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WM Gary Dryer

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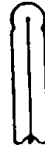
It is hard to believe my term is already half over. Time does fly when you're having FUN!! I'm very proud of the work the officers of this lodge have done and will continue to do. It is a reflection of their brotherhood, dedication, and love of the Craft. For all that, I thank each and every one of you. Heroine-Rockhill Lodge voted not to merge with us. I believe thru all the discussions, talks and meetings the members of Swope Park expressed their concerns, hopes and desires in a fraternal manner showing their love and support for our lodge. By not merging with us, I felt somehow we failed. After reflecting on all that was said and done, I am proud the members stood up for their beliefs, wants, and needs. Heroine-Rockhill Brethren will always be welcome, and we'll continue helping them anyway possible, for they are our brothers and we are all MASONS. The interaction between Swope Park lodge and the Wm. F. Kuhn Order Of DeMolay continues to build momentum. More lodge members continue to visit the chapter and I urge all the members to attend their meetings and functions. A joint effort dinner is planned for April 29, with the proceeds helping the chapter and the building board for the up keep of the building. I hope all that can will attend and support this function. These young men are our future, we need to help and support them as much as possible. It was nice seeing WB Robert Harmon, Past Master, attending lodge last Thursday. Bob has been working in Iraq for the last six months and will go back this week for another five months service. Let's keep Bob and all our troops in our hearts and prayers. Membership is still a high priority. With two new members on the horizon, we are falling short of the one new member a month I had wished for. Hopefully, we can gain momentum as the year progresses. Thanks to all the members of Swope Park who has helped make my first six months as smooth as they have been. I am proud to call you my brothers and my friends.

W.M. Gary W. Dryer

Support the "One-in-Ten Club"
Several Lodge Brothers have pledged \$ 15.00
Per quarter to sponsor deserving young men
For initiation into our Fraternity.

Invest in Swope Park Lodge's future!
Send in your donation today!
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816 537 7457

From the South



Ken Best
Junior Warden

I hope the refreshments have been enjoyed by my lodge brothers and no one has gone away dissatisfied. With the help from the DeMolay boys, I think we are going to be a much more active lodge in the coming days. I think having functions with all of the Masonic bodies meeting at the Swope Park Lodge temple will benefit everyone and bring them closer as a group.

I know in addition to the spaghetti dinner William F Kuhn DeMolay is planning a picnic this summer to include the entire Masonic family of Swope Park temple. The Master Councilor will be contacting each group with more information next month. Any ideas from the Membership of our Lodge would be greatly appreciated for more functions and interaction with these fine young men.

Ken Best Junior Warden

Junior Deacon's Ramblings



As I observed our most recent candidate being conducted around the Lodge during his initiation, it occurred to me that I was witnessing a special moment in many ways. Yes, this was a significant event in young Brother Bertelli's life, but it was also a snap shot of the life and progressive history of Swope Park Lodge as well. Here was a young man who will no doubt be presented with his 50 year jewel in 2056. Sitting in Lodge this evening were two Brethren sharing this moment also in a special sense. In the East, sitting as Chaplain, was WB Harry Brown. Brother Harry was initiated in 1945. There is a very distinct possibility that, participating in his raising, were Brethren who were charter members and founders of our Lodge some 34 years earlier in 1911. On the sidelines this evening, was Brother Edwin Burr, raised in 1956 and soon to receive his 50 year jewel. I was witnessing a subtle passing of the history and tradition of our Lodge - a glimpse of 100 years of Masonry between Brothers Burr (1956) and Bertelli (2056). And, emblematic of the Lodge's continuity from charter in 1911, through WB Brown passed on to our newest Brother, Danny Bertelli. Each of us is but a bit player in life. A conduit between the past and future. May we ever be mindful of this and work diligently to preserve the magnificent legacy of Swope Park Lodge and work to improve our Ritual, receive new candidates and insure the Lodge will be here in 2056 and beyond. So Mote it Be.

Jim Payne Junior Deacon & Rambler Editor





**William F. Kuhn Chapter
DeMolay
Daniel Best Master Councilor**



Treasurer's Report RWB Lawrence Cameron, PM

Your lodge continues to operate on a financially sound basis. The generosity of the brethren for their lodge this year was evident when the dues returns were being processed. The donations for the Building Fund will really help defray operating expenses for the building this year. The lodge will have two CD's coming due this year and will be reinvested to a much better rate of return. Your lodge officers and regular meeting attendees continue to be fiscally responsible, striving to hold down the lodge expenses. They are also very generous, donating each meeting to the building fund. Officers of the Building Board continue to explore new avenues to increase rental of the building and are also formulating a plan to make the building more energy efficient. There will be future reporting on these items in subsequent editions.

Greetings!

I began my term as Master Councilor January 14th. The Chapter would like to express our appreciation to Swope Park Lodge for sponsoring us. We would not be able to continue our work without your support. Since installation, we have been very busy attending various Area Three functions and planning a very rewarding Spring.

We continue doing our fund raisers to give us the means to go to the May Conclave. In preparation to do well in the competition, we participated in a mini-conclave March 18th & 19th. All Area Three Chapters are participating. We hope to bring home some trophies from the main event in May. We invite all Master Masons to attend our meetings. We meet the first and third Thursdays at 7:30 PM. Come visit us—you will be glad you did!

We are always on the look out for new members/ If any of you have sons, grandsons, nephews, friends or neighbors between the ages of 12-21, bring them along! Or contact me for an application though dad Best at 913 961 7236. he'll be glad to pass the information along.

As a chapter, we stay busy. We have a lot of fun in addition to doing a lot of good projects. We cooked a breakfast for the combined Swope Park-Heroine/Rockhill proposed merger meeting at the Lodge Temple Saturday February 4th. We are putting on a Spaghetti Dinner at the temple Saturday, April 29th as a joint fund raiser for the chapter and the Building Fund. The Chapter's portion will go toward attending the May Conclave. Conclave is a very expensive function held over the Memorial weekend in Jefferson City. We compete in Ritual as well as in Sports. If you would like to sponsor us with a \$ 30.00 ad in our program, contact Dad Best at the above stated cell phone number. A letter will be sent out later this month giving additional particulars.

Currently, our membership stands at 18, with 12 active members in attendance. We have three active Advisors, Dad Gary Dryer and dad Kirk Federhoff working with Dad Best.

We elected our sweetheart, Megan Culver from Jobs Bethel # 48 in February. Our Associate is Megan Stantriff, also from Bethel # 48.

Hopefully, next report I can say we did well at Concave!

Until then.....

Dan Best M.C.

I met a dear old man today who wore a Masonic Pin
It was old and faded like the man, it's edges worn and thin.
I approached the park bench where he sat to give the old Brother his due.
I said " I see you've traveled East". "Yes I have" he said.. "Have you"?
I said, " I have and in my day before the all seeing Sun
I played in the rubble with Jubala, Jubilo and Jubalum."
He shouted, "Don't laugh at the work my son! It's good and sweet and true
And if you've traveled as you said, you should give these things a due.
The work, the sign, the token, the sweet Masonic Prayer,
The vow that you have taken. You have climbed the inner stair.
The wages of a Mason are never paid in gold
But the gain comes from contentment when you're weak and growing old.
You see, I've carried my obligations for almost 50 years.
It has helped me though the hardships and the failures full of tears.
Now that I'm losing my mind and body- death is near but I don't despair.
I've lived my life upon the Level and I'm dying on the Square.
Sometimes the greatest lessons are those that are learned anew."
To all my Masonic Brothers the only secret is to care.
May you live upon the Level and Part upon the Square.

Planned Events & Projects

Tentative Schedule

**Stated Lodge Meetings
2nd & 4th Thursdays**

7:30 PM

April 13th

First Degree conferral

Charles A. Ferris, son of PM

Alfred Ferris 1976

April 27th

Proficiency given back by

Bro. Danny Bertelli EA

And conferral FC Degree

April 29th Saturday

DeMolay & Swope Park

Lodge Fund Raiser.

Spaghetti Dinner noon-3 pm

\$ 5.00 donation at the door

May Masonic Service Projects

Canned goods collection for
Raytown Emergency Assistance

Program. Bring donations to

Stated meetings April 27, and

May 11 & 25 for distribution.

Armed Forces Appreciation

Lodge purchase and

Distribute Telephone Credit

Cards to troops in Iraq via

PM Bob Harmon

Grand Lodge Service Jewel

Presentations

May 11th

Belated Presentations

Don Hurlbert 25 years

Herman Brunssen 25 years

William Dean 25 years

May 25th

Edwin Burr 50 Years

June 8th

50 year Presentation

Willard Heidbruner

25 year presentations

Gary Barron

Bob Harmon

Masonic



Mile Stones

Anniversary of Raising

to Master Mason degree

APRIL

Edward	Pugh	4/27/1950	56
Robert	Logan	4/21/1953	53
Kenneth	Scott	4/1/1954	52
Harold	Keeling	4/2/1954	52
Robert	Nickell	4/5/1954	52
Billy	Haynes	4/15/1954	52
Kenneth	Hyatt	4/28/1955	51
Glenn	Rogers	4/7/1959	47
Carl	Younts	4/15/1959	47
Edward	Arenson	4/30/1959	47
Ervin	Huebner	4/4/1961	45
Nolan	Henry	4/18/1961	45
Gary	Hanson	4/27/1962	44
Stephen	Allison	4/20/1971	35
Melvin	Tacke	4/15/1980	26
William	Compton	4/21/1989	17
Robert	Johnson	4/27/1989	17
Ralph	Smith	4/25/1991	13
Robert	Hilliard	4/10/1992	14
Keith	Wren	4/10/1997	9
James	Brown	4/15/2000	6
Gary	Hedrick	4/15/2000	6
Warren	Luttrell	4/15/2000	6
William	Wheatcraft	4/15/2000	6
Ricky	Glover	4/17/2002	4

MAY

Finis	Montgomery	5/27/1943	63
Howard	Harris	5/21/1946	60
Cletus	Losh	5/19/1948	58
Herbert	Vendig	5/10/1951	55
Jack	Cooper	5/8/1954	52
Roy	Stone	5/8/1954	52
Warren	Weston	5/8/1954	
James	Cummins	5/22/1954	52
Edwin	Burr	5/22/1956	50
Russell	Wirt	5/22/1958	48
David	Christman	5/12/1966	40
Lawrence	Cameron	5/1/1969	37
Harvey	Fisher	5/10/1972	34
James	Pinson	5/25/1972	34
Fred	Aichele	5/10/1973	33
Gary	Leftridge	5/13/1976	30
Gerald	Mac Dougal	5/18/1976	30
Philip	Small	5/22/1976	30
David	Brown	5/2/1978	28
Sergio	Martinez	5/22/1986	20
Vernon	Hilliard	5/10/1990	16

MAY

Hilliard	Teer	5/9/1991	15
Merle	Trussell	5/13/1993	13
Jewel	Bezingue	5/26/1994	12
Dean	Irvin	5/9/1995	11
David	Realing	5/18/1998	8
Philip	Hasselbring	5/8/1999	7
Guy			

JUNE

Harry	Smalley	6/24/1947	59
Jacob	Jenkins	6/28/1947	59
Robert	Thomas	6/16/1949	57
Rick	Van Doren	6/21/1949	57
Robert	Fletchall	6/11/1955	51
Charles	Weedman	6/11/1955	51
Glenn	Harrison	6/16/1955	51
Willard	Heidbrink	6/14/1956	50
Harry	Williams	6/20/1957	49
Harold	Jordan	6/29/1961	46
Albert	Himegarner	6/14/1962	45
Harry	Albert	6/21/1962	45
Nelson	Ruff	6/24/1976	30
James	Payne	6/14/1979	27
Ellis	Tedlock	6/28/1979	27
Gary	Barron	6/11/1981	25
Robert	Harman	6/18/1981	25
Preston	Pemberton	6/14/1984	22
Lawrence	Rieder	6/28/1984	22
John	Payne	6/21/1990	16
Richard	Rader	6/27/1991	15
Billy	Smith	6/19/1993	13
Neil	Clark	6/19/2002	4

In Memoriam



Kenneth Forest Mullikin
 Born Dec 30 1917
 Raised March 10 1955
 Passed away Jan 10 2006

Robert G. Ross
 Born May 29 1922
 Raised March 17, 1953
 Passed away Feb. 28, 2006

William R. Ohalloran
 Born Dec. 2 1916
 Raised July 22 1948
 Passed away March 18 2006

Official Visitation January 12, 2006



WM Gary Dryer (center) with DDGM Dennis W. Spears (right) and DDGL Glen H. Burrows (left) after their official visitation at Swope Park Lodge nr. 617 January 12, 2006. The Lodge had a good turn out and was complimented for the improvement in ritual over the past year.

Apron Presentation



during the regular stated meeting January 12, 2006. Steve was raised to the degree of MM Oct. 29th at the Chance to Advance Class held at Independence Lodge nr. 76.

Newest Entered Apprentice initiated Jan. 26th.



Danny Bertelli being congratulated by WM Gary Dryer upon being initiated as Swope Park Lodge's newest EA. Bro. Bertelli was a state officer of DeMolay, most recently the Membership Co-coordinator. He is also a Past Master Councilor. WB Harry Brown, Chaplain, looks on from the East; Senior Deacon Johnny Nemecek is at the left in the photo.

Spaghetti Dinner



**Saturday, April 29th
12 PM 'till 3 PM**

**\$ 5.00 Donation
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Swope Park Lodge Nr. 617
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Kansas City, MO 64134**

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