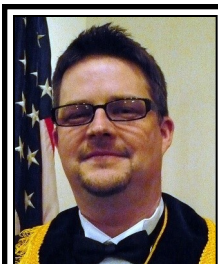




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From The EAST!

Happy Holidays Brethren!

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Winter appears to have officially arrived as I write this, with temperatures dropping into more "normal" ranges for December, along with a few snowflakes in the air (and undoubtedly more to come soon). With the holiday season fast approaching and so many families in need, I'm proud to announce that Cataract Lodge #2 has once again made a major donation to Toys For Tots. This year, as in the past, our collective donation to this wonderful organization is made up of contributions from individual brothers, a matching gift from the lodge, as well as a donation from Minnesota Masonic Charities. The 2016 donation surpassed an amazing \$20,000, bringing our grand total to more than \$100,000 since Cataract #2 began supporting Toys For Tots. On Wednesday, December 7 a group of lodge brothers gathered at the KARE 11 studios in Golden Valley to present our check during the 6 PM newscast. We should all be inspired by our lodge's exemplification of charity. Many thanks to WB Dave Kampf for explaining who the Masons are and what we do in the few seconds given!

The officers of Cataract #2 are busy preparing for another degree cycle beginning in January. Please mark your calendar for January 24 (EA), February 28 (FC) and March 28 (MM). There are many ways to participate in degree work without being a lodge officer, so if you're interested in learning more please call or send me an e-mail.

Our annual Sweetheart's Dinner is right around the corner as well. This year's event will take place on Sunday, February 12. The location is still being determined, but look for more information in future issues of this newsletter.

Finally, I'd like to thank WB Fred and Carol Vihovde and the entire Cataract Catering Committee for all their years of service preparing lodge meals. This month's turkey dinner will be the last that the team serves. However, the lodge officers have made preparations to ensure that good quality meals will continue going forward. The one positive is that this change should free up WB Fred to attend more lodge meetings! ☺ All kidding aside, I know I speak for everyone when I say that the entire team will be missed.



See you in lodge! —WM Dave Ott

Cataract #2's 2016 Toys For Tots Drive!



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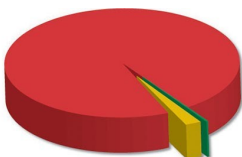
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Did you know that Toys for Tots is a top rated charity?

- Program 97%
- Fundraising 2.80%
- Overhead .20%



97% of your donation goes to our mission of providing toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate children. The 3% spent on support principally covers fundraising expenses – **not one donated dollar goes to pay for salaries or any other manpower costs.**

The Lodge Decorated for the Holidays



The Masonic Dues Card

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, who have sworn to defend and protect mine as I have sworn to defend and protect theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.



And finally, it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body, friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

It tells me that, and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions.

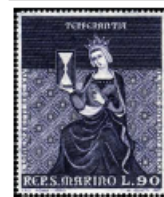
The Masonic Philatelist

Our Lodge Secretary RWB Doug Campbell made me aware of The Masonic Philatelist just before its last issue in January. Their publication is beautiful and should be of interest to anybody interested in stamps and history. You can find back issues at their webpage here in PDF form: <http://www.mscnewyork.net/>

Below are stamps from the current December Issue illustrating the Masonic Creed:



TRUTH – that which is in accordance with fact or reality. The stamp shows Veritas, the Roman goddess of truth. It was believed that she hid in the bottom of a holy well because she was so elusive. The inference here is to the elusiveness of truth in human relationships. Veritas is often seen holding a mirror looking at herself, with her right foot on a globe. In this case, she is just holding a globe. The significance of the globe is "universal truth." In Freemasonry we are taught that truth is the foundation of every virtue. (*United Nations, Issued 1967*)



TEMPERANCE – moderation or self-restraint, especially in eating and drinking. The image on the stamp showing Temperance holding an hourglass is a detail from a painting by Ambrogio Lorenzetti (1338) entitled *Allegory of Good Government*. The hourglass is a symbol of time, so the inference would be to practice temperance at all times. The Masonic symbolism seen on the right shows a woman pouring milk into a cup, a wise substitute for wine (but moderation is the key). (*San Marino, Issued 1961*)



FORTITUDE – courage in pain or adversity. The stamp image is from a sculpture by Giacomo Serpotta created between 1710 and 1717. According to the information provided: "Serpotta represented Fortitude as female—most abstract qualities are of the feminine gender in Latin." This explains why most allegorical expressions depict a woman. The Masonic symbolism seen on the right shows Fortitude with a mirror, in this case the meaning would be self-confidence. (*Italy, Issued c. 1976*)

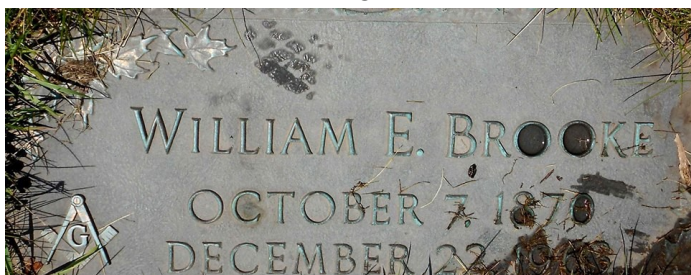


Who Is Who At Cataract Lodge #2?

William Elsworth Brooke



52nd Past Master of Cataract Masonic Lodge #2 MN in 1919 was a 42 Year old, University of Minnesota Professor when he was raised as a Master Mason at said lodge 25 Jun 1913. Brother William Elsworth Brooke was born on October 7, 1870, in Miner, Illinois. He lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for more than 20 years from 1920 to 1940. He died on December 22, 1963, in Kankakee, Illinois, at the age of 93, and was buried in



Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. Addendum: Services for William E. Brooke, 93, retired University of Minnesota professor who died Sunday at a Kankakee hospital, will be held at 9:30 a.m. today in the chapel at 408 S. Dearborn av., Kankakee. Mr. Brooke, who formerly lived in River Forest, was head of the Minnesota mathematics department when he retired in 1939. He was the author of several mathematics textbooks.

Clark Lewis Frank Anderson



Clark Lewis Frank Anderson was born on June 11, 1908, in Roseau County, Minnesota. He was raised as a Master Mason at Cataract Masonic Lodge #2. He died on May 31, 1995. His Wife Verona Lyla Dietzen was born on October 28, 1911, in Stillwater, Minnesota. She married Clark Lewis Frank Anderson on May 25, 1934, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She died on December 30, 1984, at the age of 73. They

were buried in Fairview Cemetery, Stillwater MN..



Edgar Walter Johnson



#62 Master Cataract Masonic Lodge #2 MN in 1929. Brother Edgar Walter Johnson was born on September 19, 1889, in Minnesota. He married Rose A. Luedtke on June 29, 1931, in Algona, Iowa. He died on September 5, 1960, in Cass County, Minnesota, at the age of 70, and was

buried in Minneapolis, Minnesota at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. . *All Whose Who submitted by Br. Glenn Kiecker, Lodge Historian*

Trestle Board Club



We meet in the Lodge library. **(We will not meet in January) We meet every second Sunday @ 6:00PM** We are reading the first part of **Revolutionary Brotherhood by Steven Bullock**

Everyone Welcomed! For more information contact: Lee Love at togeika@gmail.com or 612 326-4115

Celestial Lodge

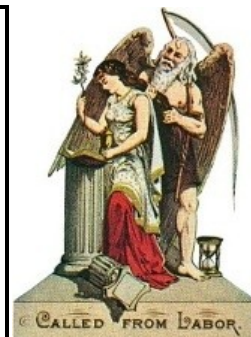


*"The summons has been issued, From their labors they must rest;
How well they did perform them You and I can well attest.
And how badly we will miss them From our Councils here below;
But we know they're happy Yonder, Safe from labor, care and woe,"*

John J. Bastys
Born 6/21/1932
Entered Apprentice Degree 9/24/1980
Fellowcraft Degree 10/15/1980
Master Mason Degree 11/26/1980
Died 11/25/2016

LeRoy F. Heslekrants
Born 9/25/1935
Entered Apprentice Degree 5/5/1964
Fellowcraft Degree 5/19/1964
Master Mason Degree 6/9/1964
Died 11/25/2016

Lester V. Koppang
Born 8/18/1922
Entered Apprentice Degree 2/1/1983
Fellowcraft Degree 3/1/1983
Master Mason Degree 3/29/1983
Died 11/11/2016



Calendar

Dec 13-- Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated
Jan 3-- Officer's Meeting 6:30PM
Jan 10-- Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated
Jan 24-- E.A. Degree 6:00 Dinner 7:00PM Degree
Feb 7-- Officer's Meeting 6:30PM
Feb 12-- Sweetheart's Dinner (details to be announced)
Feb 14-- Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated
Feb 28-- F.C.Degree 6:00 Dinner 7:00PM
Mar 7-- Officer's Meeting 6:30PM
Mar 14-- Stated Meeting 6:30 dinner 7:30PM Stated
Mar 28-- MM Degree 5:00PM Dinner 6:30PM

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See more photos, News and "Whose Who" At our Facebook pages:

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Please RSVP all Dinners with our Secretary

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