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LOOK TO THE EAST

“Thank You”

By the time this newsletter is published, I will be on my way out of my job as Master. I think we have had a very good year. I am also very certain that I'm leaving the Lodge in very capable hands. The Brothers following me in the line are all very dedicated to this Lodge and to the Craft. I will still be around as your Marshall next year and will enjoy watching my successor preside over another very successful year for Ancient Landmark #5. So, I now want to express my appreciation specifically to several people for helping make the year 2010 a success.

First, I want to thank our Lodge Secretary, Doug Kuchera, for being there and being both responsive and anticipatory in helping me get my job done. Likewise, I want to thank WB Alan Peterson for the excellent job he has done as Lodge Treasurer.

My Senior and Junior Wardens, Drew Bjorklund, and Keith Reiersen have provided me with help both in large and in small ways, all of which helped me greatly this year. I want to thank Brother Drew for being a good “idea man” and Brother Keith for mentoring so many of our newer Brothers in various ritual lectures.

Our Senior and Junior Deacons, Joe Amos and Justin Carlin, did an outstanding job this year, and I want to thank them for their dedication and hard work. I want to thank Brother Carlin for his willingness to travel such long distances to make our events and Brother Amos for his ability to learn and deliver many of our lectures.

Next, I want to thank Senior Steward Danny Baker and Junior Steward Jeremy Nienow for their help on the floor of the Lodge as well as their help with the meals and kitchen clean-up.

Tyler Terry Mallberg was always there to set up the Lodge for all our meetings, and I very much appreciate all of his efforts.

I also want to express my appreciation to Chaplain WB Earl Wolford, LEO WB Art Lingo, and Marshall WB Barnes Sharitt for their excellent work this year.

Even though we do not see them at work during our

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FROM THE WEST

Happy Days and Top Hats

It has been oft said that the best and proudest days of a Master's life are: 1) the day he puts the Master's hat on, and, 2) the day he takes it off. Happy days for two individuals are upon us. Worshipful Master Allan Floyd is concluding his most excellent year as Master of AL 5 and he will be happy (relieved) to divest himself of the position. I suspect that he will miss much of the work that he put into the job of preparing for the degrees, performing our ritual, conducting the Principal Officer's Meetings, signing checks and yes, working closely with our most esteemed Secretary, Brother Doug Kuchera. WB Allan's eyes were always wide open and a fire grew in his heart as he administered to his several tasks, and we could all see it as he did so.

Thank you Allan for your good and wholesome instruction, for your labors, and for your counsel. You have been an exemplary Master of our Lodge and will continue to be sought for your advice.

What lies ahead? There is one among us who is about to share the other side of the “Happy Days and Top Hats” mantra, and he is duly prepared. There is a most excellent cadre of officers ready to take their new places and stations in the Lodge. A plan is in place and there are duties to perform. We also have a tried, true and talented membership with their working tools at the ready. Topping this off, we are in a new year and fresh with worthy (personal) goals for the coming year.

What lies ahead? I have quoted this before, but for many reasons, a quote from Former President (and Brother) Theodore Roosevelt seems appropriate at this juncture. It goes like this:

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FROM THE SOUTH

This is my final article from the South. As we prepare to move into whatever next year may bring, I just wanted to take a minute to say thank you. It has been an honor

and privilege to serve this fine Lodge as your Junior Warden over the past year. Although we, like every other lodge, have had our ups and downs this year, I firmly believe we are going into 2011 as strong as ever, and I am very optimistic about the long-term vitality of our lodge.

To all of you who helped out with our various meetings and events, thank you for your contributions and hard work. We could not have made it through this year without your efforts. I would also like to thank those Past Masters who offered me good counsel and support as I, for the first time, undertook the role of Master for our Second Degree. Finally, I would like to thank our Stewards, Brothers Danny Baker and Jeremy Nienow. These brothers worked tirelessly to set up before meetings and cleanup at the end, and although that is the job of a Steward, I believe they performed their duty above and beyond any expectations, and I am very grateful for all their service.

And, with that, I shall close. Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5, and I look forward to seeing you all for a new, fun and exciting 2011.

Fraternally,
Keith Reiersen, Jr Warden



DUE NOTICE

2009 Lodge of sorrows correction for a Worthy Brother.

Brethren an error in the 2009 Lodge of sorrows has been brought to our attention. Brother Ray E Wheeler's information was incorrectly published. Brother Ray was born April 22, 1922, Initiated on November 4th, 1954, was passed on December 3, 1954, and Raised on January 6, 1955. He entered the Celestial Lodge on August 16, 2007.

We apologize for the error.



LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Masonic Service Association

Paraphrased from Coils Masonic Encyclopedia

The Masonic Service Association is an inter-Grand Lodge association for co-operative action which was suggested by obstacles encountered by the Masonic Overseas Mission of World War I. The MOM, due to the loose inter-state configurations and government bureaucratic misunderstanding, was prevented from providing service and relief to U.S. military service men.

After the armistice a convention met at Cedar Rapids, Iowa with representatives from several Grand Jurisdictions. The MSA was formed with Grand Master of Iowa elected as Executive Secretary. It met with some skepticism because many Grand Lodges feared they would become subservient to some sort of national body. It was later re-organized in 1929 with Carl H. Claudy as Executive Secretary and moved to Washington, D.C.

The Association, after investigation, issues appeals to Masonic bodies throughout the United States and Canada for funds to relieve the human needs of Masons and their families resulting from disasters and catastrophes. All relief funds are forwarded to the Grand Lodge in the afflicted area for distribution to those in need.

During WW II the MSA successfully operated 75 Masonic Service Centers, including one in London and one in Paris, which served nearly 10,000,000 men and women in the armed forces.

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LINCOLN CHAPTER

From the youth organization.

As I write this the Master Councilor, also the state Senior Councilor, is preparing the vote of elections for the next term in the chapter. Although he would like to have more young men brought in the chapter we are pushing on with those that we have. The installation will be announced at a later date and I will announce it at lodge. We have many state events that we will be attending in the upcoming months and are looking forward to the fellowship that comes with them. If you know of any young men, 12-21, that would like to join us or learn what we are then let them know. We have a formal meeting on the first Thursday of the month and a fun meeting on the third Thursday of every month here at the lodge hall.

Fraternally, Rique Beslin Jr

VALENTINE'S DINNER

Save the Date – Sweetheart's Dinner

Who among us would not welcome the opportunity to be able to lavish our one and only loving brides or significant others with an evening of fine dining, dancing, and terrific company? I would hope that there are not many who would want to miss the annual Sweetheart's Dinner, which will be held at the Lost Spur Country Club on 12 February 2011.

More information will be provided later, but the event will include a cash bar with complementary hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, wine, dessert and coffee or tea, all for \$35.00 per person. We will have the place to ourselves and the views are splendid, as we look out over the Minnesota River Valley. There is plenty of parking within a few yards of the door, making climbing over mounds of snow at the boulevard a past memory! Dancing? Did we hear that there are dancers out there? Yes, there is room for dancing and we will have music as well.

Please mark your calendars and RSVP to the following address: RSVP@ancientlandmark5.com.

The Officers of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 look forward to seeing everyone there!



LOOKING AHEAD

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.

Officers for 2011

Worshipful Master - Drew Bjorklund

Senior Warden - Keith Reierson

Junior Warden - Joe Amos

Treasurer- Alan Peterson

Secretary - Doug Kuchera

Lodge Education Officer - Barnes Sharitt

Senior Deacon - Danny Baker

Junior Deacon - Jeremy Nienow

Chaplin - John Watson

Senior Steward - Terry Mallberg

Junior Steward - Johnnie Timm

Marshal - Allan Floyd

Tyler - Mickey Cupkie

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

MTA Accomplishments in 2010

Brothers/Owners of the St. Paul Masonic Center:

Your Masonic Temple Association was a very busy management association in 2010. Among the many accomplishments of your board this year are the following:

- Painting of foyer, front staircase, and upper hall
- Addition of ceiling lighting in foyer
- Replacement of ceiling tiles in foyer
- All new sidewalks installed in front of building by the city of St. Paul
- Completion of Large Lodge Room altar upholstery by Knights of St. Andrew with donations from the brethren
- Heat-taping of downspouts on front ramp
- Completion of drip flashing on south side of roof by Bros. Ron and Ronnie Harmon to prevent what has been long-term water intrusion
- Building energy audit completed
- Volunteer painting of hall outside kitchen to Small Lodge Room
- Volunteer planting and weeding of landscaping and addition of new plants
- Labeling of wall switches in Large Lodge Room and Dining Room.
- Labeling of kitchen cabinets to reflect current needs
- Sanding and staining of Dining Room platform by Bros. Ron and Ronnie Harmon
- Small Lodge Room patched and painted
- 80 bulbs of red, blue and white lights in Large Lodge Room were replaced
- Kitchen User's List of Responsibilities was written and placed in kitchen resulting in better compliance with cleanliness standards
- Carpeting of Large Lodge Room: Lodge Room Carpet Campaign Donation board installed in dining room and donations solicited by Knights of St. Andrew and the MTA
- Coffeemaker circuit in hallway was rewired to prevent further outages
- Lobby electronic monitor was purchased, content designed and maintained by Bro. Bruce Sherman P.M.
- New building manager, PGM Jerry Rhoades, installed
- Natural gas line removed by Ron Harmon for safety
- Como Park furniture put in place in library to allow usage as a 3rd lodge room
- Motion switches in bathrooms installed and interlocked to fans
- Old unit heater removed from small lodge room and duct closed to outside

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Newest Master Masons



Candidates in the front row, from left to right:

Patrick McCarthy – Macalester 258, Lowell Johnson – Macalester 258, John M. Korpah – Ancient Landmark 5, Jermain T. Thomas – Como Park 324, GM John Cook, Jeremy T. Simmons – Ancient Landmark 5, Dustin C. Bennett – Ancient Landmark 5, Martin Hoven – Ancient Landmark 5, David Truitt – Ancient Landmark 5.

Saturday, December 4th the Metro East Masters and Wardens conferred the Third Degree on nine candidates at the Masonic Center on Plato. Ancient Landmark Lodge was well represented with five candidates going through the Degree as well as many of our Brothers participating in the Degree.

Please welcome our newest Master Masons when you see them in Lodge.

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meetings, our Trustees—Roger Belfay, Mike Schaeffer, and Steve Treanor—and our MTA Representatives—Tamer Azzazi, Chris Buck, Ron Harmon, and Chris Skoog—have all worked very hard this year to make this Lodge a better Lodge and this building a better place. Another “behind the scenes” worker is WB Loren Davis who puts our newsletter together every month. Thanks for your hard work as well.

Moreover, our Lodge has been well served this year with the hard work of our Candidate Mentor teams who worked diligently with our candidates to prepare them for their required prove-up examinations. Our Spring Team was composed of Jerry Jacobson and Ken Swanson, and our Fall Team was composed of Johnnie Timm, Jason Crispin, and Louis Suarez. Thank you Brothers for your excellent work.

Finally, I want to thank all of the Brothers of the Lodge for the support they have given me by attending our meetings, our degree presentations, and our various social gatherings.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your families throughout the year 2011.

See you in Lodge!

Allan Floyd
Master

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“It’s not the critic who counts. It’s not the man who points out where the grown man stumbles or how the doer of deeds could have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who actually is in the arena, who strives violently, who errs and comes up short again and again.

THIS is the man who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause, who if he wins, knows the triumph of high achievement, but who if he fails, fails while daring greatly, so his place will never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”

What lies ahead is what we – ALL OF US, AS A LODGE – strive for and to which we apply ourselves. That will be our destiny and our legacy.

Fraternally yours,

Drew C. Bjorklund, Senior Warden

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The MSA publishes and sends educational material to all Lodges in member Grand Lodge Jurisdictions. The subject matter of the education material has been well selected and of great variety. It has kept up a steady flow of "Short Talk Bulletins" of diverse and interesting character for use by Lodges in member jurisdictions. It is also available to individual Brothers for a very nominal fee.

One of the Association great works is the Hospital Visitation program in which Field Agents selected from the Craft visit Government hospitals and offer solace and encouragement to the victims of war. Under the MSA's direction, it has worked in 116 government hospitals, Army, Navy, Marine and Veterans.

Every year, at about this time, a "Green Envelope" program is continued to raise funds to assist the injured and afflicted from war duty. I encourage all Brothers to contribute as they are able to this worthy program.

Submitted by W. Bro. Art Lingo,
Lodge Education Officer

Ps. It has been a distinct honor to serve Ancient Landmark Lodge No 5 as L.E.O. Thank you so much for the opportunity.



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- Large Lodge Room painted in its entirety
- Large Lodge Room Masonic symbols selected and mounted on walls (thanks to WB Don Olson, Bro. Ryan Hickock for their volunteer help in making this happen)
- Kitchen range hood and ducting cleaned

The MTA Board Members are Chris Buck, President; Peter Ekholm, PM, VP; Chris Skoog, Secretary; PGM Chuck Luman, Treasurer; Bro. Mark Dreyer, Ron Harmon, PM; Bro. Tamer Azzazi and PGM Jerry Rhodes who is also Building Manager. Bob Wicke PM is our building engineer.

The St. Paul Masonic Center belongs to you. How can you help in 2011?

Chris Buck, MTA President



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Second Chances

Once again I was contemplating just where the office of Secretary has led me to. It ended at our newest Brothers. I find it pretty universal after the first degree, that many of our new Brothers have that "deer in the headlights" look. What happened, where did that come from? I really enjoy sitting down with them and chatting about their feelings and experience as they came into light. One of the more interesting aspects that is a common amongst our Second Degree or new Fellow-crafts is. "I wish I would have paid more attention in class when I was growing up. I wish I would have or spent more time with history and my geometry studies". The other day we had a discussion that eventually lead us to geometry. One of the Brothers felt disadvantaged that he had never studied geometry. I asked, "Have you ever heard 3-4- 5?" Why, yes he had, and went on to explain it and its uses in just about everything from building to navigation. I explained the ancient theory of the Northeast Corner of operative Masons and how 3-4-5 was applied. The building began in the Northeast corner with the setting of its corner stone. This was done on a star lit night when the North Star would be visible. Using the star to find due north, the builders started the alignment of the corner stone by using 3-4-5 or the 47th problem. With it, they were then able to square the stone directly north and east and create the beginning of a building, a good foundation. Just maybe the lessons of a Fellow-craft are doing just that: sparking a renewed interest in learning, taking challenges you haven't done for a very long time in your work and life, thinking about things from a different point of view. That is, setting your stone in the Northeast Corner, not just being there, but now seeking the knowledge to build upon it.

As we enter into the New Year, it's not hard to think of our Fellow-craft Degree. The year is new, it is a fresh start; we have knowledge, and we look for more. We wish to build and improve ourselves in the work we do, to set our stone true. It's always great to get that second chance.

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
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	12/5/1927	04/02/1968	05/07/1968	06/01/1968	08/21/2010
Bernard Kaplan	03/11/1923	10/15/1946	11/5/1946	12/6/1946	07/10/2010



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