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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 Resh

Fund Raising

Herb Merrick *
Richard Neiman
Robert Casto
Tom Calloway

Public Schools and Youth

Dick Wright *
Bobby Brice
Mike Tavares
Earl Genter

* Indicates chairman of committee

** Proficiency card committee

Living Past Masters

Robert Jones	1954	Benjamin Clark	1977	John Crary	1996
Steve Phillips	1962	Robert Chula	1979	Kyle Steuven	1997
Alphus Clark	1963	Joseph Goldman	1979	Arvid Bergman	1998-99
Frank Vellella	1966	Fred Hope	1983-1984	Tom Dials	2000
Kenneth Law	1967	Frank Glover	1985	Mike Patterson	2001
Klemens Nelson	1970	Robert Johnston	1986	Mike Tavares	2002
Eugene Fluke	1973	Frank Glover	1988	Rick Reichert	2003
Royal Brown	1976	Robert Johnston	1990	Herbert Merrick	2004
Julian McWherter	1977	Matt Vlademar	1991	Trey Brown	2005
		Bill McAfee	1992	Ernie Liverman	2006
		Robert Johnston	1993		



Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock

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



Boughton Memorial Hall

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.*


January 2007



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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.** I would like to continue a number of our traditions at Hancock Lodge. Our major charge in Masonry is Charities, therefore, I am planning participation in the Cancer Relay for Life and the Heart Walk and other events, such as the Leavenworth Fall Clean-up that we combined with Prince Hall Lodge and others events as the Fraternity deem necessary. I plan to have 100% attendance at the District School of Instructions in January at Solomon Lodge. This would be the first visit of many visits to a District Lodge that I plan on attending. July is always a good time to visit Weston. Masonic education is also important to the Lodge, to educate our new Brothers. I am planning a quarterly program that will include walking through certain parts of every degree and Masonic overviews of Grand Lodge Programs, Hancock Lodge History and, Kansas Masonic Homes. To continue our support and welcome to the new CGSC class, we will provide a booth at Pair Day, which I hope will include our Brothers from Mount Olivett. We will also have at least two active fund raising programs for the year. I would like to have two or three special family events that would include a cookout, Friends of Masons get together and a dinner. I also would like to have an Honors dinner in the Winter timeframe. We will continue our support at the Grand Lodge, the Wardens Course and other events to grow in knowledge and skill.

Tidings from the West

Greeting from the South:

 **From the Secretary's Desk** 2006 proved to be a quite busy year. In terms of degree work, we initiated 21, passed 21, and raised 18 Brothers. Of the 18 raised, 17 are Hancock members; the 18th still awaits a dimitt from his home lodge so that he can join Hancock. It appears we will end 2006 with 298 members, a net growth of 1 from 2005. The final numbers are not in yet so it appears that although we raised 17, we lost 6 due to death, 11 demitted, and 3 were suspended for non-payment of dues. 5 others were restored. We now have 31 perpetual life members, a growth of 23 in 2006. Right now we have 3 awaiting initiation and 5 waiting to be passed. So 2007 may be another busy year.

 **From the Webmaster** If you or your spouse took pictures at the installation (or any other Masonic related event) please share some with your brethren via the web site. The most attractive features to our web site are the pictures. You can say what we do in words, but pictures say it a lot better. If you attempt to access password protected pages but get errors, try this: Open up a new browser window and use the address <http://www.signaleer.us/HL311> then access protected pages. Fraternaly, Rick Reichert, PM 2003, Webmaster

 **From the Building Managers:** I would like to do some work on the furnishings of the lodge. Repair and repaint as well as just clean things up. Ideas on a good day let me know.

 **Sickness and Distress** Please let chaplain know of anyone.



CHECK THE ONLINE TRESTLE BOARD FOR MESSAGES FROM TRAVELING BROTHER.

Work in Waiting ►

This information is updated weekly on our web site!

Petition Read – Investigation Committee Appointed
Mr. Jason Summer (D-OIF); Mr. Davis Ennis (D-OIF)

Awaiting Entered Apprentice Degree

Mr. Melvin Mack; Mr. Mark Shelton, Mr. Nolan Vineyard,

Awaiting Fellow Craft Degree

Bro Danny Thomasson, Bro Alex Mandes*, Bro Bryon Fugate, Bro Matthew Jaryzk; Bro Gregory Rocha*

Awaiting Master Mason Degree

Newly Raised Master Masons:

Brother Chuck Roberts (D)

* 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, 4th **Stated** – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 18th **Stated** – 7:30 p.m..
Thursday 25th **Study Club or Specials for Degrees** – 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 27th **District School of Instruction** – 8:30 a.m.

Check web site for updates!

Other Masonic Events

National Sojourners 3 January

Byington OES 12 January

Byington OES 26 January

Armed Forces Scottish Rite 11 January

Armed Forces Scottish Rite 14 February

Masonic Sweet Heart Dinner @ LMS TBA

Annual Grand Communication: Salina, Kansas

March 16 to 18, 2007

High Twelve Fridays Noon at the Pullman Leavenworth

District School of Instruction 27th January King Solomon

Grand Lodge proposed changes are contained in this months insert. We will have to vote as a lodge on these the meeting before Grand Lodge secession. At Grand Lodge each lodge has the Master, both Wardens and past masters who are attending as voting members.

Ritual resources are four basic documents, the extended cipher, the monitor, and the 2 manuals of floor work. The monitor looks like the cipher, but smaller and contains all the clear work and other ceremonies (funerals, installations and other things). The manuals have movements and other instructions. All of this is reviewed at the school of instruction. The secretary can get you copies for a small fee.

Masonic Education Committee

Rick Reichert* Bob Johnston** Richard Neiman, John Crary
Implement the programs of Grand Lodge relating to Masonic Education. The committee plans and presents educational programs to the Lodge and, must plan a Masonic talk at least four times during the year as described in the Masonic Millennium Renewal program. One such talk shall be on the Kansas Masonic University.

** Proficiency Card sub-committee members.

Proficiency Card Committee

Mike Tavares, Bob Johnston, Frank Glover*

To conduct classes to increase the General Proficiency of all Brethren of the Lodge. This committee is also responsible for ritual proficiency examination for the B, A, M and U cards.

Events Committee

Richard Nieman* Robert Casto Ernie Liverman

Coordinates with other committees for all lodge special events. Helps coordinate attendees for Heart Walk, Cancer Relay, Lodge Clean ups, Summer Farewell picnic and Past Masters Dinner. Specific event committees will be established to implement these activities.

Public Schools and Youth Committee

Dick Wright* Bobby Brice Mike Tavares; Earl Genter

To assist the Lodge in carrying out the program of the Grand Lodge in support of public schools and such further program as the Lodge may deem advisable. This committee shall look for opportunities for our Lodge to support, participate in, or provide programs for public schools. The committee also coordinates activities with Masonic Youth Groups

Masonic Foundation Committee

Arvid Bergman* Rick Reichert; Bobby Brice; Mike Patterson

To coordinate the work of the Masonic Foundation with the Lodge, to promote the Masonic Foundation and seek contributions for and disseminate information concerning the operation of the Masonic Foundation. To coordinate the Lodge's attainment of the "C-Club" plaque. "Dedicated to Serving Humanity" – www.kmfonline.org

Masonic Home Committee

Tom Calloway* Eric Anderson Mike Patterson Bob Johnston

A large portion of our per capita tax paid to Grand Lodge goes toward the operation of the Kansas Masonic Home in Wichita. This is a home for indigent direct dependents. This committee shall serve as Lodge contact points for the Masonic at least one short talk to the Lodge on the Masonic Home during the calendar year.

Finance Committee

Mike Tavares* Barry Rimmey Fred Hope Joe Madenjian Bill McAfee

Monitors the execution of the budget and the audit sub committee examines the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, and audits all claims against the Lodge.

Fund Raising Committee

Herb Merrick * Richard Neiman Robert Casto Tom Calloway

To conduct fund raising events for the lodge during the calendar year as specified in the Masonic Millennium Renewal program.

Charity Committee

Jim Howard* Richard Nieman Robert Casto

Dispenses the charities of the Lodge in such a manner as its By-Laws may require. Responsibility includes ensuring that Charitable Labor is accumulated as required for the Re-Lighting the Torch Program and ensuring participation in the Mile of Food program as required by Masonic Millennium Renewal.

Membership Committee

Mike Tavares * Richard Neiman Robert Casto Frank Glover Herb Merrick

Promotes and implements membership programs of the Grand Lodge. The latter includes coordination of the Friends of Masons Night as described in both the Masonic Millennium Renewal and Re-Lighting the Torch programs. Discusses membership problems peculiar to this Lodge, and coordinated PAIR Day Activities. Additionally, this committee assists the WM and Secretary in contacting members whose degree progress is delayed.

Calling Committee

Gene Middleton* Mike Tavares Herb Merrick Joe Madenjian; Brain Resch

To reach local members who have been inactive or active members who have been absent from meetings. The committee will ascertain the health and welfare of such members, advise the Lodge of members who are in sickness or distress, and encourage the rest, who are able, to attend Lodge. This program is in support of Masonic Millennium Renewal.

Our District Meeting will be on January 27th, 2007. The meeting will begin at 9:00am, with sweets and coffee at 8:00am. The program will be as follows:

Call to Order	
Roll Call	Grand Lecturer
Explanation of Purpose and Preliminary Instruction; Instructions of Grips and Signs, Work Lines, Rod Drill, etc.	
Open on the 3rd Degree; Reception of the District Deputy Grand Master; Ballot Instruction; Labor to Refreshment	King Solomon Lodge #10
Open on the 1st Degree	Nine Mile Lodge #49
Confer 1st Section of the 1st Degree	Oskaloosa Lodge #14
Masonic Protocol	Grand Lecturer
Examination of Visitors	
12:00pm – Lunch	
1:00pm – Assembly	
Confer 2nd Section of the 2nd Degree including Stair Lecture, “G” Lecture and Charge	Easton Lodge #45
Call off to Refreshment and resume labor on the 3rd Degree	Active Lodge #158
Confer 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree	Hancock Lodge #311
Questions on any part of the work	Grand Lecturer
Remarks on any part of the work	
Grand Master and/or Grand Lodge Visitor Comments	
Roll Call	Grand lecturer
Close on the 3rd Degree	Mt. Zion Lodge #266

Relighting the Torch 2006

- Lodges with a membership of less than 75 must voluntarily contribute a minimum of 1 ½ man-hours per member or 80 hours whichever is greater. Lodges with a membership of less than 200 must voluntarily contribute a minimum of 225 man-hours of charitable labor to their community. Lodges with memberships of 200 but less than 400 must voluntarily contribute a minimum of 300 man-hours. Lodges with a membership of more than 400 must voluntarily contribute a minimum of 375 man-hours. Such projects may include, but are not limited to: repair of playground equipment in the park; painting the house of a deceased brother's widow; carrying out groceries at the grocery store, etc. There are numerous ways to volunteer in your community. Charitable hours donated to your Lodge itself to clean, remodel or repair may be counted up to a maximum of 50% of the required hours under this program.
- When working in the community under this program, every volunteer must have the Square and Compass displayed on their person (ball cap, shirt, pin, etc.)
- The Lodge should advertise its service for the program by newspaper ad, posted flyers, word of mouth, etc. This is a suggestion, not a requirement.
- The Lodge will have the assisted party or parties sign off (forms will be provided) indicating that “X” number of hours were donated, for what purpose, and who the donor(s) was (were). For example, a member of your Lodge repairs some playground equipment in the park. That brother is responsible for getting the signature from a city official, (or other qualified person) indicating that “X” number of hours were donated by his Lodge to the City.
- The Lodge Secretary will forward this form monthly, or as necessary to the Grand Lodge Office. The Grand Lodge Office staff will enter and keep track of hours donated by each Lodge.
- The Lodge will hold a “Friends of Masons Night”. The “Friends of Masons Night” must be held between April 1, 2005, and November 30, 2005, and must have at least three (3) prospects present. The Lodge must make all arrangements for their “Friends of Masons Night” through the Grand Lodge Membership Chairman and report back to the Chairman with their results. The guidelines in “Friends of Masons Night” booklet must be followed. These booklets are available through the Grand Lodge Office.
- Each Lodge applying for the Re-Lighting the Torch program must participate in the “Eureka Challenge” program.
- The first twenty (20) Lodges that have met the above criteria will receive a recognition certificate and a \$1000.00 check from Grand Lodge. Fifty percent of these funds are required to go back into the community as a charitable gift (i.e. Teddy Program, Scholarships, Christmas baskets, etc.) The Lodge must inform Grand Lodge of the name of the person or organization receiving the charitable gift (form will be provided to you). The remaining fifty percent of the funds are to be used for upkeep/maintenance on your Lodge building.
- If a Lodge meets all of the foregoing criteria but is not among the first twenty Lodges to do so, they are still entitled to receive a recognition certificate to be presented at Grand Lodge.

**151st Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Kansas
March 15, 16 and 17, 2007, Masonic Temple, 336 S. Santa Fe, Salina, Kansas**

Thursday, March 15

Registration – Masonic Temple 1:00– 5:00 P.M.

Friday, March 16

Registration – Masonic Temple – 7:00 A.M.
Grand Procession, Open to Public - 8:15 A.M.
Formal Opening of Grand Lodge - 10:00 A.M.
Ladies Luncheon – Courtyard Marriott - 11:45 A.M.
Men's Luncheon – Masonic Temple – 12:00 P.M.
Call to Labor - Masonic Temple _ 1:15 P.M.
All Masonic Banquet – Bicentennial Center – 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 17

Call to Labor - Masonic Temple – 8:00 A.M.
Installation of 2007-2008 Grand Lodge Officers – Open to the Public – 10:00 A.M.

SALINA MOTELS

Unavailable for reservations -- Courtyard Marriott and Hampton Inn

For information, please:
Call the Salina Chamber of Commerce at 785-827-9301
Go online to <http://www.salinakansas.org>

MEAL TICKET ORDER FORM

Please reserve the following tickets for me for Friday, March 16, 2007:

NAME: _____ MEMBER NUMBER _____

		DISCOUNTED PRICE	AFTER FEB. 16	
Men's Luncheon	No. _____	@ \$11.00 ea	@ \$14.00 ea	= \$ _____
Ladies Luncheon	No. _____	@ \$16.00 ea	@ \$19.00 ea	= \$ _____
All Masonic Banquet	No. _____	@ \$25.00 ea	@ \$30.00 ea	= \$ _____
Registration Fee (Kansas Masons)				\$ <u>25.00</u>
			TOTAL:	\$ _____

Mail a check or money order for the **total amount along with this form to:**

**Grand Lodge of Kansas
PO Box 1217
Topeka, KS 66601-1217**

Tickets will NOT be mailed. Please pick up your tickets when registering at Grand Lodge (Credentials Table). NO TICKET ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 1, 2007. Any tickets needed after March 1st may be purchased in Salina based on availability.

