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**From The EAST!**

Dear Brethren,Greetings from the East.

“How pleasant it is for brethren to sit together!” (paraphrasing Psalm 133)

In my religious tradition, this Psalm is recited every morning and the phrase has morphed into a favorite folksong traditional at Passover. But for all of us throughout the ages, it rings true in spirit, perhaps today with a bittersweet note.

I have to admit, that I was excited a couple months back to get back into Lodge, and disheartened by this new wave of the Pandemic forcing us to cancel in person contacts. It is such a joy each month to sit in Lodge together and see the familiar faces of my Brothers, to share the updated news of each other’s lives and even to hear the same old worn out stories and jokes. I miss all of you, but we still “sit together” in spirit. By this, I refer to more than our Zoom meetings, textings or phone calls. For every time, we do good in the world, contribute to charity, volunteer or just share a smile, we show the world around us the good that is Masonry. So chin up! There are many still who need us especially in this season and under the heavy weight of the continuing threats of the Pandemic. Our efforts are sorely needed as the cries for help, aid and assistance grow. Be the quiet face of Masonic Brotherhood. Make your corner of the world just a bit better by your being there.

*Worshipful Master Joel Friedman*

**Procedure For Joining Grand Lodge Member Site**

**Grand Lodge of Minnesota  
GRAND VIEW**

**HOW TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER**

Grand View Procedure

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hx-WliihfcM>

Step 1 – Enter the url for your jurisdiction:  
<https://mn.grandview.systems>

Step 2 – Click on [Member Portal](#)

Step 3 – Click on [Member Registration](#)

Step 4 – Enter your [Lodge Number](#)

Step 5 – Enter your [Member ID](#)  
(5-digit Grand Lodge ID number from top left of your 2020 dues card)

Step 6 – Enter your [Last Name](#) (case sensitive)

Step 7 – Click on [Check Membership Status](#)

Step 8 – Enter your [Email Address](#)

Step 9 – Enter a [Password](#) that you can remember

Step 10 – Enter [Confirmation](#) by entering password again

Step 11 – Click on [Submit](#)

# Zoom Stated Meeting!



## From The North

**Greetings Brothers,**

We watched a virtual concert put on by my wife Jean's cousin, musician and writer *Tim Grimm*. It was superb. One of the songs *Better Days* lyrics (off his Heartland Again Album), made me remember how I was welcomed to the Lodge, especially by elder Brothers, who I always seek out at dinner before our meetings. I enjoy hearing their stories about Cataract's history and also about the experiences our older brothers had in the war be-

*Amos Chestnut is my neighbor  
All his life an honest man  
I stepped up to his door a stranger  
I walked away a newfound friend*

fore I was born. The ones who have gone before us are dearly missed. The holidays and the New Year are a time for remembrance, thanks and gratitude. This Pandemic too will pass and we'll meet, dine, laugh together and tell stories and listen to them, .

*God knows I'll miss them  
They give me hope for better days*

**Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*Fraternally Yours, Br. Lee Love*

## Hello Brothers of Cataract Lodge #2.

I hope this message finds you all well. It is time again for us to reach out to all of you for our annual donation to the Toys for Tots. We have been supporting the Marines with this endeavor for over 10 years. You have all made the holiday season more enjoyable for our younger folks of the Metro Area. We are asking you again this year to support this very worthwhile function. All donations to the Toys for Tots go to the purchase of toys for their holiday season. There are no administration costs associated with this. Please send your donations to the lodge by November 30.

Fraternally,

**Terry Henthorn PM** Page 2

## Toys For Tots 2020!



## From The West

### Greetings from the West,



I thought it might be a welcome diversion from current events to look back at some little-known trivia about the earliest days of Cataract Lodge #2. The first item is that Cataract was not originally given the number 2. The Lodge was first chartered on October 5, 1852 as Cataract Lodge #121 under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Only after the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was formed the following year and issued a new charter did it become Cataract Lodge #2. Another interesting fact is that during the first formal meeting of Cataract Lodge, which took place in the parlor of Ard Godfrey's House on February 14, 1852, the tyler was a woman. The Master, Alfred Elisha Ames, thought it important to have all nine charter members in the parlor room to read the dispensation, appoint officers and institute the Lodge. Therefore, Ard Godfrey's sister agreed to serve as tyler for that first meeting. While the history of Cataract Lodge #2 records that meeting in Ard Godfrey's house as the first formal meeting of the Lodge, it was not the very first. The first meeting took place on December 13, 1851. On that date, the nine charter members of what would become Cataract Lodge #2 met in Dr. Alfred E. Ames' office, where they petitioned the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a dispensation to form the Lodge.

I hope you enjoyed the foregoing tidbits of Cataract history and wish you all the best in this holiday season. (Sources: Educational Lodge No. 1002 A.F. & A.M., Bulletin No. 9, January 25, 1949 and Cataract Lodge #2 A.F. & A.M., An Illustrated Historical Sketch of the Lodge: 1852-1926).

Fraternally, **Paul Hodnefield Senior Warden**

### Greetings from the South,

## From The South



The holidays are about traditions, passed down from one generation to another. The traditions change gradually over time but for the most part stay the same. Family gathered around to share in food, drink, stories and gifts with each other. I imagine it's a lot like masonry. The degrees we present today are, I'm sure a lot different from the way they were presented 100 years ago but the message remains the same. Be a good and true member of society who looks out for his fellow brothers. Much like the holidays this year, not being able to spend them with loved ones, we are once again forced to meet via video chats for our lodge meetings. This does not necessarily have to be a bad thing... Looking at the situation with a glass half full mentality we realize this is a great way to see members who are in other parts of the country. It also gives us lots of time to reflect on what we would like the future of our lodge to look like. This holiday season I will be focusing on everything I have to be thankful for. Thank you all for your wisdom, brotherly love, strength and support.

Fraternally yours, **Andrew Hall, Junior Warden**

## Celestial Lodge



John R. Howe  
Born 3/25/1932  
Entered Apprentice Degree 4/1/1968  
Fellowcraft Degree 5/6/1968  
Master Mason Degree 6/3/1968  
Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above 11/26/2020

John K. Mielke  
Born 6/12/1930  
Entered Apprentice Degree 5/26/1959  
Fellowcraft Degree 11/3/1959  
Master Mason Degree 11/24/1959  
Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above 7/30/2020

Carl D. Wilmot  
Born 5/22/1939  
Entered Apprentice Degree 1/13/1970  
Fellowcraft Degree 2/3/1970  
Master Mason Degree 2/3/1970  
Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above 11/10/2020



### Trestle Board Club

Our current book is:

**Fundamentalism & Freemasonry**

by Gary Leazer

We are on Chapters 1-3

Usual meeting is 2nd Sunday at 6:00PM  
but during Covid, we will go month by month.

Everyone is Welcomed! You don't need to Read the book. Current members enjoy American History, Masonic History and Genealogy

**For more information**

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## Cataract Lodge No. 2 Baseball Caps

During these times, I am willing to mail orders out. If you are interested in Shirts, Jackets or Tshirts, they can be printed with our Lodge Logo.



**If you'd like a Hat  
contact Br. Lee Love  
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\$15.00**



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