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Appointed Officers

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 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
Billy McAfee
Barry Rimmey
Mike Tavares
John Crary

Membership

Ron Phieffer
John Harris
Warren Fontenot

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

RWB Mike Tavares 2008-2009

Grand Senior Deacon

RWB Rick Reichert 2009

Area Deputy Grand Master

RWB Mike Jinks 2009

District Deputy Grand Master

RWB Herb Merrick 2009

Living Past Masters

Alphus Clark 1963
Frank Vellella 1966
Kenneth Law 1967
Klemens Nelson 1970
Eugene Fluke 1973
Julian McWhirter 1977
Benjamin Clark 1977
Robert Chula 1979
Joseph Goldman 1979
Fred Hope 1983-1984

Frank Glover 1985
Robert Johnston 1986
Frank Glover 1988
Robert Johnston 1990
Matt Vlademar 1991
Bill McAfee 1992
Robert Johnston 1993
John Crary 1996
Kyle Steuven 1997

Arvid Bergman 1998-99
Tom Dials 2000
Mike Patterson 2001
Mike Tavares 2002
Rick Reichert 2003
Herbert Merrick 2004
Trey Brown 2005
Ernie Liverman 2006
James Howard 2007
Richard Nieman 2008

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



Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock



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*Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays
Except July and August*

January 2009



- Brotherhood
- Philanthropy
- Education



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Or use our web site:


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

Fraternal Greetings to You Brethren


 **From the East:** Thanks for a great start to the year with the Eureka Challenge. We were not fast, but we had fun. This month we will do at least one second degree for two brothers, please come out, we have a lot of work and if there is something you like doing let me know and you can have the part. We also have school of instruction, I really want all the officers and other brothers to take part. If you cannot make the 17th there are other locations and dates check the Kansas Mason. We are also eating out on the 29th let the Junior Warden know if you are coming. Also for your calendar, I would like to get a table together at the Abdallah Shrine Potentates Ball for 14 February, RWB Tavares is in the line and we need to support him and it will be fun. Speaking of support RWB Reichert will be installed Grand Senior Deacon on 21 March in Salina let's have a good showing there also. I know the Junior Warden will be looking for volunteer host for after lodge snacks see him to sign up.


 **Tidings from the West:** Alas my brothers, I am saddened to not be with you for our regular stated meeting, duty calls and my attentions are required at Fort Hood Texas. I do look forward to another year of work and fellowship. Please make your desires known to one of the officers if you desire to participate in work or learn a position. We will be more than happy to help, aid and assist you in that great endeavor. One of the Senior Warden's duties this year is fund raising. I am open to any and all suggestions. I would like to execute two fund raisers this coming year. Please call, email or corner me at a meeting to give your good ideas. May the Grand Architect of the Universe, bless you, our lodge and this magnificent fraternity.

Greeting from the South:

 **From the Secretary's Desk: 2008 Year End Annual Report.** Hancock Lodge started 2008 with 282 members. In 2008, we raised 17 new members, restored 2 old members, and admitted 31 others. 26 of the 31 others came from Nine Mile Lodge No. 49 of Lansing who consolidated into Hancock in September. This brought our total members to 333. This 333 number was decreased by the demits of 5, the death of 4, the suspension of 6 for non-payment of dues, and the dropping of 3 Life Members who did not make positive contact with us in 2008. Thus, we ended 2008 with 315 members which is 33 more than what we started with in 2008. Known deaths in 2008 were: Lewis Leffingwell, Jr.; Samuel McNeil, Jr.; Raphael Reiner; and Robert Von Schlemmer.

 **From the Webmaster:** Thanks for all the pictures sent for the web site. I'm actually just about caught up on email and should have pictures posted shortly. The photos from Installation of Officers is already posted. Please take advantage of our web site and if you plan to sign in, use <http://www.signaleer.us/hl311> for best results. If you don't see something you're looking for or have material to share, please drop me a line at signaleer@earthlink.net. Thanks. Fraternally, Rick Reichert, PM 2003, Webmaster.

 **From the Building Managers:** Thanks for the continuing support and effort we always have more work to be done.

 **Sickness and Distress:** Br Vic Henke recovering quickly from minor surgery, Br Ross Perkins recovering from heart surgery on 5 January.

 **CHECK THE ONLINE TRESTLE BOARD FOR MESSAGES FROM TRAVELING BROTHER.**

Work in Waiting ►

This information is updated weekly on our web site!

Petition to be read. None.

Petitions read and investigating committees appointed. Two pending.

Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree. None.

Awaiting Fellow Craft Degree. Martin McCarty, Douglas Euler, Brian Wilson, Robert Gomez, Justin Jocuns, Jose Marrero, Bruce Griffin, Paul Dake, Toby Martin, Jeff Perry, Arieveh Austin, Alexander Bullock, Benjamin Fonte, Mark Glowacki, Raymond Hanley, Jason Holder, Adam Nelson.

Awaiting Master Mason. None.

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 1st **Stated** – 7:30 p.m. Eureka Challenge
Thursday 15th **Special 2nd Degree -6:30 p.m. Stated** – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 29th **5th Thursday at Saddle Ranch Chop House** 6:30 p.m.
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

National Sojourners 7 January 6:30 pm Dinner

Byington OES 9 and 23 January 7:30 p.m.

Armed Forces Scottish Rite 8 January.

District School of Instruction **17 January** Solomon #10 9:00 am

High Twelve Fridays Noon at the Pullman Leavenworth

PAIR DAY February 7 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Harney Sports Complex

Valentines Social with AFSP **12 February** 1900 Lansing HS Auditorium \$10 or \$18 Couple

Grand Lodge Annual Communication 20-22 March Salina KS

FYI The Grand Master's official visit is May 7, 2009, which is less than 8 stated meetings away. Thanks to those who volunteered to be on a Task Force. We need everyone to pitch in to make this hard on no one and a gala event for all. Task Forces are: Facilities, Dining, Accommodations, Entertainment, Publicity/Communications, Finance, Lodge Officers and Post Liaison. A lot of work has already been started. Please let me know on what task force you'd like to serve. Fraternally, Rick Reichert, PM 2003, Committee Chairman.

Dues. As of 10 Jan, unpaid 2009 dues total \$4584, while unpaid 2007 and 2008 dues total \$850 (many of these are from Brothers whom we believe are deployed and out of contact, or others who have stated they will still pay rather than be suspended.). Thanks to those of you who pay your dues on time, rather than having to be reminded and hounded over and over with numerous calls and/or mailings. Timely payment of dues allows us to pay our obligations on time. Unpaid and late dues cause us to consider having to raise everyone's dues to meet expenses. Your dues are used to meet expenses; they are not paid out to multiple charities. One Brother recently expressed that he should not be charged dues while he was not here to avail himself of Hancock Lodge activities. Your current dues card is your ticket to any Masonic Lodge world-wide whose Grand Lodge jurisdiction is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Kansas and vice versa. If Lodges had to charge admission to keep operating, the cost of each Masonic experience might be prohibitive, and Lodges just might not survive.