



# Trestle Board

## A Message From The East...

by *WM Milton Harris*

Greetings brothers! During our official visit, the word came from the Grand Master asking a question, "who comes here?" To which I pose an additional questions; what induced you to become a Master Mason? What about this fraternity inspired you to come here, what are you looking for?

Do you seek to uncover the mysterious history of the fraternity, to engage in philanthropic works, or are you here to become a better man? Whatever your reasons, remember that the fraternity is here for you, and you for it. Without you the traditions that we hold so dearly can not be passed on to future brothers, there is no hand up in our community, and the light that shines for future brothers is not seen.

I believe there comes a time in every mans life when he has to ask himself who am I and what

am I set on this earth for? In this 21st Century world of instant gratification, a world where things have become more important than your fellow man, where our main sources of information is more misleading than informative, I believe that this question is lost on some. We, the Fraternal Order Of Freemasonry, are needed the most as a beacon to help our fellow man find his place in the world and help make it a better place.

So in closing, I ask as you read this to think upon the questions posed by the Grand Master and myself, who are you? Why did you come here? Have you or are you finding what you're looking for?



*R.W.B. Cecil Wagers District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District, and R.W.B. Dennis Spears District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 18th Masonic District held their official visit on January 5th at Ivanhoe Lodge #446 to grade our ritual and present the Grandmasters message for 2017.*

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# Working to Bring Vets Christmas Cheer

by WB James Lowman

November 11, 2016; Veteran's Day. WB Kurt "Moose" Osmundson, who is an on air personality for 98.9 The Rock in Kansas City, hosted a live radio broadcast at Twin Peaks Restaurant in Olathe, Kansas to help Swope Park Lodge's annual "Kansas City Veteran's Hospital Christmas Gift Program".

People brought gift items and cash



donations for this event to Twin Peaks from all over the listening region. In 4 hours over 47 different items were donated totaling over 4,000 individual pieces and \$2240.00 in cash donations were collected!

This collection event was the brain child of not only WB Moose, but the Program Director, Bob Edwards at 98.9 The Rock. Assistance was also provided and supported by Bro. Keith "T" Jordan from the station's morning show as well as the sales team and Collin Click, the Promotions Director, and his promotions staff at 98.9 the Rock, an Entercom station in Mission, KS. December 16, 2016; at 7PM members of Ivanhoe Lodge #446 helped Swope Park Lodge #617, along with Jobies Bethal #1, William F Kuhn Chapter Order of DeMolay, Parents, and many others assisted in preparing the VA Gift bags for hand out to the veterans on Saturday December 17, 2016. All the bags were fuller then they have



ever been! In some cases each gift for a veteran took two bags to hold all the gifts collected on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Twin Peaks. Some of the items in the bags consisted of toiletries, stocking caps, socks, playing cards, fruits, along with many other assorted items collected by 98.9 The Rock, Masons, various donations, and professional organizations around the KC area. Bagging was completed in under 90 minutes with all the help of everyone present.

December 17, 2016; It was a cold morning on the morning of the handout at the VA Hospital. Kansas City was hit over night with freezing rain, and the roads were slippery sheets of ice. Despite Mother Nature's attempt to shut down the city with her icy wrath. For the 10<sup>th</sup> year now the Masonic family met at Swope Park Masonic Temple at 8am with a hearty breakfast prepared by RWB Kenny Best, RWB Larry Cameron, both Past Masters of Swope Park Lodge #617. After breakfast the bagged gifts that were prepared the night before for the VA Gift handout were loaded up in multiple vehicles and the dangerous trek to the VA began. Once everyone had arrived safely at the Kansas City Veterans Hospital at around 10am the gift bag handout began. This year the masonic family along with Bob Edwards, Program Director of 98.9 The Rock, were able to cover every floor, every

room, and every patient of the VA Hospital! We even had some extra gift bags left over to leave with the hospital staff to give out. Many of the members handing out gifts took time to meet and talk with multiple



Veterans who were there, not only to thank them for their service, but to also just talk with them. This is the second year now that Ivanhoe Lodge has been a part of Swope Park's great event to give back to our veterans, who gave up so much for us.

## A Special Message From Swope Park Lodge No.617

For 10 years Swope Park Lodge has tried to bring a few smiles to those Veterans who have been stuck in the hospital over Christmas week. The officers and members of Swope Park send a big THANK YOU to WB Moose, the members of Ivanhoe Lodge, 98.9 The Rock, and everyone else that assisted in helping to make this Christmas gift program the biggest the hospital has ever seen.

Watch next year and the years to come, with the help of 98.9 The Rock, WB Moose, the members of Ivanhoe, and the Masonic Family, this program will expand even further, to more VA Hospitals in the region, working with other lodges in those areas. Thank you-

*Swope Park Lodge No.617*

# KC Masonic History, With Ivanhoe Tie

by J.D. Enke

On Saturday Nov 12th, I took some metal to Wabash Metal first thing in the morning. When I left I decided to take Troost up to Templegate, for no other reason except I had some free time and wanted to take a look at the old building. As I sat at a light at Truman Road, I looked to my left and noticed a grand old church, and then noticed what



looked like a Templar cross scratched out of stone disk above the front door. That peaked my Interest, so I looked it up when I got home, and low and behold it was the Scottish Rite at one time.

This prompted me to put a street view of the building along with a picture of the old girl in its Scottish Rite heyday on a KC History Facebook group. One of the responses to my post was, "is this the one on fire?" I checked the news and was surprised to find out



it was! It seemed ironic I had only noticed this place just before it was gone. Later that week while talking to RWB Dan Sewing, I suggested we get the corner stone and see if anything was in it. I am petty sure



they were going to do that anyway, but it happened, they found a time capsule and set a date to open it.

The time capsule was opened on January 25th with much fanfare and dignitaries, including a grand historian from Supreme Council of The Southern Jurisdiction of The Scottish Rite in Washington DC and Mr. Baseball himself: Jackson County Executive Frank White. It



was a pretty interesting night, especially the introduction of Grand Cross Rite member Bill Patterson. He had moved to Japan shortly after joining the Scottish Rite in KC, and although he paid his dues annually, lived 40 years in Japan. Not

shirking his Rite involvement, but by being a key Rite member on the island at the local Rite there. I hear he has lots of interesting stories and they should be shared in a separate article some time.

So back to the capsule, the Grand Historian explained the cornerstone tradition and then started to remove the items. The first two things were related to the flood of 1903. A commemorative coin of some sort and a written account of the flood. I would like to read that some time to be honest. Then there were newspapers, The Kansas City Journal and The KC Star. There was dedication paperwork, lots of local Scottish Rite and Freemason specific papers, Ivanhoe 446 being one of 2 blue lodges mentioned!



There was over 600 dollars worth of confederate money, and a Roman Coin that was likely thousands of years old. Also an unopened note to the current Secretary, which I would love to know what was said. It was very interesting to say the least. The final thing that was pointed out, as we were closing, was that the fancy stained glass windows on the stage were not just decorations, but the actual windows from the building the time capsule came from. All in all this was a pretty cool, a once in a lifetime experience!

# Ivanhoe Lodge: In The Beginning...

by Matthew Dowd

RWB Brad Fowler has often said a Lodge is made of Brothers not buildings. I couldn't agree with him more. If a Lodge is made of Brothers then the Lodge's heart and soul are fashioned from our Brother's dreams and actions. I am going to attempt to peel back the years and try to share a bit of information about all of Ivanhoe's Past Masters. My hope is that a better understanding of our past will ensure a more stable foundation for our future.

The dream that was Ivanhoe started in a small room above Johnson's Drug Store located at 38<sup>th</sup> and Woodland Ave. At this spot, not yet in the City Limits and heated in the winter by a wood burning barrel stove is where the heart and soul of our Lodge was born. Ivanhoe's fathers were George S. McLanahan, Dr. Grant T. Johnson (Druggist) and Burr F. Augustine. In those days no Lodge in the state of Missouri could be Chartered while having a standing debt upon its birth. Because of this rule McLanahan, Johnson and



*The first Ivanhoe Lodge. Located at 38th and Woodland Ave. not yet incorporated into Kansas City, MO.*

Augustine personally took out loans to jumpstart our Lodge financially. One other unnamed Master Mason took on this personal financial burden. I hesitate to say it was Dr. William F. Kuhn without something more than

circumstantial evidence. That said, it appears Brother Kuhn may have been the fourth to support Ivanhoe financially.

In the next Trestle Board I will focus my attention on Worshipful Brother Burr F. Augustine, Ivanhoe's first Worshipful Master. I will sign off with a list of the names of the seventeen founding Master Mason's of Ivanhoe Lodge #446. If any current members are related to one of the seventeen founders please contact me at 816-674-3636

Burr F. Augustine, Frank X. Allen, Madison J. Bensen, Harry M. Boyer, Leander Z. Burr, George H. Castle, John C. Chorn, Fred O. Cox, Grant T. Johnson, John M. Jones, Jacob J. Jackson, Geo. S. McLanahan, D. J. McMillen, William Ruble, Alfred E. Suydam, Edgar S. Van Patten and John E. Wagner.



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