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Senior Deacon – Eric Anderson
Junior Deacon – Earl Genter
Chaplain – Herb Merrick PM
Senior Steward – Brian Resch
Junior Steward – Victor Henke
Tyler – Ron Pheiffer

Committees

Masonic Education

Rick Reichert*
Richard Neiman
Herb Merrick
John Crary
Tom Dials

Proficiency Card Committee

Bob Johnston**
Frank Glover**
Mike Tavares**

Finance Committee

Mike Tavares*
Barry Rimmey
Fred Hope
Joe Madenjian
Bill McAfee

Membership

Richard Neiman*
Mike Tavares
Robert Casto
Frank Glover
Herb Merrick

Masonic Foundation

Mike Patterson*
Rick Reichert
Arvid Bergman
Bobby Brice

Masonic Home

Tom Calloway*
Eric Anderson
Mike Patterson
Bob Johnston
Victor Henke

Charity

Master and Wardens

Calling Committee

Gene Middleton *
Mike Tavares
Herb Merrick
Joe Madenjian
Brian Resch

Fund Raising

Herb Merrick *
Richard Neiman
Robert Casto
Tom Calloway

Public Schools and Youth

Dick Wright *
Bobby Brice
Mike Tavares
Earl Genter



Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott
Hancock

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

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Boughton
Memorial Hall

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

See <http://www.hancocklodge311.org/> for details.

December 2007



* Indicates chairman of committee

** Proficiency card committee

Grand Jr. Deacon WB Mike Tavares Grand Jr. Steward WB Rick Reichert

Living Past Masters

Alphus Clark	1963	Frank Glover	1985	Tom Dials	2000
Frank Vellella	1966	Robert Johnston	1986	Mike Patterson	2001
Kenneth Law	1967	Frank Glover	1988	Mike Tavares	2002
Klemens Nelson	1970	Robert Johnston	1990	Rick Reichert	2003
Eugene Fluke	1973	Matt Vlademar	1991	Herbert Merrick	2004
Julian McWhirter	1977	Bill McAfee	1992	Trey Brown	2005
Benjamin Clark	1977	Robert Johnston	1993	Ernie Liverman	2006
Robert Chula	1979	John Crary	1996		
Joseph Goldman	1979	Kyle Steuven	1997		
Fred Hope	1983-1984	Arvid Bergman	1998-99		

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.** It has been my Honor and Pleasure to serve as Master of Hancock Lodge this year. This year was very educational and demanding and I can only thank you all for the dedication and support in making this year a success. The new Brothers enhanced our Lodge proficiency by getting involved and doing floor work and questions and answers for their "B" Card. Special meetings were called to either Initiate, Pass or Raise new Brothers that couldn't be accomplished at the Stated meetings. Thanks to everyone that contributed to these Special occasions. We have to continue to learn more about Masonry and the best way to do that is to be involved. The election of new Officers are scheduled during the 1st Stated meeting in December with the Installations on the 2nd Stated meeting, look forward to seeing all of you there. Have a great Holiday Season, GOD bless you all. Thanks again for all your support .W.M. Jim Howard

 **Tidings from the West:** This has been a great year and next year will be the same with your help. Bro Neiman

 **Greeting from the South:** I would like to thank everyone for their diligent and necessary work this year. It is not always easy, but it is important for the work to go forward and to be well done. So thanks for everything, have a safe and happy holiday and let us remember in our prayers and thoughts all our brothers to whom this year has been a burden. May they reflect on past happiness and remember it with fondness with the hope that good times, health, and prosperity will return. Thanks once again to all who contribute. I can never stress that enough. Casto, R.

 **From the Secretary's Desk:** As we get ready to close out 2007, here is some information about our membership as of 3 Dec 2007. We currently have 298 members on our rolls. Of these 234 are regular members that pay dues of \$70 per year. 30 are prepaid perpetual life members (PPLM) who have invested in our lodge by paying 20 times whatever the annual dues were whenever they bought their PPLM; they pay no annual dues ever again. Instead, their investment pays their per capita tax to Grand Lodge each year (currently \$24) and a dividend back to our Lodge every year they are alive which has been close to what we would receive in annual dues. But when they pass to that place beyond, their investment pays dividends to our Lodge forever. We have 18 Life Members (LM) who have been members of our lodge for 50 plus years; they pay no annual dues, however, the lodge still must pay Grand Lodge the per capita tax. Then we have 13 per capital life members (PCLM) who have been Masons for 50+ years but not members of Hancock Lodge for 50+ years. PCLM's dues each year is the prevailing per capita rate (currently \$24). We have 3 members whose dues have been remitted by a vote of our membership due to health and/or financial reasons. We currently have 19 members who have not yet paid their 2007 dues; these Brothers will be suspended as of 31 December 2007 if payment is not made. In 2007 we received 16 petitions for the mysteries, and initiated 13 candidates, passed 12 Brothers, and raised 7 Master Masons; thus, a lot of work in progress remains to be completed in 2008. And finally, we need members if we are to survive financially in the future because 62% of our members are over the age of 60. One way to ensure that our Lodge is financially secure in the future would be more investments as PPLMs.

 **From the Webmaster:** Brothers keep me posted on happenings and I will work at getting them on line as my work and other activities allow.

 **From the Building Managers** We still have a lot of things that could use work.

 **Sickness and Distress:**

 **MESSAGES FROM TRAVELING BROTHERS. CHECK THE ONLINE TRESTLE BOARD**

Work in Waiting ►

This information is updated weekly on our web site!

Petition to be read: WB Merle Nick (Transfer)

Investigation Committee Appointed: Mr. Aric Lewallen, Mr. Benjamin Fonte, Mr. John Harris, Mr. Jason Summer (D-OIF), Mr. Davis Ennis (D-OIF)

Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree: Mr. Patrick Munoz

Awaiting Fellow Craft Degree: Bro. Arieveh Austin, Bro. Carl Gustafson, Bro. Jason Holder, Bro. Jaremy Leach, Bro. Danny Thomasson, Bro. Nathan Finney*, Bro. Randy Wade, Bro. Alexander Mandes, Bro. Raymond Hanley

Awaiting Master Mason Degree: Bro. Nick Wilkinson, Bro. Michael Herrera, Bro. Gregory Rocha, Bro. Matthew Jaryzk, Bro. Joshua Hoppes, Bro. Dave Davis**

Newly Raised Master Masons: Bro. Jeffrey James [10/18/07]

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

** Indicate courtesy work for another lodge.

(D) Deployed
(C) College

Calendar of Events

Thursday 6th **Stated** – 7:30 p.m. ELECTION OF OFFICER 2008
Thursday 20th **Stated** – 7:30 p.m. INSTALLATION OF OFFICER 2008
Thursday 27th **Study Club or Specials for Degrees**– 6:30 p.m.

Check web site for updates!

Other Masonic Events


National Sojourners 5 December

Byington OES 14 (Official Visit WGM) and 28 December

Scottish Rite 13th December Dinner with wives and guests

High Twelve Fridays Noon at the Pullman Leavenworth

Annual Communication Grand Lodge 19-23 March 2008

 The Philaethes Society was founded on October 1, 1928, by a group of Masonic students. It was designed for Freemasons desirous of seeking and spreading Masonic light. In 1946, The Philaethes magazine was established to publish articles by and for its members. For many years it has been voted the best Masonic publication in the world. The sole purpose of this Research Society is to act as a clearinghouse for Masonic knowledge. It exchanges ideas, researches problems confronting Freemasonry, and passes them along to the Masonic world.

"People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened."

The Masonic Experience: The Search, The Journey, The Esprit de Corps (Author unknown) Participation in the dramatic presentation of moral lessons and in the working of a lodge provides a member with a unique opportunity to learn more about himself and encourages him to live in such a way that he will always be in search of becoming a better man, not better than someone else but better than he himself would otherwise be and therefore an exemplary member of society. Each Freemason is required to learn and show humility through initiation. Then, by progression through a series of degrees he gains insight into increasingly complex moral and philosophical concepts, and accepts a variety of challenges and responsibilities which are both stimulating and rewarding. The structure and working of the Lodge and the sequence of ceremonial events, which are usually followed by social gatherings, offer members a framework for companionship, teamwork, character development and enjoyment of shared experiences