



# ANCIENT LANDMARK No. 5

## Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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**Officer Installation for 2026 was held on January 3. Installing Master WB Keith Reierson presided with WB Joe Amos as Marshal and WB Danny Baker as Secretary. Congratulation to all the officers. Here's looking forward to a great 2026**



## Greetings from the East:

### Welcome to the Year of the Brother

Welcome to the 176<sup>th</sup> year of Ancient Landmark Lodge #5. I am humbled and proud to head up a great team of officers this year. In addition to our usual activities and events, we will be focusing extra attention on our members this year.

Our brotherhood is first, last, and foremost a fraternity. This means that we are men bound together by common purpose, common morals, and brotherly love. Although all Brothers are invited and encouraged to come to all Stated meetings, degrees, and events, we understand that this is not always possible. This year we will redouble our efforts to engage each and every member of our Lodge.

The first step is to provide weekly e-mail communications pertaining to current and upcoming events and activities. I must emphasize that as with most Lodges and Grand Lodges, AL5 relies on electronic communications to provide timely and accurate updates to members.

Secondly, the officers will be phoning every single member in the early part of the year. Even if you are an infrequent attendee, we want to know how you are, what is going on in your life, and if there are areas we can help you.

In March, our Junior Warden, WB Tim Godfrey will be hosting a “Rusty Mason” program at the Stated Meeting. This will be a great opportunity to re-engage with your Lodge and Masonry in general.

This summer we will have two family-oriented events. We will have a BBQ picnic in the summer and a Christmas/holiday party in December.

Finally, we are planning to have 2 community service activities such as working a food shelf or other service events in the St. Paul area around our Plato location.

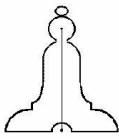
I am excited about 2026 and look forward to meeting and engaging with many more of you. See you out there, my Brothers!

Shawn Hunter,  
Master

## SAVE THE DATE

We have several key events in 2026. PLEASE save these dates and put them on your calendar:

- Sweethearts' dinner: Feb 15
- Chili cook-off and Rusty Mason night: March 13
- Visit to AL3 in Winnipeg: Labor Day weekend



## Greetings from the West:

The new year is a good time for looking back, as well as forward. As I look back on my Masonic journey, I am thankful for all the help and encouragement I've received from my Brothers to get me this far.

I'm looking forward to the coming year, serving as your Senior Warden, and not only assisting the Worshipful Master in any way I can, but learning from him. I know the year will quickly pass, and then I will be in the East, and I hope I will be prepared for the responsibilities.

As I've gotten older, I'm more aware of the quickening passage of time. Seems like only yesterday that I sat in the Junior Stewards chair, and the passage through the chairs went quickly. Just when I was getting comfortable with my responsibilities for one office I'm moving to the next chair and facing new challenges. All I can do is prepare myself the best I can, and hope for the best when the time comes.

I hope that in the next couple of years, I can make a difference and find a way to help this lodge improve its membership, not only by bringing in new members, but by reaching out to inactive members and getting them involved in the Lodge again. And I'm hoping we can bring more awareness of our Lodge by finding more ways to get involved with the community.

Tony Nelson,  
Senior Warden

## Civility

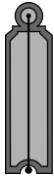
Civility is a key trait of Masons. Although it should be practiced at all times, it is particularly important for Masons to remind themselves of this excellent tenet in these emotionally-charged political times.

MWB Ethan Seaberg spoke a few years ago at the Grand Communications about the need for Masons to practice what they preach.....particularly with regards to social media and our dealings with each other and the world at large regarding politics. It particular, regardless of our personal opinions, we must never resort to our base instincts to get personal or retaliate against someone (even when we might extremely oppose a position or even be deeply offended). In fact, the more you are offended when reading a social media post, the more you must resist the temptation to fire off a strongly worded reply.

As we learned in the Entered Apprentice degree, "Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion...". At every meeting we learn from the Senior Warden that harmony is the strength and support of all societies, more especially of ours.

My Brothers, regardless of your politics, I truly hope you will take these words to heart and always remember to keep your passions within due bounds. As Michelle Obama famously said, "When they go low, we go high". Everyone knows this is much easier said than done, but as Masons we are duty-bound to try our very best to live out this creed – toward all mankind, but especially with our Brothers.

Shawn Hunter



## Greetings from the South:

My name is Tim Godfrey. I am excited to report I will be serving as Junior Warden for the Brothers of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5 in 2026. I joined the Lodge in 1990, then had the honor to serve as Junior Warden in 1993, as Senior Warden in 1994, and as Master of the Lodge in 1995. I am looking forward to sharing whatever experience I may have acquired to help me in this role for another go-round

One of our goals this year is to encourage connection and participation within the Lodge and among our Brothers. Please check the calendar and join us with some fun & fellowship throughout the year. An RSVP on the website for any and all of our events is greatly appreciated!

### **Mark your calendars now: Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.! Chili Cook-off & Rusty Mason**

**Night.** One “event” I am looking forward to is our regularly scheduled Stated Meeting on Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>. That night we will be hosting two activities:

- **Rusty Mason Night.** We are hoping to get as many Brothers as we can to come down to the Lodge on the 12<sup>th</sup>. This gathering is for all those folks who might think: *“I would like to go to Lodge, but I don’t remember what to do (i.e. I’m more than a little ‘rusty’)”* or *“I should go to Lodge some time; I haven’t been there in a while”* or even *“I would like to go to Lodge, but I don’t know the Brothers who are active these days”*. To address these concerns, or any others you might have, we are here to help you. We will have a brief program to cover some basic Masonic information you may have forgotten along the way, introduce you to Brothers both new & old, and discuss the plans we have for the year ahead.

- **Annual Chili Cook Off.** Our meal for the evening will be the entries in our Annual Chili Cook Off Contest, plus a few sides. Bring your appetite, enjoy some great food, enjoy some fellowship, and be prepared to cast your vote for your favorite chili entries. *Better yet*, bring your best or favorite pot of chili and join in on this friendly cooking competition! Each year this is one of our best Lodge meals!

As your Junior Warden, I would like to make your Masonic experience as memorable, enjoyable and fulfilling as possible. Please join us for our special gathering on March 12<sup>th</sup>, as well as all sorts of other events throughout the year.

Tim Godfrey,  
Junior Warden

### **Grandview – Our Lodge Management System**

Remember that the Grandview website is our Lodge Management System. It is found at [mn.grandview.systems](http://mn.grandview.systems). You should go there to check events, your dues status, communications, etc. If you are having any trouble logging in (or have never logged in) please contact the Lodge Secretary at [secretary@ancientlandmark5.com](mailto:secretary@ancientlandmark5.com)

Remember that we meet at 200 E Plato Blvd on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. 6:00 p.m. dinner and 7:00 meeting. See you there!!



## 2025 Lodge of Sorrows

Name	Born	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Died
George Nick	6/21/1930	5/24/1979	11/29/1979	1/12/1980	3/3/2025
John Mott	12/1/1946	3/22/2012	4/26/2012	6/9/2012	5/9/2025
Lloyd Rogers, Jr.	8/8/1926	11/12/1987	12/10/1987	3/10/1988	8/2/2025
Sharitt Barnes, Jr.	8/28/1942	1/19/1976	2/12/1976	3/13/1976	9/26/2025