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**From The EAST!**

**Dear Brethren,Greetings from the East. (September)**

So many things we've had to temporarily shelve these past few months, but, cheer up, my Brothers! We have begun to hold Stated Communications once more. We've had to limit ourselves somewhat to stay within the guidelines set for us by the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health and our own Grand Lodge. No refreshments before or after meetings. No rituals for the time being. Lodges to be opened only under the first degree. But hey, it's a start, and I'm grateful for it. So join us once again on the second Tuesday night of the months at 7:30 PM.



Speaking of gratitude and new beginnings, last month the Lodge was finally able to elect our new officers, albeit 3 months later than usual. In keeping with the current austerity restrictions, WB Terry Henthorn acted as Installing Master and WB Kevin Schwab as Installing Marshall and proceeded immediately following the meeting. It may have been less formal than most, but was very special for me personally as I was installed in the East. Unbeknownst to me, WB Terry had contacted my father WB Mike, and from him obtained a memorable gift for me to use in Lodge: The very same Master's gavel made for my grandfather, the late WB Manny Friedman, and later used by my father, WB Michael Friedman. I take great pride in this gifting and hope to wield it only to serve you well.

We will of a certainty, need to continue to modify our Lodge functions, but will always be looking towards maintaining Brotherly Love, Truth and Charity within the confines of keeping all our Brethren safe. I hope each of you will continue to be the wonderful Masonic ambassadors you have always been to the world without and keep us informed if individually or collectively, we can be of any assistance to any Brother in need.

I am sure that by the time you have this newsletter, Labor Day will have come and gone, but keep in mind we all can still celebrate "Talk Like A Pirate" Day on Sept 19! Arrgghh!

Fraternally, **Worshipful Master Joel Friedman**

# Installation Of Officers



## From The EAST!

**Dear Brethren, Greetings from the East. (October)**

Fall has always been my favorite season. I love the briskness of a fall afternoon in the woods, the sound of the fallen leaves rustling under foot and the beautiful palette of nature's foliage. For many this season focuses on endings. It marks the end of the warm summer sun and points to the time for harvesting. For me it has always signaled new beginnings. Fall marked the beginning of each new school year—a time for new friendships, new learnings and new discoveries. It traditionally marks the beginning of the Jewish year (Rosh HaShanah) commemorating the Creation story. Interestingly, that tradition does not joyously celebrate the coming year, but instead it is a time of self-reflection. Have I avoided wrongdoings and sought a righteous path? Or in Masonic terms, have I stood as a “just and upright Mason,” and have I followed the charge “ever to walk and act as such”?

Which brings to mind the newly released Social Media Policy adopted by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota (<https://www.mn-masons.org/news/new-grand-lodge-social-media-policy/>), which I encourage all to become familiar with. In it we are reminded to act courteously and without rancor in all our postings, not only because we have been charged to remain “just and upright,” but because each of us, to the world, is the face of Masonry.

Our community, our nation, our world still reels from the effects of a pandemic which has circled the globe causing us as never before to restrict our social activities and interactions in ways previously unknown to our generation. Yet, we are blessed to have access to the tools of the computer age, and so we still gather if only virtually. It, admittedly, is a poor substitute, and I for one will miss the Trick or Treaters this year. I will miss our annual Chili Cook Off. I will miss the big family gatherings this upcoming holiday season. But I can still see you, my brethren, in our monthly Lodge meetings, because we are holding a chair open for you.

Fraternally, *Worshipful Master Joel Friedman*

## Greetings from the West,

## From The West

It was great to see so many Brothers back in Lodge for the election last month. I want to thank the Brethren for your confidence in electing me as your Senior Warden for the coming year. I hope to live up to the high standards set by those who have served in West before me.



We certainly have our work cut out for us during the next year. It will be a while before we can resume normal degree work and social activities but that time will eventually come. Until then, may I suggest using the time to take advantage of online Masonic education programs? The Grand Lodge, for example, offers a free educational webinar series. You can see the schedule and register at <https://www.mn-masons.org/webinars/>. These webinars offer programs on Masonic history, symbolism and other interesting topics. Please take advantage of the opportunity if you can.

Fraternally,

**Paul Hodnefield Senior Warden**

## Greetings from the South,

## From The South

Freemasonry promises to make good men better. How? By simply being in the same room as other good men once a month. No, it's much more complex than that and it is ingrained into the structure of our fraternity. Let me explain... As a newly elected Junior Warden I have earned some new responsibilities, such as writing this letter to the members of our Lodge. It's an opportunity to broaden my skills as a leader in Masonry which will also help me excel in my profession as a chef by honing my written communication skills. Last year as Senior Deacon I was able to overcome some of my public speaking fears and I am much more confident in all aspects of my life because of it. Watching my predecessors in the chair ahead of me prepares me for the challenges I will eventually face. Joining the fraternity was only my first step to learning about Masonry. Some things Masonry teaches cannot be taught in a lecture or presented in a degree, but only by getting involved; and by joining the line of officers I was able to accomplish that. I thank you all for entrusting me as an elected officer of Cataract Lodge #2. It is truly a humbling and educational experience.



Fraternally yours,

**Andrew Hall, Junior Warden**

## Celestial Lodge

Brother Donald Nyberg  
Born 1/20/1964  
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Fellowcraft Degree 4/26/1982  
Master Mason Degree 5/24/1982  
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Passed to the Celestial Lodge Above 8/16/2020

*"The summons has been issued, From their  
labors they must rest;  
How well they did perform them You and I  
can well attest.  
And how badly we will miss them From our  
Councils here below;  
But we know they're happy Yonder, Safe  
from labor, care and woe,"*



### **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 but during  
Covid, we will go month by month.

Everyone is Welcomed! You don't need to Read the  
book. Current members enjoy American History, Ma-  
sonic History and Genealogy

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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**



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