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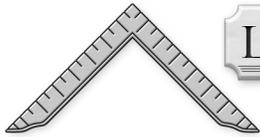


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LOOK TO THE EAST

Brothers, I hope you all had a good summer and managed to stay reasonably cool in our oppressive heat (at least oppressive by Minnesota standards). I know there were at least a few days where I was starting to think that -30° sounded pretty good. Fortunately, I decided to take a golf cart instead of walking the course on those days and quickly regained my wits.

All in all, we had a very nice summer. Karen and I managed to spend some quality time with family and friends, get some work done around the house, and even do a little traveling. And, of course, I played plenty of golf.

I'm actually writing this article while on vacation over Labor Day weekend, which has traditionally been the end of summer/start of fall transition in Minnesota. Karen and I have our own little tradition of heading down to southeastern Wisconsin to spend Labor Day weekend visiting her parents. I play a little golf at one of the local resorts (this year it was the old Playboy Club), Karen gets to revisit all the old hang-outs from her childhood days, and we visit the Walworth County Fair, which is one of the best county fairs I've ever seen! This trip always seems like the perfect way to cap off summer and get ready for the start of fall.

With the transition to fall, I can't help but think about three things: back to school, football, and golf.

Fall always makes me think about heading back to school. As a kid, I remember the excitement and anticipation of going back to school for the first week. I was never terribly excited about school itself, but I wanted to wear all my new school clothes and I knew there was never much homework that first week. More recently, the end of summer has meant getting back into the grind of analyzing business case studies and writing papers. Again, I never really looked forward to the homework, but the start of the school year was exciting (although I didn't get new clothes like when I was a kid). Fortunately, this fall I'm off the hook for school and am very much looking forward to the extra free time to spend with Karen.

Football is another fall tradition in my family. I re-

member listening to my dad watch the first Monday Night Football game of the season on Labor Day while I was in bed trying to get to get a good night sleep before the first day of school. I never did sleep very well those nights. I also like to think about all the years I used to torture my family, who are exceedingly loyal Vikings fans, by first supporting the Green Bay Packers, and later the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. I can't help but smile when I think of watching those games and rooting with all my energy against of room full of rowdy Reiersons who were doing the same for the "bad guys."

Golf, as you all know, is a true passion of mine. This weekend, I played my 71st round of the season, and I'm hoping that the fall weather will hold out long enough for me to close in on 90 rounds for the year. Fall is my favorite season and by far the most enjoyable time to play golf. The air has that nice crisp, cool feel and the leaves begin to turn making the already beautiful course that much more colorful and scenic (not to mention a little easier to get the ball through the trees).

So, you may be wondering what these three things have to do with Masonry. Well, I have to be honest; as hard as I tried to make a good Masonic connection, there really isn't much there. However, the more I think about this summer, the shift towards fall, and my memories and experiences thereof, I have come to realize how energizing and exciting this time of year is.

Our summer break was just what I needed to fully recharge my batteries to get ready for the action-packed second half of the year. As excited as I am not to have to go back to school, to watch that first regular season football game while taunting my family, and to play as much golf as possible, I am even more excited to get back into Lodge and pick up where we left off.

Ancient Landmark Lodge is an amazing place with some amazing people. I know we started off the year on a more subdued note with some cuts to the budget and a pretty conservative financial strategy, but these efforts have made a positive impact and should help keep us on a sound financial



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footing for the future. What continues to impress me is, even through our challenging start to the year, our attendance and participation in Lodge events has never wavered. You, my brothers, are what keep this Lodge going, and I thank each of you for continuing to support the Lodge.

We had a very nice first half of the year, with good stated meetings, excellent degrees, fun social events, and perhaps most important of all, we raised ten new Master Masons. Our summer activities were fabulous, with a great turnout for both the Lodge BBQ at Ron & Boots Larson's--thank you again for hosting--and the Lodge Golf Tournament, which actually had record attendance this year.

I know fall can be a busy time, especially for those of you who have children starting school, activities, and sports, but I hope that everyone is as excited as I am about the coming months of fun and fellowship at Lodge. I think this fall will be even better than the spring, and you will not want to miss it.

Keith Reierson, Master

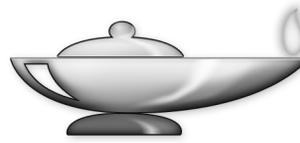


Bunco returns to Ancient Landmark Lodge on Saturday October 20th.

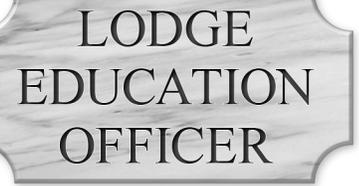
The traditional feast gets underway at 6:00 with the sound of the bell shortly afterwards.

Bunco is a fast-paced dice game that is easy to learn and really fun to play. Come on out to the Lodge for a great night!

Please RSVP your intentions to the Lodge at rsvp@ancientlandmark5.com or by visiting www.ancientlandmark5.com. Cost is \$12.00 per person.



“The Silent Summons”



A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, “Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting.”

-- Author Unknown



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LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, October 4

6:00pm Principal Officer Meeting

Friday, October 5

3:00pm Sporting Clays Horse & Hunt Lodge

Thursday, October 11

6:00pm Stated Meeting - Awards Night

Thursday, October 18

6:00pm 2nd Degree Rehearsal

Saturday, October 20

6:00pm Bunco

Thursday, October 25

6:00pm 2nd Degree

Thursday, November 1

6:00pm Principal Officer Meeting

Thursday, November 8

6:00pm Stated Meeting



We all know Carl H. Claudy from his Masonic writings. Here is what Wikipedia has to say about him: Carl H Claudy was an American magazine writer, a journalist for the New York Herald and author of a number of books relating to photography and to aviation, including First Book of Photography: A Primer of Theory and Prize Winners' Book of Model Airplanes.

During the early 1900s, Claudy photographed many important aeronautical events such as Alexander Graham Bell's tetrahedral kite experiments and the Wright Flyer Army Trials at Fort Meyer, Virginia. Claudy wrote many science fiction stories for The American Boy magazine during the early 1930s. Four novelization books were printed from some of those stories. From 1939-1941, he wrote for DC comics. He was also a Masonic leader, speaker, playwright, and essayist. He wrote several handbooks for Masons



THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Details

Sooner or later we get tied down with the details. It could be something on that "Honey-do" list at home. Maybe it's simple as picking out new carpet. Most of us just give the nod of approval and wave a magic wand and it's over-right? This reminds me of an event that happened in our household over a dozen years ago now. Mrs. K was working with a pint of rubber cement one evening, and she accidentally spilled it on the carpet. No doubt that pretty much ruined it. I know this is covered by insurance, but there no way I am turning this claim in. New carpeting and colors were selected. They came out to measure the room, and the installer noted some hidden dry rot by the door going out to the deck. It would need repair. A quick phone call and a visit from friend in the trade soon discovered it was more than just a simple floor sheathing replacement. The whole door assembly would need to be replaced, along with shoring up a couple of floor joists. This is a fairly large atrium glass atrium door, and it was quickly decided that a new door must be ordered and installed. More details--we have tongue and groove siding. Guess what? It required replacement of an entire section on the house to have a proper line up and match when the door was installed. Oh did I tell you it was cedar? Now, the whole house needs to be re-stained. The carpet eventually is installed after everything else is finished...except one. Yes, furniture, because the old stuff looks bad in this nice new room. It is amazing how one thing leads to another.

This is a great example and reminder that I have been tied down with the details of another suit that are keeping me from my Lodge work. My "real job" has been through a large transition this past summer. The details are boring, but unfortunately the toll has been on the Lodge. As your Secretary, my regular Lodge duties at times feel a bit overwhelming. When you couple that with my "real job" today, well let's just say that I have found it much easier to say no than in the past. I still have a few things on my Lodge wish list I need to complete before my tenure is over--not just finish, but also improve upon the task at hand. If you have noticed that I am bit slower at returning a call or responding to an email, I might just be tangled up with details.

Now, how do I format and print those dues notices again?

Doug Kuchera, Secretary



LODGE of SORROW 2012



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

Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
J Robert Collier	12/11/1915	02/22/1945	03/13/1945	04/04/1945	01/08/2012
Larry Cook	12/30/1942	02/17/1976	03/16/1976	05/01/1976	02/19/2012
Edward Paster	8/22/1941	4/19/1966	5/17/1966	6/21/1966	1/20/2012
Robert Wiessner	3/6/1925	1/26/1978	2/23/1978	2/23/1978	4/4/2012
Harold Schenker	5/3/1925	10/29/1953	11/19/1953	12/3/1953	6/5/2012
Austin Harris	1/6/1944	9/28/2000	10/26/2000	11/4/2000	8/20/2012
Charles Fishman	2/16/2025	1/19/1971	2/13/1971	3/6/1971	7/22/2012

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