

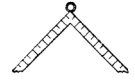


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Master's Message



A LIVING MASON Author Unknown

His name is John. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He was the top of his class. Kind of esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Mason recently while attending college. After moving to his new town, he finds that down the street from his new apartment is a well-dressed, very conservative Lodge. One day John decides to go there after work. He walks in with shoes, jeans, his work shirt, and long hair. The Lodge has already started and so John starts looking for a seat.

The Lodge is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now the Brethren are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. John gets closer and closer to the East end, when he realizes there are no seats, he squats down right on the carpet.

(Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this Lodge before!) By now the Brethren are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the Secretary realizes that from way at the back of the Lodge, a Past Master is slowly making his way toward John.

Now the Past Master is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A good man, very elegant, very dignified, and very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid in the Lodge? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy.

The Lodge is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The Secretary can't even continue with the "Minutes" until the Past Master does what he has to do. And now the Lodge watches as this elderly man drops his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to John and welcomes him so he won't be alone.

When the Secretary gains control, he says, "What I'm about to say, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."

"Be careful how you live. You may be the only Mason some people will ever meet."

This story is a great reminder that we should always work to get to know old and new members of the lodge. Never let a fellow mason sit alone.

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White Bear Chapter #200 O.E.S.



The amount of daylight we receive is increasing and the temperature is a little warmer, and the snow continues to fall. The scenery is picture perfect. Both the cardinals and the chickadees are singing their mating songs. We have had robins at our heated bird bath all winter.

The W.G.M. and W.G.P. at their Official Visit received checks for \$2192.00 from the Candle of Hope Cancer Research Benefit. Once again it was an entertaining evening.

Both the Masons and the Job's Daughters and their family and friends are invited to an evening of Bingo at our Social Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday March 1. Let us have a delightful evening of enjoying each other's company.

It has been decided to try to keep the Chapter going. At the Stated Meeting that starts at 7:30 p.m., on March 15 there will be Election of Officers and annual reports.

Smile for the month

A Little three year old boy is sitting on the toilet.

His mother thinks he has been in there too long, so she goes in to see what's up.

The little boy is gripping on to the toilet seat with his left hand and hitting himself on top of the head with his right hand.

His mother says, "Billy, are you alright?"

Billy says, "I'm fine, Mommy. I just haven't gone 'poopy' yet."

Mother says, "OK, you can stay here a few more minutes. But, Billy, why are you hitting yourself on the head?"

Billy says, "Works for ketchup."

Arlene Glander



Roll those Die, Ring that Bell! It's BUNCO!

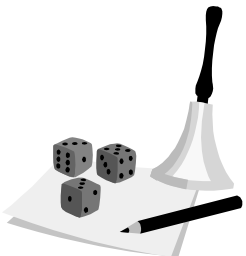
Save the Date Saturday March 20th at 6:30PM

It's another Bunco Night at the Lodge.

Bring your friends for an evening of fun and fellowship as we once again roll the die for prizes.

Bring a snack to share. Coffee & soda will be provided.

Contact an officer so that we know how many beverages to have available.





MARCH 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OES Social - Bingo at 6:30P	2	3 Over the Hill Gang 9A to Noon	4	5	6
7	8 Garnet 166 Stated at 7:00P	9	10 Over the Hill Gang 9A to Noon	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15 OES 200 Annual Mtg & election of Offi- cers 7:30P	16	17 Over the Hill Gang 9A to Noon 	18	19	20 Bunco Night at the Lodge
21	22 Garnet 166 Educational Mtg 7:00P	23	24 Over the Hill Gang 9A to Noon	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 	29	30	31 Over the Hill Gang 9A to Noon			



Pancake Breakfast The Planning Begins...

The Spring Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, May 2nd, 2010.

In order for our pancake breakfast to be a success, we need volunteers to commit time for cooking, set up, clean up and all the other jobs that need to be done on and before May 2nd.

During our last pancake breakfast, we were really short handed. I'd like to see our new members who've joined in the last 10 years make an effort to step in and help with this day. If everyone volunteers for 3 hours, the work load will be much lighter for everyone. Helping is a great way to get to know your fellow Lodge members and working together is a lot of fun.

There will be a sign-up sheet at up-coming meetings. Sign-up early for your favorite job!

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From the Desk of the Secretary



Lodge Dues have been coming in at a steady pace. About 75% of the Dues for 2010 have been received. However, 39 members still owe for 2009 and 20 still owe for 2008. Check your wallet and see that you have a current card. Remember, your Dues provide a significant portion of the Lodge's annual income.

Plan now to attend the Grand Lodge Communication, which will be held on March 26-27 at the Kelly Inn/Convention Center in St. Cloud. It's open to all Master Masons and is a great time to meet our Grand Lodge leaders and learn how Masonry is progressing in Minnesota. Watch the *Minnesota Mason* or contact me for information.

Garnet Lodge remits the Dues of its 50-year members. I want to thank the numerous 50-year brothers who donate all or part of their remitted Dues amount to the Lodge. For 2010 I've received \$670. I also must thank all our brethren for the \$300 that has been donated to the MSA Hospital Visitation Program

Garnet Lodge has a new Master Mason. Mark Hughes was raised at the One-Day-to-Masonry class in January.

I am saddened to report the recent death of WB Hector (Doc) Brown and WB Don Gerner. Alas my Brothers!

WB Bob Golder, Secretary