

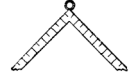


# GARNET LODGE NEWS

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## Master's Message



As Master of Garnet Lodge I have found this year to be hard, fun and productive. I never would have thought I would have ever become a Mason, let alone a Master of the lodge. With the help of a few good friends to show me the light, I did become a Mason. I got involved right away. I cannot quite remember if I needed some persuasion to join the line. If I did I thank you who ever that might be.

Masonry has made me a better person. I often hear this saying, "Masonry makes good men better", I find this to be very true. In this brotherhood we have so much to offer. It does not matter what walk of life you come from or what race or religion you may be. Masonry is about improvement where good men wishing to be better go, making the world a better place to live.

I truly feel that Masonry has given me a head start in life. Think about your friends, children or grand children and about what they could be missing out on if you do not talk to them about joining Masonry. Just think, you could be helping young people get a head start in life...just by your good example.

Thank you all for letting me wear the top hat and for the great year.

Joseph D Tebbe

*"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people." – Will Rogers, American humorist and Freemason*

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## Garnet Lodge Member Demographics

For the recent Garnet Lodge Awards Dinner I did an analysis on the age and membership time of our members.

The Lodge currently has 264 members.

The average age of the members is 67.3 years. The oldest member is 98 years, 8 months. The youngest member is 21 years, 4 months.

The members have been Master Masons for an average of 32.8 years. The longest time of membership is 64 years, 8 months. The shortest time of membership is 5 months.

Where do you stand in these averages?

And where do we live? It appears we are not great travelers as all 264 still live in the continental United States. 216 (82%) live in Minnesota (49 still in White Bear Lake). Nine live in Wisconsin, seven each in Arizona and Florida, four each in Iowa and Washington and three each in California, Texas and Virginia. Eight other states are each home to one of our members.

WB Bob Golder, Secretary



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



Thank you to the faithful members who supplied and sold the delicious donations to our successful Bake Sale at the Masonic Fall Pancake Breakfast in September.

Our Social evening November 2 will be a visit to Rainbow Chapter #276 in Cottage Grove, We will be car pooling. Contact W.M. Pamela Leech or Secretary Joyce Roman for details. At the Stated Meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 16 Grand Representatives both present and past will be honored.

Worthy Matron Pamela asked me to send the following: It is time to plan for Officers for next year. As of now, we do not have anyone to assume the Office of Worthy Matron. We need your help to keep our Chapter going.

What can you do? 1) Attend meetings now and fill in for missing Officers. 2) Volunteer to take an Office next year. 3) If you are a P.M., lead the Chapter as W.M. next year or help to set up a schedule for P.Ms to share the responsibilities of W. M for the year. We need everyone to help with the plans for the future.

Some numbers of interest. This year we started with a membership of 143. So far there have been 8 members who have died. There is an equal number who will be loosing their membership if they do not pay their dues. There are 31 who have been members 50 to 70 years. There are 18 members who live in other states.

### **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



## *Jobs Daughters Bethel #76 News*



Hello all. The first 2 months back to meetings meeting has been great. Since we have been back from the summer we have held a Spaghetti Dinner which went very well. On October our Grand Bethel Honored Queen planned her GB Fun event at the 162 Minnesota Twins game where we tied for the division. The 100 Job's Dauhgters in attendance including 15 members, adults or family members of Bethel 76 had a great time. Some upcoming events for Bethel 76 include Western Fall-inn at in Brainered the weekend of November 6-8th, an Initiation to be held on November 10th and then on the 21st we will be having a prospect party to Build-a-Bear Work shop. If any of you have a Daughter, Grand Daughter, niece or know any girl between the ages of 8 and 19 we would love to have them come with us to Build-a-Bear. Please contact me with any questions you might have. It should be a pretty exciting month coming up.

Hope to see some of you around!

HQ Kellie



# November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings time ENDS	2 OES 200 social, visit Cottage Grove 276	3	4 Over the Hill Gang 9A - Noon	5	6	7
8	9 Garnet 166 Stated Mtg 7:00PM	10 Job's Daughters 7:00P	11 Over the Hill Gang Veterans Day	12 Turkey Dinner 6:30P	13	14
15	16 OES 200 Stated Mtg	17	18 Over the Hill Gang 9A - Noon	19	20	21
22	23	24 Job's Daughters 7:00P	25 Over the Hill Gang 9A - Noon	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30 M & W's at Daylight Lodge 6:15P					



## Firearms Class at Lodge a Success



The instructors and students of the 2009 Firearm Safety Class would like to thank the Officers and members of Garnet Masonic Lodge for your support. We had 32 students complete the class this year during August. This was five more over last years class. The dates are set for the year 2010. They are in August again, starting on August 2nd and running Mondays and Wednesdays for four weeks. I would like to see if there are any Brothers who would like to become a Firearm Instructor. If so, please contact WB Ed Witter at 651-429-7422 for more information. Thank you. WB Ed Witter

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## *From the Desk of the Secretary*



I hope you've already made reservations for the annual Turkey Dinner, at the Lodge on Thursday, November 12. Tables will be set up for 8 people and each table gets its own turkey (cooked next door at Rudy's) to carve and share. Other traditional Thanksgiving foods will be prepared at the Lodge. A \$10.00 per person donation is requested. You will need reservations as only 12 tables (96 people) will be set. This event traditionally is a sell out, so call me at 651-777-3781 to reserve your space.

Last month I forgot to announce that Master Joe Tebbe presented a Mason of the Year Award to WB Ed Witter at the Awards Night in September. Congratulations Ed.

The Metro East Masters & Wardens will perform a Third Degree at the St. Paul Masonic Center in the morning on Saturday, December 12.

The Grand Lodge will again present a One-Day-to-Masonry class at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple on Saturday, January 16. If you know of a potential candidate, urge him to get his petition submitted soon. The fee for the One-Day class will again be \$250. Contact me for Petitions.

WB Bob Golder, Secretary