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Greetings From The EAST!

Greetings Brethren!

I can hardly believe January is already over and I am eagerly awaiting the Super Bowl. I recently met some great guys from Kansas while golfing in Scottsdale and they have turned me into a Chiefs fan. If you would have told 16 year old me that I would be playing golf and watching football, not to mention the Master of my Lodge, I would have told you you're crazy. Time is funny that way, we go through gradual changes in our life and when looking back the change is quite dramatic. One thing I can say is that since I got involved with the lodge, my life has exponentially improved as a direct result. So there you go, Masonry does make good men better. The proof is in the pudding.

Yours Fraternally,

Andrew Frandsen-Hall
Worshipful Master

Welcome, Brethren All!

Finally, we had the opportunity after way too many months of waiting, to initiate Brother Aaditya Natarajan into our fraternity. Brother Aaditya has been so patient with us, waiting for so long for his first degree, because he has been away at college in Ohio. We were honored to be able to put together his Ritual prior to his return to school. What a treat it was to witness Aaditya's father, WB Arun, giving his son the third portion of the lecture! WB Joel Friedman was able to put together an admirable Ritual Team, that put on a sterling performance for this worthy young man.



From the Scottish Rite:

Brothers,

Again, we had a successful 7th Degree, *Judge and Provost* on January 18th. I thank all the Brothers for their commitment to the degree and their portrayals in their various parts. As I sure you are aware, Cataract sponsors this Scottish Rite degree which is annually performed twice.

Counting the year I assisted WB Dave Highum 32° K. .C. .C. .H. . , it was 10th year directing, however I am retiring as director of the Degree. Ritual Director WB Lee Kielblock 33° IGH offered to let Cataract try to find a new director, before he began the search for a new Director, because Cataract is the official sponsor for the degree.

WB Paul Hodnefield, 32° K. .C. .C. .H. . is also retiring from this degree and as such we are also looking for a replacement for the part of the *Spirit of Justice*. The role includes a couple of inspiring and truly great monologues. Some of my favorites.

Herb Berzelius 32° K. .C. .C. .H. . is also retiring from being the Assistant Director, although he has offered to help the new director in the coming Degree Cycle. Br. Herb has done fantastic work with the advancing the lighting, sound and for the degree and was instrumental in bringing back the older symbolism of the Zodiac Libra in the lighting of the degree. Like Br. Herb, I, too, will remain available as an adviser for the new director.

Please contact WB Andrew Frandsen-Hall and/or myself if you are interested, or Herb, Paul Hodnefield (our Double Eagle Rep.) or myself if you'd like to learn more.

Fraternally Yours,
Lee Love



Cataract's Annual Sweethearts Dinner

When: February 17, 2024 - 5:00 Social Hour, 6:00 Dinner

Where: Minnesota Valley Country Club, 6300 Auto Club Road, Bloomington

Entree Choice: Beef or Walleye (the walleye is universally reviewed as superb at the Minnesota Valley Country Club)

Dinner Cost: tickets are \$35.00 with Cash bar

This year again we will be combining our Sweethearts Dinner with our Annual Heritage Dinner which honors our more senior brothers who have served the Craft faithfully for so many years. This special affair, usually a part of the Fall activities, will again be conducted as a Table Lodge with all the formalities. Brothers passing membership milestones this year (25, 40, 50 and 60 years of membership) are invited to attend with a guest at no charge. These brothers will receive a letter of invitation in mid-January.

Reservations Due To: W. Master Andrew Frandsen Hall or Secretary RWB Doug Campbell by February 10, 2024. Don't delay. Please make your reservations today. With your reservation, please specify your meal choice(s). You can pay the Lodge at the door on your arrival with either cash or check. Mention you plan to come while in Lodge or by email at



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Wayfaring Man

-Checking in on traveling Brothers

We just returned from visiting friends in Georgia and although I was not able to attend any Lodge meetings as such, I was able to gain some insightful information regarding Masonic history in Georgia.

The first Masonic meeting in Georgia was held in 1734. General James Oglethorpe served as Worshipful Master. The Grand Lodge of Georgia F&AM, was formed the following year in 1735, just 17 years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. I have included some photos of the Grand Lodge Building of Georgia, the plaque on the front of the building, and some Masonic markers across the street from it, as well as a local Lodge building in Perry, GA.

Years ago, I was visiting Savannah, Georgia and visited Solomon Lodge #1. It is still there.

Masons and their edifices are everywhere. They contain so much information of who we are and what good works we do. I'm proud to be a part of this great fraternity.

Please Brothers, wherever you travel, invest some time in seeking out more knowledge of our craft. You'd be glad you did.

-WB Barry Kirby



Celestial Lodge

Colin J. Kastanos

Born 10/2/1936
Entered Apprentice Degree 9/12/1962
Fellowcraft Degree 9/26/1962
Master Mason Degree 10/10/1962
Called to the Celestial Lodge 2/1/2023



Mel L. Brandsrud

Born 11/16/1938
Entered Apprentice Degree 6/15/1981
Fellowcraft Degree 7/20/1981
Master Mason Degree 8/10/1981
Called to the Celestial Lodge 11/28/2020



Stephen L. Meeker

Born 1/11/1948
Entered Apprentice Degree 1/11/1979
Fellowcraft Degree 2/5/1979
Master Mason Degree 3/5/1979
Called to the Celestial Lodge 3/4/2021



**Lodge Meetings every 2nd Tuesday
Fellowship Dinners at 6:30 with
Stated Communication at 7:30**
RSVP for Dinner with Secretary Doug Campbell
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FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

- 2-3 Monitors' Exams
- 7 Officers' Meeting (Zoom)
- 13 Stated Communication
- 17 Heritage/Sweetheart Dinner
- 27 1st Degree Ritual
- 28 2nd Degree School of Instruction

Upcoming Events

- Mar 10 Daylight Savings
- Mar 22 Masonic Seder (tentative)
- Mar 26 2nd Degree Ritual (tentative)
- Mar 27 3rd Degree School of Instruction
- Mar 31 Easter
- Apr 11-13 Grand Lodge Annual Communication
- Apr 23 3rd Degree Ritual (tentative)
- Apr 23-30 Passover
- May 19 Installation of Officers

Cataract Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master-	Andrew Frandsen-Hall
Senior Warden-	Joel Friedman
Junior Warden-	Jeffrey Nielsen
Senior Deacon-	Scott Wood
Junior Deacon-	Ben Marker
Senior Steward-	Sam Waters
Junior Steward-	Lane Guyot
Secretary-	Doug Campbell
Treasurer-	Dave Kampf
Chaplain-	Robert Selden
Marshal-	Paul Hodnefeld
Tyler-	Mark Tamte
Lodge Education Officer-	Mark Campbell

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