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FROM THE EAST



Ahh September, a lovely month. The days are getting shorter and the temps a bit cooler. Although if they are cooler then July was it'll be a cold September. September for many people means back-to-school time, shopping for new clothes and school supplies. I don't really miss that part of autumn at all.

September also means it is back-to-Lodge time. Of course you don't have to go out and get a new set of pencils or a flashy new Trapper Keeper (a notebook "system" from the 80's for those that don't know) for Lodge meetings. You don't really need any supplies at all for back-to-Lodge time. All you need is the desire to spend a Thursday evening with your Brothers in fellowship and hopefully gain a little Masonic Light in the process.

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CANADIAN LODGE VISITATION

AL3 Visitation, September 4-7, 2009

We are off to Canada. For those riding the bus, we'll be departing from the Lodge on Friday, September 4th. The bus will be there at 5:45 AM. Please arrive no later than 6:00 AM so we can get loaded up and on the road.

Here is one more reminder that passports are required to get back into the States.

Here is a run down of the events and costs. The Lodge will write AL3 a check so if you haven't paid the Lodge yet please do so.

\$34.00 per person for the banquet Saturday night
\$4.50 each for the BBQ Sunday
Saturday morning breakfast is courtesy of AL3
Everything else is pay as you go

This is going to be a great trip.
We'll see you there!



FROM THE WEST



REVIVING THE JOURNEY

By the time you read this, our annual BBQ, Saints Game, and golf tournament outings will have been history. Those of you who have attended these events this year and in past years know what a great time for fellowship these events are. They are also great opportunities to have potential new members get to know us and our families.

Later this summer, we will be traveling to Canada to visit our Brothers at Ancient Landmark Lodge #3 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Our visiting each other's home city every other year is a tradition going back many years. I hope as many as possible can participate. As many of you will recall, our Canadian Brothers' visit here two years ago was a time of great fun and fellowship; I'm confident we will find their hospitality to be very warm as well.

We had a fine Spring class of new brothers and look forward to presenting the degrees to our new class this fall. Please go out of your way to welcome our newest brothers and to ask them to participate in our activities. Some of them have already volunteered for several things. This reflects well on the quality of the new men we are bringing into our Lodge.

This fall, we have another fun night of Bunco scheduled for October, and, in November, our stated meeting will be at the James J. Hill House. That is also Ladies' Night, and our ladies will be given a tour and be able to view the Holiday Decorations that will be up at that time.

We had a good first half in 2009; let's all work together to make the second half equally good, if not better.

See you in Lodge!
Allan Floyd
Senior Warden



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This past summer was a very good one. The projects that were completed around the building have really spruced the place up and also gave us the opportunity to work side-by-side building a stronger bond with our brethren. And that in turn makes for a stronger Lodge. The summer wasn't all work. There were many opportunities to get together to play golf, catch a ball game or enjoy some steak and onion rings.

With fall approaching, that also means the Degree cycle begins again. The First Degree will be presented on September 17th. You are probably tired of reading this, but your presence at the Degree will definitely add to the experience of our candidates. Be sure to say hi to them at dinner and help start creating those positive memories of Lodge.

I sure hope you had a great summer.
And I'll see you in Lodge (and Canada)

Loren Davis



NEXT STATED MEETING

September 10th



AMBASSADOR'S COMMITTEE

We have scheduled a visit to St. Johns Lodge #1 in Stillwater for Monday, October 5th. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm and there is a light meal that begins at 6:00 pm (please bring \$5 to help the St. Johns Lodge offset the cost of the meal).

I encourage all of our members, and especially our newest Master Masons to join us as we visit the state's oldest Masonic lodge. Anyone interested in attending the visitation should RSVP to kreieron@gmail.com by September 23rd.

The Ambassador committee will continue to schedule regular visits to other lodges in the area, and we would like your input on which lodges you would like to visit. Please feel free to email me with any suggestions you may have.

Fraternally,
Keith Reieron



FROM THE SOUTH

Due Signs and Summons

Are you ready to receive all due signs and summons after our summer period of darkness? This newsletter can be considered to be your summons to our next meeting, which will be September 10th. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 PM and our Lodge will convene once again at 7:00 PM.

Your experience of coming to Lodge for the first time this fall will be greatly enhanced as you approach the front doors of the Center. You will notice that the front yard has a new look to it, thanks to the Masonic Temple Association for funding the improvements and many, many thanks to the 30+ volunteers who worked, slaved, sweated, and almost said a few un-Masonic words during the two Saturday's of labor. You might seek out Brother Chris Buck and tell him your thoughts and suggestions. It was his driving force that got the landscaping plan in place.

You will, of course, be treated to a multi-course meal, complete with all of the trimmings, which will prepare you for a long, long, long Lodge meeting in a darkened room with lots of hot and sleepy Brothers! (Just kidding about the "long, long" of course. "Long" probably describes the meeting best. As for "sleepy Brothers", maybe a few of them will be awake enough to hold you upright in your seat! Hint: Look deeply into the eyes of your Brother; if they are clear and white – he'll hold you up – probably. If they are red and blurry, he may not be a very good bookend.) I cannot speak to what will be on the agenda just yet, although our summer gatherings of Brothers and families will probably figure into the agenda somehow.

You can bet that Brother Barnes will have another stirring LEO presentation for us all. Be sure to bring your mental notepads – the education programs are rarely served up better than when done by our Brother Barnes. Don't be shy about asking questions of our LEO – he is not only there to spread the message, but engage us in a dialogue if possible.

Summer is almost done and this message is as well. I look forward to being at table with each of you, and within the Lodge as well.

Take care. Look for the Light. Be Masonic.

Brother Drew Bjorklund
Junior Warden





LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Some of our brothers have asked from where the origin of the concept of tolerance developed with respect to Freemasonry. From my study and belief its necessity originated from the religious warfare that ranged over Europe, including what is now Great Britain, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. These wars had not only caused major destruction, but laid stress upon the foundation of the civil government of the countries in which it was found. The desire for religious freedom was one of the initial forces promoting migration to the American colonies. One of the beauties of the development of Masonic thought is that Masonry could bring men together who would not otherwise meet. To accomplish that aim, discussion of religion dogma and of politics was forbidden in lodge. To create an appreciation of what toleration and religious freedom mean in Masonry this month's article is the paper that is presented below.

The paper below was written by WB Ronald M Goldwyn, a District Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. It was originally published in 2000, and is reprinted here with his permission.

Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. PM

Tolerance, Paper No. 151
By Ronald M. Goldwyn
April 25, 2000

The framers of the Masonic Constitutions had in mind the dark period of terror, the time when in the name of holy Religion, the virtues of philanthropy, justice, and truth were trampled under foot: In that period the most atrocious crimes were permitted supposedly in the name of Heaven, and to honor apparently the Altar of the Almighty God with innocent blood.

These great and virtuous men anticipated and foresaw that our Order was to become the medium of brotherly love and of friendship in an unlimited field and of universal proportions among men and nations of different languages and Faiths; and through this medium to eliminate, if possible, the evil of intolerance in the future, so that humanity might not again witness infamous crimes, such as had stained and defiled the Altars of the Almighty; shedding the blood of innocents and so unmercifully slaughtering them supposedly to please Him the Almighty.

Freemasonry aims today as in the past, to eradicate prejudice and superstition from the minds of men, by

teaching them the truth. And in so doing superstition, and prejudice which is rooted in the minds of men from the tender age of childhood, and which was implanted in them by bigotry and intolerance gradually is uprooted.

Masonry believes that each individual should apply his religious convictions as they should be applied and only for the purpose to govern discipline and sanctify his inner-self in life, and not to be projected into social life, because religion has no place at social gatherings or any other place where it makes other people uncomfortable.

Masonry believes that all religious roads eventually lead to the same destination, to one God, just as all rivers eventually flow towards the sea. Faithful but enlightened individuals who travel different religious roads know this to be really so, and realize that many highways are necessary for so many people to travel on and reach the same destination; all begin their spiritual journey from the tender age of childhood upon a certain highway, and that, fate has placed these individuals to travel upon different religions highways that differ in many points.

It is the commanders of these highways, Sectarian and otherwise, that do not believe it so, perhaps because it is against their interests and who will not have it so. Each and every one of these commanders preaches that the highway which he represents is the true road to salvation, his highway only leads to God, and that all others are false ends leading to doom. And because each commander thinks so in this manner, he naturally wants preferential rating for his thoroughfare, and longs that all others be reduced to the status of tributary to his highway or be eliminated. Though commanders, exist who are not and hold not these opinions, these are the real and genuine religions leaders.

Freemasonry is proud of the fact, that its membership is comprised of men from every Country, sect, and opinion, men who are sincere and the possessors of good will. Within its fold all Faiths, and especially Chris-tians of all denominations consider the Sermon on the Mount as their ideal, and endeavor continually to live up to that ideal.

Masons are taught to attend religious services on the day of Worship, and carry their religion in their heart on the following days, fulfilling thereby the law of God in its spiritual sense, and not in its literal form.

Freemasonry stands for Faith, Hope and Charity and teaches truth. It attacks the faulty influence of

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COMPASSIONATE. COMMITTED. CAPABLE.

MINNESOTA
MASONIC
CHARITIES

September 26 is...

*Try to remember the kind of September
When life was slow and oh, so mellow*

How many of us might wish to remember times that were a bit slower and a great deal more mellow?

Nowadays, it can feel that our fast-paced and internetted lives have fewer and fewer opportunities to take a moment that is not an obligation that requires our participation, not information that demands our fretful attention or not an item to cross off our list.

On September 26, there is such an opportunity...

This year, Minnesota Masonic Charities celebrates its
5th Annual GALA

An Evening to Remember

by offering something a bit different with more than a suggestion of mellow mixed with a night of true fun.

Guests are invited to a new venue, historically elegant
but never before seen in this way.

Dinner will be provided by one of the Twin Cities most
acclaimed caterers, with a social hour that invites
gracious mingling and easy conversation.



The theme of *mellow* will carry through to very special entertainment, both during the social hour and after dinner.
HINT: it will be difficult not to hum along or tap your feet.

If you have never attended an MMC GALA before,
this is one you would not want to miss.
Reservations can be made by phone at 952-948-6004
or online at www.mnmasoniccharities.org

Why an Evening to Remember?

This is hardly the first time that times have seemed tough.
Still, there were those who still found ways to make a difference.

This year, the MMC GALA will remember the many who came before us who have given so generously over so many years to the philanthropies of Minnesota Masonry. No one individual did it alone but many individuals—all members of the Masonic family—did it together.

Remembering them allows us to see the future—and the memories can become maps as we follow in their footsteps.

As the song says...

*Try to remember and if you remember
Then follow, follow.*

Please join us for an evening that
promises to be unforgettable.

Minnesota Masonic Charities 5th Annual GALA

An Evening to Remember

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

*at Landmark on the Bluffs
11501 Masonic Home Drive
Bloomington, Minnesota*

Free Valet Parking

*6 o'clock – Social Hour
7 o'clock – Dinner & Delightful Entertainment*

*\$125 per person (100% tax deductible)
limited seating cocktail attire*

*For more information, call
the Minnesota Masonic Charities office at
(952) 948-6004*

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intolerance and prejudice. within its portals sectarian discussions are forbidden, all Faiths here are equal and no Faith is favored, though it encourages the members to stand steadfast to the Faith of their acceptance, and by doing this Free Masonry insists upon religious tolerance.

And while it does not make distinction among the various Faiths, yet it honors and respects just the same virtuous men of all Faiths. Within the Craft no glance of pity or glare of contempt is leveled or directed towards any one, who glorifies Almighty God in his own fashion

Masons respect their Brother's religious convictions because they realize that all religions are for the good of humanity, and feel also that they are in no position to judge or condemn another because he glorifies God Almighty the way he was taught from the tender age of childhood. It is no secret that God Almighty in his infinite Wisdom, Himself, tolerates the different religions upon this earth, otherwise they would have not existed without His Will. That is why Freemasonry teaches tolerance and forbids discussions of religious nature within its lodge rooms. We all have the right to believe that our own religious convictions are right and our Faith the true Faith, but we must respect the religious convictions of another.

Our order being philosophic acknowledges and admits that difference of religion existed always from time immemorial,, perhaps since humans began to live and occupy this earthly sphere. How could it otherwise be possible, when taking in to account the geographical situation and the difference of the various climates where people live, and in addition their natural development, and the difference in language, customs, habits, the kind of food, their occupation, and intellectual development; all of these differ so much from each other, that in a way it is expected, and it is very obvious that complete unison is impossible in the understanding and worship of the Supreme Being.

Searching a little further, if we examine those that profess the same faith and of the same denomination; we will find that the belief of one is not the same as that of another. Furthermore, even though all are taught the same dogmas and follow or use the same prayers, following the same ecclesiastical customs by using the same outward worship, yet find that the belief, prayers and worship of one, will differ some, from that of another, because each renders them in accordance to his own temperament and intellect, but still all render the same thought. Furthermore, a person alters unconsciously in the course of years his religious ideas,

while his knowledge and experience expands. As an adolescent he had a different view and understanding from that which he held when he was a child, and coming into manhood different ideas again prevailed, finally, when ripe old age is reached, then a trust is carried in his heart substantially different.

From the above, we come to the conclusion, that it is not the custom in its outer form, nor the letter, nor the symbols, neither the ritual in the Temples of worship, but by the way we absorb the spirit of religion inwardly. The true belief does not exist alone in the Temples of worship where forms of doctrine are taught, and well memorized prayers are whispered, but with this belief we must have the spirit and intent which is connected with the worship, and that only amounts to true belief.

My final conclusion therefore is, that as long as there is no doubt that variety in Faith has existed from time immemorial among different people, and realizing that all Faiths have their substance and being by the Will of the G.A.O.T.U., the Almighty, then our duty is to tolerate our fellow man and neighbor, whose religious convictions differ from ours. Surely we cannot demand more than the will of our C R E A T O R.



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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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