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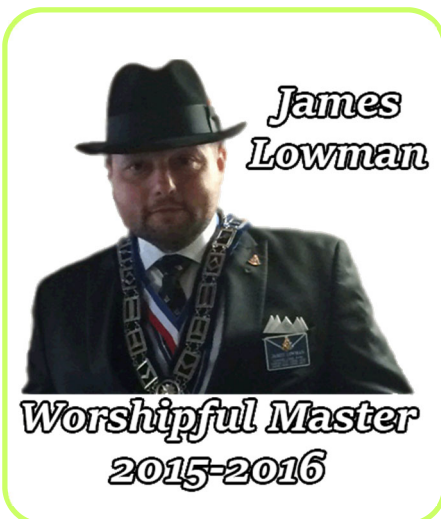
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Master's Trestle Board

By WB James Lowman



Good morning, good afternoon, or good evening depending on the time of day you are reading this.

I am writing this second trestle board of the year from Guthrie, Oklahoma. I am down here attending the Guthrie Scottish Rite Valley Spring reunion with 12 other Kansas City Masons this year. I wanted to sit down in the beautiful historic library of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Temple with its many books, antique furniture, and beautiful marble walls hoping to get inspiration on what to write in this article. After looking at my travel schedule for the rest of the year, I may be writing the last two articles for the Rambler from Illinois and Nevada.

I am shocked at how fast the year is going. As I write this, there are less

than 180 days left in the Masonic year to complete the rest of the goals the lodge has set forth. Being Master of two other lodges before, I cannot stress enough for those going through the line at Swope or any

other lodge; plan, plan, plan... The year flies by so quickly, and everything you want to accomplish your year as Master with your officers passes by in the blink of an eye.

Swope has done some great things so far as you have read in the first Rambler, and as you will read in this Rambler. I could go over all our planned events, and rehash what others have wrote, but I would rather save the space in this issue for the other articles that have already been submitted to our "incredible, fantastic, epic, astounding, Editor WB Justin Dryer." I don't care where you are reading this article right now, please take a moment and give him a short golf clap (I'll wait)..... Thank you.

I would like to announce two new members who "Dualed" at Swope Park Lodge this year. These members are not Missouri Masons, but Oklahoma Masons. The first is RWB Clarence "Corky" Grigsby Jr., Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. The second is WB Gregory Fowler (No relation to our WB Brad Fowler from District 18, 19, and the Missouri Mo-Chip State Coordinator). Both brothers are Missouri boys, and have family up here in Kansas City. Oddly enough this weekend I am with both of them for the Guthrie Scottish Rite Spring Reunion. I would like to welcome both brothers to Swope Park Masonic Lodge, and look forward to sitting with them in a Missouri Blue Lodge when they are up in Kansas City.

I just thought of something, two of the candidates going through all 29 degrees (Yes, I said all 29 degrees) in the Scottish Rite this weekend in Guthrie, Oklahoma are our very own Senior Deacon B Jody Hale, and Junior Deacon B Bert Ward. This is an intense weekend of degree classes, education, breakout groups, instruction, question and answer sessions, etc. Both of them will be brain dead by Sunday. Going through it all non-stop back to back in the

way they perform each and every degree down here is like trying to drink from a fire hydrant. It is a lot of information coming at you all at once, but it is truly beautiful once you see it for yourself. I personally have been coming back to each reunion since I received my degrees down here in 2010. Seeing the degrees here, is like seeing a Broadway play for three days. Masons come from all over the United States to take part in putting on and performing all the degrees for the candidates. It really is a fantastic thing to experience for the first time or even the tenth time.

I hope each and every one of you are doing well, and I hope to see you in lodge or at some of the temple events that will be coming up soon. If there is anything you need, or have any questions about, please don't hesitate to contact the lodge or myself.

Fraternally yours,

W.B. James Lowman

Worshipful Master

Swope Park Lodge #617

2015-2016



Job's Daughters Bethel #1 News

By Heather Kemery

In the last several months, Bethel #1 has been very busy. We have attended lots of fun activities and have done what we can to support our Masonic family.

In November, we attended the Kansas City area bethel sponsored Thanksgiving Ball where our own Amelia Roller competed and won the title of Thanksgiving Ball Queen.

In December, our bethel held our installation of officers. We installed six officers with Megan Kemery being installed as Honored Queen for the ensuing term. We also attended the annual Swope Park Lodge Christmas party where we had several girls assist

with different activities and fun was had by all.

The beginning of the year was fairly uneventful as Mom Heather Kemery was away at a legal trial for work. In her absence, we tried to maintain business as usual and held a slipper night at one of our regular meetings. The girls were encouraged to wear any fun slippers of their choice during our meeting. In February, we were glad to have Mom Heather back, and celebrated by holding a Valentine's party after our regular meeting with yummy treats and a valentine exchange for all. At the end of February, we organized a coloring party as a social/prospect event.

Over the last couple of months, we have assisted our OES members by serving a meal at one of their regular meetings, attended the William F. Kuhn chapter's annual Potato Bash, represented the Missouri bethels at the annual Easter service put on by the Grand Commandry of the Knights Templar, and continue to serve a monthly dinner to the Scottish Rite.

We have also attended the installation of officers for Bethels #29 (Independence) and #33 (North KC), assisted with initiations for Bethel #29, and assisted in re-establishing Bethel #15 in Warrensburg.

As March is coming to a

close, we are ending the month with some excitement. We are very happy to announce that we initiated a new member on March 28th, Skylar Lautzenhiser! We are so glad to have her join us, and hope that this is the beginning of more to come!

We are heading to our annual Mini Session which is being held in Potosi, MO the weekend of April 1st. The girls will be attending a Grand Bethel meeting. They will have some money making opportunities and will be participating in several outdoor adventures. We are very excited to have seven of our girls going and I know they will make several lasting memories.





Podium Replacement

By WB James O'Shea and
RWB Kenny Best

With the coordination and assistance of several Swope Park Lodge #617 brothers, the Worshipful Master's Podium has a new top and marble slab. The updates replace the chipped wood top and cracked marble insert.

With a contact made by WB Albert McDowell, the podium was delivered to John Knox Hobby Hut where it was passed off to B Norman Moeller, member of Anchor Lodge #443, St. Louis County to prepare the new top of

oak, add a new interior shelf, new door clasp, and lastly clean and stain to match the existing base. WB Jim O'Shea picked up the finished product and returned it to the lodge room in time for Swope's next regular

communication. While the repair was underway B Larry Alvis made contact to acquire a new marble slab to replace the cracked one. Thanks to all these brothers for their assistance to get this project accomplished.



Flag Retirement Program

By WB James O'Shea

At their regular communication on February 25, 2016 the Brethren approved a scheduled flag retirement program for Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the north

parking lot of Swope Park Masonic Lodge. WB Jim O'Shea will be coordinating the event with a local Girl Scout troop, and hopes to have a color guard, taps player, and

present a patriotic poem honoring the American Flag of our Great Country. Persons wanting to take part in this event are urged to bring their old and tattered flags for

proper disposal. Refreshments will be served in Shotwell Hall following the ceremonies.

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William F. Kuhn Installation

By RWB Kenny Best

William F. Kuhn held their 98th Installation of Officers on February 27, 2016 with Senior DeMolays serving as Installing Officers.

Emmanuel Childs was Installed as Master Councilor, Jeffery Sykes was Installed as Senior Councilor, John Eckart was Installed as Junior Councilor along with the remaining appointed offic-

ers.

Tony Broome, Past Master Councilor of William F. Kuhn and a Past State Master Councilor served as Installing Officer, Larry Alvis as Installing Senior Councilor, Justin Dryer, Past Master Councilor William F. Kuhn and Past State Master Councilor served as Installing Junior Councilor, Clayton Stiff, Past Master Councilor

William F. Kuhn served as Installing Chaplain, Tony Bartelli, Past Master Councilor of William F. Kuhn and Past State Master Councilor, served as Installing Marshal, and Bradley Pitman, current State Officer, served as Installing Senior Deacon.

After the installation the new Master Councilor introduced William F. Kuhn's new Sweetheart,

Ms. Victoria Calhoun, who is a very lovely and sweet young lady. Good job boys.

There was a very large crowd in attendance and wonderful refreshments were served in Shotwell Hall after the ceremony, closing out a very fun event.





Travelling Gavel

By RWB Kenny Best

On January 26, 2016 RWB Kenny Best, B Daniel Best, WM James Lowman, B Kevin Sykes and B Larry Alvis traveled to Kansas City Lodge #220 to assist in degree work. While they were there they took the opportunity to steal the traveling gavel even though Ivanhoe



Lodge #446 were in attendance to accomplish the same task. Fortunately Swope Park had more of their top officers and sent Ivanhoe Lodge home disappointed. There is nothing more fun than good competition between Brothers.



Unsung Hero

By RWB Kenny Best

Masons never cease to amaze me. As Secretary I get the great privilege of keeping in communication with Lodge members as best as I can.

In the closing charge a short section "Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all. Recommend it more especial-

ly to the household of the faithful." I pass on to everyone a Brother who lives this, Brother David Irvin Sr travels to various locations yearly to assist in

building homes for those in need.

Brother Irvin your Brothers salute you.



Swope Park #520 Study Club

By Rita Hansen

Under the guidance of Barbara Stillman, our Proficiency Instructor, a Study Club is being

formed. This is open to any OES member, even those outside Swope Park Chapter. Please

contact Barbara at bstill@swbell.net or give her a call at 816-796-9309 if you need more

details. There will be something for everyone.

Swope Park Chapter #520 Pink Lodge Degree





Upcoming Swope Park Lodge Events

Date	Event	Start	End
5/1/2016	The Women In Our Lives Luncheon	12:00 PM	2:00 PM
6/1/2016	Swope Park Line Officers Meeting	6:30 PM	8:30 PM
6/4/2016	Lodge Work Day	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
6/9/2016	Past Masters Night	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
7/6/2016	Swope Park Temple Building Board Meeting	6:30 PM	8:30 PM
7/6/2016	Flag Retirement Ceremony	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
8/11/2016	Election Of Officers 2016-2017	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
8/20/2016	Lodge Work Day	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
9/7/2016	Swope Park Line Officers Meeting	6:30 PM	8:30 PM
9/22/2016	Step Up Night	7:00 PM	9:00 PM
9/25/2016	Grand Lodge Session Columbia, MO		
10/1/2016	Installation of Officers 2016-2017	TBA	TBA



Welcome!

By RWB Kenny Best

Swope Park Lodge #617 Officers would like to welcome the following new members.

David L. Anderson and David W. Anderson, fa-

ther and son who transferred from Grandview Lodge #618.

Michael Lundeen and Christopher Lundeen, father and son who trans-

ferred from Grandview Lodge #618.

Gregory Fowler who is a dual member from Oklahoma.

Corky Grigsby who is a dual member from Oklahoma. Corky's uncles and cousin are members of Swope Park. Corky will soon be Grand Master of Oklahoma.

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Schools of Instruction Concludes Final Meeting at Kansas City Lodge #220

By WB James O'Shea

After a month of Schools of Instruction at various lodges in the 18th Masonic District, Kansas City Lodge #220 hosted the final meeting of the year on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 in the lodge room at the Scottish Rite Temple. A great turnout was seen from the brethren

as RWB Dave Wheelock, Grand Lecturer of the State of Missouri presided over the evening. RWB Wheelock reviewed the second section of the third degree. The chairs were occupied by Right Worshipfuls, with the line of craftsmen filled by willing Master Mason volun-

teers from various lodges. The candidate for the evening was the presiding Worshipful Master of KC#220, Curt "Moose" Osmondson. Prior to the meeting, the Brethren shared a sit down meal of salad, rolls, cheese assortment, turkey, and chicken with a special

sheet cake dessert at the close of the school. Attendance at the Schools credits the Lodge's Achievement Award points at the end of the term. A great evening of fellowship, sharing brotherly love, and learning Masonic ritual was shared by all attending.



Sheffield Lodge 75 Year Pin Presentation

By WB James O'Shea

On Thursday, March 25, 2016 the brethren traveled to Sheffield Lodge where B Chester White received his 75 year pin presented to him by Most Worshipful Brent



Stewart from the Grand Lodge. Brother White started his journey into Freemasonry in 1926 as

a member of DeMolay. The brethren enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Sheffield Lodge; Fol-

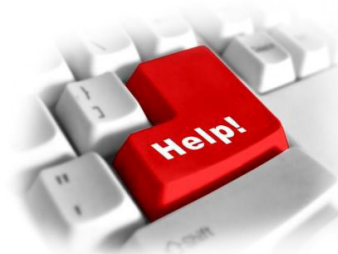
lowed by the special event during an open meeting. Congratulations B White on your journey

and well deserved accomplishment. The evening was truly a great night in sharing what Masonry is all about.

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William F. Kuhn Opens Mother Chapter



Good Luck



At Grand Session



At Conclave



From
Swope Park
Lodge and Chapter



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SWOPE PARK TEMPLE MEETINGS DATE, TIME and CONTACTS

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Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00 PM
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Second Tuesday 7:30 PM
Rita Hansen, Secretary
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First Monday 7:30 PM
Roy Thomas, Secretary
Phone (816) 318-3939 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
Jeff Engle, Director | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job's Daughters Bethel # 1 and Jobie-2-Bees
Second and Fourth Mondays 7:30 PM
Heather Kemery
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First and Third Thursdays 7:30 PM
Gary Dryer, Chapter Advisor
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