



# The Corinthian Courier

Corinthian Lodge No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Nov-Dec 2012

## Master's Corner

By Rick Vance (WM 2013)



Greetings Brethren,

My Brothers, we are excited about our year coming up. We have several excellent men going through the degrees now and we are looking forward to a very special Master Mason Degree put on by The Grand Lodge of Minnesota, partnering with the Minnesota Shriners at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple on the morning of Saturday December 8. This will be memorable. Let us know if you can make it.

Over the next year you can plan on receiving excellent Masonic Education in every lodge meeting we have. As a lodge we have been improving our ritual every year by our own Brothers and we have a goal of reaching the Gold Level Lodge award from The Grand Lodge of Minnesota by getting Brothers proficient in two more lectures.

Over the past few years we have been increasing our presence and service in the Farmington community that include College Scholarships for Farmington High School Seniors, food distribution for the Toys For Town program in December, Dew Days Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast in June, Farmington Veterans Dinner in November, Adopt a Highway, and the Farmington Expo. Over the next year you can look forward to us adding a Community Open House Dinner the week after the Farmington Expo in January where we can tell interested people about

the Masons, participating as a lodge in the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics, and participate in a special Halloween season fundraiser to provide assistance to our American Military Service Men and Women deployed overseas. We'll have a few more fun and meaningful surprises too.

We hope you will make a point to come to our lodge meetings to meet your Brothers some who are new and some you already know and also to receive quality and meaningful Masonic Education. Our 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation of Officers is Saturday November 17 at 3 PM at the lodge followed by a light meal. I look forward to seeing you there or at a lodge meeting soon.

Please let me know if your Brothers in Corinthian Lodge No. 67 can assist you in any way. Thank you for your support of Masonry and Corinthian Lodge.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy Holidays.

Fraternally,

Rick Vance  
Master, Corinthian Lodge No. 67,  
Farmington, MN  
Mark Master Mason, Roman Eagle Lodge,  
Edinburgh, Scotland

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](http://www.corinthian67.org)

## From the Secretary's Desk:

Brothers,

I hope you all find yourselves well. I believe Corinthian Lodge has had another successful year in 2012. In the month on November, we will say thank you to the Officers that have served for the 2011-2012 year and welcome in the new Officers for 2012-2013. We achieved Silver Level status under the Lodge Recognition program. The Lodge for many of the activities that it does such as our community work, ritual work, membership numbers, and Officers attending required meetings of the Grand Lodge.

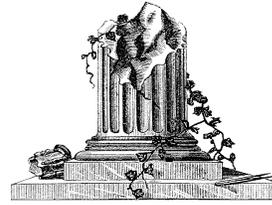
Corinthian Lodge realized the 4th straight years of growth; I expect our membership to go from 141 Brothers at the end of 2011 to 146 at the end of 2012. We held 2 Master Mason degrees in the Lodge and several new Brothers will attend Big Tent event for their Master Mason degree performed with the help of the Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

We had many improvements to the physical plant of the Lodge. New windows in the front and side and painting and brick work all around the building. Also, a number of Brothers make sure that the building is kept spotless. We have purchased a large screen TV to be used for presentations and in the Club room as we continue to work on those improvements. We have replaced many of the broken metal chairs with 50 new padded chairs. These chairs were purchased with a combination of Lodge funds and donations from the Brothers.

If you have not had the opportunity to stop by the Lodge recently, please do so. I know you will be pleased at what you see. Also, as always if you have any questions for me please email me or give me a call.

Joe Kivens, Secretary and PM of Corinthian #67

## Lodge of Sorrow



Corinthian Lodge mourns the loss of Brother John Debnam. Brother John moved on to the celestial lodge above on April 10, 2012 .

Corinthian Lodge mourns the loss of Brother Jon Ahlberg. Brother Jon moved on to the celestial lodge above on September 12, 2012

## 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.

The Grand Lodge has recently created the Wayfaring Man Passport Program. This program has been designed to encourage the Masonic right to travel. If you have questions, ask WB Nick

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.

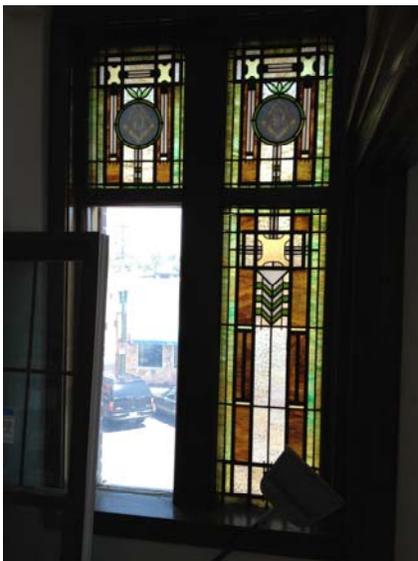
## Photos from the Farmington Masonic Temple Renovation (Commentary by WM Joel)



5 of the 6 Windows are installed in the Dining Room and Club Room. The Window in the foreground was damaged in shipment and is being replaced. Each of the windows that was replaced had rotted in the frames, some worse than others, and wood had to be replaced to install the windows. The installer stated that this was a larger job than originally anticipated. He is very good at what he does and I could tell he was very meticulous and skilled. He is doing an excellent job.



3 of the replaced windows in the Club Room.



The stained glass window. Plexi-glass was installed on the outside to protect it. Problem was, that it was not vented, thus allowing moisture to accumulate, rot the wood around it and diminish the integrity of the stained glass itself. A specialist, who has experience with stained glass was brought in, he started removed one pane of it and it started to disintegrate. He ended up taping the segments, so it would not fall apart as he removed it and took it away to work on it, possibly build a new frame. More to follow on this situation.



A picture of Dan the Window Man. This craftsman, is doing some excellent work.



Two newly installed replacement windows (not entirely complete) on the lower level of the Barber Shop.



New custom fitted down spout extensions that match the original down spouts, diverting water away from the foundation of the building. You can also see in this photo and the bottom corner of the building that they have closed gaps, cracks and crevices that were letting water into the foundation. They used caulk and grout (for lack of the appropriate term).



Photo of the Hardie Board replacement (fiber/cement) on the side of the building where the Barbershop AC Unit is located. Not Painted yet. Exhausts were re-done, lessening chance of Carbon Monoxide (CO) by appropriately venting out of the building. This replaced plywood, fiberglass insulation, newspapers and paper catalogs that were found during the removal and replacement with the Hardie Board.



Front façade brickwork restored



More Hardie Board replacement and appropriate ventilation (not painted yet).



View of the windows from outside the Lodge. 5 of 6 replaced (last window on the left is still to be replaced).

## York Rite Corner

By Nick Johnson, High Priest



Companions and Brothers,

Our year has started in earnest with ten candidates. Our class took the Mark Master degree over two different sessions. All the Mark Master Masons have received their pennies and have or will have created a Mark special to him.

Our next degrees for November is the Past Master degree and Most Excellent Master degree. The Past Master degree is a degree of necessity. Anciently, only an installed master of a lodge would be eligible to receive the Holy Royal Arch degree. As you can imagine, exclusivity breeds desirability which led to many non-Masters seeking exaltation. This degree was created as a workaround to that ancient rule.

The Most Excellent Master degree describes the story of the completion of King Solomon's Temple. It is a joyous degree, filled with symbols of hope and reverence for G-d. The degree is as much a production as it is a degree. In its full form, the degree would probably rival anything by Cecil B. DeMille. (I guess that's what we call hyperbole.) We are having a great year and I believe our candidates are having a great time as they learn and grow in Masonry.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [njohnson@farmingtonyorkrite.org](mailto:njohnson@farmingtonyorkrite.org). You can also visit our website at [farmingtonyorkrite.org](http://farmingtonyorkrite.org).

Nick Johnson (HP 2011-12)

## Matron's Corner

By Kathy DeJohn, Worthy Matron



Greetings all,

I just wanted to catch everyone up on Star events. It has been a while since we put out a news memo.

We filled food bags for Feed My Starving Children on Nov. 1st, there were about 15 Masonic family members present. The Chapter will be signing up for this project again in mid to late spring. Maybe some of you would like to join us. We post the day as soon as it is set up.

The Chapter is dressing bears for Castle Rock Bank to provide for children at a local women's shelter this Christmas season. It has been lots of fun and a prize will be awarded for the best dressed boy bear and best dressed girl bear.

We will be initiating a new member on Dec. 11th and again another new member in Jan. 2013. It is always so exciting to receive new members.

We will again host our Valentine Luncheon on Feb. 9, 2013. Look for more information in the near future.

The members of Myrtle #13 wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and A healthy happy New Year.

Billie Errico

## Bethel News



Bethel UD, Farmington is up and running. What is Jobies you ask? It is the Job's Daughters International, a youth program for girls between the ages of 10 and 20. The goal of Job's Daughters is to help young women grow and prosper through their teen years so that they may develop into successful and responsible adults. Through hard work and effort on the part of many individuals, Bethel UD Farmington has been reopened and young girls in the area have been meeting and making new friends and working towards that goal.

The girls have been meeting since June accomplishing the daunting task of becoming a vital part of this community. The girls have been attending dances, working at the Shrine Circus, going to sleepovers held at other Bethels, serving dinner for the Daughters of the Nile, filling food packages for Feed My Starving Children, and hosting prospect parties to attract new members. They just had their first initiation welcoming two new members into the group. A new petition for membership was received at their last meeting, so they will soon have another new sister.

The girls will be honoring the Masons and other Masonic Bodies on Thursday, Nov. 29th. Please plan on attending and show them your support. Also the girls will be doing gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble on Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 as a fund-raising project. The Bethel is available and willing to help out at other functions when the need arises. Just contact Debbie Miller at 763-218-1425.

## Cemetery Report



Brothers,

The Lodge has approved the Board's request to have the maintenance and upkeep funds, aka the Perpetual Care 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. This change will facilitate a better structure to meet our future needs.

Some history from the Lodge website, "Corinthian Cemetery was established in 1872 and occupied 5 acres of land purchased from N. Ezra Slack for \$225. There had been several burials made on this 5 acres before formal establishment. The Cemetery has now purchased an additional 10.17 acres South and Southeast of the original 5 acres."

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.

Nick Johnson, Vice President

## 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](mailto:editor@corinthiant67.org)



**Masonic buildings and other landmarks from Bahia, Brazil  
(submitted by Bro. Justin Larson)**

## Upcoming Events



Stated Meeting, Myrtle Chapter No. 13  
Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30pm

Honor the Masons, Farmington Bethel  
Thursday, November 29th at 7:30pm

Stated Communication, Corinthian Lodge No. 67  
Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30pm

3rd Degree Big Tent Event at the Mpls. SR Temple  
Saturday, December 8th at 7:30am

Christmas Party, Myrtle Chapter No. 13  
Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30 pm

Toys for Town, Saturday, December 15th at 6am

Royal Arch Degree, Corinthian Chapter No. 33  
Monday, December 17th at 7pm

St. John the Evangelist Family Holiday Potluck  
Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30pm

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](mailto:secretary@corinthian67.org) and tell us how we can help.

## About the Corinthian Courier

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What have you been up to, your friends want to know.

Changed jobs, retired, moved had children/grandchildren?

Earned York, Scottish, or Shrine degrees or honors?

Currently in the military or a veteran?

Got an idea for a news story you'd like to see?

Email the editor and we'll put it in the Courier

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