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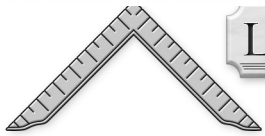


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### LOOK TO THE EAST

#### Traditions

The end of Summer for me brings the excitement of continuing my year in the East with two very special events. As I write this, the 2015 Canadian Visitation is just two weeks away. Hopefully this newsletter finds its way to you before the Labor Day Weekend. Many of you have reached out to us interested in joining in the three days of events, and even if you did not RSVP for one of the larger happenings, I hope to see you in the hospitality room of the Minneapolis Airport Marriott to meet some of our wonderful friends from Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3. On Friday we will be welcoming our guests in the early evening with a low-key night of food and friendship as they trickle in from the North. Saturday is the major day of the weekend with breakfast, tours of the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital and Historic Fort Snelling, and dinner in the evening. Dinner will include photo opportunities, Irish music, and good food as well as honored guests from near and far. On Sunday we ease into the day with a noon-time BBQ at Bush Lake Park including a live German band and dancing. This will be followed in the evening with group games and hospitality as we wrap up our time together and start to make plans for 2017.

Monday morning sees our friends safely on their way and ushers us directly back into the Fall degree cycle and our Stated Communications. If we were not able to see you at the Canadian Visitation I dearly hope to see you at our September Stated Meeting on Thursday the 10th. Dinner begins at 6pm and this evening is our annual Awards Night - honoring our Worshipful Brothers and Brothers who continue to model for us their dedication to the craft. Our Fall degrees start on the 24th with the Entered Apprentice Degree. Please join us as for dinner at 6pm as a new group of men take their first steps in the Craft.

I am honored to be a part of these rituals of friendship and tradition that have been passed down to us through the generations. As we participate in the AL3 / AL5 Visitation and continue our degrees, I am continually reminded of the link I share as part of a chain that extends well into the past. These traditions tie us together, creating lasting bonds, and I am humbled to play my small part in their continuance. I hope each of you have a safe end to the Summer, that I see you at our upcoming events, and that your own love of the Craft continues to grow with each passing year.

In Service to the Craft,  
Jeremy Nienow  
Worshipful Master



### FROM THE WEST

#### Back from Summer Darkness

Autumn is upon us. A few road construction projects are actually being completed, children are going back to school, and Masons are returning to their Lodges. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is feeling rested and ready for the second half of the Masonic year.

Kicking off the season is the Canadian Visitation. I hope the number of emails, phone calls, and number of references in this newsletter conveys our desire to make this year a memorable, well attended year.

Following soon after will be our first stated meeting on September 10th. Please come out and see those Brothers you have not kept up with over the summer. The fellowship is sure to be engaging with many of us recounting our adventures and sharing our experiences. A few of us may actually have acquired a few new jokes and stories over the warm months. It is also our Awards Night where we take a moment to thank our Brothers who continue to engage in Masonic pursuits year after year.

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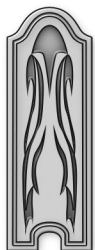
Next, comes one of my favorite parts of the second half of the year, the second set of degrees for our candidates. This group of candidates receive the benefit of having a more seasoned cast--one with a little less anxiety that holds themselves to a higher bar. Those of you in the line and regular lecturers start sweeping away the cobwebs and brush up on those parts. Also, if you are interested in taking on specific parts or just generally getting more involved in the ritual work, please feel free to contact me about the upcoming EA degree.

Interspersed within the approximately three month degree season, our Worshipful Master is continuing on his tack of providing fun events at the Lodge building on non-meeting nights. Those who have attended and of these previous events have been treated to cards, movies and refreshments. There is already another such event on the calendar and I am sure another non-meeting event will show up. Anyone with good ideas for events or willing to help plan, please speak up.

As you have heard numerous times...This is your lodge and you get out of it what you put into it. Although cliché, it is very true and works in aggregate. The more all of us put into it the more everyone gets out of it.

Fraternally,

Terry Mallberg  
Senior Warden, AL5



## FROM THE SOUTH

### Participating in Your Lodge

We have come to Summer's end and it is now time to start thinking about the Fall and Winter seasons for our Lodge. I hope to see those Brothers whom we raised earlier this year sitting on the sidelines as well as everybody else, especially if you haven't seen us in a while. For our new Brothers this is an excellent opportunity to see what went on "behind the scenes" during the degrees. Dinner each evening starts at 6pm and we have good food and outstanding Stewards ready with coffee pot in hand.

Additionally, there are two things I would like each of my Brothers to consider participating in. First, we have three more degrees this year, and there is always a need for lecturers and people to fill other roles. If you have never taken part in a degree or haven't in some time and would like to challenge yourself by exercising your mind a bit in memorization and recital, please contact us and let us know.

The experience can be initially intimidating but ultimately extremely satisfying. Preparations are now under way for the Entered Apprentice Degree on September 24th as well as the degree I will be leading on 22nd of October.

The second thing to consider is community service. I have previously mentioned in this newsletter that I plan to coordinate one community service project that this Lodge will participate in this year. I will be looking for people to serve in the planning committee and also volunteers to execute the plan. We can and should have a positive presence in the community by actually going out into the community. If you have something in mind stop and talk with me about it at our next Stated Communication on the 10th or drop me a line.

I look forward to seeing you in and out of Lodge.

Johnnie Timm  
Junior Warden, AL5

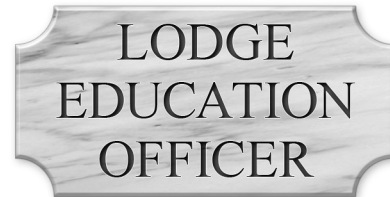
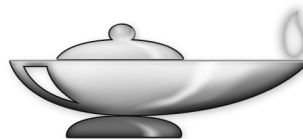
## Upcoming Schedule

**Thursday, Sept. 10th** - Stated Communication  
Awards Night

**Thursday, Sept. 17th** - Entered Apprentice Rehearsal

**Friday, Sept. 18th** - Master Mason School of Instruction

**Thursday, Sept. 24th** - Entered Apprentice Degree



## Freemasonry and Judaism

(The following is a shortened and edited version of a paper by Brother Paul M. Bessel from 1989 presented to the Annandale Royal Arch Chapter No. 77, Virginia.)

Jews were actively involved in the beginnings of Freemasonry in America. There is evidence they were among those who established Masonry in seven of the original thirteen states: Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia.

A Jewish Mason, Moses Michael Hays, helped introduce the Masonic Scottish Rite in America. Paul Revere served under him as Deputy Grand Master. There were several other Jews who held the masonic titles in the late 1700's: Solomon Bush in Pennsylvania, Joseph Myers in Maryland and later in South Carolina, and Abraham Forst of Philadelphia in Virginia in 1781.

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Another Jewish Grand Master was Moses Seixas in Rhode Island from 1791 until 1800. There were many other American Jewish Masons in early American history, including one in George Washington's original Fredericksburg Lodge.

Jewish Masons played an important part in the American Revolution, with 24 of them serving as officers in George Washington's army. In addition, several helped finance the American cause, including Haym Salomon, a Philadelphia Jewish Mason who with others contributed and raised money for the American war effort and loaned money to Jefferson, Madison, Lee, and others for their personal expenses. Salomon was imprisoned by the British and died in his 40's bankrupt and with penniless heirs.

There is evidence that Jews, including rabbis, continued to be involved in the Masonic movement in the United States. There have been at least 51 Jewish American Grand Masters. Today there are many Jews active in Masonry in America and other countries. Israel has about 60 Masonic lodges with 3,000 members.

Jews had also been involved to a small extent in the formation of modern Freemasonry in the early 1700's in England. Until then Jews were not permitted to participate in many of the ordinary activities of life. Then the Enlightenment concept of the universality of all people brought about a society where people's religious beliefs did not affect their rights as citizens. Jews were gradually permitted to exercise the rights of citizenship and to pursue their lives as they wished. Many Jews viewed joining Freemasonry as part of their "emancipation" from the old legal and social exclusions. Modern Masonry was as much a product of the Enlightenment as the emancipation of Jews. Many society leaders were Freemasons and if Jews could join this fraternity that would prove they were being accepted. They could also use the opportunities presented by their participation in a social organization with Christians to prove the two could prosper by their association. Freemasonry's philosophy of the brotherhood of all people indicated Masonry would accept Jews as members.

Did Masonry always welcome Jews? No. Although a Jew, Edward Rose, became a Mason in a London lodge in 1732, this event apparently excited attention and led to other lodges debating whether they should permit Jewish members. Eventually, significant numbers of Jews joined English Masonry where they were apparently welcomed. French Masonic lodges, and those in different countries affiliated with the French Grand Orient during the Napoleonic occupations, admitted Jews without restrictions. In 1869 a Jew was Grand Master of the Scottish Rite in Paris.

However, later in the 1800's French society became more anti-Semitic, culminating in the Dreyfus affair where a French army officer was unjustly accused of treason mainly because he was a Jew, and French Masonry unfortunately also became more anti-Jewish. Today, some parts of French Masonry are officially neutral about religion and do not even require a belief in G-d. In Scandinavia, according to some sources, Masonry is officially Christian and does not accept Jewish members.

It is probably not surprising that the country with the longest history of anti-Semitic prejudice in Freemasonry as well as in society is Germany. Most lodges there did not permit Jews to be members, and they even questioned visiting Masonic brethren about their religion at the doors of their lodges and barred Jews even if they were Masons in good standing in other lodges. This caused lodges in England, the Netherlands, and the United States to protest but they did not retaliate against visiting German Masons.

German officials feared secret societies as potential sources of subversion, so the Prussian government became involved in Masonry as a means to watch and control it. The future Kaiser Wilhelm I was the patron of the three Berlin Grand Lodges for many years, and he decided that Jews would only be permitted if there was unanimous agreement. Since one of the Grand Lodges was known to be adamant against accepting Jews, this forced the others who wanted to be more tolerant to maintain anti-Jewish policies.

In Russia, Freemasonry was also suppressed because of the belief it might be used to support political activity against the Czarist regime, at the same time that Jews were prevented from obtaining rights of citizenship in that country.

In general, Freemasonry's attitudes toward Jews mirrors those of the rest of society. Jews became more acceptable from the late 1700's until the 1870's. From that time on, anti-Semitism increased in many countries. This also occurred in Freemasonry, but by then Judaism and Masonry were being jointly attacked.

Ronald Bradley  
Lodge Education Officer

## **Leadership Summit**

for the Metroeast/Metrowest

October 3rd, 2015

Minneapolis Scottish Rite  
2011 Dupont Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN, 55405

**All Brothers Welcome!**

# LODGE of SORROW 2015



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

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