

# THE RAMBLER

SWOPE PARK MASONIC TEMPLE

8521 OLDHAM RD.

Brethren:

Our fund raising drive for the Masonic Home of Missouri Western unit is underway. As of the date of this message a little over \$1000.00 in pledges and donations have been received. As you know the Grand Master has set a goal of \$50.00 per master mason in the state of Missouri. Brethren in the local vicinity of our lodge will be contacted by a member of our lodge, who will request you to participate in this worthwhile project. We are asking that all of our members to contribute what they can from \$1.00 to \$1000.00. Our lodge's goal is \$21,150.00 based on our membership. We are going to attempt to meet that goal, but we need your help and assistance to do so. Contributions and pledges can be sent to the lodge secretary or to the bank in Weston, Missouri, at the following addresses:

Swope Park Lodge #617  
Glenn A. Kirk, secretary  
10323 Crystal  
Kansas City, Missouri 64134

Joseph Collison, treasure  
Masonic Home of Missouri, Western unit  
P.O. Box 8  
Weston, Missouri 64098

If you decide to send your check or pledge to the Weston bank, please be sure to include your lodge number on the check in order for our lodge to get credit for the donation.

Ritual:

Ritual work at the lodge is moving right along. In the past month we have passed two brethren from the degree of entered apprentice to the degree of fellowcraft. We are also in the process of bringing two men into our fraternity. Our line officers are doing a fine job in our degree work and you should and can be proud of them. Our official visit by the District Deputy went well and we had a good turn out for this event. At that meeting we had the opportunity to witness and participate in a 50 year pin presentation to Worshipful Brother Herman B. Tribue. Right Worshipful Gary Mullins presented the pin to Brother Herman's wife who pinned it on him. Worshipful Brother Glenn Kirk presided in the east for the ceremony. It was a great night at the lodge and I'm sorry so many of our brethren weren't able to see it.

Up coming events at the lodge:

Ice cream and cake social  
Pot luck dinner  
Auction  
Pot luck dinner

16 June 6:30 PM Patriotism & Masonry  
21 July 6:30 PM "Movie Night"  
28 July (Afternoon in parking lot)  
25 August 6:30 PM Culmination of fund raiser

Past Master's dinner

3 November 6:30 PM

Fraternally Yours,

Richard G. Brown, Worshipful Master

From The Ritual Director

The ritual at Swope Park Lodge is on a high at the present time with many young officers sitting in their stations and performing to a high degree of efficiency.

It reminds me of the days when Robert M. Runyan, Jess J. Brooks, Gus Hunter, J. Kohler Wolfe, Roger Parker, Raymond Capper, Harry Brown, Harry Sherman and Herman Tribue were working the floor, and never was Ritual any better in the 22nd Masonic District than during those years. To the members who have not attended your lodge for a long time, I implore you to come out to your lodge and see the manner in which your lodge officers do their work. All of them attend Ritual study club at 9th & Harrison each Wednesday night, and most of them have earned their certificates and still continue to come to study the Ritual and keep up on the changes. Your officers need your support on the sidelines, so come on out and see for yourselves.

On April 12th Brothers Preston G. Pemberton and Lawrence L. Reider returned their proficiencies on the first degree with Worshipful Brother V. B. Gibson conducting the examination. They then received the second degrees with Wor. Bro. Richard Wilson obligating Bro. Reider and Wor. Bro V.B. Gibson obligating Bro. Pemberton. The lecture was given by Wor. Bro. Dale Carter and the reception and charge by Wor. Bro. Harry Sherman.

On 26 April James V. Keeton and William E. Palmer were initiated into Free masonry with Wor. Bro. Dale Carter obligating Bro Keeton and Wor. Bro. Glenn Kirk obligating Bro. Palmer.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Come out and see the ritual put on as it should be.

Sincerely,

Warder M. Shotwell, R.D.

#### On the Secretary's Desk

On 28th July Swope Park Lodge will hold an Auction in the parking lot at the Temple, 8521 Oldham Road starting approximately at noon. All profits from the proceeds will be donated to the Western Missouri Masonic Home unit.

We can use any sellable item that you would care to donate or if you care to purchase any item for resale we will be glad to pick them up. We have been requested by the auction company that we receive no clothes. Also be particularly carefull that the items are workable and worthy of sale. We hope to have items that have been donated by area merchants to auction. Information can be obtained by calling any of the following: Richard Brown 358-1371, Ronald Ross 356-0562, Steve Medlock 356-2432, Melvin Tacke 353-7632, Fred Aichele 765-2272, Gary Barron 761-2434, Warder Shotwell 761-4830, Glenn Kirk 763-5396.

Any one wanting to donate of their time and talents, vehicles for pick up and storage of items, again call any of the above numbers.

The receipt of the lodge dues from the brethren have almost been completed. In the next few weeks the figures will be compiled to show the membership progress of your lodge. I want to thank all for your cooperation throughout this last year

Fraternally,

Glenn A. Kirk, Secretary