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From The EAST!

It has been a wonderful summer thus far. This was a year when it seemed like we skipped Spring altogether and jumped straight into Summer from Winter that record snowfalls as late as mid-April. For me personally, the warm sun was something I was looking forward to with great anticipation. It is that time of year when the sun is shining bright and everybody is in a good mood. The warm weather creates positive attitudes for everyone. For parents with young kids, school is out, and it is a nice time to travel and have a great family vacation. I know many of the brothers in our Lodge did exactly that. For those brothers with an avid interest in motorcycles and riding, summer is when the long trips cross-country is in the offing. Our own Secretary RW Bro Doug, for instance, took a cross-country ride from Minnesota to the nation's Capital, D.C., to meet family. Overall an awesome time.



Old Baal's Bridge, Limerick c. 1830.

Last month, as a part of an assignment at my workplace, I was in the UK for a couple of weeks, and during that time I happened to travel to Limerick, Ireland over a weekend. Typically, whenever I travel overseas (or even within the US for that matter), I try to carve out some time to visit a Lodge and experience Brotherly Love and continuous proof that Masonry truly brings brothers of all backgrounds together and unites us. This time I was fortunate enough to be able to just visit very briefly (i.e. not attend a Stated Meeting) Lodge No 13 in Limerick, Ireland. This is when I heard a little history that is relevant to all Masons around the world.

Apparently, back in the 1830s when workmen were repairing a bridge in Limerick, they chanced upon an ancient

relic in the shape of a brass square, with this encryption:

“I strive to live with Love and Care, Upon the Level, By the Square”, circa 1507

This is now in the possession of Lodge No. 13 in Limerick, Ireland. While it is unclear if the brass square had Masonic associations before it was discovered, it certainly has influenced us tremendously since. Recall that before we go back into the real world from Lodge, we do so by proclaiming to “act on the square” and to “meet upon the level.” It is said that these were influenced by this old brass square in Limerick, Ireland!

Facsimile reproduced from a rubbing

This was something interesting that I learnt over the summer! Summer is not yet over, and we have several weeks of sun left and the coming weeks/months are arguably the best season in Minnesota – and among other things we have the fried pickle at the State Fair to look forward to in a few weeks! happy summer and look forward to seeing you all at the Stated Meetings as well as at the Degree work that we will have lined up this Fall.

—WM Arun Natarajan

Simon Says Give Sets Guinness Record!

Simon
Says
Give



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On August 8, several volunteers gathered at the Mall of America rotunda to fill over 8,000 backpacks and set a Guinness World Record for the most packed in 8 hours. It actually did not take that long. Several of our Brothers from Prince Hall were there to work, as well. Brother Glenn Kiecker was recognized as the official ambassador for Simon Says and submitted his own generous donation. Cataract Lodge has 150 backpacks of our own to distribute as we see fit. Feel free to let me know if you know of any school, or individual for that matter, who can put them to use. It's been great working with Dina and Mandi Simon and their organization over the past few years. Let's continue!
—WB Kevin Schwab



**WB Lane Guyot presents
WB Scott Wood with his
Past Master's Tie**



**Bro. Andrew Hall is the Chef
at Cocina del Parrio Edina and
hosted a social event for
Cataract Lodge there on July**

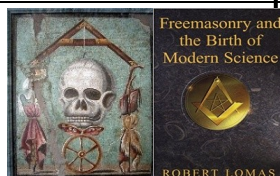


Happy 99th Birthday WB Blake English!



Our new book we are about to start is
Freemasonry & the Birth of Modern Science. By Robert Lomas We
meet in the Lodge library
Usual meeting is 2nd Sunday at 6pm
(write to verify meeting)
Everyone is Welcomed!

Trestle Board Club



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On Saturday, August 11th a handful of Cataract Lodge members met at 9AM at the Masonic Home for coffee and Birthday Cake and we celebrated PM Blake English's 99th Birthday!!!

We all enjoyed Dairy Queen Ice Cream Cake with Blake, and we all hope we did not spoil Blake's breakfast as it was before his scheduled breakfast. --Br. Herb Berzelius

Grand Master MW John Studell Recognizes Very Worshipful Bro. Peter Bache's Contribution to Masonry

In May of 2003, James Robert Smail was installed as Master of Cataract Lodge. WB Jim is an Australian Naval veteran and an active Freemason in every way. While he was living in Minnesota, he affiliated with Cataract Lodge and served us faithfully. He did a tour



as the Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and taught us all the Aussie version of the "King's English". In 2009 he and his Lady Cathy returned to Australia. Two years ago he lost his Cathy to the ravages of cancer and WB Mark Campbell and his wife Leila decided to visit Jim this spring. WB Bob Selden and his wife decided the tour of Australia with the assistance of WB Jim Smail was an opportunity they could not pass up – and the four of us laid plans to visit Jim in April and May.



Our Grand Master (at the time) MW John Studell, hearing of our plan and knowing of WB Jim's dedication to Minnesota Masonry asked us to deliver a message from him. These photos memorialize WB Jim's acknowledgement by his home lodge of his recognition by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and his designation of our representative in Australia. WB Jim Smail is on the left in the photos, receiving the proclamation from the Worshipful Master of Jim's Lodge, Very Worshipful Brother Peter Bache.

WB Jim's hospitality, historical perspective, and service as a travel guide was greatly appreciated by the Seldens and the Campbells.

—WB Mark Campbell



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. 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 & JW Joel Friedman

Dave Highum Memorial Golf Outing



Sunday, September 16
Tee Time 1pm
Contact:
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Celestial Lodge

Nels A. Alfredson
Born 1/30/1928
Degrees in Richfield Lodge No. 334
Entered Apprentice Degree 6/20/1963
Fellowcraft Degree 9/5/1963
Master Mason Degree 11/4/1963
Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above 7/10/2018



Gerald L. Sacks:
Born 12/14/1932
Entered Apprentice Degree 9/12/1963
Fellowcraft Degree 10/17/1963
Master Mason Degree 11/16/1963
Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above 11/19/2017



Calendar

Aug 7 – Officers' Meeting 6:00PM Lodge
Aug 12 – Trestle Board Book Club 6:00PM Lodge Library
Aug 14 – Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30PM
 7:30PM Stated
Sept 4 – Officers' Meeting 6:00PM Lodge
Sept 9 – Scottish Rite Big Tent Night 5:00pm
Sept 9 – Trestle Board Book Club 6:00PM Lodge Library
Sept 11 – Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30PM 7:30PM Stated
Sept 18 – Dave Highum Memorial Golf Tourney TBA
Sept 25 – Entered Apprentice Degree 6:00PM
Oct 2 – Officers' Meeting 6:00PM Lodge
Oct 8 – Trestle Board Book Club 6:00PM Lodge Library
Oct 9 – Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30PM
 7:30PM Stated
Oct 16 – Chili Cookoff Chili arrives 5:30PM Tasting 6:00PM
Oct 23 – Fellowcraft Degree 6:00PM

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