

**1867 – 125 YEARS – 1992**

**CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 67**

**A. F. & A. M.**



**1882 – 110 YEARS – 1992**

**MYRTLE CHAPTER NO. 13**

**O. E. S.**

***Saturday, October 24, 1992***

**Clifford Larson Post 189  
American Legion Club**

***Farmington, Minnesota***

PROGRAM

Invocation . . . . Michael Lucast, P.M., Chaplain  
Banquet



Welcome . . . . . Glenn Guildner, P.M.  
Master of Ceremonies

Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers . Hugh Swift

Remarks . . . . . M. W. Grand Master, Ed Waldon

) Introduction of Corinthian Lodge No. 67 Officers  
James Purdy, W.M.

Introduction of 50 Year Members



Introduction of Grand Chapter Officers  
Billie Claire Errico, Worthy Matron

Remarks . . . . . Grand Chapter Rep.

Introduction of Myrtle Chapter No. 13 Officers  
Billie Claire Errico, Worthy Matron

Introduction of 50 Year Members and Presentation  
of 50 Year Pins  
Marlys Guildner, P.M.

Other remarks

Benediction . . . . . Hugh Swift, P.P., Chaplain

) Dancing and fellowship following program

Music provided by American Legion

1992 OFFICERS OF CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 67

Worshipful Master	James Purdy
Senior Warden	Gordon Henrikson
Junior Warden	Wayne Gensler
Treasurer	Warren Lucast
Secretary	Clarence Krech
Education Officer	Hugh Swift
Senior Deacon	Jerry Weisjahn
Junior Deacon	Myron Stevens
Chaplain	Michael Lucast
Senior Steward	Terry Herring
Junior Steward	John Debnam
Marshal	Thomas Angell
Tyler	Doug Klemenhagen

50 - YEAR MEMBERS OF CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 67,

A. F. & A. M.

Chester Brinkman

\*Roman Kubista

Christ Nelson

Norman Oleson

Verdie Volden

Albert Wachter

\*\*Edward Leon Whittier

\*62 year member

\*\*75 year member

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FOR CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 67

AND MYRTLE CHAPTER NO. 13, O.E.S.

General Chairman - Lodge .. Glenn Guildner, P.M.

- O.E.S.- Marlys Guildner, P.M.

Hosts & Hostess . . . . . Ed & Jean Bonnell

Warren Lucast

Decorations . . . . . Bonnie Purdy

Jeanette Zellmer

Publicity . . . . . Warren Lucast

Arrangements . . . . . James Purdy

Worshipful Master

Hugh Swift

Julia Leighton

Charlene Klemenhagen

#### HISTORY OF CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 67, A. F. & A. M.

Minnesota received its statehood in the year 1858. Farmington was a small settlement of less than 200 people before the year 1865. It was located northeast of the present location near the Nordine property, about three blocks west of Corinthian Cemetery. The town was called Dakota City. A stagecoach stop, St. Paul to Faribault, was located on the Ed Rother farm near the Vermillion River just to the west of Dakota City. When the Minnesota Central Railroad, Mendota to Faribault, came through in 1865, it was about a mile west of Dakota City. The railroad didn't come through Dakota City because of some land sale disagreement. In 1865 the city moved to the present location and named Farmington by the railroad. The first school was built in 1862, located near the present Ford garage. In 1866 the population of Farmington was 250. The first cemetery located near Farmington was the Presbyterian Cemetery, located northwest of town, back of the Ardell Hansen farm, with about 24 burials there. In 1872, Farmington had grown to a population of 500 and the town was incorporated. Corinthian Lodge No. 67 was formed in the year 1867. Corinthian Cemetery was established in 1872.

The lodge was organized June 15, 1867 at Farmington, Minnesota and a dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge in St. Paul. Meetings were held in Marshall's hall and their charter was granted October 23, 1867.

The following were charter members: H.C. Wing, A. Osborn, L.P. Dodge, N.E. Slack, S. Sparks, W.T. Scott, T.C. Waters, O.G. Leonard, K. Record, J. Woods, W.S. Norris, N. Mathews and G.W. Fager.

Officers elected were:

H.S. Wing, W.M.	J.S. Sparks, Secretary
A.A. Osborn, S.W.	W.T. Scott, S.D.
L.P. Dodge, J.W.	T.C. Waters, J.D.
N.E. Slack, Treasurer	W. S. Norris, Tyler

Many past masters and members of Corinthian Lodge served the Farmington community at its beginning in the 1800's. H.C. Wing was the first railroad station agent in 1865. E.L. Brackett was station agent from 1866 to 1906. The original post office was located on the corner of Third and Oak Streets, the northwest corner of the Exchange Bank Building, N.E. Slack serving as postmaster in 1865, H.W. Hosmer in 1866, H.C. Wing in 1867, and Marlys Guildner, wife of Glenn Guildner, served from 1979 to 1986.

The meetings continued in Marshall's hall until 1879, when a great fire occurred; the lodge lost everything except the records. They then rented the Odd Fellows Hall until July 1881, when they moved to their new hall on the third floor in the Griebie block. The lodge hall was 20 x 40 feet; it had two anterooms and was beautifully decorated. This was on the southwest corner of Third and Oak Streets.

In May 1917, the Masonic Temple Association was formed for the purpose of building a new Temple for the Farmington lodge. The members of this building committee were: Alex Empey, August Kulstad, H.W. Hosmer, C.S. Lewis, C.A. Carlson, H.L. Stevens, Dr. W.M. Dodge, and others.

A lot was bought and excavation began at what is now 326 Third Street. The two story structure was of modern design, built of tile and brick front, trimmed with Kasota stone, and still stands. The general contract for this building was let at \$15,000; the heating and plumbing at \$2,500 and the lighting at \$500. The building was 40 x 100 feet with full basement. The first floor consisted of two rooms, 20 x 100 feet, one rented by H.W. Hosmer (Pioneer Drug Store) and the other rented by L.S. Whittier Confectionery Store.

The second floor was to be used for a spacious Lodge hall, 40 x 51 feet; a banquet room 16 x 30 feet and a club room 16 x 26 feet. There was also a kitchen, a cloak room and two rest rooms. The entire structure used steam heat until 1983. The boilers could no longer be maintained and gas furnaces were installed.

The building was modern in every way and the hardwood furniture in the lodge hall corresponds to the hardwood sash and doors. This same furniture is used today, with the carpet in the lodge hall having been replaced about twenty five years ago.

The new building was finished in time for the Golden Jubilee of the lodge, celebrated October 23, 1917. Said the Dakota County Tribune: "And now the Temple is completed. The dreams of men for 50 years is now a reality. The fruits of the toils of men who financed and took the responsibility of the building stands in Farmington today, as an asset to our village, the pride of the lodge and a memorial to those early founders and workers who have passed beyond the clamors of idle day".

To this day, the 125th anniversary of Corinthian Lodge, its membership is still enjoying the comforts and conveniences of this beautiful Temple. Many fellowship gatherings are held here, besides the regular meetings of the lodge on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Not only the Masonic Lodge, but Myrtle Chapter No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star, meets in the Temple. Myrtle Chapter meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Many of the Corinthian Lodge members are also members of Myrtle Chapter.

Besides the many improvements made by Corinthian Lodge, Myrtle Chapter has helped to maintain and equip the lodge hall, the club room and the kitchen. Some contributions are: completely equipping the kitchen with modern cooking utensils, two large gas ovens, refrigerator, electric mixer; in 1965 the kitchen was remodeled with some additional cupboards added, a new sink installed, new gas stoves, and new linoleum. They have also equipped and furnished the dining room with a complete set of dishes, silverware and linens, for the Masonic banquets and third degree dinners, which are prepared and served by the ladies. They have also furnished draperies, card tables and other accessories for the club room. In 1966 Myrtle Chapter had a special project to buy a new piano for the lodge hall, which replaced the piano the O.E.S. bought for the Golden Jubilee.

In 1942, a Diamond Jubilee (75th Anniversary) was celebrated on October 23, with a 6:30 P.M. banquet and a special program. The banquet was served in the Evangelical Church parlors by the church ladies aid. The program was held in the lodge hall with A.E. Rietz as master of ceremonies. Dr. D.J. Cowling, president of Carleton College, gave the main address. Music was furnished by the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Quartet, and the Farmington High School Band. The Past Masters were introduced and L.A. Whittier, secretary of the lodge, gave an historical resume. Paul Babbs, Worshipful Master, gave the address of welcome and C.B. Whittier, chaplain, gave the prayer. There were many guests present including members of the O.E.S., who were also dinner guests of the Masons.

The Centennial celebration of Corinthian Lodge and the 85th Anniversary of Myrtle Chapter was a big event on October 14, 1967. A banquet was served at the Farmington High School with Grand Officers from both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in attendance. Dinner music was played by the Zuhrah Strings and other musical entertainment furnished by the Cannon Valley Four. The welcome was given by P.M. Glenn Guildner. Grand Lodge

Secretary David Palmer gave the address, and Worthy Grand Matron, Mary Jane Brown gave remarks for Grand Chapter, O.E.S. James B. Stevens and Leon Whittier received 50 year pins, presented by Grand Lodge District Representative Lynn Gunsolus. Edmond Bommell, P.M. and Chaplain, gave the prayer. Warren and Phyllis Lucast headed Corinthian Lodge and Myrtle Chapter that year. Glenn and Marlys Guildner served as chairmen for the event.

In November, 1947, on a chilling cold day, early in the morning, a fire was discovered in the basement of the Masonic Temple. Had it not been for the untiring efforts of the Farmington Fire Department, Corinthian Lodge would have lost its beautiful Temple. However, severe damage resulted to Ahlberg Drug Store (formerly Hosmer's Drug Store) and smoke damage was realized to Grey Sweet Shop (formerly Whittier's) and also to the lodge rooms upstairs. The damage was soon repaired.

In 1872 Corinthian Lodge took over and still maintains the Corinthian Cemetery. Over the past 125 years, Corinthian Lodge has contributed to the prosperity of Farmington. Not only in charitable causes, but its members have served as leaders of the community. Members of Corinthian Lodge have served as Mayor, council members, on the Board of Trustees, doctors, lawyers, teachers, school board members, realtors, insurance brokers, law enforcement officers, police chief, sheriff, depot agent, postmaster, fire chief, county commissioner, bankers, editors and publishers, electric pioneers, automobile pioneers, scoutmasters and shopkeepers. Its members have served this community and many of the surrounding communities.

#### CORINTHIAN CEMETERY, FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA

In 1872, Corinthian Lodge decided they would take over the Farmington cemetery as a project, it being located northeast of the village. The next year the Corinthian Lodge Cemetery Association was formed.

According to an early history, five acres were surveyed and platted by C. B. Lowell, and the first officers of the Association were: D. F. Akin, president; Knight Record, secretary; E. L. Brackett, treasurer. By 1881, there were about 80 interments. Now a blueprint of the cemetery and a card file of all lot owners is kept by the secretary.

In recent years, 3½ acres were purchased to the south of the original cemetery, from Lila Schmidtke. Years ago a new aluminum woven wire fence with two entrance gates was installed on the west side. Inscription plaques are attached to each gate post at the south entrance. They read:

"In Memory of H. W. Hosmer" and "Corinthian Cemetery 1872". Mr. Hosmer served faithfully for about 40 years as secretary of the Cemetery Association.

Interment is open to everyone. Perpetual care is provided for every lot. The cemetery is beautifully kept, and many shade trees add to the serenity of this lovely burial ground. The lodge can well be proud of its project.

Those who have served as Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge  
the past 125 years

H. C. Wing . . . . .	1867, 68, 69	Frank Merritt . . . . .	1948
L. P. Dodge . . . . .	1870, 71, 75, 76	Joe Flaa . . . . .	1949
E. L. Brackett . . . . .	1872, 73, 74, 77, 82, 83, 84, 88, 89, 92, 93, 94, 1901, 02	Francis Ingerson . . . . .	1950
J.M.D. Craft . . . . .	1878, 79, 80, 86, 87	Dean Empey . . . . .	1951
D. F. Akin . . . . .	1881	Dean Harris . . . . .	1952
E. Z. Needham . . . . .	1885, 90, 91	Orville Schmidt . . . . .	1953
E. F. Neederkorn . . . . .	1895, 96	Roy Strand . . . . .	1954
C. O. Wescott . . . . .	1897, 98	Ray Briesacher . . . . .	1955
W. M. Dodge . . . . .	1899, 1900	Ragnor Nordquist . . . . .	1956
O. S. Lundberg . . . . .	1903, 04	Alfred H. Kraft . . . . .	1957
C. B. Whittier . . . . .	1905, 06, 07, 12, 13, 14	Glenn Guildner . . . . .	1958
H. W. Hosmer . . . . .	1908, 09, 11	Norman Olesen . . . . .	1959
George R. Day . . . . .	1910	Erle Mapes . . . . .	1960
C. S. Lewis . . . . .	1915, 16	Roy Zellmer, Sr. . . . .	1961
O. M. Flint . . . . .	1917, 18	Edmond Bonnell . . . . .	1962
A. E. Rietz . . . . .	1919	Herman Newman . . . . .	1963
L. A. Whittier . . . . .	1920, 21	Gerald Grant . . . . .	1964
F. J. Grove . . . . .	1922	Erling Kindem . . . . .	1965
C. A. Qvale . . . . .	1923	Roy Zellmer, Jr. . . . .	1966
G. W. Tullock . . . . .	1924	Warren Lucast . . . . .	1967
E. L. Whittier . . . . .	1925	Roldon Kingman . . . . .	1968
August Kulstad . . . . .	1926	Wayne Kelly . . . . .	1969
W. E. Watson . . . . .	1927	Robert Mohr . . . . .	1970
P. C. Records . . . . .	1928	Richard J. Connett . . . . .	1971
L. A. Godby . . . . .	1929	Clarence B. Krech . . . . .	1972
A. B. McKown . . . . .	1930	Robert A. Brown . . . . .	1973
J. J. Matzoll . . . . .	1931	Richard Snyder . . . . .	1974
J. Fred McConaghie . . . . .	1932	Raymond Ames . . . . .	1975
Donald B. Whittier . . . . .	1933, 34	Donald Wood . . . . .	1976
C. E. Cadwell . . . . .	1935	Gerald Klahr . . . . .	1977
J. E. Price . . . . .	1936	Michael Lucast . . . . .	1978
H. L. Stevens . . . . .	1937	Lewis McVicker . . . . .	1979
George Empey . . . . .	1938	David Lilja . . . . .	1980
Roman Kubista . . . . .	1939	Robert Jarvi . . . . .	1981
Ardell W. Hansen . . . . .	1940	Albin Foss . . . . .	1982
Michael Kadas . . . . .	1941	William Hundertmark . . . . .	1983
Paul Babbs . . . . .	1942	William Gatheridge . . . . .	1984
Frank Waskow . . . . .	1943	Donald Pahl . . . . .	1985
C. H. Gelder . . . . .	1944	David Edson . . . . .	1986
Ray Copenhaver . . . . .	1945, 46	Gary Price . . . . .	1987
Christ Nelson . . . . .	1947	Eldon Weinhold . . . . .	1988
		Randall Poulson . . . . .	1989
		Thomas Angell . . . . .	1990
		Hugh Swift, Jr. . . . .	1991
		James F. Purdy . . . . .	1992

In the club room of the lodge, framed pictures of the Masters are displayed. However, a few pictures are missing because they have not been available. The lodge would be grateful if the pictures could be supplied.

1992 OFFICERS OF MYRTLE CHAPTER NO. 13

Worthy Matron	Billie Claire Errico
Worthy Patron	Don Errico
Associate Matron	Jeanette Zellmer
Associate Patron	Howard Zellmer
Secretary	Judy Ausmus
Treasurer	Peggy Samuelson
Conductress	Bonnie Purdy
Associate Conductress	Susan Hoffbeck
Chaplain	Hugh Swift
Marshal	James Purdy
Organist	Carol Scott
Adah	Denise Errico
Ruth	Jean Bonnell
Esther	Kim Ausmus
Martha	Charlene Klemenhagen
Electa	Julia Leighton
Warder	Donald Scott
Sentinel	Edmond Bonnell

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**PAST MATRONS AND PAST PATRONS**

Deborah Akin	1882	E. L. Brackett
Deborah Akin	1883	E. L. Brackett
M. Louise Lewis, P.G.M.	1884	E. L. Brackett
Josephine Needham	1885	E. Z. Needham
Charlotte Wescott, P.G.Martha	1886	E. Z. Needham
Josephine Needham	1887	E. L. Brackett
Josephine Needham	1888	E. L. Brackett
M. Louise Lewis, P.G.M.	1889	C. O. Wescott
Augusta Bramsted	1890	A. K. Gray
Jennie Fletcher, P.G. Adah	1891	P.G.P. Leonard Lewis
Jennie Fletcher	1892	C. O. Wescott
Josephine Needham	1893	E. L. Brackett
Josephine Needham	1894	W. H. Brownell
Helen A. Whittier (Wright)	1895	W. H. Brownell
Helen A. Whittier (Wright)	1896	W. H. Brownell
Hattie Neiderkorn	1897	C. O. Wescott
Lucy Whittier Day	1898	E. L. Brackett
Lucy Whittier Day	1899	Olaf S. Lundberg
Myra Dodge	1900	Olaf S. Lundberg
Myra Dodge	1901	Olaf S. Lundberg
Grace Griebie	1902	Olaf S. Lundberg



Grace Griebie	1903	Olaf S. Lundberg
Myra Dodge	1904	C. B. Whittier
Myra Dodge	1905	C. B. Whittier
Henrietta Dodge	1906	C. B. Whittier
Henrietta Dodge	1907	C. B. Whittier
Ina Gray	1908	W. M. Dodge
Ina Gray	1909	C. B. Whittier
Lucy Whittier Day	1910	C. B. Whittier
Lucy Whittier Day	1911	C. B. Whittier
Helen A. Whittier	1912	C. B. Whittier
Jennie Fletcher	1913	C. B. Whittier
Lucy Whittier Day	1914	C. B. Whittier
Myra Dodge	1915	J. A. Fiske
Margaret Pool	1916	J. A. Fiske
Blanche Fiske	1917	J. O. Grant
Jessie Paulette	1918	G. P. Bates
Jessie Paulette	1919	G. P. Bates
Ella Donavan, P.G. Ruth	1920	George Stapf
Ella Whittier	1921	August Kulstad
Estella Kulstad	1922	Carl Quale
Hulda Flint	1923	Carl Quale
Ruth Stevens	1924	Lloyd A. Whittier
Alice Quale	1925	Lloyd A. Whittier
Violet Lewis	1926	Guy Smoke
Mae Empey	1927	J. E. Price
Adone Empey	1928	J. E. Price
Beth Godby	1929	Leon Whittier
Edna Cadwell	1930	Leon Whittier
Ottillie Lammers	1931	Louis A. Godby
Ottillie Lammers	1932	Louis A. Godby
Marie Denzer	1933	J. E. Price
Lucy Watson	1934	J. E. Price
Henrietta Kulstad	1935	August Kulstad
Helen Empey	1936	August Kulstad
Mary Lou Hansen	1937	J. E. Price
Mary Lou Hansen	1938	J. E. Price
Mildred Hysell	1939	J. E. Price
Gladys Stevens	1940	J. E. Price
Marguerite Whittier	1941	J. E. Price
Esther Copenhaver, P.G.W.	1942	J. E. Price
Florence Records	1943	J. E. Price
Nina Hoffman	1944	J. E. Price
Madge Reihsen	1945	J. E. Price
Henrietta Gelder	1946	J. E. Price
Amy Young	1947	J. E. Price
Mae Nelson	1948	R. W. Nordquist

Ann Nordquist	1949	R. W. Nordquist
Florence Ingerson	1950	R. W. Nordquist
Theodora Kindseth	1951	R. W. Nordquist
Beth Empey	1952	J. O. Humphrey
Flora Schmidt	1953	J. O. Humphrey
Lorraine Empey	1954	J. O. Humphrey
Viola Nelson, P.G.Marshal	1955	J. O. Humphrey
Verona Briesacher	1956	Roy Strand
Rosa Lee Kingman	1957	Roy Strand
Lois Oxendale	1958	Roy Strand
Marlys Guildner	1959	Roy Strand
Dorothy Kluge	1960	Alfred Kraft
Florence Mapes	1961	Neil Harpster
Ethel Bolyard	1962	Glenn Guildner
Hazel Pietsch	1963	Erle Mapes
Carol Newman	1964	Roldon Kingman
Jean Bonnell	1965	Warren Pietsch
Beverly Boyd	1966	Glenn Guildner
Phyllis Lucast	1967	Warren Lucast
Jeanette Zellmer	1968	Arvid Youngkrantz
Mary Ann Youngkrantz	1969	Edmond Bonnell
Joanne Snyder	1970	Richard Snyder
Myrtle Mohr	1971	Stanley Rea, Jr.
Audrey Krech	1972	Robert Mohr
Delta Foss	1973	Albin Foss
Phyllis Parker	1974	Donald Wood
Susan Hoffbeck	1975	Gerald Klahr
Joyce Sauter	1976	David Sauter
Nancy Richards, P.G.Chap.	1977	Carl Richards
Jane Klahr	1978	Gerald Klahr
Barbara Sprute	1979	Alvin Sprute
Sharlene Swift	1980	Hugh Swift
Carmaleita Beslin	1981	Rique Beslin
Willie Mae Vance	1982	Robert Vance
Eileen Muich	1983	Tom Muich
Julia Leighton	1984	Hugh Swift
Heather Johnson	1985	George Johnson
Judy Ausmus	1986	Howard Zellmer
Marjorie Prigge	1987	Donald Ausmus
Sharlene Swift	1988	Hugh Swift
Jean Bonnell	1989	Edmond Bonnell
Marilyn Weinhold	1990	Eldon Weinhold
Heather Johnson	1991	Donald Scott
Billie Claire Errico	1992	Don Errico

50 - YEAR MEMBERS OF  
MYRTLE CHAPTER NO. 13, O.E.S.

Esther Copenhaver, P.M.  
Beth Empey, P.M.  
Evelyn Enggren  
Florence Ingerson, P.M.  
Theodora Kindseth, P.M.  
Viola Nelson, P.M.  
Madge Reihsen, P.M.  
Betty Weichselbaum  
Marguerite Whittier, P.M.



#### HISTORY OF MYRTLE CHAPTER NO. 13, O.E.S.

Myrtle Chapter No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star was organized in Farmington, Minnesota 110 years ago on March 2, 1882, by Worthy Grand Matron M. Louise Lewis and Associate Grand Patron George Barbaras, who was from Hastings. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall in the Griebie Block, which was a new building at that time.

The charter members were: Mrs. Georgia Needham, Mrs. Josephine Needham, Mrs. Julia Spearin, Mrs. E. E. Barkuloo, Mrs. A. S. Beede, Miss Hattie Needham, Deborah Akin, Miss Louise Vollmer, E. L. Brackett, E. Z. Needham, S. B. Spearin and D. F. Akin.

The first officers were: Worthy Matron, Deborah Akin; Worthy Patron, E. L. Brackett; Associate Matron, Mrs. A. S. Underwood; Secretary, Louise Vollmer; Treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Barkuloo; Conductress, Mrs. Josephine Needham; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Julia Spearin.

On September 16, 1882, the secretary recorded that there were 30 members in the organization. On October 12, 1882, a charter was granted to Myrtle Chapter No. 13, O.E.S.

The first meeting in the new Masonic Temple (the present building) was held November 13, 1917, 75 years ago. The following were officers: Worthy Matron, Blanche Fiske; Worthy Patron, Jim Grant; Associate Matron, Jessie Griebie Paulette; Secretary, Violet Lewis; Treasurer, Edith Whittier; Conductress, Ella Donovan; Associate Conductress, Hattie Hayes; Chaplain, H. C. Dodge; Marshal, Margaret Pool; Organist, Jennie Fletcher; Adah, Gertrude Hayes; Ruth, Mathilda Lanner; Esther, Marie Luhmann; Martha, Estella Kulstad; Electa, Ella Whittier; Warder, Marguerite Lewis; Sentinel, E. M. Richardson.

Through these many years, the Eastern Star has furnished the club room, dining room and kitchen with most of its necessary and beautiful accessories, such as two pianos, appliances, utensils, dishes, silverware, table linens, draperies, etc.

A social club was formed for Eastern Star members in 1927 with meetings in the afternoon at the homes of members; later in the lodge club room. The club was active and did much for the improvement of the chapter, including the purchase of lamps, and the signet which was still in use until a couple of years ago. In April 1953, the social club was discontinued, and the Past Matrons' Club has taken its place.

On October 8, 1957, Myrtle Chapter celebrated their Diamond Jubilee with a dinner, the presence of the Grand Family, and a special program in the chapter room. Sister Rosa Lee Kingman was Worthy Matron and Brother Roy Strand was Worthy Patron. Sister Grace Aker Clingman was Worthy Grand Matron and we had a full house.

On October 10, 1972, we observed our 90th Birthday with a visit from the Grand Family who initiated four new members. Sister Audrey Krech was Worthy Matron and Brother Robert Mohr was Worthy Patron.

1977 finds Minnesota Grand Chapter celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Myrtle Chapter is not far behind with the observation of our 95th Anniversary on October 19, 1977. Sister Nancy Richards and Brother Carl Richards were our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron that year.

On October 16, 1982, the 100th Anniversary of Myrtle Chapter was observed with a banquet and program at the Farmington High School. The Grand Officers were present, and Rev. Gerald Huff spoke on "The Gift of Memories". Willie Mae and Robert Vance were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. It was a gala affair!

From time to time, through the years, Myrtle Chapter has been honored by having several of its members serve as Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, Grand Pages and Committee Members.

Past Grand Officers from Myrtle Chapter include: M. Louise Lewis, Worthy Grand Matron; Deborah Akin, Grand Ruth; Jennie Fletcher, Grand Adah; Josephine Needham, Grand Martha; Lucy Day, Deputy Grand Matron; Esther Copenhaver, Grand Warder; Viola Nelson, Grand Marshal; Nancy Richards, Grand Chaplain; and this year, Peggy Jones, a dual member from Sheba Chapter, Northfield, is serving as Grand Chaplain.

Marlys Guildner and Carmaleita Beslin served as District Instructors from the Chapter. Mary Lou Hansen was Secretary for 30 years, followed by Marlys Guildner for the next 18 years. Judy Ausmus is serving as the current Secretary.

Myrtle Chapter continues to be active with an annual Valentine Luncheon, a food booth at Mt. Dew Days, hosting an annual Minnesota O.E.S. golf tournament, serving dinners, involvement in community affairs, and support of many charitable projects.

There is much pride in the heritage given to us by our predecessors. May we continue to support it and carry it into the future!