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South Metro Lodge 14 Report

On behalf of the members of South Metro Lodge 14, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the lodge for their continued support in 2009.

2009 was another successful year for the lodge. Not only did we see a record number of members join the lodge, but we also were able to donate more money to officers, their families, and charities than in years past. This could not have been accomplished without the support of our membership, as well as the business community. A sincere thank you to everyone involved.

Several changes to the administrative side of the lodge were completed in November. We have revamped our web site, and have added several useful links. Included in these links is a new way to pay/renew your membership on-line. Lodge 14 became the first lodge in the state to now offer credit card acceptance from our web site. Now you can renew your membership dues with the click of a button. This made our renewal process this year a breeze.

Some other administrative changes occurred in the board. Brother Jeff Koslowski stepped down as our lodge Secretary/Treasurer. Sgt at Arms Marvin Turner stepped up and filled this position. I wish to thank Jeff for the time he spent on the board. His efforts were greatly appreciated. To fill Brother Turner's spot, Greg Dahlstrom was appointed as Sgt at Arms. Finally, our new Chaplain is John Bermel. John will be filling the spot of Suzanne Dau, who retired this past year. Again, thanks to Suzanne for all of the hard work she did for the lodge.

Once again, South Metro Lodge 14 will be the host for Calibre Press Street Survival in Bloomington, MN. The dates for this course are September 15-16, 2010. For further information, you can go to www.calibrepress.com. Opportunities for tuition assistance for this seminar for Lodge 14 members will be posted on our web site at a later date. The state lodge will have grant spots available as well for this event.

Lodge 14 will once again be supporting a scholarship program for its members. This program will pass along several thousand dollars to assist the children of our members in their academic goals. We have set July 1, 2010 as the deadline for applications. For further information, please go to our web site.

We look forward to working with all of our brothers and sisters over the next year.