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From The EAST!

First, thank you to the Star Chapter for kicking off September's reunion with a great meal. We had over 70 in attendance. The masters of St. John's #1, St. Paul #3 and Minneapolis #19 addressed the lodge on the topic of membership and mentoring. We were honored by a lecture from RWB B. Kamakoti and I want to, again, thank our Senior Steward Bro. Arun Natarajan for making the connection.

We are approaching the halfway mark for the 2014 -2015 calendar. The Past Master's Night, Chili Cook-off, and Heritage & Award's Night will continue to give opportunities for fellowship and to enjoy.

Finally, I received a letter from a brother that had not been in a lodge meeting for a while. He was concerned about returning and how it all fit in. I believe that he may not be the only one that has this concern. We look forward to his return. Each brother has a story and there reveals the richness of our lodge. Come, share a story, hear a story and be part of this work.

Ivan A. Smith, Master 2014 - 2015

TOYS for TOTS

Brothers of Cataract Lodge #2, the drive for our annual "Toys for Tots" fund raiser is fast underway. I am counting on your support again this year to make our donation to these young people so they can have a Joyous and Merry Christmas season. There are many children in our community that need our help. We have had some donations trickle in, but we need your support for more. Last year was impressive, and my goal is to top that. Over the past 5 years with this, we have supported them with almost \$50,000. Let us keep our support behind these fine young people.

Please send in your contributions to:

Cataract Lodge #2, 5149 Bloomington Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55417.

Payable to Cataract Lodge #2. Memo it "Toys for Tots".

Reunion of 2014!



The reunion of St. Johns #1, Cataract #2, and St. Paul #3 and visit by Minnesota #19 at Cataract's Stated meeting on September 9th was well attended. Almost every seat of the nicely decorated dining room was filled, and we sat down to a delicious meal, prepared by Richfield Chapter #293, Order of the Eastern Star.

Not only was it a reunion of the three lodges that formed the Grand Lodge Of Minnesota and our friends from Lodge #19, we also had a special guest from India, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of India, Right Worshipful Brother B. Kamakoti. Masters Sam Koza #19, Scott Kestler of #1, Bruce L. Nelson of #3 and our own Worshipful Ivan Smith spoke to us about membership, mentoring and member retention.

R.W. B. Kamakoti shared with us about freemasonry in India, and about the difference and similarities compared to our lodges. He also informed us also about the Conference of Grand Lodges that he has helped organize in the past, the next one being held in California in 2015. R.W. Kamakoti and Master Ivan exchanged gifts at the end of the meeting. It was a memorable night.

JS Lee Love

The following is the third of a four-part series highlighting Cataract Lodge #2 members who have purchased life memberships.

Watch for the final testimonial next month!

Terry Henthorn is a Past Master of Cataract Lodge #2, having served from 2011-2012. He first became interested in Freemasonry at age 19, but was initially scared away by the amount of memorization he perceived was required to be a member of the Fraternity. "Nobody told me you didn't have to learn the whole book at once," he recalls with amusement. Like it does with so many men, Terry says "life got in the way" of his pursuit while he raised a family and focused on his job. Many years later he was reintroduced to Freemasonry by the Dan Brown novels, and began exploring how to become a member. "I actually brought it up to Gary Larson one day, asking him if he knew any Masons," Terry recalls. "Gary looked at me kind of funny, and I said to him, 'Don't tell me...you're a Mason?' This conversation got the whole process started for me." Gary then introduced Terry to Cataract Lodge #2 and signed his petition, along with Lyle Broten.

Terry learned about the Grand Lodge's life membership program following his EA degree, and actually bought and paid for his in full by the time he was raised two months later. "I wanted to make a lifetime commitment," he said. Terry plans on being an active Mason for life, and feels his decision will surely pay off over time. "I didn't want to worry about paying dues. Having a life membership is a real convenience," Terry says. Shortly after being raised Terry joined the Scottish Rite, where he also holds a life membership.

Terry feels that the brotherhood experienced between members is what makes Cataract Lodge #2 such a special place. "They are really a good bunch of guys," he says fondly.

Please contact RWB Doug Campbell if you're interested in purchasing a life membership to Cataract Lodge #2. Payment plans are available to fit any budget. Be sure to ask about the significant discounts available for first year Masons.

JW Dave Ott

KidsID Event at Eagan Kid Expo



The parking lot was packed on Saturday, September 27, for the annual Kid Expo event at the Eagan Community Center. While the KidsID program was but a small part of this huge event, volunteers from Cataract Lodge and Bethel Job's Daughter's gave out over 100 KidsID packages. KidsID is a valuable national Masonic program to help keep kids safe. More information can be found at the Grand Lodge site <http://www.mn-masons.org/masonic-programs/kidsid>. Several more pictures can also be found at Brother Glenn Kiecker's facebook entries <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cataract-Lodge-No2-AFAM/420750471334580?fref=photo>.

2014 Chili Cook-Off

Categories for this year's prizes are, best hot, best mild, best non-traditional and best overall. Job's Daughters will be joining us with their famous baked potatoes. The event starts at 6:00PM on October 21. No entry fee.

For more info contact:

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Cornerstone Ceremony **Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center**



Around 300 members of various Masonic bodies turned out for the cornerstone ceremony on August 23rd. Cataract Lodge was well represented as well with several officers and members marching in the procession.

The new structure will house the new Masonic Museum and library, a lodge room, dining hall, break-out rooms, and a 420 seat auditorium. The historic, beautiful architecture of the Masonic Home will be maintained with the new structure and should be completed in early 2016.

Calendar

October 3- Scottish Rite Care Clinic Gala
5:30pm to 9:00pm Scottish Rite 2011 Dupont Ave.
S. Minneapolis Full details at
www.ritecaremsp.org

October 7- Master Mason Lodge for Instruction at
Lodge #19 2011 Dupont ave. S.

October 14- Dinner & Stated Meeting Past Masters' Night 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm meeting

October 21- Annual Chili Cook-Off 6:00pm to 8:15pm

November 4- Officers Meeting & Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 6:30pm to 8:30pm

November 11- Dinner & Stated Meeting 6:30pm Dinner 7:30pm meeting

November 16- Heritage Festival and Awards night. 4:00pm Social, 5:00pm dinner (reservation required)

December 2- Officer's Meeting and Lodge Officer Ritual Practice 6:30-8:30pm

December 9- Annual turkey Dinner and Stated Meeting 6:00pm

visit www.cataractlodgelodge.com/calendar for further calendar information and details

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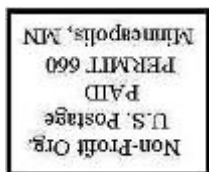
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