



The Helios Light

343 2nd. Avenue SW
Cambridge, MN 55008

September 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1  <i>Helios Officer's Meeting 6:00 P.M.</i>	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15  <i>Helios Meeting - 7:30</i>	16	17	18	19	
20	21 <i>Eastern Star 7:00 pm</i>	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

National Good Manners Month

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BIRTHDAYS

Peter Semler - September 19
Daniel O'Connell - September 24
Charles Dapper - September 29

MASTER MASON

Will Dordal - September 9, 2006

GRAND LODGE

The MN Grand Lodge is rolling out a new program for Lodge Brothers and Lodges in general called Grand View. This is a computer program whereby Brothers can update their information and express their wishes on how best to be contacted by GL and individual Blue Lodges. Grand Lodge expects all Brothers to go to the Grand View web site, log in by creating an account and editing your personal information. I have put the directions on our website along with hot links to get you started. There is a tutorial video you can watch too that steps you through the process. All information is on the Helios website for you to get The MN Grand Lodge is rolling out a new program for Lodge Brothers and Lodges in general called Grand View. This is a computer program whereby Brothers can update their information and express their wishes on how best to be contacted by GL and individual Blue Lodges. Grand Lodge expects all Brothers to go to the Grand View web site, log in by creating an account and editing your personal information. I have put the directions on our website along with hot links to get you started. There is a tutorial video you can watch too that steps you through the process. All information is on the Helios website for you to get started. I am available to assist you with questions or concerns. Every Lodge Secretary will have administrator access to the information. We will use this to send out information, keep track of anniversaries, and dues. This is really a personnel record keeping system that will make keeping track of membership easier. Please look on our website and get started creating your account. Contact me with issues or concerns.

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WB Scott Fredell, PM

FREEMASONRY

No one is quite sure when or where American freemasonry began, but all the evidence points to 1730 in Philadelphia and probably in Tun Tavern. The fraternity spread throughout the colonies as one of the few social institutions that transcended colonial boundaries. Even churches were largely regional, Anglican to the south, Calvinists and Puritans to the north, Quakers in Pennsylvania, and a smattering of Catholics. The fraternity began with British immigrants bringing familiar institutions with them.

Freemasonry in the American colonies came from England, Ireland and Scotland. Each successive wave of immigrant masons brought the current ceremonies and procedures of their home lodges. Without a strong central organization the fraternity evolved without much order. We today still don't know when and where the first lodge met, or if it was chartered or a private lodge.

Jonathon Belcher, who was governor in the colonies,

and the founder of Princeton University, along with other masons, like him held meetings in their homes to enjoy masonic fellowship. There are no written records of these meetings.

The questions of when, where, or if early masons met in the colonies was clearly answered with the discovery of an account book with "Liber B" marked on its cover. It contains the records of the earliest known Pennsylvania and American lodge. The first record is for June 24, 1731. In that month, Benjamin Franklin is entered as paying dues 5 months back. Franklin's entry implies lodge activity from at least December 8, 1730. In fact, Franklin's gazette for December 8, 1730 supports this: there are several lodges of freemasons erected in this province.

Within 13 years of the organization of the premier grand lodge in London in 1717, a lodge was operating in the American colonies with enough formality that a ledger book was kept to record dues payments. We do not know

the name of the lodge, where it met in Philadelphia, nor how it was organized. We know it collected dues. It was likely a self-constituted-time immemorial lodge.

There is strong circumstantial evidence that another self-constituted lodge was working in South Carolina in 1734. Benjamin Franklin sent 25 copies of his edition of James Anderson's *The Constitutions of the Freemasons* to South Carolina in that year.

It's hard to imagine that general readers in the Palmetto state were that curious about freemasonry, and Franklin was too shrewd a businessman to send a book on a lark. It's more likely that members of an unrecorded lodge wanted books to guide their operation. The next year 1735, the grand lodge of England chartered Solomons in Charleston, South Carolina, where it still meets today.

More later on our interesting start.

James Albright, WM

**Brother Edward Marinucci received the "TOP GUN" in the Isanti County Sportsmen Club for the year of 2020.
Congratulations Brother Marinucci.**

FREEMASONRY

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God.

I have been tried through the ages, and found true.

The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands.

I strive for beauty and for symmetry.

In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask.

Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death

and the relationship of man with God and of man with man.

My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will.

I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain.

I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widows tears, the pain of the old and destitute.

I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their

liberties and alert to lurking danger.

At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life.

I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe.

Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life.

I Am Freemasonry.

The End but actually, just the beginning.

I wanted to share this poem with you.

Jaden Litecky, SW

DAVE VICE - SHOOT

The do- over year is almost $\frac{3}{4}$ done, and we are finally getting to be able to have a couple of events to get out with our brothers and families!

Sept. 12th is our shoot for our 2 hospitals. I have beat this to death I know, but this is right in our wheelhouse as far as our philanthropies go. Roger and I thank you, for all of your help and support.

The following day, Sept 13th, we will be having a Helios Family Fun Day at the Isanti County Sportsmen Club. Family members are welcome to join in the fun.

Bring your guns and ammo, all of the ranges will be open for our use. If some people wish to, we will open up one of the trap houses, so bring a few boxes of trap loads. There are archery bales from 10 – 60 yards too, so bring your bow. I will have my crossbow there for people to try out. I will bring some splatter targets for pistol shooting, there should be some rifle targets as well. Feel free to bring targets of your own to use too. I would imagine that, if you see a gun that piques your interest, if you ask, you could probably try it out. If you are interested

in shooting true black powder, I will have an assortment of them there, including a couple of flintlocks. The cost of this day is \$5.00 per person. That's pretty cheap fun!! There will be plenty of foam hearing protectors, if you have safety glasses, I would bring them along.

If you have any questions or need more info, give me a call or email.

The fun will start at 12:00 pm on Sept 13th, and go until 4:00pm. ICSC address is 34487 Holly St NW Cambridge.

Bill Vice, JW

