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From The EAST!

Greetings from the East,

I am writing this in early April and as I look out my window I no longer see a blanket of dirty snow covering my lawn. On the other hand, neither is it the emerald green I hope to see in a month or so. Yet, even in the absence of buds on my apple trees, my daylilies have sprouted promising future splendor. It is therefore no wonder that Spring has long been the symbol of renewal and rebirth, of hope and promise. In a way, I feel akin to the bear ending his hibernation and surfacing from his den.

It is for our Lodge also a time of renewal. We begin to see an end to the onerous restrictions of the Pandemic. We now meet in person in Lodge and if our plans hold, beginning in May, we will be able to reinstitute the Fellowship Dinners before Blue Lodge. We welcome as well the opportunity Grand Lodge has given us to once again to bring our new brethren through their degree cycles but, at the same time, we anxiously await the return of performing Degree Rituals within our own Lodge.

It is also the time for the Grand Lodge Communication, which I was privileged to attend and where I learned of several new and important beginnings—a Formal Mentor Training, the Junior Warden Academy, the richly featured Grand View Database (with which, for the first time, Grand Lodge Officer election balloting was performed), institution of the statewide Lodge Building Trust Fund (providing needed building loans to Lodges around the state), creation of the Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletin Podcasts—to name only a few.

Also, in regard to renewal, I should also mention that next month's Lodge meeting would normally mark the election and installation of Cataract's new officer line for the coming year. However, given all the societal restrictions and necessary interruptions in the course of this past year, it has been unanimously decided that your officers of this past year, will continue in their places and stations for the coming 2021-2022 year. Look on the bright side. If nothing else, we will be able to avoid the expense of an installation.



As always, I remain fraternally yours,
Worshipful Master Joel Friedman



Dinners Resume at May Stated!

Social Zooming Continues on 4th Tuesdays

From The West



Greetings from the West!

One of the few benefits of all the COVID-19 limitations has been a chance to catch up on my reading. My most recent selection was about the science of alchemy. It has been an enlightening read and made me aware of just how many alchemical terms and concepts are woven throughout Masonic ritual. The term “putrefaction,” which you may remember from the staircase lecture, provides but one example. Putrefaction refers to a process used by alchemists in which a material is digested and broken down into a substance that can then be separated into basic elements and highly purified. It was all part of the process by which alchemists sought to transmute one substance into a better and more perfect form, such as turning lead into gold.

Perhaps more importantly, it opened my eyes to why there are so many alchemical references in Masonry. It is not a coincidence. Masonry is largely human alchemy, “making good men better,” not in the physical sense but by helping men to transform themselves and work towards both moral and spiritual perfection.

Being a Mason also means you never have to stop learning. Those who are interested should check out some of the recorded education programs offered by Grand Lodge over the past year. You can find upcoming and recorded programs on many topics at <https://www.mn-masons.org/webinars/>.



Fraternally yours,
Paul Hodnefield Senior Warden

From The South

Greetings From the South,

Pat Carver and I met with Nate Miller at his home in Burnsville on Thursday evening to present him with two \$1,000 checks. One from Cataract Lodge, the other a matching donation from Minnesota Masonic Charities.



Nate operates The Twin Cities South Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that helps stop children from having to sleep without a bed. The money we as a lodge agreed to donate will help fund the building of hundreds of bunk beds that will be delivered to needy families. We hope to get a chance to be a part of the production and deliveries of these bunk beds once COVID 19 restrictions loosen. We will be asking for any lodge members who are willing and able to help with this noble cause. Another way that we as a lodge can help is by donating twin size sheets, comforters and blankets. They are not in need of pillows at this time. If you have any questions you can contact Pat Carver or myself. You can also visit their website <https://www.shpbeds.org/>



Fraternally yours, **Andrew Hall Junior Warden**

High Five for Supplies

Every year, Simon Says Give has provided school kids with the tools needed for the classroom with the High Five for Supplies program. The Lodge has been contributing for several years now.

As you can see, Dina Simon was very happy to receive Cataract's donation, in Glenn Kiecker's name, as well as the matching funds provided by MN Masonic Charities. She will be keeping us updated on the upcoming supply events. Last year 4600 pre-kitted supply boxes were distributed; 300 of those by members of Cataract. —Submitted By WB Kevin Schwab



Grand Lodge 1st Degree Ritual Candidates



Brethren of Cataract Lodge,

Join your Brethren and our Officers of Cataract Lodge for a unique on line social gathering, celebrating ... what the heck, we don't need a reason to celebrate. Let's get together, check in with your Brothers from Cataract Lodge and engage in some good old fashioned " ... friendly and social intercourse ..."

This is not a Tyled meeting so we will not conduct any Lodge business - other than to check in on each other and have a good time!!

Join us!!!

Our gathering will be via the **Zoom on line meeting application**. Join us if you can.

Topic: Cataract Lodge Social Hour - Zoom Meeting

Fourth Tuesdays 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Contact Dave Kampf 612 964-4211 davek@windridgesystems.com Or Lee (see back page)

For Zoom Application and Sign on information



Celestial Lodge



The roll of the workmen has been called, and one Master Mason has not responded:

Brother John E. Mitchell

Born 4/3/1933

Degrees in Century Lodge No. 338:

Entered Apprentice Degree 1/24/1967

Fellowcraft Degree 2/14/1967

Master Mason Degree 2/28/1967

Called to the Celestial Lodge Above 3/2/2021



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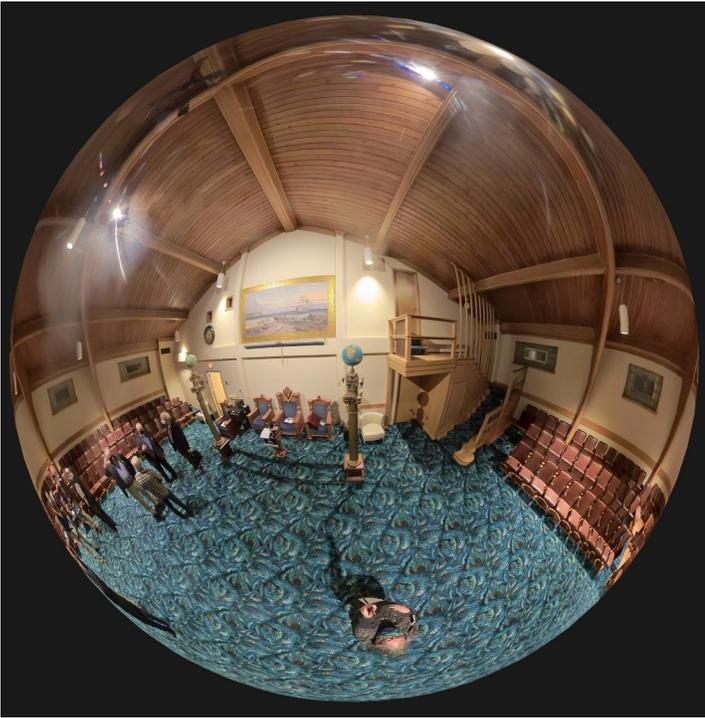
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