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Greetings From The EAST!

Greetings Brethren!

As the months are flying by, I find myself thinking about all that I had planned to do and how, in some cases we exceeded expectations and in others we fell short. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be your Master and a real learning experience for me. It has allowed me to practice some management techniques outside of work and see how they work and what I might do differently. My organizational skills have improved. I am better able to lead meetings effectively. I have learned that I cannot do it all—a leader must delegate. Admittedly, I have struggled with that in the past. Things don't get done "right". But I have learned that "right" has many different definitions and that someone else's "right" may be just as good as mine. I appreciate your patience with me, my Brothers, and want to express my gratitude for my time in the East.

We have three candidates who will be ready for a Master Mason degree. We are starting to plan when and how we will hold the ceremony. Stay posted.

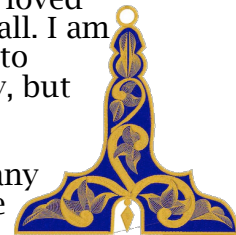
Just a reminder we are holding elections in May at our stated meeting on May 14, with installation of officers on May 19. Please be there to have your voices heard.

Fraternally Yours,
 WM Andrew Frandsen-Hall

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

Greetings From The WEST!

I am fairly certain that, unfortunately, each of us has suffered personal losses. This is a fact of life, that all that lives will eventually perish. It is never easily born, no matter the age or health of our loved one. It is, however, particularly felt when the departed was as young as Brother Charlie Hall. I am certain that Ashley and their three children feel this so very deeply and I feel so helpless to comfort and console them as well as my dear Brothers. We all feel Chuck's loss so acutely, but we can choose to console ourselves with the cherished memories of his life.



Please, my Brethren, take a moment to reflect. Take stock of your life, recognizing the many blessings we each have and say and do the things we wouldn't want left undone when the Grand Architect calls us to the Celestial Lodge above.

Should you wish to financially support the family, donations are accepted at the GoFundMe website: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/charlie-calvin-raymond-hall>

Fraternally Yours,
Joel Friedman, Senior Warden

Greetings From The SOUTH!

We have just been through a very busy 6 weeks with 2 EA and a FC degrees. To all that participated, I want to extend a very warm and hardy thank you. The guests in attendance commented time and again at the skill and beauty of our ritual work. Coming this month we will have a FC degree on the fourth Tuesday (April 23).

This month is also the Mason's of Minnesota's Grand Lodge Annual Communication in St. Cloud (April 12-13). It is open to any MM of Minnesota. If you have never attended, it is an opportunity I recommend to every mason. Not only is there the ceremony of the opening of the Grand lodge (this year our lodge is filling many of the seats helping NE Winslow Lewis Lodge), but there are many breakout sessions where you can expand your knowledge. Then on Saturday MW Grand Master Dayton Berg will end his year and RWB Foster Solum will be installed. It is a great opportunity to meet or re-meet masons from across the state.



Finally, last month I invited you to bring a brother to lodge. I don't think you took me seriously. Very few brothers invited those near them to come to lodge. So this month I am going to change the challenge and say, bring yourself to lodge and Feel the fellowship of the lodge. Then you will have a reason to share that feeling with others.

Have a great month of rebirth..

Fraternally yours,
Jeff Nielsen, Junior Warden

Welcome, Brethren All!



We had the great good fortune of passing two brothers on to the Fellowcraft Degree. Because of scheduling difficulties, a degree ritual for Brs. Aaditya Natarajan and Brenton Frandsen was held immediately following our stated communication on March 12. Br Nielsen, sitting in the East, put on an excellent and meaningful ritual. We had planned to pass Br Gabriel Dull to the 2nd Degree as well, but the Ritual planned for March 26 had to be postponed owing to the weather!

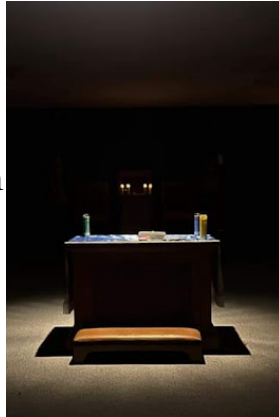
We hope the wages of Speculative Masonry will hold them in good steads in the years to come. Pass on, Fellowcrafts!

Wayfaring Man

-Checking in with our Traveling Brothers

I was in south Texas the entire month of February and was able to visit two lodges while there—Hidalgo Lodge #1036 and McAllen Lodge #1110. I was welcomed into the lodge with many smiling faces and friendly greetings. Both Lodges were holding their stated meetings the evenings I attended. Prior to the meetings, both served wonderful dinners.

It was a special meeting as well at Hidalgo Lodge, as they were holding a commemorative celebration with no lights other than by candlelight. The reason for this was to celebrate and remember the first time a meeting was held in that building (1913) when they had electricity but no lighting had yet been installed. Therefore, candlelight was the only way to hold the meeting.



During the meeting there were motions being made and seconded on but it was hard to tell who made the motions so the secretary had to ask the names of the brothers for the record. It was a bit humorous and added some fun to the official business. It was very interesting to say the least and very moving for the members. They had quite the crowd. They hope to make this an annual event.

I had a wonderful time meeting brothers so far from home but still with a sense of Masonic brotherhood.

WB Barry Kirby



Celestial Lodge

Paul E Hansen

Born 9/4/1936

Entered Apprentice Degree 1/30/1962

Fellowcraft Degree 2/27/1962

Master Mason Degree 5/29/1962

Called to the Celestial Lodge 1/27/2024



Charlie Hall

Born 7/20/85

Entered Apprentice Degree 4/28/2009

Fellowcraft Degree 5/26/2009

Master Mason Degree 6/23/2009

Called to the Celestial Lodge 3/26/2024



Jerald Starks

WB Jerald Starks ascent to the Celestial Lodge was previously reported last month, but his wife, Michelle, wished to inform the Brethren that there will be a Celebration of Life at St Luke's Lutheran Church on 27 April 2024 beginning at 1:00PM (1701 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN).

Further information is available at: <https://www.cranstonfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jerald-Edward-Starks?obId=30931929>

Brethren, you should also be aware that our Worshipful Master, Andrew Hall and his entire family are suffering from the horrid shock of losing their loved one, Brother Charlie (Chuck) CR Hall. Chuck was taken from us and admitted to the Celestial Lodge above following a horrible three car accident in Chaska in the late morning hours of March 26. Brother Chuck's death was reportedly instantaneous. It is always terrible to lose a loved one, but seemingly so much harder with one so young. Our hearts go out to his wife and three children as well as the members of the extended family among whom are Br Charles "Chip" Hall (father), WM Andrew F Hall (brother), PM Ray Frandsen (grandfather), Br Gordon (Gordy) B Frandsen (uncle) and Br Brenton Frandsen (cousin).

Please keep Charles (Chuck) Hall and his family in your thoughts and prayers. The family will have a memorial service at Peace Presbyterian Church in St Louis Park on April 4 at 11 AM. An obituary will be posted in the Sunday, March 31 Star & Tribune. Please direct any questions to Jeff Nielsen, Junior Warden, who will act as conduit to the family.

**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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APRIL CALENDAR:

3 Officers' Meeting
9 Stated Communication
12-13 Grand Lodge Annual Communication
22 1st Seder of Passover (23-30)
23 2nd Degree Ritual

Upcoming Events

May 12 Mothers' Day
May 19 Installation of Officers
May 27 Memorial Day
May 29 Metrowest Quarterly Meeting
June 8 3rd Degree Ritual (TBD)
June 16 Fathers' Day
July 4 Independence Day
July 31 Metrowest Quarterly Meeting

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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