

# ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE NO. 5

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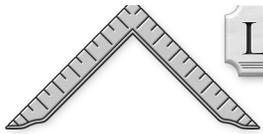


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### LOOK TO THE EAST

#### Our Lodge Is Worth It

Just a couple short years ago, in the March 2014 newsletter, our then-master wrote an article which started out with some notable events from 1979 and followed with financial statistics for the same year. The reason for bringing up that particular year was that 1979 was the last year our Lodge raised its dues. As before, some salient statistics follow that demonstrate our dues in real spending power have gone down significantly over the last 37 years. At the time of our last dues change, the average new home cost \$63,000. Now the average cost is about 5 times that amount. When our dues were last changed, an average new car cost under \$6000. Today the average new car is more than 5 times that amount. From 1979 to today the consumer price index has gone up by a factor of 3.5.

Our lodge dues are currently (and have been for the last 37 years) \$20 per year plus the Grand Lodge per capita. This amount from the entire membership of the Lodge does not even cover the current building expenses for three months.

In the last article discussing a dues increase, it touched on the subject of our Lodge's endowment as a reason for opposing an increase. However our expenses and the financial climate has changed. Given our present situation, the question is how quickly, not if, our endowment will reach a zero balance.

## Upcoming Schedule

- Thursday, Apr. 28th** - Fellowcraft Degree
- Thursday, May 12th** - Stated Meeting
- Thursday, May 19th** - Master Mason Degree Rehearsal 1
- Thursday, May 26th** - Master Mason Degree Rehearsal 2
- Saturday, June 4th** - Master Mason Degree

The proposed change was read at our Stated Communication in April. However, we should have held a vote at that time to see if a majority of the members present supported the proposed change. Thus in May's Stated Communication we will re-read the proposal (to raise our dues to \$70 per year) and vote. If the vote passes, our Secretary will pass it on to Grand Lodge for review by the jurisprudence committee. When the form of the change has been approved by Grand Lodge, the proposed change will be read at the next State Communication (presumably June's meeting). At the following Stated Communication (presumably September's meeting) we will vote on the change which will require a 2/3 majority to pass. Also, the membership of the Lodge will be notified of the change at least five days prior to the Stated Communication in which we will vote.

Terry Mallberg  
Worshipful Master



### FROM THE WEST

#### Grand Lodge

I had a wonderful time at Grand Lodge this year. My favorite part about going is seeing and meeting brothers from all over the state and the country. I had the pleasure of meeting the Senior Warden of Winona Lodge #18, which is located in my hometown. We actually knew each other from a long time ago and were able to reconnect, his time as Brothers. I hope to be travelling to visit their Lodge as soon as possible. Another Grand Lodge highlight for me was the presentation on civility in society. It served as a reminder to respect the viewpoints of others and to debate with civility; to debate the merits and demerits of the topic in question, and not lose ourselves to the passions of our personal beliefs.

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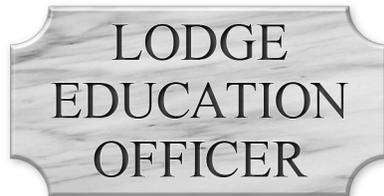
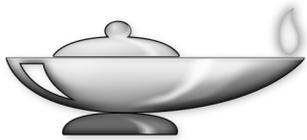


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We have an interesting spring degree class this year. There is one candidate. Many would lament this fact but I see a silver lining that allows me to thoroughly enjoy it. We as a degree team get to put all of our focus on this one candidate. Everything we do up to and including the degree; the memorization, the rehearsal, setting up the lodge, and performing the degree, is for this one candidate. I think that is special. I had a wonderful time sitting in the East for the First Degree, and I look forward to doing it again in the fall. We are still gaining members by way of reinstatements and affiliations which is certainly pleasing. These new members are going to want something to do I'm sure, and so I have begun thinking about a second community service project for the fall.

Fraternally,

Johnnie Timm  
Senior Warden, AL5



## Masonic Recognition

Wherever brethren meet, in whatever part of the world it may be, whether they can understand each other's language or not, if it be by day or by night, if one be deaf, blind and dumb, they can still recognize each other as brethren. In this respect, the recognition signs are a universal language and they are communicated to every mason at his initiation.

Signs and grips can be given so cautiously that it is not possible to perceive them if they are surrounded by thousands who have not been initiated. To give the word is somewhat more difficult, but this is by design to make it more difficult for non-initiated people to know what it is.

Next time you meet a fellow Mason, be cautious with how you give your grip, as those who have not been raised, passed or initiated should not know the manner in which one Mason will know another in the dark as well as in the light.

James Beavers  
Lodge Education Officer

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello again from your friendly neighborhood newsletter Editor in Chief! Thank you so much for reading the newsletter that comes from our Lodge. A lot of time and effort is put in by our principal officers in coming up with the content of the newsletter every month, and it isn't always easy. Some months, the newsletter is so sparse that it makes more sense not to send one out.

Personally, however, I feel that not sending a newsletter out does a disservice to a number of our members who can't make it to Lodge every month and wish to keep in touch with what's going on in the Lodge, what activities/events are coming up and what words of wisdom the principal officers (and others) might have to say about the Lodge, about their brethren, about their families and about themselves.

In the March issue of the newsletter, I had sent out a call for announcements or columns for the newsletter from the body of the Lodge. I received a few announcements, but nothing to speak of as far as extra articles.

For that reason, this time I would like to extend the same call, but in a slightly different manner. If any brother from our Lodge would like to write a Letter *to* the Editor, I would be thrilled to put in a new section in our newsletter. We can accommodate any length of article you'd like to write, and if you'd like to put in some content but would rather remain anonymous, that's perfectly acceptable.

This content will come at a rather fortuitous time, with the coming of a vote on the dues increase. If you'd like to show your opinion but would rather not speak up in Lodge, sending in a Letter to the Editor is a good way to show your enthusiasm or dissent for this issue. Ultimately the vote will come down to those present in Lodge during the night we will actually vote on it, but it doesn't hurt to see how people feel about such issues.

If you'd like to send in your Letters to the Editor, announcements, short quotes or full blown articles, please email them to [cutler.steidel@gmail.com](mailto:cutler.steidel@gmail.com) or hand them to me in Lodge no later than May's stated meeting (May 12th).

I look forward to seeing what people have to say!

Cutler Steidel  
Editor-in-Chief

# Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner



# April Stated Meeting



# LODGE of SORROW 2016



*And we shall become immortal by our deeds which will live on after us.*

Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Robert A Bardwell	12/13/1925	5/7/1953	11/19/1953	12/3/1953	2/8/2016
Edwin Smith	9/25/1924	10/6/1960	11/3/1960	12/1/1960	2/15/2016
Mervin Carll	5/17/1928	12/20/1962	1/17/1963	4/4/1963	3/22/2016



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