



*The Swope Park Masonic Temple Bodies Quarterly Newsletter*



**Master's  
Trestle Board**

**.Jim Payne  
Worshipful  
Master**

Greetings, Brethren! First of all, thank you for your confidence in electing me as Worshipful Master for this year. It's been a long haul from my raising 30 years ago, but as they say, "better late than never"! Swope Park Lodge had over 450 members when I came in. Declining membership continues to be a major concern though out Masonry. We started off 2009 with 264 members and have dropped to 255 due to deaths, demits and suspensions. However, what we lack in quantity, we more than make up in quality!

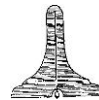
We have a very active line of officers coming up and we are receiving quite a few petitions for the degrees. Swope Park Lodge is a dynamic and growing lodge! We have a lot of activities planned this year as evidenced on page two. There is something for everyone who wishes to participate-socially, fund raisers, community and charitable projects and, of course, ritual. Come out any Wednesday at 7 PM to study club and improve yourself in Free Masonry and enjoy the fellowship and fun! Brethren, our temple, although in excellent condition, is at capacity for our needs. Additionally, the surrounding community has changed from when the Lodge established its home here in 1966. We need to plan for the future. We have a committee studying the feasibility, location and specifications for building a new temple possibly five years from now. If you would like to participate, call or e-mail the secretary or me at the numbers listed on page 4. Swope Park lodge moved four times between 1911 and 1966, or an average of every 14 years. We have been here 43 years, the longest time in any building in our history. A move after 2014, or over a hundred years since chartered, isn't far-fetched. Finally, Brethren: We are holding our own financially with fund raisers and donations keeping the doors open, Any serious consideration to build a new temple will require a major capital outlay. Please consider remembering your Lodge in your Will. A special New Temple Building Fund would be set up and draw interest for that day in the future when build a new temple.

**99TH INSTALLATION OF SWOPE PARK LODGE OFFICERS**



(Oct 3) Front, Left to right, SW **Charles Farris**, Installing Master, RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL, WM **Jim Payne**, JW **Justin Dryer**, SD **Ed Culver**, JD **Jim O'Shea**. In the back, left to right, RWB **Larry Cameron**, Treasurer, WB **Ken Best**, Secretary, **Jim Windhausen**, JS, RWB **Dennis Abernathy**, PDDGM, Installing Chaplain, WB **Melvin Tacke**, Chaplain and WB **Mike Luellen**, Tiler. An outstanding evening with 85 present to witness the installation of the 2009-10 Swope Park lodge officer line. Not pictured, RWB **Jack Clark**, installing SD and Bro. **Danny Best**, SS, who was absent. WM Payne spoke on focusing on the interaction of all members of the Swope Park Masonic family, which includes the OES chapter 520, Job's Daughter's Bethel 1, Wm F Kuhn chapter DeMolay, Wm F Kuhn RAM Ch. 139 Jobie-2 Bees and the Squires of the Round Table.

From the West  
**Charlie Farris**  
**Senior Warden**



How time flies. It seems like yesterday I was installed as Junior Warden and now I'm Senior Warden. I hope you have enjoyed the various meals we have shared over the past year. I tried to make it so I never served the same thing twice during the year. This past year has been very educational to me as I have learned to confer both the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees. Many thanks to RWB Cameron for his teaching, encouragement and patience and to RWB Paul Miller for allowing me to work in study club, which enabled me to polish my delivery and make the correct movements on the floor. I would like to thank the brethren for electing me as the Senior Warden for the 2009-2010 year. I am humbled and honored, and will do my very best to live up to your expectations.

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**SWOPE PARK CHAPTER 520 O.E.S. NEWS**



2009 Grand Chapter appointments from Chapter 520, From left to right, Sister **Marilyn Houston**, Grand Representative of Manitoba Canada; Sister **Rosalee Ely**, Grand Representative of Bolivia and Sister **Lois Compton**, District deputy Grand Matron of the 22nd. District The officers for 2010 were elected at our September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those elected and accepting were: Worthy Matron – **Pat Neece**; Worthy Patron – **Brad Patten**; Associate Matron – **Holly Johnson**; Associate Patron – **Preston Pemberton**; Secretary – **Lois Patten**; Treasurer – **Richard Houston**; Conductress – **Rita Hanson**; Associate Conductress – **Alby Shipman**. (cont. page 3)

**FIFTY YEAR GRAND LODGE JEWEL AND CERTIFICATE AWARDS**



**Brother Tom Loftlin**

(July 23) Mrs. Fran Porter, Brother Tom Loftlin's sister, pins his 50 year jewel as WB Ken Best, Secretary, looks on. RWB Larry Cameron, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, made the presentation and gave a excellent lecture and Bro. Loftlin's Masonic history. Brother Tom was raised July 27, 1959. His sister commented this was the fourth 50 year Masonic membership award in her family. Her father, husband and a brother of Tom had also reached this significant milestone.



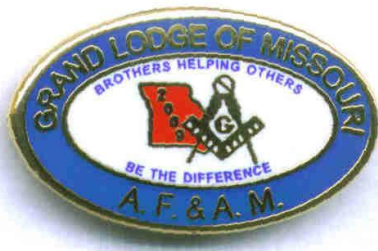
**Brother Glen Borchers**

(Sept.10) WB Ken Best, Secretary, looks on as Brother Ed Noland pins Brother Borchers' 50 year GL jewel on his lapel. Bro. Noland was Glen's top line signer. RWB Larry Cameron, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, made the presentation and gave a excellent lecture and Bro. Borchers Masonic history. Brother Glen was raised October 1, 1959. Brother Borchers wife, Ruth, and their son was in attendance to witness the presentation.

**GRAND MASTER PRESENTS SERVICE AWARD PINS AT SWOPE PARK**



(September 16) MWB Rocky Weaver, Grand Master of Missouri, visited Swope Park Lodge and presented forty Brethren from Ivanhoe 446 and Swope Park lodge 617 with the 2009 Service award pin for participating in the Brothers Helping Others program.. This was given to Brethren participating in the Child Identification program this year. MWB Weaver initiated this program at the beginning of his term to recognize Brethren who best exemplify practicing charitable acts within the community. Shown above, JW Charles Farris and MWB Rocky Weaver with the cake enjoyed during refreshment afterward down stairs in Shotwell Hall.



Pictured left, the 2009 Grand Lodge Service Award pin presented to 5,000 Missouri Masons by MWB Rocky during his year. Swope Park was one of 186 Lodges visited during his very busy year, in which he put over 60,000 miles on his car.

**SENIOR WARDEN** (continued from page 1)

It appears that the lodge will hit the ground running by conferring numerous degrees in the first few months of the 2009-2010 year. Since it will be my job to set the slate for the degrees, I will be asking for your participation in the various chairs for them. I hope to pass around the wealth, so nobody gets burnt out during this busy period. Together we can make this the lodge's best year ever. See you on the Square. *Charlie Farris, SW*

**Quality Hill Playhouse Outing**

Swope Park Lodge is planning another outing to the Quality Hill Playhouse. "Christmas in Song" was so popular last year we're going to go again this year. The scheduled date is December 20 and will be a matinee at 3 PM. Tickets will again be \$24, unless we have a group of 25 or more, then they will be \$22. Reservations need to be made by November 19<sup>th</sup>, with payment due by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

To make reservations, or if you have any questions, you may contact Bro. Charlie Farris by phone at 816-761-6667 or by email at [sailorretired@netscape.net](mailto:sailorretired@netscape.net).

**LODGE ACTIVITY CALENDER FOR This Quarter**

Regular stated Meetings are at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Thursday each month except November and December, when due to holiday, we meet only the second Thursday. When degree work is scheduled, Lodge starts at 7 PM.

10/03 Installation of Officers 6: PM  
10/08 Third Degree scheduled  
Committee Appointments

10/10 Annual Building Board & Quarterly Lodge Officers Meeting  
DeMolay Chevalier Degree 5 PM  
10/22 Regular Stated Meeting, Budget & Audit Reports presented.

11/12 Regular stated meeting  
11/14 C.H.I.P.S Program at Greenwood Elementary School 9: AM

12/10 St John the Evangelist Program & regular Stated Meeting  
12/19 Annual VA Hospital Christmas visit  
12.20 Quality Hill Playhouse Christmas program Dinner theatre

**EASTERN STAR** (cont. from page 1 )

The appointed officers will be announced at our October meeting. The 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Swope Park Chapter will be celebrated at our October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. A catered dinner will be provided at 6:15 p.m. The Job's Daughters Bethel #1 will serve it. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons will be honored at the chapter meeting. We hope to see many of our members at the dinner and meeting. The Worthy Grand Matron approved our proposal to change our chapter night to the second Tuesday of each month, except we will meet on the third Tuesday in October. Meeting time continues to be 7:30 p.m. at Swope Park Masonic Temple. Sister **Stella Turnquist** has been chosen as District Deputy Grand Matron of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District for 2010. She will be installed at Grand Chapter in Columbia on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We wish her well in this new undertaking and pledge our support of her activities. We welcome back Sister **Deb Merrick** who has moved back to the Kansas City Area. Congratulations to Sister **Bonnie** and Brother **Larry Nelson** for being honored in the Missouri Freemason Magazine. They are faithful workers at the Masonic Home in the Ceramics Department. Sister Bonnie Nelson has served as Sunshine Chairman since joining Swope Park Chapter. Please keep her informed of illness and/or residents who are home bound or have moved to a care center. We extend sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones since our last mailing. The Eastern Star Service was held at both funerals. Memorials were sent to the Worthy Grand Matrons charities. Sister **Marlyn Lineberry** was born July 16, 1927. She was initiated in Wisconsin in 1962. She passed away September 4, 2009. Sister **Billie Major** was born May 22, 1924. She was initiated February 1984. She passed away August 31, 2009.

At the September meeting we gathered school supplies for Anderson Alternative School in the Kansas City District. **Loren Taylor**, Worthy Patron Alternative School in the Kansas City District. Loren Taylor, Worthy Patron teaches at the school. He was thankful for the generous contributions made to their students.

The Worthy Grand Matron issued goals for the Grand Chapter Achievement Award for 2008-2009. Our chapter met the first five objectives to qualify. In addition we met several other objectives for a total of 2,400 points. We think this is great. We appreciate the help we received from Swope Park Lodge 617. November 10<sup>th</sup> will be the final meeting for Sister Jean and Brother Loren. We will have light refreshments at 6:15 p.m. and our stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sister **Pat Neece**, Associate Matron, is planning a "Kick-out Skit" in their honor

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**Masonic Anniversaries  
25 and 50 year or more  
In five year increments**

		RAISED	YEARS
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Edward	Miller	10/29/1936	73
Lewis	Robb	10/7/1954	55
Glenn	Borchers	10/1/1959	50
Harold	Martin	10/10/1974	35
Charles	Lewis	10/16/1999	10
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Marion	Bybee	11/26/1949	60
William	Scofield	11/9/1989	20
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Wilbur	Feagan	12/11/1944	65

**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY BRO. LUNDY**

Brother **Loren Lundy** turned 100 August 31st. In addition to being a 62 year member of Swope Park Lodge, Brother Lundy has been a DeMolay member for over 85 years. He was editor of the Ararat Shine News for many years, having earned a number one ranking among 191 publications. He worked for Mid-West Terminal Company since 1945 and retired from the company on three occasions. In recognition of his leadership in the in the transportation and distribution services, he was named Transportation Man of the Year in 1973; and served as president of the Transportation Club of Kansas City. Brother Lundy has many interests and keeps busy, among his hobbies, he is a Civil War buff and attends various area re-enactments and gatherings.



**TEMPLE YARD SALE EVENT**

(Aug 22) Swope Park Lodge, Job's Daughters, the DeMolay Chapter and Wm F Kuhn Royal Arch Masons held a successful Yard Sale Fund Raiser for the Building Board. Blessed with a sunny but cool day, \$ 546.00 was generated selling a great selection of tools, home furnishings, toys and clothing items. Together with an earlier coupon book sale and Applebee's dining promotion, we've raised \$ 1,038 this year for the building board.



**In Memoriam**

**Steve Medlock**  
Born August 27, 1947  
Raised February 28, 1980  
**Master 1986**  
Passed away July 26, 2009

**Harry M. Smalley Sr**  
Born December 4, 1918  
Raised June 24, 1947  
**Master 1973**  
Passed away September 24, 2009

**2009 GRAND LODGE SESSION**

(September 21-22) Swope Park Lodge WM **Mike Luellen** received the Silver Honor Lodge Award on behalf of our lodge at the annual awards banquet Monday evening. Our Lodge also earned the Bronze Award for Ritual proficiency during 2009 and a service recognition certificate for sponsoring a Child ID program during the year. Others attending were RWB **Jack Clark**, who serves as Chairman on the Mileage and Per Diem Committee, Brother **Jim Payne**, Senior Warden and WB **Ken Best**, Secretary

**EASTERN STAR** (cont. from p. 3 col. 1) Our December meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> with the new officers. Light refreshments at 6:15 p.m. and our stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will be collecting paper products for the Rainbow Center in Blue Springs. Sister **Marilu Herrick**, PM is the director of the school. Through the years we have tried to support the work of this school. We look forward to hearing from you at any time.

*Lois Patten, Secretary.*

**SWOPE PARK CHAPTER No. 520  
Order of the Eastern Star**

**Cordially invites you to the  
Installation of Officers  
For the Year 2010**

**Saturday November 21, 2009  
2:00 p.m.**

**Swope Park Masonic Temple  
8521 Oldham Road  
Kansas City, Mo. 64138**

**Refreshments Following**

**Patricia Neece Worthy Matron –elect  
Bradway Patten Worthy Patron-elect**



## PASSED TO FELLOW CRAFT



(July 9) **Robert Allen Schaedel Jr.** (second from right) was passed to the degree of FC . Shown above, **Bro Robert Schaedel Sr**, far right, **WM Mike Luellen** (far left) and Bro. **Charles Farris**, second from left, who obligated the new FC. Others on the slate were: **RWB Larry Cameron**, SW, **WB Harry Brown**, JW, **WB Mel Tacke**, SD, Bro **Ed Culver**, JD Bro **Jim O'Shea**, SS and Bro **Dan Best**, JS. Marshal was Bro. **Jim Windhausen**, who recently joined us as a dual member in conjunction with his membership in Grandview Lodge 618. Lecture and Charge was done by our study club coach **RWB Paul Miller** with Bro. **Justin Dryer** giving the Letter G Lecture.



(September 16) **Michael Anderson** (second from right) is congratulated by **MWB Rocky Weaver**, Grand Master of Missouri AF & AM on passing to the degree of Fellow Craft at a special communication. Sharing the moment, (left) Bro. **Vern Hilliard**, first line signer and Bro. **Charles Farris**, who conferred the degree. **MWB Weaver** gave the FC Lecture. The Letter G and Charge was given by WB **Tom Butts**. Forty brethren were in attendance including several from Ivanhoe lodge for the occasion which included the Grand Master presenting the 2009 Service award pin for participating in the Child ID program as part of the Brothers Helping Others service program during 2009. See related article page 2.

## INITIATED ENTERED APPRENTICE



(Sept 10) **Trevor Armond Keller** was initiated into the Mysteries of Free Masonry by WB **Ken Best** (right) who obligated him and WB **Bob Spence** (left) who gave the Lecture and Charge. Brother Keller is a member of William F Kuhn DeMolay and a past state officer. WB Bob Spence is PM and currently Secretary of Summit Lodge Nr. 263.. Others on the slate were Bro. **Jim Payne**, SW; Bro. **Charles Farris**, JW; Bro. **Justin Dryer**, SD; Bro. **Ed Culver**, JD; Bro. **Jim O'Shea**, SS; WB **Gary Baron**, JS; WB **Frank Chester**, Chaplain and WB **Mike Luellen**, Marshall.



(September 24) **Stanley J. Jefferson** was initiated an Entered Apprentice by Bro. **Charles Farris** (left). WM **Mike Luellen** (right) welcomed the new Brother. The Lecture was given by RWB **Jim Spencer**, Charge by RWB **Paul Miller** with RWB **Larry Cameron** serving as SW, Bro. **Jim Payne** JW, RWB **Dave Coburn** SD, Bro. **Jim O'Shea** JD, Bro. **Danny Best** SS, WB **Ken Best** JS, WB **Harry Brown** Chaplain. This communication was "Step Up Night" with the incoming officers working in their respective chairs. Afterward, the Brethern retired downstairs to refreshment with a ham dinner served by our Job's Daughter's Bethel. The evening culminated a fine year for Swope Park Lodge under WB Mike Luellen's leadership as Master.

## Swope Park's 99th Worshipful Master



WB James A. (Jim) Payne was born in Los Angeles, CA May 14, 1939. He graduated from Westport HS, KCMO and attended the University of Kansas prior to enlisting in the US Army Field Artillery, serving in Germany, where he met his wife, Annelies. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by their three married daughters, son-in-laws and eight grandchildren. Jim retired in 2003, after a 42 year career in the frozen food distribution industry, serving in several manufacturing and warehousing and transportation management positions.

Jim was raised in Swope Park lodge June 14, 1979. He was appointed in line as Chaplain in 1980 by WB Dale Carter and served as Junior Steward in 1981 until promotion to VP of Sales required extensive travel precluding regular lodge attendance. Other Masonic affiliations, Scottish Rite, 32 degree, November 1979, Ararat Shrine, 1979 with membership in the Legion of Honor. He is Past Commander (1988) El Zaribah LOH, Phoenix, AZ., Royal Order of Jesters, created 1983, Royal Order of Scotland, 1994 and most recently, Royal Arch Masons, Wm F. Kuhn Chapter, October 2007, serving as Chapter Secretary. Jim is also a past president of Kansas City South Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotary's motto is "Service above Self", quite similar one of the duties frequently inculcated and severely recommended in Masonry: "Service to one's fellow creatures", as asked of every candidate seeking membership in our fraternity. Taking that charge seriously, Jim is currently serving his fourth year as an Alderman for the city of Greenwood, Missouri. Upon retirement, Jim and Annelies returned to the Kansas City area to be around family in their later years. Brother Payne's focus in retirement is service to his lodge. He was appointed as Junior Deacon by WB Gary Dryer in 2006, Senior Deacon in 2007, elected Junior Warden 2008 and Senior Warden 2009. He has been editor of the Rambler since 2005 and also serves as Swope Park building board secretary.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Christmas for the Veteran's  
Fundraiser**

Members of Swope Park Lodge, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Eastern Star will visit the Kansas City Veteran's Hospital, on December 19, 2009 to deliver gift bags to hospitalized veterans. As we have done in the past, you will be able to support this endeavor through the purchase of raffle tickets. All monies from the purchase of raffle tickets will be placed in a separate account, with a strict accounting by the lodge. In the past, all funds received in support of this worthy endeavor have been expended, supported by lodge funds. Should there be any excess funds, they will be carried over for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual visit in 2010. The drawing will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>, at our stated communication. You do not have to be present to win. Winners will be notified starting the next day. Please support this honorable cause in any way that you can. Remember, if it wasn't for the sacrifices of these veterans in the past, you would not have the freedom you have today. Help us to remind them that they have not been forgotten.

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