

Upcoming Events



Myrtle No. 13 - Initiation
Tuesday, January 26

Northfield No. 12 Council
Monday, February 1 at 7:30pm

Corinthian No. 67 Stated Meeting
Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30pm

Myrtle No. 13 - Stated Meeting, St. Valentine's Party - Tuesday, February 9

AASR Council of Kadosh Feast (Mpls Valley)
Saturday, February 13 at 5:30pm

Myrtle No. 13 - St. Valentine's Luncheon at Lodge
Saturday, February 13

Stated Meeting, Fellow Craft Degree
Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30pm

Lodge of Instruction
Thursday, February 18

Myrtle No. 13 - Stated Meeting
Tuesday, February 23

Sweethearts Night at Black Stallion in Hampton
Saturday, February 27 at 6:00pm

Corinthian No.33 Chapter
Monday, March 1 at 7:30pm

Stated Meeting
Tuesday, March 2 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 at the Lodge?

Living somewhere much warmer than Farmington in February, but need help with something?

Please email the Secretary at secretary@corinthian67.org and tell us how we can help.

Myrtle No. 13 - Stated Meeting (reports/elections)
Tuesday, March 9

Stated Meeting, Master Mason Degree
Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30pm

AASR Chapter Feast (Mpls Valley)
Saturday, March 20 at 5:30pm

Myrtle No. 13 - Farewell Party and Memorial Service
Tuesday, March 23

Grand Lodge of MN, 157th Annual Communication
Thursday, March 25, 26, 27

Myrtle No. 13 - Installation Practice
Friday, March 26

Myrtle No. 13 - Worthy Matron Installation
Saturday, March 27 at 10:30am

Corinthian Lodge No.67

326 3rd Street
Farmington, MN 55024



The Corinthian Courier

Corinthian Lodge No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



WB Randy Poulson, MWB Thomas G. McCarthy, WB Nick Johnson



MWB Thomas C. Jackson, RWB John L. Cook Jr, MWB Thomas G. McCarthy, WB Nick Johnson

Entered Apprentice Table Lodge a Success!

Corinthian Lodge No.67 held an Entered Apprentice Educational Table Lodge on January 19th. The table lodge format created a festive and interactive setting, punctuated by serious degree work.

It gave the four candidates (now Entered Apprentices) a good chance to meet the Brothers and experience the spirit of the Lodge.

Several Grand Lodge members were in attendance, including Most Worshipful Brother Thomas G. McCarthy, Grand Master of Minnesota.

Corinthian Lodge would like to thank the Grand Lodge and everyone who participated, making the evening such a memorable experience.

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



Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Corinthian No.33 Election

On January 4th, Corinthian Lodge's own Steve Bernhardt was elected and installed as the High Priest of Corinthian Chapter No.33. The elected term is for one year. The officers were installed by the Grand High Priest of Minnesota, Most Excellent Companion Douglas A. Nygard.

Steve's goal as High Priest is to "...increase exposure of York Rite Masonry to the Blue Lodge members, and also the surrounding communities."

Steve serves as Senior Warden at Corinthian Lodge and has been active in the York Rite for several years. The heads of all three York Rite bodies in Minnesota were present.

New Member Mentor Program

Corinthian Lodge is implementing a new Mentor Program from the Grand Lodge. Our Membership Coordinator will be Junior Deacon Wayne Sisel. The program helps tie together all the aspects of Freemasonry from a candidate's initial petition, through the process of being raised to a Master Mason. We will assign mentors to candidates, and provide material to support both the mentors and the candidates.



If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Brother Wayne Sisel at 651-343-1313 or wayne_sisel@us.aflac.com



Toys for Town Helping the Community

Former Police Chief Dan Siebenaler started Toys for Town several years ago to help families in need during the Christmas season, but it was hard getting volunteers early in the morning to load groceries. With no hesitation, our WM at that time Lee Soberg promised he would have at least six good men there at 6 a.m.



With that promise, we joined an effort that now seems a regular part of the Christmas season. We have had as many as seventeen Brothers show up, and Br. Rick Vance with the Boy Scouts.



Early Saturday morning we meet at the Econo Foods loading ramp to transfer food onto trucks for transport to the Farmington High School. Once there, we help sort it into bags for distribution to area families in need. This year we helped 96 families and had a large turn out of Brothers, as well as five Past Masters.



Paul Hardt (P.M.), Joe Kivens (P.M.), Lilly Kivens, Randy Paulson (P.M.), Bill DeJohn (P.M.), Tom Holten

Lodge of Sorrow

A Lodge of Sorrow is a ritual intended to celebrate the memory of our departed brethren. The Lodge remains open for the term of one year.

Corinthian Lodge mourns the loss of Brother Kalmer Senstad. Brother Kalmer moved on to the celestial lodge above on January 14th, 2009.

Corinthian Lodge mourns the loss of Brother James Maness. Brother James moved on to the celestial lodge above on April 21st, 2009.

Corinthian Lodge mourns the loss of Brother Marvin Staupe. Brother Marvin moved on to the celestial lodge above on December 23rd, 2009.

Corinthian Lodge mourns the loss of Worshipful Brother Gerald D. Weisjahn. Worshipful Brother Gerald moved on to the celestial lodge above on December 24th, 2009. He was Master of Corinthian Lodge in 1995 and 1996.

Corinthian Lodge mourns the loss of Worshipful Brother Ray Briesacher. Worshipful Brother Ray moved on to the celestial lodge above on December 27th, 2009. He was Master of Corinthian Lodge in 1955.

Meet Our New Brothers

Winter 2010 Degree Class began on January 19th. Four candidates were initiated into the degree of Entered Apprentice during an Entered Apprentice Table Lodge. The Fellow Craft degree is scheduled for February 16th.



Scott Cummings
Entered Apprentice



Darren Simon
Entered Apprentice



Jon Simon
Entered Apprentice



Brad Swager
Entered Apprentice

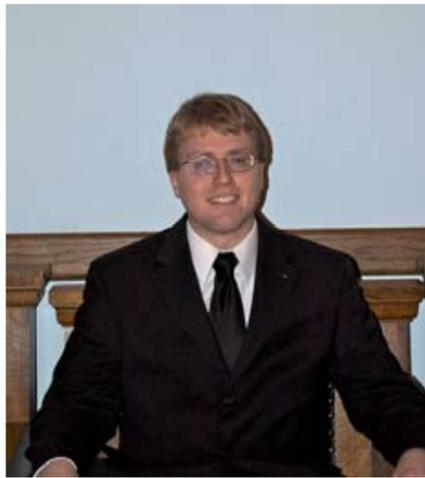
Corinthian Lodge also received a new Brother raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at One-Day-to-Masonry, held by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. A number of Brethren from Corinthian Lodge attended the event to show support and experience the degrees as put on by the Grand Lodge.



John Freeburg
Master Mason

Master's Corner

with Worshipful Master Nick Johnson



Fiat Lux!

Another year has started, my brothers, and Corinthian Lodge No. 67 is again seeming to go onto limitless heights. With four candidates newly initiated, one having completed the One Day to Masonry class, one waiting to take his EA degree, and many more waiting to join this fall, we are truly seeing another great year on the horizon.

We were fortunate enough to have hosted a very well-attended Entered Apprentice degree. This degree was also combined with a Table Lodge, the first time in our 142 year history. The brothers in attendance included the Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota, Most Worshipful Brother Tom McCarthy, the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother John Cook, the immediate Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Tom Jackson, and a Custodian, WB Foster Solem. The Table Lodge was interspersed amongst the degree work allowing the candidates to see both the serious and fun aspects of our Fraternity. With the tables set and the cannons charged, the tenets of Brotherly Love could not have been felt more strongly. I hope our four newly admitted brothers, Jon Simon, Darren Simon, Scott Cummings, Brad Swager, along with our newest Master Mason, John Freeburg, had a great time and I'm certain that we will do this again.

Of course, we're not done with this year but already the officers and I have planned even more interesting things for the coming months. We will be having an educational meeting opened on the first degree during the first meeting in February to present the candidates with the second and third lectures. One of my goals this year is to slow degree work down to a month at a time so that our new brothers can absorb the lessons of Masonry more thoroughly. The Fellow Craft degree will be on February 16th with the entire staircase lecture presented. We will then present another educational event around the teachings of the Second Degree on March 2nd. We then have a Third degree planned for the 16th of March at which time we will have raised six brothers just this year with many more waiting at our door.

On the 27th at 6:00pm, we will be hosting the annual Sweethearts' Night at "the Black Stallion" in Hampton. This is the time when we bring our wives, girlfriends, or significant others and allow them to share one special evening with their Masons. This year, we need an accurate count to help the restaurant plan. We will be ordering with separate checks so bring money for your individual meal. The room is separate from the rest of the restaurant and is sound proof making for a private experience. Contact me and I will deliver your name to Wayne.

We also have a new website. If you visit <http://www.corinthian67.org>, you will see our new format. We have created sections for the membership inquiries, a calendar of upcoming events, a page on recent events and pictures, as well as a section dedicated to our dearly departed brothers. You can find this and more at the website.

We are also starting three major initiatives. The first is we have decided to rededicate ourselves to the goal of fundraising. Brother Rick Vance is the new head of the fundraising committee and has great ideas going forward. He will be sending out an email inviting you to take a survey on what you would like to see in our new fundraising endeavor. I would like to see us focus our efforts on continuing to raise money

during these uncertain economic times. I really think that Rick is the man to lead us on this new endeavor. If you want to join the fundraising committee, contact Rick at rvance@corinthian67.org. Brother Wayne Sisel, our Junior Deacon, will be our mentoring and membership coordinator for the ensuing year. He has put together a number of great materials to aid our mentors and our new brothers. If you would like to serve as a Mentor or know a man who would like to join, you can contact him at wsisel@corinthian67.org. Thirdly, our very own Worshipful Brother Lee Soberg has agreed to help with our newly reconstituted Charity and Benevolence Committee along with Worshipful Brother Bill DeJohn. I have asked them to look at the many charitable opportunities available in the central Dakota County area and to inform the brothers when a good opportunity presents itself as well as continuing to plan and coordinate those projects in which we already participate.

A 4th School of Instruction is also scheduled for February 18th. This School will not focus on degree work but rather those things that a Lodge does during business meetings such as balloting, receiving Grand Lodge officers and visitors and opening and closing a Lodge. We are fortunate to have Right Worshipful Brother Brian Beermann, the Southeast Area Custodian, attending to help us with this School. If you would like to help with this event, please contact me. We'd like to see as many brothers as possible attend this School so please plan on attending if you can.

Finally, if you haven't been to Lodge in awhile, we would love to see you. If you need a ride, we can pick you at your house. We want all our brothers to feel that they are participating in our good works. If you would like to see a change or have any questions or concerns, you can call me at 952-432-7971 or you can send me an email at master@corinthian67.org. Farmington is again serving as a central point for Masonic light and I am proud to be serving as Master at this moment.

Nick Johnson
Worshipful Master, Corinthian Lodge #67

2010 MASONIC MILESTONES

5 Year	Steven Bernhardt 11/1/2005 Eric Holten 1/15/2005 Nick Roberts 1/15/2005
10 Year	Thomas LaBeau 5/16/2000 Mike Wyatt 5/16/2000
15 Year	Michael Czech 2/21/1995 Rick Hopperstad 2/21/1995
20 Year	Bud Gensler 5/1/1990 Clyde Hansen 1/16/1990 Terry Herring 12/18/1990 Bob Nelson 3/5/1990
25 Year	Thomas Angell 5/21/1985 Quentin Dandley 5/21/1995 Gordon Henrikson 5/21/1995
30 Year	Eldon Weinhold
35 Year	Ronald Ames 5/6/1975 Randy Poulson 4/8/1975 Jim Runquist 11/18/1975
40 Year	David Lija 12/22/1970
45 Year	Raymond Ames 4/20/1965 Gary Twedt 4/20/1965

2009 - 2010 Lodge Officers



Worshipful Master - Nick Johnson
Senior Warden - Steve Bernhardt
Junior Warden - Joel Wolfe
Treasurer - Randy Poulson (P.M.)
Secretary - Joe Kivens (P.M.)
Lodge Education Officer - Paul Hardt (P.M.)
Senior Deacon - Rick Vance
Junior Deacon - Wayne Sisel
Chaplain - Rick Johnson
Senior Steward - Dan Hornseth
Junior Steward - Art Ingersoll
Marshall - Bill DeJohn (P.M.)
Tyler - Tom Holten

York Rite

with Hugh Swift, Jr (P.M.)



Companions;

Well, 2010 started out with the installation of officers in January for both Corinthian Chapter No. 33 and Northfield Council No. 12. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Douglas A. Nygard installed our new High Priest, Excellent Companion Steve Bernhardt and the officers of Corinthian Chapter. Also, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Ronald A. Miles installed Illustrious Companion Chuck Munson and his officers of Northfield Council.

Northfield Council No. 12 has been asked by MIGM Ron to host a council festival on March 13 at the Farmington Temple. We will start with set up and registration at 9 am with the conferring of the Royal Master Degree at 10am, followed with the Select Master Degree. Then take a break for lunch and at 1pm confer the Super Excellent Master Degree.

We are hoping for a large crowd as the Grand Officers have been invited and we have had a lot of degree work within this Grand Jurisdiction in the past number of months.

Corinthian Chapter is happy to welcome Companion Nick Johnson to our chapter. He started his Capitular Journey by receiving the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees in Farmington this past fall and then traveled to St. Peter for

the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degree this past Saturday; which was done in an extremely fine manor. We are hoping he enjoyed the work and becomes an active part of our Chapter. He will be receiving the Council Degrees in March at our festival.

I also want to thank Excellent and Illustrious Companion Randy Poulson for all the work he has put into our Chapter and Council over the number of years, when he served as High Priest and Illustrious Master.

A job well done, Companion Randy.

Fraternally,

Hugh Swift
Secretary & Recorder

Holiday Potluck 2009



On December 15th, Corinthian Lodge held its annual Holiday Potluck dinner. With a large turn out of brothers and their families, there was a lot of food and a lot of fellowship. Thank you to everyone for attending.



Technology Connecting Brothers Fundraising Methods

The Lodge website has been completely redesigned to make it easier for officers and Brothers to update and maintain content, and to be brighter and more inviting. We believe it better represents the active nature of the Lodge, and more information than ever is available.

Please take a look at the redesigned website at www.corinthian67.org and tell us what you think.

The Lodge email system has also been updated. All Lodge officers can now be reached at an address based on position, making it easier to reach the right person. For example, master@corinthian67.org, srwarden@corinthian67.org, etc.

Finally, the Lodge now has a group page on Facebook. From Facebook, search for: corinthian lodge #67. The public can see general information, but Brothers can see photos, discussions, and updates. To join and see all content, navigate to the group and press "Request to Join". The approval process can take a day or two.

About the Corinthian Courier

The Corinthian Courier is published monthly or quarterly. The 2009-2010 editor is Dan Hornseth (editor@corinthian67.org).

What have you been up to? Your friends at the Lodge want to know.

Changed jobs, retired, moved, had children/grand children?

Earned York, Scottish, or Shrine degrees/honors?

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

Send the editor a quick note and we'll put it in the Courier.

Ad Space Available, email editor@corinthian67.org for details.

Brothers – Masons have a tremendous tradition of philanthropy in our communities. The brothers of Corinthian Lodge are trying to identify new methods of fundraising to help us to continue giving back. Please give thought to ways of fundraising that you think we can be successful with.



Please let Senior Deacon Rick Vance know your ideas and how you can help out. Rick can be reached at most meetings or at rvance@dataspan.com or 952-210-8743.

Officer Installation 2009

The Public Installation of Officers took place on Sunday, December 6, 2009.



Junior Warden Joel Wolfe, Worshipful Master Nick Johnson, Senior Warden Steve Bernhardt



Worshipful Master Nick Johnson presenting Past Master and Lodge Education Officer Paul Hardt (P.M.) with his certificate and a watch.