



Sioux Falls Freemasons The Trestle Board

*Three Lodges,
One Brotherhood*

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Grand Lodge is Coming

by Bob Weatherford, WM Trinity #200

Greetings Brothers,

2019 has arrived already and wow, it sure seems like time is flying by. It seems like just last week when I had the Jewel of Worshipful Master placed around my neck. We just had our January meeting, including a fantastic meal of meatloaf with mashed potatoes prepared by none other than Past Master Bill Rise. Thank you WB Bill, it was a great meal and it was great seeing you up and around more.

As June draws nearer and nearer, please be sure to start planning now to attend the Grand Lodge of South Dakota's Annual Communication. Our Sioux Falls Lodges should be in heavy attendance considering that it is being held in Sioux Falls this year. We have the degree work schedule completed now for all three Lodges with each Lodge presenting a degree per month through April and a planned Chance to Advance day being held in April.

It is a great time to bring in new members and to reach out to current members you may not have seen in a while. Everyone who has an email address on file will receive this Trestle board Newsletter so if you are reading it, but are no longer able to attend Lodge because you can't get yourself there, please let us know. We need our elders to

come back to Lodge. You are who we must learn from and I can't speak for anyone else, but I sure could use guidance from the older generation on a regular basis!

If you need a ride to or from a Trinity Lodge #200 meeting, please call me at (202) 503-5845. We will do our very best to get you to and from the meetings.

As for all our other Brethren out there, please do not hesitate to contact your Worshipful Master so they can help arrange a ride for you either. Here is there information:

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by George Hamilton, SW Trinity #200

The Lodge Foreman

As the sun is in the west at the close of the day, so stands the Senior Warden in the west to assist the Worshipful Master in opening and closing His Lodge.

So, let's look at this in a broader context. Most of us in the work force have a foreman, shift supervisor or manager, someone who is not the head person. That person is given instructions to get certain task completed in a timely manner, and he passes this information on to those in his charge, but he doesn't just leave it there, for he is a micro manager. We've all seen times in Lodge where things are out of place or order, he must be vigil in his attention to detail as to assure everything is in its place and the brethren are in order. So, as you make this journey always remember that our Lodge is strongest when we have each-others back. If you aspire to go through the chairs give an

attentive ear and faithful breast, don't hesitate to ask any question of any officer or the Worshipful Master or speak up if you notice something out of place or order.



A Word from the Junior Wardens

by Ethan Jones, JW Trinity #200

Leading One Degree at a Time

As the Junior Warden in our Lodge, it is my responsibility to carry out the EA degree. This is a nice way of easing into the role of Worshipful Master in the future. It allows me to get my feet under me leading the Lodge.

I have had the pleasure of presenting the degree once so far. It was an amazing experience. To lead a Lodge of such great men was an honor. It also allowed me to think back to when I was a candidate in search of light. How confused I was, not really knowing what was going on. Seeing the degree from the seat of the Master allowed me to see just how far I had come in Masonry. Every fumbled line also showed me how much I have left to learn too!

Masonry has been such an amazing experience in my life. It is an amazing experience to pass on the degrees to the next

generation of Masons. It really warms my heart when I see someone that I had performed the degree for become an officer in the Lodge. Hopefully, they will feel the same joy I did when they lead their first degree.



THIS MONTH'S EDUCATION TOPIC

Your Masonic Education

by The Masonic Lodge of Education

Do you know the significance of the different Masonic Calendars?

Craft Masons and different appendant bodies within Freemasonry utilize different Masonic calendars to celebrate an historical inception date such as the creation of the world or an historical event specific to that Masonic order or body.

These dates are used upon official Freemason documents.

The historical dates are symbolic of new beginnings and should not be misconstrued as Freemasons believing that there was a Masonic lodge in the Garden of Eden.

Symbolically, they connect the creation of physical light in the universe with the birth of Masonic spiritual and intellectual light in the candidate.

The only idea intended to be conveyed is that the principles of Freemasonry are as old as the existence of the world.

It is the spirit of the institution of Freemasonry which brings a candidate from intellectual darkness to intellectual light.

Each of the "Mason" calendars, below, begin with the word, *Anno*. In the Latin language, *Anno* means *In the Year of*. The English word, *annual*, is derived from the Latin word, *anno*.

C.E. means *Common Era*, (Christians sometimes call it the *Christian Era*)
B.C.E. or B.C. means *Before Common Era*

Masonic Calendar Time Line

Craft Masons	Scottish Rite	Royal & Select Masters	Royal Arch	Knights Templar	Present Day
B.C.E. 4000	B.C.E. 3760	B.C.E. 1000	B.C.E. 530	C.E. 1118	C.E. 2010

Ancient Craft Masons:

Anno Lucis - (A.L. or A.:L.:) In The Year of Light

Anno Lucis is Latin for *In The Year of Light*.

Historical Significance: The *Year of Light* signifies the date of the creation of the world (approximately 4000 years before the Common Era), as we read in the third verse from the Book of Genesis in the King James version of the Bible as well as in the Torah.

- 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.
- 1:2 - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- 1:3 - **And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**
- 1:4 - And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Ancient Craft Freemasons in the York and French Rites, residing in Scotland, England, Ireland, France, Germany, and in America, use the words, Anno Lucis.

Math: Anno Lucis is found by adding 4000 years (from the creation of the world to the present date) (4000 B.C.E. + 2010 C.E. = 6010 A.L. (Anno Lucis))

Relevance: The Ancient Craft Masonic calendar celebrates the creation of the world, approximately 4000 years before the Common Era, or 6010 years ago. The word "approximately" must be used, here, because, historically, there were many different calendars in use over the last 6000+ years. This makes precise dates very difficult to ascertain. (Some historians believe it to be 4004 years before the Common Era.)

Masonic Website of the Month!



THE
MIDNIGHT
FREEMASONS

A group of Master Masons talk about topics of Masonic interest--each from their own unique perspective.

<http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/>

Masonic Phone App of the Month!



Masonic Working Tools
Mind and Miracle Productions Books & Reference
Everyone
Contains Ads
This app is compatible with all of your devices.
Add to Wi

This app provides a description and understanding of each Working Tool of the Blue Lodge of Masonry.

FAST FACTS

In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote "A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." Additionally, in a book called *Great Learning*, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."

Scottish Rite:**Anno Mundi - (A.M. or A.:M.:) In The Year of the World**

Anno Mundi is Latin for *In the Year of the World*.

Historical Significance: Anno Mundi also begins with the date of the creation of the world, but is based upon the older, Hebraic (Hebrew) calendar, which begins the civil year in September rather than the Gregorian calendar in use by us, today which begins the new year in January.

The Hebrew calendar has several differences from the Gregorian calendar, one of which is that some months in the Hebrew calendar have 29 days and some have 30 days. (See Anno Hebraico, below.)

Math: Anno Mundi is found by adding 3760 years to the current year. (3760 B.C.E. + 2010 C.E.) After September of the current year, add 1 year more.

Therefore, if the current date is July 2010, add 3760 years = 5770 A.M.

If the current date is October 2010, add 3761 = 5771 A.M. (Anno Mundi)

Relevance: The Scottish Rite Masonic calendar celebrates the creation of the world, 3760/3761 years before the beginning of the Common Era (C.E.) or 5770 years ago. It is counted using the Hebrew calendar.

Anno Hebraico: In the Hebrew Year

Anno Hebraico is Latin for *In the Hebrew Year*. It is sometimes abbreviated as *A.H* or *A.:H.*

Historical Significance: Tishri; Tisri - tish'-re, tiz'-re: Tisri, or Tishri, is the 7th month of the Jewish ecclesiastical, and the first month of the Hebrew/Jewish civil year. (September-October). Tisri begins with the new moon in September. Tisri, or Tishri is called *Ethanim* in 1 Kings 8:2.

York Rite - Knights Templar Chivalric**Anno Ordinis: In The Year of The Order (A.O. or A.:O.:) (1118 C.E.)**

Anno Ordinis is Latin for *In The Year of the Order*.

Historical Significance: In the year, 1118 C.E. (Common Era), 9 French knights, followers of King Baldwin, the King of Jerusalem, and at his behest and in his presence, took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. With great humility, they assumed the title of the *Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ*. The job of this brotherhood-in-arms was to protect the pious pilgrims in their passage to the holy city of Jerusalem.

King Baldwin assigned them residence in a part of his palace which stood near the former site of the Temple of Solomon. The Abbot and Canons of the Temple gave them a street between the palace and the Temple in which to store their arms and magazines. Thus, they derived the name of *Templars*.

Math: Anno Ordinis is found by subtracting 1118 from the current date, thus the year, 2010 minus 1118 = 892 A.O. (Anno Ordinis)

Relevance: The date 892 A.O. celebrates the operative and speculative existence of the Knights Templar from its origin in the year, 1118 C.E. over the last 892 years.

Royal Arch Masons: In The Year of the Discovery**Anno Inventionis (A.I. or A.:I.:)(530 B.C.E.)**

Anno Inventionis is Latin for *In The Year of the Discovery*.

Historical Significance: King Solomon built the first temple. Zerubbabel built or caused to be built, the Second Temple.

Little is known or written about Zerubbabel except that he was a famous man and that at all events, Zerubbabel was governor of Judah in the second year of Darius Hystaspis' reign in 520 B.C.E.

The Masonic calendar used by Royal Arch Masons dates from the year of the second temple having been caused to be built by Zerubbabel in 530 B.C.E.

Math: Anno Inventionis is found by adding 530 years to the current date, thus 2010 C.E. + 530 B.C.E. = 2540 A.I. (Anno Inventionis)

Relevance: The date 2540 A.I. celebrates the building of the Second Temple, 2540 years ago, believed to be on or very near the site of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

Royal and Select Masters & Cryptic Masons: In The Year of the Deposit**Anno Depositionis (A.:Dep:)(approx. 1000 B.C.)**

Anno Depositionis is Latin for *In the Year of the Deposit*.

Historical Significance: Anno Depositionis dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed in 1000 B.C.E.

Math: The Masonic calendar used by Royal and Select Masters is found by adding 1000 to the current year; thus, the current year (as of this writing), 2010 C.E. + 1000 B.C.E. = 3010 A.:Dep. (Anno Depositionis).

Relevance: The Masonic calendar which Royal and Select Masters and Cryptic Masons celebrate is the year in which Solomon's Temple was completed, 3010 years ago.

Anno Benefacio (A.:B.:) In The Year of the Blessing

Anno Benefacio is Latin for *In The Year of the Blessing*.

Historical Significance: This date is used by the brethren of the Order of High Priesthood to signify the elapsed period of time calculated from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek as referenced in Genesis 14:18-20.

Math: Add the year of the blessing, 1913 B.C.E. + the current year, 2010 C.E. = 3923 A.:B. (Anno Benefacio).

Relevance: The Order of High Priesthood celebrates the blessing of Abraham by Melchizedek, 3923 years ago as the beginning of their Masonic calendar.

Other Freemason Rites (degrees) have their own Masonic calendar, but these are the most well-known.

News to Know!

Don't Forget to Send in Your Stories, Pictures and 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.

Squires and DeMolay will be asking for the Lodges' Donations in February.

The Squires and DeMolay have kicked off their first fundraiser of the year for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)! Their goal is to raise \$50 each from friends and family members. Next, they will turn to the Lodges and other Masonic bodies in February and finally, they will be selling cake pops at the Shrine on Wednesday nights in March. They hope to raise \$1,750 this year for JDRF!

We Need Brothers to Join Committees!

Brothers if you are interested in any of the committees listed on page 9 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!

Go Find Your Walking Shoes!



Brothers, the Sioux Falls Lodges along with the Job's Daughters, Squires and DeMolay have decided to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade! We would like every Mason in and around Sioux Falls to try to join us for this event.

We are hoping to show the community that Masonry is very much alive in Sioux Falls and that there is a great diversity of bodies to join within the Masonic Family. Just picture this, the Masons, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Job's Daughters, Squires, DeMolay, etc. and maybe some Grand Lodge Officers (with their green jackets in a dignitary car) all marching together. IT WOULD BE IMPRESSIVE!

If you are interested, please let your WM know and he can get you on the list. We hope to see you there enjoying the brotherhood and the fresh air together!

The Knights of St. Andrew are Meeting Again!

The Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) have resurrected their Order and are meeting again! This is a group of black hats in the Scottish Rite that are going to put on the Knights of St. Andrews Degree along with helping the members of the Scottish Rite with degree setup, meals, events, etc. They may even be planning some trips to visit other KSA chapters for ideas and fellowship. The elected officers are:

- Brendan Lutz – Venerable Master
- Brian Pulling – Senior Warden
- Gavin Wigg – Junior Warden
- Tim Schendel – Secretary/Treasurer

If you are a black hat member of the Scottish Rite and are interested in finding out more please contact:

- Brendan (brendenlutz22@gmail.com) or
- Brian (barrister1965@gmail.com).



DeMolay have Installed Their Officers for the Next Term Along with Some New Members of the Advisory Board

Liberty Chapter of DeMolay have installed their new officers for the Spring Term. Those new officers are as follow:

- Austin DeVries – Master Councilor
- Corbin DeVries – Senior Councilor
- Hunter Hoelscher – Junior Councilor
- Hunter Reimer – Senior Deacon
- Audun Jensen – Junior Deacon
- Kristian Willis – Chaplin
- Khalil Langer – Marshal
- Dorian Ness – Junior/Senior Steward

The numbers of DeMolay in Sioux Falls are starting to grow and there is more interest catching ahold across the state. Currently, there are four active chapters in the state, Sturgis, Watertown, Sioux Falls, and Pierre. The hope is to restart Mitchell and Aberdeen in 2019. The state conclave will be in Pierre the second weekend of July and that will hopefully be attended by all the chapters. From there we are also branching out the Squires program into Sturgis, Watertown, and Pierre. All from our Manor here in Sioux Falls.

Additionally, Derek Runge has been appointed the position of State Chapter Dad for South Dakota DeMolay. The primary responsibilities for his new role are to work across the state to move forward with getting state officers in place, create plans to help chapters in the state succeed and to grow South Dakota DeMolay. With this change in leadership there is also a new set of Advisors here in Sioux Falls. WM, Brian Pulling has been elected as the next Chairman of the Advisory Board, Bro. Chad DeVries has been elected as the Chapter Advisor for Liberty Chapter in Sioux Falls and Bro. Jeremy Riemer is the newest member to the Advisory Board.

A Brother Starts a New Business!

Sam Sample III has decided to embark on a new venture and has started his own business, **Summit Shuttle Services!** Bro. Sample holds several driving certifications, so you are in good hands with him. If you are looking for a ride somewhere or need a client picked up at the airport, please keep our brother in mind. He serves the tri-state area of SW Minnesota, East Central South Dakota and NW Iowa.

Sam can be reached at 507-962-3252 or samsample3x@gmail.com or summitshuttleservices.com





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SIoux FALLS SCOTTISH RITE

Soup & Sweets Fundraiser



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Serving Times: 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT for \$6 per person
Children under 6 eat FREE!



ALL PREPARED BY THE SIoux FALLS DOUBLE EAGLE CHEFS

SOUPS, SANDWICHES & DESSERTS

**Location: Lower Level of Masonic Building,
520 South First Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

To purchase tickets see any Scottish Rite Member
or call Tim Schendel at 605-201-0610

This is not a tax-deductible donation or contribution.



From the Bodies of the Lodges

Minnehaha #5

Minnehaha #5 is busy getting their degree schedule set for the rest of WM Pulling's term in office. The Lodges have worked with each other to put together something that we all hope will work for candidates. Here are the proposed dates, Lodges and degrees below. If you have a candidate that can't make it to their home Lodge's degree work make sure you reach out to us or the other Lodges to take care of that courtesy work.

February

9th Minnehaha MM Degree
18th Trinity EA Degree
28th Unity FC Degree

March

9th Minnehaha EA Degree
18th Trinity FC Degree
28th Unity MM Degree

April

4th Minnehaha FC Degree
11th Unity EA Degree
13th Chance to Advance (FC by Trinity and MM by Unity)

Unity #130

Unity will be starting up their degree schedule by offering the EA degree in the month of January 2019. Please see the Calendar of events for the date and time.

Trinity #200

One other upcoming item to mention, on Saturday February 2nd, Trinity Lodge #200 will once again be preparing and serving a meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls.

This is a great day of fellowship for us with the added bonus that we get to interact with the community. Bring your family and friends because every extra hand is welcome for this annual endeavor.

Please let George Hamilton know if you plan to help man the event. He can be reached at (605) 212-0634.



The Nevadaville Masonic Temple is the Masonic Lodge building in the ghost town of Nevadaville, Colorado, just outside of Central City, Colorado.

Masonic Spotlight!

IN OUR MASONIC CENTER



The Order of the Eastern Star

Dr. Robert Morris, the poet laureate of Masonry, founded this Order in the late 1800's using beautiful and inspiring Biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values. These portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of Eastern Star members. Eastern Star strives to build an environment for its members and its Order which are truly dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness by uplifting each other and through service in our communities.

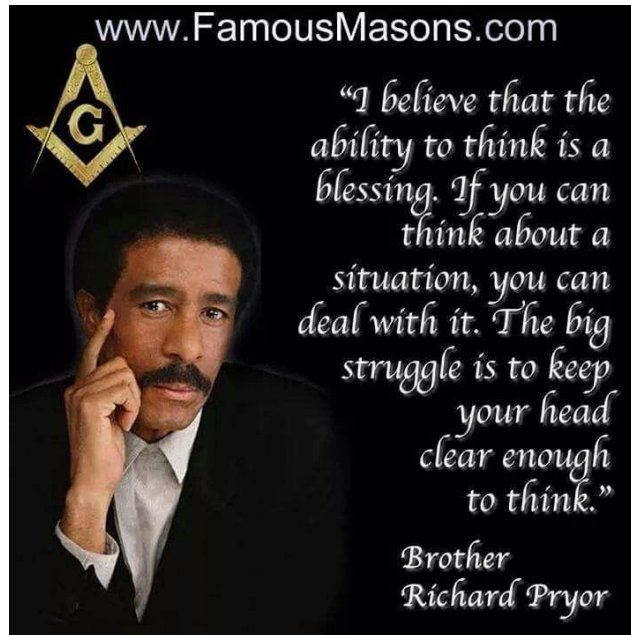
Eastern Star Chapters donate funds to a wide variety of worthy charities. Some examples are: Cancer Research Project, Arthritis Fund, Heart Fund, orphanages and many other charities within each Grand Jurisdiction. Assisting Children to Smile also known as the A.C.T.S. program, is an Official program of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, Order of the Eastern Star to provide orthodontic care for eligible children in South Dakota.

Eastern Star gives support to young people who are members of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and the Order of DeMolay. These fine young people who are training themselves to be leaders are likely prospects to become valued Eastern Stars or Masons. The Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic fraternity are highly rewarded by their support of and interest in these youth organizations. Additionally, they also support the Eastern Star Home in Redfield which is a highly rated assisted living facility.

An Influential Brother

Bro. Richard Pryor

Raised in Henry Brown Lodge #22 in Peoria, Illinois.



Brothers to Keep in Our Thoughts

We have not been notified of any Brothers in need. We do have some Brothers who are impacted by the government shutdown so please keep them in your thoughts and within the length of your cable tow if needed.

The First Masonic Stag Night is Scheduled for February 9th!

Brothers and their friends are welcome to the first Masonic Stag Night which is set for February 9th at 7pm. The purpose of this get together is to allow any Mason and their friends to come to the Masonic Center and enjoy some time together outside of a Lodge activity.

Our first event will feature some light appetizers and beverages (we are working on being able to have beer and wine at the next one) and watching the movie "Terra Masonica – Around the World in 80 Lodges". We are also looking at other events such as a card night. All ideas are welcome! **Please contact WM, Brian Pulling with questions or ideas (minnehahalodge5wm@gmail.com)**

Did you know?

Martin Luther King, Jr. was not a Mason during his lifetime, but both his father and his grandfather were Prince Hall Masons. Interviews from 1968 indicate that Grand Master X. L. Neal of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia had arranged for Dr. King to become a Freemason upon his return from Atlanta that year. King's assassination in Memphis on April 4th of 1968 had abruptly prevented that event from happening.



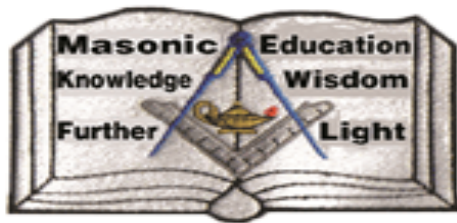
Committee Cornerstones {We need Brothers!}

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: MM Degree, 2/9 at 9am

Unity Lodge #130

Stated Meeting: Second Thursday of the Month
Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm
Degree Work: EA Degree, 1/24 at 7pm
FC Degree, 2/28 at 7pm

Trinity Lodge #200

Stated Meeting: First Monday of the Month
Dinner at 6:30pm, Lodge at 7pm
Dark: July and August
Degree Work: EA Degree, 2/18

Cigar Lodge

Date and Time: Contact Bro. Kyle Orth

Masonic Stag Night

Date and Time: Second Saturday of the Month
7-9pm (maybe longer)
Masonic Center Basement
Contact Bro. Brian Pulling

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

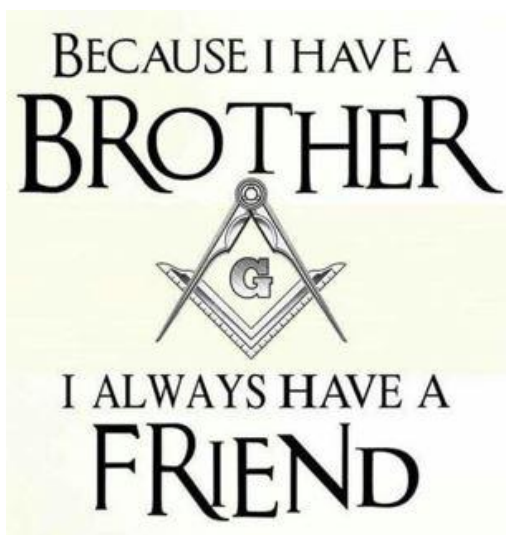
Stated Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month at 7pm
Dark: July and August

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



Part Upon the Square

A New Year's Challenge (the 1 to 10 Challenge)

by Brian Pulling, WM Minnehaha #5

Brothers, as I reflect on the last six months and try to grasp all that I have learned from the Brothers in my Lodge and the other Lodges I have come in contact with I asked myself am I really living as my Brother's Keeper? I have done my best to help out a Brother when I can, listen when I should and do what I can to advance the Craft; but there was something else missing.

I tried to do some reading to find out what it was that I was missing when I came upon a challenge. I don't even recall where I read it at this point, but it was concentrated on how well do you really know the members of your own Lodge. Do you know the name of a Brother's wife? How about how many kids he has? What does he do for a living? Etc. It really hit me that outside the Brothers who come to Lodge each month I really didn't know much of our other members' lives at all. The challenge that was issued in this article was to have each member of a Lodge

reach out and call 10 or more other members of the Lodge and just chat with them, see how they are doing, be our Brother's keeper like we should be. It was then that I knew what my New Year's Resolution/Challenge would be.

I am going to randomly pick 10 members of our Lodge and give them a call just to introduce myself and see how they are doing. Then I am going to challenge the officers of the Lodge to do the same. Then, after a month or so, I am going to see what everyone's experience has been and encourage other regularly attending members to do the same. By the end of my term it would be great to know that every member of our Lodge had been contacted by someone in the Lodge if nothing more than to just say hello to a Brother.

The challenge is out there, will you take the time to call 10 men who you call Brother?

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The Final Funnies

Sioux Falls
 Freemasons

The Trestle
 Board

Three Lodges
 One Brotherhood

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