



# The Corinthian Courier

Corinthian Lodge No. 67, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

is presenting the Hiram Award to  
Worshipful Brother Hugh Swift Jr  
(P.M. 1991, 2002)



The event will be held at the  
Farmington Eagles Club on Saturday  
September 11th.

5:30pm Social Hour, 6:30pm Supper,  
7:15-7:30pm Award Presentation

Honored guests will be in attendance,  
including the Grand Master of Minnesota,  
Most Worshipful Brother John L. Cook, Jr.

Celts Pub (formerly Farmington Eagles Club)  
200 3rd Street Farmington, MN

For more information, call 952-432-7971  
or email [hiramaward2010@corinthian67.org](mailto:hiramaward2010@corinthian67.org)

## Lodge Friendship Night 09/07/10

Corinthian Lodge will be holding its annual  
Friendship Night potluck dinner on September  
7th at 6:30pm. Please invite anyone interested in  
Corinthian Lodge or Masonry. It's an easy and  
fun way for potential candidates to experience the  
Lodge, hear what Masonry has to offer, and meet  
the Brothers. The 2010 Fall Degree Class starts in  
late September.

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## Scholarship Fundraiser Successful!

Corinthian Lodge No. 67 held a pancake breakfast as  
part of Farmington's annual Dew Days celebration on  
Saturday June 19th. The proceeds benefit the Farming-  
ton High School College scholarship fund.

The event was well attended and was a financial and  
community success. The location was central to the day's  
other Dew Days events, which helped raise interest.

Many people toured the Lodge that might not normally  
have known it was there. In the dining areas Brothers  
could be heard answering questions about the Lodge  
furnishings and Masonry in general.

Corinthian Lodge would like to thank everyone who  
helped make this such a successful fundraiser.

Additional pictures on page 3, or online at  
<http://www.corinthian67.org/recent-events>

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.

Visit our website at [www.corinthian67.org](http://www.corinthian67.org)

# Master's Corner

with Worshipful Master Nick Johnson

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## Darkness to Light

Brothers, as we cruise through the wonderfully warm summer months (if this rain would give us a break), I would like to tell you what we have done and my plans for the coming months out of darkness.

I want to congratulate our newest Master Masons, Brothers DeAndre, Jarrod, and Steve, who have done an admirable job of learning their proficiency exams and presenting themselves as extremely active and dedicated Masons. I would also like to thank our degree team who allowed me the opportunity to do an experiment; we performed the full second section of the third degree on each of the candidates. It was a long but extremely rewarding day. We had the help of both Most Worshipful Brother Phil Soderberg and Worshipful Brother Bill Callister and made an event that I think all the brothers will remember. Awesome job to all.

This summer, we will be traveling including a trip to Saint Paul Three and potential Lake Harriet visit as well as a return to Braden and perhaps even to St Louis Park at Templar Lodge. If you want to go, contact me and we'll set up a carpool. We'll also be cleaning the highway again on August 21st. Please attend if you can and children and significant others are welcome. Call me at 651-366-9324 or send me an email at [njohnson@corinthian67.org](mailto:njohnson@corinthian67.org).

Now, on to the new business. We are reviewing the bylaws and a copy will be sent to all brothers for review in the September Courier. Not much has changed except the dues structure. All comments and questions are welcome. We will be hosting the Friendship Night on the first Tuesday in September, which is the 7th. If you know of any men whom you believe will make good Freemasons, let me know their contact information so that we can send them an invitation. We will do a first reading of the petitions after the Friendship Night program. We will have our Dusty Square and Compass on the 21st of September and should be fun. We will also be voting on petitions that day as well. Finally, on the first Tuesday in October, we will be doing our EA/Table Lodge program. The price hasn't been set but will be for our September Courier.

We have a lot planned but as we continue to grow, we will see the benefits of all this work more and more.

Nick Johnson  
Worshipful Master, Corinthian Lodge No. 67

## Flags At Corinthian Cemetary



Andrew Simon Sr, father to Brother Jon Simon Sr, grandfather to Brothers Jon Simon Jr, and Darren Simon

For Memorial Day, Corinthian Lodge placed masonic flags near the headstones of all masons resting at Corinthian Cemetery. Though they have moved on to the celestial lodge above, they are missed.



Jarrold Grudzinski, Worshipful Master Nick Johnson, DeAndre Slater, Steven Nelson, Hugh Swift (P.M. 1991, 2002), Bill Callister (P.M.), & MWB Philip Soderberg (P.G.M.)



Worshipful Master Nick Johnson discussed the trestle board with Brothers Steve Nelson & Jarrod Grudzinski



Joe Kivens (PM 2007) helped Brother Steve Nelson prepare for proofing up

There have been eight new Master Masons at Corinthian Lodge since the start of 2010.

Please take a moment to read their bios at: <http://www.corinthian67.org/newmembers>

## Three Raised to Master Mason

On June 12th, a Special Communication was held to perform the Master Mason degree for the 2010 Spring Degree Class. The Lodge opened at 11am for final proofing up, then closed and everyone went across the street to The Farmington Steak House for lunch and fellowship. The Master Mason degrees started at 1pm. Rather than a shared ceremony, each brother went through the degree individually. That made the day a little longer, but Worshipful Master Nick Johnson felt it would be more authentic and make more of an impact.

Woshipful Brother Bill Callister and Most Worshipful Brother Philip Soderberg (P.G.M. 2000-2001) alternated in performing the part of King Solomon. And Brother Scott Cummings (himself raised in March), was recruited to play an active part throughout.



Bill Callister (P.M.) and MWB Philip Soderberg (P.G.M.) played King Solomon



Worshipful Master Nick Johnson, Steve Nelson, Jarrod Grudzinski



# Matron's Corner

Myrtle No.13, OES

with Worthy Matron Meredith Kuharenko

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## Fun at Myrtle Picnic

On June 22 Myrtle Chapter 13 had their Annual Picnic at Rambling River Pavilion in Farmington. Lots of good food and good weather - hot, but good. The rains held off for the picnic. Meredith's favorite food was Veranica Harper's "frogs eye salad". Many of us asked for her recipe. Fathers were given their gifts as we had unexpected visitors the meeting we honored fathers. There were not of them enough to go around. We ate, laughed and enjoyed each other's companionship until we meet again in the fall.

Meredith Kuharenko  
Worthy Matron

## Myrtle Bake Sale

In June Myrtle Chapter 13 held their First Annual Bake Sale combining with the Masons of Corinthian Lodge No. 67 Pancake Feed. It was a highly successful day for all. Because Farmington was also hosting Dew Days there was a constant stream of people, young and old alike, looking for a good breakfast and baked goods to take home for a snack later. It's always nice when you don't have to bake, especially in hot summer weather. Everyone had a good time, ate well and got a good look at our newly remodeled Lodge. Thank you to all who contributed and helped at the Bake Sale. We decided, with the Masons, that this was a "Do Over" event.



Billie Errico, Jerry Jones, Al Srpute, Barb Sprute, Dawn Lund, John Harper, Don Errico



Veronica Harper, Billie Errico, Worthy Matron Meredith Kuharenko



Bobbie Brown, Kathy DeJohn, Bud Gensler, Bill DeJohn, Gretchen Gensler, Veronica Harper



Ashley Schuhwerck, Brandon Stodghill, and Senior Deacon Rick Vance

## Scholarships Presented

On June 2nd, Corinthian Lodge No. 67 of Farmington presented two \$1000 college scholarships to Seniors Ashley Schuhwerck and Brandon Stodghill at Farmington High School. The scholarships were presented by Senior Deacon Rick Vance.

Both Ashley and Brandon are graduating this year from Farmington High School with high honors and each received additional scholarships or departmental awards that evening. Ashley plans to study either Nursing or Veterinary Science at Iowa State, North Dakota State, or South Dakota State. Brandon plans to study engineering at Iowa State.

Over the past 15 years, Corinthian Lodge No. 67 has awarded over \$50,000 in college scholarships to local graduating Seniors. In order to continue to fund the Corinthian Lodge College Scholarships, our lodge is holding a series of fundraisers.

## Faribault EA Degree

Corinthian Lodge No. 67 and Faribault Lodge No. 9 continue to build a strong friendship between lodges and between Brothers.

Faribault Lodge recently presented a 'Traveling Sword' trophy to a contingent of Brothers from Corinthian. So, when Brother Jimmy asked for a little help with Entered Apprentice degree work, Nick Johnson, Steve Bernhardt and Jarrod Grudzinski all willingly obliged. We assisted as Stewards and Junior Deacon while two new brothers were made Entered Apprentices.

If you want a new perspective on Freemasonry, consider riding along to neighboring lodges.

## Meet Our Lodge Officers



Randy Poulson  
(PM 1989)  
Treasurer

I am the engineering manager at Dakota Electric Association. We supply retail electricity to 2/3 of Dakota County plus parts of Scott, Rice, and Goodhue counties. Masonry has given me the opportunity to learn and better understand myself and my beliefs. Through the fraternity I have met a number men with great character. I use them as an example of how to improve myself. Both my father and his father were active in Masonry throughout North Dakota.



Joe Kivens  
(PM 2007)  
Secretary

I work for the Malt-O-Meal Company, a cereal manufacturer based in Minnesota. I work in the Supply Chain Group as a Demand and Inventory planner. I hope to gain relationships with like minded good men who I can depend on if a time should come that I need help. My father and grandfather were Masons. I knew my father to be a well respected member of the family and the community he lived and worked in. I knew if Masonry was right for him, I hoped I could contribute as he did.



Paul Hardt  
(PM 2009)  
LEO

I am a faculty member at Capella University. I like the camaraderie of our lodge. We always have a good time at our festive boards. My father's father was a Master Mason, 32 Degree Scottish Rite, and a Shriner. My father was in DeMolay.



Wayne Sisel  
Junior Deacon

I operate two businesses, one selling supplemental insurance with AFLAC, and the second selling mortgage protection insurance with National Agents Alliance. I am also building my own agency. I joined Masonry to help in the community, improve my knowledge and meet other men who are doing the same. My brother-in-law is a Mason.

## Scottish Rite Picnic & Open House

Several Brothers from Corinthian Lodge attended the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite Picnic and Open House. The event was open to anyone interested in Masonry or the Scottish Rite.

The evening started with meeting Minneapolis Valley members and checking out the amazing building. Then a traditional barbecue dinner was served. After dinner the program started in the auditorium with introductions and information about the Minneapolis Valley. Guests took tours of the building, highlighting the Tomhave Library, the various Valley committees, and the degree production areas.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General Jerry B. Oliver 33° talked about the role of the Scottish Rite to support and enhance the Blue Lodge experience. A special appearance was made by Hiram, King of Tyre. And finally Most Worshipful Brother John L. Cook, Jr., Grand Master of Minnesota, addressed the group and gave his Scottish Rite version of “the elevator speech”.



It was a fun evening, with several Scottish Rite petitions submitted from Corinthian Lodge. Fall Minneapolis Valley degree classes start Thursday August 26th at 6pm, with Spring classes starting in January. A one day reunion option is also offered in late May.

If you'd like more information about the Scottish Rite, please email your Double Eagle representative Dan Hornseth at [dhornseth@corinthian67.org](mailto:dhornseth@corinthian67.org) or visit the Valley of Minneapolis website.

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Jarrold Grudzinski, Joe Kivens (PM 2007), Worshipful Master Nick Johnson, Tom Holten, Bud Gensler (PM 1994, 2000), Paul Hardt (PM 2009), Rick Vance, many others were present.



The Chris Cakes industrial pancake operation.

## Volunteer Training for Bethel No. 88



As we begin to get closer to reviving the Job's Daughters Bethel No. 88 in Farmington, a Certified Adult Volunteer or CAV class was held on July 15th and July 22nd with great success. However, in order to ensure that this group gets off the ground well, we need more volunteers to step forward.

If you, your lady, or any other adult wants to assist with this group, you are required to attend these classes. Another class will be held soon so if you have questions or want to participate, please contact Worshipful Master Nick Johnson.

Our Masonic family is growing again but we need your help to make these young women into future leaders in our community and our country.

# 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! Please submit to [editor@corinthiant67.org](mailto:editor@corinthiant67.org)



A.A.S.R. Valley of Moline in Moline, Illinois  
(Submitted by Jarrod Grudzinski)



God and my right



Order from chaos



My hope is in God

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Fortitude Lodge No. 188 in Two Harbors, Minnesota  
BEFORE renovation (Submitted by Steve Bernhardt)



Fortitude Lodge No. 188 in Two Harbors, Minnesota  
AFTER renovation.



Middleton Lodge No. 180 in Middleton, Wisconsin  
(Submitted by Dan Hornseth)



## Upcoming Events



Corinthian Lodge is dark in June, July, and August

AASR Minneapolis Valley Degree Classes Start  
Thursday, August 26th at 6pm (still time to petition)

Friendship Night Potluck Dinner  
Bring someone interested in Masonry!  
Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30pm

Hiram Award: Hugh Swift Jr (PM 1991,2002)  
At the Farmington Eagles Club, 200 3rd Street  
Saturday, September 11, 5:30pm Social Hour, 6:30pm  
Meal, 7:15pm Award Presentation

Dusty Square & Compass  
Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30pm

AASR Minneapolis Valley Feast of Tishri  
Saturday, September 25 at 5:30pm (open event)

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 May, but need help with something?

Please email the Secretary at [secretary@corinthian67.org](mailto: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 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.

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