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Senior Deacon – Rob Renfro  
Junior Deacon – Victor Henke  
Chaplain – Nick Wilkinson  
Almoner – Richard Neiman

Senior Steward – Ron Pfeiffer  
Junior Steward – John Harris  
Tyler – Steve Kempf  
Marshall Warren Fontenet

**Committees**

**Masonic Education**

Rob Renfro  
Ben Crary  
Arvid Bergman  
Mike Jinks

**Proficiency Card Committee**

Bob Johnston\*\*PM  
Frank Glover\*\*PM  
Mike Tavares\*\*PM

**Finance Committee**

Fred Hope  
Joe Madenjian  
Billy McAfee  
Barry Rimmey  
Mike Tavares  
John Crary

**Membership**

Ron Pfeiffer  
John Harris  
Warren Fontenet

**Masonic Foundation**

Rick Reichert  
Arvid Bergman  
Jose Delgaddillo  
Randy Combs

**Masonic Home**

Tom Calloway  
Mike Patterson  
Larry Costa

**Calling Committee**

Richard Neiman  
Merl Nicks  
Gene Middleton

**Fund Raising**

John Crary  
Rob Renfro  
Joe Lizzi

**Public Schools and Youth**

Dick Wright  
Bobby Brice  
Nathan Finney

**Charity**

Master and Warden  
Steve Kempf  
David Brown

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

\* Indicates chairman of committee  
\*\* Proficiency card committee

Grand Representative Pueblo Mexico  
Grand Senior Deacon  
Area Deputy Grand Master  
District Deputy Grand Master

RWB Mike Tavares 2008-2009  
RWB Rick Reichert 2009  
RWB Mike Jinks 2009  
RWB Herb Merrick 2009

**Living Past Masters**

Alphus Clark 1963	Frank Glover 1985	Arvid Bergman 1998-99
Frank Vellella 1966	Robert Johnston 1986	Tom Dials 2000
Kenneth Law 1967	Frank Glover 1988	Mike Patterson 2001
Eugene Fluke 1973	Robert Johnston 1990	Mike Tavares 2002
Julian McWhirter 1977	Matt Vlademar 1991	Rick Reichert 2003
Benjamin Clark 1977	Bill McAfee 1992	Herbert Merrick 2004
Robert Chula 1979	Robert Johnston 1993	Trey Brown 2005
Joseph Goldman 1979	John Crary 1996	Ernie Liverman 2006
Fred Hope 1983-1984	Kyle Steuven 1997	James Howard 2007
		Richard Nieman 2008

**Hancock Lodge  
No. 311  
Grand Lodge of  
Ancient Free & Accepted  
Masons of Kansas**



Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock



Boughton Memorial Hall

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*Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
Except July and August*

**April 2009**



- Brotherhood
- Philanthropy
- Education



**Secretary**

Barry Rimmey

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Use this address in an on-line map program for directions


Or use our web site:


<http://www.hancocklodge311.org/>


### Fraternal Greetings to You Brethren

 **From the East:** Grand Lodge was busy, but Br. Earl did a great job and has moved us forward for this month, thanks so much. There are some special remarks in the insert please review the results of Grand Lodge. There are several new things coming out this year. We also were recognized as a lodge, we now have 4 Grand Lodge officers, we earned Relighting the Torch, Master's Achievement Award, and Eureka Challenge, and Masonic Foundation. Plaques are out on display. We have more work ahead and we will get there if we all work together. Respectfully Herb Merrick WM.


 **Tidings from the West:** Now that Grand Lodge is officially convened for this year, please join us as the Master will pass all the information of the Grand Lodge meeting to our craft. In fact, call a brother you have thought of recently and invite him to join you, we can then offer up our heartfelt congratulations to the many Grand Lodge officers we have from our Hancock 311 Lodge. A special congratulations goes out to R.: W.: Bro. Riechert, Grand Senior Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Kansas, may the Supreme Architect of the universe approve and accept your labors.

 **Greeting from the South:** Brothers, we still need Brothers to stand up and assume roles for our degree work. We need a few of you to begin learning the Questions and Answers in each of the degrees as well as the roles of the 3 Ruffians, the Way Faring Man and the Senior Deacon Role in the 3rd Degree. I'd also like to see if we can get a Brother to step up and take on the big Challenge, The Stair Lecture and Bible presentation. I promise you all you more you get involved, the more you're going to enjoy yourself in lodge. As you increase in knowledge, you will improve in social intercourse. I am also looking for a few of you to step up and help out with refreshments. It doesn't have to be anything spectacular, just something simple that you enjoy and would like to share with the rest of lodge. It's an opportunity to share yet another small part of yourself with the rest of your Brothers. Let me know when I can count on you. The 5th Thursday is coming up on the 30th of April. Johnny Carino's awaits our Happy Faces. Let's make this an even better turn out than we had last time. Finally, we need to start looking at having another family function soon. Maybe June or possibly early fall. I'd like to have another ethnic type meal for the entire family and if any of you have any ideas, I'm available for suggestions.

 **From the Webmaster:** Brothers: As my obligations to Grand Lodge become more and more extended, I'll need someone to eventually take charge of the web site. I'm therefore looking for a candidate or two who may have webmaster aspirations for the lodge. Thanks. Fraternally, Rick Reichert

 **From the Building Managers:** Thanks again to Br. John Harris for his work with the shelving and other repairs. As we get ready for the Grand Master's Visit next month we need a work day. I purpose morning of 2 May.

 **Sickness and Distress:**

 **CHECK THE ONLINE TRESTLE BOARD FOR MESSAGES FROM TRAVELING BROTHER.** .Face book hello's from Br. Sid Manus he is enjoying his second career.

### Work in Waiting ►

This information is updated weekly on our web site!

**Petition to be read.** None.

**Petitions read and investigating committees appointed.** One

**Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree** Two

**Awaiting Fellow Craft Degree.** Arieyeh Austin, Paul Dake, Benjamin Fonte, Fred Frandle, Hodges Glenn, Mark Glowacki, Robert Gomez, Bruce Griffin, Raymond Hanley, Jason Holder, Toby Martin, Adam Nelson, and Paul Swindol.

**Awaiting Master Mason.** Xander Bullock, Douglas Euler, Justin Jocuns, Jose Marrero\*, Martin McCarty\*, Jeff Perry, and Brian Wilson\*

**Newest Raised Master Masons:** (17) Bros Miguel Del Castillo (Sr & Jr) and Warren Fontenot (7/31/08), Bros Nathan Finney, Gregory Rocha, and Jason Summer (4/17/08), Bros Mark Dunham, Davis Ennis, Carl Gustafson, John Harris, Joshua Hoppes, Joseph Jackson, Jeff Korando, Randy Wade, and Shawn Wagner (3/8/08), Bros Nick Wilkinson and Michael Herrera (1/16/08)

\* Indicates proficiency proved (or imminent) and now ready for degree work.

\*\* Indicate courtesy work for another lodge.

### Calendar of Events

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> **Stated** – 7:30 p.m.; **Special 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** 6:30pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> **Stated** – 7:30 p.m. **Special 1<sup>st</sup> Degree** 6:30pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> **Possible Special for degree work** 6:30pm  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> **5<sup>th</sup> Thursday at John Carino's** 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday 2 May.....**Lodge Clean Up** 7:30 p.m. light breakfast


Specials maybe called at 6:30 PM on Stated Meetings or Tuesdays for degree work.  
Check web site for updates!


### Other Masonic Events and News

National Sojourners 1 April & 6 May 6:30 pm Dinner  
Byington OES 10 and 24 April 7:30 p.m.

Armed Forces Scottish Rite Reunion 14, 15, 17 & 18 April.

High Twelve Fridays Noon at the Pullman Leavenworth  
Grand Chapter OES 19-22 April Topeka KS

 **From the Secretary's Desk:** I am still seeking contact with several Brothers who are behind on their dues but may be deployed or perhaps hospitalized. They were not suspended for non-payment of dues. These Brothers are Liam Cormier, Shawn Corriston, Patrick Jones, Joseph Payne, and Jason Summer. Fortunately, I have heard from Brother Carl Gustafson. If you have been in contact with any of the Brothers, please let me know. If you are deployed or know of others who are deployed, please share that information with us. We will put you in a prayer list.

 **From the DDGM** Visiting schedule 3 April *Wyndotte*; 1830 for dinner 1730 for meeting: 7 April 1830 *Easton*; 8 April 1930, *Delaware*; 9 April 1930 *Solomon*; and *Hancock* 1930 on 7 May. ***Please join me*** and let's make it a group visit particularly to the new lodges in our district.

**FYI By Law Changes see the insert both Hancock and GLK.**

Proposal #1 **PASSED**

2-130. **Areas, Area Deputy Grand Masters, Masonic Districts and District Deputy Grand Masters** ~~This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into not less than ten areas and forty Masonic Districts, the number and boundaries of which Areas and Districts shall be determined from time to time by the Council of Administration.~~ **This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into such Areas and Districts, the number and boundaries of which Areas and Districts shall be determined from time to time by the Council of Administration.** The Deputy Grand Master shall, as soon as practicable after his installation, appoint an Area Deputy Grand Master for each such Area and one District Deputy Grand Master for each such District and each of whom shall be a Master or Past Master and resident of his Area of District unless otherwise approved by the Council of Administration. (Amended 1982,1990 and 1991, 1992, 2009).

Proposal #2 **FAILED**

4-212. **Work on Several Candidates**--All portions of the work may be conferred on up to three candidates at the same time without special dispensation of the Grand Master. **Provided that no candidate or Brother may receive a degree by merely observing it being performed on an exemplar. Each candidate must receive the degrees in every respect as if he were the only candidate.** (Amended 1992, 1995, 2009.)

Proposal #3 **AMENDED THEN TABLED**

3-619. **Serving of Alcoholic Beverages.** ~~The serving or consumption of any beverage having a recognized or indicated alcoholic content at any communication or social function of any Lodge shall be deemed an offense against the Body of Masonry. This does not preclude lodges from renting their facilities, except Lodge rooms, to groups where alcoholic beverages are served, but not sold. (Amended 1982, 2002).~~  
~~Cross Reference: By Laws, Chapter 1.~~

**HANCOCK** was recognized for Relighting the Torch with a certificate and \$1000 award. \$500 to be given to a charity of our choice. Master's Achievement Award with a certificate. Eureka Challenge certificate for winning District 2 and certificate for 100% correct on our submission. Kansas Masonic Foundation honorable mention certificate for gifts average \$100 per member or more.

Installed RW Br. Rich Reichert Grand Senior Deacon in the advancing line. RW Br. Mike Jinks Area Deputy Grand Master for Area 1. RW Br. Herb Merrick District Deputy Grand Master District #2. Already serving RW Br. Mike Tavares Grand Representative to Pueblo Mexico.

Proposed Change:

3-2. The accountability of assets will be conducted as follows. Each year an annual audit of funds will be conducted prior to 15 ~~December~~ **January** and current as of ~~30 November~~ **31 December** of the ~~same~~ **preceding** year. The timing of the audit is so that the incoming Master knows the financial status of the Lodge and allows sufficient time for the lodge to submit the required reports to the Fort Leavenworth Directorate of Community Activities (DCA). Monthly financial statements will be prepared. These reports will be submitted semiannually on 15 ~~June~~ **January** and 15 ~~December~~ **July** to the Fort Leavenworth DCA. The 15 ~~June~~ **January** reports submitted will be the financial reports for the time period 1 ~~December~~ **July** to 31 ~~May~~ **December** and the 15 ~~December~~ **July** reports submitted will be the financial reports for the time period 1 ~~June~~ **January** to 30 ~~November~~ **June**. ~~and the~~ **The Annual report will be submitted with the 15 January report.**

Submitted By: Mike Tavares, Treasurer, PM 2002

Proposed Change: Add paragraph

**3.8 Members in good standing who are active duty military members deployed outside the fifty United States, its possessions or territories will be required to pay dues equal only to the per capita tax owed to the Grand Lodge on their behalf. Members in good standing who are active duty military members deployed to a combat zone will not be required to pay dues in that year.**

Submitted By: Mike Tavares, Treasurer, PM 2002

Proposed Change: Repeal the following

~~3.3.7 To the Assistant Secretary, no more than the monthly rate of \$50.00, not to exceed \$600.00 annually.~~

Submitted By: Mike Tavares, Treasurer, PM 2002

Proposed Change: Add paragraph

**6-8-3. The Master may appoint an Almoner to collect and account for discretionary funds donated by the brothers for the relief of distressed friends and more especially worthy brother Masons, their widows and orphans. Funds are to be dispensed at the will of the Master. The Almoner must provide an annual Special Committee report of by-item income and expense by January 15th current as of December 31st of the preceding year.**

Submitted By: Rick Reichert, PM 2003

Proposed Change:

2-1. The Stated Communications shall be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The hours for opening shall be ~~7:30~~ **7:00** P.M.

Submitted By: Barry Rimmey, Secretary

**Following the Pledge the Grand Master and his party depart the lodge. The JD unseals the door without order and seals once they leave. The master will appoint members to depart with the SD to serve as escorts.**

**TYLER TO JD** Most Worshipful Roy Sullivan Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accept Masons of Kansas and his party desire admission.

**JD to WM** Worshipful Master Most Worshipful Roy Sullivan Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accept Masons of Kansas and his party desire admission.

**\*\*\*Form 2 parallel lines from the East to the door.**

**WM to JD** Admit them. Grand Officers in reverse order of seniority move between the lines to the east with escorts. They split and form a second line inside the first for the Grand Master who enters last.

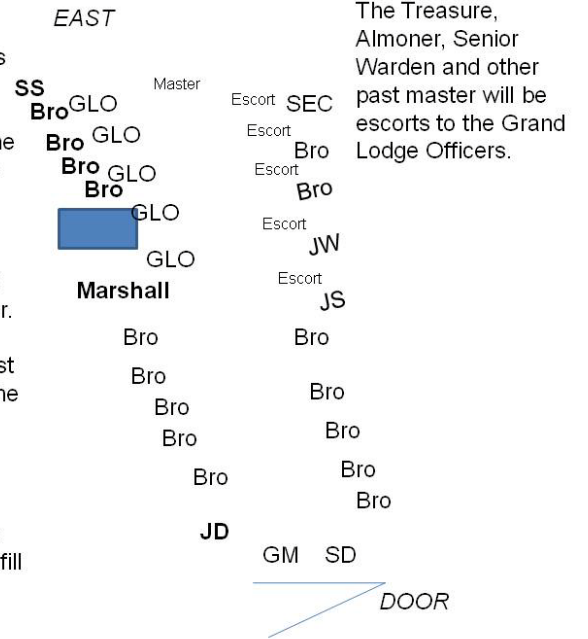
**SD to WM** WM I have the honor to present MW Roy Sullivan Most Worshipful GM of Masons in Kansas.

WM Brethren it is my honor and pleasure to present MW Roy Sullivan Most Worshipful GM of Masons in Kansas. You will join me in saluting him with private grand honors. Due Guard and sign of each degree.

Escorts will be past masters of our and other lodges.

Base positions that everyone will lineup off will be: on the north side the **SS** standing next to the **Master** to the **Marshall** at the south west corner of the altar to the **JD** on the north side of the door.

On the south side in the east the **Secretary** is opposite the **SS** with room for a row in front of him to the **Junior Warden** opposite the **Marshall** and then to a **Brother** opposite the **JD** at the door other brothers will fill in between the officers.



The Treasure, Almoner, Senior Warden and other past master will be escorts to the Grand Lodge Officers.