

# THE RAMBLER

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## SWOPE PARK MASONIC LODGE # 617 AF & AM

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WM Gary Dryer , Master WB Don Hurlbert, Secretary PM RWB Larry Cameron Treasurer PM

Senior Warden WB Sergio Martinez PM Junior Warden Ken Best Sr.

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## GRAND LODGE FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES AWARDED



Three distinguished Brethren received their Grand Lodge Fifty year Jewels and certificates at the June 22 open meeting . From left to right, WM Gary Dryer, Sue and Bro. Ed Burr, WB Ace Hamlin, PM, Bro. Richard Gauert and his wife, G.J. The ladies pinned their respective husbands and WB Dryer presented our honored guests their Grand Lodge Certificates. Afterward, cake and ice cream were served downstairs in Shotwell Hall.



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

Here it is June already - Time does go by when you are having fun. My term is about over, I'd like to express my appreciation for all the help and support I received from all the masons here at Swope Park Lodge. As my term ends - I can say it was a successful Six months. Our next installation of officers will be July 15 - here at the lodge at 7pm. If you have not been to one of our installations please feel free to attend. We love it when the Masons have the time to attend our meetings and special events. You and your families are always welcome. Without your support we could not continue

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**Ken Best  
Junior Warden**

I hope everyone has noticed the new carpet and bench dedicated to Brother John

Wagoner. There should be more improvements coming so remember the lodge for rentals for that special event. Happy to see the lodge doing some degree work again and all the active members at study club trying hard to help me get better at my part, The DeMolay boys are very active and help bring Swope Park Lodge some recognition. I would like to thank the officers of Swope Park Lodge these men work very hard for the benefit of the lodge. The DeMolay Boys are planning more dinners. Hope everyone will be able to come out and support them.

# Masonic



# Milestones

## July Anniversaries

Harry	Brown	61	07-28-45
Walter	Metz	60	07-18-46
William	Ohalloran	58	07-22-48
Glenn	Huff	56	08-10-50
Donald	Bigler	53	07-16-53
Hugh	Brown	52	07/01/54
Richard	Gauert	50	07-05-56
Thomas	Loffin	47	07-21-59
Henry	Martz	40	07-26-66
Daniel	Quillen	36	07-23-70
Bernard	Tippie	35	07-08-71
Cloyd	Green	33	07-16-63
James	Woods	32	07-05-74
Marshall	Rimann	32	07-25-74
James	Biles	31	07-10-75
Richard	Brown	28	07-13-78
Henry	Shive	27	07-25-79
Kenneth	Best	12	07-28-94
Ronald	Hilliard	12	07-29-94
Christopher	McCloud	7	07-10-99
Garold	Schnoor	7	07-10-99

## August Anniversaries

Thomas	McNeil	56	08-15-50
Roseph	Reed	55	08-04-51
Richard	Houston	53	08-21-53
Lewell	Cooper	46	08-02-60
Edward	Lyle	46	08-02-60
John	Nelson	39	08-11-67
Wilbur	Zahnter	38	08-06-68
Timothy	Duff	36	08-04-70
William	Hobson	35	08-26-71
Donald	Morgan	35	08-14-71
Harley	Manker	29	08-25-77
Edward	Nolan	28	08-24-78
John	Zion	22	08-22-84
William	Patten	21	08-08-85
John	Hess	20	08-28-86
Paul	Turnquist	19	08-27-87
Gary	McCloud	16	08-09-90
Gary	Dryer	14	08-15-92
Robert	Schadel	14	08-27-92
Michael	Whiteside	14	08-15-92
Claude	Wolfe	14	08-15-92

## September Anniversaries

Evald	Lofgren	60	09-14-46
Willie	Davisson	57	09-20-49
Charles	Phillips	45	09-14-61
Donald	Melin	40	0-9-22-66
Donald	Matney	25	09-15-81
Charles	Newcomer	23	09-22-83
Russell	Newcomer	23	09-22-83
William	Palmer	22	09-13-84
George	Wilson	20	09-25-86
Joseph	Klos	15	09-14-91
Louis	Carter	14	09-12-92
Carl	Conteras	14	09-24-92
Billy	Pinion	5	09-15-01

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**And all correspondence**  
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In March I reported we were getting ready for the Area 3 Conclave - held at the Scottish Rite. Our chapter did very well - several of our members received trophies in the Ritual events and our chapter received First place in the DeMolay Degree. We had a Spaghetti Dinner here at the lodge in April - we had a great turn-out . After all expenses we were able to split \$390.00 profit with the lodge. We hope to have more of these in the future. We attended Conclave in May - in Jefferson City . I can say we did well - we were able to bring home several trophies for our ritual work as well as the sporting events. We have 3 new members so we are continuing to grow. Our chapter was asked by the Mo Chips program to work at these educational workshop at the Buckner lodge last week-end. This program is really great, for those of you who have not attended one of the workshops it is really wonderful to see what the Masons are doing to help protect the youth of today. Several Swope Park Masons of this lodge have attended so you can ask them the particulars. The experience I have gained as being Master Councilor has let me set my next goal - I will be submitting my application to Missouri DeMolay in hopes of gaining an Office in the State line. I have also joined the Knighthood and I will be working with the Squires -Which is a group of young boys age 8-12 in getting them ready to join a DeMolay chapter. As I continue to work with the Masonic groups I know all of this will help me become a Master Mason in the future. Again, I want to Thank everyone here at Swope Park lodge - especially Dad Dryer, Gary Barron, Larry Cameron, Frank Chester, and especially my grandfather - Kenny Best For all the guidance and support. I will still be around and hope to see everyone soon.



**Treasurer's Report**  
 RWB Lawrence Cameron, PM

The financial condition of our lodge continues to improve. The recent hikes in interest rates are coming at an opportune time affording the lodge to renew our CD's at the new higher rates. The generosity of the members continues to amaze me. The FY2006 projection for the Building Fund donations will have been exceeded by the time this year ends. Support for the Master's project of the "New Member Fund" continues to grow. This fund is designed to help, primarily DeMolay members who are 18 or over, but is available to any man desiring to join our Fraternity but cannot because of the initiation fee. Many of these young men are students or have recently married and just simply cannot afford it. I think many of us can relate to those times. This fund provides them the means to join with the promise that as they get established in life they will repay the fund so that it is available for the next young man needing help to join. Thus far we have assisted two men, one of which has already repaid his obligation and the other just graduated from college and has a new job. He states he won't be long in repaying. That's two brethren we would not have but for the new fund. If any brother wishes to contribute to this fund (any amount will help) please remit a check to the secretary designating what it is to be used for. The money in this account is tracked and will carry over from year to year assuring that any man desiring to be a Mason will be able to do so.

**In Memoriam**



Roy H. Cole  
Born March 9, 1929  
Raised March 10, 1977  
Passed Away March 27, 2006

Ralph L. Smith  
Born December 31, 1929  
Raised February 22, 1965  
Passed Away April 7, 2006

John G. Waggoner  
Born June 19, 1910  
Raised December 27, 1979  
Passed Away April 28, 2006

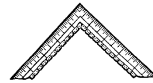
AUGUST 19 2006

William F Kuhn  
Will be holding a Sweetheart Reunion

If you have ever been a sweetheart for  
William F Kuhn DeMolay  
You are hereby invited

Time 7:00  
At  
Swope Park Lodge # 617  
8521 Oldham road  
Kansas City MO  
Business casual

Dance to follow



**Master's  
Trestle Board**  
WM Gary Dryer

**Swope Park Lodge's Newest Master Mason**

Brethren:



Bro. Charles A. Farris was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason at a special communication June 29, 2006. He was obligated by RWB Larry Cameron (l) . Bro Farris's father, WB Al Farris, was Master of Swope Park Lodge in 1976. RWB Cameron followed in line in 1978 Bro. Farris' uncle, Bro Norman Jennings (r) a member of Belton Lodge Nr 450 was in attendance.



As I sit here looking back at the last nine months I have a feeling of a job only half done. Our goal of new members has not been met and certain other ideas and wants lay idle on the table. I am very pleased with the work of the lodge officers keeping the lodge moving forward while I work my crazy hours. We have given degrees to a couple of new brothers, seeing the degrees remind me of the beauty of our work. It has been awhile since second and third degrees have been put on in our lodge. With the help of visiting brothers I saw probably the best second and third degrees I have ever seen. Many thanks to the Brethren that worked in these degrees. I know that Brothers Cowan and Farris appreciated all the hard work. We have on the horizon in the next few months some degree work for Brothers Federoff, Dryer, and Bartelli to name a few. Please come and join in the ritual work. Our involvement with the DeMolay Chapter grows everyday and our support for them is at an all time high. With the one in ten program solidly in place their chance to join our lodge is insured if the need is there. As their numbers grow and our continued support of their chapter our lodge is insured of many new members as the years pass. Thanks to all the brothers who got involved in the 1 in 10 programs and also to the members who has visited the chapter. I hope to close this term out on a high note, as it has had many ups and downs. Keep our troops, our Brethren and friends in your thoughts and prayers. God bless.