



ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 5

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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Greeting from the East:

Brothers,

Fall is a time of change. Children and grandchildren return to school as the leaves from the greens of summer change to the many colors of fall that we all enjoy. It is also the time of year that we return to the Lodge and begin a new cycle of degrees. Most recently, we initiated a new Brother as an Entered Apprentice. I am excited to watch as he advances in his Masonic journey. Our master that evening, Rick Hugley, did a superb job, along with the entire cast.

Unfortunately, due to busy schedules for our candidates, we will not be having Fellowcraft or Master Mason degrees. While it is disappointing to have a shortened degree cycle this fall, I am pleased to announce that we will still be having activities at the Lodge outside of the stated meeting. RWB Keith Reiersen has been gracious enough to spearhead an education-based program down at the Lodge, exclusive to Brothers of AL #5. The goals of the program will primarily be education, ritual practice, and fellowship. The dates will be posted in our newsletters, on our Lodge calendar, and on our Facebook page. I would highly encourage you to attend as this program will be a good opportunity for you to learn more about the Craft and to build deeper relationships with your Lodge Brothers.

Lodge have endeavored to create a Masonic Educational night on a variety of Thursdays here at the Lodge. These nights will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the workings of our Lodge, Masonry in General, and engage in brotherly camaraderie. Education nights will begin at 6:30 up in the Blue Room on the second floor of the Lodge.

Here is a schedule for the remainder of the year:

11/21/19 - Fellowcraft history

12/5/19 - Fellowcraft ritual explanation

12/19/19 - Master Mason proficiency and degree symbolism

These nights are for everyone, new Mason and old, and offer the perfect chance to learn more about your Lodge and our Masonic tenets.

Eric Froistad
Worshipful Master



Greetings from the West:

Websters Collegiate Dictionary of the English Language defines the word "Participate" as: "To take part or have a share in common with others. "Freemasonry" define within the same source is: "a member of of an extensive secret order dating from the middle ages, the member denoting themselves Free and Accepted Masons". Dating form the middle ages is a time measured by centuries. how long is it possible that our craft has endured for so long? In a word Participation. if our ancient brethren were not willing to participate, become involved in, practice brotherly love, relief, and truth; our order would have withered and dies on the vine centuries ago.

We lament that our ranks are dwindling, but few seem to want to participate or become involved. when was the last time you called a brother on the phone or took an interest in his well being? If you are like me, its been a while.

Let us pledge together to become more involved, participate in loge activities, call a brother on the phone, or invite him to a meal. Let us together spend the Cement of Brotherly Love and Affection that unites us into one common mass of Free and Accepted Masons

Your truly,

Rick Hugley
Senior Warden



Greetings from the South:

Brethren,

For most of us, fall's arrival brings an increased number of commitments and activities—some done out of passion and excitement, and others out of sheer obligation. One again we are meeting after the summer break and beginning a new degree cycle. If you haven't been to lodge in a while I would encourage you to come to lodge for food and fellowship.

Labor Day Weekend our brother from Canada visited us. It was quite the exciting event. We enjoyed a great weekend with pretty good weather, great food, and great fellowship. For those who could not attend, we would encourage you keep your calendar open for the next visitation Labor-day weekend 2021 or 2023.

Fraternally yours,

David Roussopoulos
Junior Warden

Greeting from Elsewhere about the Lodge:

Dear Brethren,

In a crazy world smart phones, FaceBook, Instagram, Television, Voicemails, emails, conference calls, and all the other distractions of modern life it is good to “unplug” sometimes. In my personal life I strive to find some of this time everyday. My favorite way to spend this time is with my son and daughter reading a book (the ones made of paper) or playing tag or hide and go seek. There are other time that I unplug by working on projects around the house. When we have functions at the the Lodge this is another time that I can unplug, but with the added benefit of meeting with my Mentors and Brothers.

When we are together in fellowship I am reminded of the concept of Menschkeit. The easiest definition I have ever heard is: “the space between a handshake”.

The Definition of a Mensch: *A person having admirable, noble, or dignified characteristics, such as fortitude, responsibility, and firmness of purpose: "He radiates the kind of fundamental decency that has a name in Yiddish; he's a Mensch." (James Atlas). A person who is admired, respected, and trusted because of a sense of ethics, fairness, and nobility.* The men of Masonry are all Mensch. To me, other than the time I spend with my Family, this is one of the best ways that I can spend time unplugged and learning from those who have gone before me.

One of the great strengths of Masonry is Brotherly Love and Fellowship. It is the very cement that bonds us to one another. Many of the Founding Fathers of the United States were Masons. I cannot help but to feel and see that the same themes of Unity and Equality that exist both in the Declaration of Independence and the preamble of the Constitution are directly influence by Masonry.

When a new candidate enters our ranks we are very specific about stripping away the possessions of our our candidate so that every man enters as an equal. This make token did not mean that much when I was initiated, but I have really started to appreciate the nuance and impact that this has on both the candidate and on brother later on. We do not not recognize a persons wealth or station out side of the confines of the lodge. This very token helps to build the unity that we enjoy.

It is this unity that we must strive even more to maintain. It is only when we lower out wall, trust one another, and listen to each other that we can build unity and cohesion.

I believe that our unity begins with the small thing. It begins in that space between a hand shake to welcome a brother, in that call to a friend to see how he is doing, in the door that is opened, and the smile that is given before a hello. It's in these little thing that we show the strength of who we really are and how we can show how much we care, and our capacity for love and acceptance.

Brady McAdams
Junior Deacon

Word of Enlightenment and Thought:

Why Am I A Freemason?

by Reverend and Brother K. Thad Decker, Jr.

We live in a society that bombards us with busy-ness. We are constantly told that we must do this or do that. . .that if we are not happy with where we are, we should simply pick up and move, or do something else. Because of this, we have become a society of nomads – constantly in flux with nothing to hold on to, and nothing to ground us. I joined Freemasonry to find something into which to put my time and energy. . .something that would help me to focus and grow. I discovered so much more.

Once I had joined Freemasonry, I discovered that it was a great equalizer. In the secular society, we are taught to work hard, so we can move up in rank and gain more and more respect. As we increase in knowledge and skill, we are rewarded with more money and prestige. However, in the Fraternity everyone is equal. Sure, as with every organization, some must lead and others follow, but this does not change the fact that we are all born of one great and glorious God. As I became more and more entrenched in the ritual and rites of Freemasonry, I discovered that our call is to be focused on the work of God and the care of all our brothers and sisters. I learned that the more effort and time I put into my Lodge, the more understanding and growth I gained in all areas of my life. I became more focused on what makes me, me. No longer was I concerned with what others thought of me, only that I was able to be productive and grow in knowledge and love.

I used to laugh at the old adage – Freemasonry takes good men and makes them better. However, in my ten years of being an active Mason, I have discovered this to be so true. Whether we look at our great philosophers or our religious forefathers, all have taught that the work of this life is growth in understanding. The primary purpose of Freemasonry, according to our founders, is and always will be the edification of its members. In the beginning of our great Fraternity, the Entered Apprentices sought advancement to Fellowcraft, they accomplished this not by paying some fee or spending a requisite amount of

time at their level but, by growing in knowledge of their craft. They then moved on to Master Mason only by proving their skill and virtue as true workmen. Though we are no longer all operative Masons, our call to learn and understand has no less importance. I am a Freemason because I want to learn, to grow, and to serve my God.

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Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 14th: Stated Meeting

Thursday, November 21st : FellowCraft History

Thursday, December 5th: FC Ritual Explanation

Thursday, December 12th: Stated Meeting/Elections

Thursday, December 19th: Master Mason Proficiency and Degree Symbolism



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
Chris Skoog	7/14/1973	3/24/2005	4/28/2005	6/11/2005	5/3/2019
John Stallard	6/12/1923	8/8/1944	8/8/1944	8/8/1944	8/26/2019
Ralph Truax	4/24/1925	12/17/1953	1/7/1954	2/4/1954	4/23/2018
James Schuster:	10/9/1936	2/5/1985	5/21/1992	6/13/1992	7/31/2019

John H. Stallard, devoted husband, father and grandfather, entered into God's loving care on August 26, 2019 in Orange, California at the age of 96. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Hazel and is survived by his three daughters Carolyn Tabb, Cynthia Henry and Christine Ullerich. Additionally, John is survived by six grandchildren: Aaron Henry, Adrienne Henry, Andrew Henry, John Ullerich, Elijah Ullerich and Ian Ullerich. John was born on June 12, 1923, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to his mother, Marion Suffire Carson, and father, John Henry Stallard. John attended Williamson Trade Institution in Pennsylvania where he graduated as a Power Plant Operator before enlisting into the Navy in 1943. During his time in the service, John was part of Project Ultra where he repaired electrical components on the military's secret cryptographic machines. While still in the Navy Reserve, John moved to St. Paul, Minnesota where he met and then married Hazel Irene Brown on September 5, 1947. In 1959, using the skills developed during his time in the military, John accepted a position at Collins Radio (which later merged with Rockwell International) in Newport Beach, California where he worked until retirement in 1985.

Ralph Truax, 92, of Fountain Hills, AZ. passed away on April 23, 2018. Ralph was born on April 24, 1925 in White Bear Lake, MN. Ralph is survived by his daughter, Gayle Jacobson, his grandchildren Brad (Erin), Kristin, Lindsay (Ben), and Jeff (Katy), as well as his great-grandchildren Max, and Tate.

James Schuster of St. Paul Preceded in death by parents, 4 brothers, 1 sister and daughter Jill. Survived by wife Deanna (DeDe); children John and wife Michelle, Jodell (Jodi), Jeff and wife Michelle, their sons Justin and Brandon; Jill's daughters Sarah Schuster, Rachel Tiziani and her daughter Nora Jillene, great granddaughter, as well as many nieces and nephews. Jim served 25 years with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, retiring in 1994. He also served on the State Fair Police Department, and after retirement joined the Federal Marshals. He was also a Shriner and a member of the Drum and Bugle Corp, where he enjoyed traveling, participating in parades and many activities. He was known as the Shiny Sheriff because he kept his uniform in pristine condition. No badge or brass button went unpolished, he polished his shoes until he could see his reflection, and only he was capable of ironing the creases in his pants and shirts. His gorgeous white hair, that he maintained with his brush, was never out of place. Jim enjoyed time with his family, fishing, and football. He loved to tell stories, and jokes, and he loved to laugh and sing. Our family is forever grateful for the outstanding care he received at GRV, and the support of our church families. He will be sorely missed.