



The Corinthian Courier

Corinthian Lodge No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



DeAndre Slater, Worshipful Master Nick Johnson, Steven Nelson, Jarrod Grudzinski



WM David Kvestad, WM Nick Johnson, James Harris

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Three Passed to Fellow Craft

Spring degree class continued on May 4th with three brothers being passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. On April 20th the three new brothers had been initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice. Corinthian Lodge would like to thank everyone who helped with both degrees. The Master Mason degree is planned for 1pm on June 12th.

Corinthian Visits: Faribault Lodge No.9

As we continue traveling the many Lodges in this state, we ended up in a great Lodge, Faribault Lodge No. 9. All the brothers have been raving about the time they had since. If you've never been to Faribault Lodge, you are missing out. Their Masonic building is massive. We were also surprised by an incredible honor by W.Bro. Dave, we are the first Lodge to begin the travel of the Faribault sword. One of our new FCs, Steve, is designing a wood box to hold the sword and he will etch Faribault Lodge No. 9 on it's cover. The rules of travel are that the traveling Lodge must have more brothers present than the hosting Lodge. What an amazing time we had, ending our night at the Depot.



Corinthian Lodge No.67

is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Prepared by the Midwest's Famous Chris Cakes

Saturday June 19th, 8:00 – 12:30 AM

2010 Farmington Dew Days Event
Same day & place as Art Fair & Parade

Masonic Lodge building, 326 3rd Street
Farmington, MN

All you can eat - \$7.00 Donation

Pancake Breakfast proceeds benefit the annual Farmington High School Corinthian Lodge College Scholarship Awards

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Brothers of Faribault Lodge No.9 confer the traveling sword.

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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Strength to Support

Brothers, we will be going dark soon, and although we are technically closed during the summer, we still have some fun events lined up. We still have three candidates going through degree work. They are Fellowcraft and are seeking further light. The date is set for Saturday, June 12th, starting at 1:00 pm. We are also going to try something different by having the first section together but then the second section will be done long form for each candidate, and then the lectures given to all three in full form. This is a major undertaking and will take most of a day but I know we can do it. What we need are brothers that are willing to take a part. If you know a part or would like to learn a part, please let me know at either millennialfreemason@gmail.com or you can call me at 651-366-9324 (that's my cell that I always have with me).

With all the degree work that we are doing, I am proposing a new schedule system. I would like to see our degree work be performed in this manner; the first Tuesday will be for degrees while the third Tuesday would be for business and education. I would also like to propose that we have our First meeting in September be our Friendship Night. We could then open later in the night and read any petitions that we have received. The second meeting would be our Dusty Square and Compass and we could also ballot on that night. The first meeting in October would be the first degree. I think this schedule works and fits our work schedule.

Also, we are continuing our travels in the great state of Minnesota. In May, we visited Faribault Lodge. There we met Jimmy, Dave, and the other brothers of that Lodge. While there, we received the new "traveling mechanism", a broadsword with Faribault Lodge No. 9 laser etched on the blade. It is beautiful and will be on display at our third degree on June 12th. In June, we will be visiting Mizpah Lodge in South Saint Paul. It's an interesting visit for me since one of my childhood friends is the Junior Warden of that Lodge. He and I literally grew up across the street yet he went north and I went south. And we will likely be visiting perhaps Hastings, Red Wing, Lodge #19 or Saint Paul #3. If you want to join us this summer, let Rick, Steve, or I know and we'll set up a carpool.

The other major event will be our fundraiser on June 19th at the Farmington Masonic Temple. This pancake breakfast is for our Scholarship Fund. We haven't done a fundraiser in a few years and may be a little rusty but I think we have the tools to make this breakfast a success. The pancakes will be made for us by Chris Cakes, a company that works with organizations like ours. We will be on the hook for serving but we would need only six to help out. Please plan on attending and to sell tickets to your family, friends, coworkers, even potential candidates to our Lodge. If you have questions, please contact our Senior Deacon, Rick Vance.

Finally, as I made transparency a necessary tenet of my year, we are reviewing the Bylaws. One of the major revisions that we must consider is our dues structure. As you know, the economy has been depressed but signs are beginning to point to recovery. Furthermore, the Grand Lodge has been quite loudly informing Lodges that a per capita (what we send to Grand Lodge per member) increase is being seriously considered. I am proposing that we do two things, 1) we split what the per capita and what we receive, 2) we consider a dues increase for what we, as a Lodge, take. The dues would round up to the nearest 0 or 5 amount. In raw numbers, the proposal would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$80 per year, which would break down to \$51 to us and \$29 to Grand Lodge. If the Grand Lodge bumps per capita to \$35, the dues would be \$90. I believe that this balances our immediate needs and also those needs in the future. I do not want to

bind the hands of my successors. The dollar does not have the same strength it once did and we must keep pace with its purchasing power. If you have concerns or questions with this proposal, please call me at 651-366-9324 or come to the business meetings on the third Tuesday in September, October, and November. Obviously, this is a major proposal but we must consider it for our continued strength.

Nick Johnson
Worshipful Master, Corinthian Lodge No. 67

Meet Our Lodge Officers



Nick Johnson
Worshipful Master

I work for the US Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office for the District of MN. I am the Custodial Officer and Procurement Technician, and a licensed attorney. I hope to get a sense of community, personal growth, but I also view our Fraternity as being of the Enlightenment Tradition, where ideas and concepts are discussed and researched. Both my grandfathers are Masons, as well as other family members. My father also joined, continuing the family tradition.



Steve Bernhardt
Senior Warden

I am an attorney. I hope to find a sense of structure within lodge where religions and politics are left behind; a safe haven for fraternal conversation. The ability to meet men across the country and know them to be brothers. My maternal Grandfather was Worshipful Master at the Lake City Lodge in the 1950's. I am still waiting for confirmation from Wisconsin's lodges about my father's side of the family.



Joel Wolfe
Junior Warden

I am a Client Solutions Consultant for Lawson Software. I am responsible for positioning Lawson Professional Services into the existing client base for Lawson's Services Industry vertical. I was looking for a sense of purpose, as it relates to assisting the community, and improving myself in the company of like minded individuals. My Grandfather was a Mason and a Shriner (AAD Temple, Duluth and Osman Temple, St. Paul). As a young boy, I was enthralled with his Fez's and masonic jewelry.

Meet Our New Brothers

Master Mason Degree Scheduled for June 12th



Jarrod Grudzinski

I have been a printer for over 13 years, and work at a corrugated box factory in Lakeville. I am looking forward to spending time with persons of like interests, and working in the community. I am a first generation Mason.



Steven Nelson

I am a student pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, for a career in electrical power and energy systems. I hope to learn and improve myself in Masonry, and meet others in the craft. My Grandmother stayed at the Masonic Home for a short time.



DeAndre Slater

I'm a former auto F&I manager, but now I'm an R&B/Hip-Hop DJ with more time for my family. I hope to get everything Masonry has to offer, for all I plan to put into it. I come from a long line of Masons, Mother PWM OES, late Grandmother Sec. OES, Stepfather 33°, & late Grandfather 33°.

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.

York Rite

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

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Dear Companions;

Just a short note for the last periodical before summer. It has been a fairly busy year for Corinthian Chapter and Northfield Council this past year. Many of the companions will be attending the Grand York rite Sessions at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Willmar, MN on June 24, 25&26. It will be our own Companion, S.K. Hugh Swift; whom will be presiding over the 145th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. We wish him well in this endeavor. And hope to see more of him next year as he has traveled around the state representing Knights Templar.

We will be starting a new class for the Royal Arch Degrees in the fall, I sincerely hope some of you decide to continue your Masonic education by filling out a petition to find more light in Masonry.

Fraternally,

Steve Bernhardt, High Priest
Chuck Munson, Illustrious Master

Upcoming Masonic Milestones

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)



Team 1: Jon Simon Sr, Jacob Grudzinski, Jarrod Grudzinski, Bradley Grudzinski, Holly Grudzinski, Katelyn Grudzinski



Team 2: Tom Holten, Mike Denley, Rick Johnson, WM Nick Johnson, Renae Johnson, Dan Hornseth, Chris Johnson

Adopt A Highway Cleanup

Corinthian Lodge held it's spring Adopt a Highway cleanup event on Saturday May 1st. This is the Lodge's second year maintaining a 2 mile stretch of Pilot Knob Road from 140th Street to 170th Street. We need to hold 2 to 3 cleanup events a year, with the next one planned for mid August.

Brothers and their families gathered at the Lodge for lunch and fellowship, followed by a quick meeting on safety and procedure, before breaking into teams and heading to the site. One team started at the Park And Ride lot, and the other team started at the Domino's Pizza near 140th Street.

Like last year, almost nothing interesting was found amongst the trash during the cleanup. It mostly consisted of food wrappers, plastic bags, and paper.

Corinthian Lodge would like to thank all the Brothers and their families for making this cleanup such a success. We were all wind blown and worn out by the end, but we had a good time, and our community is a little bit cleaner.



Matron's Corner

Myrtle No.13, OES

with Worthy Matron Meredith Kuharenko



Exciting Start

Myrtle Chapter has had an exciting start to their new term. Jimmy Harris from the Faribault Job's Daughters and several others attending our last meeting stating that they are planning on resurrecting the Farmington Bethel in the next year. We voted to support them and the next challenge will be to find council members and a Guardian for the girls. If you are interested in volunteering, this may be the opportunity for you. Being a former Job's Daughter myself this is very exciting. Hats off also to Kerry Hanson who has worked so hard to get them to this point. She has volunteered to make all their gowns and capes and Jimmy has stated they have all the other things needed for the Bethel from another that had disbanded. The adults that volunteer to support and meet with these girls will get CAV (Certified Adult Volunteer) training this summer. Dates are yet to be announced.

On another note we also kicked off the new term picking our Secret Pals. All who wanted to participate got one along with their birth dates, anniversary dates, pets and hobbies. At the last meeting of the year we will creatively reveal ourselves to our Secret Pals. It is a fun way to get to know each other and can evolve into the Masons or the OES members to have Job's Daughters as Secret Pals. Something to think about.

Meredith Kuharenko
Worthy Matron, Myrtle Chapter No.13

With the reopening of the Corinthian Lodge Job's Daughters Bethel, I asked my mother to write about her experiences growing up in Job's Daughters.

-Dan Hornseth, editor

Memories of Job's Daughters

White gowns, marching, pot luck suppers, lots of girls fixing their hair and memorizing their parts..... it has been years since I reflected on my experiences with Job's Daughters in Ely, Minnesota, during the late 50's and early 60's. I teach junior high and high school English and am nearing retirement.

I joined Job's Daughters because my mom thought it was a good idea. My girl cousins who lived in Ely were already members, so I was shuffled into the group. At that age, I'm not sure I knew why it would be good for me.

Along the way I got to know lots of girls of different ages. These were girls I had seen in church or at school, but they were older than I was and not likely to speak to me. They were all helpful to me as I learned the procedures. One of the strongest memories I have is of all the good times we had. We did not use mean words, we did not backbite, and we did not form cliques. We all accepted everyone who joined. Friendly. The suppers and meetings were friendly. It was a welcoming place to go where we all knew each other.

Like others, I rose slowly through the ranks, holding several of the offices before beginning on the path toward Honored Queen (1963) as a junior in high school. I have had conversations with a twelfth grader in a class I teach, who is a Job's Daughter in the Duluth Bethel. She is still working toward this leadership position. She enjoys her times with Job's and intends to stay in until she reaches the age of twenty. She would like to see more girls from around the area active in the organization.

I remember the Eastern Star ladies who supervised our exuberance with fondness. They were always helpful, always friendly, always positive. At the time, the ladies that supported us blended together, but now I realize the debt I owe all of them in giving up their evenings to support our efforts.

I can still hear the echoing of our footsteps as we climbed the stairs to our meeting rooms above the phone company offices. I still love singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." I enjoyed my years in Job's Daughters and I feel the experience strengthened me and my faith.

2010 Awards & Widows Night Table Lodge

The annual Awards & Widows Night Table Lodge was held on April 16th. The event took place in the lodge room with a catered dinner and plenty of festive toasts. Our Masonic widows were honored, and a number of awards were presented. Awards included Certificates of Appreciation, Mason of the Year, Masonic Anniversary Certificates, and a thank you to Secretary Joe Kivens (PM2007).

More pictures available at www.corinthian67.org/recent-events/ and at www.flickr.com/dhornseth/sets

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Raymond Ames (PM 1975) and David Lilja (PM 1980) received Certificates of Appreciation for their work on the cemetery board.



Nadine Kivens with daughter in law Kim Kivens. Hy Kivens passed away in March 2001, and was a Past Master of Social Lodge No. 48 in Northfield Minnesota.



Rick Johnson and Randy Poulson (PM 1989) received Certificates of Appreciation for their work with the scholarship program.



Wayne Sisel received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work with the new member mentorship program.



2010 Mason of the Year was awarded to Dan Hornseth



Secretary Joe Kivens (PM 2007) was presented with a pen set as a thank you gift for his dedication and hard work, from the Worshipful Master and the Junior and Senior Wardens.

Exploring Masonry In Pictures

We are interested in the Lodges and Masonic monuments around us. If you find yourself near a lodge or anything Masonic, please take a picture and share it with us! Submit photos to editor@corinthiant67.org

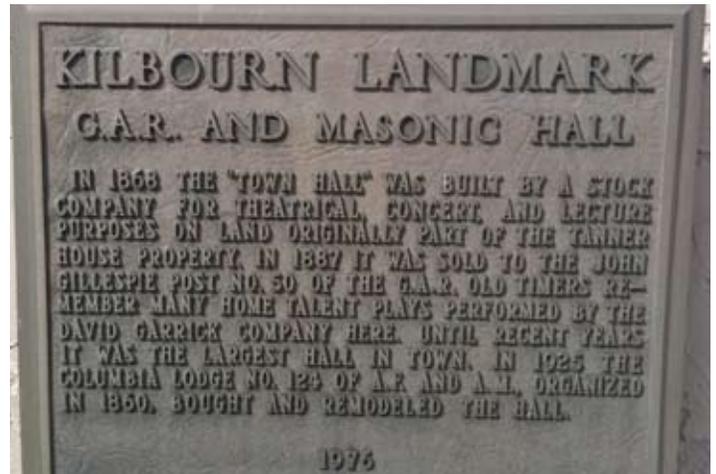
The Duluth Masonic Center

Built in 1904, it houses 4 Lodges, the Scottish Rite Valley of Duluth, and a Demolay Chapter.

(Submitted by Nick Johnson)



Dells Lodge No.124 - Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
(Submitted by Dan Hornseth)



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The Masonic Brotherhood Center at the 1964 World's Fair. Note the Unisphere in the background.

The building reads: "Brotherhood is the Foundation of World Peace"

(Submitted by Dan Hornseth, taken by Susan Hornseth 1964)

Upcoming Events



Job's Rev Up for Camp Up at Camp Lake Hubert
Sunday, May 23 at 12:00pm

Myrtle Meeting
Tuesday, May 25

Corinthian Visits: Mizpah Lodge No. 191
Tuesday, June 1

Corinthian Visits: Northfield Social Lodge No.48
Monday, June 7

Myrtle Honors Fathers
Tuesday, June 8

Master Mason Degree
Saturday, June 12 at 1:00pm

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Saturday, June 19 at 8:00am to 12:00pm

Myrtle Picnic
Tuesday, June 22

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.

About the Corinthian Courier

The Corinthian Courier is published monthlyish.

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