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# ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 5

# Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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### Greeting from the East:

The first half of our Lodge calendar is complete, with the exception of our annual Golf outing (details maybe found at the Lodge website). Our first half resembledin many respects our last year. Face coverings, social distancing, and opening each Stated Communication on the First Degree became the new normal. Many emergency orders have been rescinded by the Governor and the Grand Lodge has rolled back a number of its decrees as well. This means we may now resume our regular course of business with a few exceptions. Examples are: We may now resume serving a meal prior to each meeting, face masks not required for fully vaccinated persons, and most importantly, we may resume conferring degrees on qualified candidates. Our second half begins September 9, 2021 6:00 PM dinner 7:00 PM meeting. The regular schedule of degree work will follow. A revised second half calendar is being prepared and will be posted to our website for your convenience.

Enjoy the summer days to come and may the Blessing of God accompany you. In the lyrics of The Happening's song; "see you in September".

Fraternally,

Rick Hugley Worshipful Master



# **Greetings from the West:**

Summer is upon us, it seems with a vengeance!

We have completed the first half of our Masonic year with Covid 19 in the rearview mirror. However, it will improve as long as those who are not yet vaccinated will do so this summer. Please keep in mind that our plans are to return to our dinners before our meetings and we all want fellowship and good food for a time of normalcy.

Hopefully our brother and "chef" Mike Doyle will treat us again to delicious meals created by his excellent cooking skills.

We are in hopes of beginning our ritual work on September 23rd, with one candidate. If any of you know of a man interested in joining AL 5, please get their petition to our secretary as soon as possible. They would be able to join several EA candidates who will complete their Master Mason degree in December.

Please make plans to join in a great time of golf and lunch of hamburgers and chips...plus fun fun fun. It will be a tournament at Hidden Greens Golf Course, Hastings on Saturday, July 26. T-time is 8am. Cost is \$46.00, 18-holes, cart and lunch paid directly to Hidden Greens. Drinks on your own. Fraternally yours,

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David Roussopoulos Senior Warden August 2021 Vol.18.4



#### **Greetings from the South:**

My first known Masonic introduction was going to my Grandfather's installation as Master of Canisteo Lodge in Coleraine, MN in 1985.

Coleraine and its own "twin city" of Bovey were mining towns. As Iron Ore mining ended in the 80s those towns began to dry up too and eventually Canisteo Lodge closed though I was unable to find a specific date. Canisteo took its name from the name of the Ore Pit that was mined in the cities of Bovey and Coleraine, which is where my Grandfather worked. Since mining ceased the pit has been filling with water for decades. The depth of the water is over 300 feet in some areas and currently the water level is about 20 feet higher than the cities of Bovey and Coleraine. With both sides of my family from "da range" I've been fascinated and followed along on plans on how to divert the water out of that mine and enjoyed a few fishing trips on the lake for bass and northern.

Should stories like that interest you there are great images and updates on the pit by searching "Canisteo Pit."

Eric Jokin Junior Warden

#### Greeting from Elsewhere about the Lodge:

#### Dear Brethren,

July 4, It is the day that we celebrate the independence of our nation and get together with family and friends. We fire up the grill for hamburgers and hotdogs, cold beverages in the cooler, and find a comfortable place to watch the fireworks at night.

This July 4th will be extra special. Last year Covid kept us isolated from one another. This year we, spent time with my extended family as we have traditionally done in the past. It is a great feeling to know that this year we can start to get back to normal, or as close to normal as can be.

I hope that we can continue on the path of getting back to normal, but we all have to do our part. If you haven't got the vaccine, please get it. Support your brothers and your community by helping us stop this virus. The more people get the vaccine the less chance that this virus will continue to mutate and become more virulent. The Delta Varent is more transmissible but our current vaccines do provide immunity from serious illness. We may not be so lucky with the next variant that emerges. We need to prevent the virus from using our bodies as a space to mutate into a deadly version that can bypass the protection afforded by the vaccine.

If you don't know where to get your vaccine please go to <a href="https://www.vaccines.gov/">https://www.vaccines.gov/</a> or check with your doctor or local pharmacy.

As always, I want to invite everyone who receives this newsletter to write an article. It does need to be a work of art. All I would ask is that it be something that you from the heart so your brother can learn about you. Please feel free to send me submissions at the address or email address below.

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#### **Words of Encouragement:**

When Are You A Mason?
Wilbur D. Nesbit
When are you a Mason?
When you go to Lodge
If there is a meeting
That you cannot dodge?
When you wear your button?
When still up you climb?
The way to be a Mason
Is to be one all the time.

When are you a Mason?
When there's fun and feast,
Or when you can bolster
With a word at least
Some poor devil's spirits!
The real help you give.
The way to be a Mason
Is to be one as you live.

When are you a Mason? When some gossip spreads Of another brother, August 2021 Vol.18.4

Are you the one who heads
Off the hurtful babble,
And helps make things right?
The way to be a Mason
Is to be one day and night.

When are you a Mason?
Brother, you and I
Can make great the Order
As the days go by,
Through each word and action,
Through each song and smile:
The way to be a Mason

Is to be one all the while!



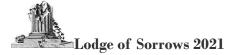
## **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, September 9th: Stated Meeting

Sunday, September 19th: MTA Benefit Concert With Kenwood Symphony Orchestra and Twin Cities Trumpet Ensemble. More information at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/benefit-concert-for-the-m asonic-temple-association-of-st-paul-tickets-163706363 139

Thursday, September 23th: Degree conferral

Thursday, October 14th: Stated Meeting



Name	$\operatorname{Born}$	Initiated	Passed	Raised	$\operatorname{Died}$
Charles Toushin	9/8/40	11/30/61	12/21/61	1/18/62	1/12/21