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**Greetings From The EAST!**

Brethren,

It is said that the greatest charity one can perform is that charity performed for or on behalf of the departed. Unfortunately, we have that opportunity for two of our brothers who have passed on to the Celestial Lodge. Please join in tribute to these honorable brothers as we gather to honor their memories.

Hugh Heinecke, Senior, laid down his working tools on September 20, 2024 after nearly 70 years toiling in the quarries following his raising in Richfield Lodge No 334. His visitation will be held Monday, October 7 at Morris Nilsen Mortuary (6527 Portland Ave S, in Richfield) from 5 to 7PM with a Masonic service at 7PM led by WB Richard Kachman. The funeral will be the following day at 10:30 at Woodlake Lutheran Church.

Thomas Allen Perry was a brother Mason of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota whose family has requested we provide a courtesy Graveside Masonic Service at Fort Snelling on October 11th at 12:45 with vehicle line up no later than 12:30 at Assembly Area 6, North End (Again, led by WB Richard Kachman). Originally of S Dakota, following service in the Air Force, he and his wife, Irene, made a life for their family here in Minnesota until he retired to Arizona. He was a life long member of the Craft and also a member of both the Scottish Rite and a Shriner.

Please consider showing your support for the families of both Brother Hugh and Brother Tom as we bestow our final respects for their memories. We earnestly solicit your attendance at one or even both of these memorial services if you are available.

Alas, my brother.

Joel Friedman  
Master, Cataract Lodge No 2

***Brethren, This Is It!!***

This is the **last** copy of Cataract's Newsletter that will be mailed to the membership of the lodge. As of next month, our newsletter will be mailed electronically and posted on the Grandview website, exclusively.

## Greetings From The WEST!

Brothers,

I come to you this month with a troubled heart. We find that activity in the lodge officers ranks has continued to dwindle. There are only 15-20 active brothers carrying the weight of the entire lodge, most having served multiple times. Younger brothers are rightly involved with their growing families and increasing responsibilities at work. However the situation is getting dire. WM Joel is currently operating with two positions unfilled and it appears WB Scott Wood and myself will have even more vacant positions in the coming years. We have discussed options from having brothers fill a position perpetually, to leaving them open and fill with past masters each month as we meet, even to discussions of merger. I think we would all like to see a strong lodge continue into the future, but the reality is there are too few active brothers to support that vision. I would like to see if there are those brothers who have been active in other organizations if they would come back to the lodge or brothers who have been less active to come and support the lodge for a few years as officers. I will try to reach out to many of you over the next few months and ask in person. Preferably, you could reach out to me and let me know you are willing to support a strong lodge. We have a long history and a long list of good brothers that can help keep the lodge strong for the future. I have faith there will be brothers to step forward and make our future strong. My prayer is that you prove me right.



Fraternally Yours,  
Jeff Nielsen, Senior Warden

### Chasing After Masonic Light

This coming Stated Communication for October will feature an Educational Presentation by WB Michael Friedman who will be speaking on a hero of the American Revolution.



#### Celestial Lodge

##### **Vyrl "Nib" Norby**

Born 10/12/1940  
Entered Apprentice Degree 10/29/1966  
Fellowcraft Degree 12/7/1966  
Master Mason Degree 2/10/1967  
Past Zurah Shrine Potentate  
Called to the Celestial Lodge 8/30/2024

##### **James Clinton "Clint" Weathers**

Born 6/12/1931  
Entered Apprentice Degree 9/25/2007  
Fellowcraft Degree 10/23/2007  
Master Mason Degree 11/27/2007  
Called to the Celestial Lodge 11/19/2023

##### **Arnold W. Rosenow**

Born 10/23/1934  
Entered Apprentice Degree 9/22/1964  
Fellowcraft Degree 10/13/1964  
Master Mason Degree 11/14/1964  
Called to the Celestial Lodge 3/24/2023

##### **Hugh D. Heinecke, Sr.**

Born 4/5/1934  
Entered Apprentice Degree 4/21/1955  
Fellowcraft Degree 5/2/1955  
Master Mason Degree 6/6/1955  
Called to the Celestial Lodge 9/20/2024

##### **Dennis H. Meuwissen**

Born 6/11/1933  
Entered Apprentice Degree 4/7/1970  
Fellowcraft Degree 4/28/1970  
Master Mason Degree 5/26/1970  
Called to the Celestial Lodge 2/25/2023

### The Annual Cataract Lodge Chili Cook Off

We are justifiably proud to remind everyone that our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off, the brainchild of WB Conrad Jackson, will once again make an appearance on Tuesday night, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The traditional potato bar will again be included to soothe your calm you aching digestive track after sampling all those bowls of red. The tasting begins at 6:00PM but entrants must be present no later than 5:30. Awards will be given in the categories of Best Hot, Best Mild, Best Non-traditional and Best Overall. Concoctions from any Mason will be accepted, but the final result must at least have been stirred by the entering Masonic brother to qualify. Come hungry, but bring your own Roloids and Tums.



## Cataract's Annual Heritage Dinner and Table Lodge:

**When:** November 16, 2024 - 5:00 Social Hour, 6:00 Dinner

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

**Entree Choice:** Beef, Walleye (the walleye is universally reviewed as superb in the past) or Vegetarian

**Dinner Cost:** tickets are \$35.00 with Cash bar

This year again we will be celebrating Annual Heritage Dinner, celebrating those craftsmen among us who have served the Craft so faithfully for so many years. This special repast 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 honored brothers will receive a letter of invitation in mid-January, but the Dinner is open to all, including friends and family

**Reservations Due To:** W. Master Joel Friedman or Secretary RWB Doug Campbell by November 9,, 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 your plan to come while in Lodge or by email at

**CataractLodgeNo.2@gmail.com**

### December Family Night

Please mark your calendars for December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are planning, instead of our usual, to reserve it as a Family Night. As has been our custom, our Fellowship dinner that precedes the December Stated Communication, will still be our fabulous Turkey Feast with all the trimmings, beginning at 6:00 PM. In addition to a hearty appetite, we ask that you bring along your family, friends and potential candidates. We are arranging a special speaker for dinner to speak to us about the Eastern Star. See you there!



In order to best plan for the event, please RSVP not only for yourself, but for family and guests by November 12 to our Lodge Secretary at:

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### Cataract No 2 Brothers featured in Masonic Histories & Mysteries podcast Series

Minnesota Masonic Charities 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. The June 21, 2024 podcast features Cataract's own Paul Hodnefield who talks about his fantastic non-fiction book, "Sherman Woodticks" 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" The September 09, 2024 podcast is also an interesting podcast that 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>

### **Notable Moments in Masonry: October**

October 19, 1781 was a date of extreme importance to the fledgling United Colonies of America, for on that date the last battle of the American Revolution ended with the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to the Continental Army at Yorktown, Virginia. You might ask what this has to do with Masonry and the answer is, it was a Mason who was key to that victory. The British forces were blockaded at Yorktown. All Washington had to do was get the Continental Army there, but the troops, without food, supplies or ammunition were on the brink of mutiny. Only \$20,000 in coin (half a million today) could save the day but Congress was bankrupt. Haym Salomon, a Jewish immigrant from Poland, a Philadelphia Mason and a Son of Liberty immediately raised the money and saved the Revolution.



**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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**OCTOBER CALENDAR:**

- 1 Officers' Meeting (Zoom)
- 7 Masonic Service (see page 1)
- 8 Stated Communication
- 11 Courtesy Graveside Service (see page 1)
- 12 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree School of Instruction
- 22 Annual Chili Cook Off

**Upcoming Events**

- Nov 16 Heritage Dinner
- Nov 16 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree School of Instruction
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving
- Dec 10 Family Night & Stated Communication
- Dec 25 Christmas & 1<sup>st</sup> Night of Hanukah
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve
- Jan 25 1<sup>st</sup> Degree School of Instruction
- Jan 28 Entered Apprentic Degree

**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 Frandsen-Hall
Tyler-	Mark Tamte
Lodge Education Officer-	Mark Campbell

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