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Greetings From The EAST!

Greetings Brethren!

Yep, it is that time of year when a new face comes to you from the East and I am delighted and honored to serve my brethren.

This coming month in June, we will have the privilege to once again grace the hallowed halls of the Cataract Temple. The cornerstone of this historic Gothic Revival building, designed by Brother George Huey, was laid with all due pomp and circumstance on August 11, 1925. As was common at the time, the lower two floors were rented space for commercial use, but above that were 2 spacious lodge rooms. The ornate Gold or Greek Room was the grandest and most well appointed (4,428 square feet) and featured pastoral murals interspersed with Doric columns as well as beautiful stained glass behind the Master's chair. It served as a welcome home for six Masonic groups. Unfortunately, with diminishing funds and lost membership, the Lodge was forced to sell their home and for the past 78 years, the building has been bereft of Masonic ritual.

But that is about to change. Once more gavels will rap and signs will be given as the Senior Deacon guides 5 candidates through the sublime ritual of the Master Mason degree on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 12:00. Most importantly, you, *all of you*, are invited to attend. A Festive Board will follow at Jax 5:00, but reservations are required for both (via <https://www.lakeharrietlodge.org/master-mason-degree-at-historic-cataract-masonic-temple>).



INFO/RSVP

Yours fraternally,
 Joel Friedman, Worshipful Master

Chasing After Masonic Light

This coming Stated Communication for June will feature an Educational Presentation focusing on the Patron Saints of Masonry in honor of the Feast Day of St John the Baptist which falls, as it does every year, on June 24.



Brethren, Behold Your New Officers...

The installation of your Lodge officers for 2024-2025 was held on May 19. WM Mark Anderson served as our Installing Master, with WM Barry Kirby as Installing Marshall and WM Kevin Schwab as Installing Chaplain. The installation was well attended with more than enough sandwiches and cake for everyone present. It was a Masonic event after all, and there always has to be something to eat.

Also newsworthy:

At our Fellowship Dinner prior to the June meeting, we will be awarding this year's scholarships. They and their families will be joining us for dinner prior to the presentation of the \$2,500 dollar check to each of the 12 deserving and worthy scholars. It is a joy to be helping these aspiring students.

Lake Harriet No. 277 & Cataract No. 2 Proudly Present the MASTER MASON DEGREE



at Historic Cataract Masonic Temple
Saturday June 8th, 2024



Festive Board
to follow at

Jax
CAFE

SCHEDULE

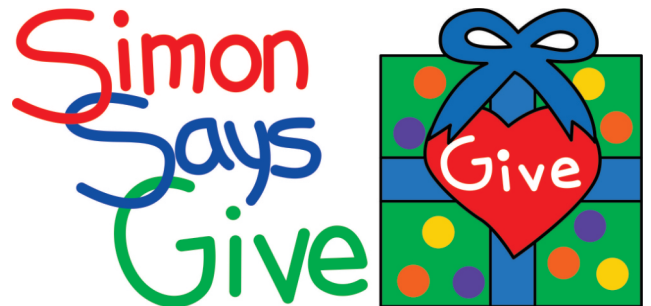
- Registration begins at 11:00am
- First Section at 12:00pm
- Refreshment w/ Hors d'oeuvres
- Second Section at 2:00pm
- Degree Concluded at 5:00pm
- Cocktail Hour at 6:00pm
- Festive Board at 7:00pm



INFO/RSVP

High Five For Supplies

The *High 5 For Supplies* program, established by the "Simon Says Give" organization distributes school supplies to school age children in the area. It an organization we, at Cataract, have been proud to promote and work with for the past several years. Because of our past contributions, this year Cataract will receive 1,000 backpacks to distribute among children in need. Sometime in late July, they will be made available for pickup, allowing us time to identify where the greatest needs might be. That will also give the Lodge time to recruit volunteers to help organize and pickup these items and your assistance will be greatly appreciated. I will, of course, keep the Lodge informed as more details are released. Thanks!



—WB Kevin Schwab (cat2schwab@aol.com)

Editor's Note: Have something to say? I'd like to encourage my brethren to feel free to send in any and all articles or announcements to publish in the newsletter. Articles should have "Newsletter" in the subject line and should be sent electronically to CataractLodgeNo.2@gmail.com

Yes, it's been tried before, but this time...

We, at Cataract, are hoping to make the Lodge more interactive and present more of what our members are looking for. As such, we are actively searching for volunteers to join one of our initial four committees.

Membership and Mentoring Committee

"Quality over Quantity" — focus on building relationships between brothers and the Lodge through investing on our members and candidates.

Contact: WB Arun Natarajan



Social Committee

Enhance fellowship via entertaining and fun touchpoints with brethren, and our families throughout the year.

Contact: WB Scott Wood

Website Committee

The modern world has become technologically far more advanced than flyers and newsletters. These days, people search for information before they act. Help to develop an informative and useful portal for Cataract #2.

Contact: RWB Doug Campbell & WB Arun Natarajan

Ritual Committee

Ritual is what makes us Masons. Cataract is well-known for premier Ritual work. Assist the Lodge in planning and executing our Degree work during the year.

Contact: WM Joel Friedman

Education Committee

One of the most frequent requests made of the Lodge is for more regular educational opportunities. We would like to invite any and all for presentations, ideas or burning questions—and remember it need not be a Masonic topic to be of interest.

Contact: WB Mark Campbell

Twins vs Reds Cataract Lodge Family Outing

Join us as we revel in the timeless traditions of America's favorite pastime, surrounded by the company of our brethren and family from Cataract #2 for our Annual outing to the Ballpark!



Minnesota TWINS vs Cincinnati REDS

Date: Saturday, September 14th, 2024

Time: 6:10pm

Place: Target Field

Please RSVP to WB Arun Natarajan (email: arun26.2@gmail.com, cell: 612 819-7547) or WB Scott Wood (email: ripple1869@yahoo.com, cell: 612 360-1531)

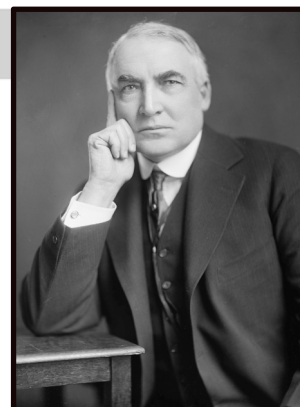
PS: Last year we had preferred pricing since our group size was over 20 which gave us good seats for about \$30 a piece. We hope the ticket pricing to be in a similar range this year as we hope to have 20 or more sign up for the outing. Should be great fun!

Notable Moments in Masonry: June

123 years ago, Warren G Harding was initiated into Masonry. President Harding was our 29th President, under whom, the country recovered from a post-war recession, facilitated with tax cuts, tariff hikes and infrastructure improvements. On his death from natural causes, Calvin Coolidge took office.

“We need citizens who are less concerned about what their government can do for them, and more concerned about what they can do for the nation.”

-Warrn G Harding, 29th President of the Untied States



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

5 Officers' Meeting
8 3rd Degree Ritual, Historic Cataract Temple
11 Stated Communication
16 Fathers' Day

Upcoming Events

July 4 Independence Day
July 31 Metrowest Quarterly Meeting
Aug 11 Cornerstone Rededication of Historic
Cataract Temple
Sept 7 Hiram Award to WB Ron Wagner

Cataract Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master-	Joel Friedman
Senior Warden-	Jeffrey Nielsen
Junior Warden-	Scott Wood
Senior Deacon-	
Junior Deacon-	Sam Waters
Senior Steward-	Alan Cross
Junior Steward-	
Secretary-	Doug Campbell
Treasurer-	Dave Kampf
Chaplain-	Robert Selden
Marshal-	Andrew Hall
Tyler-	Mark Tamte
Lodge Education Officer-	Mark Campbell

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