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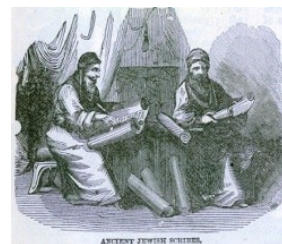
Greetings Brethren!

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. January not only marks the start of a new year but also a return to our Masonic labors as your lodge officers prepare for another degree cycle.



Speaking of degrees, it's always puzzled me how few men remain active in their lodge after being raised. Of the seven members who received their Third Degree with me at Cataract #2 in May 2008, only one or two continue to attend lodge regularly. Cataract #2 is not an anomaly when it comes to members remaining active, as the same thing is happening in many lodges across Minnesota. Why join a member organization if you don't intend on being an active member? If you're reading this and haven't attended lodge in a while, please consider coming back. If you're reading this and are an active member of the lodge, please consider reaching out to a brother you haven't heard from in a while and ask him to join you at our next meeting. You'll both be better off as a result!

The lodge officers are putting the finishing touches on the first degree cycle of 2017. Our Senior Warden, Scott Wood, will preside over the EA degree scheduled for January 24. The next month Junior Warden Arun Natarajan will sit in the East for the first time during the FC degree on February 28. Finally, yours truly will head up the MM degree on March 28. The EA and FC degrees will kick off with dinner at 6 PM, followed by the work starting promptly at 7 PM. The first section of the MM degree will start at 5 PM, with a break for dinner around 6:15 and the second section to follow. I'd like to put forth a good showing for our new members at each degree, so please mark your calendars now and plan on attending.



We've got a few social outings planned for the first part of 2017, including our annual Sweetheart's Dinner (Sunday, February 12), the Frozen Fore on Gull Lake (February 24-26), plus another visit to Lakes & Legends Brewing and a possible tour of the Aveda Institute in Minneapolis (one of Cataract #2's former homes), the dates of which are still to be determined. Have an idea for a new and different social event? Your lodge would love to hear from you! Please reach out to me or any of the officers listed on the last page of this newsletter.

See you in lodge! —WM Dave Ott

Christmas Turkey Dinner



Iowa Grand Lodge 50 Years Award For Brother Gordon Warner



WM Dave Ott & Cataract Lodge was asked to present Brother Gordon Warner, resident of Eden Prairie, his 50 year pin as a member of Acanthus Lodge No. 632 in Des Moines. Bro. Gordon became a member of our local Scottish Rite and Shrine, but kept affiliation with Acanthus Blue Lodge. He and his wife Fran attended our Holiday Dinner with Bro. Warner.



WB Fred and Carol Vihovde Retire After 32 Years of Delicious & Healthy Meals!



WM Dave Ott Expressed our Appreciation to WB Fred, Carol & their catering crew for their dedicated service to Cataract and Richfield Lodges

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:



FRIENDSHIP – a relationship of mutual affection between two or more people. The word “prietenia” shown on this stamp (which is from Romania) means “friendship.” The stamp shows a Romanian and Bulgarian peasant shaking hands. It was issued to stress “friendship.” (Romania, Issued 1948)



MORALITY – principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior. Whether or not one is religious, there can be no doubt that Jesus Christ as a prophet was the world's most perfect example of morality. His entire ministry on earth was centered on teaching morality. (Czechoslovakia, Issued 1991)



TRUTH – that which is in accordance with fact or reality. The stamp shows Veritas, the Roman goddess of truth. It was believed that she hid in the bottom of a holy well because she was so elusive. The inference here is to the elusiveness of truth in human relationships. Veritas is often seen holding a mirror looking at herself, with her right foot on a globe. In this case, she is just holding a globe. The significance of the globe is “universal truth.” In Freemasonry we are taught that truth is the foundation of every virtue. (United Nations, Issued 1967)



TEMPERANCE – moderation or self-restraint, especially in eating and drinking. The image on the stamp showing Temperance holding an hourglass is a detail from a painting by Ambrogio Lorenzetti (1338) entitled *Allegory of Good Government*. The hourglass is a symbol of time, so the inference would be to practice temperance at all times. The Masonic symbolism seen on the right shows a woman pouring milk into a cup; a wise substitute for wine (but moderation is the key). (San Marino, Issued 1961)



Who Is Who At Cataract Lodge #2?

Johnathon Chase



Brother Johnathon Chase of Cataract Masonic Lodge #2 was born in January 1819 in Maine. He died 2 Feb 1904, in Minnesota, having lived a long life of 85 years. 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... Some basic information was gathered up because of an e-mail sent to Cataract Masonic Lodge #2 Kevin Schwab which read as follows:

"From: Guadalupe Thomas To: Cataract Lodge
I am attempting to obtain information on my wife's great great grandfather, Information that the



family has him a member of Cataract Masonic Lodge #2 (the early years) and the Zion Commandry of the Knights Templar. My understanding is that he was one of the few surviving territorial pioneers of the area. We believe that he was a member of the Royal Arch Masons in the area



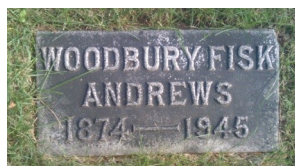
as well and possibility lived in Minneapolis. He apparently served in the legislature, lower house as a Senator. He was born Janu-

ary 2, 1817 and apparently went to that blissful lodge above on February 12, 1903. Whatever masonic information you can provide me will certainly make me a hero in my wife's eyes. Her family is truly trying to get the full picture of his masonic involvement.

Fraternally, Guadalupe Thomas, Worshipful Master Naval Lodge #87 101 Temple Way Vallejo, CA 94591"

Bro Doug Campbell and Glenn Kiecker helped 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. -submitted by Cataract Lodge historian glenn d kiecker

Woodbury Fisk Andrews



Remembering a Notable AF&AM Freemason and member of Zuhrah Shrine now in the Celestial Lodge... This Brother was initiated, passed and raised Sep-Oct 1900 at Cataract Lodge.

Woodbury Fisk Andrews was born on August 22, 1874, in Hennepin County, Minnesota. He was 43 years old and living in Minneapolis, Minnesota, when he registered for the World War I draft. He died on June 2, 1945, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, at the age of 70, and was buried in Minneapolis, Minnesota at Lakewood Cemetery. He worked in real estate and investment banking, Son of George H and Fannies Andrews nee Sexton. Married Claire Berberick 30 Apr 1901 in Minneapolis MN.. They parented 4 children —submitted by Cataract Lodge historian glenn d kiecker

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 or 612 326-4115

12th Annual Frozen Fore Golf and Snowmobile

Feb 24-26

Contact: WB Daniel Stark:
sharki007@yahoo.com or
WB Conrad Jackson:
Jackstrand@gmail.com



Feed My Starving Children Feb. 11, 10:00AM-Noon

It's that time of year again for the FMSC big South Metro MobilPack in Apple Valley at the old Rainbow Foods building. They're hoping to pack 4,000,000 meals this year over the six day event. Let's give them a hand. We've had a pretty good turnout over the past few years but they need all the help they can get. Not hard work at all and we have a pretty good time. Cataract will also be presenting them with a check which will pay for about 6,000 of those meals. It would be good to meet up a bit ahead of time, 9:40-9:45 and work as a team. Hope to see you there! Address:

Former Rainbow Foods Building:

**15125 Cedar Ave.
Apple Valley, MN 55124**

Calendar

- Jan 10** – Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated
Jan 12 – Scottish Rite 7th Degree, Cataract's sponsored degree. 6:00PM
Jan 24 – E.A. Degree 6:00 Dinner 7:00PM Degree
Feb 1 – Officer's Meeting 6:00PM @ Carbonies
Feb 12 – Sweetheart's Dinner The Minnesota Valley Country Club on Auto Club Drive in Bloomington. Tickets will be \$25.
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

You can always download current and past issues of Cataract News and view the calendar of events here: <http://cataractlodge.com/>
 See more photos, News and "Whose Who" At our Facebook pages:

Please RSVP all Dinners with our Secretary

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