

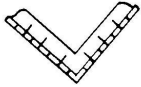
GARNET NEWS

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THE MASTERS MESSAGE



Calendar *Highlights*

At the last Officers/Planning meeting held every month on the first Thursday the question came up, as it does at many other Masonic meetings, why would men join the Masonic fraternity? The experience I have had over the past week while preparing for the Pancake Breakfast has provided some insight into the answer to that question. I and many other Brothers have spent five days in a row working at the Lodge cooking sausage and setting up the Lodge building for the breakfast, arriving there early mornings and sometimes leaving after dinner time. The work isn't necessarily physically taxing and it certainly allows for conversation during the cooking process (we bake all the sausage before the Sunday breakfast). And that time for conversation gave me an answer to the question posed above.

There are few, if any, places left where men can get together and just talk. About anything. You can't do it at work because you have to worry about being 'politically correct'. Church is pretty much topic specific. But at Lodge the only commonalities amongst us is our Obligation and the fact that we want to be there. And the cross section of generations provides the opportunity for a true learning experience. At 55 yrs old I will be the first to admit that I am still constantly learning and what better way to learn then from men who have 'been there, done that'.

In today's faster paced society there is little opportunity to sit with what could be considered a 'mentor', and learn lessons that in the past were handed down generation to generation. Lessons on morality, honesty, bravery, personal relationships, and all these related as experiences and not as lectures or textbooks. And as I learn from older Brothers I hope I can influence younger Brothers.

Why would men join the Masonic fraternity? Because we take good men and make them better, whether it is through the lessons in the Lodge room or through the time spent together just talking and enjoying each others company. Each of us are student *and* 'mentor' and the Fraternity is the classroom. A good reason to join and a better reason to participate.

June 2 - OES

200 Social -
Mystery trip

June 7 - Garnet
Third Degree
8:30 AM

June 9 - Garnet
Stated Commu-
nication

June 16 - OES
200 Stated -
Honor Fathers

June 21 - Saints
Baseball Game,
dinner at Gabe's

June 23 - Gar-
net Steak Fry,
PM's

Aug 14 - All
Masonic Picnic

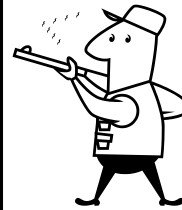
Aug 21 - Schol-
arship Dinner at
Lodge

Are You Feeling Lucky?

The Lodge is thinking of running bus trips to the Grand Casino Hinckley if there is enough interest and support. Please let WB Ed Witter know at 651-429-7422. We would like to know if a weekday or a Saturday would be best. The cost to you is \$25.00 for the trip. The casino will give each person \$30.00 in gambling money. All trips would leave around 7:30 AM and return around 5:30 PM. Pick up and drop off would be in the Lodge parking lot. The Lodge would pay for the bus with the \$25.00 collected from you. We would like to have input from you about your interest level by June 30th. Contact WB Ed by telephone 651-429-7422 or e-mail at edwitter@msn.com. We would start this in the fall, perhaps as early as September.

Youth Firearm Safety Class

Garnet Lodge is sponsoring a Minnesota youth firearm safety class at the Lodge building. Participants must be 12 years old or older. Adults are also welcome. This will satisfy the DNR requirement for youth to hunt in the



fall and is a good tune up for hunters of all ages.

Classes will start in August and run two nights a week for four weeks, on Monday and Wednesday.

Instruction will include a half day class on one Saturday for gun range training. For information on attending the class or if any Brethren are interested in helping or becoming an instructor, please contact WB Ed Witter at 651-426-7422.

New Lodge Caps and Shirts

Garnet Lodge has obtained some new caps for members to purchase. These caps are royal blue with embroidered gold lettering and Square & Compass. One size fits all and they cost only \$10.00.

We also have arranged to make available a matching royal blue knit polo shirt with the same gold lettering and Square & Compass. These shirts must be ordered and prepaid by cash or check, payable to "HED". Prices are:

Sm-Med-Lg-XL	\$	2	4	.	0	0
2XL	\$	2	7	.	0	0
3XL	\$	3	0	.	0	0
4XL	\$	3	2	.	0	0



Delivery time is about one week for shirts when we assemble orders of 6 or more.

These caps and shirts are both good quality and you'll want to wear them to Lodge events or other activities to show your pride in being a Mason and, possibly, interest new members.

See the Lodge Secretary to buy a cap or order a shirt.



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White Bear Chapter #200 O.E.S.



The arrival of spring this year has been a little slower, but the many shades of green enhanced by the bright yellow of the forsythia is a welcomed sight. Each bright sunny day now brings the call of the different birds as they are returning.

The Social Meeting on June 2nd will be a Mystery Trip. Meet at the Masonic Center at 6:30 p.m. for car pooling. We are being asked to bring some money. The mystery trip last year took us to a Ceramic Shop Owned by one of our members where we had a delightful time painting objects of our choice.

At the Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, Fathers, Brothers, Uncles and Godfathers will be honored.

As a money making project, the members are planning to have a Rummage Sale at the Masonic Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 10, 11, and 12. Here is a good opportunity to get rid of those items around the house which are no longer used.

Another Golden Link has fallen from our chain with the passing of Past Matron Jeannine DuBois on April 23. She became a member in May of 1974:

God saw the way was getting hard to climb. He gently closed her eyes and whispered, "Peace be Thine."

Smile for the month

The Sunday School Teacher asks, Tell me honestly, do you say prayers before eating? "No, Sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook."

Arlene Glander

Garnet Masonic Lodge has an official WEBSITE!

Visit the site at www.garnetlodge.org and take a tour around.

It is constantly being updated and now has pictures of most of the Past Masters of the Lodge. Check it out and give us some feedback.





From the Desk of the Secretary

It was good to see a great many of you at the recent Pancake Breakfast. I haven't heard any numbers from those who were in charge, but from the length of the lines outside it should have been a successful breakfast. Thanks to all the workers, the diners and the ticket sellers.

The Lodge officers are planning to raise our two new Fellowcrafts to the Third Degree on Saturday June 7. It will probably start about 8:00 AM and conclude with lunch about Noon. Come see our new officers doing degrees – the Second Degree in April was excellent! Check the website for details.

If you miss our Lodge's Third Degree, the Metro East Masters and Wardens will do an outdoor Third Degree on Saturday, June 14. It also will start about 8:00 AM and conclude with lunch about Noon. Contact me for information about exact times and location.

This is the last mailing before the Lodge goes dark for July and August. However, remember that the Annual All-Masonic Picnic will be on Thursday, August 15. It will once again be at the Pavilion at Lakewood Hills Park, between the Northeast YMCA and I694. There also will be a Scholarship Dinner at the Lodge on Thursday, August 21. Watch for special mailings or check the website for details of these special events.

The Lodge now has a low-speed color copier/printer/scanner on-line in the Secretary's Office. It was donated by WB Ed Witter. Thanks, Ed.

WB Bob Golder, Secretary