

The Story of Freemasons in Farmington, MN

Corinthian Lodge #67, AF and AM, was chartered in October, 1867. The original chartering Masons were Union Army veterans. In 1870, Corinthian Lodge purchased from Br. Ezra Slack the property today known as Corinthian Cemetery. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, one of the benefits frequently offered by fraternal organizations was burial insurance and a burial plot.

It is not clear where Corinthian Lodge met in the early days, but there are references to our lodge meeting in various venues in Farmington, including the Odd Fellows Hall. Eventually, in 1914, the Lodge built its own home, the Masonic Temple, with the financial assistance of Masons who purchased Masonic Building Bonds. This was a way for the Lodge to self-finance the construction of its own building.

The Masonic Temple was originally constructed with gleaming hardwood floors and rich, dark baseboards, doors, and door frames. The owner of a local lumberyard, and a Mason, donated much of the wood that is in the upper story of the Temple. The furniture in the "Temple" is original to the Lodge. A new, "checkerboard pavement" carpet, important as a Masonic symbol, has been designed and constructed by Sr. Kerry Hansen, Myrtle Chapter OES.

"Making Good Men Better"

The mission of the Freemasons of Minnesota is to engage and inspire good men, who believe in a Supreme Being, to live according to Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

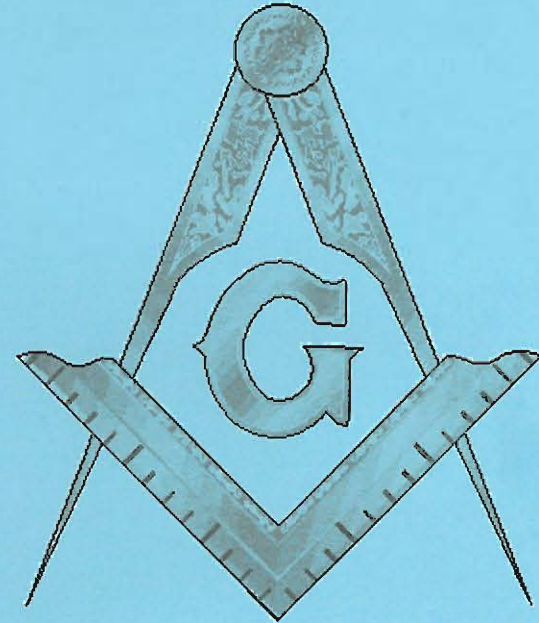
Our mission is guided by the core values of our fraternity:

Freedom – Freemasons champion the liberties and values outlined in the founding documents of the United States of America.

Integrity – Freemasons strive to be honest, truthful and reliable, living in a just and upright manner.

Tolerance – Freemasons embrace diversity of opinion, religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences.

Corinthian Lodge No. 67 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



95th Anniversary Lodge Rededication
Saturday, October 10, 2009
4:00 pm
Masonic Temple
326 Third Street
Farmington, Minnesota

PROGRAM

Welcome Worshipful Master Paul O. Hardt

Lodge Rededication Ceremony
Conducted by Grand Lodge of Minnesota Masons

Recognition of Visitors and Dignitaries

Recognition of Contributions from
Myrtle Chapter-Order of the Eastern Star
York Rite Masons

Presentation of Recognition Certificates
Builders of the Temple

Contributors to the Lodge Floor Refinishing Project

Raymond (Dick) Ames

Rodney Boyd

Terry Eliason

James Gerths

Daniel Hornseth

John Johnson, in memory of

Fred Bergman

Jon Simon, in memory of father,

Andrew Simon, 32° Mason

John Asmus

Roger Duffy

Dean Empey

Clyde Hansen

Richard L. Johnson

Leonard Loveless

Michael Walsh

Paul O. Hardt, in memory of

grandfather, Otto Hardt, 32°

Mason, Shriner

Gerald Wiesjahn

Guardians of the Temple

Doug Klemenhagen

Mike Lucast

Craftsmen of the Temple

Masons and friends who removed carpeting, moved furniture

Nick Johnson

Randy Poulson

Bill DeJohn

Wayne Sissel

Kerry Hansen

Joel Wolff

Jeff Lucast

Rick Johnson

Tom Holten

Mike Lucast

Paul Hardt

Dawn Lund

Joe Kivens

Adam Lucast

Al Sprute

Remarks by W.M. Paul O. Hardt

Corinthian Lodge Officers 2009
Elected Officers

Worshipful Master.....Paul Hardt
Senior Warden.....Nick Johnson
Junior Warden.....Steve Bernhardt
Treasurer.....Randy Poulson(P.M.)
Secretary.....Joe Kivens (P.M.)

Appointed Officers

Education Officer.....Bill DeJohn (P.M.)
Senior Deacon.....Joel Wolff
Junior Deacon.....Rick Vance
Chaplain.....Tom Holten
Senior StewardWayne Sissel
Junior Steward.....Dan Hornseth
Marshal.....JasonWalker
Co-Tylers.....Rick Johnson & Art Ingersoll