

The

CORINTHIAN COURIER

Words From Paul Hardt, W.M.

"O, Lord, My God, is There No Hope for the Widow's Son?"

On January 28, 2009, Erin Lupoe, unemployed, owing thousands to the IRS, and his bank, and despairing, killed his five children, his wife, and himself. In a handwritten note at the bottom of his suicide note was the sentence, "O, Lord, my God, is there no hope for the widow's son?"

I don't need to remind you what that phrase means--you and I are bound by an ancient obligation to respond to that phrase, whenever it is spoken, even "if it be more likely to lose my own life, rather than his."

But, note the slight difference in the sentence--"hope," not "help."

You see, that's how our brothers in Prince Hall Lodges say the phrase, "Is there no hope for the widow's son?"

There seems to be some evidence that Lupoe, an African American, was a Prince Hall brother. Whether he was or not, he knew enough about the fraternity to write the words. He came close enough to Freemasonry, by being a member of the fraternity, or through a friend or family member, to know the ultimate call for help.

Brothers, as Master of this Lodge, I have at my disposal funds to help, if you need it. Our benevolence fund is not large; it may not be enough to make a house payment. However, it may help tide you over, until more help comes. The Grand Lodge has similar funds.

So, if you are in need, do not hesitate to contact me. There is hope and help for the widow's son.

HISTORIC FLOOR A BUILDING

Brothers, wonderful progress is being made raising funds for improving the historic floor of our Lodge hall.

The Lodge voted in January to improve the Lodge hall, by taking up the carpet in the Lodge hall and in the social rooms. We received a bid to remove the glue from the hardwood floor, finish the planks, and apply a finish to the boards.

We had the successful bidder do a small demonstration area in the social rooms, and it looks great. The whole project is very exciting. When the floor is finished, it will be returned to its historic, 1914 glory.

As soon as we voted to improve the floor, we received generous pledges from our York Rite brothers and the Myrtle Chapter of Eastern Star. So, we started with a fund of \$3500 for a project we estimate will total \$7000.

Since getting these initial pledges, we have received an additional \$1800 in donations from generous brothers. So, we have \$5300 already donated.

Will you help us reach our goal of \$7000? Send your donation to "Historic Floor Project"--326- 3rd Street, Farmington, MN 55024. Donations will be recognized at a special event to be planned for fall, 2009, to rededicate the floor of the Lodge.

Activities:

Don't forget! The Sweetheart Dinner is being held at the Charthouse - Social hour at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:30. If you have not RSVP'd yet, please do so by calling Wayne Sisiel at 651-343-1313 or emailing him at: wayne_sisiel@us.affac.com. From the intersection of Highway 35 and County Road 5, take 5 west to Klamath Trail - you will see their signs and flags.

The Lodge Building:

A major enhancement to the Lodge for summer of 2009 will be to replace the carpet throughout the Lodge and restore the maple flooring to its former beauty! A volunteer with project management experience is needed as a foreman for this large project!

We are expecting to start this project soon after we go dark. Also, anyone wanting to help remove carpet please contact the Worshipful Master!

And a sincere 'Thank You' to all the donations we have already received!

Order of the Eastern Star

The Star has several functions this month - on February 14th there is a Valentine's Salad Luncheon at 11 a.m. Also, on February 24th they will have a Friendship Night with Bingo and Dessert!

R.A.M. & CRYPTIC NEWS:

Farmington York Rite:

Corinthian Chapter No. 33 - Royal Arch Masons
Northfield Council No. 12 - Cryptic Masons

On February 28th at 3 p.m. we will be hosting the Super Excellent Council degree at the Farmington Lodge. There will also be a dinner at 6 pm. If interested please call Hugh Swift at (651)463-8212 or email at hswift@frontier.net.

To those who are not members of these two York Rite Bodies, we have plenty of petitions available, so that you can continue your Masonic Education with further light in Masonry. To be one, ask one!



Kids ID at Farmington Community Expo

On January 31st, Corinthian Lodge #67 created 30 Kids ID kits for parents. These kits are invaluable in helping law enforcement and parents to protect children and Corinthian Lodge is again very proud in offering this service to the Farmington/Rosemount/Lakeville area communities. In attendance were Bro. Nick Johnson and his wife, Renae, W. Bro. Paul Hardt, W. Bro. Randy Poulson, W. Bro. Bill DeJohn and Bro. Wayne Sisel. If you know of any community events and would like to get involved in planning Kids ID, email Bro. Nick Johnson at: millennialfreemason@gmail.com.

Later, Bro. Nick receives recognition for his labor in organizing and steering this program:



Toys for Town:

Every December we are privileged to meet at the Farmington grocery store at 7 am to load and deliver groceries as part of the Toys for Town program. Here are eleven of the eighteen Masons who attended, (plus Lilly Kivens!) who worked at the Toys for Town drive in December. Since W.B. Lee Soberg (see right) first led us into this service, we have grown to 18 Masons, and now, thanks to Rick Vance, we are joined by the Boy Scouts!

By the way, that is Bro. Rick in the Packer hat!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 10 7:30pm OES Stated Meeting

February 14 11:00am OES Valentine Luncheon

February 17 7:30pm Stated No 67

February 21 5:30 pm Sweethearts Dinner

February 24 - 7:30 pm OES Meeting / Friendship night - Bingo and Dessert!

March 2, 2009 6:00pm 7 pm Royal Arch Masons

March 3, 2009 7:30pm No 67 Stated Meeting

March 10, 2009 7:30pm OES Stated Meeting and Elections

March 17, 2009 7:30pm No 67 Stated Meeting

March 24, 2009 7:30 pm OES Stated Meeting and Reveal Secret Pal

March 26, 27, 28, 2009 Grand Lodge in St. Cloud

April 6, 2009 6:00pm Northfield No. 12 Council

April 7, 2009 7:30pm Stated Meeting Report From Grand Lodge

April 21, 2009 7:30pm Stated Meeting

May 5, 2009 7:30pm Stated Meeting

May 3, 2007 6:00pm dinner 7 pm R.A.M.

May 21, 2009 7:00pm Stated Meeting

June 2009 Dark

July 2009 Dark

August 2009 Dark

September 1, 2009 7:00pm Stated Meeting

September 7, 2009 6:00pm dinner 7 pm Northfield 12 Council

September 15, 2009 7:30 pm Stated Meeting

October 5, 2009 6:00pm dinner 7 pm R.A.M.

October 6, 2009 7:30 pm Stated Meeting

October 20, 2009 7:30pm Stated Meeting

November 2, 2009 6:00pm dinner 7 pm Northfield 12 Council

November 3, 2009 7:30pm Stated Meeting

November 17, 2009 7:30pm Election And Steak Fry

December 1, 2009 7:00pm Stated Meeting

December 7, 2009 6:00pm dinner 7 pm R.A.M.

December 15, 2009 7:30pm Stated Meeting

CORINTHIAN LODGE

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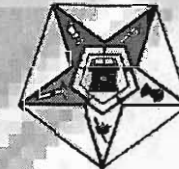
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