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FROM THE EAST

“Winding Down”

We are winding down from a very busy October. Our Awards Ceremony on October 14th went extremely well. Around 60 people were in attendance to see several Brothers receive their longevity pins and certificates. During this ceremony, one 60 year award and three 50 year awards were presented, along with several other longevity awards. It's always heartwarming to hear from these long-time Brothers how much Masonry has meant to them. That same evening, we honored WB Barnes Sharitt with the Hiram Award, presented by District Representative Mike Hill. The entire evening was a special time of remembrance and fellowship. Two nights later was our second Bunco Night of 2010, another fun event which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our Second Degree Ceremony later that month also went very well. Brother Keith Reiersen and the others participating in the degree did an outstanding job. Congratulations to all of you and to our newest Fellow-crafts.

Our momentum continues into November. By the time this is published, we will have had our Ladies Night at the

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The shelter for abused women and children, Women's Advocates, has some pressing needs for certain types of clothing right now. This is the shelter that AL#5 has supported in the past, including helping to host a Christmas party for the mothers and their children. We are in need of the following:

Ladies' pajamas and robes, sizes L and XL

Boy's and girl's clothing, sizes 7 through 14

Boy's and girl's pajamas, sizes 9 through 14

If you have any clothing that you would be willing to donate, please contact Kim Remus Buck @651-702-0705. Also, if you would like to donate money for these articles, a check can be made out to Women's Advocates and sent to Kim @9119 Princeton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. Kim will get a receipt for you and mail in back in either case. All donations are tax deductible.

Thanks!

FROM THE WEST

AL 5 – An Arena of Achievement and Looking Ahead

As we wind down another stellar year in our Lodge, we can pause to reflect on the successes we have had this past year and to thank all of the Brothers for their splendid work in our gentle craft. Some of the events and work that I would draw your attention to are as follows:

- By the end of the year, we will have raised 16 - 18 new Master Masons.
- We held our 3rd Annual Golf Tourney at the Lost Spur Country Club.
- Our Sweetheart's Dinner was a wonderful tribute to the ladies in our lives.
- We have formed a ritual group, open to all members who desire to improve their skills at lectures and the ritual.
- We presented the Hiram Award to Worshipful Brother Barnes Sharitt.
- We received the Grand Master twice this year.
- We provided \$10,000 in scholarships to worthy students seeking to attain college degrees or certificates.

And now that the new year is soon to be upon us, it is appropriate to think about the good work that is planned for 2011. We are seeking to get in touch with our members, personally, to reinforce their connection to AL 5. We are also seeking to improve our visibility and involvement in the communities in which we live for the benefit of the greater good. Highlights of the goals and plan for 2011 are as follows:

- Ancient Landmark Lodge #3 (Winnipeg) is coming to the Twin Cities for the biennial visitation, planned for September 2011.
- We need as many as (10) committee heads and more people to work on committees
- We are planning two membership socials to bring in new members (Spring and Fall).
- We could use a couple of Brothers to organize these events.

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FROM THE SOUTH

DIVIDING OUR TIME

Wow, where does the time go? It feels like just yesterday the Lodge was preparing to go dark for the summer, and now we're almost into the holidays. I have been thinking a lot lately about how quickly time seems to pass me by these days. Everywhere I turn, people are busier and schedules more full than in previous years. People I used to see on a regular basis I now only see on rare occasion. I hardly remember September and October, and although I know I was very busy this fall, I don't think I could tell you much of what I actually did.

This may seem like a familiar story, and I'm sure we've all dealt with our fair share of busy times. I do not want to lament the passage of time, nor do I wish to pontificate on *carpe diem*. My sole purpose is to take just a moment to think about how I've been spending my time over last year, and I would ask you to do the same. To start, I pose the following questions... Have I achieved a successful balance between work and personal time? Have I spent enough time at home to satisfy not only my own needs, but also the needs of my family? If I could roll back the hands of time to 1 January 2010, would I make any significant changes in how I spent my time?

I don't think this should be taken as a literal analysis exercise, but rather a tool to get us thinking about how we spend our time versus how we would like to spend our time. We often make gradual changes in our lives without noticing the impact they make over the course of time. I think this year, especially as we approach the holidays, I am going to spend less time worrying about all the hubbub and chaos around me and more time reconnecting with my friends and family. Recently, I've been so caught up in the daily grind of life that I let these relationships lapse and didn't even really notice until I stepped back and thought about the amount of time I've spent on other things.

Whether or not you decide to use this tool, I would encourage each of you to spend a moment, however brief, thinking about where your time has gone. I'm sure some of us will find no need for change, but I suspect others may be surprised at the things we come to realize about how our time is being spent.

Keith Reiersen
Junior Warden



NEXT STATED MEETING

December 9th

Elections for 2011 Officers. Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM



LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

The Masonic Lodge Structure

Master

Leaps tall buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a locomotive
Is faster than a speeding bullet
Walks on water
Gives policy to God.

Senior Warden

Leaps short buildings in a single bound
Is more powerful than a switch engine
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet
Walks on water if the sea is calm
Talks with God.

Junior Warden

Leaps short buildings with a running start
and favorable wind
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine.
Is faster than a speeding BB
Walks on water on an indoor swimming pool
Talks with God if special request is approved.

Senior Deacon

Barely clears a Quonset hut
Loses tug-a-war with a locomotive
Can fire a speeding bullet
Swims well
Is occasionally addressed by God.

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AWARDS NIGHT

October 14th was Ancient Landmark's awards night. Over sixty people; brothers, spouses friends and family members came to Lodge to honor those receiving Service Awards and to celebrate the Hiram Award bestowed on Worshipful Brother Barnes Sharitt.

The usual business of the Stated Communication was put off so we could gather around the festive board to celebrate these long serving Brothers.



Receiving Service Awards were:

60 Years--Raymond J. Cornforth, 50 Years--Gene Schultz, Bjarne Mathiesen, Edwin Smith
40 Years--Floyd Jerome Forsberg, 35 Years--James K. Limoseth, Richard Neafus,
10 Years--Daniel W. Baker



WB Barnes Sharitt and Grand Lodge District
Representative Mike Hill

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November Stated Meeting, featuring a wine tasting presented by the Cannon River Winery. I'm certain that event will have been well attended and enjoyed as well.

We still have two very important events in December—our Third Degree on December 4th, and our annual election to be held at our stated meeting on December 9th. As most of you are aware, our Third Degree Ceremony will be part of a larger group. We will be participating with the Masters and Wardens Group to confer the Third Degree on candidates from our Lodge as well as several other Lodges in the Metro East area. These have always been very impressive events in the past, and I am sure this year will be no exception. I will be calling on several of you to help us put on this degree, and I trust that you will “answer the summons.” I also would urge all of you to attend both of these important events.

In my mind, we have had a very good year. It could not have been possible without the aid of many people in the Lodge, whom I will cite in my next newsletter. I know we're “winding down” the year, but we need to continue the momentum we've had all year to ensure that we end 2010 on a strong note and help our next Master to have a wonderful 2011.

See you in Lodge!
Allan Floyd
Master



LOOKING AHEAD

Installation of Officers, 2011

Ancient Landmark 5 will install its Officers for 2011 on Saturday January 4th, 2011 at 4:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. This is an open installation so please feel free to bring a guest. Please RSVP to rsvp@ancientlandmark5.com or call the Lodge at 651-222-2643.



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- Degree Round Tables will be held after each degree to enhance the candidates' experiences and understanding of the degrees.
- The Master and Wardens are to lead these discussions.
- We will set up “calling trees” whereby members will call members to see how they are, what they are up to, learn about their Masonic story and urge them to be active and attend Lodge (on-going throughout year).
- We have roughly 275 members – the more “trees,” the better saturation we will have.
- We will be looking to our constituent communities for opportunities to make a difference helping in a local project or program (on-going throughout year).
- A couple of community-minded organizers could really motivate several “doers” to get the job done and increase our presence in the community.
- We will put into place a mentorship committee and ensure our new members have a mentor to help with their understanding and enjoyment of the craft of Masonry.
- This is a great opportunity for some of the more experienced members – especially those with leadership training or educational experience.

Hopefully you will see that the members of AL 5 are active and looking for engagement to enrich their Masonic experience. Next year we hope to not only be more involved, but to get MORE members involved and enhance THEIR own experience in Masonry. Please answer the call for your time, talents and energy as we seek to bring more of us closer together. The goals of all of this are to foster Brotherly love and affection, fraternal bonds and to give back to the community, making the lives of those around us better, happier and fulfilled.

We need YOUR help. I am asking for your help. Please feel free to horse-collar me at our remaining meetings to tell me where you would like to plug in. Or – call me-- 651-659-0035 is the number. I'd really like to hear from you.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,
Drew Bjorklund, Senior Warden



October's Bunco Night was a huge success. Great food, lots of laughs and prizes galore. A huge thank you to Kim Remus and Chris Buck for putting on this great night of fun.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Last week, while observing our new Brothers going through the Second Degree I was intently listening to the Charges being read by WB Barnes, when my mind drifted away to my own charges and what I am doing with them. No not my degree, but my office.

As I entered into the job as Secretary of your Lodge, my predecessor left me with the “charges” of the office. Call them wishes or tasks that should be done, but have not. Crucial, no, but yet some things that still need to worked on. I started revisiting those late this summer and began a process that has probably been going on for years. I have enjoyed looking at some of our Past Brother Secretaries’ works and probably the “charges left to them.” WB Ron Larson as Secretary moved our Lodge to computerize and streamline processes. He implemented the first computerized accounting system using MONEY. It worked and served our Lodge well. [It was just replaced last year when I was Treasurer to QuickBooks, a more user-friendly program with payroll tax reporting capabilities that not only saved time, but helped provide better reports and saved the Lodge some accounting costs.] WB Matt Overmoen, as Treasurer, helped create a Lodge record system using Access. I am guessing Ron and Matt had more than a few conversations about their wish list and what would be a great addition to our Lodge. Brother Everett O’Reilly brought the position to a new level of service by having regular office hours and truly being a “do everything guy.” It’s also Everett’s fault I am now the Secretary. He signed my petition and brought me into the Lodge. WB Bruce Sherman had a vision to take the Lodge Records system and create an entire program to manage a Lodge’s records. The Lodge Management System was born after two years of development by Bruce and Tim Allen. I am sure it was a charge left to him to improve upon Matt’s idea and create a user-friendly system that integrates Masonic accounting practices and records in a single system. While I was Treasurer, I had the opportunity to work with Bruce, not just to build a new accounting system, but to learn the Secretary’s position. This was probably creating a new way to bring a Secretary up to speed--serve as Treasurer while you learn the Secretary role. Bruce and I chatted about having the retiring Secretary again serve as Treasurer for a year. That way, the business of the Lodge will always have experienced people in those two positions.

So what were my charges? Our History--its preservation and restoration of documents and records. One of the projects was to preserve our Lodge bylaws and as close to our constitution as I can call it. I have been asked to make a LEO presentation on this project in January and look forward to sharing with you in Lodge that project and its outcome. There are a couple of other projects waiting in the

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Junior Deacon

Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap buildings
Is run over by locomotive
Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury
Dog paddles
Talks to animals.

Senior Steward

Runs into buildings
Recognizes locomotive two out of three times
Is not issued ammunition
Can stay afloat with life preserver
Talks to walls.

Junior Steward

Falls over doorsteps when trying to enter buildings
Says, “look at the choo-choo”
Wets himself with water pistol
Plays in mud puddles
Mumbles to himself.

Secretary

Lifts buildings and walks under them
Kicks locomotives off the tracks
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth and eats them
Freezes water with a single glance
HE IS GOD.

So Mote It Be!

May Peace and harmony prevail.
Fraternally submitted with humor,
Wor. Bro. Art Lingo - LEO



wings to be worked on over the ensuing year.

As this year comes to a close, I wish to say, Brothers thank you for your encouragement and support over the past year. Working with Worshipful Master Allan Floyd has been like working with your best friend. If I could only share some of our behind-the-scenes notes, harassments, and good fun we had, it would help you understand why this year has not just been rewarding, but great joy.

By the way, if for some reason you just happen to have an unresolved issue with my duties, please take a moment and send a note to Everett O’Reilly.

Doug Kuchera

Secretary

secretary@ancientlandmark5.com

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
Sidney Pearce	03/11/1925	02/14/1976	03/15/1976	05/01/1976	01/09/2010
John Magnuson	05/06/1924	11/17/1951	11/24/1951	12/01/1951	02/09/2010
Wallace Graves	06/29/1931	01/31/1957	03/17/1958	05/21/1958	04/09/2010
Leonard Saloka		04/02/1968	05/07/1968	06/01/1968	08/21/2010



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