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From The EAST!

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Greetings Brethren! I hope everyone is staying cool as we head into the "dog days" of summer. Cataract Lodge #2 continues to stay active despite the heat! I was fortunate to be among a group of lodge members and their spouses for a visit to Lakes & Legends Brewing (www.lakesandlegends.com)in Minneapolis. We were treated to a fantastic tour and beer sampling by one of our newest brothers, Andrew Dimery. Brother Andrew is very passionate about his craft and did a wonderful job explaining the brewing process. Lakes & Legends specializes in Belgian style beers that incorporate unique ingredients. Be sure to stop by and say hello to Brother Andrew the next time you're downtown.





A group of brothers and their spouses volunteered at Simon Says Give's "High Five For Supplies" event at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights during the first weekend of August. In exchange for our support the lodge received backpacks filled with school supplies appropriate for kids of all ages. We delivered the majority of the packs to Shriner's Hospital, who have assured us they will be given to families in need. The remaining packs will be dropped off at Minneapolis and St. Paul area public schools and other non-profit groups. We've got many more volunteer opportunities scheduled in the coming months, so if you are available to help out, please reach out to me or any of the lodge officers today for more information. We'd love to see you at a future event!

With fall just around the corner, keep your calendar open on Tuesday, October 18 for our annual Chili Cook Off, taking place in the lodge dining hall. We invite all lodge members and their families to participate, either by making a pot of chili to be judged or simply showing up to sample the various entries. Also, our annual Heritage Dinner and Awards Night will take place on Sunday, November 13 at the Minnesota Valley Country Club. Look to future newsletters for more information about each of these great annual events.



Is coming October 18th!



Simon Says Give-- Backpacking Event- at St Thomas Academy

A Hearty Brotherhood of MN Freemasons from Cataract Masonic Lodge and Prince Hall Palestine Lodge participated with enthusiasm.. The first Back Packing Session started promptly at 9 AM . By about 11:30A.M. near 4000 Back Packs had already been packed .



Back Packs Delivered to The Shriner's Hospital for Children & Ain Day Yung Center in St Paul



What a pleasant way to spend a morning! Smiles were everywhere including on my own face.

--Cataract Lodge Historian Glenn Kiecker





W. Brother Blake English celebrated his 97th birthday on Monday, August 8, 2016. Many members will remember Blake as the longtime Secretary of Richfield Lodge No.

334 and our Chaplain at Cataract Lodge No. 2 for many years.

WB Blake is pictured here receiving his 70 year pin in

February of this year.





Toys For Tots 2016 Drive



Brethren of Cataract Lodge. Once again it is time for the Toys for Tots fundraiser. 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. Last year we raised \$18,350. Over the last 7 years our combined effort has raised nearly \$90,000 There will be someone from the committee calling you again this year for your support. We need help phoning brothers. Please contact WB Terry or Joel if you can help.

You can also send in your contribution to:

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

Toys For Tots committee Chairs WB Terry Henthorn & JD Joel Friedman

Cataract Lodge Visits Lakes And Legends Micro Brewery with Brewmaster Andrew Dimery



Having a pint with Andrew before touring the Brewery



We learn about the chemistry of brewing beer the Belgian way. We were offered Hops to taste.



Keeping the apparatus clean is essential for proper Brewing. It made me think of alchemy and Wizards.



Only dark beers are aged in these wine and spirits kegs. Most should be imbibed within three months.

Who Is Who At Cataract Lodge #2?



Jack Alexander was born on November 13, 1925, in Minnesota. He died on March 13. 2007, in Minnesota, at the age of 81, and was buried in Minneapolis, Minnesota Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Jack was raised as a Master Mason at Cataract Masonic Lodge #2

on 13 Mar 1968... Obit Data: Alexander, Jack age 81, of Bloomington, resident of MN Masonic Home, formerly of Orlando, FL passed away peacefully on March 13, 2007. Preceded in death by brother, Richard. Survived by loving wife of 60 years, Edith; son, James; daughter, Nancy Hansen; 6 grandchildren, ; numerous extended family and friends. Merchant Marine Veteran, grew up in Ashville, NC where he met his wife Edith, worked for the Washington Senators, who became the MN Twins, bringing Jack and Edith to MN. They retired to FL for 20 years of sun and fun. Member Cataract Masonic Lodge #2, active N.A.A. member. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorial service MN Masonic Home Chapel, 11501 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington. Wife Obit Data...Edith Ballard Alexander was born on March 30. 1931. She died on January 4, 2010, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Obit Data--- Alexander, Edith B. Age 78, of MN Masonic Home in Bloomington, passed away January 3, 2010. Left this world to join husband Jack, where they will be dancing with the stars together forever. Survived by children, James Alexander and Nancy Hansen; Submitted by Cataract Lodge Historian G Kiecker 32*

Celestial Lodge



Walter V. Brod

Born 6/14/1924

Died 5/22/2016

Master Mason Degree 11/7/1960



Degrees in Richfield Lodge No. 334: Entered Apprentice Degree 6/6/1960 Fellowcraft Degree 9/15/1960

"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

We meet in the Lodge library. Next meeting is Sunday Aug 14th 6:00PM We are reading

Morgan: The Scandal That Shook Freemasonry by Stephen Dafoe, Preface: Arturo de Hoyos. Pts. 2 and 3 Everyone Welcomed! Don't need to read the book to attend! For more information contact: Lee Love at togeika@gmail.com or 612 326-4115

Calendar

<u>Aug 14</u>—Trestle Board Book Club 6:00PM Lodge library <u>Sept 1</u>— Cataract Sponsored 7th Degree at Scottish Rite

6:00PM

Sept 4— Officer's Meeting 6:30PM

Sept 11– Trestle Board Book Club 6:00PM Lodge library

Sept 14— Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated

Oct 4— Officer's Meeting 6:30PM

Oct 9— Trestle Board Book Club 6:00PM Lodge library

Oct 11 Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated

Details to follow next month on events listed below:

Oct 16 – Dave Highum Memorial Golf Outing

Oct 18- Chili Cookoff

Nov 13 – Heritage Dinner

Please RSVP all Dinners with our Secretary



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