



ALBERT PIKE LODGE

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Making Men Master Masons Since 1895!

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST!



I am pleased to announce that the first meeting of the year had no available seating; full house! The Ugly Sweater themed meeting was not only well attended by Pike Masons, but other Lodge Brothers as well. It was a fun time by all. Brother **Shawn Herl** donned the ugliest sweater in Janaury and won a \$25 gift certificate to Lowe's. At our last Stated Meeting of the on the in February, W.: **Brian Chestnut**, of BGB Lodge, won the Masonic Trivia game earning himself a gift certificate to Cabela's. W.: **Tony Hale** walked away with \$100 cash as a door prize at the last meeting in March.

There continues to be great things happening at Albert Pike. We did our first 3rd Degree Event on Saturday, March 28th and again on Saturday, April 25th. The events were put together because the Officers of your Lodge felt we needed to treat the 3rd Degrees with much more reverence. In March, we raised **Robert Bair, Jared Krueger, Charles Sowers and Tyler Vernon**. In April, we raised **Chris Ray, Monty Loomis, Arun Ball, and Frank Ayala**. As much as the Brothers love obtaining their Master Mason status, the Brethren of the Lodge were equally as hyped. Six of those Brothers joined Midian Shrine in the Spring Class on May 2nd.

We have a committee dedicated to improving the effort to keep you involved. Bro. **Richard Mellard**, provided the officers with some ideas of what we could do to "keep the hype" up and focus more on the fellowship we love so much about this fraternity. Based on the feedback from Richard, we took action; immediately putting together some activities. From that meeting we came up with: Date Nights, A Lodge Ladies Group, a Lake Camping Trip, a Lodge Flag and even a Festive Board. With all of the things going, we are not done. On page four, please notice that we are actively seeking suggestions. We want this fraternity to be what YOU envision. WE WANT TO IMPROVE!

Highlight of my 1st Quarter.....seeing W.: **Ross Smith** receive his 65 Year Emblem! The lowlight, dealing with the passing of RW Roger G. Snellen, OUR friend and mentor, and W.: Buck Fischer, who was a friend and "photographer" to us all. We will miss you both!

W.: Brian Byrd

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WORDS FROM THE WEST



I can't begin to express how good and how pleasant it is to see so many young members coming into the lodge and getting active within it. With the influx of younger members now seemed like an excellent time to make sure they know that masonry is not just for them, but that there are multiple organizations available for their Ladies as well as their Children.

DeMolay: DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important

bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

www.Demolay.org

Job's Daughters: Job's Daughters International is an organization of young women from 10 to 20 years of age, with members in the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines and Brazil. Members have fun together at activities such as swimming parties, dances, family picnics, slumber parties, miniature golf, marching in parades and so much more. They actively support the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund, which purchases hearing assistive devices for hearing impaired children.

www.JobsDaughtersInternational.org

Rainbow Girls: The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a nonprofit organization that strives to give girls the tools, training, and encouragement to let their individual spirits shine bright. By providing members with a safe, fun, caring environment where responsible, older girls can interact and mentor younger girls through family involvement. While the Rainbow practices and programs continue to evolve, the basic teachings of faith, hope, and charity remain a cornerstone of this dynamic girl's youth group.

www.KsRainbow.org

Daughters of the Nile: Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for women 18 years or older, who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile, or is a majority member in Good Standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls; or who was a patient, with or without Shrine or Masonic relationship, at a Shriners Hospital for Children®. Daughters of the Nile members total 25,000 in 137 cities throughout the United States and Canada. Through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and Canadian Foundation, Daughters of the Nile contribute over \$2 million dollars annually to Shriners Hospitals for Children® to be used for the medical care and rehabilitation of children.

www.DaughtersoftheNile.com

Ladies of the Oriental Shrine: The LOSNA is not an auxiliary of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. They are a separate and distinct Order. Today, the LOSNA has over 16,000 members in 76 Courts across North America. The Ladies participate in parades, mini-clinics and Shrine Circuses, just to name a few and the Courts continue to support the hospital fund, hospital sewing, research projects and other areas of interest. The LOSNA contributes well over a half million dollars yearly to the Shrine Hospitals.

www.LadiesOrientalShrine.org

Order Of The Eastern Star: The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both women and men may belong; over 500,000 members under the General Grand Chapter. Eastern Star is a social order comprised of persons with spiritual values, but it is not a religion. Eastern Star strives to take good people and through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, and through precept and example build an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness.

www.EasternStar.org

Fraternally.....Mike Ward, SW

WORDS FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South! Well, we're almost half-way done with the year, and what a start we've had. We have a lot of great things planned with the families to motivate retention and promote a good morale. The level of candidates we have coming in, is outstanding. They have a huge willingness to learn and they are doing real well with the study club and memorization work. Hopefully, the upcoming events we have planned will boost the participation level into a "hyper drive". We have made great strides to get the brothers to be more active with the Lodge. Worshipful Brian, along with the help of a lot of the craft, has come up with some interesting activities in the near future. We had a date night at Kobe's last month, and have scheduled a camping trip to Winfield Lake. In addition to that, tailgating at the Wingnuts game and a whole slew of other plans are on the agenda.



I look forward to all the after-hours and family involvement in the future. We have a lot of young blood coming up who seem to have a great sense of family involved adventures so we can help the wives and significant others feel like they are just as part of the lodge as we are. I encourage all of you to come up with an idea for the Lodge to partake in, to continue this epic growth that we are currently experiencing. Thanks for your hard work and let's keep this moving forward together.

Regards.....Kevin Conn, JW

YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP!

SUMMER PICNICS & GET TOGETHERS

It is that time of year again! Beside the fact that our Social Committee is working hard to put together various events, we have some staple items for Albert Pike Lodge that are still going strong.

Please bring your family and friends to our Annual **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** at **Sedgwick County Park (Horseshoe Shelter)**, on **Wednesday, June 24th at 6:00 PM**. We will provide pizzas, water and soft drinks to those in attendance. We will also have members of our Lodge that will bring in homemade ice cream for dessert. If you have a special recipe, or can just bring some ice cream, please let us know. There is always room for ice cream!



On, **Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:00 PM** at **Sedgwick County Park (Horseshoe Shelter)**, we will have our **Watermelon Feed and Cookout**. Again, bring your family and friends to enjoy Hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Besides that, we will have sides, drinks and even watermelon for those in attendance. These events are great for prospecting too!

WISDOM FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Freemasonry is a fraternity with secrets. Perhaps one of the most important secrets we have as brethren is the brotherly love and friendship we have for one another as masons.

In our lodge meetings, we often hear repeated the words of encouragement – “May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us” – which words emphasize that friendship and concern for our fellow masons is an important attribute of our fraternity. The friends we make through our Masonic associations are beneficial and often long-lasting.

The concept of friendship and caring is well-expressed by Edgar A. Guest in the following poem entitled The Making of Friends –

*If nobody smiled and nobody cheered
And nobody helped us along,
If each every moment took care of himself
And good things went to the strong,
If nobody cared just a little for you
And nobody thought about me,
And we stood alone in the battle of life,
What a dreary old world it would be.
Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made,
And the things which in common we share.
We want to live on , not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care.
It's giving and doing for somebody else –
On that all life's splendor depends,
And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up,
Is found in the making of friends!*

Thus, we as masons should always attempt to follow the above thoughts and sentiments so as to be better citizens of the society in which we live and for the service and glorification of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Fraternally.....Gillard Cohen

SUGGESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

ATTENTION: Most of you that read this newsletter have been members for many years, some are relatively new to the fraternity. Regardless of your tenure in Masonry, we need your assistance. We want this fraternity to be able to sustain, therefore, we must be adapting with the times. If there is something you would like to see different at a meeting, an event, with our charitable interests, etc, please let us know. You can do some by submitting an email to our Lodge Secretary or dropping us a letter. It is important that we get your feedback, and take it into account, if we wish to continue this great Masonic tradition.



JOURNEY TO THE “LEVEL”

Eye can't believe it is time two right another article. 2015 has felt like a great adventure thus far and the momentum, enthusiasm, even excitement continues to grow as we approach the half-way point on the calendar year. Our Stated meetings have been anything but boring so far...attendance is up, participation is up, fresh ideas have rejuvenated our brothers to expect more and to give more. We have painted the “winding stair” hallway, held special third degree “events” which were and are very successful. We continue to receive petitions and conferring degrees. Also, you're secretaries dream of getting a third degree full form team is still alive! With the addition of more new Master Masons, I am even more hopeful of getting a team together!



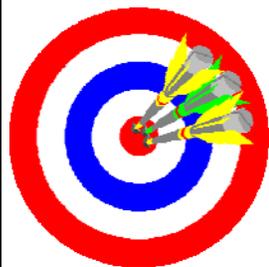
Perhaps you have noticed the miss-spelling of several words in this article. I am sure however all have been able to read and understand the article. Brethren, I do not know of anyone who is totally perfect in the ritual of our degrees. Perfection...a goal of course! And a great goal at that! Study club is here for you! But do not wait for perfection to offer your help in conferring the several degrees...you will become an old man having never done anything if you are waiting on perfection! Every brother at Albert Pike is on your side! We will help you to help us as we are all in this together! No more points, if someone read this to you, you would NOT have noticed the mistakes...believe me, our candidates will NOT know a mistake has been made unless someone tells him!!! Let's all get active, and yes, continue to strive for perfection but do not let the fear of a mistake or two (or three) prevent you from taking part! PS. This article does NOT mean that I will stop correcting you EVERY TIME!!!! I'm still the coach and I still love the ritual!

James A. Craig, PM

LODGE FUNDRAISER—BIG POTENTIAL!!

As many of you reading this know, Midian Shrine has been doing a Sportmen's Event for a couple of years. This event raises a lot of money for Midian and their units and clubs. Due to the success of this event, Midian has opened the doors to the Lodges to make money; easy money!

On Saturday, August 1st, at the Cessna Activity Center, the 3rd Annual Sportmen's Event will take place. For just \$20 per ticket, the participant has a chance to win over 100 items. This ticket also gets them in the door and covers food and refreshments. Here is how it benefits Albert Pike Lodge; for each ticket you/me sell, \$5 of that comes back to Albert Pike Lodge. With our membership, and our friends that like guns and hunting items, what a great way to earn money for the Lodge. If you do not want to sell a ticket, you can come by the Lodge office and purchase one for yourself; send them down to get a ticket at the Lodge office; or have them contact one of the officers, or even your Worshipful Master, Brian Byrd. This is a great opportunity for us to make money without having to spend a dime.



For more details, check out: www.MidianSportsmensEvent.com

ALBERT PIKE IN ACTION



“I promise you this, you will see a higher quality of work and more fun at Albert Pike Lodge moving forward!” -

W.: Brian Byrd

W.: Byrd and Craig Ebert



Some of the participants at the “Spring Break” Stated Meeting in March



Bro. Bruce Lemaire



Bro. Jim Price



Bro. Ed Day



Bro. Donovan Blanks



Marian Beck, Charlie Beck (new Eagle Scout) & Bro. Joe Beck



W.: Warren “Doc” Rensner



Several officers at Grand Lodge

THE PHOTOS ABOVE WERE CAPTURED FROM MEMBERS’ SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

PIKE MASONS WITH MASONIC LONGEVITY

70 YEARS

Cortlan Ordell Emery

Quentin James Askey

Charles Waldron

65 YEARS

Benny Foster Hurlock

Ross Bartley Smith

Carrol Winton Glenn

Ray Howard Hosley

Robert Gleen McKay

William Oliver Lull

Theodore Harris

Dallas Cantwell

William Ellis McNelly

60 YEARS

Enos Fry

Johnny Claire Honer

Eugene Odell Abel

Roger Bell

Neil Sikes

Eugene L. West

Leon Paul Mittman

James Skidmore

Alexander Chuk

Lewis Dean Hamilton

Shirley Leroy McLeod

Everett Stephenson Jr.

James McNerney Sr.

George Gary Short

50 YEARS

Gillard Cohen

William Johnson, Jr.

Raymond Scadden

Daniel Fair Housholder

Archie Moon, Jr.

Robert Guy Boling

Lynn Herman Buerki

Russell Owen Langley

25 YEARS

Ellis Jordan

Jack Eugene Fordham

John Walter Schultz

Frank Solomon, Jr.

Gale Gene Scherz

Alan Aagaard

Raymond Ed Barber

Michael Schilling

John Robert Harford

Denis Hugo Dieker

Craig Steven Ebert

Todd Fitzwater

MASONIC "SNOW" FLAG FOOTBALL

On Sunday, February 22nd, Masons from area Wichita Lodges braved the 24 degree weather to participate in a Masonic Flag Football game. Bestor G. Brown, Sunflower Lodge and Albert Pike we represented. The plan was to split the teams evenly, but it was quickly decided that it should be the "young guys" versus the "old guys". The "old guys", led by W: **Brian Byrd** (oldest), received the ball first and proceeded to methodically move their way down the field for the first score of the game. The "young guys", led by **Ian Murr-dick**, were full of bravado, stamina, and even new cleats.

About halfway through the game, the old guys led five touchdowns to one, when they were asked to trade one player over to their team. Bro. **Blanks**, who was the "old guys" quarterback went over to the team as all-time quarterback. The switch, netted more touchdown throws for Blanks, not to the "young guys", but to the "old guys" who ended up winning 10 touchdowns to two. The defensive MVP went to **Adam Brooks** and the best catch of the day went to **Douglas McNeal** with a heck of a finger tip grab!



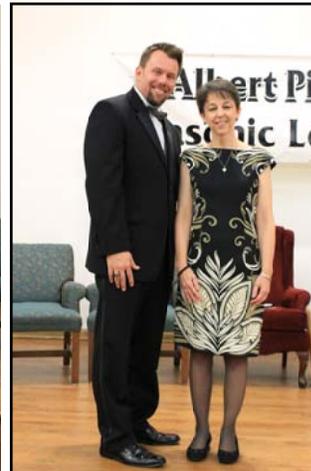
TEACHER OF THE YEAR EVENT



On Friday, April 24th, the public was allowed to see Kimme Whittefield receive the coveted Albert Pike Teacher of the Year Award. After hours of deliberation, the committee chose Kimme (pronounced Kim) to receive this honor. But before we conducted the event at the Kansas Masonic Home Auditorium, we had to surprise the award winner on her turf. W.: **Brian Byrd, Mike Ward, Joe Beck** and **Chris Collins** all headed to Jardine STEM Academy to spring the news. These Brothers, with the help of Principal Atherly, attended the

all school assembly under the premise they were a musical band; the Alberta Piker 4! W.: Brian pumped the students up asking them if they would prefer hearing a sound from Pharrell or Iggy (I know what you are thinking.....who?). Hearing votes for both artists, the Alberta Piker 4 decided to do a medley of both. About 10 seconds into the performance, the crowd quickly became suspicious of the abilities of the "artists" before them. This is when the surprise was sprung on Kimme. The photo (upper left and right) is from that day.

The event was well attended, with appearance from Councilwoman Lavonta Williams, Senator Michael O'Donnell, and many more. This was the first year that we had a live orchestra perform and a student as a VIP speaker. Despite the chance for bad weather, this was a very well attended event. We want to thank all that helped make this event a success, especially the guidance from W.: **Sheldon Lawrence** and his Lady **Cindy. Sue Alamo**, Lady or our Tyler **Rick**, did a great job with photos and helping set up before the event.



Joe Beck, in his first year as the Asst. to the Teacher of the Year committee did a killer job, along with Mike Ward, who continues to prove that he will be great at the helm of Albert Pike next year. Keep doing what you do Brothers and we will continue to thrive in our Lodge and in the community!



ATTENTION MASTER MASONS:

Keep looking, Masonic prospects are everywhere! You do not have to be a detective to search out new Masons. Don't forget to look in your family treethat is where the best prospects are hiding!

POLO ON THE PLAINS



Please join several of your Lodge members on **Sunday afternoon, June 7, 2015** (Sunday FUNday!) at the Fairfield Polo Club in Haysville for **Polo On The Plains 2015**. Don your derby hat and join your friends at the polo match, catered party and silent auction. Individual tickets will be available for purchase starting April 16th .

Kidzscope (kidzscope.org) is a local, nonprofit bereavement support center that teaches lifelong coping skills to grieving children and their families after the death of a loved one. Since 2000, the organization has served nearly 3,000 people, but would like to do more. Kidzscope operates successfully on a modest budget, but is often overshadowed by more “popular” and/or *commercialized* causes.

Individual tickets for this event are \$100 each; yes that is a lot of money, but where can you go to a top notch event, dress up, mingle with great people, and support **a worthy cause that helps kids**. **Albert Pike is a sponsor for this event**. This is another way that we, as Wichita Masons, can show support in our community AND get our name out too!



AREA MASONIC ACTIVITIES

May 1—Pre-Glow @ Midian	6:00 PM
May 2—Ladies Luncheon @ Scottish Rite	11:00 AM
May 2—Spring Shrine Ceremonial Day (All day event)	
May 12—Masonic Info Night (Midian)	6:30 PM
June 8—Masonic Info Night (Midian)	6:30 PM
May 26—Midian Float Trip (Noel, Missouri)	
May 27—Midian Float Trip (Noel, Missouri)	
July 18—Theme Party @ Midian	7:30 PM
July 25—Shrine Bowl	
August 1—Sportsmen’s Event @ Cessna Activity Center	

ALBERT PIKE ACTIVITIES

May 13—Dinner & Stated Meeting	6:00 PM
May 16—Date Night—Roxy’s Cabaret	8:00 PM
May 27—Dinner & Stated Meeting	6:00 PM
June 10—Dinner & Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
June 24—Ice Cream Social—Sedgwick Cty Park— Horseshoe Shelter	6:00 PM
July 8—Dinner & Stated Meeting—	7:00 PM
July 22—Watermelon Feed & Cookout Sedgwick County Park	7:00 PM
August 23—Family Day/Wingnuts Game & Tailgate	

DO YOU HAVE A PROFICIENCY CARD YET?



AREA MASONIC LODGE PAINTBALL GAME



OCTOBER 17, 2015

PAINTBALL EVENT

W/ WICHITA AREA

FREEMASONS

Looking to have a lot of fun in Masonry! Please wear clothing that you can move easily in but still keep cool. Gloves are encouraged. All other items needed you will get for just \$15.00!!! This is OPEN to anyone that is a friend or family member of a Mason as well. This is a great prospecting tool!

TO GET ON THE LIST AND PUT DOWN YOUR DEPOSIT, SO WE CAN HOLD THE FIELD, Contact Bro. Adam Martinez (316-554-6753 or emonk_1@hotmail.com) or W. Brian Byrd (316-644-4956) to make reservations.

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FAMILY DAY WITH THE WICHITA WINGNUTS

We are very excited to announce a family outing this year for our Lodge members and their families. Bro. **Doug Chartier** has worked hard to get this set up. On Sunday, August 23rd, we are planning a Family Tailgating Event and Wichita Wingnuts Game. Our plan is to meet 2 hours before the game, in the parking lot of Lawrence Dumont Stadium, and tailgate together. The food and GAMES will be provided by the Lodge; W:. Dennis Roberts will have his “mobile grill” for this event.



The goal of this is simple; getting our family together to have fun. Several people in the Lodge are not baseball fans, but it is not just about the baseball game, it is about the camaraderie; the fraternal activities. As you can see, this is a pretty inexpensive thing at \$10 each.

To get your group rate ticket, which will allow you to sit with the group, please contact Doug Chartier (info below). You will need to coordinate with him, get your name(s) on the list and get the money to him so we can get the tickets bought. **Ideally, we would like to purchase the first wave on tickets the first part of June and then the next wave at the end of July.** On the day of the game, Doug will have your tickets at the tailgate party. All you need to bring is sunscreen, a chair (tailgating) and a smile.

We will have some fun games for all ages to participate in. If we want to take control of our fraternity, let's make this a group effort. Let's Go Nuts!!

GROUP PRICES

IF YOU ARE JUST WANTING TO COME OUT AND ENJOY THE GAME OUR GROUP PRICES ARE SOME OF THE MOST AFFORDABLE ENTERTAINMENT AROUND!!!

# OF PEOPLE	20+
LOWER BOX	\$10
UPPER BOX	\$8

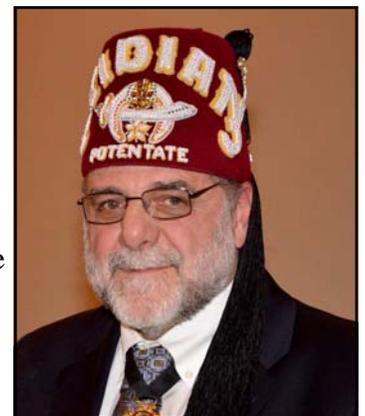
Doug Chartier: (316) 655-5697 - cell

dgchartier@yahoo.com - email

WELLS ELECTED MIDIAN'S POTENTATE

Albert Pike Lodge is excited to be represented well at Midian Shrine. Brother **Wayne Wells** was elected to the position of Potentate on January 21, 2015. Wayne, and his lady Terri, are great supporters of the fraternity as a whole. Wayne has been active in the Oriental Band and Midian Chefs; **Terri** is very active in the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine (LOS).

Along with Brother Wayne, your other elected Officers at Midian Shrine, who are Albert Pike Brothers, include **Bart Ogden** (Chief Rabban—1st VP), **Rocky McWilliams** (Asst. Rabban—2nd VP) and **Ron VanEtten** (Recorder).



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- W.: James A Craig, PM.....Secretary
- Gillard Cohen.....Chaplain
- John Gracy.....Senior Deacon
- Doug Chartier.....Junior Deacon
- Dr. Joe Beck.....Senior Steward
- Chris Collins.....Junior Steward
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