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FROM THE EAST

Thanks

Well, this is it, my last article as Master of Ancient Landmark 5. I'll say it again, being in the Line and progressing to the Oriental Chair in the East is a very rewarding experience. It is an experience that is shared among the other Officers of the Lodge. I highly recommend the experience. One person alone cannot be successful as a Master of a Lodge, it takes many people.

I have many people to thank for their tireless efforts throughout the past year. I'll start with WB Bruce Sherman, Lodge Secretary. No Lodge can function without a good Secretary and Bruce, you did a great job. Thanks for making the year mostly painless Bruce. You can take the next couple of years off.

Next I must thank Allan Floyd, Senior Warden. Your attention to detail served the Lodge very well in 2009 and we are lucky to have you in the line. 2010 is going to be a very good year provided you find better jokes.

Marshall Todd Henderson, thanks for keeping me on track and speaking the mostly correct words. You did a fantastic job of keeping us on track at Degree rehearsals. If it wasn't for you, I would not have been Master in 2009.

Drew Bjorklund, Junior Warden. Drew, thanks for all of your work this past year. You did a great job on the dinners and also keeping up with the Sunshine Committee.

Senior Deacon Keith Reiersen. Your ritual work is inspiring. You, along with Junior Steward Joe Amos went above and beyond this past year. Also, the golf tournament was a lot of fun. Next year, I won't need any gimme string.

Our Stewards, Justin Carlin and Danny Baker. Thanks for setting up the dinners and cleaning up afterwards. Not to mention your excellent degree work as well. Thank you both.

I would also like to thank Chris Buck, the president of the MTA. More work has been done in and around the Lodge building this past year than I can remember. The landscaping

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FROM THE WEST

"Out with the Old, In with the New"



By the time this is published, we will have participated in the Third Degree Ceremony, hosted by the Masters and Wardens Group, and presided over by the Grand Master of Minnesota. Moreover, we will have elected our Lodge officers for the year 2010. This will have signified the close of a successful 2009.

I want to congratulate Worshipful Master Loren Davis for leading us in a very memorable year. During 2009, we raised a goodly number of new Brothers and added their talents and enthusiasm to our Lodge. During this year, we also had a most enjoyable visit with our Canadian Brothers of Ancient Landmark Lodge #3 in Winnipeg. Moreover, we had an almost overwhelming number in attendance at our stated meeting held at the mansion of Brother James J. Hill, not to mention memorable times of fellowship at our Valentine's banquet, our summer barbeque, and our Bunco nights. I want to thank WB Davis for leading us in these efforts and all of the other Brothers and their wives/significant others for helping to make these events the successes they turned out to be.

Our Lodge meetings were aided by the wonderful LEO presentations made by WB Barnes Sharitt. He not only gave interesting presentations, but he also included the Brothers in attendance in several of them. Junior Warden Drew Bjorklund should be congratulated for the excellent meals he helped obtain for our stated meetings and for our degree ceremonies. Other Brothers, too numerous to mention, also helped make 2009 a very successful year.

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FROM THE SOUTH

Here and Gone – A Year in the Masonic Light

Just when I thought the work that I have done within our Lodge couldn't get any better or more engaging, I began my work as our Junior Warden and found this work to be most rewarding and challenging. Most of you know that I really relished my role as the Tyler, setting the aprons at the officer's stations neatly on the seat cushion and placing the jewels so that they would be clearly seen as they hung from the seat-back. Skipping to my role as the Senior Steward—the interrogatories were delivered by memory, rather than by reading them to the candidates. This was a challenge and good preparation for my position as Senior Deacon.

The Senior Deacon's role is one of intellect and grace; you become the trusted guide for the candidate as he is taken throughout the Lodge to each officer's station and on his behalf you dialogue with the officers as they challenge the candidates' worthiness. You also bring the candidate through the various steps of instruction as he receives the lessons of the Degree. Opening and closing of the Lodge, the Senior Deacon is the only one who touches the Bible and the Great Lights, doing so with solemnity and grace. Weighty tasks, many of which that bring the heart to a fierce and pounding rate.

While the Junior Warden doesn't have all of the floor work that is exhibited by the Senior Deacon, his work in the Second Degree is really quite splendid and once again, a challenge that takes one's careful study in order to understand, appreciate and deliver the lessons with reverence. This for the first time, is when you direct the actions of all within the Lodge and provide instruction to the candidates. You are the Master, if only for a

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SENIOR DEACON

Over the last few weeks I have been reflecting back on the last year, and I am continually surprised at how quickly it seems to have gone by. It feels like just last week I was asked to move up to the position of Senior Deacon; a position I frequently heard was many people's favorite place in the officer line. I didn't get it then, but I understand now how enjoyable this position truly is, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the lodge as Senior Deacon.

One of my favorite parts about being Senior Deacon was an increased exposure to our degree work. Now, I certainly didn't need to wait this long to start learning more of the ritual, but being Senior Deacon really inspired me to seek a deeper understanding of what we do and why we do it. What I've learned over the last year has fueled my desire to learn more, and I will be continuing my personal journey to gain a better understanding of our ritual and traditions. I would also encourage each and every member of the lodge to take a deeper look at our ritual and consider not only learning the words, but also striving to gain a better understanding of what those words mean and why they are used. I suspect that if we can further our knowledge and broaden our understanding of the Masonic ritual, it will only serve to make our journey more meaningful.

Yours fraternally,
Keith Reiersen
Senior Deacon

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It will be difficult for your 2010 Officer Team to exceed what we have accomplished in 2009, but I can assure that they will do their best to meet, or even exceed, the levels of excellence we achieved this past year. I'm asking all of you to renew your dedication to our Craft and to Ancient Landmark #5. Start your renewed commitment by attending our Installation ceremony on January 9th.

See you in Lodge!
Allan Floyd
Senior Warden

NEXT STATED MEETING

January 14th

Dinner at 6:00 PM, the sound of the gavel at 7:00 PM

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day. Even the few lines delivered during the opening and closing of the Lodge at our stated meetings, when delivered from the Junior Warden's station, is a bit of a rush, and sets the tone for the meeting.

The point of this is to urge all of our members to continue to "look to the East" and prepare yourself for the work that we do. This can be in the form of degree work (monologues and dialogues), work within the "Line", set-up and clean-up of the dining room, mentoring of candidates, active participation in discussions within Stated Meetings, and a host of other ways to contribute to the success of the Lodge and the advancement of your Masonic experience.

I have been most honored to be the Junior Warden of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 and look forward to my continuing journey within the Craft. I sincerely hope that you too look forward to your own personal journey within the Craft.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Drew Bjorklund
Junior Warden

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and painting look great and I know there is more to come. I can't not mention Kim Remus. Kim always makes Bunco Night two of the high-lights of the year. Thanks Kim (sorry about the double-negative).

Treasurer Doug Kuchera, the work you did on getting the Lodge's books moved to the new application is going to make life a lot easier for those that follow.

Our LEO, Barnes Sharitt. Barnes, the programs you presented in Lodge were fantastic. Also, your contributions to the newsletter were also wonderfully educational and informative. You have raised the LEO bar to new heights.

I also need to thank my wife, Cheryl Davis. Cheryl, your support these past two years was amazing. Without that support I could not have done my job here.

I know I missed many people; Art Lingo, Chris Skoog, Earl Wolford, Kyle Smaby, our Trustees. Thank you all very much for your help and support.

Mostly, I would like to thank the Brethren of Ancient Landmark 5. I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve and I thank you for the trust you showed me in electing me to Master for 2009.

I am looking forward to next year.

See you in Lodge

Loren Davis, Master 2009

DUE NOTICE

Open Installation of Officers for 2010

No Brother, elected or appointed to Office, in a Chartered Lodge can enter upon the discharge of his duties until installed. The Installation of Officers for 2010 takes place on Saturday January 9, 2010 at the Lodge. The Installation Ceremony is open to all Members, their significant others and guests.

The festivities get underway with hors d'oeuvres served at 3:00 pm. The Installation Ceremony begins at 3:30 and cake and coffee will be served immediately following the Installation.

There is no charge for the Installation, but we do need to know how many are attending. Please RSVP to RSVP@ancientlandmark5.com, or call the Lodge at 651-222-2643

Officers being installed should wear tuxedos or dark suit.

VALENTINE'S DINNER

Save the date!!

The Ancient Landmark Valentine's Day Dinner will once again be held at the Lexington.

Final arrangements are still being made, but it is sure to be a wonderful evening of good fellowship and great food.

The Dinner will be held on Friday, February 12, 2010. Appetizers and social at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30.

Look to next month's newsletter for cost and menu.

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LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Light from the West

Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. LEO

This article was received from WB Ed Halpaus, the chair of the Educational Committee for the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Minnesota. Its author is Brother Glenn Kiecker of Cataract Lodge #2 in Minneapolis. Brother Glenn is a good Masonic Student – he came across this in a book on the history of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 in St. Paul, MN – like WB Ed, I think you will enjoy reading about W.B. Andrew Chatfield. It is a good way to end our year together as brothers and LEO – may your journey for light continue to lead you down interesting paths.

Andrew Gould Chatfield

As recorded in the book of the Golden Jubilee of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 and presented January 7, 1904.

The first Worshipful Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge was born at Butternuts, Otsego County, New York, January 27, 1810. His maternal grandfather was Jonathan Starr, a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His maternal grandmother was of the Ruggles family, among whose descendants are some of the most distinguished jurists of New York. His father, Enos Chatfield, owing to loss of property through a defective land title, was able to give his children but little aid in securing an education. Andrew, thrown upon his own resources, succeeded in working his way through the academy at Hamilton. He then took up the study of law in the office of Henry T. Colton at Painted Post, New York, and in 1833 was admitted to the bar. He soon after removed to Addison county, where he formed a partnership and was soon in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice.

He was married on June 27, 1836, to Eunice E. Beeman.



He served as a member of the New York assembly in 1838 and again in 1840. While a member of the assemble, he served with the late Samuel J. Tilden on the committee which had under consideration the “Anti-Rent” trouble.

In 1846 he was a member of the constitutional Convention of New York. In 1848 he removed to Southport, now Kenosha, Wisconsin, forming a partnership with Volney French, and soon acquired a lucrative practice. He received the Masonic degrees in Southport Lodge No. 7 in 1849, and subsequently became Master of the Lodge. In 1850 he was elected county judge of Racine county, but later resigned to resume the practice of law. While in attendance upon the United States Supreme Court in Washington in 1853, he formed the acquaint-

tance of Hon. H. H. Sibley, then serving as delegate in congress for the Territory of Minnesota. Judge Chatfield became so interested in the glowing accounts of the new territory related by the enthusiastic Sibley, that the later recommend him to President Pierce, who appointed him associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory. In June 1853, he removed to Minnesota and entered upon the discharge of his duties, which he continued until the close of his term, April 23, 1857.

He held the first term of court ever held in Fillmore county, then in the Second judicial district, and the hamlet where that court sat is now the thriving city of Chatfield – named at

that time in honor of the Judge.

In 1854 Judge Chatfield located a claim in the Minnesota valley, which he afterwards laid out and named the village of Belle Plaine. At the close of his term on the supreme bench he resumed the practice of his profession until 1870, when he was elected judge of the Eighth judicial district, which office he continued to hold up to the time of his death.

His health becoming impaired, in the spring of 1873 he visited the Hot Springs of Arkansas in the hope of obtaining the needed relief, but without avail. His health continuing to decline, he died at Belle Plaine on October 3, 1875, his remains were laid to rest in the Epis-

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brothers,

As you read this the Lodge will have had its annual elections of officers for 2010, a new Lodge Secretary will have been elected and the installation of the Lodge Officers for 2010 is close at hand.

It seems only yesterday that I stepped into the Lodge Room on Plato a candidate for the degrees of Freemasonry not sure what I had done or what I was about to become a part of. I do recall I did have a chance to sit on the sidelines of the Lodge for one meeting and what a meeting it was. An innocent very new Master Mason asked a very innocent question and sent the entire Lodge into a turmoil that would last for three years. It must have been then that the Lodge leaders figured if they put me in the progressive line it might shut me up. It didn't work!

These last four years have been a most interesting experience for me. I have learned that if you really want to know what Freemasonry is, be the Lodge Secretary. In that position and no other you see and experience the many facets of Freemasonry. It is most often a sincere pleasure but can also be very frustrating. You deal with the business of the Lodge every day, solutions to problems seem obvious to you but you have to remember that for others this is only set in front of them a few time during the month and solutions you see so easily are not so easily seen by others.

It is after all as any position of responsibility, a position of service to the brethren. I believe I recognized this as the Senior Steward several years ago, certainly as Master of the Lodge and without a doubt as Secretary of the Lodge. As officers, elected or appointed by our Brethren, we are selected to serve the Brethren of the Lodge. But this service cannot be done alone. I said it three years ago and I am convinced of it even more so today, "No man makes this journey alone". I certainly could not have accomplished what I have over the last nine years without the help and good council of those I call Brother. In the end that is what Freemasonry is, Brother helping Brother. Today I get a bit of good council quietly in my ear from a caring Brother, tomorrow I lend a helping hand to another and by doing so become a better man for the experience and in the end because we have improved ourselves through Freemasonry like our ritual says, we make the world a better place for all. Are our

critics correct? Is Freemasonry taking over the world? It most certainly is, one Brother at a time. I am certainly not the same person that stepped into that Lodge room those many years ago. I have had the help, guidance and love of my Brothers and for it have had the privilege and honor to serve them these past years. And now it is time to step aside and let others take my place. I'll still be there for my responsibility to serve my Brothers has not come to an end only presented new opportunities to serve.

Thank You.

Bruce Sherman, Secretary

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copal church yard on Sunday, October 6. The Masonic burial services were held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles Griswold officiating, assisted by officers of the Grand Lodge. The pallbearers were Judge Wescott Eilkin, Gen. H. H. Sibley and Judge Aaron Goodrich of Saint Paul, Judge Brown of Shakopee, Hon. F. J. Whitlock of Belle Plaine, Hon. M. J. Severance of Mankato, and Judge Atwater and J. N. Shaw of Minneapolis. A large number of Masons were present, the Lodges at Belle Plaine, Shakopee, Carver, St. Peter, La Sueur, Mankato, St. Paul and Minneapolis being represented.

Judge Chatfield's death was widely noticed, and glowing tributes were paid to his worth as a lawyer, as a judge, a Mason and a man.

A. G. Chatfield was named in the charter of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 as its first Worshipful Master. He held that office until the first Annual Communication of the Lodge in June 1854 – a period of six months. Bro. Chatfield's residence was at Mendota. The judicial district over which he presided was a large one, and he found very little time to devote to the Lodge. In fact he presided at but four meetings. Nevertheless, he ever maintained a keen interest in the Lodge's welfare. Maj. T. M. Newson, in his "Pen Pictures," says of Judge Chatfield: "He was a straight, splendidly-built man, with a florid complexion and elegant address; very genial in his manners; indeed one might say he was a fine American gentleman, all of the olden time.' He was a judge of the finest purity of character, very careful and very honest, and very sincere, and very conscientious in his convictions of right."

And this was the first Worshipful Master of Ancient Landmark. May his successors ever strive to maintain the same lofty ideal.

LODGE of SORROW 2009

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



Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Russell James Schwab	11/22/1924	1/09/1953	2/06/1953	2/20/1953	2/10/2009
Arnold Emery Johnson	11/10/1926			11/18/1954	2/22/2009
Ralph Peterson	Jan. 1925			Nov. 1967	3/20/2009
Elmer M. Jenson	8/9/1927			8/20/1960	6/27/2009
Wheeler, Ray E	4/4/1929			1/6/1955	7/28/2009
Wood, John J	4/21/1927			7/21/1953	6/1/2009



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