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FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East

June is upon us and brings with it the promise of warm summer days. June is also the month that St. John's Day is celebrated. St. John's Day commemorates the birth of St. John the Baptist. It also happens to fall very close to the summer solstice and midsummer's day. All three are different manifestations of the same holiday, celebrating the longest day of the year and the turn towards darkness (the days are getting shorter).

Since St. John the Baptist is one of the patron saints of Masonry I thought I would do a little bit of research on St. John's Day. I came across a web-site called "Astrology on the web," and it had this to say,

"According to McCoy's Masonic Dictionary, participation in the Festival of St. John at midsummer is a duty of every Mason. It functions as a connection between the past and the future. The two saints stand at either end of the spectrum marked by the solstices, the doorways of light and dark, of zeal and of learning. These two festivals bear the names of Christian saints, but in ages past they bore other names, yet standing to this day as markers for the solstices... St. John's Day, June 24, symbolically marks the summer solstice, when nature attains the zenith of light and life and joy. St. John's day in winter, December 27, symbolizes the turn of the sun's farthest journey – the attainment of wisdom, the rewards of a well-spent life, and love toward one's fellow man."*

While I was not able to verify the quote's accuracy in time to get this article done I liked what I read. It rings true, in that in the summer time I feel different than I do in the winter. I see the world in summer as more vibrant and alive. Every year summer comes around and you'd think over time the newness of summer would wear off, but it doesn't. As a matter of fact summer gets better every year.

This is the last newsletter before we go dark to enjoy our summer. There's a lot going on with Lodge this summer so check your emails for reminders. If you aren't on the email list, please contact Lodge Secretary, Bruce Sherman.

Labor Day weekend has us heading up to Canada. Here's
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FROM THE SOUTH

Walking Uprightly with God and Man

This will be history by the time this is published, but I would (selfishly) like to ask that you step back to 23 April, when we conferred the Second Degree on our new Brothers Towle, LeBlanc, Cloud, Azzazi and Koos. The reason for this selfish indulgence is two-fold; 1) It has always been my favorite Degree and 2) I had the honor of being the Master of the Lodge (for a day).

When being passed to this Degree, there was again, so much thrown at me. I was in the dark much of the time, it IS a long Degree with the lectures thrown in... I heard a lot, but how much could I retain? As most Brothers have experienced I am sure, when you work on the prove-up, that is when the whole Degree starts to gel. As I prepared for the work of the Master, I was taken back to a particularly enlightening time in my life – a trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota.

During the month of my prove-up, Claire and I took our son to a B&B near Hill City, to celebrate his graduation from National Guard basic training. During our 4-day stay there, I practiced my prove-up while walking among the stately pines at the Coyote Blues B&B. As I got to the lines about walking "uprightly with God and man", being with the forest suddenly took on a whole new meaning AND I began to understand how important Masonry would be to me.

I have to say that being the Master for that evening was quite a rush. Not for the fact that I was running the show – truth be known, our Marshal Todd Henderson deserves most of THAT credit – but because I was truly immersed in all aspects of the Degree. And to know that I "passed" five splendid Brothers to the Second Degree was a joy that only the Master can truly feel.

Being brought back to the Black Hills with the study and recitation of the obligation was as gratifying as being there.

See you in Lodge, Brothers.

Brother Drew Bjorklund
Junior Warden

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another friendly reminder to get your passport if haven't already. The September newsletter will come out in mid to late August. All the details of the bus will be in it.

One more friendly reminder, please get your RSVP's for the Lodge BBQ on July 11, and the Saints game on August 9th. Call the Lodge at 651-222-2643 or email RSVP@ancientlandmark5.com

Have a great summer and we'll see you in Lodge!

Loren

**The other St. John mentioned is St. John the Evangelist*



AL5 Scholarship Awards for 2009

Brothers, as I sure you know Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 supports an annual scholarship program. We provide \$10,000.00 in scholarship funds to be distributed among the scholarship applicants that meet our qualifications. In addition to this we also apply for and receive the Minnesota Masonic Charities matching funds of \$1500.00 per lodge per year. This year we granted scholarship to 9 applicants resulting in an award from the Lodge of \$1,111.00 and from Masonic Charities of \$166.00 making a total award of \$1,277.00 for each of our applicants. Where this is certainly not going to cover all their expenses it will go a long way towards their continuing education which is the goal of our scholarship program. As Brothers of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 we should all feel proud that we have chosen this as one of our philanthropies.

Please join me in congratulating our 2009 scholarship recipients;

Erik Valdmanis	Stout University, Wisconsin
Laura Valdmanis	Hobart & William Smith College
Kristin Ekstrom	St. Paul College
Joe Amos	William Mitchell College of Law
Jennifer Carlin	Augsburg College, Rochester Campus
Katherine Fitch	Metropolitan State University
Dustin Thune	University of St. Thomas
Keith Reierson	University of St. Thomas
Katie Godfrey	Marquette University

We wish each and every one of our scholarship recipients the best of luck in the coming academic year.

NEXT STATED MEETING

May 14th



CANADIAN LODGE VISITATION

AL3 Visitation, September 4-7, 2009

Don't forget your passport. Labor Day weekend is fast approaching. Also, our brethren of Ancient Landmark #3 have arranged accommodations at the Holiday Inn South on Pembina Highway in Winnipeg at a room cost of \$95.00 CDN per night plus appropriate taxes. Brethren attending should contact the hotel directly at (204) 452-4747 or their National Reservation number 1 (800) HOLIDAY.

Be sure to mention that you are with the Masonic group from St. Paul. Rooms must be booked prior to August 14, 2009.



DUE NOTICE

Brethren,
Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 is conferring the **Third Degree on Saturday June 6, 2009**. Coffee and donuts at 8:00 with the degree starting at 9:00.

Consider this your due summons to attend. This is a very special day in the Masonic journey of our newest brethren. Come out to Lodge and make this day as special for them as your Third Degree was to you. We seem to always need Craftsmen as well as Brothers filling up the side-lines. Please see that this event is within the length of your cable-tow.

Loren Davis
Master Ancient Landmark #5 2009

Summer Time means BBQ's

The Lodge Bar-be-queue hosted by Boots and Ron Larson is approaching. It is taking place **Saturday July 11, 2009**. Appetizers at 1:00pm and the grills get fired up at 2:00pm. You have your choice of steak or chicken. Please bring a dish to share, some silverware and a lawn chair.

If you have a friend or relative that might be interested in Masonry is this a great opportunity to introduce them to your Lodge brethren in a fun, relaxed environment. There is no cost for the BBQ, but we do need a head count and your choice of steak or chicken.

Please respond to RSVP@ancientlandmark5.com by Friday July 3, 2009. Or call the Lodge at 651-222-2643.

GOLF OUTING

On Saturday, August 15th, we will be holding the second annual Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 golf tournament at Lost Spur Golf Course in Eagan. This will be a 9 hole,
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**Fill me with peanuts and Cracker-Jacks...
Mark your calendars for Sunday August 9, 2009
as Ancient Landmark goes to the Ballgame**



**Join us for a tail-gating picnic followed by the Saint Paul Saints
taking on the El Paso Diablos.**

**The game starts at 1:00. We'll meet at the picnic spot (North-
west corner of parking lot) at 11:30.**

**The Lodge will supply the burgers and hot dogs and condi-
ments. Please bring a side dish to share and a lawn chair.**

**The cost is \$15.00 for the ticket and the picnic. Email your
RSVP to RSVP@ancientlandmark5.com
or call the Lodge Secretary at 651-222-2643**

**Please have your RSVP in no later than July 1, 2009
This event is open to all.**

Ancient Landmark Lodge #5



2009 Golf Tournament

9 hole, 4-man Scramble

Saturday, August 15

8:30 a.m. Check-in

9:00 a.m. Start

Cost

\$23.00 per person (includes 9 holes golf and prize). \$10.00 additional fee for motorized cart.

Lost Spur Golf Course

2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Eagan | (651) 454-5681

Map & directions available online at

<http://www.wpgolf.com/lostspur/map.html>

RSVP to rsvp@ancientlandmark5.com, or
612-616-9293 by August 1st

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4-man scramble with additional contests for longest drive, longest putt, and closest-to-pin. Cost for this event is \$23.00 and includes 9 holes of golf and a prize. There is an additional \$10.00 fee if you prefer a riding cart. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., and the tournament will kick off at 9:00. The event is open to all lodge members, friends, family, and most especially prospective Masons. Please RSVP as an individual or as a team to rsvp@ancientlandmark5.com or 612-616-9293 no later than August 1st.



Crusader's Chapter DeMolay

Brothers, I am writing for our possible future. As most of you know Bruce Sherman and I am both Sr. DeMolay. This is an organization for boys between the ages of 12 and 21. It was formed by Brother Frank S. Land in 1919 in Kansas City, Kansas. He saw a need for direction and structure in boys that were just hanging around the Lodge hall. Brother Land with these 12 boys designed an organization that the boys would run with the help of the advisors. Dad Land, as the boys came to call him, saw the need for structure that the boys could direct themselves under the supervision of the Chapter Advisors. We are now trying to carry on this tradition today by supporting a Chapter started in November 2007 with the help of the Brothers of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5. If you know of any boys that could use this structure then please bring them to the lodge hall on the second or fourth Friday of the month. We will be attending a statewide Conclave at the end of July. There, our boys will be with other DeMolay Brothers from across the state.

Rique Beslin,
Chapter Dad, Crusader's Chapter DeMolay



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Masonic Temple Association

The Masonic Temple Association, the management body of the St. Paul Masonic Center, has need of a part-time **building manager** to work approximately 20 hours per week during the daytime with occasional, additional hours as necessary. This is a paid position, best suited to a retired Mason. Among the responsibilities are: Maintaining the building calendar, receiving rents, making deposits, and handling emergency situations as they arrive. This position reports to the Masonic Temple Association. Computer experience is necessary. If you are interested, please contact MTA President Chris Buck at 651-702-0705 or Ancient Landmark and Scottish Rite Secretary Bruce Sherman at 651-222-2643.

The Masonic Temple Association will hold a **Landscaping Party on May 30-31** at the St. Paul Masonic Center. Volunteers are needed for digging holes, planting shrubs and trees, placing and spreading gravel and setting large, decorative rocks per the instructions of architect Drew Bjorklund. We start at 8:00 AM on Saturday and go to till we decide we're done. If we don't complete the work on Saturday, we'll be back on Sunday. Lunch and beverages are provided. Please call MTA President Chris Buck at 651-702-0705 or Ancient Landmark/Scottish Rite Secretary Bruce Sherman at 651-222-2643 to commit time to working alongside your brothers in this significant beautification effort!

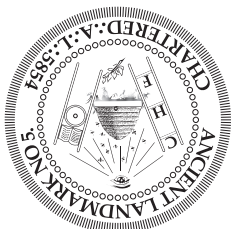
The Masonic Temple Association requests your help in painting the large lodge room and replacing ceiling tile. The work will be done during the weekend of **July 25 and 26th**. We will start at 8:00 AM on Saturday and work until we want to quit. If necessary, we will work on Sunday until the job is finished. We will have as many paint sprayers as we need to do simultaneous spraying at different ends of the room. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Please volunteer to make this large lodge room a brighter and cleaner dwelling for us as well as potential outside renters. Please contact MTA President Chris Buck at 651-702-0705 or Ancient Landmark #5 Secretary Bruce Sherman at 651-222-2643. We need your help!

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



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