

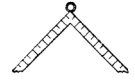


# GARNET LODGE NEWS

February 2010  
Volume 16  
Issue #2



## Master's Message



Thank you to all who attended the installation of officers on such a cold day last month. This month we'll be doing a First Degree on our second meeting of the month.

Why would someone want to become a Mason? In exploring the internet, I found a story why President McKinley became a Mason. I found this story fitting to share during a month when we celebrate President's Day.

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason, he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?" "No." replied the doctor, "I never saw them before." "But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?" Well" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty." "I said to myself, if that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

In these hard economic times we need to remember to help one another out in any way that we can. Our generosity can be given in terms of money; but generosity can also be shared in our time, our patience, our willingness to listen or lend a helping hand.

I invite everyone to attend our open house on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Bring any friends that may potentially be interested in joining our Lodge, or just come out to enjoy your fellow Brothers. I'm sure a few games of cribbage will be played.

Fraternally yours,

Rich Wogensen



### Garnet #166

Master - Rich Wogensen  
651-407-2914  
Sr Warden - Joe Viavattine  
651-653-6720  
Jr Warden - Mike Brady  
651-730-6668  
Secretary - WB Bob Golder  
651-777-3781



### OES #200

WM - Pamela Leech  
WP - Ron Harmon  
Secretary - Joyce Roman  
651-484-3736



### IOJD #76

Honored Queen -  
Kellie Jackson  
Bethel Guardian -  
Rachel Grey



Garnet News is a monthly Publication of Garnet Masonic Lodge #166 A.F. & A.M. Printed with permission from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota A.F. & A.M. Articles must be submitted to the editor no later than the 5<sup>h</sup> of the preceding month.





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



With the amount of daylight we receive now on the increase, surely warmer weather must be just around the corner.

At the Special Meeting that starts at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, the proceeds from the Candle of Hope Dinner/ Dance Cancer Research Benefit will be given to Worthy Grand Matron Sue Bay and Worthy Grand Patron James Morris at their Official Visit. A Pot-Luck dinner will start at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 15 at the Stated Meeting that starts at 7:30 p.m. we will have our annual Memorial Service for the nine members who left our Golden Chain this year. Sisters Lois Schilling, Eleanor Grill, Deloris LaBolt, Elaine Dayhoff, Carole Schrade, and Delores Muller. Brothers Lloyd Girod, Ed Jensen and Larry Johnson.

Unless the members of White Bear Chapter offer to be Officers at the Election of Officers at the Stated Meeting on March 15, then "The Handwriting will be On The Wall" for the Chapter to cease to be.

### Smile for the Month

Comments made in the year 1955!

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."

Arlene Glander



### Ring Those Christmas Bells!

A Christmas tradition was once again fulfilled when Brethren and friends of Garnet Lodge rang the Salvation Army bell in front of Festival Foods on County Road 'E'. We have been doing this for quite a few years. On Saturday Dec 12th the donations were \$797.45 and on the following Saturday the amount was \$962.97 for a total of \$1760.42. This represents \$100 more than last year. We have already signed up for the 2010 Christmas season and will be ringing on Dec 11th and 18th. Many thanks to all who volunteered for this worthwhile cause.

Bro. Dick Howe

# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OES 200 - WGM & WGP visit at 7:30PM. Pot luck at 6:30PM	2	3 Over the Hill Gang 9:00A to Noon	4	5	6
7	8 Garnet 166 Stated Comm 7:00 PM	9	10 Over the Hill Gang 9:00A to Noon	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 OES 200 Stated Mtg 7:30PM Memorial Service	16	17 Over the Hill Gang 9:00A to Noon Ash Wednesday	18	19 Garnet Past Master's Club an- nual Dinner	20 Garnet Open House 1:00PM
21	22 Garnet 166 First Degree at 7:00 PM	23	24 Over the Hill Gang 9:00A to Noon	25 Garnet Planning Meeting 6:30 P	26	27
28						



Come join us on Feb 20th at  
1:00PM at our Annual Open  
House and celebration of Bro  
George Washington's birthday.

Pie and ice cream will be served.

See you at the Masonic Center.

February 22  
Birthday of  
Brother  
George  
Washington



February 17th  
Ash Wednesday



Garnet Lodge #166 A.F & A.M.  
4923 Stewart Ave  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110



We're on the Web  
[www.garnetlodge.org](http://www.garnetlodge.org)

Non-Profit Org  
U.S.POSTAGE PAID  
#7053  
ST. PAUL, MN

Garnet Lodge - Serving White Bear Lake Freemasons and the community for 124 years



## *From the Desk of the Secretary*



WM Rich Wogensen and his 2010 officers were installed on January 2. (And for the first time in my recollection, all the officers were present.) They are planning an interesting activity program for their year, so check the newsletter or our website ([garnetlodge.org](http://garnetlodge.org)) and attend the meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) to keep current on what is happening at your Lodge.

Garnet Lodge's membership declined by only three in 2009. We lost nine Brothers (six deceased, two demitted and one suspended) and added six (four raised by the Lodge and two affiliations). We finished the year with 261 members. Keep looking for potential new members and get them to fill out a Petition. We currently have four Entered Apprentices and two Fellowcrafts waiting for their next degree opportunity.

The building-use calendar is posted on the wall near the door to the kitchen. Please do not add or change events on the calendar without my knowledge. If individuals or Masonic organizations or outside persons/organizations wish to use the building please advise me by a note in the Lodge mail slot, an e-mail to [curlerbob@aol.com](mailto:curlerbob@aol.com) or by calling me at 651-777-3781.

WB Bob Golder, Secretary