

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE NO. 5

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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FROM THE EAST

Moving into Spring and Summer

We continue to have “nice problems” in our Lodge. Our Valentine’s Dinner was well attended and very much enjoyed by those who were able to come. We received a nice write-up on Most Worshipful Master McCarthy’s blog site following his visit with us in February. I was particularly impressed by the attention MWB McCarthy gave to our newest candidates who were in attendance.

Now, we are moving into the time of degree work. I know that the team for the First Degree has already been chosen. By the time this article is published, I’m certain that this degree will have been well presented. Hopefully, the Lodge room will be full of observers to welcome around 10-12 new Masons and members of our Lodge. Brothers, please welcome these newest Masons at our April Stated Meeting and attend their Second Degree ceremony later that month. More importantly, please agree to be their mentors for their prove-ups for the First and Second degrees.

Your Lodge Officers will have attended our Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Saint Cloud on March 26-27. Those of you who have attended past Grand Lodges know what wonderful experiences these can be. Moreover, our next Grand Master, John Cook, has already agreed to visit our Lodge at our September Stated Meeting. You will want to make your plans now to attend that special event.

This summer, we will be having three events—the Saint’s game in June, the annual BBQ at WB Ron Larson’s home in July, and the golf tournament in August. I just made final arrangements for the Saint’s game. This will be on Sunday, June, 13th. We have reserved 30 tickets and a picnic spot. We will have our usual cookout before the game and then proceed over to the stadium to see the Saints play—and defeat?—the team from Sioux Falls. More details will be announced later

for all of these events. Remember that these summer events are great opportunities to introduce potential new Masons and their families to us.

I’m expecting that our fall season in Lodge will equal if not surpass our spring season. Please help me to make that hope become a reality.

See you in Lodge!

Allan Floyd - Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

Openings and Closings

To our new Brother Masons, I extend a heart-felt “congratulations” and “welcome to our Fraternity!” You have recently gone through the first degree and no doubt are a little overwhelmed by your experience. Hopefully though, it was enlightening and has opened your spirit to new realms of thought.

You will notice in the opening and closing of our Lodge, each of the officers is asked “what are your duties there, Brother...” If you listen to the words of the three principle officers, the Junior Warden is to superintend us during the hours of refreshment, the Senior Warden is to pay the craft their wages (if ought be due) and the Master is to set us to work and give us instruction for our labors. I would like to concentrate on the wages aspect, since it seems to be a little nebulous to some people.

In our lives outside of Lodge, we are paid wages for the work that we perform for our employer; that is of course if you are not an architect, but that is another matter. In our Lodge, our labor is the ritual work that

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FROM THE SOUTH

Friendship and Brotherly Love

Membership is an important part of the Masonic fraternity. As our members increase in age, new members must be

found to take up the yolk of the fraternity and help advance Masonry into the next decade, generation and century. However, as important as new members are to Masonry, one aspect of membership that is often overlooked is the retention of new members.

I became a member of this lodge in the spring of 2006, and was fortunate to have come through the three degrees with two other very fine men. As many degree classes do, we three candidates quickly developed a good rapport with each other, and I was excited about the prospect of getting to know these men better over the coming years. Unfortunately, when the lodge activities resumed in the fall, I was surprised and saddened to find myself standing alone as the newest Master Mason. After several stated meetings I came to realize that my fellow classmates were not likely coming back.

I wish I could say mine was a unique experience, but in the last four years I have seen far too many similar occurrences. I cannot tell you why some of our newer members don't come back to lodge, but I can tell you

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NEXT STATED MEETING

April 8, 2010



BUNCO TIME!

It's time to dust off the dice cups and bundt pans because Saturday April 17th is Bunco

Night! Bring a friend or two to Bunco Night!

Bunco Night is an evening of good food, fun games and great times. Did I mention rum cake?

The fun starts at 6:00 PM The cost is only \$10.00 per person.

RSVP by April 3, 2010 to rsvp@ancientlandmark5.com or call Kim Remus and Chris Buck at 651-702-0705



LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Freemasons are Builders

FREEMASONS ARE BUILDERS. They are men of vision who see jobs that need doing and then start to work. With little fanfare, without much flourish, but with a single-minded dedication of purpose, they set about their jobs of building.

Perhaps their goal is a system of education that will produce leaders for the future, or religious edifices to inspire worshipers with the grandeur of God, or just better men, fitted as living stones for that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Whatever the job, Freemasons are at the forefront of progress. This is the way the Brotherhood has always worked and still works today.

Members of the Masonic Fraternity, for instance, have been active participants in the building of our country, our government, and our freedoms. They laid the cornerstones, both practical and philosophical, for a society that, while still striving for perfection, has produced the highest standard of living in the history of the world. In addition, American Masons have built a charitable network that dispenses more than \$1.5 million dollars per day in philanthropy, with close to 60% going directly to the general public.

Complementary to building these organizational infrastructures, American Masons have contributed to our national culture by laying the actual cornerstones of many of our most treasured buildings. The simple, dignified, but impressive Masonic ceremony provides a tangible link between modern buildings and the enduring, symbolic practices of our past. Masons are just as proud of these physical cornerstones of freedom as they are of the organizations they helped build to defend and support our American liberties.

Paraphrased from a foreword by C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33o, P.S.G.C., A.A.S.R., S.J.

to Cornerstones of Freedom by S. Brent Morris, 33o, G.C. Submitted by WBro. Art Lingo, L.E.O.

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what keeps me coming back, i.e., the friendships and connections I have made with the brothers of this lodge.

Early in my Masonic journey, I was fortunate to have had several excellent mentors. These men not only helped me learn the cipher and the degree prove-ups, but also helped me gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Masonry. Through my mentors, I began to develop a connection to both the craft, and, more importantly, to the other members of our lodge. It is this sense of belonging and community that has kept me coming to lodge and fueled my desire to participate in our activities.

As we bring a new class of candidates into our lodge this spring, I hope each of us will make an extra effort to really get to know each of them and help them feel the same sense of belonging and community that I felt when I first joined. By forming bonds of friendship and brotherly love with our new brothers, we will not only increase the odds of keeping them interested, but will also improve our own Masonic journey through these newly formed friendships.

Keith Reiersen
Junior Warden



Lincoln Chapter DeMolay

Winter is almost behind us and summer is looking at us. The DeMolay have merged with Lincoln chapter and we now have a chapter at the Masonic Center. Lincoln chapter needed a safe home and we had one. Crusader chapter was looking for young men to be a chapter, they had that. The merger of the Chapters was a good choice for all involved. We (Lincoln chapter) meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00. We have many new and exciting plans for the chapter and are inviting you to participate when you can. We are having a Masonic appreciation night on April 15th and welcome you to come and meet some of the DeMolay, and we also encourage you to bring sons, grandsons, nephews and neighbors that might be interested in being in an exciting organization. Thanks and feel free to contact any of us at Lincoln chapter if you have any questions. We are on the web through the state web page at www.mndemolay.org/lincoln.

Rique Beslin Jr
Advisor for Lincoln chapter

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Masonry is a Progressive science.

**Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 will
confer the Fellow Craft Degree
on Thursday April 22nd.**

Dinner at 6:00.

The Degree at 7:00



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we perform, whether it be as an officer or as a Brother presenting a lecture. It may be being a mentor to someone in the Lodge. Or it may be self-study of the many books on Masonry. In other words, the labor we do within Lodge is moral work. What you are paid is internal to the individual; the challenges you take on in our labors hopefully provide you with a sense of accomplishment and spiritual enlightenment.

As you listen to the lessons presented in the degrees, and the recitations of the officers during the Opening and Closing of the Lodge, you should see yourself and those around you in a new light. Outside the Lodge, perhaps you will see those simple things in nature, crafted by the Great Architect, as moments when the creator is speaking to you on a different level than ever before. For instance, the moment when a child turns their face to you with a smile, or when you witness a brilliant sunrise that raises your spirits to new heights, or a scent that takes you to a different time or place. Your labors in Masonry – within and without the Lodge - will bring you to greater appreciation of these moments when the Great Architect gives away his presence within and without you.

Enjoy the moments. They are precious.

Drew Bjorklund
Senior Warden

Grand Master's Visit

February 11, 2010

Thomas G. McCarthy, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota came to Ancient Landmark Lodge for the February Stated Communication. The dinner that evening was not only attended by the Grand Master but also by many of our Spring Class of candidates for the degrees. After dinner the Grand Master gave a brief talk to the candidates and it was very well received. The Officers of the Lodge did very nice work in welcoming the Grand Master to the Lodge in due form.



A very nice turnout for the Grand Master's visit.



DUE NOTICE

Proposed change to the By-laws of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5

Pursuant to Article 13, Section G13.32 (page 73) of the Minnesota Masonic Code, below is the text of the proposed by-law change approved in form by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The final vote will be taken at the April Stated Communication, Thursday April 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5

WHEREAS, the By-laws of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 (the Lodge) do not address the election of members to the MTA Board; and

WHEREAS, the Lodge is a co-owner of the facility known as The Saint Paul Masonic Center; and

WHEREAS, the Lodge provides four members to the Masonic Temple Association (MTA) to serve as board members to the MTA, representing the Lodge and its interests; and

WHEREAS, these representatives are voted on by the membership at the December Stated Meeting; and

WHEREAS, these representatives currently have no term limits; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that new members are to be encouraged to serve the Lodge in capacities that would be attractive to MTA Board membership; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that continuity in participation on the MTA Board be ensured;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, Article III be amended to add Section 13 and shall read as follows:

ARTICLE III

Section 13. The Lodge will provide four Lodge members as representatives to the Masonic Temple Association (MTA). Representatives to the MTA will provide reports to the Lodge of MTA meetings, activities and any other information requested by the Lodge. The terms of each representative will be four years and no representative will serve more than two consecutive terms. One representative will be elected per year for a four year term. Candidates for the position of MTA representative will be proposed and be elected by the Lodge membership. Representatives to the MTA will serve at the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master.



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Brethren

They say that communication is the beginning of all understanding. As your Lodge Secretary I hope that I have kept you informed with timely notices and without an over abundance of communication. With the proliferation of email in today's society, we find it has become the standard of communication that the telephone and newsprint was 40 years ago.

Yesterday morning with a fresh 6" of snowfall on my sidewalk from the night before, I grudgingly opened my front door to find my newspaper (yes I still like the feel of a newspaper in my hands while enjoying a morning cup of coffee) to see it lying precariously in the snow bank unreachable without getting my feet wet. Cursing the paperboy/girl and of course supporting my self-preservation of non wet feet I walked back into the house, picked up my Blackberry and hit my home page, which just happens to be my newspaper. So there I sit enjoying my coffee and dry feet, all in the eerie glow of the luminescent screen providing me my daily news.

So where is this story going? Change and Technology.

It is obvious that we have now reached a new pinnacle in communication and its application. In the last month I have sent out 4 or 5 emails with information that I am afraid may not be reaching all. I normally get back as undeliverable 20-25 email address that are no longer active. If you haven't received an email from the Lodge in the last month, we either do not have an email address for you or the one we have is inactive. For those brethren I ask that you take a moment and send me your current email address at secretary@ancientlandmark5.com. I will update the records and do my best to keep you duly informed.

Doug Kuchera

Secretary

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LODGE of SORROW 2010



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

Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Howard Weiss	12/30/1915	03/02/1948	03/31/1948	04/24/1948	01/07/2010
John Magnuson	05/06/1924			12/01/1951	02/09/2010



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