



The Corinthian Courier

Corinthian Lodge No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

May-Jun 2013

Master's Column

By Rick Vance (WM 2013)



Dear Brothers, Family, and Friends of Corinthian Lodge No. 67,

Best wishes of health and wellbeing to all of you as the warmth and growth of Spring has finally arrived.

While you will be receiving this during the time of year when we say the lodge is 'dark', the lodge has had a lot of light these past few months and we will be keeping busy throughout the summer.

Of all the recent positive events at Corinthian Lodge none bring me more happiness than bringing six fine men, Clinton Christensen, Collin Dahl, Mark Kujawa, Max McCullough, Jim Niehoff, and Tyrone Patterson, to further light in Masonry being raised as Master Masons on April 16th. All of our new Brothers have jumped right into showing their Brotherhood with a combination of work done around the lodge, road clean up, visiting other lodges, and Masonic seminars. As a group, these men demonstrated the finest ritual proficiency in anyone's recent memory. A highlight of this Master Mason degree was that all of the degree work was performed by Corinthian Lodge with a first in a long time third lecture by JS Brian Hoyland.

Since the last newsletter our officers attended the Annual Communication in April which had excel-

lent presentations on Lodge Growth and Mentorship. Speaking of lodge growth Corinthian Lodge had net new member growth last year and we tied for 4th place in number of new Brothers raised in all Masonic lodges in Minnesota in 2012.

On Tuesday May 7th, we were very fortunate to have Brother Mason and published author of the book Journey to Freedom, Peter Vodenka speak at our lodge. Peter spoke of the repression he endured as a young person in totalitarian communist Czechoslovakia. To gain their freedom he told us of he and his wife's death and prison defying escape and defection from behind the Iron Curtain to the United States with their two young children in 1983. Peter's presentation reminded us of the value of the freedoms we as Americans have enjoyed and our need to protect them.

On May 18th, a group of officers and some of our newest Masons traveled to Mankato for a Grand Lodge training session called Leaders of the Craft. The key speaker was Brother Dr. John Nagy of Tampa, Florida. Brother Nagy is a national speaker and author of the Building Better Builders Series & Building Hiram Blog. Ideas and tools from this training will be used by us as we continue to increase the relevance of Corinthian Lodge and increase our membership and member involvement.

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

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are tenets of our Masonic Fraternity. These tenets are most assuredly demonstrated in our annual scholarships to FHS students for college or post-secondary education. This year's recipients were Gwendolen Dunst, Brett Johnson, Jennifer Leovan, and Heather Torkelson. Each student received a \$1000 scholarship. Choosing just four recipients wasn't easy given the many very qualified young people who applied. I'd like to thank Bros Rick Johnson and Joe Kivens for leading the Scholarship Committee.

How do we raise the money for those scholarships you may ask? The primary way we raise funds will be our 4th annual Farmington Dew Days Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast which will be held at the lodge on Saturday June 15 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Many of you will have already been sent tickets to sell for the waffle breakfast and we appreciate you sending your checks back to the lodge. We also look forward to seeing you, your families, and friends at the lodge for this special Dew Days event.

Brothers from Anoka Lodge will be coming to Farmington to compete in the Dew Days Rib Cook off as the Bones Brothers. The brothers of Corinthian Lodge will be evaluating whether we want to initiate a Bones Brothers Barbeque Team of our own that can raise money for our lodge and other organizations. When you're at Dew Days on Saturday make sure you say hi to your Brothers from Anoka and welcome them to Farmington.

We also raise money for the scholarships through the sale of Kwik Trip gift cards. You get the full value of the gift card and the scholarship fund gets ten percent. That's a win win isn't it? Please contact Lodge Sec'y Joe Kivens to purchase your gift cards.

The Support Our Troops Haunted House, the first two weekends in October at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, is another new initiative to help others the lodge will be active in this year. The Support Our Troops organization raises money to send care

packages to our country's service personnel deployed overseas. Our participation in the Haunted House is being led by JD Jerry Zierdt and this year's theme for our haunted room is King Solomon's Mine. We will be active in putting the set and costumes together over the summer. Please talk to Brother Jerry to get involved.

Brother Jerry also led our Pilot Knob Road Adopt a Highway effort Saturday May 11th. Thank you to all the Brothers and families and friends who helped.

To celebrate our patron saint St. John the Baptist, we will be traveling to Faribault to attend services at the Congregational Church Sunday, 6/23 and to Red Wing Monday 6/24 for a celebration that includes a procession to nearby St. Paul's Lutheran Church and a presentation by MWB Tom Hendrickson. Please talk to WB Nick Johnson or me if you want to attend either or both of these events.

We held a lodge clean up/painting day on Saturday June 1st. Thank you to all who helped. Details on page 7 of the newsletter.

We plan to have other activities over the summer including travel to other lodges and perhaps a baseball game or a boat trip. Stay tuned for those.

We have an urgent need to upgrade our antiquated electric service in our building. Your financial support to help us is needed.

A big THANK YOU to all the brothers who are active with plans on your trestle boards and labors in the quarries to make Corinthian Lodge a great place to be a Mason. I wish all you brothers well and look forward to seeing YOU at our activities over the summer and at our Dusty Square and Compass meeting on September 3rd.

Have a great summer!

Fraternally,

Rick Vance, WM

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.

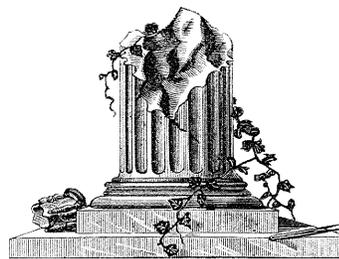
In the month of June, we will be traveling to two different Saint John's Day processions, the first in Faribault and the second in Redwing. Visiting a place of worship has been a long tradition in Masonry. Even recently, lodges in England, Wales, and Scotland will visit churches, synagogues, mosques, gurdwaras, Hindu temples, and many other communities of faith. These processions often serve as outreach programs to community. More details and explanations about the two processions can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

I'll throw out MN River, Accacia, Lebanon, Minnehaha, Cataract, Lake Harriet, Albert Pike, Ancient Landmark, Dakota, Mizpah, and many other lodges that we could visit in June. Let me know.

We may also plan to visit Saint Paul Three in July. The plans are still in process. If you've never visited a Traditional Observance Lodge, you're in for a great time. If interested, please contact WB Nick.

Got other places you want to visit? Contact WBs Steve, Joe, or Nick for further information or to rideshare.

Lodge of Sorrow



There have been no deaths since the last newsletter.

Scholarship Waffle Breakfast



Brothers,

We will again be hosting a Waffle Breakfast for our annual Farmington High School Scholarships on Saturday, June 15th, from 8:30am to 11:30am. Tickets for the breakfast are \$8 and children under 5 eat free. This event has been held in conjunction during Farmington's annual Dew Days celebration and we are proud to continue that tradition for a fourth year.

If you can at all volunteer, please contact WM Rick or WB Joe. We will need help setting up and tearing down. We need all the help we can get. Thank you brothers for your consideration and let's make this another great year to support students in our community.

Saint John's Day Procession in Faribault

Brethren,

It is with great pride that we invite all of you to join us and our families as Faribault Lodge No. 9 continues the old tradition of celebrating Saint John's Day, Sunday June 23rd. We will open our lodge at 9 am and form in procession to the Congregational Church of Faribault. We will process in with the congregation a few minutes before 10 am and attend services. Your families may join us but only Masons may be in the procession.

The dress for church is dark suit and tie for the members of Faribault No. 9. Afterwards, we will process back to the lodge where we will close the lodge. You can change clothes at the Lodge.

After our procession, we will have our Saint John's Day potluck with our families at South Alexander Park. If you do not feel comfortable attending the service, which is perfectly acceptable, you are still most welcome to join us at the picnic. The potluck will likely start at noon.

We are fortunate to be attending services at the Congregational Church. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota held an occasional communication to lay the cornerstone for the Parish House of the Congregational Church of Faribault in 1926. PGM and PM Jenkins officiated the event. Again, all Masons are invited to attend. We will be in full regalia for this procession. If you are a lodge officer or Grand Lodge Officer, please bring your officer's apron and jewels. Also, we may not have enough white aprons; please bring your lodge's aprons to ensure all Masons are properly attired. The Cathedral will be this year's plan B. If you have questions, you can email WB Jimmy Harris at jamesharris507@msn.com. Again, please join us in this ancient Masonic tradition.

We'll see you all there!

Saint John's Day in Red Wing

Brethren,

Freemasonry has a long and colorful history based on many traditions. While we still practice many of these traditions today, sadly, a few of these traditions have been left by the wayside due to lack of interest and declining membership numbers. The Brothers of Red Wing Lodge #8 would like your help in restoring one of these great traditions!

As we all know, Freemasonry has two Patron Saints, Saint John the Evangelist and Saint John the Baptist. In the past both these days were celebrated with much reverence and zeal. Sadly, the tradition of celebrating their Feast Days has virtually disappeared.

On Monday, June 24, please join the Red Wing Lodge #8 for a Saint John's Day Celebration! We will be open at 7 PM and then forming a Masonic Procession where we will proceed to nearby St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Once there we will have a dinner and refreshments. Afterward, our keynote speaker for the night, MWB Tom Hendrickson will present a fantastic speech on the history and importance of celebrating Saint John Day. We then will process back to close.

While we will have no set cost for the meal, we will have a hat set out for contributions to help with the cost of the night's activities. We are asking that if you are interested in coming to please contact W.B. Gary Thomas, either by e-mailing him at gcbthomas@gmail.com or by phone, at 651-212-0659, and if possible, by Friday, June 21 to help us to plan. Also, please bring along your Lodge aprons! Red Wing has a limited supply of white aprons so we want to make sure that everyone in the procession has one!

See you there!

York Rite Corner

By Nick Johnson



Matron's Corner

By Veronica Harper, Worthy Matron



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Companions and Sir Knights,

We are coming round the bend of the year. That means we're coming up to Grand Session season. If you are an officer in one of the three bodies, you are expected to attend, vote, and meet your fellow officers. I am more than happy to send you the form. Even if you're not an officer, come on out anyway. Grand Session is being held at the Crown Plaza minutes from the Mall of America. And yes, if you attend the Grand Assembly for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, you can watch me get collared and wear a purple jacket. I might even allow photos.

Finally, let me ask the Master Masons reading this very short column a few questions. Do you dream about the Lost Word? Do you wonder what's buried under the Temple? Do you like freakin' swords? If you answered yes to any of these, please contact me at millennialfreemason@gmail.com and I can hook you up with a petition. The York Rite is not restricted to Christians, despite what some misinformed brothers may believe, and in fact, all Master Masons should, at some point, join the Chapter as the Chapter completes Antient Craft Masonry. And come on, it allows you to hang out with brothers from many different lodges. Who doesn't want that?

Visit our website at farmingtonyorkrite.org.

Nick Johnson (PHP, PCW, CG)

Greetings to our Masonic family,

Our chapter has canceled the evening of May 30 at Feed My Starving Children. We'll reschedule this for next fall. We decided that we wanted and needed to support our Job's Daughters that night as they initiate new members. We'll let you know the date as soon as it has been set up, and we hope you can join us again.

Please mark your calendars for the Job's Daughters installation on June 22, 2013. It will be their first one when they install an Honored Queen, and it is my hope that the members of our Masonic family will be able to support our girls by attending this very important day.

As I wrote last month, Myrtle Chapter is having a Pot Luck picnic at the Rambling River Park on June 25 at 6:00 pm. You and your families are invited to join with us for fun and fellowship, and great food. You just need to bring yourself, your family members and a dish to share. If the weather is inclement we will be going to the lodge. Please put this date in your calendar.

At our meeting on September 10 we will be honoring our OES Masonic brothers and Rob Morris, the founder of our Order. If you are a member of our chapter, please try and join us for this very special evening.

Have a great and fun summer as we are both dark.

Sincerely,

Veronica Harper WM

Bethel News



The Job's Daughters, Bethel UD, Farmington is growing. The girls initiated a new member this on May 30th and will be initiating two more new members in June. On June 22nd the girls will be holding installation of new officers for the July to December Session, 2013. The girls will hopefully have their Charter by the end of June.

The girls have been active this term attending dances sponsored by DeMolay, spent a day at Valley Fair and participated in Memorial Day services at Fort Snelling. We look forward to another exciting term. Remember that Jobie's meetings are open to all Masons, Eastern Star members and other Masonic bodies. The girls would just love to have you attend their installation and/or meeting so they can show you what they have learned.

Job's Daughters is 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. If you know a young girl between the ages of 10 and 20 and think they would be interested in joining Job's Daughters, please contact any of the adults associated with Farmington's Bethel.

Cemetery Report



Brothers,

As you may have seen in your MN Mason, our Cemetery has called out to all the lodges in Minnesota to find out if we are, in fact, the last cemetery owned by a lodge.

There have been other lodges that have owned cemeteries but have since passed out into other corporations and governance structures. Two of the best known are Acacia Cemetery in Mendota Heights, very near the hill known as Pilot Knob, and Mankato Masonic Cemetery.

If you have any information about other Masonic cemeteries, please let the Board know by contacting our Secretary, WBro. Dave Lilja.

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.

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 edi-

Lost Masonic buildings



Minneapolis Masonic Temple
(now Hennepin Center of the Arts)



Harrington Mansion, Zuhrah Shrine
Sold 2012

Lodge Cleanup and Painting Day, June 1st



Brothers, if you didn't know we had a painting day at the Lodge on Saturday June 1st. We also put into plan the cleaning and straightening of several things in the Lodge room. Also, the new plaque was added to the front door. Please plan to stop by the Lodge soon to see the new look. It would be great to see you at the Scholarship Breakfast that is planned for Saturday June 15th.

Some of the Brothers that at the Lodge for the painting.



Don Errico
Rick Vance
Steve Schendel
Darren Simon
Tom Holten
Jim Niehoff
Mark Kujawa
Rich Waldie
Scott Cummings
Collin Dahl
Bruce Jensen

Upcoming Events



4th Annual Waffle Breakfast for Scholarships

Saturday, June 15th, 8:30am to 11:30am

Order of the Temple, Faribault Commandery No. 8

Monday, June 17th at pm, Faribault

Bethel Installation, Bethel #88 UD

Saturday, June 22nd at 7:30pm

Saint John's Day, Faribault Lodge No. 9

Sunday, June 23rd at 9:00am

Saint John's Day, Red Wing No. 8

Monday, June 24th at 7:00pm

Picnic, Myrtle Chapter No. 13

Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30pm, Rambling River Park

York Rite Grand Sessions

Thursday, June 27th– 29th in Bloomington

Dusty Square and Compass, Corinthian Lodge

Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:30pm

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 and tell us how we can help.

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Changed jobs, retired, moved had children/grandchildren?

Earned York, Scottish, or Shrine degrees or honors?

Currently in the military or a veteran?

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