



Sioux Falls Freemasons The Trestle Board

*Three Lodges,
One Brotherhood*

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Our Little Group

by Brian Pulling, WM Minnehaha #5

We chose giving thanks for this month's Trestle Board for obvious reasons. November is not only the month that contains the holiday of Thanksgiving but also the day that we hold to give thanks to our Veterans who give so much to our country.

As I was thinking about what to write this month, I happened into a conversation with Brother Kyle Orth around the general level discourse between individuals and groups in our country right now. As we bantered back and forth coming from different political philosophies, a wonderful thing happened that I had not seen in some time. We actually began to compromise a bit and moved to more of a middle ground that seemed acceptable to both of us.

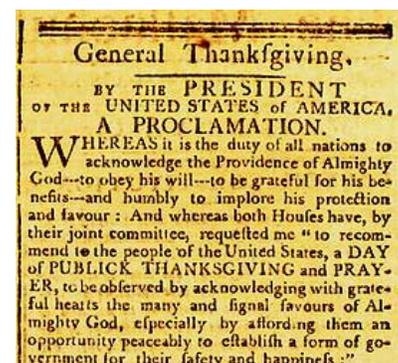
Now I know that religion and politics are never to be discussed in Lodge, but we were not in Lodge. We were just two brothers in the same organization having a civil discussion about a tense subject. Imagine that! As we talked further Kyle said that this kind of civil discourse has to start somewhere using us as an example. I said, then why not let it start with the two of us and Kyle added our little group to that as well.

That got me thinking about the Salons from the early 1700's and the Age of Enlightenment. The Masons have always

been this kind of an organization and have been at the forefront of forward, positive thinking over the centuries. We meet on the level and part upon the square. We are the perfect vehicle to jump start civil discourse in our society once again. We have brothers from all walks of life who are treated the same when they walk through our doors. It does not matter what your political affiliation is, your religion, or the color of your skin; we are all brothers and we are all there to listen to, learn from and support each other. This is what I am most thankful for in my Masonic life.

I am thankful that I have a place where I can sit down with many men from many varied backgrounds and discuss issues and thoughts with them free from judgment. It is more refreshing than most people can realize and I think we should all be thankful for it. We can be the new Salons of this century, we can reach across all those things that people think divide them and show them that we all have more in common than not.

Brothers, I hope you all take time to think about this over the holidays and realize just how lucky we are to have each other around the world. I may know you by a certain grip or a token but mainly I know you all as my brothers. For that, you have no idea how eternally thankful I truly am.



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by Wade Welding, SW Minnehaha #5

Three Things To Be Thankful For

To become a Mason was never in my thoughts until my Dad and Grandfather approached me after completing my degree work for college. At first, I wasn't sold on it until a coworker approached me and asked me to join Masons. It took a little convincing, but I joined in Worthington, MN. From this point I was a part of a fraternal organization that supported each other, taught me leadership, and helped with memorization.

Lodge has been beneficial to me because each of us supports each other. We are there to help each other learn parts and fill in for those who may be absent. As a brotherhood we can rely on each other for advice on areas of business that some might not know. Examples are legal advice, insurance matters or even running a business.

My second reason I'm thankful for Lodge is it teaches me to be a better leader. In college I

was taught to run a business and to be a leader. With the Masons you are taught to fine tune your leadership skills.

You're taught these skills by getting involved in the different offices that you hold. With each office you hold you are taught different skills in each one. Those skills and responsibilities then cross over into your life outside the Lodge.

My final thing that I am thankful for from Masons is it has taught me skills to memorize different parts of each office. You have taught me to be patient in speaking each part, thus giving a clearer understanding of what I am saying. It may seem odd to say, but it has slowed me down in speaking.

I am thankful to be a part of a long-standing organization known as the Masons. I'm very thankful my Dad and Grandfather got my interest.



A Word from the Junior Wardens

by Jerry Grouzis, JW Minnehaha #5

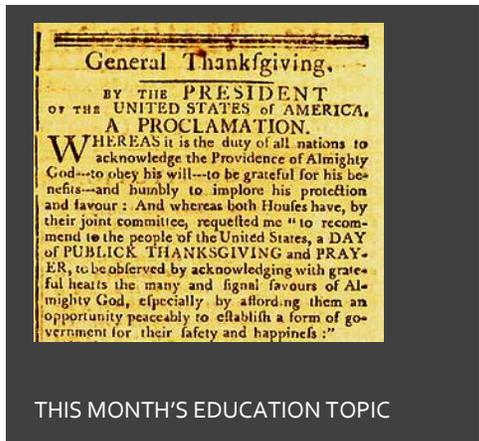
Three Things To Be Thankful For

Becoming a Mason was something I wanted to do for many years. I was once approached by a coworker who explained to me what Masonry was all about. I was very interested and at that point, I wanted to join the brotherhood, so I gave him my contact information; but we never made it a priority and time slipped by.

So, now jump fifteen years into the future. Our current Worshipful Master, Brian Pulling, moved in across the street from me several years ago and we became friends. I noticed he was wearing a Masonic ring and I started asking him questions about the brotherhood and after a lot of discussion, he said he would sponsor me. At that point I knew there would be follow through and was thankful that he would help sponsor me to become a Mason.

Now that I am a Mason, I am so thankful for my Lodge and the brothers that I have connected with. Each brother helps me become a better person in one way or another. What I think I like the most after the friendships, bonds and brotherhood, in general, is the reinforcement of the creed of putting family first. I've always felt I've done that but it's nice to be reminded consistently amongst a group of peers.

Due to our size, I found myself in leadership roles much sooner than anticipated which pushed me beyond my normal comfort zone. While it could be frustrating at times, I feel very accomplished and supported in what I've done. Although I know I have a long way to go, I'm looking forward to it. I'm excited to see what the future holds.



THIS MONTH'S EDUCATION TOPIC

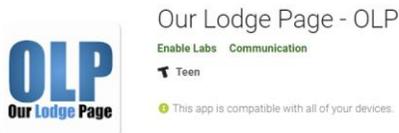
Masonic Website of the Month!

The Phoenixmasonry

Their goal is to exhibit Masonic documents, lectures, and objects in a rich historical context that both educates and stimulates the traveler to continue and learn. We hope to bring the past back to life; and incite a passion for learning. We truly appreciate your visit and welcome you to download any portion of this site for your personal use as Masonic Research and Education material

<https://www.phoenixmasonry.org/>

Masonic Phone App of the Month!



Our Lodge Page provides secure access to Masonic information. To become a user of the application you need to be a Freemason in good standing in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, or Wisconsin.

FAST FACTS

Massachusetts lodges have no numbers. Pennsylvania has eleven lodges with numbers but no names. Georgia has two lodges identified as number 1, Social #1 and Solomons #1. Neither Maryland, Pennsylvania, or Tennessee has a lodge with the number 1.

Your Masonic Education

by Midnight Freemasons Contributor, Gregory Knott

George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Written by George Washington in 1789, this was the first official Presidential Proclamation made in the United States. Shortly after the Thanksgiving Proclamation was written, it was lost for 130 years. It was probably misplaced when the US Capitol moved from New York to Washington, D.C. It now resides in the Library of Congress. And it reads:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.



Editor's Note, The Aftermath: George Washington proclaimed a second day of Thanksgiving in 1795, following the defeat of the Whiskey Rebellion. After Washington left office, John Adams, James Madison, and others intermediately declared days of Thanksgiving. Several presidents opposed days of national thanksgiving, with Thomas Jefferson openly denouncing such a proclamation. By 1855, 16 states celebrated Thanksgiving (14 on the fourth Thursday of November, and two on the third). However, it was not until 1863 that Abraham Lincoln established the regular tradition of observing days of national thanksgiving.

From the Bodies of the Lodges

Minnehaha #5

Minnehaha will be holding an EA Degree on 12/6 at 6:30 pm. We are opening a bit earlier to try to get our candidates and Brothers home at a decent hour. At the present time there may be up to 6 candidates that will go through the Degree from different Lodges.

Minnehaha is planning to host another Chance to Advance on 12/15 at 8 am once the proper paperwork is filed and approved.

Unity #130

Unity had another successful Rake the Town event on 10/27.

Trinity #200

Trinity Lodge is planning to host the FC Degree for the upcoming Chance to Advance.

Additionally, Trinity is going to be working with Minnehaha to help put together a degree schedule that will complement the monthly schedule that Unity currently has in place. This should be particularly helpful during November and December when Unity does not meet for their degree work.



Masonic Spotlight!

IN OUR MASONIC CENTER



Job's Daughters International

Job's Daughters has a rich heritage and tradition. The group was founded in 1920 to provide an opportunity for young women to work together, to learn about themselves and to help others. Job's Daughters is open to girls ages 10 to 19. They do not follow any specific religion, but do require that their members have a belief in God.

Members of Job's Daughters gain valuable leadership experience, learn democratic principles as they run their own meetings using parliamentary procedure, decide on activities, and plan service and fundraising events. They actively support the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund, which purchases hearing assistive devices for hearing impaired children.

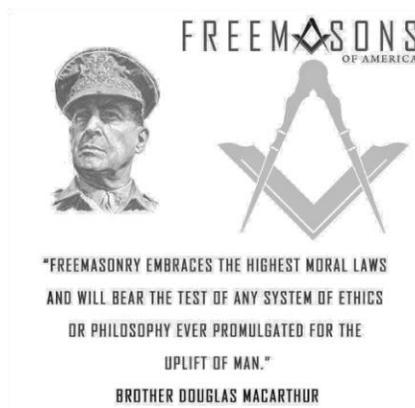
Job's Daughters is a self-governing group. Each group elects a President, also known as the Honored Queen, to lead them for a six-month term. The Queen and Officers help to run the group and take care of business such as keeping track of finances, planning events, fund raising, social and fun activities, all with the guidance of adult volunteers. Job's Daughters learn how to work together to achieve their goals, how to raise money and spend it wisely, how to speak to an audience, the fundamentals of parliamentary procedure and how important community service is to everyone.

Most importantly, Job's Daughters teaches members about friendship and respect for other people and cultures. Job's Daughters has over 10,000 members in Canada, Australia, the Philippines, Brazil and the United States. As a member, the young women have the opportunity to travel and meet girls from other lands.

An Influential Brother

Douglas MacArthur

Raised in the Philippines, January 14, 1936



Brothers to Keep in Our Thoughts

There are been no Brothers who have been brought to my attention who are having difficulties this month. I know we do wish all of our Brothers and their families safe travels over the Thanksgiving Day weekend and Black Friday Shopping!

Squires and DeMolay Are Off To A Great Start On Their Last Fundraiser Of 2018!

The Squires and DeMolay have been raising money and pet supplies from their families and friends during October and are now approaching the Lodges for their help during the months of November and December. Additionally, they will be selling hot chocolate during the Shine Wednesday Socials for the first three weeks in December from 5-7 pm. It is their hope to raise over \$850 dollars this year and over 50 pounds of food along with any other pet supplies that are donated. They hope you are all able to find a way to help them exceed their goals.

Two Sioux Falls DeMolay Awarded The Highest Honor For Active DeMolay

Kristian Willis (far right, front row) and Lanty Rice (second in from the right, front row) were honored to receive their Chevalier Awards in Pierre on November 10th. The also inducted 5 new DeMolay members (3 in Sturgis 1 in Pierre and 1 in Sioux Falls). The Squires also inducted one new member in Sturgis.



Don't Forget to Send in Your Stories, Pictures, Events!

Brothers please remember to send anything that you want included in the Trestle Board to your Worshipful Masters whose e-mail addresses can be found on the last page of the newsletter. We have gotten some good feedback on the new Trestle Board and we would like to keep highlighting our Brothers.

We Need Brothers to Join Committees!

Brothers if you are interested in any of the committees listed on page 7 please make sure you reach out to your WM and let him know. It is a great way for you to live out your passion in Masonry and have an impact on your community and the members of our Lodges!

Grand Lodge Room
Freemason's Hall
Dublin, Ireland



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Ever thought about being a DeMolay but now you are past the age requirements? Well here is your chance to Be DeMolay! (Registration Deadline is 12/12 to drunge25@gmail.com)



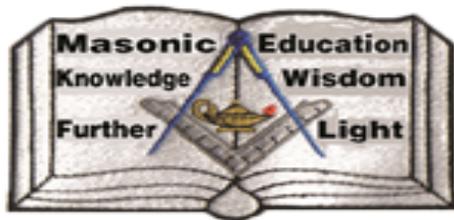
Committee Cornerstones {We need Brothers!}

by Your Committee Representatives



Good Works and Outreach Committee

This Committee is in charge of finding opportunities within the community to do good works, finding ways to help Masonic widows, and working with the other Masonic organizations to aid in charitable efforts. This Committee will also work to find opportunities to reach out to the community and get Freemasonry noticed again.



Masonic Education Committee

This Committee will be charged with keeping the Brothers tools from gathering dust. This can be done by coming up with presentations that can be carried out in each Lodge or inviting in speakers on things that may be interesting to the Brothers. This Committee will also help with things like putting together education packets for new Masons.



Mentoring Committee

This Committee will be charged with helping set up guidelines for vetting potential candidates and finding committed Masons to act as mentors to new brothers. This Committee will find ways to help shepherd new Brothers through their first year of membership.



Ritualistic Excellence Committee

This Committee will be charged with helping conduct our rituals at the highest levels. This Committee will help train Brothers with an interest in learning rituals as well as helping everyone get sharper at their ritual work. This Committee will help build degree teams as well as educating those who are interested in having a deeper understanding of our rituals.



Communication and Technology Committee

This Committee will be charged with helping all of our Brothers stay informed of Masonic happenings around the city, state and region. This Committee will also be in charge of our on-line presence and ensuring that we are communicating with our Brothers in ways that are most impactful to them.



Masonic Building Association Committee

The books have been balanced and the account has very little money in it. The Committee is looking for recommendations for how to cut costs in the building or raise revenues through rentals. The biggest cost currently is utilities. If you can think of any ways to help please let your Lodge representative know so we can try to avoid a per capita increase.

Calendar of Events

Minnehaha Lodge #5

Stated Meeting: First Thursday of the Month
Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm
Degree Work: EA Degree, 12/6 at 6:30pm

Unity Lodge #130

Stated Meeting: Second Thursday of the Month
Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm
Degree Work: Degree work Dark Nov and Dec

Trinity Lodge #200

Stated Meeting: First Monday of the Month
Dinner at 6:30pm, Lodge at 7pm
Dark: July and August
Degree Work: FC Degree, 12/15 8am

Cigar Lodge

Date and Time: Contact Bro. Kyle Orth

Masonic Stag Night

Date and Time: Looking at the First Saturday of the Month starting in January 6-8pm (maybe longer)
Masonic Center Basement

High Twelve Lunch

Date and Time: Thursdays, 11am-1pm

Good Works and Outreach Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Masonic Education Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Mentoring Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Ritualistic Excellence Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Communications and Technology Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Masonic Building Association Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Scottish Rite

Stated Meeting: Second Tuesday of the Month at 7pm
Degree Work: Third Tuesday of the Month

York Rite

Stated Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month at 7pm
Dark: July and August

DeMolay and Squires

Stated Meeting: First and Third Monday of the Month
Squires meet from 6pm – 7pm
DeMolay meet from 7pm – 9pm

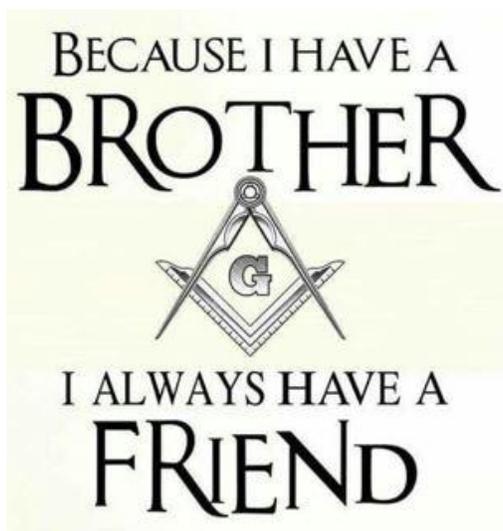
Monthly Shrine Rush Party

Third Wednesday of the month at the Shrine Temple

Squires/DeMolay Collecting for Sioux Falls Humane Society

Masonic Center
During each Lodge meeting in November
Collecting: Items and/or Cash Donations

El Riad Shrine
Wednesday Night Socials in December
Collecting: Items and/or Cash Donations



Part Upon the Square

"Freemasonry must stand upon the Rock of Truth, religion, political, social, and economic. Nothing is so worthy of its care as freedom in all its aspects. 'Free' is the most vital part of Freemasonry. It means freedom of thought and expression, freedom of spiritual and religious ideals, freedom from oppression, freedom from ignorance, superstition, vice and bigotry, freedom to acquire and possess property, to go and come at pleasure, and to rise or fall according to will of ability." – *H. W. Coil*

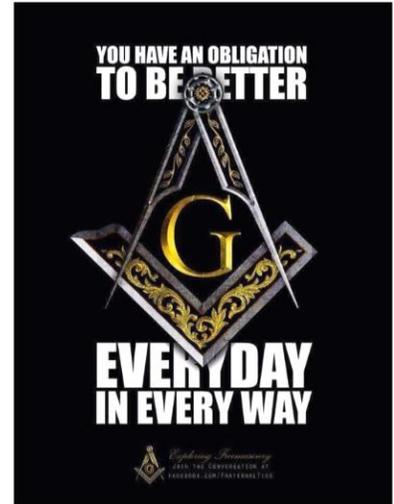
Henry Coil was a distinguished California attorney, Masonic student, scholar and author who wrote *Outlines of Freemasonry, A Comprehensive View of Freemasonry,*

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The Final Funnies

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