



LODGE LIGHT

Cataract No.2
A.F. & A.M.
established 1852

Sep 22nd - Oct 6th

FROM THE
Worshipful Master

Sep 14th 2024

Cataract No.2 Twins Ballpark Outing





Brotherly Love, Family Fun

We had nearly 40 of our members and their families attend the Annual Ballpark social outing

CATARACT ON THE TWINS SCOREBOARD

INDIA (R) 2B .245 .742
DE LA CRUZ (S) SS .258 .813
STEPHENSON (R) C .255 .779
STEER (R) LF .231 .734 BB
FRIEDL (L) CF .224 .693
FRANCE (R) 1B .244 .698
ESPINAL (R) DH .263 .695
FRALEY (L) RF .276 .708
MARTE (R) 3B .204 .546
LEAGUE AVG: .243 .712

T LABRACH (L) / BUXTON (R) / CORREA (R)
0-1 1-1 0-1

us bank.

29
TJ FRIEDL
PLAYED BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL IN HIGH SCHOOL

THIS SEASON
AB H 2B 3B HR RBI
259 58 5 1 12 51
SB OBP SLG WAR WRC+ WOPA
9 .303 .390 0.1 87 .302

WELCOME GROUPS
MINNESOTA MASONIC FRATERNITY CATARACT LODGE No 2 MINNEAPOLIS

us bank.

	R	H	E	LOB	BALLS	STRIKES	OUTS
C	0	3	0	3	0	1	0
T	1	2	0	2	4	3	3



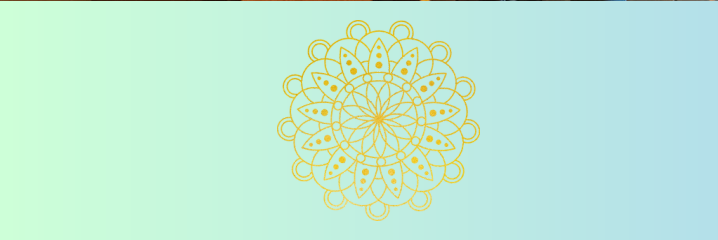
Even though the Twins took an early lead, the Reds stormed the Twins' defenses like they were auditioning for a spot in a medieval war movie scoring 9 runs in the 4th inning!

By the 8th inning the scoreboard read like a cruel joke: 😊

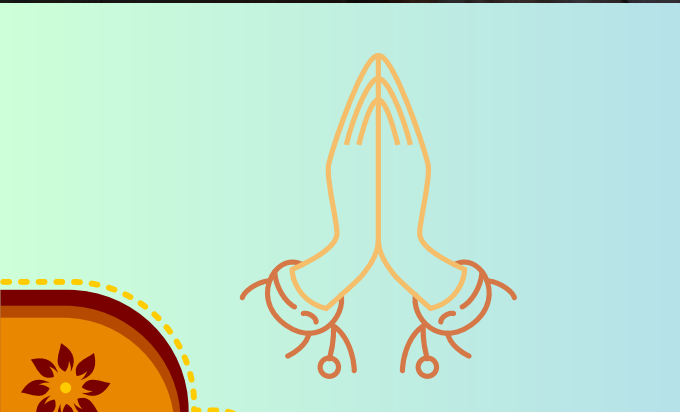
Reds 11, Twins 1 !!!

Maybe at next year's outing we can see the Twins win (or maybe we will all resort to watching Professional Bowling !)

Monthly Lunch



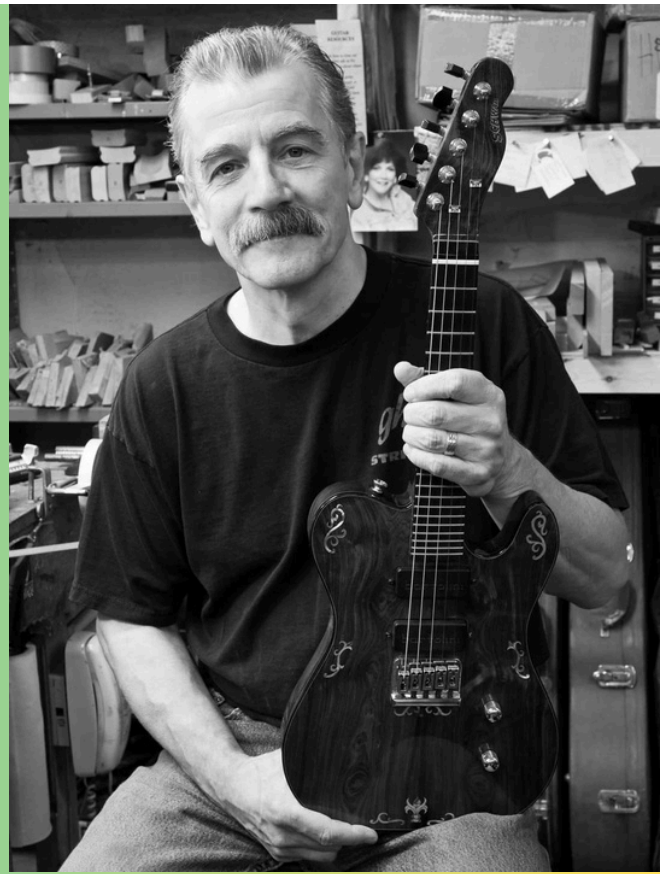
Sep 13th 2024



Next month's lunch:
Tavern 23
7651 France Avenue South, Edina

GET TO KNOW YOUR Brother

W.B. Kevin Schwab



Born: December 8, 1949. Grew up in Richfield, Edina, and Minnetonka. Lived in Minneapolis since the early 80's.

School: Graduated from Benilde in 1968, partied 4 quarters at St. Cloud State and made the Dean's list at my local draft board with a lottery number of 105. Enlisted in the Army Security Agency 1970 and served as a Morse Intercept Operator in Taiwan, Vietnam, Japan, and Okinawa, and finished my enlistment at Vint Hill Farms in Virginia. Discharged in 1973.

Returned to St. Cloud started working as a musician and instrument repair. Moved to Minneapolis and continued repair work and instrument construction full time. Retired fully in July 2024.

Married Marilyn in 1988 and bought a house in Minneapolis where we now live.

Worked with WB Conrad Jackson for some time and he got me curious about Masonry and I was raised to the sublime degree on 11/19/2008.

Area Metrowest First School of Instruction

Saturday 14th Sep 2024
9am - 4pm

Good turnout of about 20 knowledge-thirsty brethren from several Metrowest Lodges including Cataract No 2. Custodians (helped by Monitors) instructed in each room.



Master and Wardens Instruction

Unique format:

First half (9am - noon)

Officer specific Deep Dives:

- Masters/Wardens instruction in Main Auditorium
- Deacons in the Red Room
- Stewards in a separate room



The Grand Master leading the full EA degree in the second half



Deacons Instruction

Second half (1pm - 4pm)
Entire EA Deep Dive
Ritual instruction given by the
MWB Foster Solem

Upcoming Second School in the same format: October 12th 2024



GIVE IT A
LISTEN
Tune In to a Podcast

Minnesota Masonic Charities CEO John Schwietz and Grand Lodge Membership Director Reed Endersbe explore the origins, important figures and philanthropy of Minnesota Masonry via interviews and dialogues with Freemasons in Minnesota.

Podcast Date: **June 21, 2024**

This podcast features Cataract's own Paul Hodnefield who talks about his fantastic non-fiction book, "Sherman Woodticks" - a fascinating look at the American Civil War from a Minnesota/Masonic perspective. WB Paul is also embarking on a new project; "A History of Minnesota Masonic Charity"

Podcast Date: **September 09, 2024**

This podcast tackles a topic not often discussed in the Lodge setting: Health and Wellness. You can hear MWB John Gann, Bro Hans Neisz, and WB Arun Natarajan share important perspectives on why it's high time we invest in each other's well-being proactively (rather than reactively).

You can listen to both the above podcasts at:

<https://mnmasoniccharities.org/minnesota-masonic-histories-mysteries-podcast>



Happy Birthday

**OLDER &
BOLDER
TODAY**

Larry Billips
Richard Mathiason
David Lokensgard
Ronald Conrad
Clint Weathers
Cedell Jacox
Troy Ehlers
James Gorman
Anthony Wocelka
Dominic Hanzely
Gordon Frandsen
Gene Olsen
John Bickel
Tom Hendrickson

September 23
September 24
September 26
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September 28
October 1
October 3
October 3
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October 6
October 7
October 9
October 11



CATARACT WALKING GROUP

Saturday October 5th , 9 am

Lake Nokomis Community Center (LNCC)
2401 E Minnehaha Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55417

Parking is free in the LNCC parking lot

Route: 2.5 - 3 miles around beautiful Lake Nokomis
(weather permitting - rain will automatically cancel the event)



WB RON WAGNER'S HIRAM AWARD

Saturday Sep 7th



BROTHERLY LOVE
& FRIENDSHIP

WB Ron was honored with an Hiram Award by Lodge Excelsior #113. Over 21 Lodges were present at the event. WB Ron is also a member of Cataract #2.

He also received a custom painted Lane Guyot tie reserved for Hiram recipients.



WONDERFUL
EVENING

13TH ANNUAL CATARACT LODGE CHILI COOK OFF

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 22ND
6:00 PM



- Any Mason from any Lodge may enter contest
- At a minimum, chili must have been stirred by a Mason
- Categories for Awards:
 - Best Mild
 - Best Hot
 - Best Non-Traditional
 - Best Overall
- Baked potato bar will be available for palate cleansing between chili tasting
- No fee! Free admission! Donations welcome!



SEP 23RD - OCT 8TH

CATARACT
LODGE EVENTS

Cataract No.2

STATED
MEETING

DATE/TIME: OCTOBER 8TH, 7:30PM

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: 6:30PM

PLACE: CATARACT LODGE NO.2

From W.M. Joel Friedman:

Cataract has been asked to perform a courtesy
Graveside service for Brother Tom Perry of the
Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Place: Fort Snelling

Date: October 11th

Time: 12:45pm

SAVE THE DATES

Lodge Monthly Luncheon

2ND FRIDAYS EVERY MONTH



NEXT LUNCH:
OCTOBER 11TH

PLACE:
TAVERN 23
7651 FRANCE AVENUE SOUTH,
EDINA

WITH
CATARACT

1ST AND 3RD

Saturdays

LAKE NOKOMIS
COMMUNITY CENTER,
9AM

Metro West Area

Schools of Instruction

Location:



Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple
2011 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Planned Dates:

Fall 2024

- ❖ 9/14/2024 - EA Degree
- ❖ 10/12/2024 - FC Degree
- ❖ 11/16/2024 - MM Degree

Spring 2025

- ❖ 1/15/2025 - 4th School
(Hosted by MPLS 19)
- ❖ 1/25/2025 - EA Degree
- ❖ 2/15/2025 - FC Degree
- ❖ 3/15/2025 - MM Degree

Fall 2025

- ❖ 9/6/2025 - EA Degree
- ❖ 10/11/2025 - FC Degree
- ❖ 11/15/2025 - MM Degree

The days agenda

First session (9 am - 12 pm)

- ❖ One room to have Stewards' instruction
- ❖ One room to have Deacons' instruction
- ❖ One room to have WM and Wardens' instruction
- ❖ One room is needed to help with lectures.
- ❖ Brothers can read out the cipher during this session.
- ❖ Custodians will lead each room, and monitors will assist.

Lunch (12 pm - 1 pm)

The estimated cost of lunch will be \$20 to cover the cost of food and use of the building.

Second session (1 pm - 4 pm)

Conduct the entire degree (perhaps more than once if needed) with Stewards, Deacons, Wardens, and Master from the First session above.



Sign-Up Information



<https://bit.ly/3Yr9Aks>

SAVE THE DATES

FC School of Instruction	October 12th, 2024
Chili Cook Off	October 22nd, 2024
Metrowest Quarterly Conference	October 30th, 2024
Mm School of Instruction 9am - 4pm	November 16th, 2024
Heritage Dinner Table Lodge 6pm onwards	November 16th, 2024
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 28th, 2024
Family Lodge Night - Eastern Star presentation	December 10th, 2024
Entered Apprentice degree night (subject to change)	January 28th, 2025
Sweetheart's Dinner	February 15th, 2025
Fellowcraft degree night (subject to change)	February 25th, 2025
Master Mason degree night (subject to change)	March 25th, 2025

“We do not stop
exercising because
we grow old – we
grow old because
we stop exercising.”

-DR KENNETH COOPER

Hugs YEAR OF THE

MWB Foster Solem