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**From The EAST!**

Dear Brethren,Greetings from the East.

**FROM THE EAST for March/April 2021**

Masons, especially operative masons, of necessity, have long had an interest in Geometry. One important constant in the tools of geometric calculations is Pi. There is evidence that the builders of the Great Pyramids of Giza were cognizant of this mathematical constant way back in 26th Century B.C.E. and placed its value as 22/7. The first written evidence of its use are found in cuneiform records on clay from Babylon as early as the 20th Century B.C.E. However, it was not until 1706 when the Welsh mathematician, William Jones, first used the Greek letter  $\pi$  in his work, Synopsis Palmariorum Matheseos, to symbolize the value of the ratio of a circle's diameter to its circumference.

Why do I tell you all this? Because March 14, which falls on Sunday this year, has the distinction not only of the onset of Daylight Savings Time, but is also Pie Day (March 14 or 3/14 and  $\pi=3.14\dots$ ). So grab a steaming cup of Joe and take a nice, warm fruity slice of pie for yourself.

**Fraternally Yours,  
Worshipful Master Joel Friedman**



# Zoom Social Meeting!



## Who Is Who At Cataract No.2 Brother Johnathon Chase 1818-1904



Brother Johnathon Chase of Cataract Masonic Lodge #2 was born in Sebec, Maine, January 1, 1818 . Brother Johnathon was a 46 year old lumberman when he affiliated with Cataract Masonic Lodge #2 on 3 Aug 1856...His home lodge was North Star Lodge of Maine.. He and his wife had 5 children reaching maturity--John and his wife lie side by side at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis MN. He was/is #229 in Cataract Masonic Lodge Records...

Minnesota had attracted many Maineites and in 1853 he visited here. He returned in 1854, locating at St. Anthony with his wife, formerly Miss Melissa Pollard, whom he married in 1853.

Mr. Chase engaged in lumbering on the Rum river and the upper Mississippi. He built a mill at Gull river and had a yard in Minneapolis. He sat in the last territorial legislature in 1859. In 1862 he enlisted at St. Anthony in Company A, Ninth Minnesota infantry as first lieutenant. Ill health compelled him to leave the army in the fall of 1863. Returning to Minneapolis, he resumed his lumber business, from which he retired in 1886, having acquired considerable wealth. Brother Chase died Monday night, Feb. 1, 1904 at this home at 607 Seventh St. SE.

*Bro Doug Campbell and Glenn Kiecker help in the gathering of information which Kevin Schwab has now sent to a happy Masonic Family out California way we may need to go out to Lakewood to see if we can get some better quality photos of Marker stones at Lakewood Cemetery in the spring :-)) Taken from Cataract History Facebook Page. (Ed: I added Bro. Chase's military record I found with Google to Bro. Doug and Glenn's information.)*

# From The West

Greetings from the West,

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It feels great to be meeting in Lodge again, even if it will be a while longer before we can begin serving meals and ditch the masks. I want to use this as an opportunity to encourage Brothers who have not attended Lodge in a long time, even before COVID, to join us for a stated meeting. Some may have been reluctant to attend because they are concerned about being rusty or have forgotten some of the ritual. No worries. After a year of COVID we're all a bit out of practice. To those Brothers who would like to join us, please do! You will be more than welcome. Just let any officer know you need a little brush up with the ritual and we'll make sure you are up to speed. I hope to see you all in Lodge soon.



Daylight Saving Time  
March 14, 2021

Fraternally, *Paul Hodnefield Senior Warden*

## From The South

Greetings from the South,

Every time I am tasked to write something for this newsletter I challenge myself to be introspective and thought provoking. This last year has given me much time to think about many things in great detail. As a newlywed and a new home owner I like to think I'm living the American Dream, but what exactly is "The American Dream"? In the definition of the American Dream by James Truslow Adams in 1931, "life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement" regardless of social class or circumstances of birth. The key word in this quote I believe is "should". Life "should" be better... As we all know, the reality is far from that whimsical ideal. This is where masonry comes into play in such a crucial way. We as a lodge are blessed to be able to do so much to change the future of so many people. I am grateful to be a part of this organization and to have the opportunity to participate in the great philanthropic work we do. I like to think not what Masonry can do for me but what I can do for Masonry.



Fraternally yours, *Andrew Hall, Junior Warden*

### **Cataract Lodge No. 2 Baseball Caps**

During these times, I am willing to mail orders out. If you are interested in Shirts, Jackets or Tshirts, they can be printed with our Lodge Logo.



**If you'd like a Hat  
contact Br. Lee Love  
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\$15.00**



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No passings into the Celestial Lodge to report this month. Keep Safe!



### **Soon, we will be able to have more "normal" lodge activities**

**Here's the CDC's specific guidance for what fully vaccinated people can do:**

"Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing;

"Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing

"Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure to COVID-19 if asymptomatic"

William Jones, FRS (1675 – 3 July 1749)

The Man Who Invented  $\pi$



William Jones, FRS was a Welsh mathematician, most noted for his use of the symbol  $\pi$  (the Greek letter Pi) to represent the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. He was a close friend of Sir Isaac Newton and Sir Edmund Halley. In November 1711 he became a Fellow of the Royal Society, and was later its vice-president.

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