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Senior Deacon – Ernie Liverman
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Chaplain – Tom Calloway
Senior Steward – Oscar Murillo
Junior Steward – Richard Nieman
Tyler – Rick Reichert, PM

Committees**Masonic Education**

Rick Reichert*
Bob Johnston**
Frank Glover**
Richard Nieman

Finance Committee

Mike Tavares*
Fred Hope
Joe Madenjjan
Bill McAfee
Trey Brown

Charity

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Trey Brown
Tony Brogna

Membership

Herb Merrick*
Jim Howard Tom Dials
Trey Brown
Oscar Murillo

Masonic Foundation

Larry Costa*
Arvid Bergman
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Mike Patterson
Masonic Home
Trey Brown*
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Calling Committee

Gene Middleton*
Mike Tavares
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Fund Raising

Ernie Liverman*
Richard Nieman
Tom Calloway
Herb Merrick

Public Schools and Youth

Tony Brogna*
Bobby Brice
Dick Wright
Bill Reeder

* Indicates chairman of committee

** Proficiency card committee

Living Past Masters

Robert Jones 1954	Benjamin Clark 1977	Bill McAfee 1992
Steve Phillips 1962	Robert Chula 1979	Robert Johnston 1993
Alphus Clark 1963	Joseph Goldman 1979	John Crary 1996
Frank Vellella 1966	Fred Hope 1983-1984	Kyle Steuven 1997
Kenneth Law 1967	Frank Glover 1985	Arvid Bergman 1998-99
Klemens Nelson 1970	Robert Johnston 1986	Tom Dials 2000
Eugene Fluke 1973	Frank Glover 1988	Mike Patterson 2001
Royal Brown 1976	Robert Johnston 1990	Mike Tavares 2002
Julian McWherter 1977	Matt Vlademar 1991	Rick Reichert



Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott
Hancock

Hancock Lodge

No. 311

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Kansas

P.O. Box 3408
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66027
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Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays
Except July and August
See Signaleer.com/Hancock for details.



Boughton
Memorial Hall

April 2004



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Fraternal Greetings to You Brethren

Tiding from the East March was a very busy month for all of us. I would first like to congratulate our new district deputy WB Rick Riechert. He was installed at Grand Lodge on the 20th. He will be making his first official visit with us on the 4th April, let a big turn out and start off his year with a large show of support from his home lodge. I am sure WB Rick will be looking for traveling partners as he visits lodges in the district so let him know if you would like to go along. Grand Lodge also saw Hancock recognized for the Relighting the Torch award, the award. Also WB Tavares was recognized for his masters card certification and WB Riechert was one of the Masons of the Year for our district. We will be selecting a charity for the Relighting the Torch funds this month so see the committee that is appointed to make recommendations if you have any thoughts. A more detailed report on Grand Lodge will be included in the Trestle Board for this month, which can be picked up at the lodge. If you can not get one please email me and I will send you my report electronically. In the last thirty days we have initiated one brother, passed three and raised one. Great work by everyone, thank you for your efforts. April will see our participation in the Heart Walk, we were recognized for our great support last year. I am hoping for as much participation this year. Lodge clean up is moved to the 24 April to leverage the Fort Leavenworth Spring Clean up. Looking for volunteers to do a top to bottom cleaning.

Fraternally Yours, Herb Merrick, 727- 3970 ☎

Note: Please submit meeting **agenda items** to the Worshipful Master at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. This will ensure lodge business goes as quick as possible. Thanks.

From the South – (April) Greetings from the South! Thanks to the Brethren who have volunteered to bring refreshments after stated communications. The current list is : Apr 1st - SD Liverman; Apr 15th - Bro. Nieman; May 6th - Bro. Howard; May 20th - Bro. Calloway. Still need a few volunteers to get us through June, so please assist if you are able to do so. On another note, we are currently in the process of trying to sponsor at least one high school musician for the Kansas Masonic All-State High School Marching Band and associated band camp this summer. We've made official contact with both the Leavenworth and Lansing High School Band Directors, but if you personally know of any worthy band musicians at Leavenworth or Lansing High School who might be interested in this Lodge sponsored scholarship please encourage them to apply. Please contact me if you need any assistance. Fraternally Yours, Tony.

From the Secretary's Desk: – Tidings. No April Message.

Stated 2004 Meetings

April 1st and 15th
May 6th and 20th
June 3rd and 17th
July and August Call of the Master
September 2nd and 16th

2004 Special Events

April 1st DDGM Visit
April 3rd Heart Walk
April 24th Spring Lodge Clean Up
April 29th to May 2nd Craft Show
June 11th Relay for Life
July TBD Visit Weston Lodge
Aug 21st PAIR Day

From the West – Tidings. Thanks to everyone who participated and came to the all the degree work . Your work has be well and faithfully done, and is greatly appreciated. Still not to late to sign up or just show up for the Heart Walk on April 3 10:00am Eisenhower VA Center Rain or shine. Don't forget to wear you Square and Compasses. Since it is not to late to sign up for the Heart Walk it is not to early to sign up for the Cancer Relay for Life. The Cancer Relay will take place between 8 p.m. Friday June 11, 2004 to 8 a.m. Saturday, June 12 at Abeles Field, 4th Street in Leavenworth. This is a 12 hour relay walk so if we can get 24 people to sign up that is only 30 minutes per person. It is recommended that you should get 20-30 min of execrated heart rate a day (that means exercise) so sign up your exercise for the day and support you lodge all at the same time. For more information and to get the latest developments, visit: [Cancer Relay for Life - Leavenworth](#) and use zip code 66048.

Work in Waiting ► This information is updated weekly on our web site!

Petition Read – Investigation Committee Appointed

Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree

Mr. Larry Cleaver Mr. Ben Szemere Mr. Robert Link

Awaiting Fellow Craft Degree

Bro. William Cunningham Bro. Britt Cogan Bro. Daniel Davis

Bro. Stephen Hansen Bro. Scott Carlton

Awaiting Master Mason Degree

Bro. James Hageman Bro. Delporte (Departs AO on April 2nd)*

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

** Indicate courtesy work for another lodge.

April Calendar of Events

Check web site for updates!

Thursday, 1th **Stated** – 7:30 p.m Master Mason Degree

Saturday 3rd **Lodge Heart Walk** 8 a.m. VA Center

Thursday 18th **Stated** – 7:30 p.m Business Meeting

Saturday 24th **Lodge Clean Up** 8:30 –12:00

Thursday April 29th 5th **Thursday Dinner** Long Horn Steak House 6:00 p.m.

Thursday April 30th – May 2nd **Craft Show** – 9:00 a.m.- 9 p.m.

Other Masonic Events

National Sojourners dinner and meeting April 7th at Boughton Hall 6:30 p.m. contact WB Herb Merrick.

Scottish Rite April 8th Regular Meeting

Chapter Reception for Worthy Grand Matron by Byington Chapter OES. May 1st

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