

Lodge wins the challenge

St. Francis Lodge 404 was named the Eureka Challenge Kansas State Champions at the 151st annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas held in Salina. Forty lodges participated in the challenge.

The Eureka Challenge is a Masonic knowledge proficiency competition conducted by the Grand Lodge and



GATHERED AROUND the trophy after the presentation were Lodge members: (l to r) Tom Stevens, Larry Mersberg, J. Steven Molstad, Allen Hurlburt, Marvin Seaman, Rodney Ritchey, Bruce Roelfs, Rodney Bracelin and Micky Graves.

any Kansas lodge may participate. The contest involves three separate competitions with the first-

round champions being district champions, the second round winners are the area champions and the third round winners are the state champions.

A series of questions and answers are given to each lodge to match together in a specified time period and the results are then mailed to the Grand Lodge of judging.

The winners were selected based on their score, time and the postmark on the returned information.

St. Francis Lodge was the district champion in 2005-06 and again in 2006-07. They won the area championship in 2006-07 and then traveled to Grand Lodge where they defeated Topeka Lodge 17, Delphian Lodge 44 and Lawrence Lodge 6 to win the state championship.

Brothers Tom Stevens, Rodney Bracelin, Mickey Graves, Bruce Roelfs, Rodney Ritchey and honorary members Allan Hurlburt of Sharon Springs and Marvin Sea-

man of Goodland formed the St. Francis team which competed in the state contest on March 16.

Each lodge at the state contest was given 15 questions to answer. St. Francis was the only one to answer all 15 correctly.

Following the contest the members attended the All-Masonic Banquet at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, where the Grand Master of Kansas J. Steven Molstad of Colby and Larry Mersberg, Past Grand Master of Kansas, and chairman of the Eureka Challenge Committee presented the participating lodge with their area and state champion certificates.

In addition, the St. Francis Lodge was awarded the Pythagoras traveling trophy, which is given annually to the Challenge State Champions.

Others who attended the Grand Lodge session were Donna Stevens and Sondra Bracelin of St. Francis and Mike Short of Goodland.

Wedding planned

Fred and Marcia Basolo and Delbert and Marilyn Raile announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Angie Sciarra Basolo and Chad Delbert Raile.

Angie is a 2001 graduate of University High School in Bloomington, Ill. She attended Oklahoma City University for two years where she studied musical theatre, then transferred to Indiana University where she graduated in 2005 with a double major in vocal performance and business. Angie is currently an account executive with the *Dallas Morning News* in Dallas.

Chad is a 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and a 2004 graduate of Kansas State University where he majored in kinesiology. He currently is a model and a personal trainer for LA Fit-



Raile - Basolo

ness in Dallas.

The couple is planning a May 5 wedding in Bloomington.

Obituary

Kenneth Clark Topping

June 6, 1925 - March 24, 2007

Kenneth Clark Topping, Junction City, Kan., died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Chapman Valley Manor in Chapman, at the age of 81.

Kenneth was born June 6, 1925, at St. Francis. His parents were Elmer E. and Mary D. Clark Topping.

He attended grade school at St. Francis and graduated from Cheyenne County High School with the class of 1943. While attending high school, he was chosen for the First Team, All-State Football Team and the All-State Wrestling Team for two consecutive years.

He was in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1944 to 1946.

Kenneth was married to Darlene Dottie Firkins on June 2, 1945, in Louisville, Ky.

He attended Kansas State University for two years, and then he worked as the store manager at Sherwin-Williams in Manhattan

and Junction City for 34 years.

He was a member of the Junction City American Legion, a past member of the Rotary Club, Optimist Club, Junction City Odd Fellows Lodge and he was a member of the First Christian Church in Junction City.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Darlene, of their home in Junction City; two sons, Dan D. Topping of Andover and Ron R. Topping of Overland Park.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service is planned at the First Christian Church on Saturday, March 31, with Pastor Ronnie Roberts and Jim Byerly officiating. The family will have a private burial of the ashes.

Memorials may be given to the First Christian Church or the Geary County Hospice. Memorials may be sent in care of the Londeen Funeral Chapel, box 429, Chapman, KS 67431.



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- 70 JD 4520, Diesel Engine, 6,376 Hrs, 18.4R38 Rear w/ Cast Duals, Triple Hydr, 3 pt., PTO, SN: 87190
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- Phares & Wilkens Grain Cart, SN: 346-698

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- International 20 ft. Hoe Drill • Sunflower 1231 32 ft. Disk, V-Flex
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- 72 Ford F-600 Single Axle Grain Truck, 15 ft. Box, Hoist, 5-2 Spd
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Introducing

Shane Walter Todd

Cody and Susanne Todd of St. Francis wish to announce the birth of their son, Shane Walter Todd, at 1:27 mountain time on March 1, 2007, in Wray, Colo. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He has a big brother, Caleb, to welcome him home.

Grandparents are Richard and Connie Allaman and Julie Todd, all of Goodland; Merton and Donna Todd, Lawton, Okla. Great-grandparents are Thelma Allaman, Doris Curry and Walt and Helen Rohr, all of Goodland.



Todd

FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Thursday, April 5th
11:00 AM CST

Oakley Municipal Airport, Oakley, KS

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- 93 Freightliner FL120 Series 60 Truck Tractor, Detroit Series 60, 355/400 hp. Diesel, 853,328 miles, Diff. Lock, Eaton Fuller 9 Spd, Recent Trans. Overhaul, 40" Sleeper, Jake Brake, AM/FM/Cass, AC, Cruise, Heated Mirrors, Dual Alum. Tanks, Air Ride, Sliding 5th, 11R24.5 Tires on Steel Rims, Blue / White
- 92 Freightliner FL120 Truck Tractor, 355/400 hp Detroit 60 Series Diesel, Fuller 10 Spd, 208" Wheel Base, Jake Brake, Air Ride Suspension, Sliding 5th Wheel Plate, Differential Lock, Dual Fuel Tanks, 62" Bunk Sleeper, Air, AM/FM/Cassette Radio, CB Radio, 275/80R22.5 Tires, Aluminum Front Rims, Steel Rear Rims, 1,049,483 Miles, Blue, VIN: 1FUFDZYB9NP476837
- 93 Freightliner FL120 Series 60 Truck Tractor, Detroit Series 60, 355/400 hp. Diesel, Diff. Lock, Eaton Fuller 9 Spd, 40" Sleeper, Jake Brake, AM/FM/Cass, AC, Cruise, Heated Mirrors, Dual Alum. Tanks, Air Ride, Sliding 5th, 11R24.5 Tires on Steel Rims
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- 73 GMC Astro 95 Cab Over Truck Tractor, Detroit Diesel Engine, 10 Spd, 142" Wheel Base, Spring Ride Suspension, Sliding 5th Wheel Plate, Dual Fuel Tanks, Dual Exhaust, 11R24.5 Tires, 1,071,000 Miles, White,
- 99 Wilson DWH-400 42 ft. Pace Setter Grain Trailer, Roll Tarp, 2 Speed Traps, Air Ride Suspension, 11R24.5 Tires on Steel Rims
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- 90 GMC Pickup, 4x4, Diesel Engine, Auto, 150,000 Miles, Red / White
- 88 GMC Field Pickup, 4x4, Brown

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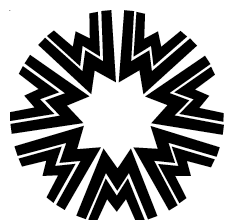
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