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LOOK TO THE EAST

Masonic Summer

The completion of our first set of degrees for the year marks the end of the spring season. As we transition into summer, Ancient Landmark #5 transitions to its darks phase of the year.

When I first joined our lodge I thought going dark was due to the lull between degree cycles. Of course the cycles were obviously timed to coincide with the reduction in attendance caused by cabin-goers and summer vacations. It took me a while to realize that the lodge going dark is merely an opportunity for our members, new and old alike, to spread masonic light outside the lodge.

When I say masonic light, I am not referring to sharing those direct allegorical lessons in our degrees nor any of the truly secret facets of our craft. Instead, I am talking about spreading the light of being better men in practice. For me, I can think of no better way to do this than by spending quality time with my family and teaching my children that life's best experience are defined by the people sharing those experiences. Summer time allows us Minnesotans the opportunity to see our neighbors regularly and to lend a helping hand for the summer projects. Already during the limited warm weekends and weekday evenings, my children have seen first hand the benefits of helping one set of neighbors plant bushes and put down mulch. They helped another neighbor family haul materials for the dads to finish a deck. They even learned that while prepping wood patio furniture for refinishing is not the most immediately satisfying job, spending those hours to "do it right" yields and eventual outcome that you can be proud of every time that family has a meal outdoors.

Even my eight year old has noticed the effects these efforts have "made other families do the same." She put it together that a willingness to help our neighbors has been contagious. We are not the only family asking our neighbors if there is anything we (including their children) can help with. While I don't claim that any neighborhood job doesn't have at least one kid (or parent) protesting working over playing, the play and occasional treats that follow have an air of being earned. Our neighborhood feels more and more like the rural area where I grew up: a true community.

I challenge each and every brother to spend his summer trying to live up to the ideals inculcated in the lessons we learn in lodge. Make this summer not a sabbatical from your Masonic enlightenment , but an opportunity to spread it around.

Have a great summer!

Terry Mallberg
Worshipful Master

Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, May 19th - Master Mason Degree Rehearsal 1
Thursday, May 26th - Master Mason Degree Rehearsal 2
Thursday, June 2nd - Fellowcraft Prove-Up
Saturday, June 4th - Master Mason Degree Conferral
Thursday, June 9th - Stated Communication





FROM THE WEST

Changes For Our Lodge

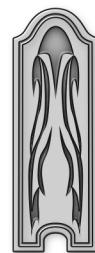
There are exciting changes and difficult decisions on the horizon for our Lodge. At the May Stated Meeting, Brother Eric Froistad gave a presentation on our finances. From the information provided, it has been made clear that we can no longer continue with our current income and expenses while expecting to remain financially solvent in perpetuity. In short, we are going to run out of money unless some drastic changes are made soon.

The first issue we have chosen to address is our dues. This month our Lodge has voted to move forward with a resolution to raise our dues to \$70 per year effective in 2017, not including the per capita that goes to Grand Lodge. With the current per capita the dues would amount to \$99 per year. Keep in mind that the vote to amend the bylaws has not yet taken place. Stay tuned for information on that, and be sure you attend and vote. Raising dues alone will not remedy our situation. We must also address our expenses, of which a large portion comes from our current building. We are now exploring our options which include moving to a new facility either as an owner or tenant that leases the space. I should iterate that no decisions have been made regarding this issue, other than it's time to address it. We will be getting much more specific on this in the near future, which is why it is important that you come to our meetings and make your voices heard on this very important subject.

Something I've been thinking a lot about this year is fundraising. We do zero fundraising, which robs our Brothers of something to do, and further injures us financially. One of the concerns I have had about the health of our Lodge is complacency and apathy, both of which spell death for any organization. An alarming observation of mine is that many of our newly raised Brothers do not return. Although we had a successful community service project this year, it is not nearly enough to entice our young members to return. There must be more to do both in terms of raising money and doing philanthropic work. A Brother told me recently that when he was calling Brothers to try and get them to come to Lodge, several told him that they were disappointed we did no community service and had very few activities. There was nothing for them to come back to. I can't say I blame them. So, dust off your chef aprons and work on our pancake flipping skills because the pancake breakfasts are coming along with more community service.

Lastly, for you Master Masons who have not yet proved up on the Third Degree, I am going to get as many as I can proved up this fall. I will be holding study sessions at the Lodge this summer to get Brothers ready. If you are a Master Mason who has put this off, it's time to prove up. Email me at johnnietimm@gmail.com and get on the list to be informed of upcoming study sessions and get this required task out of the way.

Johnnie Timm
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Have A Great Summer

Congratulations to our newly raised brothers! As our summer approaches we look back at a busy spring cycle. Degrees are done, business has been handled and it's time to enjoy some beautiful summer days. Fishing, picnics, golfing and riding motorcycles and bicycles are just a handful of the things I know everyone will be doing (including myself). I hope everyone has a safe time this summer and comes back in September with fun and exciting stories to share with the Lodge brethren.

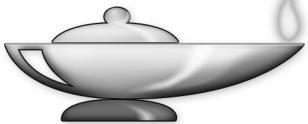
If any of the newly raised brethren wish to work on their prove ups please feel free to ask for help (see my contact information below). I will also be available to help with anyone that wishes to work on their parts, since I will be sharpening up on my part for the fall degree cycles. Striving to be better at what we do is what we all work on, and though I am not the best, I know that if we don't try, we won't make any progress at all. There is an abundance of knowledge in the brotherhood of this lodge, and all you have to do is ask and you will be put on the right path for your journey.

With this bit of knowledge I will wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Rules of Masonic Etiquette

There are a number of rules governing Masonic etiquette when a Lodge is in session, and these are rules that all brethren are expected to follow. However, some brethren may not know the reasons why we follow these rules. Here, I will give some examples of these rules and clarify why we are expected to follow them.

A brother is not allowed to pass between the altar and the East when the Lodge is in session because the three great lights which shine their light and wisdom upon the Master to help him govern the Lodge should never be in shadow during the processes of an initiation or degree work.

A brother is not allowed to enter their Lodge room either without their apron nor while putting on that apron (not even while tying it's strings) because it is considered respectful to the formalities of the Lodge that when a brother enters the Lodge he should be fully dressed and ready to labor.

The brethren should not wait for a fellow brother to adjust his apron to salute the Worshipful Master. It is considered disrespectfully to the Lodge brethren and holds up the regularly scheduled labor meant to be done while the Lodge is in session.

No brother is allowed to sit while speaking in the Lodge room, no matter if he is addressing an officer of the Lodge or another brother. It is because all Lodge activity is based on each man in the Lodge as being a servant of the brethren, including the Worshipful Master and his officers. Personally it seems to me like it is a form of respect and honor to the Worshipful Master and to the brother being addressed.

It is considered disrespectfully to talk out of turn while degree work or a Lodge meeting is in progress. The Lodge is a temple and the brethren within are working to make the best Ashland stones for His spiritual temple; it is a time for worship and learning lessons of the day, not for social conversation within the Lodge room. Unless you have a request of the Master to speak, silence is the rule.

In some Lodges, not all brethren offer salutes to the Master. Each of the brethren will salute the Master when they enter and when they leave their Masonic Lodge room or any other Lodge room, but not when addressing the Master. In other Lodges, the brethren offer salutes to the Senior Warden instead.

James Beavers
Lodge Education Officer

Scottish Rite Bowling For Dollars



Announcements

A Masonic Retreat

Sponsored by
Minnesota Chapter No.1 Royal Arch Masons
September 24th & 25th, 2016

Minnesota Chapter No. 1 presents a weekend of fellowship and workshops for **all Masons** covering various topics, i.e., Masonic teachings, Masonic esoterica, Kabbalah, ritual, Rosicrucians, etc. High-lighted by a Saturday evening talk by Tim Hogan, "Gnostic Mysteries of Masonry", please join us to enjoy education, fellowship and a journey into the hidden and not so hidden mysteries of Masonry, how we can live from their teachings in our lives and carry them into the world. This retreat will be held on September 24th and 25th at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin.
Visit <http://www.mnyorkrite1.org/> for more information.

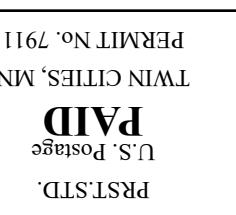


LODGE of SORROW 2016

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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