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FROM THE EAST



I was sitting in the Lodge office the other day. The Officer's meeting had ended and a couple of us were just sitting around talking. We got to talking about Masonic books. I had to admit that I haven't been keeping up on my reading. I haven't read any Masonic themed books in a very long time. I have read some fiction books that have used some Masonic imagery, but nothing that would turn on more Masonic Light.

One of the Brothers there was reading one of the many books on Masonic imagery and the beehive was brought up. We know what the Masonic ritual teaches us it symbolizes (at least most of us do. Some have yet to experience the Third-degree – more on that elsewhere in the newsletter). What got me thinking was how briefly mentioned the beehive is in ritual, yet it is one symbol Masons seem to really relate to. As a matter of fact, take a look at the Ancient Landmark seal, it is on the top of this newsletter, and you'll see the beehive in the center of it. Type in Masonic Beehive in Google and you'll get 37,800 hits.

I am not sure why the beehive is so popular, but I am going to do some looking into it. One thing I find interesting about real beehives is I am not sure what is going on inside of one. I know the bees are in there, working together on turning pollen into honey. I see the bees go in, and I enjoy the honey they produce, but I do not know the process of turning pollen into honey. A beehive is kind of like a Lodge building. People know it is there because most of the time the buildings are adorned with the Square and Compass (some kind of secret society we are, hanging our logo on the door for all to see) but they don't really know what is going on inside. They don't see the making of good men, better. Hopefully they see the result when they come upon a Mason.

Stretching the beehive metaphor a bit more... Our beehive is in need of some sprucing up. The weekend of May 30th and 31st we are going to be doing some landscaping along the front of the building and we'd like your help. We'll be putting down rock and planting some trees. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Also coming up, in July we'll be painting the large Lodge room. The painting weekend is set for July 24th and 25th.

That is all from the East this month,
See you in Lodge
Loren Davis



FROM THE WEST



I'm writing this month's article from my son's home in the Netherlands where he works for Dow Chemical, but my thoughts are still with my Brothers back in St. Paul, particularly following the news about the death of WB Ralph Peterson. I will miss his memorial service, but he will be in my thoughts and prayers that day. He was a good man who did a lot for Masonry and for our Lodge.

Our First Degree ceremony went very well, and we now have five new Brothers in our Lodge. Please welcome these newest Masons and be sure to support them by attending their Second Degree ceremony. Moreover, it would be especially helpful if you would volunteer to participate in their Third Degree ceremony.

Please also plan to come to our Bunco night scheduled for Saturday, April 18th, at 6 p.m. here at the Lodge. We need to have a head count, so please RSVP either to Kris and Kim at 657-702-0705 or Alan Peterson at 651-646-4610. Encourage our newest Brothers to attend this fun event. It would be a great opportunity for them and their spouses/significant others to meet all those associated with our Lodge. This is also a great opportunity to invite men whom you think would be interested in becoming a Mason and joining our Lodge.

One final note: One tends to forget how far north Minnesota is. We have been visiting towns in the Netherlands and Belgium all week and have been eating lunch at outdoor cafes. It has been in the high 50's all week. In spite of the cold, Margaret and I look forward to returning home and seeing all of our friends in Minnesota.

See you in Lodge.

Allan Floyd
Senior Warden





LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

Ancients and Moderns: Differences and Similarities (Part 3)

Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr., September 3, 2001

This is the final installment of Ancients and Moderns covering the consolidation of the two lodges....

Three factors lead to the union of the two Grand Lodges. The first factor was the growth of the Ancient Lodges when compared to that of the Modern Lodges. The membership at the local level did not care for, nor was it interested in, keeping the feuding at the leadership level alive. The growth of Freemasonry was something that the leadership could not control or did it manifest the interest in promoting it. The second factor was the two attempted assassinations upon George III in 1787 and 1793. To allay the suspicions of the government, the two Grand Masters worked together to draft a declaration of allegiance to the Crown. Though the Acts of Parliament specifically exempted the Masonic Fraternity from having to write such a document, it did say that secret societies had to reveal their membership. The third factor was Thomas Harper. In 1801 he was one of the Grand Stewards of the Moderns and Deputy Grand Master of the Ancients. He began advocating reconciliation between the two bodies, and his leadership in both was well known. In 1803, though, the Moderns expelled him from his position. In 1809, the Modern Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution: "That this Grand Lodge do agree in Opinion with the Committee of Charity that it is not necessary any longer to continue in Force those measures which were resorted to, in or about the year 1739 respecting irregular Masons, and do therefore enjoin the several Lodges to revert to the Ancient Landmarks of the Society." In 1806 the Lodge of Promulgation No. 13 was formed by the Moderns to ascertain and promulgate the ancient landmarks of the craft. Great effort was expended in the next five years to identify the correct workings. This resulted in adopting the practices of the Ancients, including the office of the Deacons, and the restoration of the ceremony of Installation. In 1810 Thomas Harper was reinstated to membership in the Moderns. In 1813 the Act of Union was adopted and the Grand Masters of the two bodies, two brothers, the Duke of Kent and the Duke

of Sussex became the Grand Master of the Ancients. The Articles of Union were deposited in the Ark of the Covenant (Royal Arch furniture and symbolism characteristic of the Ancients), the Square, Plumb, and Level supplied by the two Grand Masters, and the Ark was consecrated with Corn, Wine, and Oil. The Ancients had prevailed in the forms and working of the degrees, yielding only the abandonment of their Book of Constitutions and the position of Grand Master to the Duke of Sussex.

In summary the dispute between the Ancients and Moderns has shaped both our understanding of Masonry, and the way in which it is practiced. It was a process of democratization, of formulation, and of definition of what constitutes Freemasonry. We are stronger because of it, and have become more homogenous by it. In the ensuing years, we have learned to stress its universality and its common bonds. By continuing to do so and to modify what we do, we shall survive and adapt to a changing society.

Data within this paper was adapted from Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia (1996: Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply, Richmond, VA).



FROM THE SOUTH



Grand to be a Mason

A little over a week ago, I had the honor of representing AL 5 at the Minnesota Grand Lodge, 156th Annual Communication, along with our WM Loren Davis and PM Alan Peterson (standing in for SW Allan Floyd). This was my first Grand Lodge. I didn't know just what to expect of the event, but came away from it with positive feelings that we are governed by very capable Grand Officers and have a much better concept of how to approach the next communication.

True to any such meeting, there were the typical housekeeping things, such as approvals of previous meeting minutes, accounting of previous year expenses and the budget for the next year. Twenty-some reports were contained in the booklet given to all officers of which little discussion was entertained. There were six resolutions planned to discuss and vote on and one resolution that was brought before the Grand Lodge which was not previously announced. In addition there was a Grand Master's Edict, which was discussed and voted on. Of note was the discussion on a couple of the resolutions – several attendees generated spirited debate on the topic of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cyprus and also on Multiple Jurisdiction Fellowship Lodges. If you are interested in a download of the Grand Lodge proceedings

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NEXT STATED MEETING

May 14th



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– the event or specific resolutions, by all means engage me and I will be happy to share my insights with you.

We had a nice presentation on a visitation to Cuba, where several representatives of our Minnesota Grand Lodge brought fellowship, medical supplies and other gifts to Masonic Lodges in Cuba for distribution to their respective communities. This was quite an eye-opener for all of us, since the US has an embargo on Cuba and we have been instructed that this totalitarian regime stifles its people and their freedoms. Masonry in Cuba thrives, partly because their National Hero, Jose Marti, was a Mason. Cubans love their poetry and Marti was their beloved poet.

One outcome (of many) from the Grand Lodge experience is a drive to develop a skills and interest inventory of our own Lodge. Are you interested in doing ritual work? Would you like to be a mentor? Are you handy with a paint brush or shovel? Do you have a burning desire to be part of “The Line”? These are just some of the things that we would like to learn about each of our Brothers, so that we can provide as fulfilling an experience for one and all as we build our inner temples. I’ll need some help with this. We have almost 300 members – that’s a lot of phone calling for one person. I would like to engage several Brothers in a phone tree... More on that later.

Fraternally Yours,
Drew Bjorklund,
Junior Warden.



AMBASSADOR'S COMMITTEE

Brethren,

For those of you who may not be aware, there is a newly created committee within the lodge, charged with promoting the principles of fraternalism and brotherly love. This committee is the Ambassador committee and we have set out to organize official visits for the brethren of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 to other lodges in the area.

We have already made several visits to different lodges in the area and have had a wonderful time at each. Since last June, we have visited Accacia Lodge #51 in Cottage Grove, Perfect Ashlar Lodge #4 (Prince Hall) in St. Paul, and Braden Lodge #168 in St Paul, and depending on when you receive this Montgomery Lodge #258 in St. Paul (scheduled for April 2nd).

The next visit will be to one of the many wonderful lodges in Minneapolis and is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th. We will be visiting Minneapolis Lodge #19, which meets in the beautiful Harrington Mansion (home of the Zurah Shrine) on Park Avenue in Minneapolis. The meeting starts at 5:30 and is followed by fellowship and dinner. There is a

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CANADIAN LODGE VISITATION

Brethren,

WB Bruce Sherman received the following in the mail. It was read in Lodge at the March Stated Communication. I figured it should be in the newsletter as well.

A little reminder, Passports will be required to return to the U. S. Be sure to leave plenty of time if you need to get one or renew your current Passport.

-Loren

Dear Brother Secretary:

I have been asked by our Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother Denis Lorteau, to extend to your Worshipful Master and his Lady and the Brethren and Ladies of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5 an invitation to join with us for the 2009 visitation to be hosted by Ancient Landmark Lodge #3 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the weekend of Friday September 4 to Sunday September 6.

Accommodation has been secured 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.

The planning of the weekend is at this moment a “work in progress” but promises once again to be a great time for renewing old acquaintances and meeting new Brethren and their Ladies. I can tell you that breakfast is planned for Saturday morning at no cost to the Brethren from Ancient Landmark #5, Saturday afternoon is still in the planning stage, Saturday evening will be our Ladies night, a semi formal evening, and will be held in the hotel. The cost of tickets for Ladies night has not been established at this point. Sunday afternoon will see us being hosted at the home of our Worshipful Master where we will enjoy a BBQ to be served about 4PM. Cost is not yet determined.

All in all, we are looking forward to a great weekend and look forward with anticipation to again meeting with our friends from Ancient Landmark #5.

Very Worshipful Brother R.M.(Ron) McFarlane,
Visitation Chairman.

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\$25 charge for the three course, catered meal, and advance reservations are required and can be made via the Mpls #19 website (www.mpls19.org).

We have also 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.

I would request that anyone planning to attend one of the scheduled lodge visitations let me know, preferably by email. It is important that you RSVP so we can let the lodges we are visiting know how many additional people to expect for the evening.

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

Fraternally,
Keith Reierson



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.



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 24 and 25th**. 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!

**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.**

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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