



The Corinthian Courier

Corinthian Lodge No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Five Raised to Master Since January!

Over the last three months, Corinthian Lodge has gained five new Brothers. One was raised at the Grand Lodge's One Day to Masonry event, and four in two Master Mason degree ceremonies at the Lodge. Thank you to everyone who took part in the degree work, with special thanks to Worshipful Brother John Curlott of Lebanon Lodge No.346, and Worshipful Brother Bill Callister of Oriental Lodge No.34, both put on amazing performances as King Solomon.

On January 16th, John Freeburg took part in the Grand Lodge's One Day to Masonry event, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A ceremony was held at the Lodge to present his apron and bible.



Daren Simon, Brad Swager, W.M. Nick Johnson, John Simon

On March 16th, Corinthian Lodge No.67 held it's scheduled Winter Master Mason degree. Darren Simon, Jon Simon, and Brad Swager proofed up and were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.



W.B. Bill Callister, Scott Cummings, W.M. Nick Johnson

On March 30th, a Special Communication was held to perform an additional Master Mason degree. Scott Cummings proofed up and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Spring Degree Class Starting

Degrees will be offered again this spring, starting with a Entered Apprentice Festive Board on April 20th. If someone you know is interested, there is still time to get through the petition process.

Corinthian Lodge has implemented a new Mentor Program from the Grand Lodge. The program ties together all the aspects of Freemasonry from the initial petition, through Master Mason.

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



Jon Simon, Sr was an active and proud participant in his sons' three degree ceremonies.

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

Master's Corner

with Worshipful Master Nick Johnson



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Spreading More Light

Brothers, we are having a very successful year. Starting this month, we will be beginning another round of degree work for Steve Nelson and Brian Hoyland. We will begin our degree work with a four to seven toast festive board after the degree. The degree will start at 6:30 pm on April 20th. We would also like to try something different, an outdoor Third Degree. If you own a farm and are willing to host the third degree, please let me know at 651-366-9324 or at njohnson@corinthian67.org.

All three principal officers and myself as well as our Secretary, made the trek to the Granite City, Saint Cloud, to again share fraternal greetings with other Lodge leaders at the 157th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A.F. & A.M. Mentorship is a major push for the Grand Lodge and I think this is applicable to our Lodge. Looking at the Annual Report published by the Grand Lodge, more men are now withdrawing from Minnesota Lodges than are dying. That is a problem that I don't want Corinthian to have. Thankfully, we have Brother Wayne pushing forward our own Mentorship program. However, we need all of you to help. We need both proficiency coaches as well as dedicated mentors to help our brothers learn our ritual and stay active in our Lodge. Contact Brother Wayne if you would like to help.

We are changing up our Officers' meeting. Instead, I will be calling them Planning Meetings. We will have these planning meetings off site from the Lodge building, either at the Long Branch or at the Eagles. These Planning Meetings are open to all brothers and will begin at 6:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. I will post where we are meeting on the Lodge door, so please come on out.

We also have our Awards Night planned for April 16th starting at 6 pm. This year, we will be giving out the Mason of the Year award, Certificates of Appreciation, as well as our Year Certificates. We will also be acknowledging our widows and will have a great time toasting and having fun. Contact the Junior Warden Joel Wolfe, if you plan on attending or reply to the eVite that was sent out.

This year, I will also be giving the Hiram Award to a very worthy brother, Worshipful Brother Hugh Swift. Stay tuned for more details but we will be holding it in September. I am honored to be able to give this award to the hardest working Mason I know. We will let you know the date when it has been set but we would love you to attend.

We have much work to do in regards to the Highway Cleanup project that we began last year. We will begin our required three times of cleanup on April 24th starting with lunch at 12:00 pm and the street cleaning at 12:30 pm. We need at least ten but no more than fifteen people to help. Bring your family along and have some fun. Contact me if you'd like to help.

Also, this summer, I would like to finally cleanup the club room. We will plan over the next two months what we will be doing in that room. Kerry Hanson has created a great plan for that room and I would like to get that plan into practice. More details to follow.

Finally, if you have any concerns or suggestions, just let me know. You can contact me at 651-366-9324 or at njohnson@corinthian67.org. Thank you brothers and the fun just keeps rolling along.

Nick Johnson
Worshipful Master, Corinthian Lodge No. 67

2010-2011 Officers, Myrtle No.13 OES

Worthy Matron	Meredith Kuharenko
Worthy Patron	Don Errico
Associate Matron	Billie Errico
Associate Patron	John Harper
Secretary	Susan Hofbeck
Treasurer	Shar Swift
Conductress	Kathi DeJohn
Associate Conductress	Kate Hanson
Chaplain	Jerry Jones
Marshal	Bill DeJohn
Organist	Veronica Harper
Adah	Denise Coursolle
Ruth	Patricia Rasmussen
Esther	Dawn Lund
Martha	Kerry Hanson
Electa	Gretchen Gensler
Warder	Al Sprute
Sentinel	Bud Gensler

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.

Many of the oldest written records of Masons deal with visiting and the reception of visitors as a matter of right. As speculative Masons, we travel more as a privilege; and Brothers, we have been privileged this year.

Please consider joining in our monthly travels, and feel free to suggest lodges that you would recommend. Contact WM Nick, SW Steve, or SD Rick for further information or to rideshare.

About the Corinthian Courier

The Corinthian Courier is published monthly.

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?

Currently in the military or a veteran?

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

Email the editor and we'll put it in the Courier.

Ad space is available, email editor@corinthian67.org

Meet Our New Brothers



Scott Cummings

I am the owner of Pro Audio Service in Lakeville, Creative Floor & Design in Burnsville, and I am a professional musician. My hope is to learn to better myself, meet new friends, and spend time helping others. As far as I know, I'm the first in my family to join Masonry.



John Freeburg

I am a retired Naval Officer and now fly for Mesaba Airlines. I joined with the goal of further educating myself and to contribute with other like-minded men to the betterment of our community. Both my Grandfathers; Jack Freeburg and Gunnard Anderson, and three Uncles were Masons.



Darren Simon

I work in marketing. I want to help contribute to improvements in the Lodge and our community as a whole. My father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather are Masons, and my Grandmother is in Eastern Star.



Jon Simon

I am a general contractor specializing in plastering and stucco trades. I hope my personal contributions will help the lodge with all the worthy charitable activities it is involved with. My father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather are Masons, and my Grandmother is in Eastern Star.



Brad Swager

I am a regional sales manager at Webb Candy in Rosemount. I'm interested in Masonry for the friendship and community service aspects. Troye Downs is a friend connected with Prince Hall, he has been encouraging me to join for years.

Fundraising Methods

The brothers of Corinthian Lodge are trying to identify new methods of fundraising to help us to continue giving back. Please let Senior Deacon Rick Vance know your ideas and how you can help. Rick can be reached at rvance@dataspan.com or 952-210-8743.

York Rite

with Hugh Swift, Jr (P.M. 1991, 2002)



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Dear Companions;

Happy spring to you all! I'm sure you are all out doors raking your yards and getting ready for summer.

First of all, let me touch on a few things which have happened in the last month or two, concerning Corinthian Chapter No. 33 and Northfield Council No. 12. It is time to congratulate Nick Johnson, who was exalted to the Royal Arch in January at a very successful Chapter Festival in St. Peter. There were 19 candidates for the degree work, which very well done by the Companion Knights of the York Rite Sovereign College of Minnesota.

On March 13th, Northfield Council No. 12, hosted a Council Festival at our assembly in Farmington. Our Council's degree team performed flawlessly in all the work, which included the conferral of the Super Excellent Master Degree. There were 7 candidates present for the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees and 12 Companions for the SEM Degree.

The degree work was followed with the introduction of; Most Illustrious Companion Ronald A. Miles, Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. He then introduced his Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters whom were present for the activities.

This was followed by a closing ceremony led by IC Raymond Frandsen, with 34 Companions present

for the circle of friendship.

The noon lunch consisted of Corned beef and cabbage prepared by IM Chuck Munson and EHP Steve Bernhardt.

So far this year we have 5 new Companions in Northfield Council and 1 new Companion for the Chapter.

To change the subject just a little; it is with great pride and heartwarming satisfaction that we congratulate Companion Knight Randy Poulson, whom was installed as the Marshall of Minnesota York Rite Sovereign College No. 39. This is a great honor to him. In a few years he should be our Governor. I will keep you posted.

Upcoming events for many of our members, is the annual York Rite Session to be held in Willmar, MN.; on June 24, 25, 26, 2010 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center. Companion and Sir Knight Hugh Swift will preside over the 145th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota on the 24th. We know he has had a very busy year serving as the Grand Commander and we wish him and his corps of officers well in their future endeavors.

Hope you enjoyed this article and we will visit a little more next time. We can always use more members.

Thanks and have a great summer.

Signing off for now,

Hugh Swift, Jr.
Secretary & Recorder

Upcoming Masonic Milestones

04/08/1975 Randy Poulson (35 year)
04/20/1965 Raymond Ames (45 year)
04/20/1965 Gary Twedt (45 year)
05/01/1990 Bud Gensler (20 year)
05/06/1975 Ronald Ames (35 year)
05/16/2000 Thomas LaBeau (10 year)
05/16/2000 Mike Wyatt (10 year)
05/21/1985 Thomas Angell (25 year)
05/21/1985 Quentin Dandley (25 year)
05/21/1985 Gordon Henrikson (25 year)



Matron's Corner

Myrtle No.13, OES

with Worthy Matron Meredith Kuharenko



Open Installation Held

Myrtle Chapter No.13 held their Open Installation on March 27th at 10:30 in the morning. Meredith Kuharenko was installed as Worthy Matron and John Harper was installed as Associate Patron. Don and Billie Errico will be installed as Worthy Patron and Associate Matron at our next meeting. Kathy DeJohn and Kate Hanson were installed as Conductress and Associate Conductress. Peggy and Jerry Jones were the Installing Officers in the East with Judy Asmus as Installing Marshall.

This year we will be honoring the organist, Veronica Harper who was also Installing Organist. Gretchen Gensler and Kathy DeJohn were the Guest Conductress and Associate Conductress.

At the last minute our Flag Bearer, Liz Swanson, of Jobs Daughters Bethel Chapter No.40, took ill and was replaced by Nathan Swanson age 10, who was a good sport and took up the job. Well done Nathan and hope you're are feeling better, Liz. I believe he is the youngest flag bearer on record.

Thank you all for helping with the installation. We will be organizing our year long Secret Pal event at our next meeting. Last year's event was wrapped up beautifully at our last meeting with gifts and cards revealing our Secret Pals.

Masons, if you and your wives are interested in joining Eastern Star, now is an excellent time to meet the members of our chapter and to learn about the various projects that we are involved in. We are a civic minded, charitable organization, and are always looking for new members that may have moved into the area and are trying to get to know new and interesting people. Masons, or direct relatives of Masons are also eligible for membership.

My pet charity project for this year will be to provide aid to the local Food Shelf of southern Dakota County. As we all know during these troubled economic times there are people who have previously not experienced unemployment are now worried about providing their family with a decent meal.

My term is dedicated to my parents, Kenneth and Ersel Parks who were also active members in Eastern Star. My mother, a Past Worthy Matron, and my father, who was the Organist and a Past Worshipful Master, were active members in their chapters and believed in the good that organizations such as this can provide.

My fun symbols for the year are puppies and roses.



In addition to our civic projects our chapter encourages interaction and camaraderie among our members. In the past we have had a fun Secret Pal event that encourages members to get to know other individuals within the chapter, which I plan to continue. Everyone who wants to participate puts their name and birth date in a hat and whoever draws that name brings cards, gifts and trinkets to the meetings to celebrate without divulging their identity. At the end of the term the Secret Pal reveals who they are in a creative manner.

Meredith Kuharenko
Worthy Matron



2009 Awards and Widows Table Lodge, James McNeely IV (PM), (then) WM Paul Hardt, Joe Kivens (PM 2007)



2009 Awards and Widows Table Lodge, 2009 Mason of the Year Nick Johnson and (then) WM Paul Hardt



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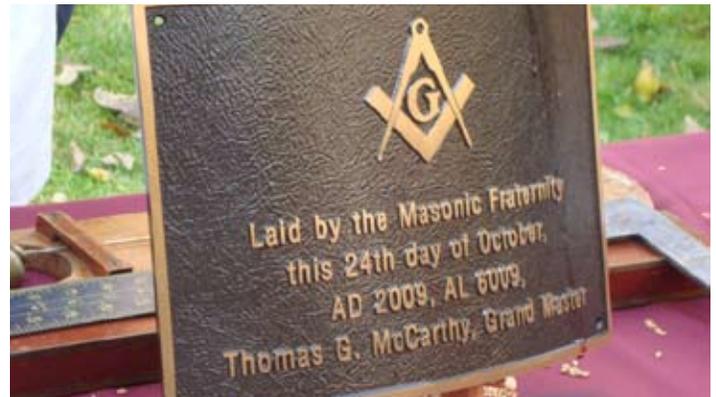
2009 Adopt A Highway, Dan Hornseth, Wayne Sisel



2009 Carpet Removal Team, Alvin Sprute, Tom Holten, Mike Lucast (PM 1997), Joel Wolfe, Randy Poulson (PM 1989), Wayne Sisel, Bill DeJohn (PM 2008), (then) WM Paul Hardt. Not in pic, Joe Kivens (PM 2007), Jeff Lucast, & Adan Lucast



2009 Cornerstone Laying, Amplatz Children's Hospital



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Exploring Masonry In Pictures

We are interested in the Lodges and Masonic monuments around us. If you find yourself near a lodge, but it's not currently meeting, please take a picture and share it with us!

Here are the picture submission guidelines:

- Pictures can be of any structure (lodge, monument, etc) related in any way to Masonry
- Structures can be from anywhere in the state, country, or world, as long as you took the picture.
- We only need one set of pictures per structure. No need to submit for structures already featured.
- Please take a photo of the front of the building, any plaques, cornerstones, or unique features.
- Pictures can be from cameras or phones, effort is more important than quality.
- Please submit your photos to editor@corinthiant67.org



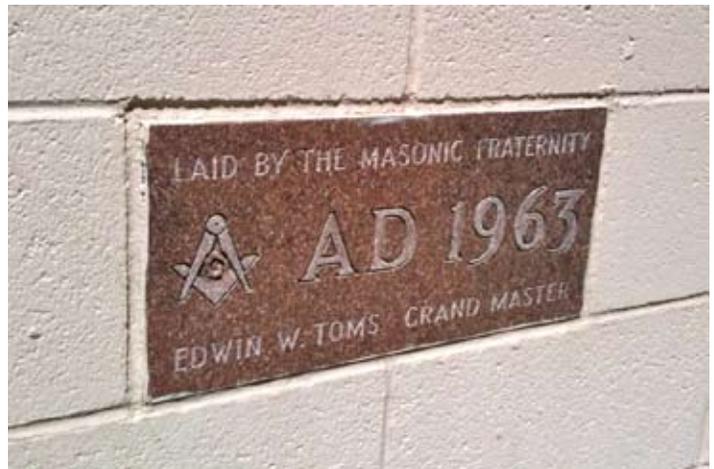
Excelsior Lodge No.113 (submitted by WM Nick Johnson)



Excelsior Lodge No.113 (submitted by WM Nick Johnson)



Ely Lodge No.288 (submitted by Dan Hornseth)



Ely Lodge No.288, cornerstone (submitted by Dan Hornseth)

Upcoming Events



Awards/Widows Night Table Lodge
Friday, April 16 at 6:00pm

Practice for EA degree & Festive Board
Sunday, April 18, 7:00pm

Entered Apprentice Degree & Festive Board
Thursday, April 20 at 7:30pm

Adopt A Highway Cleanup - Meet at Lodge
Saturday, April 24 at 12:00pm

Myrtle Meeting
Tuesday, April 27

Corinthian Visits: Sir Winston Churchill No.351
Wednesday, April 28

AASR Annual Spring One-Day Reunion
Saturday, May 1, 8:00am

Planning Meeting - location TBA
Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00pm

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 March, but need help with something?

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

Stated Meeting
Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30pm

Corinthian Visits: Faribault Lodge No.9
Monday, May 10

Myrtle Honors Mothers
Tuesday, May 11

AASR Consistory Feast - Recognition & Scotties
Thursday, May 13 at 5:30pm

Myrtle Meeting
Tuesday, April 25