

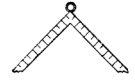


GARNET LODGE NEWS

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Master's Message



Summer's gone by faster than I could have believed. It's time, once again, to start up our Fellowship. There are many new things to talk about at our upcoming meetings. We are considering raising our lodge membership fees. A motion was made to raise the dues by \$16.00 to a total of \$100.00 per year at the September Communication. This proposal will now be sent to the Grand Lodge Committee on Juris Prudence. If approved there it will be returned to the Lodge for a final vote. While Garnet Lodge does have some investments, they have been hit hard the last few years by the economy. At the current rate of expenses versus income we are experiencing a \$10,000.00 shortfall per year. At that rate our resources will be gone by the year 2018. Something needs to be done to increase income and lessen expenses. We will be sending out a notice to inform you when the vote to raise the dues comes up to be sure you have the opportunity to attend.

The good news is that we have up to seven new candidates to go through the Degrees by the end of the year. We will need the help of many of you to put on these Degrees. The Second Degree is scheduled for October 25th. If you have any interest in doing one of the parts, please contact one of the Officers.

We are hosting a Bunco Night on Saturday October 23rd. If you haven't been to the previous Bunco Nights, you have missed a great time. It takes two minutes to learn the game and you will be glad you did. Snacks and prizes are provided for the evening.

Other upcoming events for the fall are the Annual Turkey Dinner on November 11th and the Masonic Family Christmas Party on December 18th.

The Pancake Breakfast on September 19th was well attended and I thank you all for your help and for supporting it with your attendance. The breakfasts are our major fundraisers and we appreciate your support.

Lastly, it has been decided that the Newsletter will now be published bi-monthly, covering two months at a time. Make sure you let the Secretary know if you have an e-mail address so we can keep you up to date in a timely fashion.

Fraternally yours, Rich Wogensen



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White Bear Chapter #200 O.E.S.



One again the good cooks of Eastern Star helped to make our Bake Sale at the Masonic Pancake Breakfast a success. Both the Masons and the Job's Daughters are invited to join The Star members for a Pot Luck starting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 4. The program to follow is a demonstration on the various ways Service dogs are helping people. Preceding the Stated Meeting on Monday, October 18, at 6:00 p.m., there is a Soup & Pie Supper. The proceeds will go for Religious Scholarships awarded by E.S.T.A.R.L. We expect to submit three candidates for Awards. At the meeting that follows we will be voting on the changes to the By-Laws which are at the end of this notice.

At the Social Meeting On Monday, November 1 starting at 6:30 p.m. Arlene and George Glander will be giving a slide presentation of when they were Missionaries in Alaska in the 1950's. Invite your Friends to come and enjoy the scenic beauty of Alaska.

Periodically our By-Laws have to be reviewed. A committee of three ---Linda Harmon, Yvonne Jensen and Arlene Glander --- reviewed the By-Laws and the following changes will be voted on October 18, 2010:

1. Pg. 1. Article I, Title & Meeting Section 3.

Now reads ---"The hour of meeting shall be 7:30 p.m."

Add --- for Stated, and 6:30 p.m. for Social/Special.

Change to read ---The hour of meeting shall be 7:30 p.m. for Stated, and 6:30 p.m. for Social/Special.

2. Pg. 3. Article III Officers, their Election & Duties, Section 2.

Now reads ---The appointive officers ----- prior to her Installation.

Remove "her"

Change to read --- The appointive officers ---- prior to Installation.

3. Pg. 6. Same Article Section 9.

"Housekeeping" Second paragraph add "s" to "time"

Change to read --- The Treasurer's books must be available at all times to all--

4. Pg. 7. Same Article Section 17.

Not necessary. Remove whole section.

5. Pg. 8. Same Article.

Section 18 becomes 17.

6. Pg. 10. Article VII Balloting Section 1.

Remove the whole Paragraph.

Replace it with --- When there is more than one petition in any category, they may be balloted upon together, by decision of the Chapter, in the following order: 1. Affiliation and Dual Membership. 2. Degrees. Should three black cubes appear in such collective ballot, it shall not stop any one particular candidate, but in such case, the ballot shall be segregated, and each of the names in the collective ballot shall be separately balloted upon again in that meeting. If upon the first separate ballot three black cubes shall be cast, a second ballot shall be ordered. As soon as the Worthy Matron has declared the results of the second and final ballot, she shall strike one blow of the gavel and immediately destroy the ballot. Every member present should vote unless excused by consent of the Chapter. The request to be excused must be made before the petition is read.

7. Pg. 2. Membership. Section 2. Add "Aunts"

Smile for the month

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Arlene



GARNET LODGE "E-STORE"

A new feature has been added to the Garnet Lodge web site. We now have a supplier of Lodge clothing. Just go to the web site, www.garnetlodge.org and click on "Store" in the left column.

The Store offers denim shirts, polo shirts (long or short sleeve, with or without pockets), jackets, sweatshirts and caps in a variety of colors and sizes to fit all. The "Garnet Lodge" embroidery is included and many items can be further personalized. Your orders can be placed directly through the web site.

These products are provided for us by Phoenix Marketing which is owned and operated by our Brothers Dean York and Mark Sandstrom. From what I've seen the clothing is of good quality and they have assured us delivery will be timely.

E-mail and Health of the Lodge

Secretary WB Bob Golder has asked that if you have an e-mail address, he would like to know it. It makes communication easier and we could even start sending out this newsletter and other announcements via e-mail. Send him a message at curlerbob@aol.com.

If you know of any Brother who is ill or in the hospital contact Sr Warden Joe Viavattine at 651-653-6720 or his e-mail at joeviavattine@comcast.net or the Secretary at 651-777-3781 or curlerbob@aol.com.



OCTOBER 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 OES 200 Social, Pot Luck Dinner 6PM	5	6 Over the Hill Gang 9AM to noon	7	8	9
10	11 Garnet 166 Stated Comm 7:00PM	12	13 Over the Hill Gang 9AM to noon	14	15	16
17	18 OES 200 Stated, Soup & Pie dinner 6PM	19	20 Over the Hill Gang 9AM to noon	21	22	23 Garnet BUNCO NIGHT 6:30PM
24	25 Garnet Lodge 2nd Degree 7PM	26	27 Over the Hill Gang 9AM to noon	28 Garnet plan- ning meeting 6:30PM	29	30
31 Halloween 						



It's Bunco Time!

Saturday Oct 23rd at 6:30 PM

Snacks and prizes!

Fun for all



Plan to attend the

Second Degree

On Monday Oct 25th at 7 PM

Have you heard the
Staircase lecture
lately?



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From the Desk of the Secretary



In September we had the annual Awards Dinner to recognize Brothers with 5, 10, 15, etc. years of Masonic membership. It was a good evening to visit with Brothers that don't often attend Lodge events. 53 were honored for their years as Masons. New 50-year members were Gene Schwanker, Jerome Emerson, Ted Lillie, WB Ed Witter, Edgar Hansen, Richard Miller and Richard Doumany. John McLean has now been a Mason for 65 years. On the 23rd we had a First Degree and are planning on the Second Degree on October 25th. Plan to attend.

It's not too early to start planning to attend the annual Turkey Dinner at the Lodge on Thursday, November 11. Tables are 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 May Brothers Gary Winter, Dean York and WB Ed Witter completed their Scottish Rite 32nd Degree and are new Masters of the Royal Secret. Are you interested in Scottish Rite Masonry? The St Paul Valley will begin its 2010-2011 Degree cycle on Wednesday, October 6. Contact me or WB Fred Herring or WB Jerry Johnson for information and/or petitions.

Last June Brothers Erik Carlson and Eric Frey were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at Garnet Lodge.

I'm sorry to report the recent death of Brother Ronald Robinson of Lino Lakes. Alas my Brother!

WB Bob Golder, Secretary