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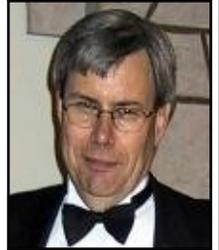
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Greetings From The EAST!

A New Year! Filled with the hopes and promises of renewal and new beginnings and weighed down by all those darn resolutions. Every year at this time, we set out to make some changes in our lives to better ourselves and some of us don't relent on these impositions until March or even later. But here's mine for you my Brothers: Smile more, hug more and be thankful. Live each moment as if it's your last chance to do the right thing in the right way for the right person and for the right reasons. Otherwise, I have to keep it short, because there is so much to put in this month's newsletter.

*I remain, fraternally,
Joel Friedman, Worshipful Master*

Birth Month of a Notable Mason: Benjamin Franklin (1706 – 1790:

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealing with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."



Cataract Lodge Social Hour On Line

Join your Brethren and our Officers of Cataract Lodge for a unique on line social gathering, celebrating...Aw, 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 be conducting any Lodge business, other than to check in on each other and have a good time!! Our gatherings will be via the Zoom online meeting application. Join us, if you can!!

WHEN: Monthly on the Fourth Tuesdays at 630PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Contact: David Kampf at (612) 964-4211 or by Email at davek@windridgesystems.com for sign on information.

Please note, these on line meetings will not be held when the Lodge is not performing a ritual, (as is the case for January, February and March this year) so check our calendar before signing on.

Greetings From The SOUTH!



Last month I had the great honor of getting elected and installed as High Priest of St. Johns Chapter No. 9 Royal Arch Masons. Getting installed as High Priest and having my grandfather Ray Frandsen there to present me with the master's top hat and gavel was a lifetime achievement for me and an incredibly memorable event. Getting involved in York Rite Masonry has been an amazing experience for me that has taught me organizational, public speaking and leadership skills. I am thankful for the experience this opportunity has provided for me in my life. Thank you to all of the brothers and companions that have helped me along the way to achieve my goals.



Fraternally yours, Andrew Hall, Junior Warden

Pictured left to right: WB Henthorn, Br Hall and WB Frandsen

MEDIA WATCH:

I saw the movie "12 Mighty Orphans" streaming on Amazon over the holiday break. It is a movie based on a true story from the 1930's at a time when the effects of the Great Depression were causing child abandonment due to poverty. This led to a surge in the number of orphans who were shunned by society. The backdrop of the movie is the Masonic Home in Fort Worth, Texas. The movie tells the story of a mason and successful football coach who gives up a lucrative situation and comes to this Masonic orphanage to teach, and start a football team with just 12 orphans (only 12 passed the academic aptitude tests for eligibility to play in the state high school league). He fights against all odds that society throws at him with these kids. Luke Wilson, Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall, and others make up the star-studded cast. It was perfect movie for me to watch with my family over the Christmas holiday.



I subsequently read up a little bit about the work of Masons at that time, and it's quite inspirational. As always, being way ahead of their times in vision and thought and in keeping with masonic principles, it appears that the Masons, when the rest of society in the 1930s were shunning orphans and widows, in true masonic fashion, boldly opened the first Masonic Home for Orphans and Widows and took them in and cared for them!

If you do watch the movie, don't skip the credits in the end...

-WB Arun Natarajan,



This year's Toys for Tots fundraiser was a great success. We want to thank all of you that contributed to making some child in the metro area's Christmas just that much more joyful. We were not able to secure a spot on KARE 11 TV this year for the presentation owing to COVID restrictions. We were able to raise \$4,108 from your contributions. The Lodge contributed an additional \$1,000 dollars and Minnesota Masonic Charities contributed matching funds to bring out total donation for 2021 to \$9,108. With this year's donation, we have contributed to Toys for Tots nearly \$150,00 over the last 12 years. This is what we do and we are very proud to be a member of such a fantastic Lodge.

WB Barry Kirby and myself delivered the checks to the Marines on Sunday December 19, and they were very grateful to receive our generous contribution. This effort would not have been such a success without your generous participation. On behalf of WM Joel Friedman and myself (co-chairs of this committee), we want to thank each and every one of you for your participation in this worthwhile event.

-WB Terry Henthorn (Chairman)



Pictured (left to right): WB Terry Henthorn, Marine Sgt Tyler Sanchez, and WB Barry Kirby

MARK YOUR CALENDERS:

Plan ahead for our combined Annual Sweethearts' and Awards Dinner on February 26 at the Minnesota River Valley Country Club. Social hour at 5:00 with Fish or Beef Dinner at 6:00. Further info in next month's newsletter.

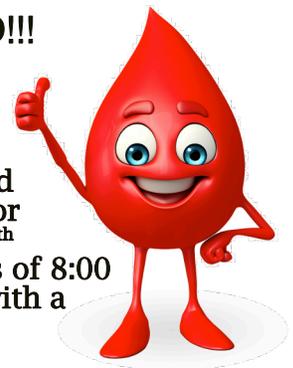


Celestial Lodge

Richard L. Lewin
 Born 5 May 1928
 Entered Apprentice Degree
 17 June 1968
 Fellowcraft Degree
 30 September 1968
 Master Mason Degree
 7 October 1968
 Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above
 9 December 2021

WANTED!!!

Minnehaha and Cataract Lodges are jointly sponsoring a Blood Drive scheduled for Saturday, March 5th between the hours of 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM with a goal of at least 40 whole blood units collected. Mark your calendars!



JANUARY CALENDAR:

- 11 Stated Lodge Meeting
- 15 One Day to Masonry
- 20 7th degree at Scottish Rite
- 22 Past Masters' Degree
- 25 1st Degree Ritual (Zoom meeting cancelled)

Upcoming Events

- Feb 4-5 Junior Warden Conference
- Feb 22 2nd Degree Ritual
- Feb 26 Sweetheart Dinner
- Mar 5 Joint Blood Drive

**Lodge Meetings every 2nd Tuesday
Fellowship Dinners at 6:30 with
Stated Communication at 7:30**
RSVP for Dinner with Secretary Doug Campbell
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**Social On-Line Meetings
every 4th Tuesday at 6:30**
(when no Ritual Scheduled)

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