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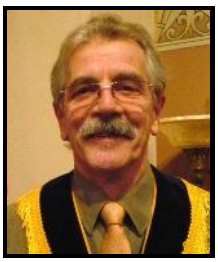

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From The EAST!

On August 19, RWB Doug Campbell, WB Bob Selden, and I set-up for the KidsID event at Bancroft Elementary for their PTO open house which took place from 4:00-6:00 that afternoon. Well, 4 o'clock rolled around and it was pretty quiet. We were a little worried about the turnout but before long, the kids and their parents had the three of us scrambling between the sign in station, computers, and lamination-final packaging of the kits. In the two hours we had, we managed to do about 25. The teachers and administrators were very accommodating and even set up signs around the school directing folks to our event. Principal Erin Glynn was impressed with the interest the parents showed and hopes to have us back again.

We will be setting up again for the annual KidsPo event in Eagan to take place September 26 from 10:00am- 4:00pm. We usually do around 125 IDs so we'll need some volunteers. Let me or Secretary Doug know if you are up for participating. Family members can even help out.

By now, most of you have heard about WB Conrad Jackson's motorcycle incident. He and his wife, Beth, went off the road after hitting a re-tread thrown from a semi. Beth walked away with some bruising and a few stitches but Conrad got pretty busted up. Leg, foot, wrist, some bone in his head, and his shoulder took some serious damage requiring some surgery which took place at the Mayo in Rochester. His shoulder will require some further evaluation and may need some more work in the future. He's now in re-hab at the Masonic Home. He's up and walking around a bit thanks to the PT work from the staff at the home but still in a bit of pain. He's in good spirits and enjoying visitors so stop out and see him. Best after 2:30 or 3:00 once he's done with his PT for the day. Room E260.

—WM Kevin Schwab 2015-2016

KidsID, a Child Safety Program At KidsPo, Egan.

Join us as Brothers from Cataract Lodge No. 2 help out with a KidsID event at the Eagan Community Center. There is no charge to have this valuable service provided for your friends, neighbors, children and grandchildren. The Eagan Community Center is near the intersection of Pilot Knob Road And Yankee Doodle.
The event is being put together as a "Kids Expo" with Sesame Street character and many other things of interest to families and children.
Sponsored by the Sun Current Newspapers.

Date:
Saturday, September 26, 2015 - 10:00am to 4:00pm
Eagan Community Center
1501 Central Parkway Eagan, Minnesota

September Menus

Sept 8:	Baked Chicken	Sept 22:	Meat Loaf
	Cheesy Potatoes		Macaroni & Cheese
	Broccoli Salad		Cole Slaw
	Corn-on-the-cob		Peas & Carrots
	Apple Crisp		Pie

Catering Committee Report

The Catering committee met a couple weeks ago. In attendance Sister Carol , RWB Fred Viihovde and Stewards Bro. Lee Love and Bro. Joel Friedman. Bro. Fred is the State licensed food supervisor of the kitchen for Cataract #2. As most of you know, Richfield Chapter #293, Order of the Eastern Star had been cooking delicious and healthy meals for the brothers of Cataract for 50 years and were replaced by the committee with leadership by Bro. Fred and Sister Carol. They are retiring from cooking for Cataract in September of 2017, when Bro. Fred's license expires, so Cataract will have to decide on how to handle our meals after that time. We are very grateful to them and their crew for their hard work! If you would like to do the job or have ideas, let an officer know.

—Lee Love SS

Toys For Tots Campaign Continues!

Brethren of Cataract Lodge. Once again it is time for the Toys for Tots fundraiser. Last year we surpassed the previous year. With matching funds from Minnesota Masonic Charities, we were able to make a $23,930 donation to the Marines' "Toys for Tots" campaign. I am here to ask you again for your support in this great effort in helping make our community's children's Christmas a little more joyous. Over the last 6 years, we have supported the Marines with almost $75,000. There will be someone from the committee calling you again this year for your support. See the presentation of our "Big Check" on Channel 11 here: http://bcove.me/zfx2uydw

You can send in your contribution to:

Grand Lodge of Minnesota
Cataract Lodge #2 Toys for Tots Doug Campbell
11501 Masonic Home Drive
Bloomington MN 55437

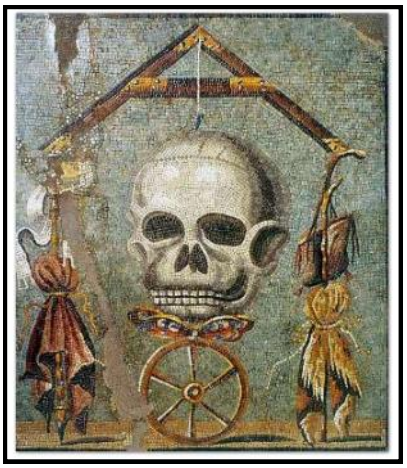
Dave Highum Memorial Golf Outing

Brothers of Cataract Lodge. This year's Dave Highum Memorial Golf Outing will be held at:

WHERE: HYLAND GREENS GOLF COURSE
LOCATION: 102 ST and NORMANDALE BLVD
DATE: September 13, 2015
TIME: 1st Tee Time is 1:00 PM.
Hyland Greens is a Par 3 course.

Please contact Terry Henthorn : 612-817-0885
Or Doug Camplbell: at Grand Lodge

Trestle Board Book Club.

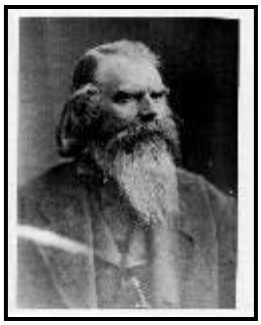


The Junior Officers of Cataract Lodge have formed a new book club! We plan on meeting 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm, **Because of Degree Practice, on Sept. 15th, we will meet the 5th Tuesday, September 29th** Our first book is John J. Robinson's *Born in Blood: The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry.* We will discuss the first five chapters of the book at our next meeting in the Lodge library. Please join us for informal, relaxed fellowship. For more information contact one of the Stewards, Bro. Lee Love or Bro. Joel Friedman.

Cataract Lodge # 2 Annual Chili Cook Off

Our Annual Chili Cook Off is just around the corner now on November 17th, and we are looking for a few great bowls of red! This year, awards will focus on the traditional best mild and best hot, but we're looking to add a few surprise categories based on the entrees we receive as well. In order to adequately prepare for this sumptuous event, we are asking all entrants to notify us not only of their desire to show off, but also a little bit about your special chili and why it should be ensconced in the hall of fame.
Please contact our Stewards, Lee Love (togeika@gmail.com) or Joel Friedman (kaaless@comcast.net) to enter. Include your name & phone (in case we have questions?), name of your chili, and other information you think we should have.

Who Is Who At Cataract Lodge #2 Col John H Stevens



Cataract Masonic Lodge has organized and scheduled a Lakewood Cemetery Event for Patriot Day 11 Sep 2015, starting promptly at 2 PM. The burial site of Col. Stevens will be one of 5 stops in this planned, History based, walkabout. Please consider attending and bring wives, kids, neighbors and friends. We shall try to make this event enjoyable and worthwhile for all, The pictures will reveal a few details about Col. Stevens. He is becoming to be well recognized as a Pillar of Minnesota Freemasonry AF & AM. Records indicate that Col. Stevens family members were taken captive in Spain and sent off to France.. Years later they became known as French Huguenots and were driven by persecution to England and Thence, Some of them, in the 17th century, immigrated to New England, coming over with others on the Mayflower. Some member of this lineage fought as Patriots in The War of Independence.

Col John H Stevens became known not only as a pre statehood pioneer but also as the God Father of Minneapolis proper. After seeing military service in the war with Mexico he traveled north into Minnesota Territory. About 1847-1849 he was given the right of the west bank across from St Anthony, in exchange for a promise to operate a ferry, with free passage for soldiers and military equipment. His home was the first permanent residence in Minneapolis and his daughter Mary, was the first Caucasian child born in Minneapolis in 1849. In 1896, in order for the Park board to preserve it, his home was moved by about 10,000 school children given the day off to do so, using horses, ropes and pulleys. The Paper reports: "It was a gala day in the public schools and every student who was old enough and strong enough was given the opportunity to assist."

His House is preserved near Minnehaha Falls.,

More information will be given during our, History based Walkabout at, Lakewood Cemetery on 11 Sep 2015-- Starting promptly at 2:00 PM when attendees will leave from the Lakewood Office at the entrance of Lakewood Cem for our 1st stop at the (GAR) Grand Army of the republic area of this very Historic Minneapolis Cemetery which goes by the name of Lakewood.- please consider parking this on your calendars, spread the word about it and ask a neighbor to come as well . All are welcome to attend... Attendees are urge to bring cameras &/or video equipment

Neighbors behind Bro. Stevens' Home

—Submitted by Lodge Historian Glenn Kiecker.

MEMORIAL CONCERT

Friday, September 11, 2015 Lake Harriet Band Shell Picnic Music at 5:00 p.m.

Spectacular Flag Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
Orchestra and Chorus Concert at 7:15 p.m.
This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Calendar

September 8- Stated 6:30pm Dinner 7:30 Meeting
September 13– Dave Highum Memorial Golf Outing
1st Tee Time is 1:00 PM
September 22— EA Degree 6:00PM Dinner 7:00PM Degree.
September 26—Kidspo Kids ID 10:00-4:00pm Minnesota Masonic Charities Gala 5:30-9:00pm
September 29— Education Lodge Fellowcraft instruction Templer Lodge #176
October 6— Officers Meeting 6:30PM
October 13— Stated6:30pm Dinner7:30 Meeting
October 20—Education Lodge Master Mason instruction Cataract Lodge #2
October 27— FC Degree 6:00PM Dinner 7:00PM Degree.
November 3— Officer's Meeting 6:30pm
November 10— Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm
November 15— Heritage Dinner MN Valley Country Club
November 17— Chili Cookoff 6:00pm

Cataract Lodge #2 is so active, that not all of our activities can be listed in the newsletter. Please visit our Facebook page for news and more "Who Is Who At Cataract #2" write ups by our Lodge Historian (you don't have to be a member of Facebook to view) at:
https://www.facebook.com/cataractlodge2

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

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