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Tyler – Steve Kempf
Marshall Warren Fontenot

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
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Membership

Ron Pfeiffer
John Harris
Warren Fontenot

Masonic Foundation

Rick Reichert
Arvid Bergman
Jose Delgaddillo
Randy Combs

Masonic Home

Tom Calloway
Mike Patterson
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Calling Committee

Richard Neiman
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Fund Raising

John Crary
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Public Schools and Youth

Dick Wright
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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 1st and 3rd Thursdays
Except July and August*

August 2009



- Brotherhood
- Philanthropy
- Education



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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:** The year is moving along. June's 5th Thursday dinner was great fun we had about 18 folks show up for meal out and fellowship. The next on is in October so let the Junior Warden know your ideas. The clean up went well. Brian's powerwashing got the steps ready and Ron got them painted. Special thanks to Ron who is scrapping the window so we can repaint them. We got the lights replaced, kitchen straighten up and dusting done. Still have a lot of projects. PAIR day was a success we got over 15 contact forms completed from sojourning brothers and those who might be interested in joining. Earl was a hit as Buzzy always is with the kids. Thanks to Steve, Jose, Barry and Ron for helping. We also got interest for Star and Jobbies, be sure to come out for Friends of Masons. We have 3 brothers ready to be passed and one to raise. Work continues so be ready for a busy fall. Coach mentors please let me know how you are progressing with your charges. Respectfully Herb Merrick WM.

 **Tidings from the West:** I hope the summer is going well for all and health and prosperity is with you and yours. Our lodge is keeping busy during the summer months with plenty of Masonic work to do. The Master has called several specials and without doubt more will follow. I encourage all to get involved in the work as making a man a mason is a lesson learned every time. We are blessed in this lodge to have work in the waiting and ample opportunities to learn and grow as men and masons. May the Supreme Architect of the universe approved and accept your labors.

 **Greeting from the South:** I'd like to thank all of you that have come out this past month to support the degree work we've been putting on. It's been hot and uncomfortable and I sincerely appreciate the extra effort that's been put forth. Thanks to everyone that went out to Weston and made our display of fellowship to our Missouri Brothers a successful event. I'd extend a special thank you to all of you that have come out to bid fond farewells to our dearly departed Brothers and their family members. It's a hard thing to do, saying good bye to a friend and loved one, and the display of Brotherly Love and Support displayed by the membership of Hancock Lodge # 311 has been nothing short of inspirational. Thank you, all of you! I want to encourage each of you to continue in your labors learning our Ritual and to remind you all that I and the other officers of the Lodge stand ready and willing to assist you in your endeavors. I'd also extend a special thank you to WB: Herb Merrick for having faith in me and allowing me to conduct some of the work from the East. It has been a very special experience for me and one I will always treasure. Enjoy the rest of the summer, have fun and keep the faith. Fraternally, Bro Earl E. Genter, Jr Junior Warden

 **From the Webmaster:** We had a few glitches in June-July with the hosting service. It would occasionally reset the webs back to flat files which caused errors when attempting to access our private pages and use navigational links. It takes about an hour and a good connection to get everything operational again and I appreciated the patience with me between the time the web reset and I was able to get things back to normal. It's been very stable since then. Feel free to make suggestions and send items for posting. Fraternally, Rick Reichert, PM 2003, Webmaster.
Per capita life member's dues remain at \$24.00. Dues are due and payable in advance. 2010 dues are due by our annual communication on 3 Dec 09 and considered delinquent if not paid by 31 Dec 09. So please help us budget for 2010 by paying your dues on time.

Work in Waiting ►

This information is updated weekly on our web site!

Petitions to be read. None.

Petitions read and investigating committees appointed. Two; one requires GL of MO permission.

Candidates for EA: Russell, Woodroof.

Entered Apprentices: Arieveh Austin, Ian Bullman, Darin Eash, Timothy Eash, Hodges Glenn, Mark Glowacki, Mike Kane, Toby Martin, Timothy Preston, Allen Stewart, Paul Swindol, and Bill Taylor.

Fellow Crafts: John Bates, Xander Bullock, Douglas Euler (deployed), Fred Frandle, Justin Jocuns.

Newest Master Masons: Br. Carl Calkins (7/23/09), Br. Jeff Perry (5/28/09), Br. Jose Marrero (4/28/09) Bro. Brian Wilson and Martin McCarty(4/23/09) Bros Miguel Del Castillo (Sr & Jr) and Warren Fontenot (7/31/08), Bros Nathan Finney, Gregory Rocha, and Jason Summer (4/17/08),

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

** Indicate courtesy work for another lodge.

Calendar of Events

Saturday 1st	Boughton Hall Clean Up — 8:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.
Saturday 8th	PAIR DAY — 8:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12th	Special 2nd 6:00pm
Sunday 16th	Friends of Masons 3:00-5:00pm
Thursday 20th	Possible Special 6:00pm

Specials maybe called at 6:00 PM on Stated Meetings or Tuesdays for degree work.
Check web site for updates!

Other Masonic Events and News

Special King Solomon #10 15 August time 4:30 PM
High Twelve Fridays Noon at the Pullman Leavenworth



From the Building Managers: Thanks again to all who helped. See master's notes. We will continue to need to do work days to get things in shape. Please if you can spare a few hours come by and help. If you have some time and want to do some work let me know there are a list of projects for one or two brothers. There are also some skilled labor projects. Thanks for all who are doing so much to keep things going.



Sickness and Distress: We have several brothers who need our prayers and maybe even a call or visit.



From the Secretary's Desk: It is that time of year again. I am ensuring our database of members is complete so that 2010 dues cards with inprinted names can be ordered from Grand Lodge and 2010 dues notices are prepared for mailing. If you are deployed or know of members who are deployed to a combat zone (either I or A), I need to know. Their annual dues are \$0.00 for the duration of that deployment. If you are deployed or know of members deployed or stationed outside of our 50 United States, I need to know. Their annual dues are \$24.00. Regular annual dues remain at \$70.00.

From the Secretary MASONIC EDUCATION: If you a member in good standing (i.e., current on your dues), but no-longer desire to remain a member don't just let your membership lapse and be suspended for non-payment of dues. Instead, request to a DIMIT which is leaving in good standing. But your dues must be current at the time. The benefit of a DIMIT is that it does not expire and you can later petition a Lodge for membership without having to restore yourself to good standing first in the Lodge that you were suspended from.



Sr. Deacon: If you would like to include it, here's my thoughts on Masonic Education. How's the glass my brother? Half full or half empty. Our detractors and over zealous historians accuse Masons of running the world. Consistent with our precept to not engage detractors, I have heard two lines of thought internally on such accusations. First, that if this were true, what a great world it would be! Second, that we are struggling to plan the upcoming picnic, how could we possibly be planning the future of the planet. Perhaps we need more of the first and less of the second. We find ourselves in times of war and economic uncertainty as American Masons, if not for Masonry globally. We should be advocates for our core principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. I do not intend to preach answers; however, I do expect each of us to approach our role in society from this foundation and that of broader Masonic teachings. What says Masonic brotherly love and relief on national health care? If we look to the example of Shrine hospitals, what can we learn? What lessons can we draw from our past exemplars such as Jacques DeMolay on the treatment of adversaries in cosmic wars? How does this apply to prisoners in Cuba and elsewhere? When we consider tribunals of past misdeeds, do we support the emergence of truth and reconciliation? Do those who claim to seek truth seek our ends or do they pursue personal political gain? As citizens we must all answer (or at least ignore) these questions, as Masons we have answers! Masonry is not just Thursday night meetings, ritualism and pageantry; it is systematic learning designed to make good men better. We must all find our own light, but once found it is our duty to apply that learning to life as we know it.



From the DDGM. Please join me as I start my fall rounds. September 16th visit to Delaware Lodge, 17th Hancock (will need someone to sit in the East). 2nd of October will be Wynadotte and on the 6th will be Easton. I also have Solomon and Atchison to visit likely to be in November. School of instruction 9 January 2010 mark the date. All officers and master masons are encouraged to attend. Grand Master will be at Wyandotte on 27 September for dedication of Lodge Hall, October 1 Overland Park #436 Awards, 12 October Active #158 Emblems, 17 October Olathe for the 150 year celebration and #9 in Lawrence for District emblems. For those in our district it would be great to have folks attend. The others are close and you have an itch to travel RWB Rick would like the friendly faces I am sure.

EDICT OF THE GRAND MASTER

July, 2009

To the Masters, Officers and Members of all Constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge of A.F.& A.M. of Kansas:


WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge of Kansas permits each Grand Master to issue Special Edicts during his term in office:

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that it is my order to modify the closing in the Third Degree of all Lodges in Kansas as follows:

When the ritual comes to the point where the Master says, "B-r SW: how s-d M-s m-t?" and the SW answers, "on the le-l", the Master will then walk down to the floor level on the work line and all officers, guests in the East, and masons who can conveniently do so will come to the floor level. Any who are located to where it is not convenient, who are handicapped, or who can otherwise not do so may remain standing.

The Master will then proceed with the closing and do his closing knock in a convenient and appropriate manner.

Given under my hand and seal of the M.:W.:Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas:


Roy T. Sullivan, Jr.
Grand Master

FRIENDS OF MASONS ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Sunday the 16th from 1500 to 1700. Please if you come out and share the fraternity. Bring a friend of yours who is not a member, or who is a member. Share our building and build some friendships. We will be having ice cream sundaes and cookies. Hope to see you there.