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2008 SWOPE PARK LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLATION



(Oct. 6) 2008 Installing Marshal Bro. **Kirk Fetterolf** (left) shown with your 2008 officers: Front row, left to right, Bro. **Jim O'Shea**, Marshal; Bro. **Jim Payne**, Junior Warden.; WB. **Kenny Best**, Worshipful Master; WB **Frank Chester**, Chaplin; Bro. **Johnnie Nemec**, Senior Warden. Back row, left to right: RWB **Larry Cameron**, Treasurer; Bro. **Charles Farris**, Senior Deacon; WB **Gary Dryer**, Secretary; Bro. **Ed Culver**, Senior Steward and Bro. **Al Beach**, Tiler. Missing is Bro. **Justin Dryer**, Junior Deacon. More photos and article on page 6.



SWOPE PARK CHAPTER 520
Order of the Eastern Star
Lois Patten, Secretary

This has been a busy summer for Swope Park 520. We have had meetings every month with a good turn out of members. We enjoy the fellowship at these more relaxed meetings.



In June we were sponsors of the **Rainbow Center/Rainbow Options 5K Run/Walk**. In addition to our \$1,000 contribution, three of our members participated in this walk. Shown in photo above, left to right, **Alby Shipman**, **Fran Williamson** and **Francis Banks** who walked and each took a prize in their division. They also recruited two friends to walk for our chapter., **Lyman Ridgeway** and, in front, **Alby's** small friend.

Marilu Herrick, PM is the Executive Director of this center for special needs children, youth and adults located in Blue Springs.

July found fourteen members going to the Masonic Home to visit the residents and share in ice cream treats. They report having a very nice afternoon.

We brought school supplies to our August meeting. These were delivered to Dobbs School in the Hickman Mills School District where our temple is located. The value of the school supplies was estimated at \$380. This was great participation and we appreciate those members who sent funds for this when they could not be at the meeting.

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Master's Trestle Board *Kenny Best, WM*

Brethren: I thank everyone for their confidence allowing me to serve this year as Master of our lodge. This will be an easy job with the excellent line of officers I have. They all exhibit a commitment to our lodge and to all the people who meet at the Temple. I would like to thank everyone for attending the installation. It was nice to have so many visitors. A special thank you to Bethel #48 for performing the Bible Ceremony, William F. Kuhn for the Flag Ceremony, the Swope Park Squires for the prayer and closing of the Bible ceremony and to my wife Connie for the hours she spent in decorating the Lodge and for all the food she prepared. I know that I am only the steward of my office for this year and will continue the progress my predecessors in the advancement of the youth movement in Swope Park Lodge. The success and growth of the youth groups makes possible future committed

Members in our Blue Lodge. I am pleased to inform everyone that at Grand Lodge, WM Gary Dryer was presented with the Silver achievement award and the Silver Ritual award as well as the Grand Lodge Safe Child House Award. Swope Park was one of the very few Missouri lodges that held three the C.H.I.P.S. Programs in it's community.

Dates to remember

October 21st Masonic Home Halloween Costume Party 1:00 PM

November 3rd. Swope Park OES Chapter 520 Installation 2:00 P.M.

November 4th. Swope Park Jobs Bethel Installation 10:30 AM

November 16th Josepha OES Chapter 63 Installation 7:00 P.M.

November 17th. Swope Park Social 1: PM.

December 8th. DeMolay Degree and 75 Year Awards 1:00 P.M

April 12th Past Masters Dinner 1:00 P.m.

Yours in the faith,
Kenny Best
Worshipful Master

SENIOR MEMBERS HONORED



(Aug 23, 2007) WM **Gary Dryer** presents Brother **Loren Lundy** (right) a certificate honoring his sixty (60) years of Masonic membership and service to our Lodge at the regular stated meeting August 23rd. Brother Lundy, in his comments upon receiving the award, spoke of the many famous people in the history of our nation who were Masons. He also told us a little about his personal Masonic history and his Masonic ring which he personally received from MWB Frank S. (Dad) Land in 1951 upon being invested with the DeMolay Legion of Honor degree. Brother Lundy has the distinction of being the most senior (in age) member of our lodge. He is 98 years young. He was born August 7, 1909 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason February 18, 1947.

Fifty year Grand Lodge Award



Brother **Linden Pankin** (above) recently received his fifty (50) year Grand Lodge certificate and jewel. Brother Pankin was raised March 7, 1957

SWOPE PARK YOUTH AT WORK



Sat. Sept 8th. (Left to right) WF Kuhn DeMolay members **Alex Barnes**, **Dad Kenny Best**, **William "WAC" Caldwell**, **Danny Best**, **William "Dub" Caldwell** and Honor Queen **Megan Stantruff**. Bethel 48, fix breakfast for the lodge who assembled for a special FC degree conferral



Treasurer's Report
RWB Lawrence Cameron, PM



From the Secretary's Desk
WB Warren Weston PM

10/01/06 – 9/30/07 FYE Report

The Lodge still continues to financially function in a sound manner. The Lodge experienced normal expenditures for the building this fiscal year and cash on hand was able to absorb them without accessing the principal on our savings. This was primarily due to the brethren of this Lodge answering the call for donations for the Building Fund and Charity. The brethren of this Lodge are to be commended for their generosity. The lodge was able to renew all of our CD's for a favorable return and the money market account continues paying 4% thus maximizing our income. Also the merger of Westport lodge with ours brought us an additional \$16,615.38. The lodge voted to add the additional monies to that amount enabling us to purchase our 4th CD for \$20,000.00. Income for our lodge from all investments for the coming year is projected to be \$4313.50. Actual income for FY2007 was down 8% while disbursements were down 3.7% over projections resulting in a net loss of \$705.55. The Lodge started the fiscal year with \$13,241.89 in checking and \$90,000.00 in CD's for a combined total asset of \$103,241.89. The Lodge ended the fiscal year with \$10,594.53 in checking and \$120,000.00 in CD's for a combined total asset of \$130,594.53. Although the Lodge continues to remain on a sound financial footing at the present time, costs to keep the lodge doors open continue to escalate. Lodge expenses continue to exceed lodge income. Financial support for the building continues to be our biggest expenditure and will continue to increase based on utility costs only. The Lodge continues to draw the interest from all of our savings to help offset a shortage in income. Without your continued support of extra money for the building fund our lodge will run through their savings very quickly. And if the building should suffer a major expense for maintenance, our funds will be depleted that much faster. At the present rate of operating expenses and income, the life of your lodge is estimated to be about 25 years. Add a new roof, parking lot paving, heating and air conditioning replacement, increases in utility and insurance costs and the life span of your lodge will be shortened to 15-17 years (cont. page 6, column 3)

Attend STUDY CLUB each Wednesday
7 PM
At Swope Park Masonic Temple. All
Master Masons welcome!

We are having increasing numbers of Brothers attending Lodge. *We need to have more people step forward and make the extra effort to get a Lodge Brother, who may live nearby, to the Lodge [if the Brother is not confined at home].* I chose to personally deliver the 50 year pin and framed certificate to **Bro Linden Pankin**. The broadness of his proud smile when I presented them to him made the entire trip a high point for me. We are including information about the Masonic Home and its additional services that are available for all of the Brotherhood, spouses and dependent children - whenever we make or send these presentations. The hardest aspect of the position of Secretary is - how to keep up with where our members have moved. For the most part The Rambler keeps the Brothers anxious to keep reading about the happenings. so they keep us posted on address changes. Some Brothers, who are faced with the necessity of moving for health reasons, think about the most important things causing the move. If you have a Brother that you visit with - advise us of his conditions. We are having more degrees conferred, plan on enjoying watching and participating. Brethren, I have decided to step down as Secretary for personal reasons. I look forward to sitting among you on the side lines and will serve in other capacities as my time permits.



From the South
Jim Payne, JW

Greetings! I have been looking forward to serving our Lodge as JW this year. Good to get off my feet after two years on the floor working the Deacon chairs. The primary function of the JW is to "call the Craft from labor to refreshment", and in doing so, I will do my best to prepare tasty and healthful repasts. As much as possible, we'll try to present a seasonal theme. October is **Oktoberfest** time and we'll start off with Bratwursts and all the trimmings for the Oct. 11th meeting. We'll offer a German Black Forest cake and ice cream for the Oct. 25th meeting. Any ideas and suggestions regarding your preference for future refreshments will be appreciated. **Remember...regular Stated Meetings are 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.**

Guten Appetit!



FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE CONFIRMED



(Sept.13) Bro. **Tony Bartelli** is flanked by RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL (left) who gave the second section and lecture and Bro. **Charles Farris**, Junior Deacon, (right) who obligated him.

ENTERED APPRENTICE INITIATED



(Sept. 27) Following a family tradition, Bro. **William C. (Dub) Caldwell** (second from right) joined Swope Park lodge by being initiated an EA. Bro. "Dub" is a high achiever DeMolay member and was sponsored by WB **Gary Dryer** (left) and **WM Ken Best**.(second from left) Bro. "Dub" was obligated by WB **Mel Tacke** (right).



Masonic Milestones

Anniversary of date raised to sublime degree of Master Mason

October				November				December			
		<i>Raised</i>	<i>YRS</i>			<i>Raised</i>	<i>YRS</i>			<i>Raised</i>	<i>YRS</i>
Edward	Miller	10/29/1936	71	Harley	Ladd	11/15/1949	58	Hulen	Luetjen	12/16/1946	61
Delmar	Shannon	10/25/1952	55	Marion	Bybee	11/27/1949	58	Franklin	Whiting	12/16/1948	59
Lewis	Robb	10/7/1954	53	Martin	Baier	11/7/1950	57	Clyde	Rayburn	12/15/1955	52
John	Shollenberger	10/3/1957	50	Harvey	Johnson	11/20/1952	55	Frank	Chester	12/16/1976	31
Everett	Bozarth	10/17/1957	50	Willis	Baker	11/1/1956	51	Oren	Woods	12/10/1981	26
James	Dewar	10/31/1958	49	Wm	Frazier	11/5/1963	44	John	Mc Laughlin	12/8/1988	19
Glenn	Borchers	10/1/1959	48	Jack	Clark	11/15/1966	41	Kirk	Fedderolf	12/9/2006	1
William	Flora	10/16/1963	44	Karl	Roscoe	11/27/1967	40				
Van	Gillespie	10/28/1967	40	Stephen	Morgan	11/14/1968	39				
Kenneth	Bollinger	10/14/1971	36	Robert	Craft	11/5/1975	32				
Edward	Welch	10/28/1971	36	William	Groll	11/11/1982	25				
Eric	Peterson	10/3/1972	35	George	Behnke	11/21/1992	15				
James	Starke	10/12/1972	35	Mark	Foster	11/21/1992	15				
Ernest	Bell	10/8/1973	34	Jack	Reeder	11/26/1992	15				
Herman	Jones	10/22/1973	34								
Harold	Martin	10/10/1974	33								
Gary	Mullins	10/13/1977	30								
John	Kennedy	10/28/1986	21								
Dimitrios	Milis	10/9/1992	15								
Charles	Lewis	10/16/1999	8								
Steve	Hill	10/29/2005	2								

New Member Affiliated

Please welcome

Brother Larry K. Warren

Who was unanimously voted in as a member of Swope Park Lodge at the September 25th stated meeting. Brother Warren is a MM of 29 years and comes to us from Temple Gate Lodge

*Degrees Conferred last fiscal year to date:
October 2006-September 2007*

Master Mason

12/9/06 Kirk Federhoff
1/11/07 Justin Dryer
4/12/07 Jim O'Shea

Fellow Craft

2/8/07 Jim O'Shea
9/13/07 Tony Bartelli

Entered Apprentice

5/25/07 Dennis Laughlin
9/27/07 William Caldwell



**Ask the Secretary for a petition and carry it with you.
Sign up a Candidate This quarter!**

SWOPE PARK LODGE'S THIRD CHIPS PROGRAM A MAJOR SUCCESS!



Saturday, September 15th found several members of the Swope Park Masonic Temple family working the third CHIPS event sponsored by our Lodge. I am told we are the **ONLY** Lodge in the state to do three programs this year. As evidenced by the photo (left), we had a huge crowd! Scheduled to run from 10 AM to 3 PM, we worked until 4 PM and processed 175 children between the ages of 6 months up to 14 years old. In addition to Swope Park Lodge Nr 617 members, Swope Park OES Chapter Nr. 520, William Kuhn De Molay, Job's Daughters Bethel 48 members and even the Wm F Kuhn Royal Arch Mason's chapter were represented and hard at work. This was our third program this year and the 200th program statewide. Our efforts added 175 children to the 33,194 processed since inception of the Missouri program. Kudos to **St. Luke's Methodist church** in South Kansas City for hosting the event.

WB **John Auterburn**, Wm. F. Kuhn Chapter Royal Arch (right Masons shown entering data concerning vital statistics on the child for inclusion on the disc. Grand Lodge Senior Deacon **RWB Gail S. Turner** (center rear of picture) is assisting **Becca Culver**, Job's Daughter Bethel 48 member process a disc. **RWB John Hess**, CHIPS area coordinator (right of Miss Culver, prints input for laminating the ID card.



(left) Bro. **Bob Nelson**, DDS taking dental impression and collecting DNA specimen for inclusion in zip lock packet given to parent. Mother is holding infant being processed.



MOCHIP is a comprehensive child identification program designed to give families of the State of Missouri a measure of protection against the ever increasing problem of missing and abducted children. MOCHIP stands for "Missouri Child Identification Program". The program uses a computer disk to provide information to the parents. Microchips are not used in the program The Masonic Children's Foundation is working with local Masonic Lodges to develop consistent and successful MOCHIP events as part of our ongoing

commitment to Missouri's children and families. This program is provided "FREE OF CHARGE" to every Missouri family who participates. How does it work? The program consists of five major components:

- Digital Photographs
- Digital Fingerprints
- Child Information and Emergency contacts
- Dental bite impression
- Two (2) laminated ID cards

We ask that all participants fill out a **Permission Form** to participate in the MOCHIP event. Parents or guardians then fill out the **Information Collection Sheet** with information about their child. All information is voluntary. The digital photographs, digital fingerprints and Child information and emergency contacts are given to the parent or guardian of the child on a mini-CD computer disk. The information on the disk is compatible with the format required by the "AMBER ALERT" program. The dental bite impression provides an impression of the biting surface of the child's teeth, which like fingerprints, are unique to each individual. The dental impression collects enough saliva to provide a DNA sample and a source for a scent for trained canine search and recovery teams. Together, these five measures provide a powerful and recovery tool. The Masonic Children's Foundation retains no information concerning the children; only the signed permission form is retained by the Foundation.



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Election of officers was held at our September meeting and resulted in the following being elected to leadership positions for the coming year.

Worthy Matron – **Stella Turnquist**
Worthy Patron – **Preston Pemberton**
Associate Matron – **Jean Vantellman**
Associate Patron – **WB Loren Taylor**
Secretary – **Lois Patten**
Treasurer – **Richard Houston**
Conductress – **Pat Neece**
Associate Conductress- **Becky Bowman**

We wish these officers success in the coming year as they lead our chapter. Remember-- they need the support of each of us.

Membership

Two of our members attained the fifty-year mark this summer. **Margaret Wetzel**, and **Beverlee Gomerding** are now life members of our chapter. We were saddened at the death of **Betty Simpson Werner**, **Kathryn Kidd** and **Martha Mantle**. We also learned that **Mabel Jett** and **Margaret Richardson** have passed away. It is farewell to **Fran Williamson** who has decided to not be dual with us anymore. We hope she will continue to attend chapter meetings. We welcome **John** and **Barbara Stillman** who have decided to make Swope Park their primary chapter.

Congratulations to **Gary Hanson, PP** who received his 33rd degree white hat in the Scottish Rite of Masonry at a meeting in St. Louis. Congratulations to **Holly Johnson**, **Bonnie Nelson**, **Larry Nelson**, **Donna McChesney** and **Jean Vantellman** who gave their proficiency at the September meeting. Their instructor was **Delores McChesney** and her class did her proud.

Spread the word that Missouri has a great web site. The address is www.missourioes.org. It tells about Eastern Star and some of the information about Missouri OES. Remember membership is open to all Master Masons and those with Masonic Affiliation. The relationships have changed through the years so if you know of someone who is interested in joining be sure to contact the secretary or some other member of the chapter. It takes members to spread the word and get new members.

Contact the secretary if you have any news about yourself or a family member. Our Sunshine Chairman will send cards

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if she knows of illness or death. If you would like to have a new roster of membership let the secretary know. Just call **Lois Patten** at 816-318-9808 or e-mail her at LBPat@comcast.net

A new Job's Daughters Bethel is being formed at our temple and the DeMolay are very active. If you have a young relative who is eligible let's get them involved now.

Coming Events

Oct. 7-10 – The 133rd Annual Grand Chapter Session in Cape Girardeau. The theme this year is Cherish the Children.

Oct. 16 – 6:15 p.m. Chapter Birthday pot-luck dinner with meat furnished. At the regular stated meeting we will honor the Past Matrons and Past Patrons. We will also have our traditional Kick-out Ceremony for our current Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. A 50 year tac will be presented to **Rosalee Ely** by the Associate Grand Matron. We would like to see all of you there.

Nov. 3 – Open installation of officers, everyone welcome

Installation of Officers
Swope Park Chapter 520, OES
Saturday November 3, 2007
At 2 p.m.
Swope Park Masonic Temple
8521 Oldham Road

Stated Meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays,
October 16, November 20 and
December 18.

Just a reminder – when you move Or have a health change – **write to your lodge secretary**. If you need assistance we are always ready and eager to help.

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In Memory of our deceased brethren

Alexander (Ace) Hamblin Sr.
Born December 21, 1919
Raised January 16, 1947
Passed July 13, 2007

Jerry MacDougall
Born January 19, 1924
Raised May 18, 1976
Passed July 25, 2007

Bill Parker
Born January 14, 1928
Raised February 1, 1977
Passed July 26, 2007

Willis Davisson
Born September 13, 1916
Raised September 20, 1949
Passed August 18, 2007



From the West
Johnnie Nemece, SW

I appreciate the vote of confidence that the Brethren of this Lodge have shown me in my journey from SD to JW and to my current position. Rest assured that I will do everything in my power not to disappoint you.

Like the rest of your officers, I am committed to insuring that the Lodge prospers over the ensuing term and beyond. In addition, the challenge I made while still JW is in effect: Every Master Mason of this Lodge should be a part of the Royal Arch. My new challenge is to have each of the Brothers do something for Masonic Education.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting, I may surprise everyone and put my money where my mouth is.

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Swope Park Lodge Nr 617 Installation of 2008 Officers

Saturday, October 6th. A sizeable attendance of family, friends and district Masonic brothers were welcomed by WB Gary Dryer, Master of Ceremonies. The ceremony began with the entrance of the officers and their ladies followed by a beautiful Bible Ceremony by Job's Daughter's Bethel Nr. 48. The young ladies formed a cross East of the Alter and sang "Nearer My God to Thee". The colors of our country were presented by the Wm. F. Kuhn chapter DeMolay followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Installing officers were then introduced by MC WB Gary Dryer as follows: Master, WB Gary Barron; Marshall, Bro. Kirk Fetterolf; Senior Deacon, WB Mel Tacke; Chaplin, RWB Paul Miller. Each of the Officers were then installed, beginning with the Master of the Lodge, in due form.

There were several presentations made, starting with WB Kenny Best presenting outgoing WM Gary Dryer his PM apron and Jewel. RWB Larry Cameron bestowed Life Membership in the Lodge to WB Dryer on behalf of a grateful Lodge for his two years serving us so well in the East. WB Dryer called Mrs. Connie Best, our Master's lady to the floor and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service to our Lodge. In particular, Mrs. Best has donated her time and materials to print the Rambler, saving the Lodge a considerable amount of money over the years. The DeMolay chapter boys presented the new Master a gavel with which to conduct the business of the lodge in his year. RWB Miller, Director of the Study Club which meets at our temple also presented WB a gavel on behalf of the Square and Compass Association. After introduction of family members present of the newly installed officers and visiting Brethren, the ceremony closed with a prayer and the closing of the bible by Conlan Miller, Chaplin of the Swope Park Manor Squires. Installing Marshal Kirk Fetterolf declared the Officers duly installed and the ceremonies adjourned to Shotwell Hall for refreshments.



William F. Kuhn Chapter
Order of De Molay International

Meet 1st and 3rd Thursday 7 PM
At Swope Park Masonic Temple

Alex Barnes
Master Councilor



WB Dryer and WB Best make presentation to Mrs. Connie Best.



WB Dryer receiving Life Membership awarded by the Lodge and presented by RWB Cameron



William F Kuhn Chapter DeMolay members Alex Barnes (left) and Danny Best (center) make presentation to newly installed Worshipful Master Ken Best



Treasurer's Report
RWB Lawrence Cameron, PM

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The lodges Officers continue to monitor expenses very closely to see that your monies are not spent needlessly. Brethren, I know I have painted a bleak picture but as your Treasurer it is my duty to keep you informed. If we wait too long before the alarm is sounded it will be too late to recover. I invite you to visit your lodge, get involved and lend your help and support.

Please continue to remember your lodge and contribute what you can to the building fund, remember your lodge in your will and use your lodge for any family gatherings such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. If your employer needs an outside facility to hold a meeting, suggest that they rent your lodge. The rates are very comparable to other rentals and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the money went to help your lodge.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS



Job's Daughters is an organization of young women between the ages of 10 and 20 who are related to a Master Mason, and share a common bond. We have members in the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and the Philippines. We have fun together at activities such as swimming parties, dances, family picnics, slumber parties, miniature golf, marching in parades, travel . . . well, you get the picture. By working closely together, you will make new friends that will last a lifetime. We also help others. Throughout the year, we perform service projects to help our community, the less fortunate, and other charities. We actively support the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund, which purchases hearing assistive devices for hearing impaired children. We learn leadership. By holding various offices in Job's Daughters, you will gain valuable leadership experience, be a part of a team, and learn democratic principles. Job's Daughters can qualify for various scholarships that are offered on a state-wide and a national level. All Job's Daughters are members of a local chapter called a Bethel. Members of a Bethel elect their own officers, decide their own activities, and plan their own events. In short, the International Order of Job's Daughters offers the qualities that today's young women want and need from organizations that earn their commitment . . . fun, friendship, helping others, and the chance to learn organizational and leadership skills.