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Dear Brethren,

From The EAST!

Greetings form the East: I hope this newsletter finds you all well. This pandemic that has befallen us is putting quite a burden on all people of our great country. While in the situation that our country is in, we have prevailed via Brother Lee Love setting up ZOOM meetings so we can all keep in touch. It is a very nice gesture on Brother Lee's part to take on this task. Thank you, Brother Lee for doing this for the lodge and Masonry.

We were to able to fulfill our pledge to Wounded Warriors Project Team Minnesota. We were able to make a virtual presentation to our friends at the Wounded Warriors Project. At that virtual meeting there were 20 lodge brothers and 4 representatives from Team Minnesota. In attendance from Team Minnesota were our friend Tom Cocchiarella, Doug Moore, Dan Cain, and Benjamin Watkins. We mailed the check to Tom, and his team will put our much needed donation to good work. We were able to obtain matching funds from Minnesota Masonic Charities for a total donation of \$10,000. WB David Kampf was on hand to present this to them. The WWP folks greatly appreciated the donation and were truly grateful.

We have all heard that our communities are suffering with the loss of jobs and paychecks. Our food shelves have been utilized to their maximum capacity. Second Harvest Heartland is a major contributor to the food shelves of Minnesota and our communities. I put out a request to the Lodge officers to make a \$5,000 donation with matching funds from Minnesota Masonic Charities for a total of \$10,000. This organization has been called upon more than ever since this pandemic has befallen us. They greatly appreciated the funds and thanked the Lodge and MMC. We have received our scholarship applications and they are currently in review. The review committee will review all applications and will come up with a consensus as to whom will receive our 2020 scholarships.



Brethren, I don't know how long this pandemic is going to last but I ask you to try and attend our virtual meetings via ZOOM. Brother Lee sends the invite out to all the email addresses he has on file. This is a great way to stay in touch with your brothers during this trying time. Please exercise the precautions to keep yourselves and your families safe.

Fraternally yours,

Worshipful Master Terry Henthorn

From The West

Greetings from the Wild, Wild West of the Lodge!

It has been a sobering past few weeks for all of us. Not only forced to face our frailty by this pandemic, we have had to do so in isolation. Or have we? My spirits, and I'm sure yours, have been buoyed up by all the little things. Families "Zoom-ing" over the internet. Volunteers who deliver groceries and supplies. Neighbors checking in on neighbors. Conversations I've had with friends I haven't spoken with for some time. This indomitable spirit and brotherhood suffuses us all with hope for a brighter and safe future. I must say, also, how moved I am by the outpouring of gratitude to our healthcare and other essential workers. As a physician, I never expected this kind of response, but am deeply touched by it, none-the-less.

I wish you all health and safety, as well as the opportunity to brighten your life by lightening the load others are bearing.

Senior Warden Joel Friedman



From the South

It's hard to believe that we have now been social distancing for nearly two months in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lodge meetings and other Masonic activities continue to be cancelled or postponed. Many of us barely leave the house. Nevertheless, we've been finding ways to stay in touch. It was wonderful to see so many Brothers attend the Cataract ZOOM video meetings in April. Of course, video meetings are but one way to stay in touch. We should all remember to make time for calling or emailing a Brother just to say hi during these unusual times. If you want to join an upcoming ZOOM social meeting with the Brethren of Cataract Lodge #2 but need assistance, please contact Lee Love or one of the other officers and we'll help you get connected.



Regards,

Junior Warden Paul Hodnefeld

From The Yeast

Greetings Brothers,



Nobody took me up on sending news and announcements for the Newsletter. Please consider it: we all want to know how you are doing. I've been doing a lot of baking: pecan rolls, bread and cookies. I never made sourdough bread before. You can see the starter on the left, bubbling from wild yeast. It takes a week before it can be used to make bread. I also got another vintage Honda from a mechanic in Appleton, Wisconsin. He worked on it and it is as good as new, 37 years old, with 28,000 miles on it. It is a GL650. Now, I can put my GL500 on the hoist and get it in as good a mechanical shape as the GL650. I



I start my seasonal Early Election Deputy job again, first week of June. Elections in Minneapolis will focus on more early Absentee Voting. For in person voting, there will be plexi-shielding: masks, social distancing, a lot of disinfecting and more curbside voting.

Fraternally yours,

—*Br. Lee Love Newsletter Editor*

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

We are going to arrange online Zoom meetings during the Pandemic

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**



Ill. Donald William Fanning, 33° Inspector General Honorary.



Ill. Donald William Fanning, 33° Inspector General Honorary.

Born: January 26, 1911

Died: April 21, 2020

109 years, 2 months, 27 days in his service to his fellow man.

Brethren of the Minneapolis Valley,

It is with gratefulness that we acknowledge our opportunity to journey in Masonry with Illustrious Brother Donald William Fanning, 33° Inspector General Honorary. Ill. Brother Don laid down his working tools on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 and entered his name upon the roll of the Celestial Lodge.

Few among us may ever match Don's longevity. But his engaging friendliness coupled with that longevity made him an icon in our fraternity - in Blue Lodge, in our Scottish Rite and in many other Masonic Bodies.

Ill. Brother Don joined our gentle craft in January 1942 at Flin Flon Lodge #153 in Manitoba, Canada. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 17, 1942 and has maintained his membership with Lodge #153 since 1942. In February 1983 he became a dual member with Minneapolis Lodge #19 and served that Lodge as Tyler for over 30 years. In 2011, Don served the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and Most Worshipful Grand Master Thomas Hendrickson as Grand Tyler.

Don joined the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite becoming a Master of the Royal Secret in December 1989. A diligent and faithful worker in our Valley, Don was a member of our dining room committee for many years, dispensing wit, his view of the world and coffee to all who gathered for dinner.

In October 2003 our Supreme Council recognized Don for his service to our Fraternity and invested him with the Rank and Decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. In 2007 the Minneapolis Consistory recognized Don's service to the Valley and presented him with the Minneapolis Valley Lifetime Achievement Award.

On October 5, 2009, at 98 years of age, Don was unanimously elected by the Supreme Council to receive the 33rd and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary on November 21, 2009.

I first met Don in 1974 when I was a young clerk for the Milwaukee Road Railroad. Don was one of the most senior yardmen for the railroad and held a high seniority job as baggage handler on the Amtrak passenger train to Chicago. I was nine years away from joining Masonry and Don was already 32 years into his Masonic journey. Among my prized possessions is a photograph of Don in his railroad uniform from an unknown location and an unknown year. It is staggering to comprehend not just the number of years but the experiences that both preceded and followed for the young man smiling in the picture. Don retired from the railroad a couple of years later having reached the mandatory retirement age of 70.



A Masonic Memorial service for Ill. Brother Don will be postponed until a later date when it will be safe for people to gather and honor his life and legacy.

The next time you sit down for a cup of coffee or perhaps a piece of carrot cake (Don's all time favorite dessert), remember Ill. Donald W. Fanning 33°, Inspector General Honorary and express your gratitude for the many years we journeyed together in Masonry.

Fraternally,

 

Calendar

WM Terry is conducting an Officers Meeting (6:30PM First Wednesdays) and Stated Meeting (6:30PM Second Tuesdays) online using Zoom conference software. You can even call in by phone.

We may be able to connect in other ways during Governor Walz's period of "Social Distancing." We can transform it into "Physical Distancing" with Social Connection. If you don't get the link to either meeting by email, email, text or phone me for the link. —*Lee Love Newsletter Editor*

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