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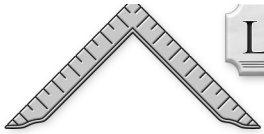


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LOOK TO THE EAST

Beginning the Ritual Cycle Again

Brothers, we had another great month of Masonry at Ancient Landmark Lodge in March. Our stated meeting was an excellent kick-off with our own Brother Mike Doyle cooking an amazing feast of meatloaf, baked potatoes, vegetables, and garlic bread. Thank you Brother Doyle it was even better than last year's spread! WB Danny Baker and I attended Montgomery's Table Lodge and enjoyed seeing brothers and friends, as well as meeting new ones. I continued the feasting with the Lynhurst Turkey Dinner on the 31st. Between those and Grand Lodge Annual Communication up in Duluth - I think I am well on my way to gaining my "Master's 20" pounds...similar to the old college, "Freshmen's 20".

More importantly though, by the time you read this article, we will have begun our Spring ritual degree cycle with the Entered Apprentice degree (with Master Terry Mallberg at the helm) Thursday, March 26th. We have eight candidates this year. Getting to this point meant the hard work of a lot of brothers doing investigations. To everyone (and you know who you are) thank you for your service to the lodge. It was a bit of a scramble, as I was informed by the secretary, but we got through it none-the-less and I Terry did a great job.

Coming out and supporting these new brothers is a duty that each of us should share. They have expressed an interest, we have interviewed them, we voted to give them degrees - and here they are. Furthermore, if you are interested in being a mentor to any of these gentlemen, please step forward. Not only will they have prove-up to do with us, but they also have to take a short examination that we pass on to Grand Lodge for review and comment (they get back responses to any questions answered incorrectly - it's a teaching tool, not a pass/fail exam). I plan on coming down a couple evenings here and there to help them with memory work, but I would especially like some of our brothers from the last two years to consider taking one of these new brothers under their wing for the next year. We were all new once, and being able to come and support them and see something that you just went through a year (or more) ago, brings something new to the experience for you as well as them.

WB Art Lingo is fond of saying that once you are an Entered Apprentice you are as much a Brother or Mason as you will ever be. This is certainly true, however, even as important as the Entered Apprentice degree is to these men, the Fellowcraft will be even more important - it is an experience for the mind, eyes, feet, and heart. That is why, a month in advance, I am challenging as many of you as possible to come out and support these brothers as they ascend the staircase of knowledge. Yes, it's a long degree - but seeing a sideline full of brothers all willing to support these candidates will mean a lot to them, and to those putting on the degree. I know that we will also be doing some courtesy work for Macalester Lodge that night, so another reason to come out and show your pride as our ritual cycle begins again.

As we begin the cycle of degree work for 2015 - I hope you join us and coming down to Ancient Landmark and showing your love of Lodge.

Jeremy Nienow
Worshipful Master

Upcoming Schedule

April 9th - Stated Meeting

6:00PM - Dinner
7:00PM - Meeting

April 17th - Master Mason School of Instruction Garnett Lodge

6:00PM - Dinner

April 23rd - Fellowcraft Degree

6:00PM - Dinner
7:00PM - Degree

April 30th - Get Out of Lodge Event Hosted by Greg Sailer





FROM THE WEST

Spring: A Time for New Life

A group of neighborhood kids meet in the park for an impromptu game of five hundred and an old fashioned game of kick the can. Dog owners glance around for any sticklers before bending the rules of the park by letting go of leashes to afford their pets the opportunity to meet and frolic with future friends. This is the scene I witnessed today during the peak of a late winter heat wave that is certain to give way to more seasonal temperatures. I hope by the time this article finds its way to the printers then on to your mailboxes that spring has begun in full force, raising temperatures enough so scenes like this early glimpse into warmer weather are commonplace.

Spring marks the beginning of new life and renewed activity for Masons as well as kids and dogs. By the time you read this, we will have already conferred the first degree on our new candidates bringing new life to our Fraternity. These newly admitted Brothers will be on their paths to gaining more light in their lives as the vernal equinox predicted and will be busy with the work of the first proficiency examination. Grand Lodge's Annual Communication will have brought many activities for those attending and will have resulted in us knowing who our new Grand Master will be for the coming year.

Throughout the spring our budding new Brothers will continue to grow through the degrees, culminating in a new crop of Master Masons just in time for summer. I was going to talk about how we need help cultivating these Brothers, but I think I have strained this metaphor as far as I can without feeling the need to avoid eye contact with possible readers.

To continue without analogies, I hope that all who read this make a concerted effort to come out the spring degree season. I cannot overstate what an impression it has on new members to see their new lodge as a vibrant, energetic place. When our current secretary was Master, he made sure the candidates saw their lodge's membership was active. That vision of AL5 is what spurred me to attend all the subsequent meetings and degrees I could and join the line as quickly as possible. Let's do the same for this season's class to ensure they have the correct view of our lodge.

Fraternally,
Terry Mallberg
Senior Warden



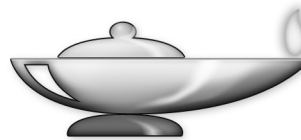
FROM THE SOUTH

On April 23rd we will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on our spring class of candidates. Please join us in what I consider to be a celebration of the thirst for knowledge and understanding. This degree should offer plenty of time for you to not only reflect on what you know, but what you don't know.

Self-education and the pursuit of an understanding of the system of the world is our constant charge, and a reflection of the virtue of industry. By self-education I'm not only referring to teaching yourself through books and the internet, but also by the information of others. To me, if the lesson is not compulsory, it's self-education and a laudable pursuit. As we hear, see and deposit the bounty of information that surrounds us, we improve. That improvement can always lead to the elevation of those around us, and we in turn bring value to our communities.

Interpretations of the ritual can be very different between Masons. To me, the Fellowcraft Degree is a reminder that we are vessels cast from the Earth and are capable of being shaped and adorned by our own natural power bestowed upon us by Deity. That power can be honed by study and application, or it can be ignored and squandered. It really brings home the point that if we apply ourselves, we are capable of amazing things. It makes me think about what I'm doing for myself to improve and it provides motivation to keep at it. There is much more to the degree than just that, and on April 23rd you have an opportunity to see the degree and think of your own personal interpretation.

Johnnie Timm
Junior Warden



LODGE
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LEO Presentation
March 12, 2015

I have taken the obligation.

I have learned the modes of recognition.

I know the pass, the grip, the token, and the word of a Master Mason.

And what is a Mason?:

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A Mason is a man who professes a faith in God. As a man of faith, he uses the tools of moral and ethical truths to serve mankind.

A Mason binds himself to like-minded men in a Brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, social, cultural, and educational differences. In fellowship with his Brothers, a Mason finds ways in which to serve his God, his family, his fellowman, and his country.

A Mason is dedicated. He recognizes his responsibility for justice, truth, charity, enlightenment, freedom and liberty, honesty and integrity in all aspects of human endeavor.

A Mason is such a man.

How will I know a true Mason? We shall know him by how he acts:

In the home it is kindness.

In business it is honesty.

In society it is courtesy.

In work it is fairness.

Toward the unfortunate it is pity.

Toward the wicked it is resistance.

Toward the weak it is help.

Toward the strong it is trust.

Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.

Toward the fortunate it is congratulation.

Toward God it is reverence and love.

Many a great man has walked the halls our Lodge. Some of them have had significant impact on Minnesota and the Grand Lodge and beyond.

A jewel in the Crown of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota is the Minnesota Masonic Home. How did this wonderful facility come to be?

Gideon S. Ives, a member of Ancient Landmark No. 5, framed an organization that developed the idea of a Home into a reality. Ives worked nearly 15 years to bring about a realization of his original concept.

Starting in 1904 plans were made for a "home away from home" for retirees. In 1918 the necessary \$100,000.00 was secured. On December 27, 1918, trustees purchased the Savage Farm along the Minnesota river for \$55,000.00. Additional land was acquired for a total of 333 acres. For many years the Home had its own dairy herd, hogs, and poultry, with farming operations assisting the operation of the home. The present operation is on about 100 acres.

The Minnesota Masonic Home came about because of the dreams and, more importantly, the hard work of one of the Brothers of this fine Lodge. We walk in this man's shadow. We are heirs to the tools he has used. Let us take up the task and work toward the improvement of our family, friends, and Brothers. Let us show the world we are Masons.

Ronald R. Bradley
Lodge Education Officer



Brothers, recently we discovered several members have outdated mailing addresses. It is very important we have your correct address, phone number(s) and email address if you have one. This allows us to keep you informed about lodge activities and important lodge information.

Of special importance is upcoming Lodge activities such as this year's Canadian Visitation. If we don't have your correct contact information you could miss something you had been planning on attending.

If your mailing address has changed in the last 5 years or your phone number or email address has changed please take a moment to send an email to the secretary with your updated information. secretary@ancientlandmark5.com is the email address of the secretary.

If you don't have email, give us a call and leave a number where we can call you back to get your updated information. Please do not leave your contact information on our message system.

You can reach the lodge office by phone as well at 651-222-2643.

You might also consider coming to a Lodge meeting. We're doing some really great things and having a good time doing them. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, you know you are always welcome among your Brothers!

Did I mention the food's pretty good also? See you soon...

Bruce L. Sherman, PM
Secretary
Ancient Landmark Lodge #5
A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota

LODGE of SORROW 2015



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

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