Masonic Memorial Hospital Rededicated – October 4, 2008

A Brief History of the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota

“As one has learned to expect from Masons, they exceeded their pledge.”

This lofty compliment was directed to the Masons of Minnesota on September 17, 1960, by Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, then president of the University of Minnesota. The occasion was the presentation of the University’s Regents Awards, given only on rare occasions. This was the ninth time in the history of the University the award was made.

The Masons of Minnesota were being honored for the gift of the million dollar Masonic Memorial Hospital, built with funds raised in a two-year campaign. The Masons would later be asked to add two floors to the hospital in another million-dollar fund-raising campaign.

Six years earlier, in 1954, M. W. Brother Leroy Mason, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota and Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota at the time, working with his Grand Lodge officers, was looking for a humanitarian project of a size that would help make Masonry a vital force for mankind. Settling on a health project, they then sought the advice of members of the medical community. This was the genesis of the original Masonic Memorial Hospital.

We have all heard the story of how the Committee of 100, the organizing group of committed Masons and Eastern Star members set out to raise one-half-million dollars with the idea that the other half-million dollars would be raised elsewhere. But they did their work well and raised the entire one-million dollars needed. Ground was broken for the Masonic Memorial Hospital on May 17, 1957, and construction of the original 80-bed, two-story hospital was underway. October 4, 1958, fifty years ago, the keys to the hospital were turned over to the University.

By 1962, it was already apparent that the two story addition was needed. March 21, 1963, the Masons of Minnesota, meeting in their 110th Annual Communication in St. Paul, adopted the goal of raising an additional 1.1 million dollars to fund the addition. Three hundred volunteers attended the kickoff luncheon at the University on April 20, 1963, to learn how the money would be used and the manner that Minnesota Masonry contemplated to raise the funds. The third floor would expand the Masonic Memorial Hospital to 120 beds, the fourth floor would house 25-30 medical scientists, doing specialized research to unlock the mysteries of cancer. In 1970, the Masonic Professorship in Oncology was established with Dr. B.J. Kennedy as the first appointee.

In 1981, an additional $1,395,000 was provided for more laboratory space and a new Masonic Oncology Clinic. In 1990 more office and modernization of the inpatient services was provided by another $500,000 grant. Carrying on its long tradition of supporting cancer research and education, in 1991 the Masonic Cancer Center Fund, Inc. pledged $5 million to the Minnesota Medical Foundation, the official, fund-raising arm of the University of Minnesota Medical Schools, to build a new cancer research facility. This was the largest commitment the Masonic Cancer Center Fund, Inc. had ever made. The new cancer research facility would be named the Masonic Cancer Research Building. This state-of-the-art facility contains what was, at the time, urgently needed laboratory space and houses a diverse team of outstanding cancer researchers who continue to lead the way in expanding and intensifying Minnesota’s cancer research efforts. In honor of the long-standing partnership of the Eastern Star with Minnesota Masonry, the new Masonic Cancer Research Building also had one complete floor designated the “Eastern Star Cancer Research Floor.”

Fast forward to 2004 when the ten million dollar Partners for Life Campaign kicked off, leading to the soon-to-be-erected Masonic Cancer Center’s Masonic Cancer Clinic.

Over the last four years most of the ten million dollars has been raised, but our work is not done. In April 2008 the Masons of Minnesota renewed our commitment to find a cure for cancer as we announced our 65 million dollar pledge over the next 15 years to continue the work of the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota. With this gift, Minnesota Masonry’s total contribution to fight cancer now climbs to 100 million dollars since 1954.
Winter Masonic reunions scheduled

Texas-Minnesota Reunion In Harlingen

Minnesota Masons living and wintering in Texas have enjoyed an annual reunion in the McAllen-Harlingen area of South Texas for the past 28 years. Grand Master Thomas C. Jackson will continue that tradition started 6 years ago by attending the sesqui-centennial. This gathering also attracts many Masonic Brothers from Texas and several Midwestern states, Canada, and Mexico, and is great opportunity to renew old friendships as well as making new friends.

The reunion will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Masonic Lodge 1150W, Shrine Club, located 1.5 miles east of LaFeria, at the White Ranch Road exit off of Highway 83, near Harlingen. The festivities start with a 5:00 p.m. Masonic Fellowship dinner with following at 6:30. All Masons and their guests are welcome.

Reservations should be made by February 19th. The following are to be sent:

Ward Sonsteby, 956-781-1901;
Alyn Dull, 956-787-2257;
Elmer Schultz, 956-425-7070, Room 148;
Jay Ipsen, 956-583-9364

Arizona-Minnesota Reunion In Phoenix

Minnesota Masons living and wintering in the Phoenix area will also have the opportunity to enjoy a reunion, the 9th annual Arizona Masonic Reunion. The event is open to all Minnesota Masons, Eastern Star members, family and other guests. Grand Master Thomas C. Jackson will again try to duplicate feelings of Brotherhood and Minnesota nos tacience that we have all enjoyed annually at both the Texas and Arizona reunions.

Plans call for the event to take place on Monday evening, February 9, 2009, at the Shrine Temple in Phoenix, 5:00 p.m. social hour and 6:00 p.m. dinner. One of the highlights of the reunion this year will be the Table Lodge Ceremony, conducted by Past Grand Master Philip G. Sodeberg. Most W. Brother Phil planned the first Arizona Masonic Reunion in 2001. It is certainly hoped that those who have enjoyed this event for the last several years in the Phoenix area will again make plans to attend.

Father Ben Holt (e-mail holtbst@cox.net) is working on the remaining details for the program this year. We hope to award a few fifty-year pins and perhaps honor the widows of a few of our departed Brothers. If you are interested in attending, please call the Grand Lodge office at 800-245-6050 or email at grand@mnsl.org. Those who do receive all the details as they are finalized.

J.M.
To all Minnesota Masons wheresoever dispersed, the Masons of your education committee send their best wishes and greetings to you and years in this season of all the holidays that we Freemasons observe.

In addition to being this a time of year when we are all celebrating various holy days, it is also the time of year when Lodges are having elections and installation of Lodge officers for the ensuing year. Ensue is an interesting word to look up. It comes from an Old French word, ensuir, meaning to follow, i.e. to follow in order; to come after, especially in immediate succession.

Immediate succession is also something to think about. In the book Old Tyler’s Talks (a great book by Brother Carl Claudy) there is a segment titled ‘Promotion,’ and in it the Old Tyler is talking about the election and appointment of officers in the Lodge. This is a good chapter of the book to read. In the copy of the book we had, a while back, as a selection for the Minnesota Masonic Book Club, the chapter is complete in just 2 1/2 pages. If you have a copy of the book, take a look at ‘Promotion.’ If you don’t have a copy, maybe the Lodge Education Officer could give a report on it as a Lodge education presentation. Our Grand Lodge book store might still have some copies available. Not that he needs this plug, but remember to read our Grand Master’s column; he has a writing style that is similar to Brother Claudy’s as the Old Tyler.

Masonic Conundrum by R. C. Addison, Education Committee

Welcome to the Fall Season, Brothers!

After Conundrum #10 was sent to print, I received a few late submissions. The Brothers who responded correctly to Conundrum 10 were as follows: (I didn’t forget about you all): Livius d’Uscio, Rochester #21

McGinnis, Exeter #31
Elliott Saxton, Lake Harriet #277
Erik S. Bunes, Wayzata #205

Conundrum #11 answer

The correct answer for Conundrum #11 is: ‘The Cable Tow. Brothers who responded to correctly to Conundrum #11 (listed in order of their area’s responses) are as follows:

MetroWest Area
Robert Peterson, Minnehaha No. 165
Tim Jirak, Wayzata No. 205
Adam Grau, Compass No. 265

MetroEast Area
Clay Anderson, St. Paul No. 3
Shawn Carrick, Montgomery No. 258
Stephen Bejing, Accacia No. 51
Ed Jankaus, Tufts-Summit No. 263

Northwest Area
Kim T. Mollberg, Mt. Tabor No. 106
Rick Johnson, Mt. Tabor No. 106

Conundrum #12

Brothers, I appreciate your participation very much! The question for Conundrum #12 is: By 1745, French Masonry had deviated from the Basic English story to one where the main character is another person. Only nine Masters were sent to find him, and when they did change the word for fear that he had revealed it. Who was this character?

When you have the answer, send it by email to: laddisonii@gmail.com [remember to include your name and lodge] or by U.S. mail to: Masonic Conundrum, Attn: 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!

Masonic Service Association

As always, there is a serious need for more Minnesota Masons to become Monitors and for current Monitors to be recertified. W. B. Gray Lane, Chairman of the Board of Custodians, has announced that the annual Monitor examinations will be held on February 6, 2009, and the re-examinations on February 7, 2009. Both will take place at the Minnehaha Masonic Center, 5149 Bloomington Avenue South, Minneapolis. The lodge doors will be open at 8:30 a.m. on both days.

Monitors wishing to take part in the re-examination or those wishing to be recertified are asked to contact the Grand Lodge office, by e-mail grandlodge@qwest.net or phone 952-948-6700 or 1-800-245-6050. Any Master Mason is also invited to be a sideliner during the examation so that he may become familiar with the process of being certified.

The Board of Custodians is also willing to assemble to examine anyone wishing to be certified as a Monitor or to have his Monitor certification upgraded by request. These examinations have an open date to accommodate the schedules of Masons wishing to be examined. However the ideal time would be during annual examination in February.

The requirements to become a Monitor are quite simple. The Brother need not have served as Master of his Lodge. However, to be certified for the first time, he should bring a letter from his Monitor certifying that, in the Lodge’s opinion, the Brother is proficient in the work of the degree on which he wishes to be certified.

For further details contact the Grand Lodge office at 952-948-6700 or 800-245-6050

Annual Monitor Exams and Re-exams scheduled

MSA Blue Envelope Appeal

David C. Goodnow, retired CNN anchor/editor, is a member of Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana, and Nelms Lodge No. 343, Georgia, and he serves on the Masonic Information and Center Steering Committee. In a letter from Brother Goodnow to Masonic Brethren, he states: "Our brethren have seen at the forefront of support for our wounded veterans since the formation of the Masonic Service Association in 1919. Masons have been volunteering to support America’s wounded troops during the intervening wars, and we continue our presence in numerous VA and military hospitals. It’s our way of letting these young men and women know how much we care for them and their sacrifices. We work to build their morale and sustain their resolve to mend and return to the society they have chosen to defend.

"Brother Masons visit these hospitals to the tune of some 200,000 volunteer hours each year. Not every member of our fraternity is able to present in a hospital room, but each of us has the chance to be there in spirit by contributing in the Green Envelope program of the Masonic Service Association Veterans Hospital Visitor Program. Masonic Service Association Veterans Hospital Visitor Program.

People can send a check directly to the Masonic Service Association, or they can add an amount when they mail in their annual lodge dues payment. Contributions are tax deductible.
It was a lovely evening Under the Northern Lights.

Once again, there was a festive and genial crowd attending the 4th Annual MMC GALA on Saturday, September 27, with a theme this year of Under the Northern Lights. The Minneapolis Club provided the backdrop and guests were able to greet one another during the social hour, while viewing 10 oversized posters which featured Lodge and Chapter community projects or commitments being recognized for their outstanding achievement and successful matching grants. All proceeds from this successful fundraiser will go to support the Lodge and Chapter community programs for 2009. Each acknowledged Lodge and Chapter were given their customized poster and easel to keep for their own display.

Many guests, having attended previously, felt this was one of their favorites of the MMC GALAs, and those guests who were attending for the first time could be heard to ask, “Have you set a date for next year? I don’t want to miss it!” The answer is yes: September 26, 2009. Hope to see you there. (See more pictures at www.mnmasoniccharities.org)

Save the date for the next MMC GALA September 26, 2009
“People say, ‘I want to give something back.’
Well, Masons give back. Always have, always will.”

Minnesota Masonic Charities provides a united focus for the many charitable activities of the Minnesota Masons.

A forefather, a first President, a national icon, and a committed Mason

Minnesota Masonic Charities salutes the members of Prairie Lodge No. 123 of Blooming Prairie for assisting those in need in their community by supporting the Steele County Food Shelf.

Jr. Warden Brother Jim Johnson learned from Stormie Trom, food shelf director, that there is an increased need for donations to the food shelf due to the weakened economy. The Lodge voted to raise funds for the food shelf, and also appealed to the residents of Blooming Prairie through the local newspaper.

The Lodge raised $2,255 for the food shelf, and with a Matching Funds grant from MMC, a total of $4,510 was donated. The food shelf serves over fifty families in Steele County, and many services are provided, including a seven day supply of food, nutrition information, and information about additional programs that may be of service.

Spirit of giving: Prairie Lodge No. 123 aids local food shelf

Plans are in the making for a very special celebration of the birthday of Brother George Washington on February 21, 2009, to be held in the great room, Landmark Assembly, of Minnesota Masonic Home, Bloomington and hosted by the Minnesota Masonic Historical Society and Museum.

Guests will have the opportunity to mingle during social hour and view over fifteen portraits of Brother Washington, who has been portrayed very differently by various artists over the years. There will also be the opportunity to visit the MMHSM Museum a few steps away from the event area and a chance to ask questions of Museum Curator Dave Nystuen. Followed by a celebration dinner, arrangements are to include a program with a historical expert, and MMHSM Board Chairman Tom Hendrickson promises the evening will definitely be entertaining.

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God.
— George Washington

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the minimum amount that MMC will award a Matching Funds Grant? M. R., Alexandria

As a general rule, grants are approved for matches $500 and over, however we do review applications on a case-by-case basis and certainly have awarded grants for less than $500. We encourage you to submit your grant request for any of your Lodge’s charitable projects you feel might be eligible for matching funds—your answer could very well be yes.

www.mnmasoniccharities.org

Another year past... and a growing list of success stories in matching grants, support for heritage charities and a strong connection with Masons in their communities...

Signature Scholarships
Applications are here! Your Lodge has a copy—do you need another?

Do you know a worthy senior graduating from a Minnesota high school? Request an application today!

Call MMC at (952)948-6004 to request one, or a PDF version is available from our website, www.mnmasoniccharities.org.

Happy New Year.
Mt. Tabor Lodge No. 106 presents Hiram Award

On Tuesday, September 23, the members of Mt. Tabor Lodge No. 106 in Detroit Lakes, presented a Hiram Award to WB Duane (Doc) Wething. Doc Wething was very involved in the negotiations when we sold our old Lodge Building in downtown Detroit Lakes and purchased the present home for Mt. Tabor. He was the first Master to hold Lodge within our current home. Doc has taken part in our Master Mason Degrees as the Sea Captain for many years and is always ready to help. He is also our oldest living Past Master having been Master in 1965.

Doc had been a chiropractor in Detroit Lakes for many years and has been active with the management of the Detroit Lakes Municipal Airport for many years. Doc has been a pilot since a very young man and has logged many hours in the air.

Present at the presentation were his wife Beverly, son David, and grandson Eli. David is a Past Master of Cataract Lodge No. 2 in Minneapolis, and he pinned his father. Also present were 46 members and guests of Mt. Tabor Lodge.

WB Marlin Braseth was presented with a 40-year award. Brother Roger Pearson of Marlin was to receive his 50-year award also but was unable to attend.

WB Charles Magnusson, Lodge Secy/Treas.

Hematite Hiram Award

Hematite Lodge No. 274 of Chisholm, Minnesota presented the Hiram Award to W. Brother Donald Heikkila on October 18, 2008. Brother Don earned his award for outstanding contributions to Hematite Lodge and Masonry. Picture is W. Master Dennis Jacobson, Donald Heikkila, and Northeast Area Deputy Rolf Widstrand.

September 18th gave witness to the rebirth of the Montgomery Lodge cribbage tournament. The evening consisted of a spaghetti and meatball dinner with dessert, followed by the stated meeting and ending with a cribbage tournament. The night was a success for one simple reason, all who came to lodge either for the dinner, the meeting and/or the cribbage enjoyed themselves and the fraternalism they experienced. Congratulations to the team of WB Greg Deegan (right) and WB Kurt Dornfeld (left) for going the distance and winning all the matches they played.

Paul Revere honors members

W.B. Paul Serber, from Paul Revere Lodge No. 321, is shown receiving his fifty-year award, while Mrs. Serber looks on. Also pictured is Grand Lodge District Representative Clayton Berg, left, and W. Master Monte Miller, right. Other awards were also presented during the Paul Revere Lodge awards night, including a Mason of the Year award for W. Brother Glenn D. Moore.

Golden Fleece 50-year pin

Golden Fleece Lodge No. 89, Litchfield, Past Master Bob Polzier was home from Arizona and presented with his 50-year pin and certificate by W. Master Doug Brown on October 26th at the annual Golden Fleece Lodge Pancake breakfast.

50-year award made

District Representative Larry Larson, right, presented the 50-year certificate to PM Dennis Anderson of Dawson’s Atelier Lodge No. 202. In those 50 years, Dennis has served in every position including Master twice and lately as perpetual Treasurer. He also served seven years as District Representative, member of the Zuhrah Shrine, and past president of the Western Minnesota Shrine Club.

Crocketon Lodge No. 141 Awards Night

Several awards were presented during the Crocketton Masonic Lodge No. 141 Annual Awards Night. The Hiram Award was presented to WB James Waxler for his contributions to Masonry and Crocketton Lodge. Joining in 1980 and Past Master of the Lodge in 1984 and 1986, he has held several offices in the past years and continues to do so even now and also takes an active part in the Order of the Eastern Star. Membership longevity awards were presented for each five years of membership to eighteen Brothers.

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Minnesota DeMolay speech winner

This past year, DeMolay International requested every Jurisdiction to conduct a speech competition to challenge the young men of DeMolay to consider What’s right with America. Those assembled at Minnesota DeMolay’s Annual Conference heard Matt Devore of Hawatha Chapter present his winning speech on the subject. This year, as we have elected a new president, we should consider the words as presented at the Conference.

Democracy: the epitome of fairness by: Matt Devore

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtfully committed citizen can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”—this brilliant quote by Margaret Mead is exactly why democracy always has and always will prevail over anything that dares to interfere with the freedom, and liberty it provides. Could you even imagine a society in which you have no say over the government and the government has every say over you? To me it’s almost unthinkable that people are forced to live such unfair lives. I can only take solace and comfort in the fact that my own government will let me live a life of civic virtue, fairness and respect. Because I am an American and that is the American way of life.

After all, in America, the very fact that we have a representative democracy is insurance that America will forever be a beacon hope, freedom and liberty in a world that seems to revolve around cruelty and violence. But what makes a democracy so great? Two words, “The People.”

Democracy revolves around the ideology that a nation’s citizens know what’s best for themselves. I think Harry Fossick put it best when he said, “Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people.” There’s no question in my mind that the farther we head into the future the more other governments will disintegrate into democracies, a thought made evident by both the trends of our history as a race and by the trends of modern day politics. Just look at the former Soviet Union which fell mostly due to the poor moral of their citizens, who weren’t treated much better than cattle by the same government that demanded absolute subordination. As soon as the people of the former USSR realized that beyond their borders people were being treated with integrity and respect by their governments, the government lost its power. Because no matter how much a person has been brain-washed by propaganda and fear, they still possess a degree of logic and reason that can never be taken away, and that capability makes that sort of irrational government impossible.

The revolt against British tyranny in our own revolution also bears witness to the fact that people will not allow themselves to be bullied and abused by their governments, and to me it’s stunning that the rest of the world hasn’t caught on—after all these years—to the benefits and joys of democracy. Especially when they have the United States of America as the perfect example. Because in America we don’t just practice democracy, we live by it, and that’s why I can say that I am Proud to live in a country that will always treat me with respect, Proud to live in a country that treats me with fairness, that’s why I am Proud to be an American.

News from the Masonic Family

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 Stitely at rv_john_stitely@yahoo.com
December 5th Program
Honors and Awards - Chapter of Sorrows, A Memorial for the Departed

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 fellow Masons?
You want to visit Phoenix Daylight Lodge
Where: Second Wednesday of the month
Where: West Metro
6099 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 Bellefairparkb@aol.com

Fort Snelling cornerstone ceremony

Shown in the picture with several members of the Zuhrah Shrine Legion of Honor are W. Brother Robert J. Selden, President of Minnesota Chapter No. 25 of the National Sojourners (in the Heroes of ’76 uniform); Grand Master Thomas C. Jackson; R. W. Brother Fred Vihodve, President-elect of the National Sojourners (in suit); Seated is Brother John MacLeod, who had been a big proponent of this project.

At a Fort Snelling National Cemetery cornerstone ceremony on November 1st, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota dedicated a monument placed by the National Sojourners on the Avenue of Flags at the cemetery. It was a beautiful fall day and the attendance was good.

The Junior Grand Warden’s Lodge Night Spaghetti Dinner

Many of us have found that a great way to increase the attendance of a lodge night or event is to host a dinner or meal, either before or after the meeting. Having a meal allows the brothers to stay in the lodge longer, and allows more time for brothers to relax and enjoy the fellowship. We want the food to be good… It doesn’t matter what good food you serve. This same time last year, a chili recipe was published to inspire lodges to have a meal. I heard from over 25 people who used the chili recipe for lodge and OES meeting nights, men’s card nights, and football tailgating.

This year, I am presenting a Spaghetti Dinner recipe meant not to make by the gallons to use at a spaghetti feed. Rather, it is meant for a quality meal with the Brothers or family members—even to celebrate a special wedding anniversary.

Tips & Serving Recommendations
• For more spice, use a hot Italian sausage or add crushed red peppers.
• Serve with your favorite pasta. My favorite is angel hair. For a change of pace, try a whole wheat pasta.
• Serve with tossed green salad.
• Try a side of broccoli or fresh green beans.
• Serve with French bread or garlic toast. This makes enough sauce to serve 15 to 20 brothers. (For smaller groups, reduce ingredients by one-half.)

I have made this recipe many times at home with my daughters’ help. The prep time to put it all together only takes 20 minutes. We were amazed with how easy it was to make such a delicious, hearty homemade sauce.

Since it takes two hours to simmer on the stove, that’s a great time to break out the cards and play a few hands in the lodge hall, while that beautiful red sauce simmers on the stove. Plus, it will fill the hall with a very tempting aroma.

This sauce can also be made ahead of time and warmed up when it is more convenient. The sauce also freezes well for future events.

When we eat with our brothers, we digest more than the meal - enjoy!

A Fantastic Lodge Night Spaghetti Dinner

This homemade traditional pasta sauce has a delicious taste and is easy to prepare. After eating this thick and meaty sauce, you will find yourself wanting more.

2 pounds sweet Italian sausage, ground or sliced
1-1/2 pounds ground beef
1 cup minced onion
4 cloves garlic, crushed
2 (28 oz.) cans crushed tomatoes
4 (6 oz.) cans tomato paste
2 (15 oz.) cans tomato sauce
1 cup water
4 tablespoons white sugar
3 teaspoons dried basil
1 teaspoon fennel seed
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon red pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1. In a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat, cook the sausage, beef, onion, and garlic until well browned; drain off the fat.
2. Stir in crushed tomatoes, tomato paste, tomato sauce, and water.
3. Mix in sugar, and season with basil, fennel seed, Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper.
4. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 1-1/2 to 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

Fort Snelling Spaghetti Dinner by JW Tom Hendrickson

2009 – March 27th and 28th
April 24–26, 2009
This is an event where we celebrate a special wedding anniversary.
Congratulations to the 256 new Masons Mastered to report to the Grand Lodge office this year, as of November 20, 2008. If your name is not listed here and it should be, please ask your lodge to submit your name to the Grand Lodge office.

New Master Masons in 2008

Joel L. Rosing 1/19/2008
Casey Heurung 1/19/2008
Jared M. Laiken 4/19/2008
Kamal D. Hoogenraad 4/19/2008
Lester H. Scott 4/24/2008
Francis E. Murray 5/21/2008
Ryan G. Hoogenraad 5/27/2008
Tim D. Hixson 5/27/2008
Chad T. Rice 5/27/2008
Jason A. Graber 6/14/2008
Kurt W. Hageman 6/14/2008
Travis W. Gleason 6/14/2008
Kurt E. Hageman 6/14/2008
Nathan J. Hageman 6/14/2008
Richelle A. Hageman 6/14/2008
Katherine M. Hageman 6/14/2008
Kathleen A. Hageman 6/14/2008
Sharon A. Hageman 6/14/2008
Hayley A. Hageman 6/14/2008
Sage H. Hageman 6/14/2008
Shane L. Hageman 6/14/2008
Samantha H. Hageman 6/14/2008

Golden Fleeces have high way clean-up

On November 4, 2008, Plymouth Lodge No. 160 presented a check to Jan Monroe for the N.E.A.R. Food Shelf in Crystal. Over the year, Plymouth Lodge No. 160 has raised $1,700 to donate to the food shelf, and successfully secured a Matching Funds Grant from Minnesota Masonic Charities, providing $3,400 overall to a very worthy program. MMC salutes Plymouth Lodge for their commitment to their community. Left to right are Jan Monroe, W.B. Brad Wins and Family, Senior Deacon Ron Wins (front), W.B. Jim Curry (back), St. Warden Mike Ross, W.M. Almon, Secretary-Stuart Buus, Andrew Ross, Eric Brother Filipke, (back) Bob Holly (front), and John Powers.

Castlecrag No. 2 Heritge Festival

Cataract Lodge No. 2 recently held its annual Heritage Festival and Awards Night at the Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington. Membership Awards were presented to several 60-, 50-, 40- and 25-year members. Shown here, speaking for the group of Brothers who received their awards is Brother Michael G. Wahl, a Master Mason since 1948. Looking on from the left is R.W. Brother Thomas G. McCarthy, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and Cataract Lodge No. 2 Master Daniel Stark. Brother Wahl is also the senior Past Grand Monarch of the Grotes of North America.