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From The East.

Greetings All!!! This has been an energizing year at Cataract Lodge thus far. What excites me the most is that our members come together, share a piece of the work and making it happen. Commitment and dedication has brought about a true sense of teamwork and harmony in our lodge.

If you have not made it to lodge in awhile I encourage you to mark this date on your calendar, Tuesday May 12, 2015. On May 12th we will have our annual meeting. This day is more than just business as usual. The annual meeting is an opportunity to reconnect, celebrate and much more. I hope that you can attend.

Finally, for the last 9 months we have been talking about the lifetime membership. Our JW Dave Ott has interviewed several Brethren and written newsletter articles on the subject. I purchased my lifetime membership several years ago and I'm thankful that it was an option. If you want more information about the membership please contact our lodge secretary RWB Doug.

— Ivan A. Smith, Master 2014 – 2015

Annual Meeting – A New Tradition?

Haven't been to lodge in a while and looking for a good reason to come back? Then we encourage you to think about joining the brethren of Cataract Lodge #2 for the stated meeting on Tuesday, May 12. Our May meeting has historically included the election of officers for the upcoming year, so going forward we'd like to make this a special event by encouraging all inactive brothers to come back and take part in this important process. Concerned you've been away from lodge too long and don't remember anything? Not to worry, as the officers will put on a brief "Rusty Square & Compass" class after dinner intended to make all visiting brothers more comfortable with the opening and closing of the lodge. In the coming weeks, officers will be reaching out to you personally with an invitation to attend this great event. Please give it serious consideration...your lodge brothers miss you!

—JW Dave Ott

Fellowcraft Brother Freddie Brown



Our newest brother, Freddie Brown, experienced more Masonic light on Tuesday, February 24 as he was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. Here he is pictured with acting Master Dave Ott and Senior Deacon Scott Wood. The Master Mason degree is set for Tuesday, March 24, beginning at 5:00 PM. Please clear your calendar and join the officers of Cataract Lodge #2 for what will surely be a sublime event!

Grand Lodge 162nd Annual Communication

Grand Lodge 162st Annual Communication will take place at the Holiday Inn & the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Duluth, – March 27–28, 2015. Grand Master James A. Christensen and Deputy Grand Master John R. Gann welcome you.

Complete schedule and registration info can be found in the Jan-Feb Minnesota Mason news at <http://www.mn-masons.org/sites/mn-masons.org/files/MN%20Mason%20Jan%20Feb%202015.pdf>

Feed My Starving Children



This year's event, held from February 9-14, was staged at the ShopJimmy.com Warehouse in Burnsville. On Saturday, February 14, thanks to the recruiting efforts of Brother Glenn Kieker, Masons from Cataract, Harriet, and Lebanon lodges, along with their family members, joined up with hundreds of citizens from the surrounding communities, and in the space of two hours, packed over 193,000 meals for shipment to areas of the world in dire need of nutrition. This was just one session on Saturday. They had held three or four sessions a day that week for a grand total of 2,509,272 meals.

Volunteering

Cataract Lodge is blessed with the ability to make generous monetary donations to our favorite causes and charities. We are also blessed with good men who are willing to donate their time when called upon, FMSC being just one example. There are many other opportunities out there for us to volunteer, do the right thing and, at the same time, let the community know just what Freemasonry is all about. There are probably events in your own neighborhood that would appreciate some extra help. Bring them to the attention of any lodge officer. Let's get as many as we can on our calendar in the coming year.

—SW Kevin Schwab

Metro Friendship Foundation Fundraiser



Deb Jensen, guest at dinner, tells us about the MFF while Brother Allen looks on.

This is The Metro Fellowship Foundation
7th annual gala event
Cataract Supports the
Metro Friendship Foundation
And their work with children with autism
We have a table!

Live and silent auctions
Dinner and entertainment
Sunday, April 19 5-10 pm
BayView Event Center Excelsior, MN
We have a table to fill! Please sign up and help our lodge be recognized for its good work.
Contact Allen Jensen for more information:
allenjensen@charter.net
For tickets, contact our Secretary

Metro Friendship Foundation, based in the Twin Cities, is a 501(c)3 organization granting scholarships to children with Autism for social skills development therapies.

Conceal & Carry Class



Masonic Friends & Family Appreciation
Special Rate on Saturday April 25th and May 2nd.
Class starting at 9:00am.
It's a one day class that lasts 4 to 4 1/2 hours.

In appreciation:
1. I'll rent you a gun.
2. Pay for your range fee.
3. Pay for your ammunition.
4. Pay for your targets.

Cost: \$75 for Masonic Friends and Family
Location: 2926 Chicago Ave so, Mpls, MN, 55407
Please feel free to call me with any questions.
(612) 827 3832
Thank you, Brother O'Neal Hampton Jr.

Cataract Lodge #2's Annual Frozen Fore



Every year, more brothers and guests choose to wear kilts and this makes our presence memorable to many. One parent told us their child said "Can we go to Gull Lake to see the Scottish guys?" Even the merchants appreciate and remember us.

A grand time was had by all! Friday night: superb chili & bacon cornbread and then Scotch tasting orchestrated and stocked by Brother Pat Carver. We also enjoyed Pat's knife collection. The next day, nine holes of tennis ball "golf" around Gull Lake and in the evening, pizza, movie & conversation. On the way home some of us stopped by the Fleet Farm Shooting and archery to fire an assortment of interesting firearms.



PM Conrad Jackson, interviewed by Lakeland News.

Frozen Fore outing is a great way to get to know your brothers while supporting worthy causes: **The Confidence Learning Center** and **Kids Against Hunger**. You can see more photos at the Cataract's Facebook page including Conrad's entire interview at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cataract-Lodge-No2-AFAM/420750471334580>

—JS Lee Love

Who is Who At Cataract #2?



In 1851 Brother Alfred Elisha Ames came to Dakota territory settling in what is now a fine part of the Minneapolis Metro. Brother Alfred Elisha Ames was made a Mason in Joliet Lodge U.D. in the Jurisdiction of Illinois becoming a Master Mason on March 1840.

He as a remarkable and energetic Pioneer who established himself with strong roots in Minnesota history. Bro Ames was a Doctor of Medicine well established with the early pioneering settlers in the St. Anthony area during prestatehood days.

Other Pioneer Freemasons became known to him in the Village of St Anthony, Dakota Territory, and he would often invite them to his office and have lively discussions about things Masonic. Some reports say he investigated the visitors good standing in Masonry; So he could give testimony regarding their legitimacy as Master Masons. Bro. Alfred became a strong proponent for the establishment of a Masonic Lodge in the Saint Anthony area. Nine Brothers met in 1851 at Brother Ames' office, drafted a petitioned for the Grand Lodge of Illinois, asking for a dispensation to set up a Masonic Lodge in the vicinity of St. Anthony Falls. Brother Ames was from Illinois and it was natural for him to go to that jurisdiction in search for the dispensation. The dispensation to form Cataract Lodge was granted with Alfred named as Master of the lodge.

Master Alfred Elisha Ames, in 1853, also became the first Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota when the MN Grand Lodge was created. More on this early history of Minnesota Freemasonry will follow in future issues of Cataract Lodge #2 Newsletter. (to be continued)

—Submitted by Bro. Glenn Kiecker
Historian Cataract Lodge #2

Wounded Warrior Banquet.



*As Major Sponsors, we will have a table at: The Wounded Warriors 2015 Spring Gala
March 29th, 2015, 2015*

Hosted by: Jimmy's Event Center!

<http://www.visitjimmys.com/eventcenter.html>

Contact our Treasurer for reservations

Celestial Lodge

Brother Donald R. Ellis

Born: 7/21/1923

Degrees in Cataract Lodge No. 2:

Entered Apprentice Degree 5/23/1945

Fellowcraft Degree 9/25/1945

Master Mason Degree 10/10/1945

Died: 2/16/2015 just short of 70 years as a Master Mason

Calendar

March 10– Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner;
7:30 meeting

March 22– M.M. Degree Practice, time to be
announced

March 24– M.M. Degree 5:00PM
Dinner 6:30PM

March 27,28 28 Grand Lodge Annual commu-
nication. (see page 2 for details.)

March 29 Wounded Warriors Gala (see page 3
for details.)

April 7–Officer's Meeting & Lodge Officer
Ritual Practice 6:00pm to8:30pm

April 14– Stated Meeting 6:30pm; 7:30
meeting

April 19– Metro Fellowship Foundation
Banquet. 5-10 pm (see page 2)

May 12– Annual Meeting and Officers elec-
tions 6:30 Dinner; 7:30 Meeting

For Updates, please see Cataract's webpage
calendar : <http://cataractlodge.com/>

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