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From The EAST!

Greetings from the East,

Whoa! That was a fun ride! Can we go again?
As many of my brethren are aware, we finally this past month were able to raise four of our own brothers along with one courtesy candidate to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. These four brethren have been so patient with us, waiting so eagerly for this moment so long ago promised them. When I had the opportunity to sit in the East for their initiation into the Lodge, I, like them, had no idea that it would be another 19 months before we would be able to close the cycle.

And it really was a thrill ride. So many eager volunteers to fill many roles. Memorization. Rehearsals. Agonizing over every inflection and every gesture and every foot step. Yet, that night went amazingly fast and in a puff of smoke I declared the Lodge closed only moments after gaveling the Lodge opened (not really. It took us very close to 6 hours, what with dinner and all—but it sure seemed quick from where I was sitting).

Some of you may know that I am a retired surgeon, and we jokingly had a saying in residency: “See one. Do one. Teach One.” It was not meant literally, but it expressed a basic truth for a surgeon’s education. For any operative procedure, it was not enough to read and study and pour over texts and surgical manuals. You could only really learn a procedure by assisting in surgery and watching an expert up close as he/she worked miracles. Only then, could you hope to move on to eventually doing the procedure under careful scrutiny of more experienced guides, and if you were really conscientious and devoted to your craft, you could hope to one day impart that knowledge to the next generation.



Good Attendance At The Chili Cook-Off!

In a way, rising through the several places and stations in the Lodge has been like that for me, and nowhere is it more poignantly apparent than when I am granted the high honor of guiding candidates through their degree rituals. If there was one Masonic wish I would want for all of you, it is to feel that joy and pride. So step forth. Join the line. You will be repaid a hundred fold.

Worshipful Master Joel Friedman

From The West

Greetings from the West!



Continuing our From the West look at Masonic symbols, this edition takes a look at the plumb. The plumb is very important in Masonry. It is a working tool of the Fellowcraft, appears in verses read in that degree and is the symbol of the Junior Warden.

We know that the plumb reminds us to walk uprightly but what does that really mean to a Mason? The plumb line is used to find the perpendicular. Some sources assert that the plumb symbolizes the Mason who stands perpendicular so as not to bend his principles in the face of pressure or adversity. He measures himself based on how he stands in relation to his own belief in right and wrong without compromising to the will of others. Every Mason must judge himself against how well he adheres to the standards of his own plumb line. Likewise, a Mason should not impose his own plumb line standards on others. Each Mason is entitled to his own beliefs. The plumb simply serves as a reminder for each of us to live up to our own standards.

Of course, this is just one interpretation of the symbol. Other Masons may assign different meanings to the plumb. After all, no Mason has the right to force his own beliefs on another. Nevertheless, it is worth considering the symbol of the plumb as a benchmark for the Mason to determine how he stands with his beliefs and standards.

Fraternally Yours,

Paul Hodnefield Senior Warden

From The South

Fall is my favorite time of year. We get to escape the torturous summer heat and begin to slow down from the busy social calendar. We prepare for a season of quality time spent with close loved ones. I also find time in the fall to do some well needed rest and relaxation. Read a book, cook some chili, study my ciphers, play some music and plan for the upcoming year. I have a lot to look forward to starting with a new job that I start in a couple of weeks and we are preparing for the newest member of our family to be born this January. So I'll toast to all of you with my morning cup of coffee for everything we have to be thankful for this fall.

Cheers Brothers

Fraternally yours,

Andrew Hall Junior Warden



Brethren of Cataract Lodge,

Join your Brethren and our Officers of Cataract Lodge for a unique on line social gathering, celebrating ... 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 ..."

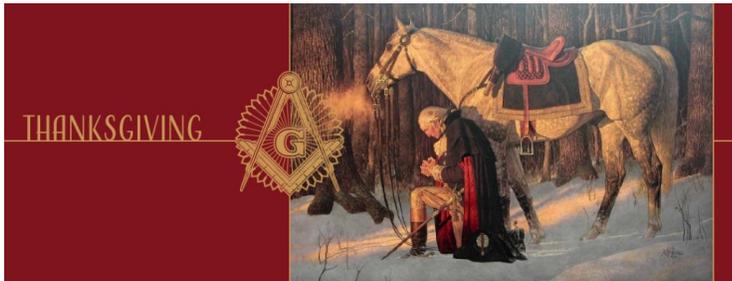
This is not a Tyled meeting so we will not conduct any Lodge business - other than to check in on each other and have a good time!! Join us!!! Our gathering will be via the **Zoom on line meeting application**. Join us if you can.

Topic: Cataract Lodge Social Hour - Zoom Meeting

Fourth Tuesdays 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Contact Dave Kampf 612 964-4211 davek@windridgesystems.com For Zoom Application and Sign on information

Chili Cook-Off Winners!



Brother Pat Carver Reports From The Road:

Karen and I are traveling full time in our 30' Itasca motorhome. We are currently in a state park near Tupelo MS, the birthplace of Elvis. Working our way to Florida for the winter months. Karen found Pat's Grandfather's obituary while doing genealogical research:

Pat Carver Sr. Obit. August 22nd 1953

Pat Carver, Deputy Court Clerk, Dies.

Patrick P. Carver, deputy clerk of the county court for five years and a retired employee of Swift and Co., where he was successively superintendent of the beef division and employment manager, died yesterday morning at a St. Joseph hospital. He was 74 years old. Mr. Carver had been in failing health the past six months and had not been able to be at his desk at the court house for nine weeks.

He also had been county trustee, in charge of delinquent tax property until his illness made it impossible for him to continue his duties Mr. Carver was widely known and had a host of friends. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and was prominent in fraternal circles. He was a member of St. Joseph Lodge No. 78 A.F. and A.M.; of Mitchell Chapter No.14, Royal Arch Masons; a past commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar; past sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, a member of Moila Shrine and a past patron of Radiant Chapter No. 88, Order of the Eastern Star.

Born in Lincoln County, Mo., he attended business college in Springfield, Mo., and had lived in St. Joseph for 50 years. His hobby was growing flowers.

Services will be at the Heaton Bowman Chapel at 3:30 tomorrow and a burial will be in Ashand cemetery. The Rev. James S. Allen will conduct the services. The survivors are Mr Carver's wife Mamie H., of the home; a son, Patrick P. Carver Jr.. and a granddaughter, Patricia Ann, both of Minneapolis. The family home is at 1506 South 22nd street, St. Joseph, Mo.

Celestial Lodge

James R. Billings

Born 2/19/1944
Degrees in Richfield Lodge
No. 334

Entered Apprentice Degree 4/2/1979
Fellowcraft Degree 5/7/1979
Master Mason Degree 6/4/1979
Called to the Celestial Lodge
Above 9/23/2020



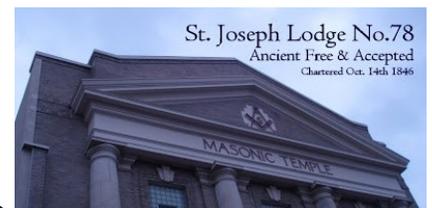
John E. Peterson

Born 3/21/1938
Degrees in Century Lodge No. 338
Entered Apprentice Degree 12/7/1959
Fellowcraft Degree 2/7/1960
Master Mason Degree 3/7/1979
Called to the Celestial Lodge
Above 5/27/2020



Vernon L. Suter

Born 12/1/1931
Degrees in Richfield Lodge No. 334
Entered Apprentice Degree 4/3/1967
Fellowcraft Degree 5/1/1967
Master Mason Degree 6/5/1967
Called to the Celestial Lodge Above
8/27/2021



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
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