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From The EAST!

Dear Brethren,Greetings from the East.

Brrrr!

I'm actually writing this while it is still a nice warm, sunny fall day, but I can feel the chill in the air that is just around the corner and the one you are experiencing as you read this. But there is a vital warmth to the season as well, as we huddle in our cozy homes or brave the outdoors garbed in our famous Minnesota layerings.



This time of year is often a reflective time for me. Filled with the gratitude for loving family, caring friends and appreciative of having my physical needs met. It is not by accident that we are inundated at this time of year with requests for charity, nor is it without forethought that charity is a guiding principle for Masons. We give freely to many with an appreciative heart, regretting only that there are, of necessity, limitations as to the extent of our giving.

The end of the year is also a time for reflection. With that in mind, I would ask a boon from all the Brothers who do not fill the seats in Lodge. What can I do different? How can I engage you? We miss your talents and comradery.

I ask that you bare in mind, that your Lodge still meets every second Tuesday of the month, albeit with some restrictions given the current concerns for everyone's health. For the foreseeable future, we will continue to forego dinners before and refreshments following our meetings. Surfaces are cleaned with disinfectant prior to opening Lodge, masks are required and social distancing strictly enforced. We want no Brother to be put at risk, but we still seek to foster Brotherly love and friendship. So, give it some thought, come join us again and we will disinfect a seat just for you.

Fraternally, ***Worshipful Master Joel Friedman***

Bikes For Bancroft!



From The North

Greetings Brothers,

I've mentioned here previously that I am working at the Minneapolis Early Voting Center. I just wanted to make you aware of some changes to the absentee ballots. If they are mailed, they have to arrive at the voting center by Nov. 3rd, election evening before 8pm. If you mail them now, they might not get there in time. You can return your absentee ballots to drop boxes before election day. Minneapolis has 7 locations. Check with your local municipality to find yours. There is also information online at the Minnesota Secretary of State's voting website.

Also, early voting is currently happening and is open now and on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. If you have trouble standing in line for a long period of time or are concerned about going into the voting building, you can *Curbside Vote* from your car. It is a mandated service. If you have any questions about voting, I am happy to try and answer them.

Fraternally Yours, Br. Lee Love (Early Election Deputy for City of Minneapolis) 612 267-2010

Hello Brothers of Cataract Lodge #2.

I hope this message finds you all well. It is time again for us to reach out to all of you for our annual donation to the Toys for Tots. We have been supporting the Marines with this endeavor for over 10 years. You have all made the holiday season more enjoyable for our younger folks of the Metro Area. We are asking you again this year to support this very worthwhile function. All donations to the Toys for Tots go to the purchase of toys for their holiday season. There are no administration costs associated with this. Please send your donations to the lodge by November 30.

Fraternally,

Terry Henthorn PM

Toys For Tots 2020!



From The West

Greetings from the West,

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend time with a Brother who is now well into his 90s. He was raised overseas while in the military almost 60 years ago and then joined a Lodge in western Minnesota hometown. He entered the Craft at a time when membership was nearly at its peak and has watched the numbers slowly decrease since then.



In our conversation, the Brother expressed the opinion that what our country really needs now is more Masons to serve as role models for our fellow citizens. Men who can disagree without being disagreeable. Men who practice civility, charity and spread Brotherly Love.

Perhaps our Brother is right. But increasing membership is a challenge. Fewer young men have a Mason in the family to acquaint them with the fraternity. Yet, there are large numbers of men who might be interested in Masonry if they only had a connection to learn more about it.

It is up to each of us to help find these men and guide them. If you know a man who would be an asset to the fraternity, don't hesitate to tell him that he has the attributes of a good Mason. That may be enough to start the conversation. And don't forget to mention that a man has to ask to join. How many good men never acted on their interest in Masonry because they thought membership was by invitation only? Let's make sure that any moral and upright man interested in the fraternity knows he is welcome but that he has to ask to join of his own free will and accord.

Fraternally, *Paul Hodnefield Senior Warden*

Greetings from the South,

From The South

all is a time for change. For me that means a new job. I'm excited to announce that I've accepted the culinary director role at a Senior Living Home. This is a great opportunity for me to broaden my scope in the culinary world and to exit the restaurant industry during very uncertain times. With government funded small business grants drying up and the winter months upon us, I found this to be the most opportune time to find a better opportunity.



What it means for my personal life is that I'll be home every night in time for dinner with my wife and to make it to lodge meetings without having to make special accommodations. But no new endeavor goes without its challenges...having to say goodbye to some of my colleagues at Barrio was extremely difficult. I formed very close relationships with several key employees and they grew to rely on me and I on them. Have you ever seen a grown man cry? (And not at a funeral) It's like when I was a teenager at summer camp and after spending 4 weeks with a tight knit group we all would cry on the last day as we boarded the bus to go home. These are the types of memorable relationships that we form with our brothers at the Lodge. It teaches me to never take for granted a friendly gesture or a moment in time spent with good company. You never know when a season will change and you will find yourself saying goodbye to the people you care about..

Fraternally yours, *Andrew Hall, Junior Warden*

Celestial Lodge



*"The summons has been issued, From their labors they must rest;
How well they did perform them You and I can well attest.
And how badly we will miss them From our Councils here below;
But we know they're happy Yonder, Safe from labor, care and woe,"*



Trestle Board Club

Our current book is:

Fundamentalism & Freemasonry

by Gary Leazer



We are on Chapters 1-3

Usual meeting is 2nd Sunday at 6:00PM but during Covid, we will go month by month.

Everyone is Welcomed! You don't need to Read the book. Current members enjoy American History, Masonic History and Genealogy

For more information

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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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