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*Celebrating 126 Years in White Bear Lake*

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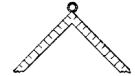
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## Master's Message



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“Shoemaker, stick to thy last.”... Better to do one thing supremely well, than many poorly. This will be the theme of 2012, my year of being Master of Garnet Lodge #166.

It is important to discover your competencies and practice and share them with others. Most people enjoy doing, and even working hard, those things which they do well.

In the tradition of Masonry, it is also our role to help our Brothers understand what they are good at. We have two recent examples, our most recent Past Master, Joe Viavattine, and our new Junior Deacon, Matt Nohr. They have found their unrealized proficiency at doing memory work is a gift to be shared with others by being members of the degree teams. Before they went into masonry, they were good students in school, but did not realize how they could memorize long passages and gain satisfaction by sharing this gift with others.

We have others, Senior Warden Warren Johnson, and new Senior Steward, Bob Witter, who have gifts and long experience in food preparation. Brother Warren made a career in the U.S. Army in food service and Brother Bob works as a manager in the Pizza business.

We have Brothers who are skilled in the crafts, and who share them liberally with the lodge but we really need more.

We have brothers who are skilled in finance who serve in that area but we need more.

We have Brothers who are skilled in selling. We need more of this in spreading the beauties and benefits of Masonry, and especially pancake tickets. Some of us do a very poor job of ticket selling (I'm thinking of myself).

We need a way to convey some of the enthusiasm for leadership and Masonry that our Marshall, David Thomsett, has displayed since his Raising.

My challenge to everyone is, discover your hidden talent, be willing to share a known skill. That one you enjoy or will enjoy the most and learn the pleasures of sharing it with enthusiasm with the brotherhood.

Michael D. Brady

Garnet Lodge Master, 2012

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# White Bear Chapter #200 O.E.S.



Now that there is a covering of snow on the ground, with the temperature tending to be below freezing, and my Christmas Cactus is in full bloom, there is no doubt as to which season we are in. Hope to hear that you had a Merry Christmas and all our Wishes for the New Year come true.

The White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Social Meeting in December was entertaining and delightful. If you ever need to roll a 2 with dice, just let Joyce roll the dice.

Eastern Star activities for January/ February.

Monday, Jan. 2 ---Social --- 6:30 p.m. --- Card Game and Cancer Dance planning. --- Refreshments ---Pauline and Ed Witter

Monday, Jan. 16 ---Stated --- 7:30 p.m. --- Plan 100 Anniversary of Chapter --- Refreshments --- Pam Leech

Saturday, Jan. 21 --- 6:30 p.m. --- Candle of Hope Dinner/Dance Benefit for Cancer Research at the Elk's Club in Stillwater.

Monday, Feb. 6 --- Special --- 7:30 P.M. Official Visit of WGM & WGP --- Pot Luck at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb.20 --- Stated --- 7i:30 p.m. Memorial Service

On June 17, 2012, White Bear #200 will have its 100 Anniversary,. It would be helpful if the members would let the Chapter know of any special event that they can remember that has happened in the past.

## Smile for the Month

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a "Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The Nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray" "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note. "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Arlene Glander



## **Lasting Gifts**

Brethren, one of the responsibilities of a Master Mason is to provide for the future for his brothers and the Lodge.

As each of us plan for the time when we lay down our tools to join the Supreme Architect in the Celestial Lodge, one way to help your brothers is to leave a gift behind in the form of a bequeath in your will or memorials to your terrestrial lodge. The gift can be designated for scholarships, teaching materials like books or audio/video equipment or care of the lodge building.

Please give this some thought and communicate it to your family and loved ones as one of your wishes.

Fraternally, Michael Brady

# January

# Calendar of Events

# February

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Over the Hill Gang meets every Wednesday 9AM to noon

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

**2nd** - OES Social - 6:30P  
**7th** - Garnet Open Installation 2:00PM  
**9th** - Garnet Stated Comm 7:00P  
**16th** - OES Stated Mtg 7:30P  
**21st** - Candle of Hope Dinner/Dance 6:30P  
**23rd**- Garnet Educational 7:00P  
**26th** - Garnet Planning mtg 6:30P

**6th** - OES Special - Official Visit, pot luck dinner at 6:30P  
**13th**- Garnet Stated Comm 7:00P  
**16th** - Garnet first Degree 7:00P  
**20th**- OES Stated Mtg 7:30P  
**27th**- Garnet Educational 7:00P



## Lodge Educational Night Schedule



The educational nights (fourth Monday) for the upcoming months are as planned:

**January:** A panel discussion about Masonry. Panel members to include a new line officer, Past Master, and Past Grand Master.

**February:** Three 20 minute presentations on famous Masons.

**March:** Three 20 minute presentations on famous Minnesota Masons.

**April:** Order in Architecture - What are some of the finer details about the five orders and how they tie to Masonry.

**May:** Masonic Jeopardy - We'll have the answers...you pose the questions.

Keep visiting the website for updates and more details about Masonic Education.

Any questions contact Jr Past Master and Lodge Educational Officer Joe Viavattine

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## *From the Desk of the Secretary*



In December Garnet Lodge raised two new Master Masons. Come to a Lodge event and welcome Tony Vosooney and Kevin Griebel to the Craft.

Installation of your 2012 Lodge officers will be on Saturday, January 7, at 2:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony, which is "open" to family and friends.

The Grand Lodge will again present a One-Day-to-Masonry class at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple on Saturday, January 21. If you like to see the best of Masonic Degree work be sure to attend. The First Degree will begin at 8:00 AM.

Garnet Lodge will start their 2012 Degrees with a First Degree on Thursday, February 16. (If you have a candidate for either the One-Day class or Garnet's Degree conferrals he can still get into the class if we receive his petition by the Stated Meeting on January 9.)

Our 2011 Master, Joe Viavattine, has begun the St Paul Scottish Rite Degrees. As of this writing he has completed the 13th Degree. Joe also became a member of Osman Shrine in October. If you are interested in St Paul Scottish Rite or Osman Shrine let me know. I have petitions and schedules for both of these Masonic bodies.

I'm saddened to report the recent death of Brothers Gene Bohn and Jasper Harmon. I've also learned that Brother Ed Schliek passed away in May of 2006. Alas my Brother!

WB Bob Golder, Secretary

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