



Camden Point Masonic Lodge #169, Camden Point Missouri 64018

October 10, 2011

Brethren:

As the new Master of Camden Point Lodge #169, I would like to welcome you to a new Masonic year and introduce you to the officers for 2011 – 2012.

My name is Ron Hewitt and I have been a freemason since 1981 and a member of our lodge since 2008. I am a member of the Scottish Rite and live in Kansas City with my wife Chris. We have two grown children and two grandchildren. Our Senior Warden is Chris Dunn. Chris lives in Camden Point with his wife Christine and their three children. He joined the lodge in 2009. David Woehrman, another brother born and raised in the Camden Point area, is our new Junior Warden. David puts on a great dinner prior to our meeting each month.

Most of you already know our Secretary, Carl Riddle, Past Master of the lodge, and our Treasurer, David Tinsley, also a Past Master of Camden Point Lodge. Brother Ron O'Neal, who also lives in Kansas City with his wife Joan, serves as our Senior Deacon and our immediate Past Master Kevin Hampton is our Junior Deacon. Brother Arvin Kelley continues as Tiler of the lodge and Brother Steve Heflin is our Marshal. Last but not least, Brother Dan Woehrman, Past Master, continues to serve as our Chaplain.

As you can see, there is a great deal of experience in our line this year and we all vow to continue the traditions that make Camden Point Lodge #169 a great place to be.

This month the lodge met on the 4th and opened on all three degrees. Two petitions were read for the second month and the committees reported favorably on both candidates. After balloting, the members voted to accept these young men for the degrees. I have set Wednesday November 2nd for their 1st degrees. The lodge will open at 6:30 pm. A third potential new member, Rafael Rodriguez, desires to join Camden Point Lodge. Brother Rafael is a member of Chula Vista Lodge in Chula Vista, California and a member of the Kansas City Valley of the Scottish Rite. He works for the Kansas City department of Transportation as an IT specialist. We are excited and welcome Rafael to our lodge.

At the meeting committees were presented for the new Masonic year and I have included that report in this letter. The building committee will report in November on the construction plans for the new dining room and an estimate on costs to complete the project.

The Treasurer reported a need to continue our fund raising to support our remodeling project as well as much needed maintenance on the lodge building. The money the lodge has raised comes, in part, from the work a dedicated group of brothers do each month at the Golden Corral as Celebrity Servers. On the first Monday of each month we continue to clear tables, serve drinks and greet and interact with diners from 5-9 pm. We work for tips and all the money goes to the lodge.

The members set October 29th as the date to distribute smoke detectors and fresh batteries door to door in the community. If you can help with handing out these free detectors, be at the lodge by 9:00 am on Saturday.

A presentation on the Grand Lodge session was made and here are a few items of importance:

- A vote on exempting members in active military service or other deployment from all dues payments was passed;
- A vote on allowing lodges to open for business on Sunday's after 2:00 pm also passed. This frees the lodge from needing to request special dispensation for Sunday activities in and about the lodge;
- An amendment regarding the use of alcohol by renters in the lodge building failed;
- A resolution for \$1.50 per year per member for the three youth programs in the state also failed.

More than 1,100 members were present at Grand Lodge this year and our Lodge was well represented. The Lodge received a certificate from the Grand Lodge for hosting a MOChip event with Adelphi Lodge in Edgerton and our Brother Kevin Hampton won a bronze award for the lodge for his efforts during his year as Master.

That's the news for now. I will attempt to publish a Trestle Board each month to update you on what is happening in the lodge but the best way to stay up-to-date is to join us on the first Tuesday of the month, every month. We meet for dinner at 6:30 pm and then rap the gavel at 7:30. If you need a ride, we are here for you and would be happy to assist with transportation. My cell phone number is 816-820-0068. Just call and we'll get you there. If you need help with password and signs don't let that keep you from coming to a meeting. There is always someone who can assist with that as well.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Ron Hewitt,
Master, Camden Point Lodge #169

**Camden Point Lodge #169
Committees for 2010 – 2011**

Budget	
*Ron Hewitt	Prepare and present budget at regular meeting in November.
David Tinsley	
Dan Woehrman	

By-Laws	
*Ron Hewitt	Print and distribute By-Laws by regular meeting in January.
Dan Woehrman	

Audit	
*Carl Riddle	Audit Treasure and report by regular meeting in November.
Chris Dunn	

Widows and Orphans	
*Ron O'Neal	Establish communications with Camden Point widows and orphans to identify their needs and arrange for the lodge to meet them.
David Applebury	

Masonic Education & Mentoring	
*Kevin Hampton	Present material at all stated meetings or during family dinners. Mentor new members on lodge protocol. LE&MO attend GM area meeting.
David Woehrman	

Masonic Home Representative	
*Ron O'Neal	Attend GM Area Meeting. Maintain contact with Masonic Home and report monthly as needed.

Masonic Charity and Fund Raising	
* Dan Woehrman	As needed. See Purpose and Goal of Committee. Manage Golden Corral program.
Ron O'Neal	
Chris Dunn	

Social Activities	
*Chris Dunn	Organize and lead 3 family events during Masonic Year.
David Applebury	
David Woehrman	
Steve Heflin	

Memorials	
*David Tinsley	As needed. See Purpose and Goal of Committee.
Carl Riddle	

Building and Grounds	
*Kevin Hampton	Develop and implement plan for the remodeling of dining room. Review needs for maintenance of building and make recommendations at January Meeting.
Chris Dunn	
Ron O'Neal	
David Woehrman	