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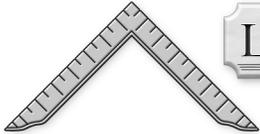


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LOOK TO THE EAST

Why I Serve

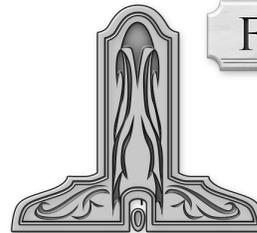
For some people, leadership comes naturally. These people spend most of their lives in positions of authority and relish the opportunity to stand at the front. I, however, am not one of these people. This is not to say that I have avoided leadership roles because I have not. I have served in my share of leadership positions. What I mean to say is rather that I am not one of those people who actively seek out leadership positions. I learned a long time ago the type of person I am and have made peace with that. It does not bother me one bit to describe myself in the negative as a non-leader-type.

Six years ago when I entered the line, my wife prodded me to explain the logical consequence of my decision. I told her that I would probably, tradition prevailing, end up as the Master of the Lodge someday. We know each other well and I correctly interpreted her peculiar look and anticipated her next question: why would I want to do something like that?

The answer is simple. I love Freemasonry. I believe in the values that are taught in the Degrees and a way of life that upholds longstanding traditions of Brotherly Love, Truth and Relief. For me, these are not just words, but actual principles to try to live up to. I know myself and I know that I will never be able to live up to all of the values every single day, but we learn that we all walk the same journey into the East and it is a great comfort to me knowing I am in good company along the way. The Brethren I have met in that journey are some of the best men I have ever known.

I am not a natural leader, but I am a person who is willing to set aside his natural inclinations to serve a higher cause. I do not actively seek titles or awards, but I know that if I want the institutions that I love to survive, I cannot passively sit by and watch them die. I want my own children to have the same chance to love the things that I love and, while I can't guarantee that they will make the same choices that I have made, if I refuse to do my part, I can guarantee that they will have fewer of those choices to make.

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FROM THE WEST

Enduring Style

With the close of another year drawing near, there is so much to consider... The inevitable change from green and blue, warm and soft to white and brown, frozen and dry; the festivity and joy of the Holidays, and the busy schedules that come with them; the parties and the shopping; the many new faces we've met and names we've learned throughout the year; and of course, the changing of the guard and the progression of the line of officers in the Lodge. I have truly enjoyed my season in the West and have learned so much from the experience. I look forward to the challenges and rewards of the coming year, tradition prevailing, and hope that I am able to make my Brothers proud. It occurs to me that this progression of the line in Freemasonry is a very well thought out process. It allows for incremental growth, both as a leader and in comprehension of the workings of the Lodge. Through the support of a strong, relatively young line of officers and the wisdom and wise counsel of the leaders who have come before us, I feel that your Lodge is in good hands for years to come.

Renowned fashion designer and entrepreneur Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel once said, "Fashion changes, but style endures." I like to think of the Lodge in this way. It's one of the best qualities of this progression of the line (or of any democratically evolving leadership). As we pass on the responsibilities of running and caring for our Lodge, the fashion in which the day to day operations are carried out may change (sometimes quite dramatically), but the culture and traditions remain largely intact, and our style endures.

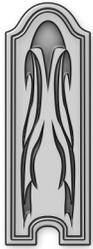
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NEXT STATED MEETING

December 12th

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Meeting



FROM THE SOUTH

A Pleasure to Serve

I knew coming into this year that the Junior Warden's chair would be a difficult one to fill.

It's the first elected position in the line, full of responsibility, for which one has to have the backing of the Lodge as a whole, not just the Worshipful Master. The Junior Warden joins the Principal Officers at monthly meetings, oversees investigations into the conduct of fellow Brothers, and – this I think is the most important – ensures that the Worshipful Master is pleased with his fellows, primarily through their being well fed.

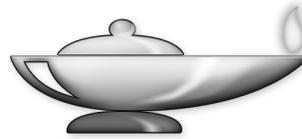
Sharing a communal meal is an integral part of our meetings. This is true of myriad groups throughout society and down through the ages. It means something to break bread with those you respect and cherish. Over the course of this year we have dined well, not only from our catered Magnolias' meals, but also from brothers such as Mike Doyle, the chill cook off crew, our friends from Macalester when we did the Saint's game feed – and of course the late summer BBQ at the home of Ron and Boots.

Each of these various meals comes with handshakes, laughter, and camaraderie. It's a sign of a well run dinner when everyone lines up, brother's help one another with drinks, desert, and plates - and none go away hungry. Last meeting, after the longevity awards were done, no one wanted to head to the actual meeting, but we eventually waddled towards the doors, tying on aprons and settling in.

I would love to take all the credit for making dinners the events we have all come to appreciate before our meetings. But the truth of the matter is I am just a small part of three-person team which includes myself and the stewards: Rique Beslin and Eric Froistad. Rique did the ordering for the catering and is well versed in service through our Blue Lodge and other appendant bodies. Eric, however, is a newer recruit to the line – this being his first appointed position – and as far as I am aware he is not a member yet of any other aspects of the craft. Eric has stepped up time and time again over the past year, being one of the first to arrive and nearly always one of the last to leave. I know next year, Tradition prevailing, Terry will have an excellent Senior Steward helping him through the ropes of those early meals. I am looking forward to watching Eric move through the chairs – he definitely shows a dedication to service that helps all of us to enjoy our evening that much more.

Thank you Rique and Eric for your work with me this year – and thank you Brothers of the Ancient Landmark for putting your faith in me to be one of your Principal Officers.

Jeremy Nienow
Junior Warden



LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Farewell For Now

"I'm not young enough to know everything."

— *J.M. Barrie*

I can't begin to express what a pleasure it's been to be the LEO of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 these past two years. Of all the positions I've held in Lodge over the years I've been a Freemason I can't think of one that has been more rewarding than being LEO. It is said that a teacher's best student is himself and I believe that is very true. I've learned more in these last two years doing the research and study for the LEO reports and newsletter articles than I believe I have for the prior several years. But it is also true that knowledge not passed on is of no value and so I have tried to pass on what I have learned for your consideration.

All good things must come to an end and no less this position of LEO must also come to an end for me. It is right because we must hear a variety of viewpoints regarding the topics we present in lodge lest we get ourselves into the rut of think Freemasonry can only be one thing, or there is only one right way of thinking. We know from our teachings that no man has the right to define what Freemasonry should mean to another. But we must also share our views with each other to build a larger view of Freemasonry. This is how we grow. This is how we become better men through Freemasonry. Where it has been said that Freemasonry is a personal journey of discovery, that journey was never intended to be taken alone.

The mark of a good leader is to know when to step aside and allow others to lead and it is the better part of discretion to step aside after two years and allow someone else to take the lead as the LEO in Ancient Landmark Lodge No.5. Nonetheless I will look back on this time as being one of the several highlights of my years in Ancient Landmark Lodge.

I would also encourage any one of my Brothers in Lodge to seriously consider this position and if need be make your desires for the position known. The world of Freemasonry will open up to you as it has never done before. Until now your journey has been focused on the ritual in lodge, your position as an officer in the line and no less the business of running a Lodge. As LEO, you get a chance to take a step back and see Freemasonry in a very different light. The LEO is free from the distractions that can blind one to the real joy that Freemasonry can be; worries of running the next Lodge meeting, or the vote coming up in Lodge, or the next event in a seemingly never ending list. I'm not suggesting these matters of business are not important,

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LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, December 7 - MM Degree

8:00am Coffee & Donuts, 9:00am Degree

Thursday, December 12 - Annual Meeting

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting

Saturday, January 4 - Installation of Officers

9:00am Open installation

Thursday, January 9 - Stated Meeting

6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting

From the East... cont. from page 1

Over the past six years, I have had to make increasingly larger sacrifices of my time and energy and, looking back, I wonder sometimes how much easier things would have been if I had not made the decision I made. Of course, the answer to those fanciful thoughts are: much easier. But we have heard repeated ad nauseum the expression that nothing worth having is ever easy and this is true. Masonry does not ask for perfect men. Masonry asks men to strive to make themselves better. Masonry does not ask that only natural leaders step into the line, but for ordinary men to step up and lead to the best of their ability when their time is called. You will make mistakes and have regrets. You will spend countless hours engaged in tedious tasks and will wonder why you ever did it. But in the end, you will have the silent gratitude of generations of good men, past, present and future, for helping to keep their beloved Craft alive. That is why I serve.

To the Brethren of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5, I want to say: There is no greater honor you can bestow on me than the one that you gave me when you asked me to join the line. Whether it was Senior Steward or Worshipful Master, the honor was knowing you had the faith in me to continue on the traditions that we all know and love. Thank you.

Joe Amos
Worshipful Master



From the West... cont. from page 1

And so, you can expect that next year there will likely be a few changes, but I can assure you that all you know and cherish about Freemasonry and AL5 will remain. I believe it will be another great year for us.

It feels as though I am approaching the pinnacle of a long, upward hike. The peak is visible even if obscured by trees and bends in the path. The sun is high and warm, and I am limber but not tired. In fact, a new surge of energy is stirring in me and I am ready to make the last, most exciting part of the journey.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge! Happy Holidays and have a great New Year!

Danny Baker
Senior Warden

LEO... cont. from page 2

without someone tending to the business of the Lodge there would be no Lodge, but as LEO you have a chance to step aside from the business and delve into the wonders that are Freemasonry.

And so, as this time in my journey through Freemasonry comes to an end, I am assured in my faith there will be a new beginning and my journey will continue. I will look forward to the wonders of this new beginning, but I will remember with a warm and quiet heart the wonders I have witnessed and the opportunities I've been granted to make wonders for others.

“No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man.”

— *Heraclitus*

Bruce Sherman, LEO



One of the ancient and original orders of architecture as found in Greece by Brother Doug Kuchera.

Can you recognize which one it is?

DUE NOTICE

2014 Lodge Scholarship Award Program

The Brothers of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 support a program that awards ten \$1000 scholarships to students.

Applicants for Lodge scholarships can be for any level of postsecondary education (College, university, trade school, masters, PHD's etc.).

While lodge affiliation is not a requirement, the Scholarship Committee gives priority to it.

The Application Process has two Steps:

Step 1: Request for a Scholarship Application:

The lodge will accept Requests for a Scholarship Application opening on January 1st, 2014, and **Closing at 12:00 Noon CST on March 1st, 2014.**

The Request for a Scholarship Application will be accepted by:

- 1) USPS mailed to:
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5
200 East Plato Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55107
Attn: Secretary
- 2) In Person by appointment at the Lodge Office;
Call (612) 616-2492 for an appointment

The Request for a Scholarship Application must be submitted by the student.

The student should include any background information the student deems would be relevant for the Scholarship committee to consider in deciding to award the Scholarship to him/her.

Step 2: Complete Scholarship Application

The lodge will mail out (or email if the student provides an email address in their "Request for a Scholarship Application") the Scholarship Application forms the first week in March to all applicants.

The Scholarship Application will ask for factual information that will be used by the Scholarship Committee to evaluate and rank the students.

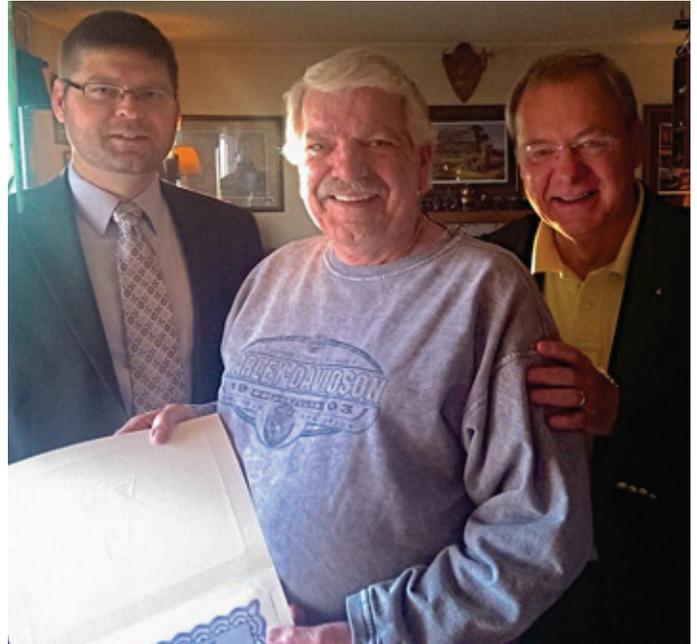
These rankings, in combination with the information provided by the students in the "Request for the Scholarship Application", will guide the Scholarship committee's award decisions.

The Scholarship Application is due back in the lodge by 12:00 PM on Friday March 28th, 2014.

Scholarships... cont.

Late Applications will be placed in a reserve pool and will receive consideration only if all scholarships are not awarded to students who were timely.

*****IMPORTANT***:** The student must provide an official Transcript from his/her most recently completed Term to support his/her GPA. Some Schools have been slow in providing these Transcripts especially as the spring breaks tend to be in March. Please request it early to insure the Scholarship Application is not delayed.



WM Joe Amos and Secretary Jerry Jacobsen present Brother Bob Bennit with his 40 year pin and certificate



WM Joe Amos presents Brother Randy Quade with his 30 year pin and certificate

A Look Back...



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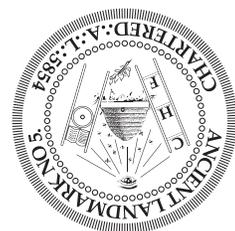


LODGE of SORROW 2013



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

Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Joseph Ditschler	04/29/1934	04/19/1966	05/17/1966	06/21/1966	01/24/2013
Robert Foot	11/04/1938	01/28/1971	02/25/1971	03/25/1971	06/11/2013
Robert Beuc	09/28/1935	11/14/1956	01/16/1957	02/20/1957	06/13/2013
Donald Spaeth	12/05/1919	03/19/1959	04/19/1959	05/07/1959	06/25/2013
Christopher Buck	08/10/1949	01/22/1996	06/29/1997	09/29/1997	07/01/2013
Thomas Connelly	03/01/1932	09/22/1969	10/27/1969	11/22/1969	08/12/2013
Herman H. Laufer	10/29/1918	07/29/1942	08/20/1942	09/17/1942	09/24/2013
Warren Nelson	01/28/1928	05/17/1956	06/07/1956	10/04/1956	10/21/2013



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