

# ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE NO. 5

## Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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### FROM THE EAST

#### “We’re Doing Well Because We’re in Good Hands”

As I watched Brothers Keith Reiersen and Drew Bjorklund sit in the Master’s Chair to preside over the First and Second Degree ceremonies, respectively, and as I watched Brother Joe Amos deliver the Middle Chamber lecture during the Second Degree, I felt very optimistic about the future of our Lodge. These Brothers did outstanding work, as did all of the other Brothers who participated in these two degrees. I was further encouraged by the great work our candidates (and new Brothers) have done in proving up for the First Degree to move on to the higher degrees. Congratulations to these new Brothers and to all who worked with them. I want especially to thank Brothers Jerry Jacobson and Kent Swanson who mentored these men in a group setting. Thanks also to those Brothers who offered additional help to these new Masons.

A number of our newer Brothers attended the Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner in April to honor our newly installed Grand Master, MWB John Cook. Thanks to Todd Henderson for acting as table host while I was out of town on business.

As we move into the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in late May and early June, I want to thank all of the Brothers who have agreed to serve in various capacities for that ceremony, especially the Brothers who have agreed to take certain roles for the first time. I am continuing to ask newer Brothers to take other roles in this degree, and I welcome their participation and enthusiasm.

Speaking of “good hands,” let’s hope our St. Paul Saints baseball team has them as they take on the Sioux Falls Fighting Pheasants on Sunday, June 13, 2010. I hope you have made your RSVP for this great summer event.

See you in Lodge!

Allan Floyd, Master

### FROM THE WEST

#### Twenty-four, Three and Eight

To the new Fellowcrafts, you might remember the use of the three numbers which form the title of this article. Twenty four, refers to the 24 hours of a day, which in today’s world,

seems to be an awfully crowded period of time. We have work commitments, family activities, organizational meetings of one sort or another. Each of these is pulling us in one direction and then another. At some point in our day, we hope to find time to sleep, eat, do a little exercise and perform the necessary hygiene tasks. Some days it seems like 24 hours just isn’t enough. Then there are those days when you wish the day was over early, right?

The ideal in your Masonic life is to achieve a balance of work, service to God and R&R. Ok – let’s make this an interactive article... I am going to ask you a couple of questions and I want you to raise your hand if you can affirm that the answer is a resounding – YES!

- Do you feel you are living a “balanced” life? (This is strictly your own interpretation).
- Do you take time to read something other than your trade publications? (IE: Can you find time to read recreationally?)
- Do you take time to exercise your whole body for 30 minutes everyday?
- How many out there draw or paint or create something in the way of art? (Reading challenges the left side of the brain. The right side handles the creative side)
- Are you involved in church matters? Are you a part of a Masonic activity (IE: Degree work, fundraisers, mentoring)?

The list of questions could go on endlessly, but for the sake of brevity, I’ll leave it as it is. The point is, if we can assess our daily activities and see if we are truly balanced, we may be astounded at how one-sided our lives really are. There is so much that has to be done – so many responsibilities placed upon us, either by others or that are self-imposed. There are opportunities that present themselves to us as “quick-burn” activities, that we can hardly pass-up at the time. We justify doing these impulse activities by saying to ourselves that we can catch-up on that other task tomorrow or the next day. The goal of the lesson imparted with the twenty-four inch gauge is one that is so hard to achieve and yet is a good lesson in living life to its fullest.

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## FROM THE SOUTH

It is hard for me to believe that as this newsletter reaches your mailbox, we will be preparing for our last lodge meeting before going dark for the summer. To our newest Master Masons I would like to say congratulations and extend a special invitation for you to attend the lodge ritual group meetings to learn some more about our ritual. I would also like to invite all the other brethren of the lodge to come down and join us as well. We will be meeting twice monthly throughout the summer with meetings on June 24, July 8 & 22, and August 12 & 26. The meetings will begin at 6:30 and last approximately an hour and a half. A schedule and tentative agenda will be handed out at the June stated meeting and sent in an email blast in early June. This group is an excellent opportunity to enjoy some fellowship with the members of the lodge and learn some ritual along the way.

I would also like to remind everyone about the 3rd Annual Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 golf tournament. The tournament will be on Saturday, August 21st at Lost Spur Golf Course in Eagan. This event is open to all members of the lodge, family, friends and guests. It is an excellent time to bring prospective members down to see the lighter side of Masonry. The format will be 4-person scramble with prizes awarded for the top 3 teams, as well as long-drive, closest-to-pin, and longest-putt. The tournament begins with check-in at 8:30 am and the first tee time is 9:00 am. Pre-paid registration is required this year (deadline is August 1st), and will be having a boxed lunch as well. The outing costs \$45 per player and includes the 9 holes of golf, cart, and boxed lunch. Please mail your registration form and check directly to the lodge office.

If you have any questions about these events, please feel free to contact me directly (612-616-9293 or kreieron@gmail.com).

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at one or more of our summer events.

Keith Reieron  
Junior Warden



## LOOKING AHEAD

**Third Degree - Saturday June 5, 2010**

**Stated Communication - Thursday June 10, 2010**

**Saints game/Picnic - Sunday June 13, 2010**

**AL5 Golf Tournament - Saturday, August 21, 2010**



## LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

### Black Freemasonry

This is a misnomer. There is no actual body of Freemasons which is strictly all black or all white. Men of all races are and can become members of Masonic bodies. Some Lodges are predominantly of one race or another. There are no racial or religious restrictions among recognized bodies of Freemasons. That is not to say there are not clandestine organizations which call themselves "Masonic" that have racial restrictions.

There have been exaggerated stories and falsehoods put forth over more than two centuries. One of the problems was the Revolutionary War as well as the War of 1812 between England and its former colonies in America which resulted in the ultimate formation of the United States of America. In March 1775 a black Freemason named Prince Hall who along with 14 other men of color, with the assistance of Brother John Batt of the Irish Military Lodge No 441, formed a Lodge with the name and number African Lodge No 1. It was eventually granted a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) as African Lodge No 459 in September 1784.

For reasons which largely remain a mystery the recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England, UGLE, from 1813 was not made. There are records that the provisions for recognition were being met, but through ignorance, discrimination, bigotry and-or a natural or man made disaster the official recognition was not in effect by 1824. Many attempts were made from both sides of the issue to bring the Prince Hall Grand jurisdictions back into the "fold" of regular Lodges. Finally, the UGLE after almost 200 years granted Prince Hall Lodge of Massachusetts full and equal recognition with all other regular Grand Lodges. In relatively short order the other Grand jurisdictions around the world began to recognize Prince Hall Lodges as regular. They are for the time being still separate and that status may stay that way in perpetuity. There are also some Grand Jurisdictions in the Southern USA which still do not make that recognition. In my opinion that situation is shameful.

We in Minnesota can visit Prince Hall Lodge meetings and they are also welcome at our meetings and functions. A Prince Hall Mason is eligible to join an AF & AM Lodge. PH Brothers are also as able to join our concordant bodies as we AF & AM Brothers are able to do.

Fraternally submitted,  
Art Lingo  
Lodge Education Officer

# The Knights of Saint Andrew - AASR

*In conjunction with*

## The Masonic Temple Association



# “On the Level Carpeting Campaign”

### ***How the fundraiser works:***

We are asking for contributions from **all** Masonic members of **all** Masonic Bodies that meet in the Saint Paul Masonic Center to “purchase” units of carpet to replace the carpeting in the Large Lodge Room.

Thirty dollars (\$30) will purchase one square yard of carpet. We are looking for members to contribute as much as they can and we will acknowledge their generous contribution by filling in the number of square yards of carpet for which they contributed and place their name on the contributor’s list. The campaign’s progress and list of contributors is on the board on the wall outside the Large Lodge Room.

***Please contribute generously. We have almost 600 yards of carpet to purchase and install.***

***Hoped for completion date: Fall of 2010.***

- - - - -Please cut here and include the information below with your contribution - - - - -

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***(Your name as you want it to appear on the list.***

*If you prefer to remain anonymous, state “Anonymous”*

*If “In memory of ...”, please state this as well.)*

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*Contribution amount*

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*Cash? Or Check and check #*

***Please make checks payable to: “Knights of Saint Andrew”***

*Send donations to:*

Knights of Saint Andrew – AASR

200 Plato Boulevard

Saint Paul, MN 55107

# ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE #5 3rd Annual Golf Tournament



**Format:** 9 hole, 4-man scramble

**Where:** Lost Spur Golf Course  
2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy  
Eagan, MN 55121

**Time:** Registration at 8:30 a.m.  
First group at 9:00 a.m.

**Fee:** \$45 per golfer. Includes 9 hole greens fees, cart, boxed lunch, and prizes. If you do not wish to receive a boxed lunch, the fee is \$35 per golfer (please indicate this preference on your registration).



**Saturday, August 21, 2010**

Enclosed is my check, payable to Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the following golfers:

Name ..... Sandwich preference .....  
(Turkey & Swiss, Ham & American, or Roast Beef & Cheddar)

Phone ..... Email .....

Name ..... Sandwich preference .....  
(Turkey & Swiss, Ham & American, or Roast Beef & Cheddar)

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(Turkey & Swiss, Ham & American, or Roast Beef & Cheddar)

Phone ..... Email .....

Mail registration, with check, to Ancient Landmark Lodge #5, 200 East Plato Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55107, **must be received by August 1**



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

## LINCOLN CHAPTER

### COLLECTIONS

Bling--the things we collect. Open your drawer or look in your jewelry box, and you are sure to find some. Most, I am sure, are items of a Masonic Nature: cuff links, maybe a stud set, your grandfather's Masonic ring, or tie tack. Maybe a square and compass your mentor or lodge gave you years ago. How about a Royal Arch Pin? Maybe a Commandery medal, Scottish Rite Double Eagle or 14th Degree ring. The list is almost boundless.

Yes, I have already collected quite a few items in my short Masonic journey. Somehow, I even started collecting Grand Master pins starting in my first year of Masonry. A Brother has always managed to put one in my hands over the years, including the last few from the Grand Masters themselves.

Last year I started a new but very odd collection of a Masonic nature. Cornerstones. No, not the actual cornerstone, but a photograph of one in an unusual place or unique in nature. After attending the cornerstone ceremony at the University of Minnesota representing Ancient Landmark last fall, I realized the importance and significance to our institution that the cornerstone has come to represent. When was the last time you looked at the cornerstones that rest in our lodge from our past temples? These are incredible parts of our history and the brothers that came before us, each leaving a mark on our institution for the future.

Just a few weeks ago, I am sure to have found the southern-most cornerstone in the United States. It was located in Key West on a government building. What great masons must have walked down those streets and helped build the future of our country, both in industry and commerce as well as in substance.

My favorite cornerstone by far is one I found last fall. It is located in The Grand Canyon National Park on Powell Point. If I recall correctly, without looking at the photo, it was from 1913. The Masonic Lodge in that jurisdiction had preformed a Third Degree in an area of the park that could not have been much more than a goat path back then. I can not even imagine the impact that would have had on the initiate with 5800 feet of nothing on either side, let alone the Officers performing the degree at sunrise. I really am not fond of heights and glad I missed that one. That cornerstone has become a favorite for several reasons. First it's in a National Park, and we all know Brother Roosevelt had a lot to do with their being established. Second, its location was more than randomly placed. It faces north. It's on the east side, and yes, it's safe to assume its position marks so much more. Most importantly, it brought understanding to me. You see, I don't think my wife ever quite understood exactly why I was seeking a certain officer's position in our lodge until she saw that cornerstone. I walked right by it. She is the one that spotted it. Photos were taken and dates were noted. Interestingly, she did understand for the first time why I wanted to be the Secretary of our lodge as she traced the name of a Brother Secretary etched on that stone,

A Brother Secretary.  
Doug Kuchera

Viking Chapter of DeMoley conferred the Second Degree, or DeMoley Degree many new members. Since there are only two degrees in DeMoley these boys are now full-fledged DeMoley. If you are curious about what DeMolay is, please join us at our meetings. We meet every first and third Thursday at the Masonic Center. The first Thursday is a business meeting and the Third Thursday is usually a fun night to bring in prospects. We welcome you to join us.

Thanks,  
Rique Beslin, Chapter Advisor



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If we could all (the world population) work at finding a reasonable balance of time for the service of God and our fellow man, time for our gainful employment and time to rest and refresh our bodies and minds, we might just become more productive overall and be the better enabled to enjoy life to its fullest.

Speaking of living life to its fullest, don't forget the upcoming activities of the Lodge:

- 13 May is Ladies Night and our Stated Meeting
- 6 June is our 3rd Degree (The fun begins at 8:00 AM, with coffee and sweet rolls)
- 10 June is our Stated Meeting
- The AL 5 Picnic and Baseball game (Saints Baseball) is set for 13 June

The above captioned list is not even the extent of all the fun you can have with the Lodge Brothers and families! Let's see, what time slot does this all fit under? Is it R&R? Or is it in service to God and a distressed worthy Brother? Choices, choices...

On another note – please take note of the insert regarding the “On the Level Carpet Fundraiser”. As we have stated in Lodge meetings, we REALLY need to replace the carpet in the large lodge room. You might wonder why we are coming to the members for contributions, since the building is owned by the Masonic Temple Association, right? Well – truth be known, we, as members of AL 5, are part owners of the building and as such, we need help from all of the members to get this worthy project done. The goal is to have the fundraiser completed by the first of August so that we can get the carpet installed in time for our first meeting in the fall. There is a lot of carpet to buy – 600 yards – and lots of opportunity for everyone to pitch-in. Please review the flyer and discuss with your family, a contribution that is agreeable to one and all.

Enjoy life Brothers. Look to the East for good and wholesome instruction.

Fraternally yours,  
Bro. Drew C. Bjorklund  
Senior Warden

# 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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