

Lodge presents membership pins

St. Francis Lodge 404 A.F. & A.M. held an open meeting for the purpose of presenting two 50-year and two 60-year membership pins the evening of Jan. 10, at the St. Francis Lodge Hall.

Brother Fred Magley, Worshipful Master of St. Francis Lodge, called the meeting to order and introduced Most Worshipful Grand Master Steve Molstad of Colby, who introduced his Grand Lodge officers which included Jerry Lohofener, Grand Junior Deacon, Rodney Bracelin, Grand Pursuivant, Arthur Nelson, Grand Flag Bearer and Tom Stevens, District Deputy Grand Master of the 42nd District of Kansas. Also introduced were Marvin Seaman, Worshipful Master of Goodland Lodge 321 and Gerald Sievers, Worshipful Master of the Wray Masonic Lodge.

Following introductions Grand Master Molstad invited Brother Dean Smith and his wife Joan and family to the altar where he presented Dean with his 50-year membership pin and certificate. Joan pinned the emblem on her husband.

The Grand Master then invited Twila Kramer and two of her daughters to the altar where he

presented Twila with the late Don Kramer's 50-year membership pin on behalf of the St. Francis Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Kansas. He also presented her with a Widow's pin and salute poem. The poem was read by Worshipful Master Fred Magley.

Grand Master Molstad then invited Hurb Graves to the altar where he presented Hurb with his 60-year membership emblem. Hurb has been active since 1953 including several years as Grand Lecturer and is currently the Grand Representative to Cartagena from Kansas.

The Grand Master then invited Van Burrus and his wife, Nola and family to the altar where he presented Van with his 60-year membership pin and certificate. Nola pinned the emblem on her husband.

Grand Master Molstad asked each recipient for comments about their masonic memories and then closed with his comments about the state of the Grand Lodge and freemasonry in Kansas.

Following the pin presentations everyone was treated to a reception of cake and ice cream served by St. Francis Lodge.



OUTGOING PRESIDENT Margaret Bucholtz hands over the reins to Stan Carman, 2007 president.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Officers installed during meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Cheyenne County Historical Society was held Jan. 9, at the museum.

The meeting was called to order by outgoing president, Margaret Bucholtz. Mrs. Bucholtz thanked the group for their support during her three years as president and said she had enjoyed serving in the office.

The newly-elected officers were installed. They are: Stan Carman, president; Mrs. Bucholtz, vice president; Dee Dorsch, recording secretary; Clarence Iliff, treasurer. Trustees serving for 2007 are Rachel Huffman, Donna Northrup and Lucille Rossbach.

President Carman took over the meeting. Roll call was answered by a favorite winter memory.

The president presented flower bouquets to Mrs. Bucholtz and Betty Lampe for their years of service on the Historical Society Board.

A committee has been formed to establish budget goals and guidelines. This will help the society apply for grants and other assistance.

Carol Redding, Cheyenne County Development Corporation director, is advising the committee. Committee members are Stan and Janet Carman, David and Lucille Rossbach, Glenn and Louanne Isernhagen, Clarence Iliff and Margaret Bucholtz.

Programs

Varied programs are planned for the coming year. February's presentation will be "Century Farms and Barns." Contact the museum if you have information about a farm or barn that has been in your family 100 years or more.

Other upcoming events are a northeastern county cemetery tour and a visit to the Wray Museum.

Members of the board have begun networking with other museums in the area to get ideas about how the Cheyenne County Museum can grow in its service to the community.

People are urged to stop by the museum. There are a few "Kansas Canyon" DVDs left. In addition, reprinted 1935 Flood books are available, as well as several other books.

Obituaries

Harriett Ellen Follett Voeller

April 16, 1923 - Jan. 7, 2007

Harriett Ellen Follett Voeller was born on April 16, 1923, on the family farm west of Wheeler, Kan. She was delivered at home by their neighbor, Mrs. Brenninger. She was the second child of Homer Albert Louis Follett and Clara Ellen Bruckman Follett. Ellen died on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at the age of 83 years.

As an infant, Ellen was brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism on Nov. 4, 1923, and later confirmed her faith on June 5, 1939, into the Zion Lutheran Church. Her confirmation was E.M. Mueller, her Sunday school, Pauline Wagner and her baptismal sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. George Wieck.

She attended Wheeler School through the eighth grade and graduated high school in St. Francis. On May 8, 1942, she married Kenneth DeRoy Voeller of St. Francis. To their union three children were born, Nancy Lorene, Donnie Ray and Gene Edward.

Ellen enjoyed working with Kenneth on their farm. She especially enjoyed gardening and flowers, caring for her chickens, cats and dogs. Ellen even helped raise and nurture an injured turtle dove, which became a pet to them for many years. Ellen and Kenneth always had a large garden and shared the produce with family and friends. She took pleasure in making toothbrush handle rugs for her children and grandchildren. Making these special keepsakes was quite an art. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed having family dinners around a cherished heirloom oak table.

Ellen's Christian faith was a central part of her life. She was raised a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. Upon marrying Kenneth she transferred that membership to the First Christian Church, where she also chose to be baptized by Pastor Wilmer R. Leeds, on March 9, 1952. In her younger years she taught Sunday school and helped with Vacation Bible School. She stayed active in the Christian Women's Fellowship.

As her health failed and she could not remain at home, she moved to

the Good Samaritan Village in October 2003.

Preceding Ellen in death were her parents, Homer and Clara Bruckman Follett; her brother, Cecil Irvin Follett; daughter, Nancy Lorene Voeller Rogers Blair and her husband, Marvin Blair; son, Donnie Ray Voeller; grandchildren, Audria Ann Voeller, Marsha Lin Voeller Lozano and Gary Eugene Rogers; parents-in-law, Hubert and Hazel Mae Amack Voeller; brothers-in-law, Miles Hamper, Charles Blair, Phillip Voeller and niece and her spouse, Tom and Geraldine Witham.

Surviving Ellen is her husband, Kenneth; sister, Dorothy Follett Hamper; son and his spouse, Gene and Patty Richers Voeller; daughter-in-law, Patti Jo Hanes Voeller; grandchildren, Sara Rogers and spouse, Jim Carroll, Kenny Rogers and spouse, Anita Sommerfeld, Dan Blair and spouse, Kris Nichols, Barbara Voeller Maseberg and spouse, Jack, Shana Voeller Woods and spouse, Nate, Julie Voeller, Kim Voeller; great-grandchildren, Michelle and Devin Rogers, Jaycee and Jonathan Lozano, Andrea and Aaron Blair and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis, with Pastor John Bartlett presiding.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Sara Rogers, Kenny Rogers, Dan Blair, Barb Maseberg, Shana Wood, Julie Voeller, Kim Voeller and Andrea Blair.

Honorary pallbearers were her great-grandchildren, Michelle and Devin Rogers, Jaycee and Jonathan Lozano and Aaron Blair.

Lester Perry Powell

Jan. 31, 1931 - Jan. 14, 2007

Lester Perry Powell, 75, of Mesa, Ariz., died on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, in Mesa. Lester was born on Jan. 31, 1931, in Cheyenne County near McDonald, Kan.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Pearl; his daughters, Ellen Marie Shultz of Mesa; Martha Louise Farley of Adair, Iowa; Debra Lea Peter of Buena Vista, Colo.; Carol Ann Powell of Mesa, and his sister Gertrude Ilene Cochran of Silver Lake. Lester was the proud grandfather to nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 9:15 AM, Sunday, Jan. 21 at Tri-City Baptist Church, 2150 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, Ariz. Services entrusted to Falconer Funeral Home.



Voeller

Student News

Fort Hays State University

Kelsey Andrist of St. Francis is among the 59 Fort Hays State University seniors who have been featured as national outstanding campus leaders in the 2007 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Since 1934, students have been selected for the listing by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

These students join an elite group from more than 2,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Fort Hays State University

Fort Hays State University deans have named 838 students to the deans' honor roll for the fall

2006 semester, according to Dr. Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University provost.

The list includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester.

St. Francis students named to the honor roll include Amber Feikert, Andrew Feikert, Gina Frohlich, Kari Gienger, Cale Rieger, Heidi Rohweder and Michael Wolters.



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