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From The EAST!

Greetings Brethren!

First off, I'd like to congratulate our newest brothers Kenneth Eke and Craig Thrane for taking the first step on their Masonic journey during last month's Entered Apprentice degree on January 24. Senior Warden Scott Wood did a fantastic job in the East, as did the rest of his degree team in their various roles. Now that the weather is starting to warm up, I'm hoping those of you who haven't attended lodge in a while might consider joining us for the Fellow Craft degree taking place on Tuesday, February 28. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM with the work beginning at 7:00 PM.



I joined a group of Cataract #2 members on Saturday, February 11 for Feed My Starving Children's South Metro MobilPack event taking place in Apple Valley. Their goal was to pack 4,000,000 meals over six days. Our lodge has been supporting this worthy charity for the past two years, both financially and with volunteer hours. At this year's event, we presented Feed My Starving Children with a check for \$2,000.00, enough to pay for about 6,000 meals! If you missed out this time, consider joining your lodge brothers at a future packing event. Through our collected efforts, we can make a huge impact in the lives of others!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 23 and join us in honoring our Lodge Historian and Brother Glenn Kiecker as he receives a Hiram Award. The banquet is taking place at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center (11411 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN 55437). Social hour begins at 5:00 PM and dinner is served at 6:00 PM. This event is open to all Masons, their families and friends of Brother Glenn. We ask that you notify Secretary RWB Doug Campbell if you plan on attending no later than April 9 so we can provide an accurate head count to our caterers. RWB Doug can be reached via e-mail at cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net or by phone at (612) 281-2184.



See you in lodge! —WM Dave Ott

New Entered Apprentices



Brothers Kenneth Eke and Craig Thrane and courtesy candidate Bro. David Orsi of Corinthian Lodge No.67



Feed My Starving Children MobilPack Event in Apple Valley



Working beside Dad

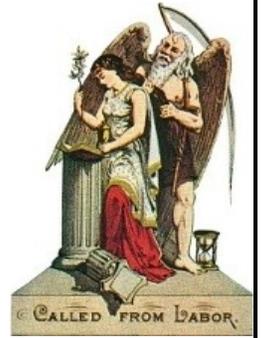
It is nice to make a monetary contribution and working beside others trying to make a difference is especially rewarding



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Celestial Lodge

W. Brother Guenter K. Blume
 Born 2/5/1923
 Entered Apprentice Degree 1/13/1970
 Fellowcraft Degree 2/3/1970
 Master Mason Degree 2/24/1970
 He was a life member, taking the degrees in Century Lodge No. 338, where he was the W. Master in 1980. Before he moved to Florida he could usually be found in the old Richfield building during the pancake breakfasts whipping many pounds of butter.
 Died 1/23/2017



Brother Leo John Harris
 Born 2/15/1934
 Entered Apprentice Degree 2/12/1958
 Fellowcraft Degree 2/26/1958
 Master Mason Degree 3/26/1958
 He took his degrees in Cataract Lodge No. 2 with his brothers Frank and Ray.
 Died 1/25/2017



The Masonic Philatelist

Our Lodge Secretary RWB Doug Campbell made me aware of The Masonic Philatelist just before its last issue in January. Their publication is beautiful and should be of interest to anybody interested in stamps and history. You can find back issues at their webpage here in PDF form: <http://www.mscnewyork.net/>
 Below are stamps from the last December 2016 Issue illustrating the Masonic Creed:



FORTITUDE – courage in pain or adversity. The stamp image is from a sculpture by Giacomo Serpotta created between 1710 and 1717. According to the information provided: "Serpotta represented Fortitude as female—most abstract qualities are of the feminine gender in Latin." This explains why most allegorical expressions depict a woman. The Masonic symbolism seen on the right shows Fortitude with a mirror, in this case the meaning would be self-confidence. (Italy, Issued c.1976)



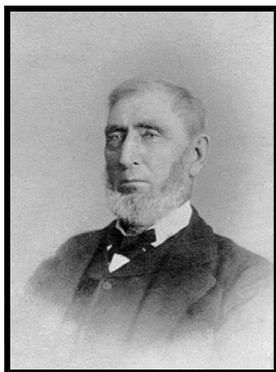
RELIEF – assistance, especially in the form of food, clothing, or money, given to those in special need or difficulty. The stamp shows an allegorical French female figure giving relief to a Spanish refugee fleeing the destruction and killings in Spain during the Spanish Civil War (1936). It appears the stamp design was created for the purpose (no known existing artwork). Whatever the case, the design with the word "AIDE" (aid) is a good representation for "relief" under the definition provided. For certain, providing relief is generally most necessary when people are fleeing oppression. Relief is a form of "charity," but specifically involves providing resources. In Freemasonry, we learn that to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, and applies very strongly to helping a worthy brother. (France, Issued 1938)



Children like making a difference too

Who Is Who At Cataract Lodge #2?

Anason Northrup



Initiated, passed and raised in St Anthony - cataract Lodge #2 in 1852 A Giant of a Man and--- a Mason Rings - do U hear Old Anson Northrup was a near-mythological figure of early Minnesota. At 23, he drove the first herd of oxen into the north country, became one of its first lumbermen and river boatmen, and eventually built sorely needed pioneer

hotels in various boom towns across Minnesota, buying up real estate as he went.

While he also served on Minnesota's first legislature, Northrup's fame primarily revolved around his violent escapades during the Dakota Uprising. Early Duluth storyteller Jerome Cooley wrote that "Anse" was part of the cabal that captured the Indians near Mankato "for massacring settlers" and hanged them all. "The commanding officer asked Anse if he tried them. He said he was too busy, but would as soon as he got back to Fort Snelling."

While this tale may be apocryphal, there's no doubt that Old Anse was famous as an Indian killer. He'd been serving in the Civil War as a wagon master, with his two sons, George and Charles, in tow. When word of the uprising reached them, Anse promptly packed up and returned to Minnesota to fight, serving as a valuable leader.

One tale is recounted in the History of St. Croix County by a fellow member of Company C. The Eighth Regiment had reached the Badlands, and the soldiers had run out of water. However, they did have whiskey. A group of Dakota were firing at them from wooded cover nearby, and this frustrated a drunken Anson Northrup, who begged the lieutenant to give him a detail to "annihilate every damned Indian skulking there..." The lieutenant refused, calling it too hazardous. Now Anse was by nature a fighter under any and all circumstances, and when inflamed by liquor he was daring even to the extreme of recklessness. "Then I will do it alone," he shouted and turning his horse, he rode away down the hill full tilt at the enemy. His oldest son was present, vainly endeavoring to dissuade his father from such a foolhardy attack. Seeing the old veteran ride away, young Northrup decided to accompany him and dashed down the descent in close pursuit. That they would both be slaughtered nobody entertained a doubt, but in due time they appeared, Anse swinging the scalp of an Indian

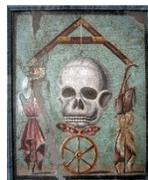
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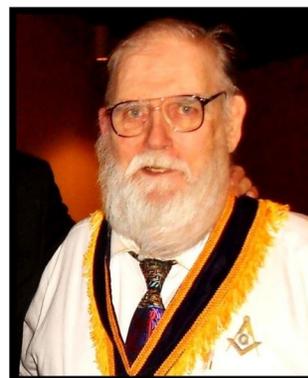
over his head and shouting loud paeans of victory. In the summer of 1869, Anson Northrup had just purchased General Sargent's large cottage on the Duluth hillside for his family, and he along with his two oldest sons were working on the railroad. Their reputation for being a "hard-boiled" bunch—even to the point of being casually called a "gang"—followed them. George, older than Charles by two years, always had his little brother's back. They were now in their late twenties, and working hard under the tutelage of their tough old man, just as they always had his little brother's back. They were now in their late twenties, and working hard under the tutelage of their tough old man, just as they always had.

--submitted by Cataract Lodge Historian Glenn

Trestle Board Club



We meet in the Lodge library. **We meet every second Sunday @ 6:00PM** We are reading the first part of **Revolutionary Brotherhood by Steven Bullock** Everyone Welcomed! For more information contact: Lee Love at togeika@gmail.com



Please Join Us For:

The Hiram Award Banquet
Honoring Brother Glenn Kiecker
Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center
11411 Masonic Home Dr, Bloomington
Sunday, April 23
Social Hour: 5 PM
Dinner: 6 PM

This event is open to all Masons, their families and friends of Brother Glenn

Please RSVP to RWB Doug Campbell no later than April 9
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Calendar

Feb 14 – Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated
Feb 24-26 – Frozen Fore, Gull Lake Contact: WB Daniel
Stark: sharki007@yahoo.com or WB Conrad
Jackson Jackstrand@gmail.com
Feb 28 – F.C.Degree 6:00 Dinner 7:00PM
Mar 7 – Officer's Meeting 6:30PM
Mar 14 – Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated
Mar 28 – MM Degree 5:00PM Dinner 6:30PM
April 4 – Officer's Meeting 6:30PM
April 11 – Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated
April 2 – Wounded Warrior Banquet 3:20PM to 9:00PM
April 23 – Hiram Award 5:00PM Social 6:00 dinner

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