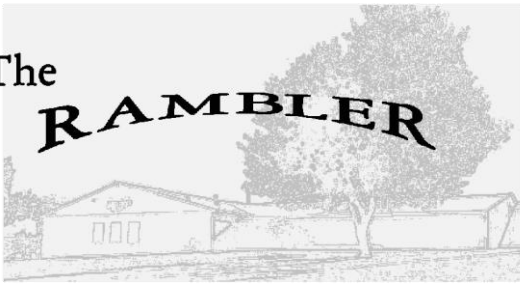


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*WB Justin Dryer*

## Swope Park Lodge Officers for the 2012 year:

### Swope Park Lodge #617 meets the second, and fourth Thursdays at 7:30.

Brethren,

We at Swope Park Lodge #617 are well into our term and I am proud to say it is turning out to be a great year! Among other things we have raised our newest Master Mason Brother Joseph Thomas, visited the veterans at the VA Hospital, and served as judges in the Raytown South sponsored debate tournament. The fun won't stop as on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm we will have our Sweetheart Dinner where we will honor our ladies and serve a nice lunch for all. Please join us for this and many of our other events that will be going on during the rest of the year.

While we have had fun this year we have also had our share of sorrow. We have lost two brethren in 2012, Worshipful Brother Frank Chester and Brother Jephtha Woods. I would like to thank these brethren for the service that they've given to Swope Park Lodge #617 as well as the many other organizations that they have belonged to in their illustrious careers. Worshipful Brother Frank and Brother Jephtha will be missed. Frank especially has made a major impact on my life, he was one of the first brethren from Swope Park that I met even before I was in DeMolay when I was just William F. Kuhn's "mascot." The example he and the other brethren of Swope Park helped me realize who and what kind of person I wanted to be.

As Swope Park Lodge #617 continues on, we will remember those brethren that have come before us and will continue to try and set the example for those that follow.

Justin Dryer  
Worshipful Master

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# SWOPE PARK LODGE NO. 617

## ENTERED APPRENTICE



(October 13) The First Degree was conferred on Brother **Joe Thomas** (center) by WM **Justin Dryer** (left), recently installed Worshipful Master.

RWB **Dan Sewing** (right), DDGM of the Eighteenth Masonic District was Senior Steward. The Lecture and Charge was given by RWB **Paul Miller**, DDGL of the Eighteenth Masonic District. SW was WB **Charles Farris**, JW WB **Ben Pagel**, SD was WB **Melvin Tacke**, JD Bro. **Stan Jefferson**, JS was Bro. **Larry Alvis**, Marshal was Bro. **Mark Schmidt** and Chaplain was Bro. **Brad Fowler**. This was an excellent degree, well executed, especially by our Worshipful Master, who conferred his first degree almost flawlessly.

## MASTER MASON



**SWOPE PARK LODGE # 617** held a special communication January 12<sup>th</sup> to raise Joseph E. Thomas (center) to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. Worshipful Master Justin Dryer (left) obligated and WB Melvin Tacke (right) raised the newest Master Mason in the New Year.

December 16 Swope Park Lodge with the assistance of Swope Park OES, Royal Arch Masons DeMolay, Jobs Daughters the 18th Masonic DDGM and many visiting Brethren assembled the gift bags for the Veterans at the hospital.





For the 5th year Swope Park Lodge took gifts to the VA Hospital and distributed them among the patients.

This event was started by RWB Larry Cameron with the assistance of two Brethren and three DeMolay and has grown to 39 participants from every group that meets at Swope Park

Lodge and included RWB Dan Sewing DDGM of the 18th Masonic district of Missouri and several visiting brethren. It was a very fun and moving event there were 5 Masons at the hospital who send their grateful appreciation for the gifts.

What a fine testament to all who meet at Swope Park Temple.

At the December Swope Park Lodge meeting WB Kenny Best installed Bro James Lowman as the new editor of the Rambler. WB Best invested Bro Lowman with his Jewel of office which came with NO Rights or Privileges.



Who says there's no fun in Lodge?

(Editors' note: I was drafted like an indentured servant on a pirate ship (minus the rum).) ☺

# **WILLIAM F. KUHN CHAPTER DEMOLAY**

William F Kuhn Chapter, Order of DeMolay, celebrated Government Day on Aug 18 by having David Bower, Mayor of Raytown and Past Master Councilor of Independence Chapter, speak about the importance young men can have on their local community. He also spoke about the impact DeMolay had on his life. A question and answer period brought out many concerns by the boys and displayed their concern for the local government. A special thanks to Mayor Bower for his encouragement to the DeMolay. In Oct, a "Game Night" was held at the Temple to allow some fun for the active boys and to serve as a prospect party to help invite new members. This was seen to fruition by an initiation on Dec 3.

Congratulations to Br Alex Barnes (Master Councilor-Elect), Antonio Martinez (Senior Councilor-Elect) and Jeff Alvis (Junior Councilor-Elect) for the upcoming term. An Installation of Officers will take place on Jan 28 at 6pm. Please come and show your support for our DeMolay Chapter.

## **UPCOMING YORK RITE FESTIVAL**

The Harry D. Brown, Jr. Chapter Royal Arch Masons invite all Master Masons, who have not advanced beyond the Third Degree to join us.

The Blue Lodge Third degree ends on an unresolved chord. The Temple is unfinished. The Master Architect is dead. The Master's Word is lost and the workmen are given a substitute word. Master Masons who never move on to receive the Chapter degrees are thus left in limbo. They fail to learn there were two classes of Fellow Crafts in the building of the Temple and the differences between them. They fail to learn how King Solomon was inducted into the oriental chair and failed to see the temple completed.

Most importantly, they fail to learn the true, long lost Master's Word and how it was recovered and the only way it can be lawfully communicated. The Master Mason degree and the Royal Arch degrees are counterparts. And the understanding of one rests upon the other.

You are invited to join us and learn "the rest of the story". We do not view membership and participation in Royal Arch Masons as a replacement for our membership in Blue Lodge, rather, we consider the RAM to be an enhancement of our Blue Lodge experience.

Contact Jim Payne, telephone number 816 223 6068 or email at [dsmazdad@yahoo.com](mailto:dsmazdad@yahoo.com) if you are interested in a petition and would like to join the next class for the degrees.

Royal Arch degrees will be conferred Friday, Mach 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 PM at Independence Lodge located at 120 S. Pleasant in Independence.

Initiation fee is \$ 45.00 and annual dues are only \$30.00. In addition to extending your fellowship with your Blue Lodge brethren and learning more Masonic work, you would be supporting the Royal Arch charitable work funding research in Central Auditory Perception Disorders in Children.

# **SWOPE PARK CHAPTER 520 OES INSTALLATION OF 2012 OFFICERS**

Installation of 2012 officers was held Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful fall day. Pictured above are: Front Row: Prudence Irwin-Brennan, Pat Neece, Alby Shipman – Worthy Matron, Richard Houston-Worthy Patron, Lois Compton, Gladys Mohart, Holly Johnson and Delores McChesney. Second row: Frances Banks, Marilyn Houston, Lois Patten and Deb Merrick. Back row: Rita Hanson and Kenny Best. Not pictured: R Ed Culver, Tonya Culver, Barbara Stillman and John Stillman.



We lost three members during this quarter. Sister Eleanor Kolias died October 2<sup>nd</sup>; Sister Marjorie Thompson died November 6<sup>th</sup>; and Brother Paul Turnquist died December 14<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathy goes out to these families.

Sister Suzan Boyd received her 50 year membership pin at the December meeting. This was a special honor for Worthy Matron, Sister Alby Shipman, as Suzan is the daughter of Sister Alby. Sister Suzan's daughters, Sister Ellen Boyd and Sister Sue Ann Boyd, assisted with the presentation.

Sister Alby was surprised at the December meeting as many came to help her celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

At our December meeting we gathered paper products for the Rainbow Center. Several members went with the brothers of Swope Park Lodge as they brought Christmas to the

patients at the VA Hospital. The Grand Chapter charities this year are: MO Chip, Masonic Youth Groups, USO of Missouri, Masonic Outreach, Service Dog Program, ESTARL, Educational Fund Board, Grand Chapter General Fund and Lois J. Newman Youth Scholarship. Contributions for these charities may be mailed to the secretary.

We will have the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron at our February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The District Official Inspection conducted by the Worthy Grand Matron will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Independence Masonic Temple. This event is in the afternoon and we would be pleased to see many members in attendance.

Submitted by Lois Patten, Secretary

## A NOTE FROM SWOPE PARK LODGE STUDY CLUB DIRECTOR R.W. PAUL MILLER

On the evening of November 2, in response to a request for help from the WM of Camden Point Lodge #169, the Swope Park Study Club traveled to Camden Point to help confer two first degrees.

Those making the trip were: RW Bro Larry Cameron, W Bro Charlie Farris, W Bro Kenny Best, W Bro Mel Tacke, Bro James Lowman, Bro Larry Alvis, Bro Stan Jefferson, Bro Don Rogers, Bro Kevin Sykes and RW Bro Paul Miller.

W Bro Charlie Farris conferred the first degree and RW Bro Larry Cameron conferred the next one.

Almost all of the chairs were filled by members of the Study club.

After the degree work was over several brethren asked if we were a degree team. When told we were just a "Study Club" who had come to help out a lodge in need, we received several comments about how good our ritual work was.

Believe me, I could not have been more proud of our guys. I would like to not only thank the members of Swope Park Lodge, but the members of the other lodges who support our study club.



Fraternally yours,  
RW Bro Paul Miller  
Study Club Director

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**SWOPE PARK TEMPLE MASONIC BODIES MEETINGS DATE, TIME and CONTACTS**

Swope Park Lodge Nr 617 AF & AM Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:30 PM Ken Best, Secretary phone 965 5261  
Swope Park Order Eastern Star Chapter 520 Second Tuesday each month 7:30 PM Lois Patton, Secretary phone 318-9808  
Job's Daughters Bethel Nr 1 and Jobie-2-Bees Second and Fourth Mondays 7:30 PM Jayna Walden, Bethel Guardian phone 645 0544  
Wm F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay First and Third Thursdays 7:30 PM Gary Dryer, Chapter Advisor Phone 763 9494  
Squires of the Round Table First and Third Thursdays 7:30 PM Tammy Laughlin, Adult Advisor phone 304 2353  
Harry D. Brown Jr. Chapter 284 First Monday 7:30 PM Roy Thomas, Secretary phone 318-3939  
Westport Council Royal & Select Masters Nr 38 First Monday 7:30 PM Roy Thomas, Secretary phone 318-3939  
Commandery of Knights Templar Nr 68 Third Tuesday 7:30 PM Roy Thomas, Secretary phone 318-3939  
SWOPE PARK TEMPLE STUDY CLUB Wednesdays 7:30 PM Paul Miller, DDGL & Coach Phone 886 0066

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