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FROM THE WEST

Awakening

The green shoots of new grass push up through the matted brown, with the song of birds in every wisp of wind, and new buds peeking out on the trees overhead. The faint trickling of water can be heard in the distance, muted by the laughter of children at play. The breeze, at a temperature that will seem chilly come fall, feels warm and inviting, with a scent that is as indescribable as it is unmistakable. Spring is here and another winter has passed to mere memory.

As I write this, we are in the throes of a late winter storm here in Minnesota and the scene that I set above is the distant memory. Yet, I know the date on the calendar and am assured that warmer days will soon be upon us. This promise of spring is a hopeful thing and is perhaps my strongest case for staying in this temperate zone and not fleeing to more tropical climes. I do love the change of seasons, for without pain one cannot truly appreciate joy, and while I might enjoy it in a warmer part of the world, I don't think I would really appreciate and revel in the coming of spring were it not on the heels of a long winter. I cannot wait to throw open the windows and let the fresh air rejuvenate my home, the sounds of the wood behind my house reminding me that there is a world coming back to life after its cold slumber.

The transformation really is remarkable and it's not limited to fauna and flora: People all about us begin to shed their winter coverings in lieu of brighter, more comfortable garb. Their attitude and demeanor even change as the sun stays longer with each passing day. The cost of heating the house drops, but cooling costs have yet to commence. Baseball season is warming up and soon the boys of summer will be delighting us with their skills. Even the names of the months feel quick and bright: April, May, June.

As I wax poetically about the imminent arrival of springtime I am reminded of the ever evolving renewal that our Lodge membership experiences with each new Degree season.

I'm as excited about this year's spring class as I have been for past seasons, and I'm always proud to be a part of this Lodge's outstanding degree work. Don't miss the chance to show these new Brothers how important they are to us... come down to the Lodge on Degree night and show them your support! And if you have the opportunity, bring a potential candidate to one of our upcoming events, or to dinner before the Lodge meetings, and become a part of birthing new growth within our ranks. Or if you haven't been down to the Lodge in a while, let this be a catalyst for your own renewal. Come down and join us in fellowship and ritual. Whether you're looking to get more involved, merely wish to enjoy the camaraderie of the Fraternity, or you simply want to witness the beauties of Masonry again, you will always be welcomed with open arms and a smile.

And speaking of baseball, we are planning another joint event with Macalaster Lodge this year. On Wednesday, June 12 we will enjoy a game at Midway Stadium as our Minnesota Saints take on the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks. We will be tailgating beforehand, and if it's half as fun as it was last year, we are going to have a great time. This event will be open to anyone you'd like to bring: wives, kids, candidates, bosses, minions... Look for the RSVP on our Lodge website (www.ancientlandmark5.com).

I truly hope that by the time you're reading this, our winter is at long last at an end. I hope that you and your families are well. And I hope to see you soon at Lodge.

Fraternally,

Danny Baker
Senior Warden



NEXT STATED MEETING

April 11th
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Meeting

George Washington Prescott

George Washington

Prescott was born in Chesterville, Maine on October 20, 1826. He came to St. Paul in 1850. In August of 1862, Prescott enlisted, and received a commission as a lieutenant in The Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry

Regiment, where he served until the close of the war. In 1867 he moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, returning to Minnesota in 1868. From that time until 1892, when he became a resident of California, he was a Baptist clergyman in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

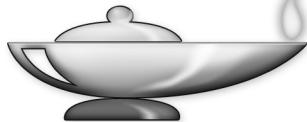
Brother Prescott was made a Master Mason in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 in 1854, and became the Lodge's third Worshipful Master in 1857. Worshipful Brother Prescott was active in the York Rite and was a Royal Arch Mason in Minnesota Chapter in 1855, a Royal and Select Master in St. Paul Council in 1869, and a Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery in 1856, all of St. Paul.

He served as Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from 1857 to 1864, and went on to succeed A.T.C. Pierson as Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota from 1864-1866.

Most Worshipful Brother Prescott was the first Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Minnesota, and was Grand High priest in 1864. He was also the first Grand commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in Minnesota, being elected at its organization in 1865, and served two years. He was elected Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, the national body for the organization, in 1865, and served three years.

Most Worshipful Brother George Washington Prescott died in San Francisco, California on March 21, 1912.

"Let us not forget those who came before us and helped pave the way toward a brighter future."



What Do We Owe to Freemasonry?

Seems like a strange question but think about it for a minute. Do we owe Freemasonry anything, and if we do what might that be. I came to be a Freemason based largely on my experiences as a child with the Masonic Fraternity. You've all heard the stories so I won't go into them again. In short, the help my family received for my sister and the prominence of the Fraternity in the community. Since joining the Fraternity, Freemasonry has provided a different point of view on many subjects that I would not have otherwise considered. So, Freemasonry has helped me to grow in many different ways. Do I owe something in return?

Yes, I do.

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the Feast of Council for the St. Paul Valley Scottish Rite. At this event the keynote speaker was a Brother from St. John's Lodge #1 in Stillwater. He related to us his experience escaping from Communist Czechoslovakia in 1984. It was an amazing evening and one filled with stark realizations that we have a duty to our Fraternity and to our Brothers who do not have the freedoms we enjoy and all too often take for granted.

I think about the very basic principles on which our Fraternity was founded, the time in which it was founded and I realize it is very difficult for us to understand those circumstances. We read about these kinds of situations people are living under today; we may even see news broadcast or see a movie depicting this kind of enslavement but can we really know what it is like to be so suppressed in every way that even a wrong thought can land you in prison? In our collective memories we do not have such a memory as that so to say, "I understand" simply is not true in any way. We truly have no idea and this fact was brought to our realization that evening when two pictures of men shot to death lying entangled in barbed wire were displayed on the screen in front of us. This was 1984! How could this still exist anywhere in the world! The simple fact is in 2013 these horrible conditions still exist in far too many places in this world and it's not only men but women and children also. Our Brother who escaped Czechoslovakia did not escape alone, he had his wife and two small children ages 2 and 4 with him.

GAME NIGHT



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What I do understand is that our Brothers living under these oppressive conditions know about Freemasonry and they know about the liberties and freedoms Freemasonry teaches. Every one of them dream of the day they may enjoy these freedoms we enjoy and they hold Freemasonry and the ideals of the Masonic Institutions in very high regard in some cases at the risk of what little freedom they do have. Any man willing to risk so much deserves something from those who risk little or nothing.

I had a friend once who said to me, "I owe nothing for it was not me who created those conditions." He was wrong.

So, what do I owe to our Fraternity? I owe the will to display my Freemasonry in all that I do. To allow the light of Freemasonry which was freely and unconditionally given to me to shine brightly so all may see the principals it was founded on at work making the world a better place one Mason at a time. If I can do this, then those who do not yet enjoy the same freedoms may see there is hope that one day all men will be free and they will be given the strength and courage to carry on for one more day.

Fraternally,

Bruce L. Sherman, PM
LEO



LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, April 11 - Stated Meeting
6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Meeting

Thursday, April 25 - Fellowcraft Degree
6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Degree

Thursday, May 9 - Stated Meeting
6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Degree

Saturday, June 8 - Master Mason Degree
8:00am Coffee & Donuts, 9:00am Degree

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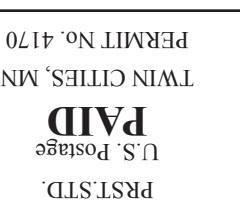


LODGE of SORROW 2013

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



Name	Birth	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Celestial Lodge
Joseph Ditschler	04/29/1934			06/21/1966	01/24/2013



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