



The Scot News

Lawrence Valley, Kansas Orient, Southern Jurisdiction
 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

REUNION CLASS SCHEDULED

STATED MEETINGS

- Lawrence Number 6 — Second Mondays
- Acacia Number 9 2nd Thursdays
- York Rite — First & Third Tuesdays
- White Shrine — 3rd Friday
- Scottish Rite — First Wednesdays
- Rainbow Girls — 1st and 3rd Mondays
- S.O.O.B. — 3rd Tuesdays

Most organizations except No. 6 & No. 9 go dark in July and August.

The Lawrence Valley Scottish Rite has scheduled a reunion class For October 11 and 14. It will be held within the Masonic Center at 1601 West 23rd Street which is about a quarter-mile East of Iowa Street and immediately South of the Arby's fast food restaurant. The facility is handicapped accessible and the small shopping center affords ample parking.

These will be closed meetings. Light meals, coffee, and snacks will be provided. It is a great opportunity for you to freshen up on the five primary degrees if it has been some time since you have seen them performed. The 4th and 14th degrees are to be administered on Wednesday evening, October 11th. The 18th and 30th degrees may be seen on Saturday

morning, October 14th. The 32nd degree is scheduled for early Saturday afternoon, October 14th.

The Director of Work is Danny Keller, 33^o, Assistant Personal Representative for the Valley. Approximately thirty of our members will be involved as cast actors, some of them new to our fraternity in the past year.

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SOME MASONIC CENTER ACTIVITIES

- 23 Sept Saturday 7-11 a.m.
White Shrine Breakfast
- 23 Sept Saturday 3 p.m.
Rainbow Installation
- 25 Sept Monday 7 p.m.
No. 6 Fellowcraft Degree
- 11 Oct Wednesday 7 p.m.
Scottish Rite Reunion
- 13 Oct Friday 7 p.m.
32nd Degree Rehearsal
- 14 Oct Saturday 9 a.m.
Scottish Rite Reunion
- 17 Oct Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Knight Templar Inspection

- 21 Oct Saturday
Scottish Rite Breakfast
- 16 Dec Saturday
Rainbow Spaghetti Dinner



Note that these activities are in addition to the stated meetings. The list is not all-inclusive as more activities are sure to be scheduled. Masonry is alive and well in Lawrence.

Thanksgiving Dinner For Boys\Girls Club

The highly popular Thanksgiving Dinner with all the traditional trimmings which Masons prepare for the Lawrence Boys & Girls Club has been tentatively scheduled for Monday, 20 November. Lodge No. 6 organizes the effort but help comes from a wide assortment of Masonic groups, particularly Acacia Lodge No. 9 and Western Star Lodge No. 1. There will be cooking all day and serving at about 5 p.m. with many people needed to perform the same.

THE EARLIEST HISTORY OF LAWRENCE LODGE NO. 6

By Jon M. Woodward, P.M.

Presented on the occasion of the lodge's 150th anniversary celebration as the Lawrence Masonic Center, 1601 W. 23rd Street, Lawrence, Kansas July 15, 2006



The history of Lawrence Lodge No. 6 begins perhaps 36 years prior to its charting 150 years ago yesterday. In 1820, the Congress of the United States was struggling with the admission of new states and the question of whether those new states should be admitted to the Union as slave-holding or free. Leaders of Congress developed what became known as the Missouri Compromise that provided for the admission of one slave state and one free state. With its passage Maine and Missouri were admitted to the Union. The act also provided that any territory north of the southern border of Missouri would be free and any territory south of that latitude would be slave-holding.

During the subsequent 30 years, the balance was maintained with three slave-holding states and three free states admitted. But with the admission of California as a free state in 1850, the balance shifted to the non-slave states. Southerners

demanding that the Missouri Compromise be negated and that the prohibition of new slave holding states north of the southern border of Missouri be annulled. Free states vigorously objected.

In early 1854, Stephan A. Douglas, the Senator from Illinois, negotiated passage of what became known as the Kansas Nebraska Act. That act opened the territories of Kansas and Nebraska to settlement and provided that each could vote as to whether they would be free or slave-holding.

Shortly after passage of the Act on May 30, 1854, settlers began pouring into the territories, establishing settlements at Wyandotte and Atchison, as well as around the fort at Leavenworth and the mission at Shawnee.

On August 1, 29 men who were scouting areas for the New England Emigrant Aid Company of Massachusetts arrived on Mt. Oread and began to survey and lay out the area for settlement. On September 9 of that year a large party of emigrants arrived between the Kaw River and Mt. Oread and established homesites. The group was led by Charles H. Robinson, and sponsored by Amos Adams Lawrence, for whom the settlement was named after several weeks.

Several years of hostilities between pro-slavery and anti-slavery forces began immedi-

ately over whether Kansas was to become a free or slave state.

Masons arrived in Lawrence simultaneous with the establishment of the town, but owing to the hostilities, remained largely unrecognized and unorganized.

On the day the Kansas-Nebraska Act was passed, James Christian, who was then the Worshipful Master of Prairie Lodge No. 90 of Harrisonville, Missouri was attending the Missouri Grand Lodge in St. Louis. Later that summer during an official visitation, Brother Christian approached the newly-elected Grand Master regarding the requirements for him to do Masonic work after his move to a new home in Kansas. He was told to gather the requisite number of Master Masons and be recommended by the nearest lodge and that the Grand Master would be pleased to grant a dispensation to conduct lodge meetings.

After moving to Lawrence in the spring of 1855, Brother Christian found it hard to find a man who would acknowledge himself as a Mason. Finally, by the summer of 1855, he had obtained sufficient names as required by Masonic Law. In order to assure that the men were indeed Masons, they met on the

banks of the Kaw, paired off and examined each other as to their Masonic credentials. On finding that all were Brothers, they decided to organize a new lodge. Their first altar was a wooden bench and the jewels were made of tin, likely cut from used tin cans.

Brother Christian then journeyed twice to Westport, Missouri, a stronghold of slave-holders, to seek a recommendation by the closest active lodge. During his first trip he was unable to find the Master of the Lodge to ask for a meeting to seek permission. He returned about a month later, determined to stay until he was able to speak to the Master and meet with the lodge. Again the members of Westport Lodge attempted to hide from Brother Christian, but were unsuccessful. On gaining a meeting, he was challenged several times as to his Masonic credentials and demanded to be examined before the lodge. The Master was however, not proficient in the work and permission was granted to seek a dispensation from the Grand Master. The original dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Missouri was granted on September 24, 1855 to James Christian and eight other residents of Lawrence – Columbus Hornsby, A.J. Gabbart, William Yates, E.D. Ladd, James Cowan, Lyman Allen, Charles Eskridge and William Lykins.

In May 1856, Brother Christian, who had been selected as the first Worshipful Master of the lodge went to Grand Lodge at Lexington Missouri to seek a charter, but was put off because the three already-chartered lodges in Smithton, Leavenworth and Wyandotte were in the processing of forming a Grand Lodge of Kansas. On July 14, 1856, the newly formed Grand Lodge of Kansas granted charters to Kickapoo Lodge No. 4, Washington Lodge No. 5 and Lawrence Lodge No. 6. Many have noted through the years that had the lodges been assigned numbers according to the date of their dispensation, Lawrence Lodge No. 6 would have been numbered No. 4. Brother Christian served as the first Worshipful Master of the lodge and was joined by all the brothers named on the writ of dispensation, as well as Dr. Sylvester Prentiss as charter members of Lawrence Lodge No. 6.

Over the next few years, the lodge continued to grow from the ten charter members, adding 18 more by affiliation before the first recorded degree work was done on February 4, 1858. By the start of the Civil War, the lodge had 70 members and continued to grow until August 21, 1863 when the



lodge, its charter, tools and records were burned during Quantrill's raid on the town. During the raid, history records the names of 125 men who were massacred. Of these 11 were recognized as Masons.

General GW Collamore, an Entered Apprentice, was the Mayor of Lawrence and died hiding in a well as his home was burned around him. Brother Joseph Lowe, not a member of Number 6, died trying to save him. A block south of Mayor Collamore's house was the residence of Brother J. F. Griswold, a doctor, with whom boarded Brothers Montgomery Thorp, a Past Master and a State Senator, and Brother Josiah Trask, Junior Warden and editor of the *State Journal*. All three were shot dead in the street in front of the house. Also victims of the raiders were Brother W. T. Williamson, Brother Charles Smith of Topeka Lodge 17, Brother L.L. Swan of Auburn Lodge 32, and Brothers Ralph Dix, Samuel Bowers and J. Pollock whose lodges were not recorded by our records.

The murdered Brothers were commemorated by resolutions passed in numerous lodges in the state and by the Grand Lodge at its next meeting. In true Masonic spirit, the records of the Grand Lodge indicate that over the next two months, \$599 (nearly \$12,000 in current monies) was donated by various lodges throughout the state toward the relief of Brothers, widows and orphans suffering injuries and property loss in the raid.

Sesquicentennial Coin Available For Purchase

Lawrence Lodge No. 6 had a special commemorative coin struck to celebrate its 150th birthday. The front features the square and compass and the date of July 14, 1856 when the organization was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Kansas. The reverse features the seal of the Territory of Kansas as the State of Kansas did not yet exist at that time. Size of the coin is about the same as a silver dollar. It is of an alloy containing neither gold nor silver, but is quite attractive.

At a cost of five dollars each plus shipping & handling, the souvenir can be purchased as a coin or as a medallion with a red\white\blue ribbon to suspend it from the neck. Contact or place your order with Secretary John Golden, telephone 785-843-5253, e-mail secretary6@highstream.net, 1601 West 23 Street #203, Lawrence, Kansas 66046.

DeMOLAY CHAPTER BEING CONSIDERED

Lawrence Lodge No. 6 is being challenged to start proceedings to re-charter a DeMolay Chapter in Lawrence. State Master Councilor Steve Crane and Mark Stevens visited us in June, explaining the safeguards that have been installed to prevent controversial situations that could injure the reputation of the Chapter and the Lodge. Also the benefit of having a young vibrant boys organization again in Lawrence. Several of our newest members are very interested in restarting the Chapter. There will not be too much of a financial burden placed on the Lodge. As a sponsor it is the responsibility of the Lodge to be an active and visible supporter. It is something to think about.

John Golden

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BY RINGING BELLS

Again this year we will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettles at the Lawrence Wal-Mart store on South Iowa Street. It is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, December 14th and 15th. This is a very worthwhile charitable effort where you have a chance to give of yourself, even a more satisfying experience than just donating money. While this is organized as a Scottish Rite activity under the leadership of Gerry Collie [785-856-0528], through the years it has come to involve all of the Lawrence Masonic organizations and the members families. More volunteers are needed [usually a two-hour shift] as we will be staffing two doors this year instead of only one. Please give Gerry Collie a call. Women, this is a great opportunity to get the husband out for shopping after you have rung the bells. The Salvation Army truly needs the funds to keep the shelter open for the needy.



SITTING UP WITH SICK BROTHERS

Bro.: Verner Newman, III, Secretary of Western Star Lodge No. 1, the Prince Hall Affiliate here in Lawrence, shared with me a copy of an interesting form from the archives. It provided for the notification of a directive to "set up" with a sick Brother. It was a printed form with blanks to hand-write-in the timely information. At the top was the Lodge name in a fanciful Old English font, centered around an ornate seal which included the letter G, an altar, the Bible, the all-seeing eye, the square and compasses, the two famous columns, and a tessellated pavement. The form presented the following:

LAWRENCE, KANSAS _____ 19 _____

BROTHER _____

You are hereby notified to set up with Brother _____
 _____ night _____, 19 _____, whose residence is _____
 _____ street.

Herein fail not.

By order of Worshipful Master and Chairman Sick Committee.

_____ W.M.
 _____ Ch. Sick Com.

Bro.: John Golden, Secretary of Lodge No. 6, notes that the early lodge minutes often referred to sitting up with a sick brother. Being at least five decades older than me, he was able to explain that this was a common practice before the general availability of hospitals. The physician made house calls to check on the patient and the family provided the nursing care at home. In an illness of three days or three months, the family itself became weary of around-the-clock care and welcomed such Masonic relief. And of course in the case of a communicable disease the other family members were often also ill.

Brother John thought that the transition from home to hospital care generally occurred in the 1920's through the '40s. First in the cities and lastly in the sparsely populated agricultural areas. That agrees with my experience: I was born in a hospital in 1934 but had several doctor's house calls in my youth.

JHD

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Saturday July 15, 2006, Lawrence Lodge No. 6 celebrated its Sesquicentennial Anniversary with a light luncheon and related activities. After lunch a brief history of the lodge was given by W.: Brother Jon Woodward and W.: Brother Henry Johns. Following that was a play performed by the LeCompton Reenactors illustrating a town hall political meeting where widely diverse viewpoints were voiced concerning whether Kansas should become a free state or a slave



state. Such speakers of the day in 1856 were Dr. Charles Robinson portrayed by Howard Duncan, Jim Lane by Tim Rues, Harriet Beecher Stowe by Charlene Winter, Sara Robinson by Diane Bernheimer, Reverend Thomas Johnson by George Bernheimer, and Dr. J. M. Pelot by John Golden. J. Howard Duncan is the playwright of "Bleeding Kansas".

Worshipful Master Dave Haehl presented to M.:W.: Grand Master Steve Molstad, a copy of the Lawrence Lodge No. 6



Masons' day proclamation issued by Kathleen Sebilus,

Honorable Governor of Kansas, The lodge has a copy of that proclamation that will be framed and mounted in the lodge hall.

R.:W.: Robert Case, District Deputy Grand Master, presented J. Howard Duncan and Henry Johns with their 25-year emblems and certificates.



Brother Bennie Easton was not present to receive his certificate and emblem which have been mailed to him.



M.:W.: Grand Master Steve Molstad presented Arthur L. Queen his 50-year honors. Two other Brothers to be recognized for their 50-years of service were not present to receive them. They are Raymond Fiest of Longmont, Colorado and Robert Kaiser of Enid, Oklahoma. Roger Quakenbush and William Burcham, due their 60-year honors. were not present. Those awards have been mailed to them along with a 65-year recognition certificate to Richard Treece.

M.:W.: Steve Molstad then gave a short talk about Masonry and closed the public meeting. John Golden

LESSON PLANS

A classic tool of the high school teacher has long been the lesson plan. This plan is written, although sometimes in abbreviated form, and it spells out what are the objectives of the teaching unit, be it a day or a semester. The teacher indicates the details that the student is expected to learn for the training to be effective. What would be lesson plans for each of our first three degrees of Masonry?

The first task to be accomplished in the first degree is to ascertain that the candidate knows what he is doing and indeed wants to be a Mason. He must be disabused of any notion that Masonry will provide him with unearned benefits or privileges. It must be of his own free will and accord with no expectations beyond some help and encouragement in his efforts to morally better himself. The Entered Apprentice degree teaches and reinforces moral principles. Freemasonry is a way of life based upon the Golden Rule with respect for Almighty God, country, others, and self.

The second or Fellow Craft degree inculcates the need for continuing education which helps a man to be a better citizen and a successful contributing member of society. He is taught to strive for usefulness to his family and community while bringing honor to our Brotherhood and himself. The second degree challenges a man to be all that he can be.

In the third or Master Mason degree our spiritual values are examined. The Brother is encouraged to reflect upon what it is that sets man apart from other creatures and ponder the mysteries of why we were created. He is assured that to a significant extent he has some control over his destiny. A strong sense of Brotherhood is presented.

This is one person's view of the succinct aims of the lesson plans of Masonry. How well the target is hit varies widely.

J. Howard Duncan

Officers of Lawrence Lodge No. 6

In the last newsletter, space was tight at the last moment preventing listing of the officers of Lodge No. 6. They are: Worshipful Master Dave Haehl, Senior Warden Clint Bradley, Junior Warden Bradley Anderson, Treasurer John Halladay, Secretary John Golden, Chaplain Ralph Gelvin Sr., Senior Deacon Rob Gillespie, Junior Deacon Willis McCorkill, Senior Steward Tyler Emery, and Tyler Greg DiVilbiss.

Masons in Community Service

Brother Robert Gillespie was honored as the Sertoman of the Year. Brother Rob has been accounting for the funds of the Sertoma Club for the yearly major fundraising project of a big-time BBQ event. This is a tremendous chore which he does extremely well. The Sertoman of the Year Award is very similar to the Outstanding Mason of the Year Award and is based on service. Brother Rob also contributes a considerable amount of time to the Audio Reader Program.

Another Mason doing outstanding service in the community is Jim Eggenberger who was recently elected President of the Evening Kiwanis Club. Brother Jim has served in that capacity several times previously and has been Kiwanis State Governor. He is very active as Treasurer of the Lawrence Chapter #79 Order of Rainbow for Girls. Wife Lucille and Jim are also adult councilors for that wonderful youth program.

Dave Haehl, Master of Lawrence Lodge No. 6, was appointed to the Rainbow for Girls Advisory Board this year. He attended their Grand Assembly in Wichita and functioned as security guard. Other Masonic family members actively working with the local Chapter of Rainbow for Girls are Jon Woodward, Henry Johns, John and Betty Dougan, and Jim and Lucille Eggenberger.

District Deputy Grand Master Visitations

By R.: W.: Robert Case

For anyone who is interested in visiting the other lodges in the District, I have included my schedule of Fall visits. John Golden, Jim Eggenberger and Gary Beasley accompanied me on many of my Spring visits and I look forward to having any who want to do so accompany me on my Fall visits. It is a good opportunity to visit some other lodges in the area and observe others conducting meetings. The scheduled visits are as follows:

October 5	Tonganoxie	7:30
October 9	Lawrence #6	7:30
October 12	Acacia #9	7:30
October 16	DeSoto	7:30
October 17	Baldwin	8:00
October 24	Eudora	7:30
October 26	Linwood	7:30
November 1	Wellsville	7:30

Fidelity Shrine #11

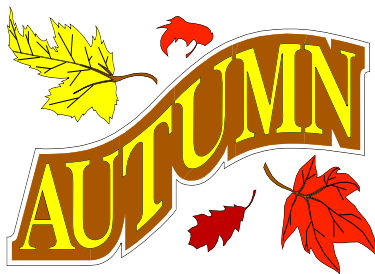
Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem

By Donna Gelvin, Worthy Scribe

Who takes a vacation?? Fidelity Shrine was busy in June when we entertained the Kansas State White Shrine Club. We were pleased to have Sojourners from Topeka, Ottawa and Wichita attend the dinner and meeting. The next meeting of the KSWSC will be held in Ottawa on October 15th at the Ottawa Shrine. It will be the last meeting for this fiscal year, and we will have installation of the new officers for 2006-2007.

In July, many Sojourners from Fidelity attended the KSWSC's picnic which was held in Perry, Kansas at the community building. The day was spent playing games of various types, eating snacks brought by the sojourners. At noon we enjoyed the fried chicken dinner furnished by the KSWSC officers. During the afternoon, we had skits presented by the various Shrines, and the fun day was closed with a Vesper Service. Always a time of great fellowship and delicious food.

In August, Fidelity Shrine had their annual picnic with our WHP Mary Smith and WOS Oscar serving as hostess-host for the evening. Mary had various games which we enjoyed after the excellent carry-in dinner. Now, everyone is ready to start the Fall Activities.



We had a practice on September 10th to prepare for our visit in October by the Supreme Worthy High Priestess Judy Inukai. She will be visiting District #6 at Topeka on October

14th, a visit shared by three Shrines: Ottawa, Topeka, and Lawrence, with each Shrine doing a part of the meeting. Our September meeting on Friday the 15th was the always enjoyable Western Night.

As mentioned above, we will all be in Topeka on October 14th for the Supreme visit which is a time for all Sojourners to become acquainted with the Supreme WHP. We will share dinner and have fellowship before the official meeting. Our regular meeting of Fidelity Shrine #11 will be Halloween Night on October 20th. Put on your costumes and join in the fun.

On November 17th we will be having Friendship Night at our stated meeting. We invite our cohorts from the other Shrines to join us at this time as our guests, so that every-

In December we will be practicing on the 10th for our Ceremonial which will be held on December 15th. This is the time when we take in new members with a pageant portraying the birth of Jesus Christ. We will have a stated meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the Ceremonial being held at 7:30 p.m. Put that date on your calendar and plan to come join us for the beautiful evening.

We hope everyone will enjoy Thanksgiving with their family and friends. We wish all a very Merry Christmas. May each of us look forward to the New Year of 2007. We will see you then.

BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

Fidelity White Shrine is having a Sausage Gravy & Biscuit Breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday September 23rd at the Lawrence Masonic Center. There will also be scrambled eggs and orange juice. The tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children ten and under. The public is invited.

Dixie Jones

DUES NEWS FROM NUMBER SIX

As Secretary of Lawrence Lodge No. 6, I will be sending out dues notices in early October. As usual the Membership Cards for 2007 will be sent along with the dues notices to avoid additional postage. Please return the payment promptly.

The Brothers at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication voted to increase the per capita assessment by \$7 to make \$24 per year. By vote of the members present at the No. 6 stated meeting on August 10th, \$2 of that increase was absorbed by No. 6 and \$5

assigned on to the members. Thus, the annual dues for 2007 increase by \$5 to make the new total \$75 a year. For some of you Brothers, this might cause a hardship. If so, please let us know and we will try to adjust the fee to accommodate your needs.

John Golden



NEW MASONS

Lawrence Masonry has been blessed with so many new members this year. New Master Masons in Lawrence No. 6 are Thomas Reams, Shane Merrifield and Dave McKinney.

Brother Reams is a native of Florida, however he has been living in the Lawrence area about 5 years. He is a professional engineer and is employed by Procter-Gamble and Folger's Coffee in Kansas City. He and Edna have four children. Some of their children are avid chess players. The boys have participated in several state tournaments, performing very well and receiving state ranking. Tom was made a Master Mason early this year. Tom restores automobiles as a hobby.

Brother Shane Merrifield is a professional artist painter. One of his hobbies is the study of Masonry about which he is very knowledgeable. He is a single person and was made a Master Mason early this year.

Brother Dave McKinney was made a Master Mason in July with his father and brother attending from out of state and assisting with the conferral. His brother presented him with the candidate's Bible accompanied by a beautiful lecture. His father presented the candidate's apron with the appropriate lecture. Brother Dave is self-employed. We are pleased that Brother Carter recommended him to receive the Mysteries of Ancient Craft Masonry..

We have several newly initiated Brothers working their way through the Quarries of Masonry. Since the last newsletter Richard Gantz and Dave Dunbar have been initiated. Brother Dunbar is in the U.S. Army and is a recruitment specialist. He has a hobby of restoring automobiles. He is not married and lives with his family near Baldwin. Brother Richard Gantz is married and they have one child. He has retired from the U.S. Army and is employed in army recruiting as a contractor.

John Golden

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