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From The EAST!

First of all, thanks to all of the brethren that participated in our August activities. WB Mark Anderson's Hiram Award, National Night Out at the lodge, our visit to St. Paul #3, the Cornerstone Laying at the Home, the Dave Highum Golf Event, and the seventh degree at the Minneapolis Valley sponsored by the brothers of Cataract Lodge. August schedule was a bit ambitious for a summer month, but we had great participation and it was nice to see us enjoy our brotherhood, involve our families, and spend time together.

The last few months I have highlighted books in my Masonic library. This month I would like to receive your input on "The Book of Hiram", by C. Knight & R. Lomas and/or "Turning the Hiram Key", by R. Lomas. Feel free to email me or send a letter.

Finally, we are looking forward to the Past Master's Night in October. I encourage the Past Masters of Cataract lodge to get on the phone, call each other, and make sure your brother has reserved a seat for dinner on Tuesday October 14th at 6:30. Please reach out if there are any transportation needs.

RSVP by October 7th –Thank you

Ivan A. Smith, Master 2014 - 2015

Continue the Drive!

Once again, I am asking for your support for the "**Toys for Tots**" donation that Cataract Lodge #2 has been active in for the past 5 years. Last year we exceeded our previous years amount of \$13,350 with a donation of \$23,500. So far, only a few donations have trickled in. Now might be a good time to make that donation as personal funds may get a little tighter as you approach the holidays.

We are fortunate to be able to present this donation to the Marines on KARE11 television. It gives us a presence in the state and community that we as Masons do help our communities. Brethren, I am counting on your support again this year for this great cause. Thank you for your support.

PM WB Terry Henthorn

Please make your check out to Cataract Lodge #2 and send it to the Lodge address above.

Kid's ID September 27th

Once again this year, Cataract volunteers, along with Job's Daughters, will be working at the Eagan Community Center on this valuable program. It starts at 10:00am and goes to 4:00pm. We'll need a few to show up early, around 8:30, to get the computer stations set up but if you can offer any of your time on that day, it would be a big help. Bring the family, as we are just a part of the huge **Kid's Expo** event that is taking place there. More info and a map can be found on the Cataract Lodge website <http://cataractlodge.com/events/kidsid-child-safety-program>.

Even more info can be found on the Grand Lodge site

<http://www.mn-masons.org/masonic-programs/kidsid>.

If you wish to volunteer, contact SW Kevin Schwab or Secretary RWB Doug Campbell

Hiram Award Dinner, Honoring Mark A. Anderson KYCH, OPC, 33° I.G.H



This well attended event was held at the Landmark Event Center at the Minnesota Masonic Home in Bloomington on August 3rd. The guest speakers were Ken Carroll, John Studell, Dave Kampf, and our Grand Master, M.W.B. James A. Christensen. Not only was food was delicious, it was a great time for fellowship and expanding our knowledge of bow ties. Congratulations to Brother Mark for the well deserved recognition.

National Night Out



Cataract Lodge #2 and Minnehaha Lodge #165 joined forces to sponsor a National Night Out event at our building's parking lot on August 5th. It was an enjoyable family event with great dogs off the grill and flavored ices and drinks. Children enjoy the jumping room and the toss game. As this becomes annual, it will be an excellent outreach event that you can bring friends to who may be interested in finding more out about Masonry and a way to make us more visible in our neighborhood

The following is the second of a four-part series highlighting Cataract Lodge #2 members who have purchased life memberships.

Lee Love serves as Junior Steward of Cataract Lodge #2. He first became interested in Freemasonry during the 1970s while in college. However, in those days, unless you had a relative or friend who was already a member of the fraternity, it was nearly impossible to find information about joining. "I lived in Japan for eight years where I studied and made functional pottery," said Lee. "When we traveled to Tokyo from our rural pottery village, I would find Japanese people wanting to practice their English with me. Once they found out I was an American, I had several people tell me that they thanked General MacArthur for the Japanese Constitution, which gave Japanese women suffrage and freedom of religion for the first time. I remembered reading that General MacArthur was a Freemason like many of our founding fathers, so I looked him up. Sure enough he was! That rekindled my interest that was first stirred by knowledge that Masonic principles were so important at the beginning of our country, and may have influenced Japan's constitution too, because of Brother MacArthur."

Lee purchased a life membership on the installment plan almost three years ago, shortly after being raised. He now has just a few months left. The payments are automatically taken from his checking account by the lodge secretary, eliminating the hassle of writing checks. "I liked the idea of supporting Cataract Lodge #2 even after I enter the Celestial Lodge," explained Lee. "Cataract means so much to me, I wanted to do something tangible to express my gratitude. And I liked the idea of not having to worry about paying my annual dues after retirement."

Lee enjoys the volunteer work and philanthropic opportunities afforded by membership in Cataract Lodge #2. He also appreciates the brotherhood our lodge offers. "I like the diversity and friendship with brothers from all walks of life," he said. "In today's society, it is too easy not to make time for friendship. I have made many new friends because of Cataract."

Please contact RWB Doug Campbell if you're interested in purchasing a life membership to Cataract Lodge #2. Payment plans are available to fit any budget. Be sure to ask about the significant discounts available for first year Masons.

JW Dave Ott

2014 Chili Cook-Off

Categories for this year's prizes are, best hot, best mild, best non-traditional and best overall. Job's Daughters will be joining us with their famous baked potatoes. The event stars at 6:00PM on October 21. No entry fee. For more info contact:

PM Conrad Jackson
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Dave Highum Memorial Golf Outing

This year, eleven fine golfers turned out for the heated competition.

This year's winners were-
Conrad Jackson-longest drive
Dana Hornquist-longest putt
Terry Henthorn-closest to pin
Terry also won in one of the two drawings after along with Tristen Beach. Kevin Schwab won the Carry Permit Class donated by O'Neal Hampton.

Cataract Scholarship

Eli Wething was presented with his Cataract Lodge Scholarship at the stated dinner on August 8. He is starting his second year at St. Cloud State. Pictured with him at left is his dad, PM Dave Wething and WM Ivan Smith.

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

Largest International Fraternity of Women and Men with Masonic Relationships

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CALENDAR:

Sep 6 – All Star Dinner
Sep 18 – Stated – Shakopee #90
Meeting in Excelsior
Oct 16 – Stated – Shakopee #90

From the Trustees:

Seven members of Richfield Chapter attended the August 21 meeting of Shakopee Chapter #90 now meeting in the Excelsior Lodge Hall. A warm and cordial meeting with their officers and members started at 7:00pm followed by a social gathering in the lower level. Topics discussed were the plans and timing of moving into the new lodge facilities now under construction in Savage, a possible renaming of the Chapter, and the continuance of traditional events of both chapters.

There is genuine enthusiasm of the upcoming consolidation and the relocation of the Chapters to Savage. A date for the consolidation has not been set; the availability of the Savage location is still to be determined.

The meeting with the Trustees of Shakopee discussed the needs for Chapter furniture, methods of corresponding with the memberships, meeting nights, etc. Currently, the Chapter meets once per month (third Thursday) and is dark in January and February. This will be reviewed with the Lodges in the new facility. Another meeting with the Trustees is scheduled for mid-September.

Our Chapter members are encouraged to attend the stated meetings and other scheduled events; we will be notified of the locations of the meetings from month to month and published in this newsletter.

Fred Vihovde PP, Trustee

From the Secretary:

It is with sadness that we report the passing of **Timothy Dill** on June 29, 2014. Tim was initiated into Richfield Chapter #293 on March 24, 1980. He served as Sentinel for three years and went through the line with Sister **Ruth Larson**, serving as Worthy Patron in 1999. Tim and his wife, Judy, had been residing in Citrus Heights, CA. His memorial service was held on August 15th at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

Pam Larson, Secretary

Calendar

September 9- Stated meeting. Reunion of St. Johns #1, Cataract #2, & St. Paul #3 ☐ Official Visit from Minneapolis #19. Dinner Reservation Required 6:30pm dinner; 7:30 meeting. ☐

September 23- Fellowcraft Degree Lodge for Lodge of Instruction 6pm to 9:00pm ☐

September 27- KidsID, a Child Safety Program Eagan Community Center, 10:00am to 4:00pm ☐

October 3- Scottish Rite Care Clinic Gala 5:30pm to 9:00pm Full details at www.ritecaremsp.org ☐

October 14- Dinner & Stated Meeting Past Masters' Night 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm meeting ☐

October 21- Annual Chili Cook-Off 6:00pm to 8:15pm ☐

November 4- Officers Meeting & Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 6:30pm to 8:30pm

November 11- Dinner & Stated Meeting 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm meeting

visit www.cataractlodgelodge.com/calendar for further calendar information and details

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