



ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 5

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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Greeting from the East:

The Brethren of Ancient Landmark Lodge # 5 honored me for the second time by electing me and the other Principal Officers of 2020 to another term.

The challenges of 2020 are behind us and the lessons learned have been taken to heart. Our focus again this year will be charitable giving and scholarship donation. We will again donate \$6,000.00 to worthy students furthering their secondary education and \$4,000.00 to a local women and children's shelter. All of these expenditures are line items in our 2021 budget.

At each stated meeting and lodge function we will display a Mason Jar and a Pennies from Heaven Jar. The Mason Jar is a receptacle for your personal donations. The Pennies from Heaven Jar is a receptacle for your spare pennies. The money collected from these jars will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$1,000.00 and the proceeds donated to the local charity of the Masters choice.

Remember the Lodge is you and all your Masonic Brothers. Let's not forget those in need during these trying times

Your truly,
Rick Hugley
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West:

It is with great excitement and hope that I greet 2021. An end is insight for the pandemic, Many of us are getting or will be getting vaccinated. I look forward to the resumption of some of the normal activities that we had to forgo in 2020 such as degrees, fellowship before meetings with food, and seeing more brothers at meetings that had to stay away for various reasons.

It will be good to once again begin a degree cycle and help our brothers who have not had a chance to be raised as of yet. I am also looking forward to our golf outing this summer and how to see many of you out on the course.

In the meantime I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and for electing me as Senior Warden for this year.

Fraternally yours,
David Roussopoulos
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South:

Fraternal greetings from the South. As we endeavour forward in the age of Coronavirus I'm optimistic that later in the year we may once again enjoy meals prepared by Brother Doyle. While Grand Lodge has provided an edict to us for options should we choose to have fellowship prior

to our stated meeting, the principal officers have chosen to reassess this closer to when we resume after going dark for the Summer.

In researching some ideas for the newsletter, I found an interesting article from MasonryTodat.com regarding the origins of the cornucopia that I hope you will enjoy.

"The one Greek God that the Cornucopia is associated with that is probably most fascinating to Freemasons, is it's association with Pluto, god of the underworld. This version of the God of the Underworld, formerly Hades, was taught in the Mystery Religions, sometimes called the sacred mysteries or mysteries. The Mystery Religions of the Greco-Roman world were religious schools that were only for the initiates. At least one source about the Mystery Religions states that "The main characterization of this religion is the secrecy associated with the particulars of the initiation and the ritual practice, which may not be revealed to outsiders." Pluto, probably to show the difference between him and Hades, is often depicted holding a Cornucopia in contrast to Hades who is depicted holding a drinking horn. Pluto was the giver of agriculture, mineral and spiritual wealth."

Eric Jokin
Junior Warden



From the desk of the Secretary:

Masonic Moments from the Life of George Washington:

I had the opportunity to travel to DC last year with my wife and visit some of my favorite Masonic locations. George Washington is perhaps the most famous mason in America, and I thought I would share a few pieces of his masonic life – as well as some short excerpts from a few speeches he gave during various parts of his life which embody

masonic language and ideals.

George Washington's Masonic Record
Born February 22nd 1732

November 4th 1752, Washington was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Fredericksburg Lodge No 4, in Fredericksburg, VA. Records show he paid 2lbs, 3 shillings. He was 20 years old.

March 3rd 1753, Washington passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft.

August 4th 1753, Washington raised to the Sublimed Degree of a Master Mason.

Attends Lodge sporadically, travels extensively and attends various Lodge's St. John the Evangelist feasts and celebrations.

After the Revolutionary War he received lots of masonic invitations, letters to help brothers form lodges, masonic gifts, etc. He walks in masonic funeral processions.

June 24th 1784 he attended Alexandria Lodge No. 39 Feast of St. John was elected honorary member of the Lodge. At the time Alexandria was chartered under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

April 28th 1788 Edmund Randolph, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, granted a charter to Alexandria Lodge to become the 22nd Lodge in Virginia. The Character names George Washington as the Lodge's Worshipful Master. He was re-elected Master for the following year through 1789.

April 30th 1789 he is sworn in as first president of the United States using the masonic Bible from St. John's Lodge No 1 in New York. The oath is administered by the Grand Master of Masons in New York.

Afterwards he engages in copious amounts of masonic correspondence – including a lot of requests for relief.

The cornerstone for the U.S. The Capitol in 1793 is laid by Potomac Lodge No. 9, Federal Lodge No. 15, and Alexandria Lodge No. 22 with George Washington as "Acting Master".

George Washington died Dec. 14th 1799 at 10:20pm. He was 67 years old. He never demitted from Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4.

George Washington's Address to his Officers,

January 8, 1756 – after the suspension of a member of the Virginia Regiment during the French and Indian Wars.

This timely warning of the Effects of misbehavior will, I hope, be instrumental in animating the younger Officers to a laudable Emulation in the Service of their Country. Not that I apprehend any of them can be guilty of offenses of this nature: but there are many other misdemeanors that will, without due circumspection, gain upon inactive minds, and produce consequences equally disgraceful.

I would therefore earnestly recommend, in every point of Duty; willingness to undertake, and intrepid resolution to execute. Remember, that it is the actions, and not the commission, that make the Officer—and that there is more expected from him than the Title.

I think it my duty, Gentlemen, as I have the Honor to preside over you, to give this friendly admonition; especially as I am determined, as far as my small experience in Service; my abilities, and interest of the Service, dictate; to observe the strictest discipline through the whole economy of my Behavior. I assure you, Gentlemen, that partiality shall never bias my conduct; nor shall prejudice injure any: but throughout the whole tenor of my proceedings, I shall endeavor, as far as I am able, to reward and punish, without the least diminution.

Newburgh Address: George Washington to Officers of the Army, March 15, 1783. Washington's officers were contemplating rebellion after having not been paid towards the close of the Revolutionary War.

For myself (and I take no merit in giving the assurance, being induced to it from principles of gratitude, veracity & justice)—a grateful sense of the confidence you have ever placed in me—a recollection of the Cheerful assistance, & prompt obedience I have experienced from you, under every vicissitude of Fortune, and the sincere affection I feel for an Army, I have so long had the honor to Command, will oblige me to declare, in this public & solemn manner, that, in the

attainment of complete justice for all your toils & dangers, and in the gratification of every wish, so far as may be done consistently with the great duty I owe my Country, and those powers we are bound to respect, you may freely command my services to the utmost of my abilities.

To the Masons of King David's Lodge, Newport, Rhode Island August 18, 1790

Gentlemen,

I received the welcome which you give me to Rhode-Island with pleasure – and I acknowledge my obligations for the flattering expressions of regard contained in your address with grateful sincerity.

Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the masonic fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them a deserving Brother.

My best wishes, Gentlemen, are offered for your individual happiness.

Go. Washington

If you are even in the DC area I recommend stopping at the GW National Masonic Memorial.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is located in Alexandria, Virginia and is dedicated to the memory of WB Washington. Its tower is fashioned after the ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria. The 333-foot memorial was begun in 1922, dedicated in 1932, and interior completed in 1970. In July 2015, it was designated a National Historic Landmark for its architecture, and as one of the largest-scale private memorials to honor Washington.

WB Jeremy Nienow,
Secretary, AL5

Greeting from Elsewhere about the Lodge:

Dear Brethren,

As 2020 closes and 2021 opens with new possibilities, new challenges, and new projects to take on, I am reminded that all great journeys

begin with a single step.

Masonically, we are all on a journey to become better; better men, brothers, husbands, grandfathers, and sons. We are all on this journey, though our paths may differ. We may not recognize each other if we pass each other on the street, but it is our obligation that binds us. It is this bond between us that is the reason that I joined and my desire to be better.

Covid has changed many things in my life. I previously drove 40min one way to work. I now work from home with a commute from the kitchen for coffee to my desk up stairs. I am not grumbling at all. I am grateful that I have the opportunity to work from home. I get to spend much more time with my wife, son, and daughter. The unfortunate consequence is that I do not have as many opportunities to get out of my house. The time that I have with my brothers in lodge have become all the more important.

There are many times that I learn about brothers from their Masonic Record, that I post here for the Lodge of Sorrows. I, and all of your masonic brothers, would like to know you better. It is with this thought in mind that I wanted 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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Word of Enlightenment and Thought:

Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty

Triads are groups of three ideas or objects. Triads appear in nature, politics, and religion. To early man, the cosmos consisted of the sun, the moon, and the stars. He called the natural elements

earth, wind, and fire. He could see triads in the three-leaf clover. He knew he lived in a three-dimensional world. In politics, the US Constitution established three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. And in religion, most faiths teach fealty to God, your neighbor, and yourself. All are arranged in intriguing triads of ideas. Let us endeavor to understand some of the power in triads both historically and for us as Masons.

Before we become aware of triads, we think in opposites or dual concepts. Developmental learning theorists easily prove that infants learn through simple stimulus and response events. Touch a newborn baby's cheek, her instinctive reflex will be to turn her head in that direction. She quickly learns to identify her Mother's voice from all others. As language is acquired, knowledge can be gathered by asking, "why?" After a child asks a question she is rewarded with an answer. The pattern engages a pair of concepts or dyads. Even as we advance in learning, we make decisions using dyads by giving reasons for and against an action. A straightforward method for determining a course of action involves drawing a vertical line on paper and arranging the pro and con arguments on either side.

Furthermore, Socratic teaching methods train students by asking questions. The students must provide the answer or else the teacher must supply it. Catechisms are similarly simple teaching devices for youth. The first question in the Westminster Confession asks, "What is the chief end of man?" The student replies, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." The question is neat; the answer is clean. This is an uncomplicated style of learning for the young. But as men, we become more complex. Answers tend to include modifiers such as on the one hand this, but on the other hand that. Dualistic thinking is insufficient for more advanced analysis. Socratic methods tend to give way to Hegelian philosophy that was based on threes: thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. Inspired by Christian insights and grounded in his mastery of a fund of

knowledge, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel attempted to answer all questions--natural, human, and divine--using dialectical reasoning that swung from thesis to antithesis and back again to a richer synthesis. Two opposing forces resolve into a creature wholly different, like the cross-fertilization of two different rose bushes producing a more perfect hybrid. Higher learning tended to use triads. Among the seven liberal arts and sciences are grammar and rhetoric. Grammar uses subject, verb, and object – three things. Adjectives are inflected into good, better, and best – also triads. Grammatical tenses are conjugated into run, ran, and have run. Rhetoric is similarly infused with triads. "A rhetorical comment," is a phrase meaning tangential or unnecessary words. Yet expert rhetoricians reveal much about the persuasive power of words and ideas in orderly lists. In Latin, word order doesn't matter. In English, "man bites dog," demonstrates that word order matters. We remember the three things that abide which are faith, hope, and charity. The order matters. The Bible did not say charity, faith, and hope. We remember from the French Revolution: equality, liberty, and fraternity – a triad. Providing citizens with equality and liberty produces the ideal of fraternity. Rhetoricians argue that the ear wants to hear the most complex at the end of the list as it finishes or completes the first two thoughts. Triads appear in many ancient systems of thought. In numerology, triads are seen as the combination of odd (1) and even (2) that sums to three. Three becomes a symbol of perfection in many ancient cultures and mystic philosophies. Threes also appear very early in geography and in geometry. We can find any location on a plane by reference to three points. Even anthropological artifacts reflect triads. From the union of marriage comes a child. The complication of three elements is needed to provide sufficient complexity to achieve an idealized perfection.

Triads are also prominently employed in Lodges and Masonic writings. Why triads dominate over

dyads or quartets of ideas may not conclusively be known, but speculative Masonry permits us ample opportunity to reflect on the reasons.

Threes appear prominently in the lecture of the winding stairs as we are shown the first three steps. They remind Fellow Crafts of the three degrees of Masonry and the three principal officers of the Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens. We learn that a Lodge is not singular. A Lodge is not dual. It is plural with a minimum of three. Similarly, displaying of the three Greater Lights and the three lesser lights are central rituals for the opening and closing of the Lodge. As the furniture of the Lodge, they separately are symbols with meanings and lessons, but the fact that they are grouped into threes is not accidental.

The three lesser lights are named wisdom, strength, and beauty. They are said to help make Masons better men. Naturally, we could have added other virtues to the list: patience, fortitude, or peacemaking, but the fact that there is but three draws your attention.

The three Greater Lights parallel the three lesser lights. First displayed on the altar is the Holy Bible or scriptures from other religions. The Holy Bible is a collection of writings, histories, and moral teachings that provide guidance in our actions. They are sometimes known as wisdom literature; indeed, one of the books in the Apocrypha during the intertestamental period is the Book of Wisdom. King Solomon is recalled as a wise king whose wisdom was demonstrated by the story of two women claimants for a baby.

Furthermore that wisdom is symbolized atop the Worshipful Master by his hat, the crown of the ruler who is wise.

The square is the second Great Light. A right angle is key to forming a strong wall or a proper column--a wall that will withstand the vicissitudes of weather and seasons. Being on the square is commended to all Master Masons. We are charged to follow the rules and regulations of the Craft and of the country in which we live. We see the square as a symbol of right living in our own lives as well as order in society. The Senior Warden represents

strength: he is the strong supporter of the Worshipful Master. Yet it is intriguing that the symbol of strength, the square, is worn as the jewel of the Worshipful Master.

The third symbol placed on the altar is the compasses. We use a compass to draw an arc or a perfect circle. There is beauty and perfection in structures built with arches and celestial windows. Cathedrals featured rose windows over the altar, which were circular stained-glass windows beautifully adorned for the contemplation of the glory of God. We are further taught a message hidden in the compasses to keep our actions within due bounds. Beauty is orderly, balanced, and under control. So too, the Junior Warden talks of the arc of the sun as it rises to Meridian height as being the beauty and glory of the day.

Hence we repeat patterns of wisdom, strength, and beauty in the three officers as well as the Greater and Lesser Lights. The rhetoric of listing wisdom, strength, and beauty in this order places importance on beauty. Beauty is an odd ideal for a fraternity. Yet beauty is seen as the resolution of a life that is brimming with wisdom and strength. Men who exhibit wisdom and strength create harmony. Harmony is itself a characteristic of beauty in social settings as it is in aesthetics. In the Aurora Lodge (a German-speaking lodge in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin), the German word for beauty is Schönheit, which involves balance and symmetry, as in the beauty of a well-built structure. Perhaps we can visualize that a Lodge filled with wise and strong men will produce better men in a manly sense of symmetry, strength, and beauty.

The three degrees emphasize three stages of life. Our youth and adolescence are emphasized in our training as Entered Apprentices; our manhood and useful work are keys to the Fellowcraft degree; and contemplating our own mortality is vividly

illustrated in the Hiram story for Master Masons. The posting monitors used by all three degrees today begin with three grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Meetings in Lodge are designed to reinforce these three principles as we practice fraternity, charity, and virtue – three moral guides.

Triads are used by Lodges to train our minds. As we grow in understanding we will tend to use more and richer triads. Intelligence, force, and harmony provide elegant synonyms used today for wisdom, strength, and beauty. Likewise, religion, law, and morals are pillars of Masonic teaching. By religious study and contemplation we search out wisdom. By the force and rule of law, we establish a strong and orderly society. And by inculcation of personal morality, we strive for beauty in our private and public lives.

The lesson for us is that the triads used in our rituals and in our lectures are purposeful and helpful to us. Let us strive for perfection by becoming better men in wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Richard D. Marcus
George Washington 1776 Lodge, F&AM #337
Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin



Upcoming Events:

Thursday, April 8: Stated Meeting

Thursday, May 13: Stated Meeting

Thursday, June 10: Stated Meeting

**Lodge of Sorrows 2020**

Name	Born	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Died	
Lee Krumpelmann	11/13/40	9/27/63	5/8/64	5/22/64	7/9/19	
Marvin Odell	3/27/29	3/1/51	3/15/51	4/14/51	11/13/19	
Steven Smith	1/11/51	2/1/01	2/1/01	2/1/01	1/6/20	
Marvin Wolf	5/1/29	12/18/51	1/4/52	1/11/52	3/25/20	
Earl Wolford	7/22/47	11/11/82	12/9/82	1/15/83	5/25/20	
Michael Wilk	7/30/40	10/1/64	10/29/64	11/19/64	6/15/20	
Roger Sorensen	11/6/28	3/16/50	3/20/50	4/20/50	6/28/20	
Edwin Welter		2/16/59	1/19/19	1/19/19	1/19/19	6/28/20
Dale Johnson	7/5/41	1/18/14	1/18/14	1/18/14	10/10/20	
Robert Eckstrom	9/7/41	10/3/68	11/7/68	11/21/68	12/9/20	

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