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FROM THE EAST



Let's Don't Lose the Momentum

At our last Principal Officers' Meeting, the officers present commented on how well the first half of the year had gone and pondered how to continue this momentum for the remainder of the year. So far, we have enjoyed fellowship together with several fun events, and we have raised one of the best classes of new Brothers I've ever experienced. Now, our task is to keep all of our current Brothers involved and to seek out other good men to become members of the Craft and of our Lodge. Let me remind you of our activities for the rest of 2010.

First, please remember that we will be privileged to have MWB John Cook, the Grand Master of Minnesota, attend our September Stated Meeting. Let's honor him with our presence the night of the 9th. We will also be conducting our First Degree Ceremony on September 23rd, and we already have a number of candidates lined up for that degree.

Next, in October, we will have Awards Night along with our stated meeting on the 14th. Later that month, we will have our Bunco Night on the 16th, and our Second Degree Ceremony on the 28th. Brothers, please remember that Bunco Night is another opportunity to introduce potential candidates to the great bunch of people that comprise our Lodge.

Third, In November, our stated meeting is also Ladies Night (the 11th). This year, we will be having a wine tasting event. I promise that the stated meeting will not last too long.

Finally, our Third Degree is scheduled for December 4th, and our final stated meeting of 2010 is scheduled for December 9th.

I have had recent conversations with Brothers who have not attended Lodge for some time during which they told me that they plan to come back in September. Please welcome back these Brothers whom you have not seen for a number of months. Also, please ensure that the rest of you will remain active for the rest of this year to make the year 2010 a memorable one. I promise that I will attempt to involve as many of you as possible in our rituals.

FROM THE WEST



In the Dark and Heading for the Light

At the time of this writing, our Lodge is "dark," meaning we are not meeting. Not meeting doesn't necessarily mean that we are not "working," for there are several things to plan, and administrative tasks to which to attend. And of course, we hope that you are putting your Masonic tenets to good use in your communities, which is putting your work to work, so to speak.

We are soon to enter into the last four months of our Lodge year. This will be a fast-paced and somewhat hectic period in our Masonic year in which we will; initiate, pass, and raise several candidates; we will host the Grand Master; and we will vote on next year's line officers. All this and more will occur between our first meeting (9 September) and our last meeting of 2010 – 9 December.

The Lodge officers are engaged in several tasks to ensure that we are all given "good and wholesome instruction" and that the work is appropriately distributed. To that end, we are setting up the degree teams and getting preparations underway for rehearsals and the Degree conferrals. The principal officers (Master, Sr, and Jr Wardens) hope that, as Masons, everyone will be willing to perform the work when asked to help. This is what keeps our Lodge active and our work fresh.

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I am also aware that our Senior Warden, Drew Bjorklund, has been hard at work over the summer months making plans to make 2011 an even better year than this one has been. See you in Lodge!

Allan Floyd
Master



FROM THE SOUTH

Gentlemen start your engines; Masonically speaking, that is. I hope you all had a wonderful summer, although if it was anything like mine, it was too short and passed far too quickly. However, even as the final weeks and days of summer fade away into fall, I feel a renewed sense of energy and excitement for the remainder of this Masonic year.

I find our annual summer recess to be a much-welcomed opportunity to step back from the hectic schedule of the Lodge to rest, relax and reflect upon my journey. I won't try to claim that I haven't played my fair share of golf this summer, but I have also taken some time to study new pieces of the ritual, meet with the ritual group, and attend the various summer social events of the Lodge. These activities have provided me an opportunity to keep the Craft fresh in my mind, even while enjoying some time away from Lodge.

As we prepare to call back from the refreshment of summer break to the labor of another new season of Lodge activities, I hope we can each bring a new enthusiasm and energy to the Lodge and continue to make it a fun and meaningful place to gather together in friendship and brotherly love. I look forward to seeing you all at the September stated meeting and at our upcoming First Degree.

Fraternally,
Keith Reiersen, Junior Warden



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If not engaged in a lecture or as a guide or mentor, one suggestion for involvement would be that we engage the candidates in conversation and while in the confines of the Lodge room, though not during the meetings. Talk to the candidates about your initiation, your increased understanding of our fraternity, and the knowledge you have gained in the Craft. Though this doesn't seem to be "work" in the literal sense, it is making use of the trowel – in which YOU will be spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, and bonding the newly admitted candidates to our Lodge.

Take care, Brothers. Have a great summer. I look forward to seeing one and all in Lodge – soon!

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Drew C. Bjorklund, Senior Warden

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Proficiency?

Must I be proficient in my degree work? To our newest Brothers that's an easy answer; yes. But there is another answer also. It really derives from a question that a thirty-four year Brother posed to me: "Must I be proficient to sponsor a candidate for degrees?" In a perfect world when you are a first line sponsor or signer, you also take an obligation to assist the candidate through his degrees and prove-up examinations. It is also understood that you will guide the new Brother through his first year of Masonry to assist him with his questions, to provide a pass forgotten or a sign they may not quite be comfortable with. Have you ever not recommended someone for degree work because your own was many years ago and you have not practiced the craft regularly? Have you thought to yourself, "how do I help this man who I know will make a good Mason, when I am no longer proficient on the work?" It is, and of course in the perfect world, the way a Brother should be brought to light. There is another way also, and your fellow Brothers are always willing to help. We have in the past "assigned" mentors to our newest candidates; we have asked for and received volunteers who will gladly assist our newest through their degrees. Our past degree cycle was supported by Brothers Jerry Jacobson and Kent Swenson providing instructional classes to help our newest Brothers. Interestingly enough, there are Brothers from our last group ready to take on the task of future instruction.

So the answer becomes a bit more "murky," but it is simple. Your Lodge has a responsibility to every candidate to ensure that they are properly instructed. We will work with your candidate individually, through groups, and mentoring to make sure they begin their quest for light with the assistance of Brothers. Never be reluctant to recommend for degrees because of your own skills. But be aware you also just may find yourself back in Lodge watching your candidate progress through the degrees, and your own proficiency quickly returns.

Doug Kuchera, Secretary

NEXT STATED MEETING

Thursday, September 9th

Most Worshipful Brother John Cook, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota will be visiting. Dinner at 6:00 PM the sound of the gavel at 7:00 PM.



Masonry and Public Education

Many of the Minnesota Masonic Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota give scholarships to deserving students. This tradition may have begun in the 19th century with schools actually being founded by local Masonic Lodges across America. Some still exist although under different sponsorship and names. See the list.

Our Masonic forefathers supported the idea of free universal education for the citizenry, which was true to their belief that a builder is an enlightened man. The first Masonic jurisdiction to introduce the idea of a Masonic school or college was Ohio, and this action was quickly followed by a number of other Masonic jurisdictions. Generally, as Masonry was expanding into the frontiers of America, one of the first endeavors in a new location was to build a Masonic Lodge; it would be a two-story structure with the Lodge upstairs and the ground floor would serve as a school room. In 1924, Frederick Eby, a professor at the University of Texas, wrote, “The services of the Masonic Lodges in conducting schools and furnishing buildings must be regarded as one of the most important transitional steps toward free public education...”

Starting in 1844 in Lexington, Missouri, at least 30 colleges and universities have been started by American Masonic Lodges and Grand Lodges, mostly in the Southern Jurisdiction. It is amazing to think that a local Lodge would even think about an undertaking as massive as a college, but it was part of the Masonic tradition of meeting the community needs. Most of these schools closed long ago, but a few served as the foundation for contemporary institutions.

SCHOOL	LOCATION	FOUND- ED
Auburn Masonic Female College	Alabama	1840
Dadeville Masonic Seminary	Alabama	1852
Dayton Masonic College	Ohio	1885
East Alabama Female Institute	Alabama	1849
Eureka Masonic College	Missouri	
Furlow Masonic Female College	Georgia	1859
Georgia Masonic Female College	Georgia	
Gilmer Masonic Female Institute	Texas	1857
Henderson Masonic Male and Female Institute	Tennessee	1877
Masonic College	Arkansas	1850
Masonic College (now Central Methodist College)	Missouri	1844
Masonic College	Tennessee	
Masonic College	Texas	
Masonic Female College	South Carolina	1853
Masonic Institute (now Weatherford College)	Texas	1859
Masonic Institute of San Augustine	Texas	1851
Masonic Male Academy	Texas	1860
Masonic University	Kentucky	1842
Masonic University	Alabama	1853
Masonic University	Ohio	
Masonic University	Texas	1870
Masonic University of Tennessee (now Rhodes College)	Tennessee	1848
New Danville Masonic Female Academy	Texas	1854
Parsons College	Texas	1892
Pea Ridge Masonic College	Arkansas	1874
Saint John's College (today Oxford Orphanage)	North Carolina	1858
San Saba Masonic college	Texas	
Somerset Masonic College	Kentucky	1865
Southern Masonic College	Georgia	
Union Female College	Alabama	1854
Upshur Masonic College	Texas	1851

(Source: MSA Short Talk Bulletin, November 1990 and The Scottish Rite Journal, Southern Jurisdiction March/April 2010)

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



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