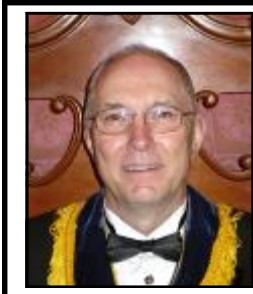




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A Giving Month



Several members of Cataract lodge were on hand the evening of November 10 at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite to present Dick McGinnis (guy with biggest smile) with our regular donation to the Ritecare Clinic.



On October 23, I was happy to present to Jobs Daughters a check. They are using the money so that all the girls in the old Bethel were able to get tye-dye t-shirts with their logo and names on them. They are very grateful that we could support them on this.

WM Terry Henthorn



Members of Cataract got a little face time on KARE 11 with our annual Toys For Tots contribution on Monday, December 5. Pictured above with Staff Sgt. Derek Cessor-Culver is Kevin Schwab, Dave Kampf, Terry Henthorn and Dave Highum. A call will be going out to other lodges to join us in contributing to this worthy cause next year.

Turkeytime

It's this Tuesday's stated meeting for the annual turkey dinner at Cataract so show up with your appetites and carving tools. Dinner is 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:30.

**Ceremony to Honor Minnesota Masonry and Founder GLMW Alfred Elisha Ames...
To take place in recognition of St John The Evangelist Day---
A wreath laying ceremony**

Minnesota Masons and the public at large are invited to join members of the Masonic Grand Lodge for a brief memorial and wreath laying ceremony at the grave site of the first Master of The Grand Masonic Lodge of Minnesota. The short commemoration ceremony will begin at 11 Am, on Thursday 22 Dec 2011--The first day of winter: At the burial site of Bro Alfred Elisha Ames in Lakewood Cemetery which is located on Hennepin Avenue at 36th Street between Lakes Calhoun and Harriet in South Minneapolis. Our address is 3600 Hennepin Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Here Thomas Hendrickson, the current Grand Lodge Master, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The event will include a few prayers, a brief review of the history of Minnesota Masonry's early beginnings, a placement of a wreath at the grave of PGLMW Alfred Elisha Ames, and a reading of the names of the Grand Lodge's 132 Grand Masters through history.

Flags will be involved and National Sojourners are being asked to attend; An Irish clad bag piper playing 'Amazing Grace' is a possibility.

"It's a very impressive list, if you look at the names of the past Grand Masters," Brother Hendrickson said. "When you look through it you'll see the names behind some of the townships, towns, counties, and geographical locations of Minnesota; And that should tell us all something about the quality of men in Minnesota Masonry today, as well as in yester-years."

A big "Thanks" to Glenn Kiecker for this submission.

Lodge of Sorrow

James E. Harnstrom

Born 9/5/1925

Entered Apprentice Degree 9/13/1972

Fellowcraft Degree 10/11/1972

Master Mason Degree 10/25/1972

Passed away 9/28/2011

Richard A. Ziemer

(Great grandson of the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. E. Ames)

Born 9/4/1928

Entered Apprentice Degree 2/1/1954

Fellowcraft Degree 3/1/1954

Master Mason Degree 3/29/1954

Passed away 11/23/2011

F. David Richter

Born 8/9/1933

Entered Apprentice Degree 1/30/1979

Fellowcraft Degree 2/20/1979

Master Mason Degree 3/6/1979

Master of Century Lodge No. 338 1985

Dennis L. Lee

Born 2/17/1940

Entered Apprentice Degree 3/3/2001

Fellowcraft Degree 3/3/2001

Master Mason Degree 3/3/2001

Passed away 10/1/2011

Al B. Sorensen

Born 4/28/1918

Entered Apprentice Degree 5/9/1967

Fellowcraft Degree 5/23/1967

Master Mason Degree 6/6/1967

Passed away 4/7/2011



Jeff Mellas and Dylan Jackson were raised to the Sublime Degree on November 22 pictured above with WM Terry Henthorn. More to follow next month on our newest brothers.

Visitors



Joining us for our stated meeting on the 8th of November were members of Oriental Lodge #34 from Cannon Falls. Above, l-r, are Gary Bill, John Studell, Mark Lundell, Harris Haugen, Mikkell Haugen, Paul Otte and Bill Callister. Plans are in the works for group of Cataract members to make a trip in the near future to pay them a visit. Stay tuned!

News from Richfield Chapter #293, Order of the Eastern Star

Largest International Fraternity of Women and Men with Masonic Relationships

Meetings at Hope Presbyterian Church, 7132 Portland Ave, Richfield, MN Enter Door #6.
7:00PM Meetings.

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CALENDAR

Dec 11-PM/PP Christmas Gathering
Dec 12- Official Visit & Initiation. 7:00pm
Bloomington Masonic Home
Dec 26- Dark
Jan 9- Stated. Bundle-up night
Jan 18- Past Matrons
Jan 29- Starlites Brunch

From the East:

Sisters and Brothers: Please join us at the **Bloomington Masonic Home** on December 12 at 7:00 pm for a gala evening as the Grand Family confers the degrees. We have two candidates this evening and have lots of room on the sidelines!

Is it really time to wish you all a Merry Christmas? The Malls are all decked out in holiday décor and Christmas trees are adding their beauty to the rotundas and central courts! Some of our “snow birds” have departed for their southern “nests”, so I admit that the answer is YES. Merry Christmas!

We have been at Hope Church for almost two years. We moved there with the greatest of hopes that having no steps would bring many of you back to the meetings. This has not happened, so we must find out what we can do to make our members become more active and keep the Chapter viable. What are YOU willing to do? We have a small group that is providing revenue for us, but we need your participation too. We do not want to raise our dues. When you send your 2012 dues, include a note telling us what we can do to bring you back to participating in Richfield Chapter. Maybe you are willing to do some calling, or mailing of cards. Whatever! Our commitment is to help others, give to the community and to our charities. Our traditional coin march is a small contribution to these commitments, but we need participation by all members of the Chapter.

On November 10 the Chapter lost a good friend and hard working Sister. Donna Curry was laid to rest on November 14, 2011 and will continue to be with us in spirit. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.
Star Love.

Diane Clinton, WM

Starlites: At our November meeting, we determined that there is enough interest to keep the Starlites Club going as long as we have a purpose.

On Sunday, January 29, we will have a festive luncheon at 11:30am at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Plymouth (I-494 & MN 55). (This was formerly a Radisson Hotel and is currently home of the “Church Ladies” productions.) They serve a Sunday Brunch for \$12.95. All Chapter members and their guests are invited to attend this event. We would love to see everyone there! Reservations to Pam Clinton, 651-681-0237, by January 26, please!

Our February meeting will be on the 7th at Elsie’s. We will be making nut cups for the Masonic Home at this meeting. Please come with other ideas of worthwhile projects we can do at our meetings. The projects do not have to be Masonic related—anything we can do to help is great!

Pam Clinton, Starlites President

Past Matrons: Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 3:00pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons will have a Christmas gathering at Art & Arlene Ludvigsen’s party room, 9550 Collegeview Road, Bloomington. Past Matrons, bring your guest and remind your Past Patron and guest! Wear festive regalia and also bring a dish to pass. Ham will be furnished by the PM Club.

Our January meeting will be on the 18th at Elsie Erickson’s, 6615 Lake Shore Drive, Richfield. Members will be called.

Carol Vihovde, President

SEE YOU IN CHAPTER

Calendar

December 13- Turkey Dinner 6:30. Stated Meeting 7:30

December 25- Merry Christmas

January 3- Officer's Meeting 6:30

January 10- Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30

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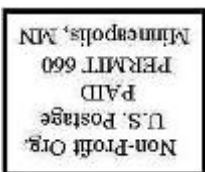
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