



ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 5

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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Greeting from the East:

Brothers,

As the spring temperatures continue to rise, so do the new members of our Lodge. This past Thursday, I had the pleasure of sitting in the South and watching 6 new Brothers go through the Entered Apprentice degree. Our master that evening, Rick Hugley, did a superb job, along with the entire cast. The new Brothers are all terrific, men and I am excited to watch as they advance in their masonic journeys.

With one quarter of my year as master already over, I spent some time reflecting on my experience so far. My biggest take away is that I am incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by so many good mentors and resources. I'm reminded of Andrew Carnegie, who founded Carnegie Steel (which later became US Steel) in 1892. A number of the successes that Carnegie had were not due to the fact that he was a genius with steel (he wasn't), but rather that he had surrounded himself with a team of experts that were able to provide him sound advice. I am certainly no Carnegie, but I am incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by so many terrific Brothers. Your advice, willingness to step up when needed, and hard work is very much appreciated, and is the reason for any successes that the Lodge has had under my leadership.

On a quick business note, the Master Mason degree will take place on Saturday June 1st. Please come down and support our new brothers.

Additionally, I encourage everyone to come down to the Lodge on Friday, May 17th, for Doug Kuchera's

Hiram Award presentation. Doug has been an outstanding resource for the Lodge, and we would love to have you all attend to show your support.

Eric Froistad
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West:

What is a Masonic Lodge? Is the Lodge Simply a place to conduct meetings and confer degrees?

A Masonic Lodge is the Membership. The Brothers who conduct meetings, confer degrees, and a wide range of other activities all orchestrated by people, your Brothers. What makes a Lodge vibrant? Participation. Due signs and summons are made known to the lodge through the lodge websites, stated meetings, etc.

Consider setting aside a couple of hours of your time once a month attend a stated meeting. Join with your Brothers, volunteer, and participate in degree work. You will discover that connecting with the Lodge is beneficial in a variety of ways.

I hope to see you soon.

Your truly,

Rick Hugley
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South:

Brethren,

I would like to say thank you for your support and for electing me to the office of Junior Warden.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead. Our spring degree cycle looks to be very promising with some enthused candidates, who, with encouragement from our members of the lodge, will want to be involved in keeping Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 moving forward.

For the upcoming summer we will be planning a golf tournament and most of all, our turn to host our Brethren and the ladies from Ancient Landmark Lodge # 3, Winnipeg, Manitoba. This event has been taking place between our two Lodges for more than forty years!

It is scheduled to take place this upcoming Labor Day weekend. Plans are still being put into place, more information to follow. Please keep this weekend on your calendar to enjoy such great company and enjoy our great Canadian Brethren.

Fraternally yours,

David Roussopoulos
Junior Warden

Greetings from the Secretary of the Lodge:

Brothers,

I am writing today to encourage you to pay your 2019 dues (or past dues) and to consider becoming a life member of our Lodge. If you have already paid your dues – Thank you! However, as of the writing of this brief letter, 30% of our membership still has not. Some are brothers whom I have never met or hardly ever see – but some are regular attendees and even past line officers. If you are struggling to meet this obligation, please reach out to me or the Master of the Lodge and we would be happy to listen and provide assistance as needed. If you can't remember if you have paid your dues – just look in your wallet at your dues card. If it does not say 2019 – then you have not paid yet. Dues are due BEFORE the beginning of the year...not at the end.

If you are currently a member in good standing I would

also ask you to consider becoming a lifetime member. Life membership provides you with immediate benefits of always getting your dues card at the beginning of the year for travel to other Lodges not to mention the peace of mind of never again having to wonder if you paid your dues yet. Furthermore, if dues go up in the future (and I promise you they will in time) you will never have to worry about paying in more to the Lodge. Although these immediate benefits are worth membership in and of themselves, the real benefit comes to the Lodge. The Lodge gets a guaranteed source of income each year – paid out from the Grand Lodge to us for all of our life membership. Furthermore, in years where the life membership fund earns more money than it takes to maintain it – dividends are paid out to the Lodge. Life membership, as well as remembering the Lodge in your will, is a great way to pay it forward to future brothers and celebrate the always important tenant of charity.

Finally, I ask you remember the Lodge when changing address, getting new email accounts, and new phone numbers. Keeping us up to date ensures you are not left out of important email and snail mail correspondence.

I look forward to seeing everyone regularly in Lodge and celebrating our friendship and fraternal fellowship.

Jeremy Nienow
AL5 Past Master and Secretary

Greeting from Elsewhere about the Lodge:

Dear Brethren,

I've had the honor and privilege of being a part of AL5 since 2014. In this time I have met many brothers that I will know doubt count among my friends for decades to come. The fraternity that binds us to one another is something that transcends social, economic, religious or political ideologies. I grew up as an only child and did not have the opportunity to have siblings to count on and to have a bond of blood. For me the brothers of the lodge are, truly, my brothers regardless of whether I met you or not.

A few months ago a member of our lodge received a 75 year pin for being a member. During the presentation it was mentioned that the lodge at the time this brother was raised there were over a thousand members. This is more

that five times the number of members we currently have. In the four years I have been a member I have met many men of our lodge, but nowhere near all of our members. I feel a connection to all the members that I have met and have learned so much from them, that I cannot help to feel what am I missing from not meeting all the members of our lodge.

It is with this thought I write to you today. With the number of brethren diminishing it is become even more important that we build the bond with all of our brother of this lodge. I would like to encourage any member of our lodge who has not come to a meeting lately to come. The rest the body and I would love to meet you in the interest of fellowship and brotherly love. It is these principles that cement us as a unified body. In this age of facebook, email, and text messages we all need to truly connect with one another.

If you need assistance to attend a meeting for any reason, I would encourage you to reach out to your brothers or the lodge for help. It is important for you to come to our meetings and we have many brothers willing to help in any way.

Brady McAdams
Junior Deacon

Word of Enlightenment and Thought:

How and When Freemasonry Began: One Account

It is not known where Freemasonry began. The earliest recorded 'making' of a Freemason in England is that of Elias Ashmole in 1646. Organized Freemasonry began with the founding of the Grand Lodge of England on 24 June 1717, (St John's Day), the first Grand Lodge in the world. Ireland followed in 1725 and Scotland in 1736. All the regular Grand Lodges in the world trace themselves back to one or more of the Grand Lodges in the British Isles.

There are two main theories of origin. According to one, the operative stonemasons who built the great cathedrals and castles had lodges in which they discussed trade affairs. They had simple initiation ceremonies and, as there were no City and Guilds certificates, dues cards, or trade union membership cards, they adopted secret signs and words to demonstrate that they were trained masons when they moved from site to site. In the 1600s, these

operative lodges began to accept non-operatives as "gentlemen masons". Gradually, these non-operatives took over the lodges and turned them from operative to 'free and accepted' or 'speculative' lodges.

The other theory is that in the late 1500s and early 1600s, there was a group, which was interested in the promotion of religious and political tolerance in an age of great intolerance when differences of opinion on matters of religion and politics were to lead to bloody civil war. In forming Freemasonry, they were trying to make better men and build a better world. As the means of teaching in those days was by allegory and symbolism, they took the idea of building as the central allegory on which to form their system. The main source of allegory was the Bible, the contents of which were known to everyone even if they could not read, and the only building described in detail in the Bible was King Solomon's Temple, which became the basis of the ritual. The old trade guilds provided them with their basic administration of a Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, and the operative mason's tools provided them with a wealth of symbols with which to illustrate the moral teachings of Freemasonry.



In Memoriam

Our Grand Master, Steven D. Johnson passed to the Celestial Lodge above on April 21, 2019. His work was unfinished, yet his column is broken and the Brethren mourn.

Grand Master Steven D. Johnson was born February 17th, 1949 in Rushford, MN, son of Maynard and Marjorie Johnson, and graduated from Bloomington Kennedy High school in 1967.

He is survived by his loving wife Lynette; his three children, Ben (Jennifer) Johnson of Minneapolis, Tia (Jeff) Marks of Owatonna, and Michelle (Sean) Ronsen of Minnetonka; his five grandchildren, Josiah, Lydia, Maggie, Emelia, and Fletcher; his sister Linda (Bob) Stankovich; his sister-in-law MaryAnn Johnson; his niece, nephews and their families; and his first wife, Tammy (Rob) Olsen. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Jerry Johnson.

Grand Master Steven D. Johnson had a curiosity and passion for life. He loved his hobbies and toys; racing

cars, motorbikes, and sailboats. He and Lynette loved spending time together on their boat and motorcycle. Always with their dog Schooner along for the ride!

Grand Master Steven D. Johnson was blessed with amazing creative talents from his writing original stories and characters, songs, jingles, and the many instruments he played. Grand Master Steven D. Johnson was a dreamer with vision and he loved to share it with others. He combined these talents with his passion for people in his work at the University of Minnesota Medical Foundation where he helped raise millions of dollars. This drive and charisma also led him to his position of leadership on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Masonic Charities.

Grand Master Steven D. Johnson joined the Masons of Minnesota in June of 2005. He respected our honored traditions and philanthropic mission, but above all, he valued their friendship and guidance toward becoming his best self. He was installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota on April 13th, 2019. This was a tremendous honor for him.

His family will remember his laughter and humor, his zest for adventure, and his desire to imagine new ways to do things. Grand Master Steven D. Johnson was incredibly proud of his children and grandchildren; their skills, gifts, and individuality. His face would light up whenever he could teach them something new or spend time witnessing what brought them joy. He cherished his life with Lynette – his perfect match, his partner, his love, his best friend.

He left us too soon and he will be missed. But we will never grow tired of telling stories of who he was and the mark he left on our lives.



Upcoming Events:

Thursday, May 9th: Stated Meeting

Friday, May 17th: Hiram Award Night for Doug Kouchera

Saturday, June 1st: Master Mason Degree

Thursday, June 13: Stated Meeting

Labor Day Weekend 2019 Canadian Visitation. Mark your Calendar !!! A full itinerary to follow soon!!! Please contact WB. Ron Larson 651-439-9089 for the most up to date information



Lodge of Sorrows 2018

The roll was called and 14 Brothers did not answer the call:

Name	Born	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Died
Robert W. Sonnee	7/17/1933	1/5/1956	2/2/1956	3/1/1956	12/28/2010
Alfred H. Schleifer	12/19/1921	4/9/1954	4/23/1954	5/22/1954	10/24/2014
Oliver H. Tankenoff	12/27/1920	3/1/1951	3/15/1951	4/14/1951	4/10/2015
Michael J. Wachowiak	12/30/1951	6/21/2003	6/21/2003	6/21/2003	1/15/2016
William E. Peter	8/30/1926	4/18/1957	5/16/1957	6/6/1957	5/28/2017
Lyle W. Dixon	11/5/1935	4/14/1966	10/20/1966	11/10/1966	9/12/2017
Charles J. Burbach	6/13/1933	1/26/1961	2/16/1961	3/25/1961	10/30/2017
James L. Hockert	10/26/1951	5/17/1988	6/21/1988	11/1/1988	1/22/2018
Stephen D. Morse	8/2/1952	4/10/2003	4/24/2003	5/29/2003	1/23/2018
Marvin Edelstein	11/11/1935	12/18/1958	1/29/1959	2/19/1959	4/19/2018
Robert Oliver	10/31/1928	3/24/1983	4/14/1983	6/28/1983	4/24/2018
James T. Thoreson	12/29/1942	9/6/1977	10/4/1977	10/16/1977	6/30/2018
Kenneth Reinhardt	1/26/1935	9/22/1966	2/15/1968	3/23/1968	10/28/2018
Lewis L. Hassie	11/25/1925	8/18/1947	11/11/1947	11/22/1947	11/26/2018



Lodge of Sorrows 2019

The roll was called and 1 Brothers did not answer the call:

Name	Born	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Died
Larry Lauber Jr.	4/25/1938	10/4/1973	11/15/1973	1/12/1974	4/15/2019

WB Lauber was born on April 25th, 1938 in Shenandoah Iowa. He was made an Entered Apprentice on October 4th, 1973 (top line signer was WB Bob. Eckstrom), passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft on November 15th, 1973 and obtained the sublimed Degree of a Master Mason on January 12th, 1974. He was a Past Master of our Lodge (1978) as well as a recipient of the Hiram Award (1993). Our secretary Thomas J. Delany in his letter to Grand Lodge concerning Larry's Hiram Award wrote, "He has been, quite literally, a pillar upon which this Lodge rests."