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FROM THE EAST



You are probably going to read to a lot about Brotherly Love and Friendship in this edition of the newsletter. That is because your principal officers, along with many members of the Lodge just returned from the visitation with our sister Lodge in Canada, Ancient Landmark 3. That visitation was indeed a great example of Masonic Brotherly love in action. As it is every two years.

I am going to write a little about our tour of the Manitoba Legislative Building and passions.

Masonry teaches us to subdue our passions. Do not equate subdue with eliminate. Eliminating passion is not the goal of Free-masonry. To subdue means, "to bring under control especially by an exertion of the will," according to the second definition in Marion

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Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again. Just words. Not to me, not anymore.

It was about 2 years ago Loren mentioned he had been asked to fill a hole in the line and that it would put him back in the Master's chair again. I knew there would be responsibilities and obligations he would need to fulfill as Master. I knew there would be a few times I would need to assist, but, it is his lodge after-all, not mine, so I told him that whatever he felt he needed to do, I would support his decision.

He pointed out it would be a year without a 150th celebration to plan like his last duty as Master, and the Canadian's would not be visiting. What I didn't fully understand is yes, true, the Canadian's would not be visiting, but I didn't ask for clarification if AL5 was going to Winnipeg.

Oh, yeah, it's an AL5 visit to Winnipeg, over a long holiday weekend where you will be in a bus 8 hours each way. Grumble.

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FROM THE WEST



"Brotherly Love and Friendship"

All of us should recognize the phrase I used for this month's title. This has been demonstrated to me several ways over the past few months. Many of us shared fellowship at our annual BBQ, Saints Game, and golf tournament. Those of us who went to Canada were reminded once again that this brotherly love extends across national boundaries. Moreover, those in our September stated meeting heard from many of the Brothers how the concept of brotherly love and friendship induced them to become a part of our Craft. Several of us have witnessed this love when a family member has died and Brothers come to the funeral service to offer their aid and comfort.

We have started the second half of our year off with a bang. Over 30 Brothers were present at our September meeting, and good fellowship was shared by all. Moreover, several potential candidates came to our

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CANADIAN LODGE VISITATION

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Webster's dictionary. I would say it teaches us to focus our passions into something useful.

The tour that Ancient Landmark #3 arranged for us was conducted by the author of the book, *The Hermetic Code*, Brother Frank Alba. In this book Brother Alba sets out to show the hidden symbolism that was incorporated into the building of the Manitoba Legislative building. How many times have you been on a tour where the guide is mostly monotone, bored with reciting the same dry facts over and over again? I have been on too many tours like that. I saw tours like that going through the building. "This is the room where the Premier has his office, it is decorated in early provincial...blah, blah, blah." Brother Alba has a passion on the subject. He made the tour one of the best I have ever been on. He knows his subject, loves his subject and is more than eager to pass on what he knows to others. That, to me is what subduing passion is all about. Being able to focus on your passion to be able to share it with others. The book he wrote started as his Master's Thesis, was serialized by the newspaper in Manitoba then published in book form.

I wish I was able to convey my passion for the Lodge as eloquently as Brother Alba is able to convey his for the Manitoba Legislative building.

See you in Lodge
Loren Davis,
Master 2009



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dinner prior to the meeting and were warmly received. This is the type of welcome that makes newcomers want to return and to become a part of us.

Let's continue the enthusiasm shown at our September stated meeting by attending the remaining meetings scheduled for the year. Moreover, be sure to attend our three degree ceremonies. You will find these even more meaningful if you volunteer to help

The Bunco Night scheduled for October 10th is a great way to introduce potential Brothers and their wives/significant others to our Brothers and their mates. We have gained several new Brothers via the "Bunco route" in the past. Don't miss the opportunity to invite men whom you believe would make good members of our Lodge to this event.

See you in Lodge!
Allan Floyd
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

More and More Seeing the Light

Our meeting of 10 September signaled the end of the Lodge being "dark" and heralds the fall session of Lodge. We had a worthy turn-out for dinner and Lodge and the

Brothers voted to grant four individuals the opportunity to take the Degrees. This will mean we will have a class of at least five for the first degree, which will occur on 24 September. Having five initiates to go through the degrees is not only easily manageable, but also provides an enriching experience for one and all.

To ensure that this is an enriching experience, we will benefit from active participation from the membership; the spring class is strongly urged to attend, to see that which they did not when they went through their degrees; the "seasoned" members, who have seen many of these degrees in the past, will add to the grace, dignity, solemnity and the importance of the event. New and "seasoned", young and old, regular attendee and not-so-regular attendee are all implored to attend to show your support of this new class.

Think about the time you were initiated. Do you remember the "friend" who assisted you to the door? Do you remember the Senior Deacon who ushered you around the Lodge to the several stations where you were displayed and tested? Do you recall who the Worshipful Master was at the time of your initiation? How about the feeling you had when the hoodwink was taken from your eyes – was the image before you anything like what you expected? Do you remember the congratulations and welcoming you received when the Degree was over?

Help us make this Degree the most memorable that we can for this new class. Help the Lodge provide those long-lasting discoveries and memories to which the members of the class are entitled. Plan to attend; dinner is at 6:00 PM and the Degree will start shortly after 7:00 PM.

Be good. Think and act Masonically. Look for the Light.

Brother Drew Bjorklund
Junior Warden



NEXT STATED MEETING

October 8th

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You'll need to get a passport to get into Canada. A little grumble - I'd been meaning to do this so it helped the cause.

You'll need to use vacation day(s) because we need to leave on a Friday, and arrange for friends to feed the cats and disrupt their holiday plans. Grumble. Grumble.

We need to be in St. Paul by 6am. GRUMBLE.

Loren had duties as Master to fulfill, and he now had a wife that was grumbling about this visitation to add to the stress of the weekend. He was trying to give me room to work thru this because he knew I was disappointed about the previous weekend. I had been so looking forward to an out-of-state friend who was visiting. Several girls were getting together in Two Harbors for a long weekend, but it turned out to be nothing like I had hoped or expected. Very disappointing.

The bus ride went fast. We slept, had stretch breaks, read, talked, laughed...very pleasant.

We received a warm welcome from several people from the Canadian lodge, and our very own Ron and Boots Larson! Pleasant.

Once we had freshened up, there was the meet and greet in the hospitality room. Food, drinks, and oh, no, new people to meet and remember their names. You know what? It didn't matter that I couldn't remember names, no one cared. They were just happy to meet. Wait. What is that noise? Laughter? Yes it was, and I was doing a lot of it! (The other noise later that night was the 3 fire alarms!!).

Saturday we had an extremely wonderful tour of the legislative building and learned how the building was designed with King Solomon's temple in mind. We learned the "hidden in plain view" Masonic connection with symbols and numerology.

Later, the dinner was fabulous! The program was funny. The people were wonderful, again, happy to meet, and meet more people we did!

Sunday we had our own time in the morning and a BBQ at the home of AL3's Master and his wife, then back to the hospitality room for games, more food and drinks and the closing ceremonies.

I went from Loren asking me Saturday night after the dinner if I'd come back in 4 years and me responding, "don't push your luck" to saying "we could host a BBQ"

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Upcoming Events

Bunco Night: Saturday, October 10th. Dinner @ 6:00 pm. Play begins at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please rsvp to Kim Remus @ Stonsfn@aol.com or 651-702-0705 by Oct. 3rd. We need a count for dinner.





LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

PATRIOT'S DAY

In November, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 meets on November 11th. This day is the anniversary of the Armistice that signaled the end of the fighting of World War I. The Armistice took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, e.g. 11:00 AM on November 11, 1918. Then joyous crowds poured out on the streets of the major capitals to celebrate the war's end. However, the actual end of the war, as defined by the Treaty of Versailles, was over six months later. This treaty, characterized by acrimony and revenge, guaranteed that there would be another global conflict. It occurred twenty years later. The Great War, as World War I was called, ended some 70 years after the Armistice as the Cold War terminated.

The question that we need to consider as a group of brothers is "How Do We Show Our Patriotism?" Think to see how you demonstrate your patriotism, and share the answers with your brothers in the LEO's moment on November 11. Everybody will have the opportunity to answer the question.



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2 days later on the way home.

Once again, my weekend was ending up to be nothing like I had expected. It was laughter; fun, warm, loving people making sure you are comfortable; Dancing Queen dance line; improv skits; too many Gordon's to keep track of; it's getting caught up from the last visit; it's making new friendships and bonds; it's exchanging emails to stay in touch; it's learning, listening and keeping an open mind; it's hugging and hugging because you don't want to let go – sorry to part; it's making plans for 2 year's from now – Happy to meet again. It's a long standing tradition between 2 lodges.

For me it as also getting a glimpse of why my grandfather and father loved their lodges and being a mason. It made me realize Loren is the man he is because Masonry has been in his life.

So yes I'll be at the hotel welcoming the Canadian's in 2 years. Yes, I'll be back to Winnipeg in 4 years. These are now my friends that I can't wait to see again. It's not just words anymore, it's heartfelt....Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

– Cheryl Davis



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
Elmer M. Jenson	8/9/1927			8/20/1960	6/27/2009



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