by RWB Larry Cameron. The ceremony is to honor the fallen Brethren during the 2014 calendar year.

Planning for my last quarter in office, one should look forward to continued Paul F. Miller Study Clubs

on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, and special communications on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays to confer several new members. Additional activities will include a Swope Park Masonic Temple Family visit to Harvester's Food Pantry on Saturday, July 11th. We are meeting at the lodge and carpooling together to the event from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm to assist with this Outreach Project.

August brings the election of new Officers in the Lodge, a Past Masters Breakfast, a Garage Sale in early September, and finally Grand Lodge in Columbia to close the month. October 3rd is scheduled as the Installation of New Officers at Swope Park Lodge.

Once again, I would like to say thank you to all for attending the special events and supporting me as your Worshipful Master. It makes my job

much easier when people offer their assistance when needed without being asked to help. This is your Lodge and I hope you have enjoyed the programs / events that have been planned. Thank you all again for your continued support.

Fraternally,

Jim O'Shea, WM



Swope Park #520 Eastern Star Loses Several Members



Gladys Mohart passed away on March 29, 2015. Sister Gladys was initiated into East Gate Chapter #367 on Jan 22, 1990 under the Masonic affiliation of her late husband Brother William (Bill) Mohart, then a member of Cecile Daylight #305. Sister Gladys earned her 25-year pin in January 2015 and it was presented to her daughter on March 27, 2015.

Over the course of time by dual membership and consolidation of Chapters, Sister Gladys also held membership in Orient #491, Country Club #448 and Swope Park Chapter #520.

Sister Gladys held many offices during her 25-years in Eastern Star as well as serving as Worthy Matron at East Gate 367 in 1994, at Orient 491 in 1997 and at Swope Park 520 in 2002.

Sister Gladys was honored in 1996 with the commission of Grand Representative of West Virginia.

OES services were conducted on April 4, 2015 at the McGilley & George Funeral Home in Grandview. Those assisting with the service from Swope Park #520 were Sister Lois Compton, Brother John Stillman,

and Sisters Prudence-Irwin Brennan, Stella Turnquist, Delores McChesney, April White, Pat Neece and Suzan Boyd.

Erma Keeton passed away May 11, 2015, at Wilshire at Lakewood. A visitation was held on Friday, May 15, at Heartland. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 16, also at the funeral home. Burial followed immediately at Brooking Cemetery. Erma was born December 1, 1932 in El Dorado, AR. She went on to graduate from El Dorado High School. She was a past Matron of OES East Gate #367 Swope Park #520. She worked as a bookkeeper and retired from Clark's Appliance in Raytown. She was an avid reader and Royals Fan.

Carolyn Sue White passed away on April 3,

2015, Visitation was held April 5, 2015 with graveside services on April 6, 2015 all at Floral Mills Memorial Gardens.

In May of 2015 Sister Carolyn would have completed 45 years of service. No record was made of her ever holding an office.

Carolyn Sue Stockton was initiated into Country Club Chapter #448 on May 8, 1970 under the Masonic affiliation of her brother, Jack Edwin Stockton, then a member of Corinth Lodge #265 in Warrensburg.

She was recommended by Sister Vannette Stockton, her mother and Helen M. Quirk. Serving in her Investigating Committee were Elza Norton, Virginia Norton and Edith Barron.

In 1973 she married Carl White.



William F. Kuhn April Installation

In April, I was installed as Master Councilor of William F. Kuhn Chapter Order of DeMolay. I shall write about how I felt about the installation and things of that nature.

Probably the most outstanding feeling during the set-up of the installation was anxiety. The reason for this was that I had to rally my guys and make sure the installing team was there. I also had to greet the guests as I saw them and it was a mess. Once things got rolling I started to relax. I was still a little tense because we had a full house and, even though I have done it for a few years now, I still get nervous talking in front of large

crowds. To be honest, I was a little surprised at the number of people that were in attendance. We had a few State Officers of Missouri DeMolay, the State Sweetheart of Missouri DeMolay, quite a few important people from Freemasons, and a hand full of other titles.

The ceremony itself went without a hitch. We had some good laughs and we also had some great remarks by guests and advisors. The State Sweetheart, Lydie Drake, also made a very nice remark to the chapter. I even made a remark to Tim Alvis, my predecessor. I called him to the altar and gave him his Past Master Councilor's

pin and thanked him for doing such a great job during his term.

I was most surprised by the attendance of the family of my old babysitter. I had sent them an invitation but I was not expecting them to come. I had not seen them in a very long time I was very happy to see them come in.

For a reception afterward, we had some excellent authentic Mexican food. Usually there is a dance or something of the sort after the ceremony. We had the fortune of having the State Officers reception the same night and so I used that as my reception and dance.

My overall experience of William F. Kuhn's installation was a great one. If you did not have the opportunity to attend then I hope you have had the chance to imagine it. If you did get the chance to be at the installation then I thank you deeply for coming to witness it and support the chapter.

Wolf Wheeler

Master Councilor



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Wonderful Turnout at Swope Park Masonic Picnic

The Masonic Family Picnic went as planned with rain and little shine on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Darter Park. It was an afternoon of constant heavy rains, but 28 attended from Swope Park Masonic Temple including the Job's Daughters,

Rainbows, DeMolays, Swope Park Lodge and Order of Eastern Star, advisors, and parents. A meal was provided which consisted of hotdogs and hamburgers with trimmings and special dishes prepared by the guests attending. The rains con-

tinued through most of the event; however, by the time everyone finished eating the DeMolay were ready to conduct the games of hula hoop, water balloon toss, and egg toss. While the event was in progress, Samuel's Photography (Bro. Gary

Pfister's son) captured numerous photos of the occasion, including the group shot shown. Everyone left after having a wonderful time sharing with this Swope Park Masonic Family special monthly event.





A Hero Passed Through This Lodge

On April 2, 2015 the Secretary of Swope Park Lodge No. 617 was contacted by the Director of the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation Hall of Fame. They were looking for a picture of Brother Andrew P. Sanderson to place on his plaque, which has been hanging blank in the hall for the last 70 years.

B Andrew Sanderson was born in Havary Ellis, Greece on November 20, 1890 and traveled to the United States with his parents in 1893.

On B Sanderson's petition dated November 14, 1929 he lived at 3806 East 25th Street, Kansas

City, MO with a phone number of Melrose 1460. Andrew was elected December 12, 1929, initiated January 9, 1930, examined March 13, 1930, passed to Fellow Craft March 13, 1930, examined May 8, 1930, raised to Master Mason May 8, 1930 and examined November 8, 1931.

His occupation at that time was a United States Narcotic's Agent located at United States Post Office Building, room 201 and phone number Victor 0564.

References for B Sanderson: O.L. Melearnick Karrses Lodge No. 99 in Kansas, Rowe H. Brain-

erd Oklahoma Lodge No. 183, Francis B Kennedy Ivanhoe Lodge No. 446 Missouri and Herbert Far-rar Willamette Lodge No. 2 in Oregon.

During World War II B Sanderson was on assignment with the FBI tracking Nazi spies in the Kansas City area when it was discovered there was a plan to sabotage a war plant located in the industrial part of Kansas City. The FBI agents confronted the Nazi saboteurs at a downtown apartment building on September 24, 1944.

As a Nazi saboteur raised his gun to kill B Sanderson's partner, he leaped

in front of him and was shot and killed saving his partner's life who was also a Brother Mason.

Although we have very little information in our files about Brother Andrew P. Sanderson, it is apparent that his character and his dedication to complete the requirements in order to become a Master Mason also followed him into everyday life.

We at Swope Park Lodge No. 617 salute B Andrew P. Sanderson and should any member make the trip to Washington D.C., stop off at the FBI Headquarters visit his plaque and say a little prayer.



District Deputy Grand Master Kenny Best Conducts Mentoring Program at Swope Park Temple

After a delicious breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice and coffee prepared by DDGM Kenny Best, RWB Larry Cameron, and JW Larry Alvis the Brethren attending were lead through the new Mentoring Program on Saturday morning, April 25, 2015. The pro-

gram was prepared by the Grand Lodge and set up by RWB Best. Each degree had a selected representative to discuss and address questions with RWB Larry Cameron

detailing the Enter Apprentice Degree, WB Cecil Wagers interpreting the Fellowcraft Degree, and DDGL Dennis Spears handling the Master Mason Degree. RWB Kenny

summarized the meeting and thanked all for attending and supporting this program. Those attending expressed their positive comments throughout the event. Other Brethren attending included WM Bruce Olds, WM Jim O'Shea, WB Joe Sappington, and JW Larry Alvis.



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Breakfast Club Honors Two

At a Tuesday morning Breakfast Club meeting in March RWB Kenny Best with the help of RWB Larry Cameron presented Robby Robertson, who has been so generous with the lodge's Veteran Christmas Program, with a Flag pin with the Square and compasses in

one corner and the word Veteran at the bottom of the flag.

RWB Kenny Best then presented WB Ben Pangel (The Godfather of the 18th District) with a Past Master's pin in appreciation of all the ritual he has given the lodge for so many years.



Mikhail Dietrich Fetterolf Receives First Degree



A special communication was held on June 11, 2015 to receive Mikhail Dietrich Fetterolf as the newest Entered Apprentice through initiation. WM Jim O'Shea opened the Lodge on the first degree, balloted on the candidate and proceeded with his initiation. RWB Kenneth Best obligated the degree, with RWB David

Colburn giving the lecture and charge. RWB James Spenser, Emeritus also assisted with the degree giving the prayer. Bro. Fetterolf was brought into the Swope Park Masonic family through William F. Kuhn DeMolay. Congratulations and best wishes Bro. Fetterolf on your journey in Freemasonry.

Harvester's Food Pantry

Saturday, July 11th
9:30 am to 12:00 pm

All Masonic Bodies are invited to assist this outreach project and asked to meet at the Lodge at 9:00 am to carpool to help

Harvesters

beginning with a tour and video.

Each volunteer attending is requested to bring canned goods for a donation.

Just one can per volunteer would increase donations by over 5000 pounds per month

Appropriate Dress

No early arrivals please!



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Building Board Approves new Exterior Lighting

After a regular communication in May, President Jim O'Shea called a special meeting of the Swope Park Building Board to discuss the exterior lighting at the entrance to the lodge. The entry door has been very dark at the close of our meetings and the main light over the canopy was working irregularly, going on and off again causing safety issues to our members.

With a unanimous vote, the Board approved the purchase of two new lights. The light above the door will provide ample lighting for one to properly lock the lodge when leaving and the light above the canopy now illuminates the entry way to the lodge into the parking area. Both of these lights are energy efficient LCD with dawn to dusk features. With these new

systems our monthly electrical bill should show a savings and it is planned to add additional similar lights around the building when they are on sale. Thank you to the Building Board for providing our safety and RWB Larry Cameron and RWB Kenny Best for your help with purchasing and installing the new lights.



RWB Dennis Spears, DDGL

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Swope Park Masonic Temple Hosts Widows Tea And Past Masters Luncheon With Masonic Home Of Missouri Presentation

Carly Dibben, representative from the Masonic Home of Missouri made an official visit to Swope Park Masonic Temple on Saturday afternoon May 16, 2015. In attendance were several past masters, their wives, members from the Order of

Eastern Star #520, Worshipful Master Jim O'Shea, and guests. Carly has been with the Masonic Home of Missouri for nine years as a Financial Adviser. Carly used one of their handouts, the Masonic Home of Missouri Informational Guide,

to explain the many programs available and addressed numerous questions from those present. The turnout was less than expected; however all attending took home important information pertaining to the benefits of the programs. Refresh-

ments were later served in Shotwell Hall, prepared by Connie Best and Rita Hanson. Thanks to all who attended and supported this program.





Swope Park Lodge #617 Holds MoChip / Bicycle Safety Event at Longview Chapel Christian Church



On April 18, 2015 the weather outside was stormy with threatening rains, but inside Longview Chapel Christian Church a group of volunteers assisted and enjoyed Masonic togetherness by identifying 27 youth dur-

ing a MoChip program. The Bicycle Safety Program had one participant and was unfortunately closed down due to approaching heavy storms. The rains didn't put a damper on the morning

with the Swope Park Masonic Family completing another very successful outreach program. Of the participants were members from Swope Park Lodge #617, Kansas City Lodge #220, Summit Lodge #263, Job's

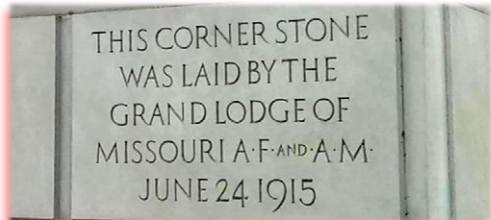
Daughters Bethel #1, Wm F. Kuhn Chapter of De-Molay and Swope Park OES Chapter #520.

Thank you all who attended to make this MoChip event a great success.





Swope Park Lodge #617 to Join other Masonic Bodies for Cornerstone Centennial Rededication



On June 24, 1915 the cornerstone on the State Capitol Building in Jefferson City, Missouri was laid by the Grand Lodge of Missouri A.F. & A.M.

from various locations throughout the State of Missouri will be headed to the Missouri State Capitol on July 3, 2015 to witness the Cornerstone Centennial Rededication.

A motorcade caravan

Upcoming Events at Swope Park

Swope Park #520 Puts on The Pink Degree

Coming in October, see the Eastern Star Ladies' interpretation of what happens in Lodge!

For more information and reservations contact:
Rita Hanson: 816-525-2618
Connie Best: 913-961-7238

Swope Park Lodge #617 Past Masters Breakfast

Join us on Saturday August 29, 2015 in Shotwell Hall for a great spread and celebration of the Past Masters.

For more information and reservations contact:
RWB Kenny Best: 913-931-7236

Swope Park Masonic Temple Garage Sale

Help is welcome in the form of donations, organization, or working September 10-12, 2015 in our parking lot.

Otherwise, come on out and find lost treasures to add to your collection!



A Look Back in Time at The Rambler From April 1961



THE MASTER'S WORD

Brethren, the photo on the cover of this month's news will be familiar to some but to most of us it is not. Swope Park Lodge was originally Park Lodge and was set to work in 1910 and was located in the N.E. corner of the building on the cover located at 61st and Jackson.

The name Swope Park was added later in 1918 or 1919. This photo was in the possession of Brother Frank R. Johnson, Master of Swope Park in 1922 and who was kind enough to let us use it for this issue. Also a historical review of Swope Park being prepared by Brother George Blansett and Brother Harold Baker. They are doing a splendid job of getting together historical facts about our Lodge which you will all be pleased to see at a later date. Thanks Brother Johnson for the picture and Brother Ray Hamilton for getting it for us.

I bring to you sad news of the passing away of our friend and Brother R.V. "Nick" Carter who was Master of Swope Park in 1950, and who will be sadly missed by all of us. May we each spend a moment of silent prayer for our departed Brother and we send our sympathies and consolations to his wife. We stand ready to help in any way we can.

I wish to thank the officers in the splendid manner in which they performed their duties on Official Visit night.

Lewis L. Bushell
Worshipful Master



Swope Park Lodge #617 and Swope Park Chapter #520 Celebrate Great Evening of Honor and Remembrance



On June 25th, two very special events came together for a wonderful night. Swope Park Chapter #520, Order of Eastern Star and Swope Park Lodge #617 hosted a night to honor Masons and in attendance and those that have passed over to the other shore.

Honoring the Master Masons is one of the chapter objectives set forth by the Worthy Grand Matron this year. Swope Park #520 has always set aside time in June to honor Fathers and Masons during their stated meetings, but since this year it's a special objective; they chose to have an open 'Honor Night' where more than just the Masons belonging to Eastern Star could come. All Masons in the 18th District were invited for dinner and special honors. Thus began the efforts to work in conjunction with Swope Park Lodge Worshipful Master Jim's plans for the Chair

of Remembrance degree.

Stella Turnquist and Barbara Stillman planned and cooked the menu of fried chicken, pulled pork, green beans, and potatoes au gratin, all compliments of Swope Park #520 OES. Worthy Matron Lois Compton chose and prepared relish dishes which were available on each table along with rolls and butter. Everything was topped off with a very tasty selection of peach and cherry cobblers. Several officers from Swope Park #520 helped with serving and cleaning up: Deb Merrick, Associate Conductress and Grand Representative of Tennessee in Missouri; Jane Withers, Associate Matron; Jean Vantellman, Warder; Frances Banks, Adah; Pat Neece, Martha; and Marilyn Houston, Organist.

Everyone then made their way to the lodge hall

where the program started with Brother Robbie Roberson reciting "A Mason and a Man" for the attendees. Sister Lois Compton and Gary Hanson then presented six \$30 gift cards to RWB Larry Cameron, member of the Masonic Youth Day Committee, in order to support the young men and women at this year's Masonic Youth Day in Columbia on August 1st.

Next, Swope Park Lodge conducted the "Chair of Remembrance Ceremony." The ceremony was written by RWB Larry Cameron and is designed to honor those brothers that have died during the past year. One witness described it as one of the most moving ceremonies they have ever witnessed. Each of the Master Masons present were able to take part in the ceremony, adding to the solemnity felt by all. At the end of the service, the names of those members from

Swope Park as well as family members and brethren of those in attendance who passed in 2014 were announced.

The Eastern Star concluded the program by calling all of the Master Masons in attendance to stand in the West as 'dress shirt and tie' handkerchiefs and card holders were presented as gifts. Thanks to Stella Turnquist who made the gifts. Finally, several interesting excerpts from the book "Freemasons: Tales From the Craft-Missouri Lodge of Research Edition" were chosen by the Worthy Matron Lois Compton to read.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in planning and executing this special event.

Photos of the event can be viewed on the opposite page.

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