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Greetings From The EAST!

Greetings Brethren!

It was with great pleasure and quite a bit of anticipation that I served as Master of Ceremonies at our annual Heritage and Sweetheart's Dinner. For me, it was definitely an accumulation of my entire Masonic experience. It was especially an honor to present a number of our worthy brothers with their Masonic career awards for years of service.

On a completely different note, I am deeply saddened by the first responders' lives that were taken earlier this month. It hits especially close to home for me, because it turns out I went to high school with the individual that took those lives. Nothing explains this terrible tragedy and nothing excuses those actions.

Take care of yourselves and each other, my brothers. Until next time,

Yours Fraternaly,

Andrew Frandsen-Hall
Worshipful Master

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 SOUTH!

I hope you are enjoying the unusually warm weather. There should be no excuse for not attending the many activities we have this month. Spend some time with your Lodge brothers.



First, we have our stated meeting/Fellowcraft Degree on Mar 12th, and please note we will have dinner at 6pm and open the lodge at 7pm with the degree work to follow, starting at 7:30pm. This is a special degree session to accommodate WB Arun's son, Aaditya Natarajan, while he is home from college. If you cannot attend that degree, we will be holding our normal degree rotation for the Fellowcraft degree on March 26th at these same earlier times.

Second, when you come to our meetings, be they the Stated on March 12th or Degree on March 26th, you will get a great dinner for only \$10. Rumor has it that prices are going up soon. In addition WB Kirby has asked that we consider inviting a brother who lives close to us to come to lodge with us. So far we have had two brothers take up his offer. Some brothers just need another brother to give a little nudge to get them out. If you can't think of anyone to invite, ask WB's Andrew Hall, Joel Friedman, RWB Doug Campbell or myself and we will find you a brother to invite.

Third, if you want to get involved in the two FC degrees this month, please give me a call. I would love for you to participate. I can always use the help.

Finally, I have met only a few handfuls of our over 200 members. Please come and introduce yourself to me and we can get to know each other over dinner. Oh, and happy St. Patrick's Day (everyone is Irish on that day). As a little extra, I am going to enjoy my dental cleaning this month that has been delayed for 2 months. Come see my shinny teeth on the 26th.

Fraternally yours,
Jeff Nielsen, Junior Warden

Welcome, Brother!

This past month we had the happy honor and privilege to initiate another new brother into our ranks with a wonderfully performed Entered Apprentice Ritual. Please, join us in welcoming Br Gabriel Dull into our Fellowship.

!!!PLEASE NOTE!!!

Immediately following our March 12th Stated Meeting, we have the honor of passing Br Aaditya Natarajan to the degree of Fellowcraft. Dinner will begin at 6:00, Gavel drop at 7:00 with Ritual to follow.



Notable Moments in Masonry: March

This month Albert Gallatin Mackey would have been 217! He began his career as an educator to fund his medical education after which he practiced for 20 years in South Carolina before retiring and turning to writing. Initiated into Freemasonry at age 34, he became Master of Solomon's Lodge No 1 only 2 years later in 1843. Arguably his most notable publications are the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, A Lexicon of Freemasonry and The Mystic Tie.

"The ultimate success of Masonry depends on the intelligence of her disciples."



SIMON SAYS GIVE: HIGH 5 FOR SUPPLIES

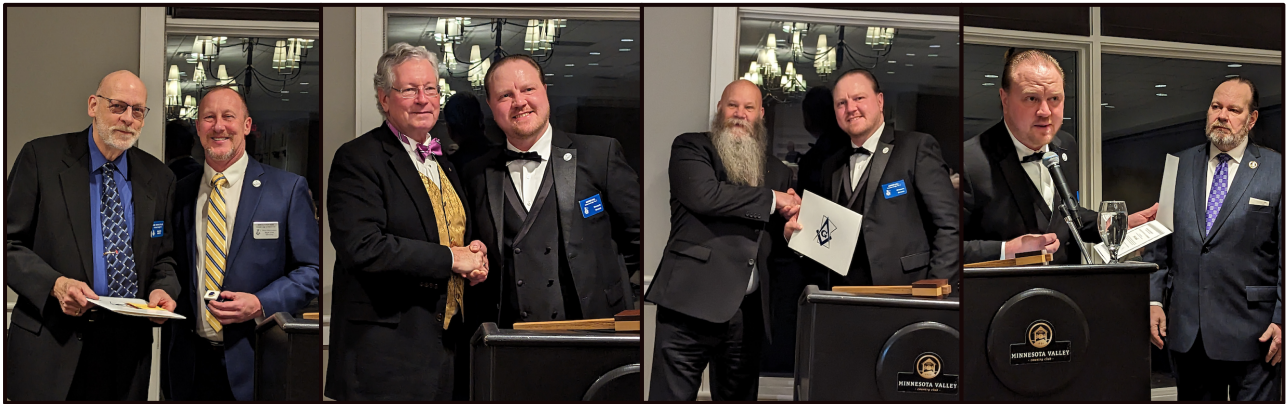
Simon
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On February 8th, several donors, board members, volunteers and friends gathered at the Pool and Yacht Club of St. Paul for the annual Legacy Awards hosted by Dina Simon. Brother Jeff Nielsen and I were there to present Cataract Lodge's annual donation supplemented by matching funds from Minnesota Masonic Charities. This year the school supply kits will be ready for pick up sometime around the end of July, although no firm date has, as yet, been set.

Please let WB Kevin Schwab know how many kits you will be able to distribute and I will include it with our request. More details will follow as they become available. Great, worthy program!

WB Kevin Schwab



Our Annual Heritage Dinner

Cataract has the lovely annual tradition of honoring those members of the Craft who have dedicated themselves for so long to our Lodge, and this year the celebration was very well attended. We had the pleasure of honoring Herb Berzelius, Jr (50 years), David Kampf (40 years), Gary Goebel (40 years) and Past Grand Master, John Studell (25 years).

Celestial Lodge

Jerald E Starks

Born 8/15/1969
Entered Apprentice Degree 4/7/1997
Fellowcraft Degree 5/5/1997
Master Mason Degree 6/2/1997
Worshipful Master 2005-2006
Demitted 12/31/2016
Called to the Celestial Lodge 2/26/2024



*The summons has been issued,
From their labors they must rest;
How well they did perform them,
You and I can well attest.
How badly we will miss them,
From our Councils here below;
But we know they're happy Yonder,
Safe from labor, care and woe.*

**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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MARCH CALENDAR:

- 6 Officers' Meeting (Zoom)
- 10 Daylight Savings Time
- 12 Stated Communication/2nd Degree Ritual
- 14 Pi (π) Day
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 26 2nd Degree Ritual
- 27 3rd Degree School of Instruction
- 31 Easter Sunday

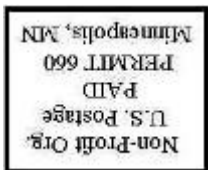
Upcoming Events

- Apr 11-13 Annual Grand Lodge Communication
- Apr 16 Annual Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner
- Apr 23-30 Passover
- Apr 23 3rd Degree Ritual
- May 19 Installation of Officers
- May 29 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
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