Rededication of the Masonic Cancer Memorial Hospital at the University of Minnesota marks the 50th anniversary of the original dedication

Mark your calendar for October 4, 2008 - 1:30 p.m. at the A. I. Johnson room on the ground floor of the McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street SE, Minneapolis, when all in attendance will form a Masonic procession to go with Grand Master Thomas C. Jackson to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the original Masonic Memorial Cancer Hospital at the University of Minnesota. Please remember to bring your Past Master’s or other officers’ aprons for the procession and ceremony. The procession will march about four blocks to the Cancer Hospital, weather permitting. All Masons are invited to be a part of the procession. Plan to arrive at the McNamara Center by 1:15 to take part in the procession.

The rededication will follow the Metroeast and Metrowest Area Conference at the same location earlier in the day. This Masonic double header event should be a great day of fellowship and good information for those attending the conference. After the ceremony there will be a short reception at the McNamara Center. Your guests are most welcome to join us for the rededication ceremony and the reception. Any Lodge that cannot attend the Area Conference should contact the your Area Deputy, either Ken White (mmci24-1@msn.com) or Lee Dorholt (mplslee@aol.com).

From the minutes of the Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota held on October 4, 1958:

An Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota was held Saturday, October 4, 1958, for the purpose of Dedicating the Minnesota Masonic Memorial Cancer Hospital at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10:30 a.m. using the quarters of the Fine Arts Room in the Coffman Memorial Union.

Tickets for Troops at U of M Gophers football game on September 13

Shown is Dennis Schulstad, Brigadier General (retired), U.S.A.F. and W. Brother Dean Carlson from Sibley Lodge No. 209. Dennis is the outgoing chairman, and Dean is an active participant in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) organization.

This photo shows University of Minnesota Athletics Director, Joel Maturi, receiving the check for the Tickets for Troops program from M. W. Brother Eric Neetenbeek, CEO of Minnesota Masonic Charities, and M. W. Brother Thomas C. Jackson, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota.

At the cornerstone. Shown in this 1958 photo from the original dedication of the Masonic Cancer Memorial Hospital at the University of Minnesota, as the cornerstone was laid, from left to right: President of the University of Minnesota, James Morrill; Governor of Minnesota, Brother Orville Freeman in the white apron; Past Grand Master Leroy Mattson as the Acting Grand Master; and Deputy Grand Master Clyde Hegman.

This photo shows the front of the procession to lay the cornerstone, with Governor Orville Freeman leading the way.
Disaster Relief team is seeking volunteers

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota is currently seeking Masons who would like to join in the ranks of the Disaster Relief Team. This band of brothers will travel to areas that have been damaged by floods, affected by tornados, tsunamis and hurricanes. They will provide disaster relief to Master Masons, their families and communities and who have suffered from these natural disasters.

We are seeking brothers who enjoy hard physical work, and who will enjoy some travel and enjoy working and living in a Masonic community. The work will be hard, and the physical conditions will not always be the most pleasant. The team is in need of brothers who have experience in the building construction trades, paramedics, first responders or trained medical personnel, cooks, logistic support, organizing, and any one else who wants to get his hands dirty.

If you are interested please leave your name and telephone number with Grand Secretary Doug Campbell. He is the proud Warden Tom Hendrickson will call you and answer any questions that you may have and enlist you for this noble purpose.
Masonic Education: No tests or pressure; education for the pure enjoyment of learning.

Freemasonry has so many groups and organizations connected with it and to it that it seems hard to remember them all, even if we have been told about each and every one of them.

One very good group that our Grand Lodge pays dues to on behalf of all Minnesota Masons is the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education (MCME). Each year this conference meets somewhere in the Midwest; the location is somewhere in the state where the current president resides. In 2009 the conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois—April 24-26, this will be the 60th anniversary of this conference.

The Midwest Conference is the longest surviving Masonic education conference in the United States, and we all may attend the conference because of the dues we pay through our per-capita that pays the annual dues for our Grand Lodge. You might find it interesting to know that our Grand Lodge is one of the founding members of this conference, and Minnesota, through these past 59 years, has always had an active role in these annual conferences.

Over the years the conference has had some very good speakers, as well as some fine papers presented. Looking back through some of the old proceedings of this conference will reveal many names of Masons whom we regard today as legends and true scholars in Masonic Education. The conference this year in Ohio was evidence of this.

The conference is still printing the annual proceedings in book form, but due to cost, the distribution is limited. Thanks to electronics and the internet, however, the important part of the proceedings are on the website for the Midwest conference:

http://www.midwestmasoniceducation.com

If you have access to the internet, or if you don’t but one of your lodge brothers does, I urge you to go to the website and listen to some of the talks given at the conference. It is also a good idea to print the text of these talks for your files. To help you and us answer that question, an online survey has been developed to let you tell us what you need. A link to the survey is at the end of this message.

The survey has only twelve questions, and takes only a few minutes to complete. While your responses can remain anonymous, you can identify yourself, to help us do follow-up with you.

If you are a Junior Warden and you do not have a way to get to the internet, contact your District Representative, who will assist you in completing the survey.

The results of the survey will be used to design training and resources for Junior Wardens in Minnesota. Results will be announced this fall in the Minnesota Mason.

Please take a few minutes to tell us what you need. It will be well worth your time.


Surveys must be completed by September 30, 2008.

Successful KidsID at Minnesota State Fair

Grand Master Thomas C. Jackson shown with Past Grand Master Jack Benson in the KidsID booth at the Great Minnesota Get-Together. But it would not be so without the hundreds of volunteers that make the program so successful every year. Thank you to all who pitched in to help.

One-Day-to-Masonic
planned for October 11, 2008
Taking place at
Star in the East Lodge No. 33
in Owatonna

8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

Petition copies due from the lodges to the Grand Lodge office no later than October 1st with the One-Day-to-Masonic fee of $250.00

For further details contact
the Grand Lodge office
952-948-6700 or 800-245-6505

The next One-Day-to-Masonic will take place in Minneapolis on January 17, 2009.

Area Leadership Conferences Scheduled

Full details will be mailed to the lodge leaders, approximately four weeks before the conferences.

Masonic Conundrum

by L. C. Addison, Education Committee

Wow, how time really flies! Just a few short years ago we were starting all fall schedules (for those of us whose lodges have went dark) and our season of Masonic Labors will be underway. A thanks goes out to all who participated in Conundrum #10. Broth- ers who sent in the correct answer are listed below:

MetroWest Area
Monte Miller, Paul Revere No. 21
Adam Grau, Compass No. 265
Matthew Fuller, Minnehaha No. 165
Robert Peterson, Minnehaha No. 165
Tim Jirak, Wayzata No. 205

Southeast Area
Michael Norman, Red Wing No. 8
Mark Robbins, Mankato No. 12
Jack Roberts, Nicolet No. 54
Gary Thomas, Red Wing No. 8
Richard Armstrong, Rochester No. 21

MetroEast Area
Shane Carrick, Montgomery No. 265
Clarence Anderson, St. Paul No. 3
Stephen Beving, Accacia No. 51
Joseph Will, Forest Lake No. 344
Robert Knowles, Helios No. 273
Jim Melander, Montgomery No. 258
Troy Brown, Jasper No. 164
Sam Breunese, Tucker-Summit No. 263
John Strytel, Braden 168
Justin Carlin, Ancient Landmark No. 5
Ken Aheueth, Garnet No. 166

Southeast Area
Bob Parzefal, Olivia No. 220
Dick Bowdin, Chain Lake No. 64
Steve Peterson, Sibley No. 209
Robert Schmiid, Charity No. 98

Northwest Area
Kim T. Mollberg, Mt. Tabor No. 106
Rick Johnson, Mt. Tabor No. 106
Harold Holt, Otter Tail No. 284
Lauren Wetspe, Itasca No. 208

Out of State
John T. Parsons (Nebraska) Omaha No. 268
Justin Kain (Massachusetts) Chicopee

Conundrum #10 answer
Chief Joseph Brent or Thayendanegea

Conundrum #11
We now arrive at Conundrum #11.
This symbol teaches that the aspirant for Freemasonry cannot retreat from his quest without invoking a symbol of violence equal to moral suicide, nor can he rush forward unprepared to gain the secrets of his own being. What is this symbol?

When you have the answer, send it by email to: laddiisoomi@gmail.com [remem- ber to include your name and lodge] or by U.S. mail to: Masonic Conundrum, Attention L.C. Addison, c/o the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, 11501 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN 55437. Please remember that the first correct response received from each area of the state will receive a nice gift from the education committee. Have a good time with this question—Masonic research is fun!

What do Junior Wardens need to succeed?

Dear Junior Warden,

What do you need to succeed? Training? Resources? Coaching and mentoring?

Grand Lodge of Minnesota wants to offer you all these and more. Our Leadership Committee is developing new training and materials to help you grow as a Junior Warden and help your lodge grow.

So, what do you need?

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Leadership Committee

Grand Lodge of Minnesota

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Midwest Conference on Masonic Education
60th Anniversary
April 24–26, 2009
Exploring New Dimensions in Masonic Education

Held in beautiful Springfield, Illinois

This Anniversary of the Conference marks the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and there will be plenty of activities in Springfield to attend.
Partners for Life closing in on $10,000,000 goal!

by John Schweitz, MMC Director of Fund Development

The Partners for Life Campaign recently reached another milestone surpassing the $8 million mark (or 80% of the goal).

The campaign has attracted broad support from Lodges, Chapters—Brothers and Sisters alike—and has received nearly 2000 gifts and pledges totaling more than $8.1 million.

Date for Completion of Campaign Set

The Campaign Cabinet has set a goal of completing the Partners for Life Campaign by June 30, 2009. Will you help us achieve our goal? We need your help.

Several weeks ago, during a Partners for Life presentation, one young Brother commented, “I have seen Brothers who participated in the first campaign for the Masonic Memorial Hospital (1955) speak with great pride. They proudly recount the fact that they played a role in the original campaign. I would hate to look back 25 or even 50 years from now and know I did not take advantage of this rare opportunity to participate in something pretty special.”

Many Lodges and Chapters throughout the State have done an exceptional job of sharing the message of Partners for Life. Has your Lodge or Chapter done all that it can do? Have you personally made a gift? We understand that the demand for your energy and the options for your philanthropy are endless. We thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, whether it is a gift of your financial investment or the gift of your influence, please call John Schweitz at Minnesota Masonic Charities 651-210-5240 or schwietzcpa@comcast.net.

P.S. Have you thought about applying for a Matching Grant with Minnesota Masonic Charities yet?

Since April 2008, MMC Matching Funds Grants have been awarded to the following Lodges.

Bloomington Lodge No. 340
Caledonia Lodge No. 20
Cataract Lodge No. 2
Eveloth Lodge No. 239
Excelsior Lodge No. 113
Lake Harriet Lodge No. 277
Minnehaha Lodge No. 165
Montgomery Lodge No. 25
Mound Lodge No. 320
Perham Lodge No. 157
Sherburne Lodge No. 196
Temple Lodge No. 59
Winslow Lewis Lodge No. 125

The fall is a great time to consider those community projects that your Lodge sponsors and apply for a matching grant from MMC. If your Lodge has already successfully received an MMC grant in the past, and you are continuing your support for the same project, then a renewal grant is your next step.

Either way, it is a opportunity to enhance your ongoing philanthropy that you and the members of your Lodge cannot afford to miss. In the next issue, the Lodges who are being recognized for outstanding participation in the Matching Funds Grants program at the 2008 MMC GALA will be featured. Stay tuned...

Following the very successful launch of the MMC Signature Scholarships program in 2008, the 2009 awards season will begin with distribution of the scholarship booklets to Minnesota Lodges and Chapters in the late fall of 2008.

The first recipients of the scholarships came from all over the state, and they represented the top students academically and also in terms of community achievement and merit.

Some of the colleges these first-year freshmen are attending include: Macalester College, St. Olaf College, Gustavus Adolphus College, South Dakota State University, Stanford University, Boston University, Concordia College, and University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Building on Success... Second Year for MMC Signature Scholarships – distribution in late Fall

Who are the names behind the “Signature”?

James J. Hill
Hubert H. Humphrey
Harold Stassen
Laura Ingalls Wilder

Named after five individuals who are strongly identified with the state of Minnesota through personal achievement or public service and who were personally committed to the values of Masonry in their private lives, this merit-based scholarship opportunity is available to Minnesota high school graduates—with or without fraternal affiliation.

The 2009 deadline for filing is February 15, 2009. Know of a possible candidate? Call MMC for information and an application.

Frequently Asked Questions

We would like to hand out some stuff about the Signature Scholarships – how do we go about it? F S., St. Cloud

Psychic friends network...

Please see this issue for the article about the distribution of scholarship materials for the Signature Scholarship program. And don’t hesitate to call us directly if you have questions or would like extra copies.
“People say, ‘I want to give something back.’
Well, Masons give back. Always have, always will.”

Minneapolis Masonic Home Bloomington has an acclaimed
Transitional Care Unit (TCU)

But what exactly is a TCU?

A Transitional Care Unit is, in terms of health care, literally a patient's transition from an illness or operation or other health issue which required hospitalization into a rehabilitation environment which provides the specific recovery and therapy care to enable the patient to return home.

As a local surgeon stated, “…stuff done in TCU’s now days was only done in hospitals 10-20 years ago.”

MMH Bloomington Administrator Shelly Wiggin, and Director of Nursing, Della Kadymova, know this fact very well. Under their direction, working with a first-rate staff, the TCU at the Masonic Care Center in Bloomington is not only the largest in the state of Minnesota, but among the top to receive the most referrals from hospitals and surgeons.

Currently hospitals rarely keep patients for longer than three to four days, unless they are in intensive care.

Patients for TCU are referred to the admissions department at MMH by hospitals, family members, and surgeons, as well as prior patients who are returning for recovery for a new health matter. Examples of those who come to the Care Center TCU include a great many recovering from hip and knee surgery, heart attacks or strokes, bypass surgery, car accidents or even an illness such as pneumonia.

This is the changing face of senior care, notes Administrator Wiggin. “98% of those we care for in the TCU return to their own residences — and that is our focus: what do we need to do to get you home again?”

Some of the outstanding services and care amenities offered during a typical stay include:

• 50-person TCU staff including nursing
• 30 on-staff or on-call rehabilitation therapists
• Teams of doctors and nurses who see patients daily with all major insurance providers represented
• Wi-Fi in all rooms with an option to rent computers
• Access to all the amenities of the General Store, Town Square, and the wonderful grounds of the Bloomington campus

One patient referred to their stay as similar to being at a wonderful all-inclusive hotel: Doctors from Fairview, Abbott Northwestern and Methodist hospitals have been quoted as saying to their patients that MMH Bloomington TCU is the only place to go.

The ongoing goal, according to Administrator Wiggin, is to continue to be a leader in senior health care by remaining responsive to the future and to the changes in expectations of incoming TCU patients.

The beauty of the grounds, the excellent care and attention of the staff, the quality of the food and amenities are a great part of the recovery experience, but it is the patient’s “return to baseline”—the clinical reference for a successful patient release—which ensures that the Masonic Home Bloomington will continue to fully represent the Masonic mission of Relief for others.

Not a best-kept secret, but a well-known fact:

If you or someone you know may be anticipating a need for transitional care, please call Minnesota Masonic Home Bloomington Admissions at 952-948-7779.

You are also welcome to call and request a tour of the facilities.
Accacia Lodge holds 7th annual KidsID

This is the 7th year Accacia Lodge No. 51 in Cottage Grove has conducted the KidsID program as part of the Annual Cottage Grove Grove Youth Safety Camp. Accacia Lodge has served over 1,200 youth. Left to right, Molly Petrazewski, Brothers Bob Eddy and Ginnie Dunne are preparing to photograph and fingerprint the youth for the Kids ID program at the Cottage Grove Parks and Recreation Annual Youth Safety Camp. Photo by Brother Don Leslie.

Golden Fleece Lodge raises four brothers

A Third Degree was held at Golden Fleece Lodge No. 89 in Litchfield on August 16, 2008. There were four new brothers raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. They were Terry Brockman from Clearwater Lodge No. 28 in Clearwater, Tony Schmiesing from Griswold Lodge No. 218 in Dassel, and Eric Filippek and Terry Miller from Golden Fleece Lodge No. 89 in Litchfield.

Brothers from Golden Fleece Lodge No. 89, Griswold Lodge No. 218, Clearwater Lodge No. 28, Monticello Lodge No. 16, North Star Lodge No. 23 in St. Cloud, Libanus Lodge No. 96 in St. James, and Nicolet Lodge No. 54 in St. Peter assisted with the degree work.

Pleasant Grove Lodge celebrates 150 years

Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 22 held a 150th celebration on June 22. Pictured in front, left to right, are James (Skip) Calbeck and Dale Turner, 60-year members. Standing, left to right, are Chuck Brodt, Grand Lodge District Representative; Richard Sackett, 50-year member; Phil Soderberg, Past Grand Master; Gary Hagen, 60-year member; and Thomas C. Jackson, Grand Master.

From son to father; from father to son

by Nick Johnson, Corinthian Lodge No. 67

I would like to tell a story about my family and Freemasonry, specifically my father, grandfather and I during my father’s raising. I initially learned about Freemasonry through my grandpa. I discovered Freemasonry and found that I really enjoyed all the aspects of the Fraternity. During the course of my participation in different lodge activities, my dad grabbed one of the pamphlets. He told me that he might be interested in joining but he was not sure that he had the time. Even with his concern for time, I gave him more information about the lodge and Freemasonry.

I knew that he would really enjoy himself in the Lodge. After the summer ended, I asked what he thought about the lodge. He really wanted to join, and I handed him the petition. We began the degree work over the fall until we came to the third degree. I invited my grandpa to come to the lodge. I was asked by my lodge brothers if I would like to raise my dad. I knew that it would be more meaningful to my dad if my grandpa would raise him, so I declined. It was really moving to see father and son together in the confines of the lodge performing ritual that has been worked for centuries yet still as fresh as if it had been communicated in the quarries yesterday. And there we were, three generations of Masons together for the first time.

It was really different to bring my dad into Freemasonry. The old trend was that a grandfather would bring in his son and the dad would bring in his son. My family bucked the trend and I really think that it is auspicious for our Fraternity.

As a final question, what do I call my dad and my grandpa: brother? It seems kind of strange, but I guess that I will get used to it.

Garnet Lodge No. 166 scholarship awards

Garnet Lodge No. 166, White Bear Lake, held its annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on August 21, 2008, at the lodge. Garnet received a certificate from White Bear Lake school system for sponsoring an archery program, as did Masonic Charities for its gift of a matching sponsorship. Three one thousand dollar scholarships were awarded to Sandra Anderson, Dylan Howe and Andrew Richards.

Andrew was the first to receive the Willard H. McGuire Garnet Memorial Scholarship Award. Willard McGuire passed to the Celestial Lodge this past February. He was a Past President of the National Education Association, and an active member of our Lodge. He served many years as a teacher in the Maplewood, North St. Paul, Oakdale school District, both before and after his term as National President of the NEA. Submitted by Marvin L. Johnson

75-year award presented by Evergreen Lodge

Shown presenting the rare 75-year certificate to W. Brother L. Donald McLeod on his 96th birthday in August is W. Brother Kerry Sackreiter, W. Master of Evergreen Lodge No. 46 in Clyde. Don was raised to the Master Mason Degree on October 7, 1933.

Welcome to Phoenix Daylight Lodge

Attention: Are you a Mason who wants:
• no driving to lodge at night
• to be home during evenings
• to enjoy the company of like-thinking Masons?
You want to visit Phoenix Daylight Lodge – the Fun Lodge
When: Second Wednesday of the month
Where: West Metro Area
6509 Walker St, St. Louis Park
Time: Cribbage & Cards 10:00 a.m.
Lunch ($10) 12 noon
Lodge 1:00 p.m.
For information and lunch reservations, contact JW Jack Lindgren 952-226-4785 or Belaipark@aol.com

Red Wing No. 8 holds picnic on river

Red Wing Lodge No. 8’s Summer Picnic was held on the shores of the mighty Mississippi River. Shown, left to right, are David McCormick, Carnelian Lodge No. 40; Junior Grand Steward John Garr; and Gary Thomas, Master of Red Wing Lodge No. 8.
The Masonic Family

Parade float features Masonic groups

Grand Master Thomas C. Jackson and several members of Winslow Lewis Lodge No. 125 rode the Masonic float, surrounded by the Zuhrah Shrine Pipe and Drum unit and the Cycle Corps unit in the Osseo Lions Roar Parade on September 6th. The parade float is the float from southeastern Minnesota which was recently purchased by Sherburne Lodge No. 95 in Elk River.

Job’s Daughters and DeMolay hold reunion

Job’s Daughter’s and DeMolay attending a reunion on Saturday July 12, 2008, are pictured after dinner, karaoke and dancing. About forty former members attended the reunion dinner and dance held at Lake Harriet Lodge. The event started out with a time to talk before dinner, awesome bacon wrapped rib-eye steaks followed up by a DJ dance and Karaoke. Proceeds from the pop and pizza sold will benefit the Job’s Daughter’s HIKE fund and The Masonic Charities Partners for Life. On Sunday July 13th we also had a picnic at Lake Harriet. The DJ was Ned Wittman, Gayle and Brad Johnson cooked the dinner.

Wayzata Lodge Golf Tournament results

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**Carnelian Lodge confers degrees in Quarry Lodge**

Carnelian Lodge No. 40, Lake City, held a Quarry Lodge on August 12 at a location on W. Bro. David McCormick’s property in rural Lake City. This photo shows W. Bro. McCormick examining the candidate, Craig McNeely, before he is passed to the Fellowcraft degree. Guests included W.B. Rick Wallace, Senior Deacon; W.B. James McNeely, Senior Steward; W.B. Gail Hill, Tyler; and W.B. Leonard Bishop, E.O.

Second degree also included W.B. McCormick, Master; W.M. Scott Becklund, Senior Warden; John Bremer, Junior Warden; W.B. Art Gray, Junior Deacon; W.B. Loyle Wilcox, Junior Steward and Marty DuChelle, Secretary.

**Plymouth Lodge awards scholarships to high school seniors**

On July 21st, Plymouth Lodge No. 160, Crystal, Minnesota, awarded three $500 scholarships to this year’s graduating high school seniors, Amanda Hockett, left, and sisters Daughters Past Honored Queen from Bethel #39, attended Park Center High School in the Osseo School District, Amanda Mikelson and Christopher Gusman graduated from Cooper High School in the Robbinsdale School District, which is where Plymouth Lodge is located. They are pictured with WM Dallas Olson. Each scholarship will be matched by $500 from Minnesota Masonic Charities.

**Cataract Lodge honors Past Masters**

Grand Master, MWB Thomas C. Jackson, and Junior Grand Warden, WB Thomas Hendrickson, pictured in Bro. Gary Hoonsbeen’s 1904 Cadillac, attended the September 9th stated meeting of Cataract Lodge No. 2 at the Minnehaha Masonic Center in Minneapolis.

Events of the evening included lectures by Bro. Gary Hoonsbeen about the world of antique car collecting and by WB Bill Larson entitled The Gun that Made the 20's Roar, the story of the Thompson submachine gun in the Dillinger era.

This program was so successful that we decided to promote Masonry. Their efforts should be focused on making the event a success rather than trying to decide how to promote it. Our goals are simple: Increase membership, attendance at fundraisers, lodge meetings, facilitating membership drives, and whatever else will strengthen our fraternity.

However, we need your help too! We would like to send us your ideas on how the PR Committee can support the efforts of your Lodge. Additionally, each Lodge Secretary is encouraged to send us examples of the following: correspondence awards nights, prospective candidates notices, speaker invitations, Masonic calendar planning formats, upcoming pancake breakfast newspaper articles, Lodge installation announcements, etc. If possible, we would like this on or before September 30, 2008.

This can be done by e-mailing us at daveolson@mywdo.com and/or sending it to David Olson, Grand Lodge of Minnesota, 11501 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN 55437. Help us to get the word out on Masonry. After all, it’s not only a fraternity that makes men better, it promotes family, spiritual well being and a better community!

**Minnesota #1 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons**

Fall Schedule, first Friday of the month

200 East Plato Boulevard, Saint Paul

For further information contact John Stitley at rvJohnStitley@yahoo.com

**October 3rd Program:**

Table Chapter with Entertainment
Honoring our Most Excellent High Priest James Turner

**November 7th Program:**

Education Night with Four Speakers:
Bro. Paul Magee “Acupuncture as a Means for Wellness”
Neva Banasi “What do those numbers mean? Basic information to maintain your health”
Steve Posch “Religions of the Near East in King Solomon’s Era”
Al Bohme “Masonic Reflections”

December 5th Program

Honors and Awards - Chapter of Sorrows, A Memorial for the Departed

**Masonry: telling the untold story**

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has charged the Public Relations Committee with the task of helping Blue Lodges and appendant Masonic bodies with getting the word out. This can be done through templates for correspondence, news articles, invitations to events, the development of brochures, and much, much more.

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**Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers**

Composed of Master Masons in good standing; organized for the education and elevation of engineers and craftsmen

The Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers is an appendant Masonic Body that is sanctioned by almost all of the Grand Lodges in the United States as well as most provinces in Canada. The requirement for membership is that the petitioner be a paid-up member of a Blue Lodge.

The Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers was originally an employment organization to help engineers find a new or better job and has been in existence for over 100 years. As time passed the function of the organization has changed so that now the organization is more social, but with the purpose of giving scholarshipships to two or more students each year who are studying engineering.

There is a ritual, as in all Masonic Bodies, and the most important and impressive degree is the Blacksmith Drama that conveys a message for living a better life.

We invite all Master Masons in Minnesota to become members of the Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers.

If there are sufficient numbers of candidates in one area we will come and confer the work. The fee to join is $40.00 and yearly dues are $17.50.

If interested contact Jerry Korstad at 507-282-6290 or Lawrence Hanson at 507-438-1415.

At the present time Minnesota Council #79 has two members in the Grand Council Line and in August the Worly Grand Chief of the Grand Council of Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers International will be Lawrence Hanson from Austin, Minnesota.

**Grand Lodge Annual Communications**

2009 – March 27th and 28th
2010 – March 26th and 27th
2011 – April 8th and 9th

All of the above are at the Civic Center in St. Cloud.