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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

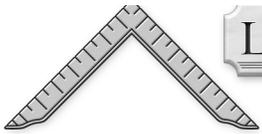


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LOOK TO THE EAST

Changing Seasons

As the natural seasons change and warm summer gives way to cooling fall, we begin another ritual cycle at the lodge. We again have a large class, a credit to them and to the brothers who have been their card signers. As we admit these new Brothers, please take a moment to consider your role in welcoming them to our ranks. Talk with, encourage, and mentor them as you sit by them at diner and lodge. Most especially, consider helping them to learn their memory work. Their work as Entered Apprentices is far from easy and represents one of the first real hurdles as they move through the degree cycle. If you have the time and inclination, talk with Terry, Johnnie, or myself and express an interest in working one-on-one with a Brother. This goes double for those who were their card signers; you consider them worthy to participate in our labors - won't you help them with theirs?

This is also a time to start thinking about next year. Tradition prevailing, Senior Warden Terry will be our next Master. Terry has a lot of work ahead of him as he considers open positions in the line - both progressive and static. If you have been watching from the sidelines and have thought to yourself, "I would like to sit in that chair..." now is the time to approach him as he seeks to fill those appointments. This type of service, whether it is for a single year, or the near decade through all of the chairs, is an extremely rewarding one. With the exception of Senior Steward, I have had the opportunity to sit in each of the progressive line chairs, and have enjoyed each and everyone one of them. My understanding and appreciation of the craft has grown substantially, and I look forward to what new challenges may lay ahead of me for next year.

However, my year is not yet done, and there is much work, and celebration to be had. October's Stated meeting is our annual Ladies Night. This year, my wife Mary is organizing a cheese, wine, and evening of coloring for the ladies as we work through a brisk evening of work.

Once we and they have finished with our evening, the coloring books, crayons, markers, and pencils will be donated to a local women's shelter. An RSVP page is now up on the lodge website - please consider asking your lady to join us for the evening. The final Thursday in October, the 29th is our next Family Movie night. Bring your family down to lodge for a kid-appropriate Halloween movie, hotdogs, brats, candy and more! Dress in a costume and participate in the costume contest!

November's Stated meeting is our opportunity to honor the hard work of Worshipful Brother Loren Davis. Each year, the Master of the lodge is allowed to present one Brother with the Hiram Award for his outstanding service to Masonry. I am pleased to give this award to Worshipful Brother Davis. His tireless service to the lodge should be a strong example to all of us.

Finally, December's Stated Meeting will bring the election of the next slate of officers. Please come down to the Lodge and participate in your right as a Master Mason to shepherd the future of our Lodge. The season do change, but our Lodge can remain eternal with your continued support and service. I look forward to seeing you!

In Service to the Craft,
Jeremy Nienow
Worshipful Master

Upcoming Schedule

- Thursday, Oct. 8th** - Stated Communication
Ladies Night (RSVP October 5th)
- Thursday, Oct. 15th** - Fellowcraft Degree Rehearsal
- Tuesday, Oct. 20th** - Entered Apprentice Prove-Up
- Thursday, Oct. 22nd** - Fellowcraft Degree Ritual
- Friday, Oct. 23rd** - Lecture School of Instruction
Jasper Lodge #114
- Thursday, Oct. 29th** - Family Movie Night





FROM THE WEST

New Perspective

For the past year and a half, you have been seeing my name on newsletter articles. Until recently I did not really see the true importance of a regular contribution. Many people have explained that for many Brothers this is their main or only connection to our lodge. Although I heard what they were saying, I subconsciously thought either those offering guidance were just regurgitating what they had been told as a justification for the lodge newsletter requirement, or that no one except the Brothers who regularly make the lodge meetings read it anyway.

That suddenly changed as we came back from being dark for the summer. Around the fifth call I made to inform Brothers about the Canadian Visitation, I received unsolicited feedback informing me how much the Brother enjoy the newsletter. What luck! I found the one Brother whose face I cannot picture who actually reads the newsletter. Smiling to myself, I continued calling the rest of the Brothers on the list. About three names later, I came across a name I didn't recognize. After dialing the digits and confirming I had reached the correct person, I started into my spiel. When asked if I could expect to see him, I got a "Probably not." Not giving up, I asked if it was a matter of transportation as we could certainly accommodate. He explained that his health was failing, and he hasn't been able to come to lodge for a number of years. Then, the unexpected, he recognized my name from the newsletter and said that it was great to see what us younger Brothers were up to.

I was speechless. This task that I regularly viewed as a chore or busy work had just become an important responsibility. I know this is the exact scenario I had been told, but sometimes you need to experience something first hand to truly believe it.

So this article is dedicated to all those Brothers how feel a little more connected to our Lodge because of this newsletter. Even if I do not have the opportunity regularly, I now feel like I get a chance to talk to you.

Cheers,

Terry Mallberg
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Food and Community Service

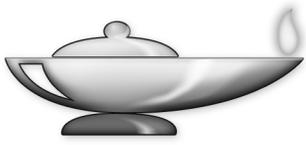
The Canadian Visitation was a rounding success in my opinion and I had a great time meeting our Canadian Brothers, and I very much enjoyed receiving the gigantic engraved beer mug as a gift from Ancient Landmark Lodge #3's Junior Warden who sadly could not be present this year. I also enjoyed watching Worshipful Brother Nienow get ice water dumped on his head, because he is a champ. I look forward to leading the American contingent of Brother Masons to Winnipeg in two years. I have already begun to think of ways to entice members of our Lodge to come along for the ride.

For our dinner at the November Stated Meeting we will be having bratwurst, repurposed so we aren't eating brats, buns, and kraut but we're going to try a comfort food recipe with bratwurst as the staple ingredient. It's getting colder out there and the stewards and I think it will be fitting. Please come out and enjoy it with us. As I've said before, any Brother who is interested in cooking for a dinner during a Stated Meeting or Degree is more than welcome to do so. Please notify me if you are interested. It is, of course, a special evening for Worshipful Brother Loren Davis; come down and support him and the Lodge.

Also, we have begun discussion and planning for our community service project which was something I set out to do at the beginning of the year. More information will become available as we solidify things. Once things are finalized, we will be sending out an email blast as well as notifying everyone on social media. If you've been itching to get out and do something for the community as a member of our Lodge, please stay tuned. If you were at our September Stated Meeting, you heard Brother Ron Bradley's wonderful LEO presentation where he talked about showing the community around us that we are proud to be Masons, and community service is one of the best ways to do it.

Looking forward to seeing everyone,

Johnnie Timm
Junior Warden



LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

What is Masonry Worth to You?

In the Bylaws of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5, revised and adopted on September 13, 1900, the dues for the Lodge were \$4.00. (In today's money that would be equivalent to \$114.28.) The fee for submitting a petition was \$20.00 (\$557.14), the fee for each degree was \$10.00 (\$285.70). You would have spent almost \$1500.00 in current value by the time you were a new Master Mason!

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota charged the founders \$45.00 when they submitted for a Charter for Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 in 1854. That is today's equivalent of \$1,265.00.

It seems that Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry carried more value for the members then than now. Today, when we might spend \$5.00 for a cup of coffee, \$6.50 for a hot dog at a ball game, \$10.00 or more for a cocktail, but we will not spend \$10.00 a month (\$120.00 a year) to have the honor of belonging to one of the greatest organizations in the world. The expenses that the fraternity must bear to own and maintain a building, to organize functions for us, and for our charities have continued to climb with the times. But our dues have not kept pace.

Some of our Brothers are on fixed incomes, some feel that they cannot afford higher dues. Do you think that we would drop a worthy Brother that is in financial hardship? The Brother may apply for relief, and a worthy Brother will not be turned away. What greater charity is there than to aide a Brother in need? I know of some who have paid the dues for a Brother in need.

I understand the need to maintain a budget. I understand the need for frugality and prudence. I also fear that unless we nurture the Lodge that it could fail and falter, and that it may not be there for my son, my grandson, or my great-grandson. I can think of few things so sad as our Lodge to fade away.

What is that you say? We have an endowment, a fund that allows us to ignore financial prudence! We can rely on the money contributed by others until that money is gone! Why should we pay more when we have money in the bank?

Our Lodge has been blessed financially, no doubt. We have been entrusted with a legacy that can bear fruits and enables our Lodge to help others with our charitable efforts and give us a cushion when times are tough. Should we spend away this blessing? Or should we manage these funds to provide for our Lodge and charities for many years to come?

There is no current proposal to increase our dues. I only ask you to contemplate and look deep into your heart and ask "What is Freemasonry and my Lodge membership really worth to me?" I believe that when you answer that question you will look beyond today and think about tomorrow, next year, next decade, next century, and conclude that we should do all we can to preserve that what we hold dear for those that come after us. Our world needs those that "search for light", and we must help those future Brothers find it.

Ron Bradley
Lodge Education Officer

Canadian Visitation







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



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