



**CATARACT LODGE NO. 2, A.F.& A.M. CONSECRATED 1852**

5149 BLOOMINGTON AVE. S., MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55417

<http://www.cataractlodge.com> [cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net)



**Joel Friedman  
Worshipful Master**

4226 Wexford way  
Eagan, MN. 55122  
Phone 952-250-9423  
E-mail: [kaaless@comcast.net](mailto:kaaless@comcast.net)

Vol.107 Issue 12  
December 2021



**R.W.B. Douglas Campbell  
Secretary**

5841 Park Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55417  
(612) 281-2184 (cell)  
E-mail:  
[cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net)



**From The EAST!**

**Greetings from the East,**

I think I have always had a fondness for this time of year. Certainly not because of the bitter cold, the mountains of snow to be shoveled or even the slippery patches of ice lying in wait for the unsuspecting. It's not really even the maddening crowds of shoppers rushing about doing their requisite holiday gift gathering. And even though any of those delightful Christmas songs can strike a chord in even the heart of a bona fide Scrooge, the incessant repetition that assaults my ears no matter where I am, even that is not the source of my enjoyment of the "Season." What captivates me is that every year, for a few short days, there is a warm, cordial spirit of caring. People just seem to smile more, it seems to me. People seem more courteous, more cordial and more thoughtful of others. I love that the Masonic lessons of friendship and brotherly love are so widespread. Then too, it is somewhat natural at this time to take stock of where we are in our lives, how we arrived at this point and the wonders and joys that cheered us along the way. Taking stock in our past helps us judge the road ahead, the many twists and turns that we might negotiate. As a result, this is also a time for us to begin to make our personal resolutions for our improvement. Let us all be grateful for that which we have and who we have become, knowing that our future paths need not and should not be traveled alone, but experienced with others with the hope that we will take advantage of every opportunity to lighten another's load.



***Our Holiday Dinner. Thanks Br. Doley & Cathy!***

Let us all be grateful for that which we have and who we have become, knowing that our future paths need not and should not be traveled alone, but experienced with others with the hope that we will take advantage of every opportunity to lighten another's load.

With best wishes for you and yours, I remain, fraternally,

*Worshipful Master Joel Friedman*



## From The West

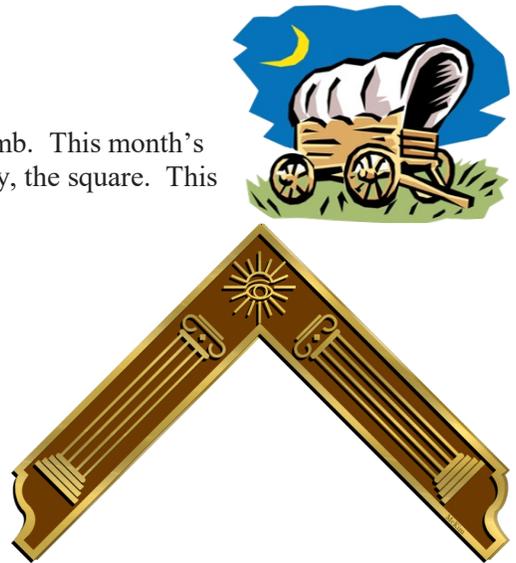
### Greetings from the West!

Greetings from the West!

In the last two newsletters I addressed the symbolism of the compass plumb. This month's article is dedicated to the other common but important symbol of Masonry, the square. This symbol is so well known that it has developed significance in the population as a whole. The "Square Deal," achieving something "fair and square" and other references all flow from the concept of the square as a measure of virtue, right conduct and fairness. In fact, an angle of ninety degrees is "correct" for a stone to go in a perpendicular wall, so it is referred to as the "right" angle. As we strive to improve ourselves in Masonry, the square serves as a reminder that we should always be fair and "right" as we shape the angles of our living stones.

Fraternally Yours,

**Paul Hodnefield Senior Warden**



## From The South

I recently took a liking to bluegrass music and especially became interested in learning how to play the banjo. Worshipful Master Joel Friedman sold me the banjo he owned since 1980. I began learning Scruggs style banjo on Joel's recommendation and realized how much I love it but also how difficult it can be. I got to thinking about how many practicing hours it would take me to become a master banjo player. The answer is 10,000 hours of practice. It's a common rule of thumb, popularized by Malcom Gladwell in his bestseller *Outliers: The Story of Success*. As many of you know I have a hundred or so different hobbies that I consider myself an intermediate or an amateur at. Then I found out the root of the word amateur, *amare* past participle in Latin means "to love" which got me thinking maybe I don't ever want to become an expert banjo player at all. If I reach a level of mastery in a subject will I still love it? As Master Masons, should we remind ourselves to be amateur lovers of the craft?



Fraternally yours,

**Andrew Hall Junior Warden**

**Editor: Bro Andrew's contribution made me think of this Kurt Vonnegut quote I came across.**

"When I was 15, I spent a month working on an archeological dig. I was talking to one of the archeologists one day during our lunch break and he asked those kinds of "getting to know you" questions you ask young people: Do you play sports? What's your favorite subject? And I told him, no I don't play any sports. I do theater, I'm in choir, I play the violin and piano, I used to take art classes.

And he went WOW. That's amazing! And I said, "Oh no, but I'm not any good at ANY of them."

And he said something then that I will never forget and which absolutely blew my mind because no one had ever said anything like it to me before:

"I don't think being good at things is the point of doing them. I think you've got all these wonderful experiences with different skills, and that all teaches you things and makes you an interesting person, no matter how well you do them."

And that honestly changed my life. Because I went from a failure, someone who hadn't been talented enough at anything to excel, to someone who did things because I enjoyed them. I had been raised in such an achievement-oriented environment, so inundated with the myth of Talent, that I thought it was only worth doing things if you could "Win" at them."

—**Kurt Vonnegut**

**Brothers, Don't Be A Stranger!**



**Celestial Lodge**

Arthur E. Hall  
 Born 12/26/1926  
 Entered Apprentice Degree  
 4/5/1954  
 Fellowcraft Degree 5/3/1954  
 Master Mason Degree 5/26/1954  
 Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above  
 9/15/2020



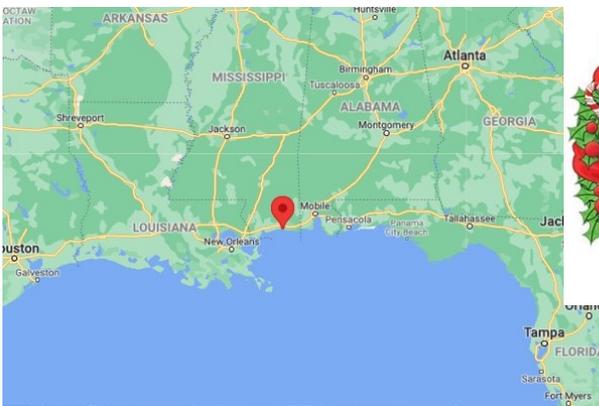
J. Gregor Nelson  
 Born 3/13/1946  
 Entered Apprentice Degree 10/2/1978  
 Fellowcraft Degree 11/6/1978  
 Master Mason Degree 12/4/1978  
 Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above  
 12/5/2020

Le Roy J. Martinson  
 Born 12/6/1940  
 Entered Apprentice Degree 9/28/1965  
 Fellowcraft Degree 11/23/1965  
 Master Mason Degree 12/6/1965  
 Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above  
 10/25/2021



**“From The Road” by Brother Pat Carver :**

*Karen and I are traveling full time in our 30' Itasca motorhome. Working our way to Florida for the winter months Here are photos from my visit to McLeod Lodge 424 1100 Government St, Ocean Springs, MS 39564*



## Cataract Lodge Officers

**Dinners Resumed at May Stated!**  
**Dinner is served at 6:30, maybe a few minutes earlier and the meeting follows at 7:30.**

**Social Zooming Continues on 4th Tuesdays**  
**RSVP For Dinner with our Secretary**  
Doug Campbell [cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net)



**Happy St. John The Evangelist Day!**  
**December 27th, 2021**

### Worshipful Master-

Joel Friedman [kaaless@comcast.net](mailto:kaaless@comcast.net)

### Senior Warden-

Paul Hodnefeld [phod@goldengate.net](mailto:phod@goldengate.net)

### Junior Warden-

Andrew Hall [andrewfrandsen\\_2@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewfrandsen_2@yahoo.com)

### Senior Deacon-

Aaron Cooney [comatoast85@gmail.com](mailto:comatoast85@gmail.com)

### Junior Deacon-

Jeffrey Nielsen [j Nielsen56@gmail.com](mailto:j Nielsen56@gmail.com)

### Senior Steward-

### Junior Steward-

### Tyler-

### Secretary-

Doug Campbell [cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net](mailto:cataractlodge@qwestoffice.net)

### Lodge Education Officer-

Mark Campbell [markacampbell@gmail.com](mailto:markacampbell@gmail.com)

### Treasurer-

Dave Kampf [davek@windridgesystems.com](mailto:davek@windridgesystems.com)

### Chaplain-

Robert Selden [rjselden@comcast.net](mailto:rjselden@comcast.net)

### Marshal-

Terry Henthorn [tlhenthorn@gmail.com](mailto:tlhenthorn@gmail.com)

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
PERMIT 660  
Minneapolis, MN

CATARACT LODGE NO. 2, A.F. & A.M.  
5149 BLOOMINGTON AVENUE SOUTH  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55417  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED