



The Corinthian Courier

Corinthian Lodge No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Summer 2012

Brother Raised to 3rd Degree

On June 5th, 2012, an otherwise beautiful, warm summer day, the brothers of Corinthian Lodge No. 67 gathered to confer what is called the Sublime degree, the degree of Master Mason, on Brother Nadir Hattar.

Brother Nadir recited the proficiency exam well, deftly answering the questions in true Masonic form. The degree work commenced shortly after, and other than a few hiccups (“Nick, hoodwink, HOODWINK!”), the work went extremely well.

A fine meal was prepared by the sisters of Myrtle Chapter No. 13 OES. The food was plentiful and well received by the brothers. And thankfully, although the day was hot, the pitcher be not broken at the fountain, or in this case, on the table.

Congratulations Brother Nadir and welcome to our Masonic family.

Highway Cleanup

On April 21st, Corinthian Lodge participated in our first of three Highway Cleanups. It was a beautiful day, the coffee and donuts were plentiful and fresh and the fellowship made the effort worthwhile. Unfortunately, we found no lost treasures. The brothers and family members in attendance were Bros. Jerry Z., Jon S., and his wife and his grandson; Kayihan S. and his son; Rich W., Bill D., Randy P. and WM Joel for a total of ten participants. Nine total bags of refuse was collected. We are looking forward to our next outing in July and then again in September. Contact Bro. Jerry for more information.

Successful Scholarship Breakfast !

On Saturday, June 16 Corinthian Lodge held another successful Scholarship Breakfast. Under stormy skies, the event was well received by the community. We had challenges - a breaker 'fried' first thing in the morning - WM Joel, SW Rick and Doug K. got an electrician out to the lodge and brought us all to 'more light'.



Congratulations to all involved, and thanks to everyone who bought a ticket. The waffles were wonderful, the power stayed on, and the rain stopped. All proceeds fund scholarships to help local high school students for education.

Scholarship Funds Transferred

It was voted on at the June 5th Special Communication, with dispensation to do business during that meeting, to move the scholarship funds from Anchor Bank to the Grand Lodge investment program. Inquiries of what this entails should be made to Bro. Rick Vance.

Corinthian Lodge was established in 1867 and is located at 326 3rd Street, in downtown Farmington Minnesota.

Corinthian Lodge meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month, but is dark in June, July, and August.

Please join us for fellowship and meals at 6:30pm, with meetings starting at 7:30pm.

Visit our website at www.corinthian67.org

Annual Communication 2012

Although the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was opened on Friday the 13th, there seemed to have befallen no bad luck on our venerable Grand Lodge. This year promised much in the way of progress and change while maintaining and honoring our traditions.

A few highlights of note, first, the altar bible used at the Annual Communication was a significant treasure in our nation's history. Saint John's Lodge No. 1 AYM of the Grand Lodge of New York F.&A.M. brought with them the Inaugural Bible that George Washington swore his oath of office as the first president of these United States. Its importance as one of the founding documents was not lost on any of those present. All were quite moved at knowing that we were within a few feet of the document which created the Executive Branch of the United States Government and ushered in the American era of which we can proudly say we remain in to this day.



Secondly, the Grand Lodge played host to two great luminaries of Masonic scholarship. Worshipful Brother Cliff Porter of Enlightenment Lodge No. 198 of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F.&A.M. is a well known Masonic speaker who has recently authored a book entitled The Secret Psychology of Freemasonry. His book combines Jungian psychology, Masonic legend, and alchemical theories into an interesting read.

The second brother was Most Worshipful Brother Rex Hutchens, 33°, G.C., Past Grand Master of Masons in Arizona. Scottish Rite Masons will recognize his name immediately as the author of A Bridge to Light. Without a doubt one of the most

boisterous speakers the Grand Lodge has ever invited. He was this year's Duane E. Anderson Excellence in Masonic Education Awardee. He focused his discussions on making Masonry better by taking a more focused and traditional approach. He is a member of Esoterika Lodge No. 316 of Tucson, Arizona and spoke highly of the Traditional Observance approach. From start to finish, he encouraged a great deal of discussion and garnered much respect from the assembled brethren.



Finally but no less important, our own esteemed Secretary, Worshipful Brother Joe Kivens, has been installed as the District Representative for District 19. Thankfully, this appointment is not some post-script of Worshipful Brother Joe's Masonic life but is a continuing testament to his hard work and dedication to the Craft. Congratulations Worshipful Brother Joe.



Master's Corner

By Joel Wolfe (WM 2012)



I hope that this communication from the East finds you in good health and that you are enjoying your summer!

Since being installed as Worshipful Master back in November of 2011, we have had a vibrant, busy and productive year, so far.

Some of the highlights included, of course, Degree Work, where we raised five Brothers to the sublime Degree of Master Mason, partnered with the Farmington Police Department preparing grocery bags for families in need for their annual Holiday time Toys for Town campaign, had great participation and representation from our Lodge at the various Schools of Instruction, seminars and conferences, participated in the annual Farmington Community Expo for Farmington Businesses and Community groups, held the annual Corinthian Lodge Sweethearts Dinner for Valentine's Day, had another great showing from our Lodge at the 159th Grand Communication, conducted our annual Table Lodge, Widow's and Awards Night, which was very well attended with special Guest Speaker, newly installed, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota, Brian Beermann, sponsored the annual Masons, Lions and Knights of Columbus picnic, and heck, just to keep it interesting held the

semi-annual highway clean up for a stretch of road the Lodge sponsors along Pilot Knob in Apple Valley, MN.

With all of that activity, we still managed to replace a majority of the folding chairs in the Lodge that had seen better days, held a Steak Dinner fundraiser for the brethren to benefit the building fund and granted Scholarships to four students graduating from the Farmington High School, totaling \$4000. Last but not least, we held our third annual Scholarship Breakfast in June, to assist us in fundraising and to be able to continue giving back to the students of the Farmington community.

I look forward to seeing you in September to kick off the last portion of the 2011 – 2012 Season. Please plan on joining us on Tuesday, September 4th, 2012 for the Dusty Square and Compass, Stated Communication. 6:30 PM for Dinner and 7:30 PM Communication.

Join Our Monthly Travels

Back in the days of operative Masonry, it can be assumed that the craft were often itinerant workers looking for labor. Their education freed them from the constraint of local low wages, and their wandering associations with other freemasons is what led to the establishment of trade groups, soon to be known as Lodges, that we speculative Masons enjoy today.

Many of the oldest written records of Masons deal with visiting and the reception of visitors as a matter of right. As speculative Masons, we travel more as a privilege; and Brothers, we have been privileged this year.

Please consider joining in our monthly travels, and feel free to suggest lodges that you would recommend. Contact WB Steve or WB Nick for further information or to rideshare.

York Rite Corner

By Nick Johnson, High Priest



Companions and Brothers,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Nick Johnson and I am the current sitting High Priest of Corinthian Chapter No. 33 R.A.M. We have had a busy year exalting many companions to the most sublime degree of the Royal Arch as well as greeting many into Northfield Council No. 12 R.&S.M. In fact, Corinthian Chapter was awarded for the highest net increase in membership in the state at the Annual Convocation this year.

Many of you have probably only heard about the Royal Arch degree in passing. In America, the Royal Arch is not actively promoted by any Grand Lodge. However, in England, the Royal Arch is considered essential and all Masons are encouraged to receive the Royal Arch. From the UGLE's Book of Constitutions, "pure, ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees and no more, Viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

We will begin our Chapter degree work in October. We have not confirmed whether we will be meeting on the first or third Monday of each month. Should you have any questions or would like to petition, please contact me at njohnson@farmingtonyorkrite.org. You can also visit our website at farmingtonyorkrite.org.

Matron's Corner

By Kathy DeJohn, Worthy Matron



Hi! I'm Kathi DeJohn, Worthy Matron, for Myrtle Chapter for the 2012-2013 year. My theme this year is to support Can Do Canines Assistance Dogs in New Hope, MN. They are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities. We have had a busy late Spring with a Pampered Chef event, a Feed Our Starving Children event in Eagan with a number of members participating; served 18 Brothers at a recent 3rd Degree Dinner; and, held a successful bake sale at the recent Corinthian Waffle Breakfast.

We postponed our annual STAR picnic at Rambling River Park since the Rambling River was flooded during the recent storm, rescheduling for August, date to be determined. We are looking forward to a busy Fall and Winter with another outing at Feed Our Starving Children and a Pampered Chef event as well as supporting Bethel Chapter 88 of Jobs Daughters International during their reinstated first year. Brothers are encouraged to let their wives and significant others know about our Pampered Chef event in case they want to order for themselves or for gifts. Also, parents with girls between 10 and 18 are welcome to contact Job's Daughters, if interested. All Brothers and their families are welcome to join STAR members for the Feed Our Starving Children event and/or our August picnic.

Kathi DeJohn

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Bethel News



You are invited to the Re-Institution Ceremony Of Bethel No. 88 on Saturday, June 30, 2012

The schedule for the day will be as follows:

11:00am: Re-Institution Ceremony & Installation of the BGC Performed by the Grand Guardian Council Officers Immediately followed by the Initiation/Obligation Ceremony Performed by the Grand Bethel Officers and Choir

2:00pm: Installation of Bethel Officers Performed by the Grand Bethel Officers and Choir

There will be a light lunch between the Ceremonies.

All women shall wear a dress or skirt and shirt. All men shall wear dress slacks and collared shirt.

All Ceremonies with the exception of the Installation of Bethel Officers are closed meetings.

Please RSVP by June 23, 2012 to Pam Leech (psleech@comcast.net) or Joanie Peterson (joaniep41@mnjd.org) If you will be able to attend.

Cemetery Report



Brothers,

Many of you may already be aware, but for those who are not, our lodge owns a significant asset in the community of Farmington, Corinthian Cemetery. This asset has quietly served both the lodge and community for more than a century. Our Cemetery lies in a quiet section of town just off of Highway 3. Many famous members of Corinthian Lodge are buried there including Billy Nixon who served with the 1st Minnesota.

Recently, the Board has voted to have the maintenance and upkeep funds transferred into a new 501(c)(3) corporation to be named, "The Corinthian Cemetery Fund." This change may allow for the deductibility of contributions depending on the donor's tax situation. We hope to bring this before the Lodge for approval in September.

We have many options for burials and interments, including a columbarium. If you are interested in purchasing any one of our interment options or if you have questions or concerns about a particular site, please call Ehler Services at 651-463-4046.

We hope to keep the Lodge informed of all happenings at Corinthian Cemetery. If you ever want to make a gift of time or money, the Board would be glad to assist you. The Board would like to thank all of you for your continued support in this most important and brotherly endeavor.

Exploring Masonry In Pictures

We are interested in the Lodges and Masonic monuments around us. If you find yourself near a lodge or anything else Masonic, please take a picture and share it with us! Please submit to editor@corinthiant67.org



Old Masonic Temple

6th and Hennepin, Minneapolis

(submitted by Nick Johnson)

Old Knights of Pythias Building

Fort Worth, TX

(submitted by Nick Johnson)



The Masonic Center of Fort Worth, TX

(submitted by Nick Johnson)

Meet your Almoner

I have been asked by the Master to take on responsibilities of Almoner (sometimes called the Caring Officer) for Corinthian Lodge. This is a very active position in England but not as much in the United States. In this role, I am going to try and look after the well being of my brothers and sisters, wives, or partners during times of distress which can arrive in any shape or form. I will also try and lend an sympathetic ear to those in trouble and who may have difficulty discussing it with another brother, always respecting the privacy of an individual.

If you know of any brothers or sisters or widows who are experiencing a time of distress and there is something we as a caring Lodge could do to assist them, please don't hesitate to let me know... in most cases, you will be the only way I may find out about someone needing assistance.

Bill DeJohn, Chaplain

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Scholarships Presented

On May 30th, Corinthian Lodge No. 67 presented four \$1000 college scholarships to Seniors Amber Cummings, Andrey Deck-Webber, Derek Anderson and Matthew Fredrickson at the Farmington High School Awards Night. The scholarships were presented by Worshipful Brother Nick Johnson and Brother Rick Johnson.

Over the past 15 years, Corinthian Lodge No. 67 has awarded over \$50,000 in college scholarships to local graduating Seniors. In order to continue to fund the Corinthian Lodge College Scholarships, our lodge is again holding a charity breakfast. This year, instead of pancakes, we will have waffles. Any and all help with the breakfast would be appreciated.

Saint John's Day in Faribault



On a beautiful Sunday morning, June 24th, the brothers of Faribault Lodge No. 9 assembled to conduct an important and historic event, a procession to a local house of worship in honor of our patron saint, Saint John the Baptist. The procession had two Corinthian Lodge members, WBro. Nick and Bro. Rick serving as the Chaplain, carrying the Holy Bible. The brothers processed into the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior, famously known as the Cathedral of Bishop Whipple. Although the people of Faribault seemed confused as we returned to the lodge, this procession presented Masonry in a very positive light for the entire town. Congratulations to all the Faribault Masons and other participating brothers.

Our Awardees



Amber Cummings will be studying Early and Special Education at UW Stout in the fall.



Andrey Deck-Webber will be studying Criminal Justice at Mankato State University in the fall.



Derek Anderson will be studying Business at Loyola University in MD in the fall.



Matthew Fredrickson will be studying music at Crossroads College in the fall.

Upcoming Events



Corinthian Lodge is dark in June, July, and August

Bethel #88 Re-Institution and Installation June 30th starting at 11:00 am

Highway Cleanup
July and September (Contact Bro. Jerry)

Visit to Castle Island Lodge No. 190 (Online)
August 29th at 7:00 pm

Dusty Square & Compass
Tuesday, September 4th at 7:30pm

Minnesota Twins Masonic Youth Day
September 9th

Myrtle Chapter #13 Meeting
Tuesday, September 11th at 7:30 pm

Feed Our Starving Children Event - 6:00PM-
Thursday, November 1 at 7:00PM

Need to change your mailing address or update your contact information with the Lodge?

Want to go to Lodge meetings or events, but need help finding a ride?

Medical or health issues preventing you from attending, but want to catch up on happenings?

Living somewhere much warmer than Farmington in May, but need help with something?

Please email the Secretary at secretary@corinthian67.org and tell us how we can help.

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