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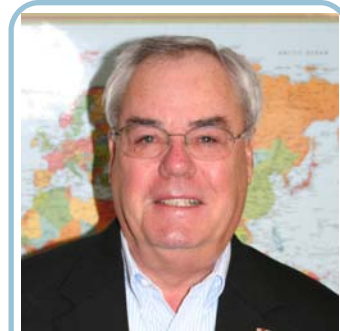
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Tribute to Long Time Rambler Editor WB James Payne

James Payne was a valued member of the Swope Park Masonic Family and the editor of The Rambler for many years.

James A. (Jim) Payne, born May 14, 1939, in Los Angeles Calif., passed away Sunday, January 20, 2013. He is survived by his wife of over 53 years, Annelies. He was a retired public refrigerated warehousing and distribution operations and sales executive and later, a frozen food transportation broker, working in California and Arizona. He began his career at the Midcontinent underground frozen storage facility in Bonner Springs, Kan. Mr. Payne served in the US Army in Germany and was Past President of Kansas City South Rotary

club. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was active in several Masonic Appendant organizations as Past Master of Swope Park Masonic lodge, served as lodge and building association secretary and was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, Royal Order of Scotland, Past High Priest of Harry D. Brown Chapter 284 Royal Arch Masons, an officer in the Council of Cryptic Masons, Knight Templar, Knight of the Red Cross and Malta and was Past Commander of the El Zaribah Shrine Legion of Honor, Phoenix, Ariz. He served the community as a two term elected Alderman for the city of Greenwood, Mo., and a term on the Jackson County,



Worshipful Brother Payne
Past Master of Swope Park Lodge
Past High Priest of Harry D. Brown Chapter

Mo., Water District 12 Board of Directors.

We all thank you WB Payne for your dedication and service to your brethren and sisters.



Brethren, it is hard to believe my year is half over. It has been a busy year with many more activities still to be completed. New members continue to join and degree work is becoming a regular feature of our Thursday night meetings.

Master's Trestle Board

Swope Park Lodge lost our long time Building Board Secretary/Treasurer and Rambler Editor when WB James Payne passed suddenly. A tribute to the brothers in our lodge, both positions were quickly filled by willing volunteers. I'd like to give a special thanks to Brother Larry Alvis who is now the Building Board Secretary/Treasurer, and WB Justin Dryer who is now the editor of the Rambler. I am confident that both brothers will serve the lodge well in their new positions.

Plans to repair the parking lot are continuing to

progress. The condition of the lot is such that it must be addressed this year as further postponement of repairs will only cause the total cost to increase. Further information will be shared as plans are developed and cost estimates prepared.

Swope Park Lodge continues to add new members and I anticipate regular degree work will be performed over the next several months. Brothers, additional help is always welcome when preparing to confer a degree, anyone wanting to learn more about the ritual is invited to Study

Club which is held each Wednesday between 7:00PM and 9:00PM, conducted by RWB Paul Miller (study club director).

Brothers, if it has been a while since you have attended a meeting, please rest assured that you are always welcome at our meetings. Feel free to contact me of any of the other lodge officers if you have any specific questions.

Ed Culver

Worshipful Master

Swope Park Lodge #617

Swope Park Chapter 520 OES News



We look forward to the next three months of enjoyment with our Sisters and Brothers and potential members.

Congratulations to Sister Jane Withers who was given the appointment as Grand Representative of SaoPaulo by Sister Joyce Beabout, Worthy Grand Matron. Our sympathy to the families of Sister Nancy Maxwell, Sister Nancy Martin and Sister Rosemary Brinton who have passed away since our last newsletter.

The past three months have been busy ones at Swope Park Chapter. We participated in the Official Inspection of the 11th District conducted by the Worthy Grand Matron. The District Deputy Grand Matron visited our chapter to observe us doing the ritualistic work. We spent many hours revising our Standing Rules and By-Laws. They have now been approved and will be made available to

each member of the chapter either by e-mail or the postal service. We also have a current roster for our members.

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April 9th will be our Friendship Night when we invite other chapters to join us for a light supper at 6:15 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

May 14th the Brothers of our Chapter will prepare a light meal at 6:30 p.m. for the Sisters of the Chapter, the female relatives of the members of Swope Park Lodge 617, the girls and leaders of Job's Daughters Bethel #1 and the Raytown Rainbow Assembly. There will be a short program honoring

these ladies at 7:10 p.m.

June 11th is the Sisters time to cook with serving at 6:30 p.m. We will honor the members of Swope Park Lodge 617, Wm. F. Kuhn DeMolay, and Swope Park Manor Squires. We hope many will attend. Our Worthy Matron is planning a special program at 7:10 p.m. to honor Master Mason and Fathers.

We will have our regular stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. after each of these special nights

With daylight lasting later we hope some of our members who usually cannot attend will come out to these special fun nights.

By Sister Lois Patten,
Secretary

William F. Kuhn DeMolay News



William F Kuhn Chapter, Order of DeMolay, held an initiation on Dec 30, 2012. Four new DeMolays, one for William F Kuhn and three for Thirteen Brothers (Butler, MO) received both degrees. On the same day, more than 50 boys were initiated into DeMolay throughout the State of Missouri. A banner day for Missouri DeMolay!

March 7, 2013, the Chapter was asked to open Mother Chapter by Ivanhoe Lodge #446 in honor of DeMolay Month and the 101st anniversary of Dad Frank S. Land receiving his Entered Ap-

prentice Degree from Ivanhoe Lodge. All in attendance were also pleased to see the opening and closing of Swope Park Manor, Order of the Squires of the Round Table, and the Ceremony of Light and the Flower Talk which was presented by Wolf Wheeler and Jacob Hampton.

On March 9, William F. Kuhn Chapter held their annual Potato Bash, serving baked potatoes with all the toppings, chili, salad, and desert. The money raised will help toward Conclave on Memorial Weekend.

The Chapter is currently

getting ready for a District Conclave to be held on April 13 at Ivanhoe. This will help prepare them for competition at Conclave. We wish them well!

By Brother Larry Alvis

Royal Arch News

Due to the passing of our High Priest James Payne, there are changes in the officers' slate for the remainder of the 2012-2013 year for the Harry D. Brown Jr. Chapter No. 284. During the February 4, 2013 Chapter meeting it was moved and voted on that Companion Mark Schmidt would be elevate from the position of King to High Priest for the remainder of Excellent Companion Payne's term. Companion Coyne, the present scribe, will be moved into the position as King. In respect to High Priest Payne's appointments, the rest of the officer slate will remain as he has appointed them.

In other news the Annual Grand York Rite session is fast approaching. It will be in Jefferson City from May 15th to May 19th 2013. More information will be passed out as it

becomes available. Stay tuned.

As always, we are seeking Master Masons that want to further their Masonic Knowledge. 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 their Chapter degrees are thus left in limbo. They failed to learn there were two classes of Fellow Crafts in the building of the Temple and the differences between them. They failed to learn how King Solomon was inducted into the oriental chair and failed to see the temple completed.

Most importantly, they failed 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. 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 Royal Arch Mason to be an enhancement of our Blue Lodge experience. You may also consider, in many other countries and jurisdictions the Royal Arch Degree is the final degree and is required to be considered having completed your Masonic Journey.

For any Master Mason wishing more information on the York Rite feel free

to contact myself, Mark Schmidt at 816-799-4236 or at mark.t.schmidt@us.army.mil. If you want to enhance your Masonic experience, than consider joining the York Rite Body's, we meet at the Swope Park Lodge the first and third Mondays of each month.

By Brother Mark Schmidt

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Visit us at either location!

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Job's Daughters Bethel #1 News



On March 13, 2013, Bethel #1 was pleased to initiate Bethany Guy as our newest member. We are growing! Shown in the picture are:

Front Row: Hailee Fiske (Inner Guard) and Polly Zumwalt (Junior Custodian)

Second Row: Shelby Kyrzck (Chaplain); Hannah Socha (pro-tem Honor Queen from Bethel 48 in Buckner); Megan Kemery (Second Messenger) and Bethany Guy, our newest member who will be Treasurer

Back Row: Alexis Parkinson (Marshal) Jordan Fiske (Senior Custodian) {leaning over Shelby}; Madison Parkinson (Fourth Messenger) and Tori O'Dell (Junior Princess)

By Rita Hanson

Guardian, Bethel #1



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Ride the Goat

With the resurgence of interest in Freemasonry, lodges are once again busy with the conferral of our degrees. Just recently I overheard a young brother make the statement that he was sponsoring a friend to become a member, that he would "ride the goat". I asked him where he heard that term used. He replied that he had heard other older brethren use it and he thought it was cute to tease the prospective member.....in essence brethren, he was following the lead of older

brethren. I asked him if he knew what "ride the goat" meant, if he knew the origins of this term? His response was no so I elected to inform him of its origins. He looked at me in amazement as I explained it to him and he assured me he would never use it again.

This term is a form of ridicule of our Fraternity. The god Pan has been around since the birth of mythology. Pan was a gentle god of the shepherds. He possessed long ears and horns and

the lower half of his body was that of a goat. Early Christians drew upon this mythology, they modified and changed it. The once gentle Pan became Satan! To the common mind, Satan, or the devil was a he-goat. Thus the devil came into possession of horns, a tail and the cloven hoof.

During the early days of speculative Masonry in England, our Fraternity had many enemies and were mocked and ridiculed at every chance. Some of this ridicule was

a bitter jest; that Freemasons were accustomed to raise the devil in their lodges; and of course the devil was to appear to them "riding on his goat"! Thus the belief was born that Freemasons "rode the goat", indicating that Freemasons were devil worshippers and anti-religious.

Every time a brother uses this term, he helps to perpetuate a ridicule of our Fraternity begun more than two hundred years ago.

By RWB Larry Cameron

RWB Paul Miller, DDGL

District Deputy Grand Lecturer

Eighteenth Masonic District AF&AM of Missouri

Study Club Director

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A Poem for the Master Mason's Wife

The most important person to remember!

A Mason's Wife
From active Masons,
resolute,

Our wives and families
we salute;

We surely know the price
you pay,

Who sit alone while we're
away;

No high degrees on you
conferred,

In Lodge, your name is
seldom heard;

You serve our cause
though out of sight,

While sitting home alone

tonight;

Masonic papers list our
names,

Awards are given, fit to
frame;

But yours is absent...you
who strive,

To keep our fortitude
alive;

You're part of every help-
ful deed,

On your encouragement
we feed;

Without your blessings,
how could we,

Continue acts of charity?

And so, this poem, we

dedicate,

To every Master Mason's
mate;

And offer our undying
love,

Rewards await in
Heaven above.



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The OES Brothers of Swope Park Chapter No. 520
are honoring
Sisters of Swope Park Chapter No. 520
Female relatives of Swope Park Lodge #617 Masons
(Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Widows and Sisters)
Bethel #1 Daughters and Adult Leaders
Raytown Assembly Girls and Adult Leaders

Tuesday, May 14, 2013
Meal at 6:30 PM, Special Program at 7:10 PM

RSVP to Ken Best, W.P.
913-961-7236

The OES Sisters of Swope Park Chapter No. 520
are honoring
Brothers of Swope Park Chapter No. 520
Swope Park Lodge #617 Masons
Wm F. Kuhn Chapter of DeMolay and Adult Leaders
Swope Park Manor Squires and Adult Leaders

Tuesday, June 11, 2013
Meal at 6:30 PM, Special Program at 7:10 PM

RSVP to Rita Hanson, W.M.
816-525-2681 (Home)
816-806-7506 (Cell)

SWOPE PARK TEMPLE MEETINGS DATE, TIME and CONTACTS

..# **Swope Park Lodge #617 AF&AM**

Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:30 PM
Kenny Best, Secretary
Phone (816) 965-5261

..# **Swope Park Order Eastern Star Chapter 520**

Second Tuesday 7:30 PM
Lois Patton, Secretary
Phone (816) 318-9808

..# **Harry D. Brown Jr. Chapter 284**

First Monday 7:30 PM
Roy Thomas, Secretary
Phone (816) 318-3939

..# **Westport Council Royal & Select Masters Nr 38**

First Monday 7:30 PM
Roy Thomas, Secretary
Phone (816) 318-3939

..# **Commandery of Knights Templar Nr 68**

Third Tuesday 7:30 PM
Roy Thomas, Secretary
Phone (816) 318-3939

..# **Swope Park Temple Study Club**

Wednesdays 7:30 PM
Paul Miller, DDGL & Coach
Phone (816) 886-0066

..# **Job's Daughters Bethel # 1 and Jobie-2-Bees**

Second and Fourth Mondays 7:30 PM
Rita Hanson
Phone (816) 525-2681

..# **William F. Kuhn Chapter DeMolay**

First and Third Thursdays 7:30 PM
Gary Dryer, Chapter Advisor
Phone (816) 763-9494

..# **Squires of the Round Table**

First and Third Thursdays 7:00 PM
Kevin Sykes, Adult Advisor