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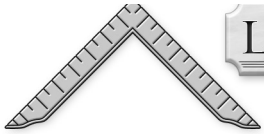


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LOOK TO THE EAST

Slowing Down

With only a couple of months left in my year as Master, I have started to think about what Masonry means to me personally. As I sit to write this article, I have just come from the Fellowcraft rehearsal for our upcoming degree. What I found exceptional about the experience is not the degree to which we are ready for the degree, the proficiency of my fellow participants, or the fact that we have eight relatively new candidates/Brothers having another new chapter opened for them on their journey. What I found exceptional was the fact that 10 men were able to find time in their busy schedules, come together, and spend a couple hours of their evening talking, laughing, and just being together.

In this modern world we live in, it seems our lives are increasingly complex. Technology swirls around us making us more connected, more productive, more available to outside stimuli. We have a 24 hour news cycle, online banking, and the smartest of multitasking phones (I focus on my phone because it does many of the tasks I need individual tools, books, and devices for in the past). All of these amazing abilities have had one very large consequence in my life – I am overscheduled. I have successfully used them to fill nearly every minute of every day. I am in professional organization and serve on governing boards. I work a primary (80%) job, and several small ones. I have an 11 year daughter who needs transportation, homework help, food, and of course, parenting.

Realizing all of this is what made me amazed that here were nearly a dozen men from various walks of life, with jobs, kids, and lives – all taking just a small part of their day to engage with others in common practice on something that seemingly doesn't benefit them in any way. And yet, there we were.

In truth of fact, Masonry does benefit me greatly. It centers me, and makes me appreciate my place within society, my family, and connects me to others whom I consider to be good friends. After the rehearsal, and indeed after most Lodge functions, we usually sit around for a while and just talk. We share plans, jokes, daily ups and downs, and just slow down for a few moments. I often find myself in the parking lot 20 to 30 mins after I thought I was going to leave, still talking to a Brother.

As I look back on my year in the East, I realize I have grown. I appreciate the Lodge and the Brothers who give of their time and talents to make it is. We all have a part to play from the Principal Officers, to ritual cast members, to just coming and sitting on the "sidelines" and voting to pass the minutes during open Lodge. Coming together for a few hours each month keeps us balanced, gives solace, connects us to others, and makes our lives richer. I look forward to the events we still have planned for this year, and to continuing to grow with my Brothers as my role in the Lodge shifts. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to experience this gift and appreciate it more with each passing day.

In Service to the Craft,
Jeremy Nienow
Worshipful Master

Upcoming Schedule

- Thursday, Nov. 12th** - Stated Meeting
Hiram Award Night
- Thursday, Nov. 19th** - Master Mason First Rehearsal
- Monday, Nov. 30th** - Master Mason School of Instruction
Daylight Lodge #348
- Tuesday, Dec. 1st** - Fellowcraft Prove Up
Master Mason Second Rehearsal
- Saturday, Dec. 5th** - Master Mason Degree
- Thursday, Dec. 10th** - Stated Meeting
Election Night





FROM THE WEST

Helping A Brother

As many of you may already know, my father passed away this summer at the all-to-early age of sixty-six. He lost a relatively brief battle with an aggressively returning cancer. Many people who I did not know showed up to both his wake and to the funeral service. He did not have a masonic funeral nor was I familiar with his Lodge, so trying to figure out how many of his Masonic brothers were in attendance relying only on my fuzzy memories is an exercise in futility. For the three months since, I heard very little from his Lodge or so I thought.

I have been helping my mother as much as I can, making the ten hour round-trip trek to North Dakota every second or third weekend. Recently the focus of those weekends has been preparing for her annual snowbird migration to Arizona, this being the first winter down south without Dad and also the first time flying there. Being accustomed to driving, she has always packed heavy (they had always driven a pick-up with a trailer on back). For her, packing light is still significantly more than allowed as carry-on. One of Dad's friends who also drives to Arizona every year offered to take my mother's overflow with him. As he drove up our farm's driveway, I noticed that he had a Shrine emblem on the tailgate of his pick-up. I struck up a conversation with him wondering if he knew who would be taking over the care and maintenance of the parade float. He filled me in and then some, giving me a rundown of what most of their roles had been doing over the summer.

That is when I came to realize that almost everyone who had come to the farm to help out over the last three months had been a Shriner and a Mason. Whether it was to help clear old junk from the property or bringing meals, his Brothers were taking care of my dad's widow as much as I was taking care of my mom. Although I fully appreciated the help when I didn't know the full story of who the helpers were, I now have an even greater sense of pride to be a Mason having unknowingly been on the receiving side of our Fraternity's charity. For all of you who have ever made an effort to keep in touch with the family of a brother who has been called to the Celestial Lodge above, I thank you on behalf of all those families.

Terry Mallberg
Senior Warden, AL5



FROM THE SOUTH

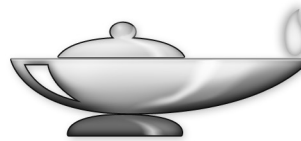
Community Service Project

I am happy to report that our Lodge will be participating in a community service project sometime in December. We will be providing assistance to the Emma Norton Residence located on Robert Street in St. Paul. We will be sponsoring a room. We will clean, paint, and decorate a room for a new resident over the course of two days. Once we have confirmed a date to volunteer, we will be calling on our Brethren, their wives, and children to assist if they are wishing to do some good works for those in need. As I've stated before, it is time for our Lodge to start going out into the community and this will be a great first step.

Emma Norton Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization actively combating poverty in our communities by partnering with women, children, and families who are homeless and experiencing the challenges of mental and/or chemical disabilities. Emma Norton Services provides affordable housing, basic needs, and support services in an environment that fosters stability and encourages personal growth.

We will be reaching out to you via email and social media with more details in the near future. There will definitely be a limit to the number of people that can show up to volunteer so be quick in your responses once the word goes out. If you aren't able to volunteer with the room cleanup, you can also help by donating blankets and other comforts of home. I want to thank our Lodge for agreeing to help, and I look forward to communicating with you further regarding this great and good work.

Johnnie Timm
Junior Warden, AL5



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The Sun

One of the most used and significant symbols in Masonry is the sun. As a source of material light it reminds the Mason of the intellectual light in which he is in constant search.

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But it is as ruler of the day, giving it a beginning and an end, and a regular course of hours, is the sun presented as a Masonic symbol. We are told the three lesser lights represent the sun, the moon, and the Master of the Lodge, because as the sun rules the day and the moon governs the night, so should the Worshipful Master rule and govern his Lodge with equal regularity and precision.

As the Lodge represents the world which is governed in its changes of times and seasons by the sun, so is the Lodge governed by the Master who controls the times of opening, closing, and the work of the Lodge.

The sun has been the symbol of sovereignty and the hieroglyphic of royalty. The sun also accounts for the positions of the officers in the Lodge. The Master is in the East for the rising sun, the Junior Warden is in the South to represent the meridian sun, and the Senior Warden is in the West to represent the setting sun. So in the mysteries of India the chief officers were to represent Brahma in the East or rising sun, Siva in the South for the meridian sun, and Vishnu in the West for the setting sun. In the Druidical rites the Archdruid was seated in the East and was assisted by two other officers, one in the West representing the moon and one in the South representing the meridian sun.

This triple division of government has been repeated many times in history and mythic legend. From the three forked lightning of Jove, the trident of Neptune, the three headed Cerberus of Pluto, the government of the Universe between the three sons of Saturn, as well as the belief that the chaste goddess ruled the earth as Diana, the heavens were as Luna, and the underworld as Hecate, and her rites were only performed where three roads met.

The Master sheds light as the sun where he makes the divine truth revealed to the neophyte who has heretofore been cloaked in intellectual darkness, and is introduced to the hidden or esoteric lessons of initiation.

This presentation is a summary from Masonry Defined by Albert Mackey.

Ronald R. Bradley
Lodge Education Officer



THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dues

Brethren of Ancient Landmark Lodge No 5, I wish to take this opportunity to thank many of you for your prompt response to the Lodge dues notice.

We have received several payments already and more come in every day. For those of you who have not yet responded please take a brief moment to take care of this obligation. Your prompt response helps the Lodge financials in so many ways. It lessens the impact to the Lodge investments, it helps the lodge meet its obligations and helps to provide assistance to Brethren in need as well as cover our Lodge events and activities. The sooner we receive your dues the sooner we are able to put it to work for the benefit of all our Lodge Brethren.

I'm also very sure you understand part of your dues payment, \$29 to be exact, goes to the Grand Lodge in the form of per-capita, annually. You may have wondered why we have a deadline of December 31 to pay your dues. That is because the billing from the Grand Lodge for per-capita comes to the Lodges in January and must be paid with the submission of the Lodge annual report. If we still have dues outstanding at that time we are in effect taking Lodge funds to pay the per-capita for those who have not paid their dues by the end of December. You can imagine that \$29 times the number of Brothers we have in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 is a very large number and that number is only lessened by the dues you pay prior to December 31.

For this and the many other benefits the Lodge derives from the dues you pay I would encourage all who have not yet responded to please do so at your earliest convenience.

Remember, you can go to the Lodge web site and pay your dues online through PayPal.

Thank you again for such a great response so far and let's keep those dues coming in. How great it would be to have everyone paid up by December 31, 2015!

Fraternally,
Bruce L. Sherman, PM
Lodge Secretary

LODGE of SORROW 2015



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

Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Gregory E. Smith	4/28/1952	9/25/1997	10/23/1997	12/6/1997	5/19/2015
Floyd J. Forsberg	11/24/1926	1/22/1970	2/26/1970	3/26/1970	9/21/2015
John N. Watson	1/4/1948	10/1/1976	11/1/1976	2/1/1977	10/4/2015



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