



The Swope Park Masonic Temple Bodies Quarterly Newsletter



**Master's
Trestle Board**
WB Ken Best Sr
Worshipful Master

As Master, this will be my last article in the *Rambler* as my year is about to come to a close. I hope our Lodge has become closer with the Eastern Star chapters, the Job's Daughters, DeMolay Chapter and the Royal Arch Chapter – all members of the Swope Park Masonic Temple family who regularly meet here. My main objective was to bring back the family atmosphere in the Temple. Working and interacting together we can achieve greater success for each entity.

I congratulate Worshipful Brother **Gary Dryer** for his Lifetime achievement award from DeMolay. It demonstrates the commitment our lodge has to the youth groups meeting here – the William F Kuhn Chapter DeMolay, the Squires of the Round Table, the Job's Daughter Bethel Number 1 and the Jobies-to-Bee.

The lodge has done more ritual this year than in recent years bringing many new young men into the lodge. I hope they continue their journey and seek more Masonic Light by participating in the ritual, becoming active and attending Lodge. Perhaps their path will take them to the York or Scottish Rite or the Shrine and give them the opportunity of great friendships available there.

I must thank the line officers who helped make this year so successful and all the Past Masters whose council helped me so very much this year. We accomplished so much and it clearly shows what a good group of men can do with a little hard work. As we head into next year, I wish the next Master all the success in the world. I believe Swope Park Lodge is headed in a great direction in the coming years. I have never seen a better group of officers anywhere more committed to improving the lodge and making it better.

I hope some of the Brethren who have not been able to attend for various reasons and those who may have forgotten the words and signs will come back. They will be greeting with Brotherly love and assistance with the words and signs and will not be embarrassed or made to feel out of place. Brotherhood is always first and ritual second.

I want extend a special thank you to **WB Frank Chester** who not only coached me through my degrees but by quiet example showed me what being a Mason meant. (cont. page 6 column 3)

Swope Park Lodge Past Masters Luncheon



(April 12). Swope Park Lodge held a Past Masters luncheon, a long standing tradition which has not been held over the last few years. The menu consisted of baked pork chops in mushroom gravy, creamy baked chicken, green beans, corn, honey carrots and desert all cooked by **Connie Best** wife of **WB Ken Best**, Master. Everyone commented on the fantastic meal. In attendance, along with WM Ken and Connie Best, were **WB Melvin Tacke**, **WB Larry** and **Pearl Cameron**, **WB Gary Dryer**, **JD Justin Dryer**, **WB Warren** and **Wanda Weston**, **WB Gus Egner**, **WB Tom Norman** and **Marsha Norman** **RWB Jack** and **Elnora Clark**, **Brother Al Beach**, **WB Bob Harman** and **DDGL Paul** and **Helen Miller** All who attended has a great time with **WB Harman** sharing his stories about his experiences in the Philippines. A special thank you to Job's daughter's Bethel # 1 for setting up and serving the meal. All area past masters were invited.

DEMOLAY HONORS WB GARY DRYER AT STATE CONCLAVE



(May 2008) At their annual Conclave, Missouri DeMolay honored **WB Gary Dryer**, PM, with Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution not only to the William F. Kuhn Chapter, but to all DeMolay in the state. **WB Gary** exemplifies the commitment of all Swope Park Masons to the youth groups. The young men filled Swope Park Masonic temple foyer with their trophies! Shown above, are just a portion of what they brought home.



**SWOPE PARK
CHAPTER NR 620
O. E. S.**

Spring is always a busy time with the District Reception and friendship Nights. We had 73 in attendance at our Friendship Night in April. It was a wonderful night of greeting long time friends and making new friends. We were honored guests at the friendship Night of Golden Gate Chapter 58 and the Oak Grove Chapter 407. Swope Park had about twenty members at each of those meetings. The District reception followed the theme of "Buttons and Bows" with entertainment by a group that gave a fun "fashion show".

April was "Go to Church" Sunday. The Worthy Matron urged all to attend their own church but invited anyone who wished to come with her to the Beverly Hills Baptist Church with dinner at East gate Temple afterwards. In May she honored mothers and those who had been like a mother to young people. June was our month to honor fathers and Master Masons. We were pleased to have eleven of our brothers present.

Membership Information: Sister **Lois Compton** was recognized in the Masonic Home Magazine as volunteer of the month. The Charter was draped in memory of the following members who passed away: Sisters **Rose Marie Butterworth, Patricia Chambers, Jane Dunham, Shirley Johnson** and **Margaret Chittenden**. In addition, we draped the Charter for Sisters **Betty Lee Egner** PGM and Brother **Leon Leirer** PGP. We regret the loss of two members due to suspension and one demit. We now have 182 members in our chapter. Sister **Rosalee Ely** lost her apartment due to a fire in her building and Sister **Patricia Wheat** lost her home in a tornado that went though Gladstone Missouri. We rejoiced as we presented Sister **Virginia Norton** with her 50 year membership. A small group went to the Rehab Center to celebrate with her. Sister **Shirley Sizemore** also received her 50 year pin and recognition. Sister **Marilu Herrick** attended our May meeting and received her 25 year pin. We also gave her a donation to the Rainbow Center.

Coming Events: WE look forward to the months ahead and invite you to join with us. There is no meeting in July, however, on **July 15th at 2:PM** we will go visit our residents at the Masonic Home. Our members Sisters Delores Coffey and Marlyn Lineberry now reside at the Home.

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NEWLY ELECTED SR WARDEN



(June 12) Brother **Mike (Lou) Luellen** was elected and installed Senior Warden for the duration of the year. Brother Lou holds multiple membership in Swope Park and Ivanhoe lodges. He was raised in Heroine lodge Nov. 2003 where he served as Senior Warden in 2006 prior to Heroine merging with Ivanhoe. Bro. Mike served in the US Air Force and is a Vietnam war veteran. He became a member of Swope Park lodge January 2007. He replaced Johnnie Nemeck, who recently resigned after attending only one meeting this year. Brother Lou is High Priest of William F Kuhn Chapter 139, Royal Arch Masons. Our Worshipful Master, **Ken Best**, was vacationing back east and asked **WB Mel Tacke** to conduct the business of the lodge this evening. In addition to conducting the SW installation, WB Mel did an outstanding job as Master. It has been twenty years since he sat in the East, but WB Tacke ran the Lodge as smoothly as if he has been in the east all this time. The SW installation was officiated by RWB **Larry Cameron** and the Installing Marshal was **WB Frank Chester**.

*Following Brethren were suspended
June 16, 2008*

- Ed Calvert
- Lewis Crouch
- Luttrell, Warren
- John McLaughlin
- Christopher McCloud
- Gary McCloud
- Donald Melin,
- Chris Morgan
- Daniel Quillen



**JOB'S DAUGHTERS
BETHEL NR 1**



Beca Crocker Honor Queen

As my term ends, I want to thank everyone that made these past six months possible. It has been a true honor to serve as the first honor queen here at Swope Park Lodge, for Bethel # 1. With the help and support of all of the adults and Mason's I know that Bethel # 1 will continue to grow and make each of you proud of our youth organization. As you know Bethel #1 moved here on Nov.4, 2007. We had over 100 people attend the installation. The Eastern Star served our luncheon, as well as supported us in our activities. Since then we have served the monthly dinners at the Scottish rite, and had two dinners here at the lodge We also served breakfast to the Masons prior to one of their Saturday functions. We participated with the Veterans Christmas gifts , various CHIPS programs as well as representing our bethel at Mini Session, State Officers reception, Thanksgiving Ball, and we have attended other bethel meetings and installations. In May, we had our official visit, and **Momma Goode** was very pleased with our progress, as well as all of the support from the adults here at Swope Park. We just recently had our installation, the new HQ – **Rhiannon Roberts** and Sr. Princess – **Cassandra Henderson** will guide the bethel this next term. We are now getting ready to attend "Grand" in Jefferson City, so watch and see how well we do in our competitions. Big thanks to our Council members: Bethel Guardian, Mom **Tonya Culver**, Associate Guardian, Dad **Gary Dryer**, Treasurer, Dad **Ed Culver**, Secretary, Mom **Connie Best**,

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Wm F. Kuhn
Chapter
Order of DeMolay



From the South
Jim Payne, JW



(Jan. 26) William F. Kuhn chapter order of DeMolay recognized several Brethren who reached significant milestones in their DeMolay careers. WB **Harry Brown** (center) and Brother **Loren Lundy** were awarded certificates for having attained 75 years membership, RWB **Sheldon Snitz** (left) received his 50 year jewel and certificate Brother **Ed Culver** received his 25 year certificate and pin and Brother **Tony Broome** was recognized with a certificate for his 10 years membership.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Everyone is cordially invited to the Installation of Officers for William F Kuhn Chapter DeMolay, Saturday July 12, 2008 at 1 :PM, Swope Park Masonic Temple. It will be a Western theme featuring bar b que and home made ice cream. Come out and enjoy some of the planned activities such as croquet, volley ball and a hula hoop and limbo contest!

More DeMolay Page 6 column 1

(April 24) A regular stated meeting was extra special with WB **Dale Carter**, PM 1980, visiting from New Mexico. With RWB **Marshal Rimann** (PM 1979) also in attendance, RWB **Larry Cameron** (PM 1977) we had a grand reunion of a goodly portion of the late '70's officer line when your humble scribe (me) joined the lodge. The fellowship was outstanding. We went to refreshment with fresh strawberry shortcake afterward. We are looking at a lot of degree work coming up and it was a nice break just to visit with Brethren who contributed so much to make our lodge what we enjoy today.



William F Kuhn
Chapter 139
ROYAL ARCH MASONS

(June 3) Companion **Jim Payne** was elected secretary. By the Seven (7) members present and voting replacing Johnnie Nemece, who resigned. Installation was conducted in due form, EHP **Mike Luellen** installing with aid of EC **Frank Chester** as Installing Marshal. Comp **Ken Best**, who was installed as Treasurer, stated we can expect petitions for membership this summer from newly raised Swope Park MM. DDGHP **Steve Anderson**, visiting the Chapter, informed us that Pleasant Hill RAM chapter will be doing degree work all summer and we were welcome to bring our candidates down to their chapter for initiation into the order. William F Kuhn Chapter celebrated it's 85th anniversary May 15, 2008. In spite of a recent set back, the Chapter is moving forward positively and we look forward to our centennial in 2023.

SCOTT HENDERSON NEWEST E.A.



(June 7) Left to right, RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGM, RWB **Larry Cameron**, Bro. **Scott Henderson** and WB **Chris Stecker**.

The lodge assembled for a Special Communication on Saturday June 7, 2008 for the purpose of conferring the 1st degree on Mr. **Scott Wayne Henderson**. The lodge was opened on the 1st degree with RWB **Lawrence S. Cameron** as acting Master, Bro **Mike Luellen** as acting S.W., RWB **Paul Miller** as acting J.W., Bro **Charles Farris S.D.**, Bro **Justin Dryer J.D.**, Bro **Ed Culver S.S.**, Bro **Al Beach J.S.**, WB **Chris Stecker**, P.M. of Canopy Lodge #284, Aurora, MO as acting Marshall and WB **Mel Tacke** as acting Tyler. The acting Master announced the purpose of the Special Communication. The S.W. announced that Scott Wayne Henderson was present and desired to be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. There being no objection, the lodge proceeded to confer the 1st degree on Scott Wayne Henderson with the officers and acting officers as stated all working in their respective chairs. The lecture was given by RWB Paul Miller and the Charge by WB Chris Stecker. Brother Henderson thanked the lodge for taking the time on a Saturday to confer his 1st degree. No further business appearing, the Lodge closed with peace and harmony prevailing.



Swope Park Manor
SQUIRES
of the
ROUND TABLE

(Annual DeMolay Conclave) Under the leadership of Master Squire **Conlon Miller**, the direction of Manor Mom **Jayna Walden** and with the assistance of past Sir Knight **Dan Best**, the Squires brought home over thirty (30) trophies. The Boys were asked if they would compete in a Manor Installation even though they had had not practiced this ritual. They ended up by winning first place! The boys are shown with their trophies to the left of this column.





Masonic Milestones

Anniversary of date raised to sublime degree of Master Mason

July

August

September

	Raised	Anniversary	
Harry Brown	7/28/1945	63	
Walter Metz	7/18/1946	62	
Glenn Huff	7/8/1950	58	
Robert Dugan	7/7/1951	57	
Donald Bigler	7/16/1953	55	
Hugh Brown	7/1/1954	54	
Forrest Bland	7/21/1956	52	
Richard Gauert	7/5/1956	52	
Thomas Loftin	7/27/1959	49	
Cloyd Green	7/16/1963	45	
Lewis Crouch	7/18/1963	45	
Edward Sweeney	7/14/1964	44	
Richard Edwards	7/9/1965	43	
Henry Martz	7/26/1966	42	
Bernard Tippie	7/8/1971	37	
James Woods	7/25/1974	34	
Marshall Rimann	7/25/1974	34	
James Biles	7/10/1975	33	
Richard Brown	7/13/1978	30	
Larry Parrish	7/21/1986	22	
Kenneth Best	7/28/1994	14	
Ronald Hilliard	7/28/1994	14	
Christopher McCloud	7/10/1999	9	
Ricky Glover	7/17/2002	6	
Bryan Smith	7/9/2005	3	
Francis Cowan	7/27/2006	2	

	Raised	Anniversary	
Elston Patton	8/15/1953	55	
Ronald Moore	8/30/1954	54	
Roger James	8/25/1956	52	
John Flannagan	8/10/1948	60	
Lloyd Thoman	8/11/1959	49	
Edward Lyle	8/2/1960	48	
John Nelson	8/1/1967	41	
Timothy Duff	8/4/1970	38	
Donald Morgan	8/14/1971	37	
William Hobson	8/26/1971	37	
Harley Manker	8/25/1977	31	
Edward Nolan	8/24/1978	30	
Henry Shive	8/25/1979	29	
David Blaisdell	8/11/1981	27	
John Zion	8/22/1984	24	
William Patten	8/8/1985	23	
John Hess	8/28/1986	22	
Paul Turnquist	8/27/1987	21	
Gary McCloud	8/9/1990	18	
Claude Wolfe	8/15/1992	16	
Gary Dryer	8/15/1992	16	
Michael Whiteside	8/15/1992	16	
Robert Schadel	8/27/1992	16	

	Raised	Anniversary	
Richard Eckert	9/23/1944	64	9
Evald Lofgren	9/14/1946	62	9
Joedan Saunders	9/24/1949	59	9
John Edwards	9/30/1950	58	9
Max Alexander	9/29/1962	46	9
Donald Melin	9/22/1966	42	9
Herman Jones	9/10/1973	35	9
Donald Reid	9/5/1977	31	9
Donald Matney	9/15/1981	27	9
Charles Newcomer	9/23/1983	25	9
Russell Newcomer	9/23/1983	25	9
William Palmer	9/13/1984	24	9
George Wilson	9/25/1986	22	9
Joseph Klos	9/14/1991	17	9
Carl Conteras	9/24/1992	16	9
Louis Carter	9/12/1992	16	9
Steven Johnson	9/28/1995	13	9



In Memoriam

William Betts
Born May 16, 1914
Raised Feb 20, 1957
Passed away Nov 25, 2007

Garold Schnoor
Born Nov 12, 1942
Raised July 10, 1999
Passed away Dec 25, 2007

Nolan J. Henry
Born Sept. 4, 1928
Raised July 18, 1961
Passed away April 14, 2008

HE WHO SERVES

He has not served who gathers gold,
Nor has he served, who's life is told
In selfish battles he has won,
Or deeds of skill that he has done;
But he has served who now and then
Has helped along his fellow man.

The world needs many men today;
Red-blooded men along life's way,
With cheerful smiles and helping hands,
And with the faith that understands
The beauty of the simple deed
Which serves another's hour of need.

Strong men to stand beside the weak,
Kind men to hear what others speak;
True men to keep our country's laws
And guard its honor and its cause;
Men who bravely play life's game
Nor ask rewards of gold or fame.

Teach me to do the best I can
To help and cheer our fellow man;
Teach me to lose my selfish need
And glory in the larger deed
Which smoothes the road and lights the
day. For all who chance to come my way.

Edgar A. Guest

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RWB Lewis C "Wes" Clark, Editor

Degrees Conferred this fiscal year to date:
8 October 2007-September 2008

8
8 Entered Apprentice
8



Andre Eric Newsom Oct. 25, 2007
James Parkinton Dec. 13, 2007
Danny Best Mar 27, 2008
Scott Henderson June 7, 2008

Fellow Craft



Andre Eric Newsom Nov. 14, 2007
Dennis Laughlin Feb 23, 2008
Danny Bartelli Mar 1, 2008
James Pankinton Mar 13, 2008

Master Mason



(none)

Did you know.....
Significant anniversaries this
August

Bro. Loren Lundy
Born August 7, 1909
99 years young

Brother Ed Miller
Initiated August 27, 1936
Raised October 29, 1936
72 years ago

Congratulations Brothers!



HOLY SAINTS JOHN

By history, custom, tradition and ritualistic requirements, the Craft holds dear the days of St. John the Baptist on June 24, and St. John the Evangelist on December 27. No satisfactory explanation has as yet been advanced to explain why operative Masons adopted two Christian saints, when St. Thomas, the patron of architecture and building, was available. The real explanation of Freemasonry's connection with the Sts. John is not to be found in the history of the Craft, but in the history of religions. For the festival days of the two Sts. John are as old as the ancient systems of worship of fire and sun. Travel backwards in imagination to an unknown date when the world of men was young; when the greatest manifestation of nature known to our ancient ancestors was the sun. It was always present during the day, and its near kin, fire, warmed and comforted them at night Under its gentle rays crops grew and rivers rose. The sun kept away

the wild beasts by its light. The sun made their lives possible. Sun worship and fire worship were as natural for men just struggling into understanding as the breath they drew. Early recognized facts must have been the sun's slow travel from north to south and back again as the seasons waxed and waned. And so mid summers day, the longest, became a festival; it was the harbinger Or harvest, the birthday of new life, as the winter solstice was significant of the end of the slow decline of the sun, the beginning of a new time of warmth and crop and happiness. Through countless years, in a thousand religious, cults, mysteries, in a hundred climes and lands, priests and people celebrated the solstices. So it was when Christianity came to the world. Old feasts and festival days were not lightly to be given up, even by those who put their faith upon a Cross. Hence clever men in the early days of Christianity turned the pagan festivals to Christian usage, and the old celebrations of summer and winter solstice became the Sts. Johns' Days of the Middle Ages. As the slow years passed, those who celebrated thought less and less of what the days really commemorated, and became more and more convinced of their new character. Today, hardly a Freemason gives a thought to the origin of St. John's Day in Winter, or knows his celebration of St. John's Day in midsummer preserves a touch with cavemen ancestors. It was a common custom in the middle Ages for craftsmen to place themselves under the protection of some saint of the church. All the London trades appear to have ranged themselves under the banner of some saint and if possible they chose one who bore fancied relation to their trades. Thus the fishmongers adopted St. Peter; the drapers chose the Virgin Mary, mother of the 'Holy Lamb' or 'Fleece' as an emblem of that trade. The goldsmiths' patron was St. Dunstan, represented to have been a brother artisan. The merchant tailors, another branch of the draping business, marked their connection with it by selecting St. John the Baptist, who was the harbinger of the Holy Lamb' so adopted by the drapers. Eleven or more of the guilds had John the Baptist. To say with certainty why Freemasons adopted the two Sts. John, and continue to celebrate days as principal feasts is not known.. But the fitness of these two is obvious in our system if we consider the spiritual suggestion of their lives. St. John the Baptist was a stern and just man; intolerant of sham, of pretense, of weakness; a man of strength and fire, uncompromising with evil or expediency, and yet withal courageous, humble, sincere, magnanimous. A character at once heroic and of rugged nobility, of him the Greatest of Teachers said: "Among them that are born of woman, there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist." Of St. John the Evangelist, the disciple whom Jesus loved, a thousand books have been written, and student has vied with minister, teacher with historian, to find words fitly to describe the character of the gentle writer of the Fourth Gospel. No attempt at rivalry will here be made; suffice it that St. John the Evangelist is recognized the world over as the apostle of love and light, the bringer of comfort to the grief-stricken, of courage to the weak, of help to the helpless, of strength to the falling. Freemasonry is wise in a gentle wisdom which passeth that in books when she takes for her on both the saint who foretold the coming and the saint who taught the law of the Son of Man who walked by Galilee. The question "From whence come you?" and the answer "From the Lodge of the Holy Sts. John at Jerusalem", has puzzled many. None have phrased the simple, explanation of the inner meaning of this with more beauty and clarity than Brother Joseph Fort Newton, he of the golden pen and the voice of music: "There is no historical evidence that either of the two Saints of the church were ever members of the Craft. But they were adopted as its patron Saints, after the manner of former times a good manner it is, too- and they have remained so in Christian lands. Lodges are dedicated to them, instead of to King Solomon, as formerly. "So, naturally, there came the idea, or ideal, of a sacred lodge in the Holy City presided over by the Saints John. No such lodge ever existed in fact, and yet it is not a fiction -it is an ideal, and without such ideals our life would be dim and drab. The thought back of the question and answer, then, is that we come from an ideal or Dream Lodge into this actual work-a-day world, where our ideals are to be tested". We do not know just when, or just how, Freemasonry adopted the Sts. John. Their days are the Christian adaption of pagan festivals of a time when man, knowing no better, worshipped the sun as the supreme God. So when we celebrate our festival days on June 24 and December 27, we walk step by step with ancient ancestors, worshipping as they worshipped, giving thanks as they did; they to the only god they knew for the glory of summer, the beginning of the period when days lengthened- we to the G.A.O.T.U., that our gentle Craft took for its own the austere but loving characters of two among the greatest of the saintly men who have taught of the Father of all mankind.

Presented as Masonic educational program at Lodge June 12, 2008
Jim Payne
Junior Warden

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Job's Daughter's Bethel Number 1

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Director of Epochs, Mom **Jayna Walden**, Masonic relations, Dad **Ken Best**, Director of Security, Dad **Al Beach**... As well as the many other adults that help. Thank you for making this experience possible for me.

Jobie love

Beca Crocker PHQ#1

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De Molay (continued)



Master Councilor Elect Danny Best.

These past few months have been busy for all of us. We have been busy with so many activities, helping out at the Scottish Rite, the Masonic home, as well as getting ready for Conclave, that we attended in May. Master Councilor Trevor Keller won the area 3 Speech contest held at Ivanhoe lodge, and was asked to advance to California to represent Missouri. We have continued to support our Squires "Manor", and as you continue to read, you will see how well they did at Conclave. We would like to thank OES for their donation and support in enabling our chapter to attend Conclave. As a chapter we didn't fair as well, but we are working on next year. We had our annual "Potato Bash" in March and did real well. Watch for future dinners and other activities this summer. We will be having our Installation on July 12, at 1:00 pm here at the lodge. Master Councilor elect - Danny Best. After the program, a Bar-B-Q, and home-made ice cream, as well as horseshoes, volleyball, croquet, hula hoop and limbo contest. EVERYONE invited, please bring your families, meet your youth groups and visit with the other Masonic families. Our meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday, at 7:00 pm we look forward to having you attend. Fraternally

Danny Best

Mo. State DeMolay - Chaplain

Wm. F. Kuhn PMC

Ill. Knights Comdr. Walt Disney Priory

Swope Park Chapter 520 OES

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This is a good day for our members who do not get out at night to join with us. We will be taking birthday cards for our adopted resident, **Millie Carsell**. Our Worthy Matron is planning birthday refreshments for all. **August 19th** will be an informal stated meeting when we hear the plans for the grand Chapter meetings which will be held October 12 through 16 in St. Louis Missouri. **September 16th** is election of officers. We request each member to bring school supplies donations for a local grade school. **October 21st** we will gather for a Pot Luck Supper at 6:15 PM followed by the stated meeting. The Chapter will furnish the meat. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons will be honored at this meeting. This is another event those who do not drive at night could join us for dinner and get home before dark. Mark your calendars for Saturday **November 8th** and plan to attend when we will have installation of officers at 2:PM

A new Roster is ready. If you would like a copy, contact the Secretary to have one mailed to you. Lois Patten, phone (816) 381 9808.

MEET OUR WORTHY MATRON



Sister Stella Turnquist is serving as Worthy Matron for 2007-2008. She was initiated in Rural Chapter

518 on November 15, 1954. She affiliated with Swope Park Chapter 530 when the two chapters consolidated in 1983. She previously served as Worthy Matron in 1976, 1990, 1994, 1999 and 2003. During her 54 years of membership, she has served the stations of Marshal, Adah, Esther, Martha, Treasurer, Associate Conductress and Associate Matron. Sister **Addie Rittenhour** appointed her Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Missouri in 1996. Sister Stella has been General Chairman of Receptions and Installations and frequently has chaired our potluck dinners. She has donated her time and talents of sewing, crafts, flower arranging and cooking. She is always willing to assist wherever needed in our Chapter, District and State. When she is Worthy Matron, we know we will receive many gifts that she has designed and made.

We sincerely appreciate Sister Stella's dedication and service to the Order of the Eastern Star!

Worshipful Master's Message

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In closing, I want to remind everyone that again this Christmas we will be distributing gifts at the VA Hospital. We are going to sell raffle tickets for a drawing for to win a "state of the art" Garmin GPS Navigation System. Other prizes include a signed Chefs football and a handmade Baby blanket. Information on raffle tickets will be forth coming in the October issue of the *Rambler*. Brother **Armando Nunez** is the Chairman.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year so enjoyable and successful!

W.M. Kenny Best



The Young Man Meditates

Masonry promised me nothing except opportunity for mental and spiritual growth and the opportunity to be serviceable to God and man. I came of my own free will and accord as all men in all ages have done. I was received as all others have been received in ages past. I learned that Masonry is interested in the character of man in man as a thinking, feeling being. I learned that Masonry is not a religion in the sense that we think of the church but that it is a form of worship and the true ally of all religions. I found that one grows stronger in his own religion, whatever it may be, as the result of Masonry. I learned the real meaning of moral and spiritual teachings of charity, and that one's integrity of mind and soul is his most precious possession. All that I had learned before was enhanced by the manner in which Masonry teaches sublime lessons. About me I see brothers, some young in Masonry, others who have been Masons for many years. Toward all I feel a bond of friendship which is indescribable. To have the confidence of such a group of brothers, and to know that you are joined to them by immutable bonds, as you are to every Mason in the world is indeed a priceless privilege.

All of this I learned; and I learned as well, that to maintain and to perpetuate all I have received, I must give back my best to Masonry and to society.

