



Sioux Falls Freemasons The Trestle Board

*Three Lodges,
One Brotherhood*

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by Robert "Solo" Solorzano, SW Unity #130

Family Friendly Masonry

As we approach Grand Lodge, I can't believe how fast the year has come and gone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Worshipful Masters for their leadership this past year. The amount of cooperation between the three Lodges has been exemplary and I can only hope that this upcoming year will be no exception.

Going forward, I personally, would like to see more outings/events that all of the Masonic bodies can attend. I feel that what is sorely lacking in the Order is the ability to bring, not only the Masonic family, but also the immediate families, together. To this end there are several events that are being planned for the upcoming year which will, hopefully, allow the spouses, children, and grandchildren the opportunity to share in the fellowship that we all share.

This might even be an opportunity...with family comes friends. Do you have a neighbor or friend that is hesitant on joining,

or maybe just doesn't know about Freemasonry, or the appendant bodies? Bring them to the outing.

These family (and friends) outings will also put us in the public eye and may spark the interest in some would be candidate to ask the question that is the equivalent of the sharp raps on the door. Public exposure is key to us, the current stewards of our respective bodies, being able to bolster our ranks. I would appreciate any ideas that you all might have on what would make a good family friendly outing.

I think I can reasonably speak for the other officers when I say that I am excited to see what a new year in Masonry brings us. I can only hope that we are able to make it a successful year and have a little fun at the same time!



A Word from the Junior Wardens

by Justin Luetgers, JW Unity #130

No article was submitted



THIS MONTH'S EDUCATION TOPIC

Your Masonic Education

by August 2016 Trestleboard article by Wor. Greg Cherry, Master of Santa Monica Palisades (CA) Lodge No. 307

Civility In and Out of the Lodge

"Practice, out of the lodge, those great moral duties which are inculcated in it."

I struggled with an appropriate Trestleboard post this month, but with all of the recent headlines in July dominated by shootings, mass killings, acts of war, and political debates, I would feel remiss not to address our current state of affairs.

Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia used his platform as the Grand Master last year to address civility, or the lack thereof, in our society. He wrote that "When we are uncivil to one another, we silence the other person; we take his or her voice away."

At this point, it often feels like the incivility, the dangers, and the brokenness of this world have reached such a fever pitch that there is no turning back. Earlier this month, Brother Brent Thompson was a police Officer killed by a sniper in a violent act in Dallas. He was a Master Mason of Corsicana Lodge No. 174 in Texas, and the father of 6 children. The week prior, 33-year old Philandeo Castile was shot dead by Police Officers during a routine traffic stop. And while he was not a Mason, his Uncle Clarence is a District Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota, who made an impassioned Masonic plea during a CNN interview, which can be found on Facebook.

In the face of so much violence and vitriol, I often feel powerless to do anything. I am not able to prevent a single, disturbed, young individual from bringing a semi-automatic into a nightclub or driving an armored truck through a crowded street celebration in France. There is already too much anger and hatred towards a system that is perceived as corrupt, imbalanced, and beyond repair. It is hard to know where to begin.

But as a Freemason, I already have the tools and resources to help make the world a better place. As a leader of this lodge, it is my

duty to shine a light on the darker places of society with my moral and social virtues. Through the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, I can move past prejudices and injustice, and treat others with respect and compassion. The language and the values of Freemasonry were vital to the development of democracy in America. This is a country that was absolutely founded on Masonic principles. It is possible to return to those principles again. It will take the example and leadership of ever Mason out there.

I can't stop every killing. I can't fix our political system. I can't change the world in one lifetime. But I can improve myself. And I can improve those around me. And in doing so, I choose to be a part of the solution, rather than the problem. Of all the threats to our society, one of the most insidious is apathy, or inaction. We all have a part to play. And as Freemasons, it is our duty to pass along those great moral duties which are inculcated within the lodge.

It is time that we look to the trowel – the tool we all receive as Master Masons – to remind us of our role in spreading the cement of brotherly love, which forms the foundation of a stronger society, and unites us on the fraternal chain. To learn more about the Civility Project, please visit <http://www.civilitycenter.org/>

"I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest." - Theodore Roosevelt



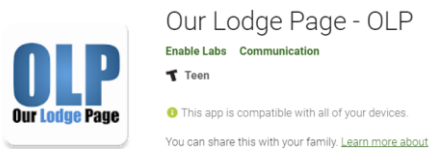
Masonic Website of the Month!



Masonics.org is an online education and masonic research, songs, poems, etc. This website is not connected to any blue lodge or masonic body and operates as an independent collection of masonic works.

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

Masonic Phone App of the Month!



Put Freemasonry in the palm of your hand. Use the Our Lodge Page app to keep up to date with your lodge's news, events and more.

- View the news feeds from all of your lodges.
- See upcoming meetings for all of your lodges.
- RSVP to meetings.
- See who's attending meetings.
- Search your Lodge's member directory.
- Check the status of Masons from eight jurisdictions with more to come.

FAST FACTS

Masonic symbols are usually regarded as existing because of the fraternity's secrecy. However, in reality, Freemasonry started being illustrated by symbols because at the very beginning most Freemasons could not read, so the symbols served to remind members of the fraternity's teachings.

News to Know!

Don't Forget to Send 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 raising money for the Masonic Services Association July-September.

The Squires and DeMolay will be fundraising for the Masonic Services Association in Sioux Falls during the next three months. Be on the lookout for chances to donate at your Lodge meetings in August and at the Shrine on Wednesday nights in September.

The Squires and DeMolay raised \$540 for cancer research this past three months. Which exceeded their goal of \$300 and was just short of what they raised last year during the same period.



We Need Brothers to Join Committees!

Hopefully your respective Lodges were able to assign some Brothers to the committees listed on page 7. If you are interested in joining one of those committees, please make sure you reach out to your WM and let him know. Hopefully we will see some of our newest members joining these committees as part of their Masonic journey.

The Knights of St. Andrew are Sponsoring a School Supply Drop-off!

The KSA is working in conjunction with the Banquet here in Sioux Falls to help collect schools supplies for children in need through the Banquet's Project SOS program. All of your monetary or school items will stay local and help local children.

There is a drop off site set up in the Masonic Center for your convenience. If you would rather give monetarily please make the check out to "The Banquet Project SOS".

If you are a Black Cap in the Scottish Rite and want to join, please contact one of the members below. If you are a Red or White Cap you can still join as an Emeritus Member

(you just won't have voting rights). If you are interested, please contact:

- Brendan Lutz – Venerable Master (brendenlutz2@gmail.com)
- Brian Pulling – Senior Warden (barrister1965@gmail.com)
- Gavin Wigg – Junior Warden (gavin@steamdigital.com)
- Tim Schendel – Secretary/Treasurer

Project: SOS

School Supply List:

BRAND NEW:

- Backpacks (Middle School and High School backpacks are most needed)
- Ring Binders (1")
- Zipper Binder for Middle School
- Spiral Notebooks (1 subject, wide-ruled & college-ruled in solid colors)
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper (wide-ruled & college-ruled)
- Folders (2-pocket, no clasp, in red, yellow, green, blue, & purple ONLY)
- Subject Dividers
- Crayons (24 count)
- Crayola Classic Wide-Tip Markers
- Colored Pencils (12 & 24 count)
- No. 2 Pencils (plain)
- Scissors—Fiskar Brand, Pointed 5" & 7"
- Rulers
- Glue
- Blue/Black Pens
- Red Pens
- Erasers—Magic Rub or Equal
- Pencil Pouches
- 4-packs of dry erase markers

Monetary donations are welcome to purchase needed supplies. We are often able to purchase items at special prices. Please indicate "School Supplies" on your donation.

Thank you for your help with this much needed project that does so much for our community and our kids!

THE BANQUET
900 E. 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103
thebanquetsf.org

For more information contact Mary at (605)335-7066 or projects@thebanquetsf.org

From the Bodies of the Lodges

Minnehaha #5

Minnehaha #5 had a great meal and a fun time with their Past Masters at the banquet held in their honor. There were several Past Masters present as well as one who is seriously considering coming back and helping with degree work. WM, Brian Pulling was named their Mason of the Year.

The Lodge made some pretty big strides this year in membership and visibility, as well as working with the other Lodges in Sioux Falls and the Shrine.

Unity #130

Unity has their own Dan Nace running for Junior Grand Warden this year at Grand Lodge.

Trinity #200

Trinity is going dark after the installation of their officers in June.



The United Grand Lodge of England

The new Freemason's Hall was dedicated on 23 May 1776. In addition to holding Masonic events, it becomes an important venue in London social life for concerts, balls, literary evenings and meetings of learned and charitable societies

Masonic Spotlight!



Your New Grand Lodge

Congratulations Grand Lodge Officers:

Grand Master

Harold D. Ireland

Deputy Grand Master

Jason D. Swindler

Junior Grand Warden

Jeffery P. VanCuren

Junior Grand Warden

Daniel A. Nace

Grand Treasurer-Secretary

Terry L. Knutson

Grand Chaplin

John E. McKnight

Grand Orator

Kendig Bergstresser II

Grand Marshal

Tony M. Larsen

Senior Grand Deacon

Dane M. Bloch

Junior Grand Deacon

LaMonte A. Morrow

Senior Grand Steward

Alan J. Bishop

Junior Grand Steward

Todd D. Knutson

Grand Standard Bearer

Timothy Helms

Grand Sword Bearer

Bryant E. Stokes

Grand Pursuivant

Michael Lamb, Jr.

Grand Historian

Justin L. Stanek

Grand Organist

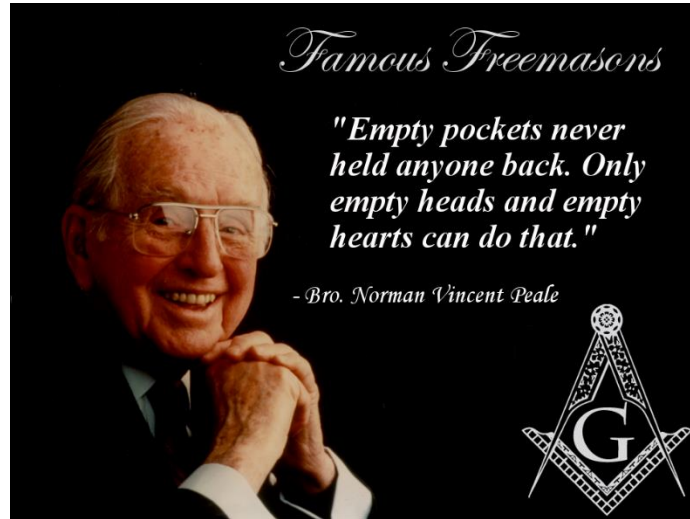
James Frey

Grand Tyler

Brian Teller

An Influential Brother

Bro. David Sarnoff



Bro. Peale became a Master Mason in Midwood Lodge No. 1062 in Brooklyn in 1926. He was a minister, self help author and speaker. He was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite member, belonged to Crescent Shrine and was made a Knight on Sight by the York Rite.

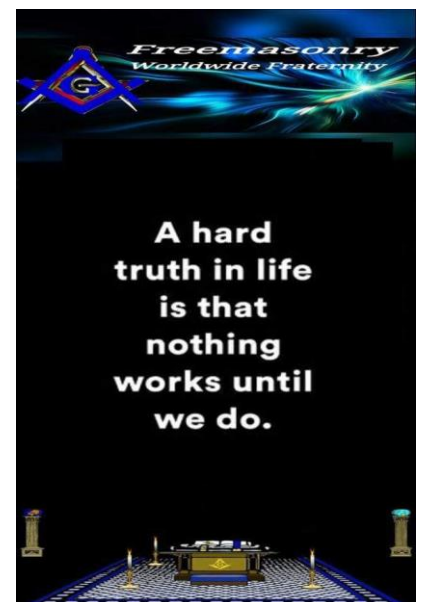
Brothers to Keep in Our Thoughts

There have not been any Brothers or family members have been brought to the attention of the Trestle Board this past month.

Friends of the Scottish Rite Night at The Barrel House was a success!

The Scottish Rite was able to raise over \$1,000 to help support its causes including the Scottish Rite Clinic here in Sioux Falls.

Thank you to all the Brothers that showed up and enjoyed a meal with their family, friends or Brothers!!



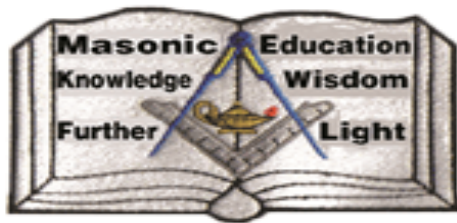
Committee Cornerstones {We need Brothers!}

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

Due to the impending repairs to the building the MBA as decided to raise their per capita on all adult organizations by \$12 per year. They are also looking for Masons who can lend their time or talents to help take care of some of the minor repairs that are also on the list of things to be done. If you are interested please contact your MBA Committee representative.

Calendar of Events

Minnehaha Lodge #5

Stated Meeting: First Thursday of the Month
Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm

Degree Work: Will be scheduled in the next Masonic Term

Unity Lodge #130

Stated Meeting: Second Thursday of the Month

Dinner at 6pm, Lodge at 7pm

Degree Work: Will be scheduled in the next Masonic Term

Trinity Lodge #200

Stated Meeting: First Monday of the Month
Dinner at 6:30pm, Lodge at 7pm

Dark: July and August

Degree Work: Will be scheduled in the next Masonic Term

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

(Dark May - August)

High Twelve Lunch

Date and Time: Thursdays, 11am-1pm at the Royal Fork

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: Third Tuesday of the month in the Mayer Room at 6 pm

Scottish Rite

Stated Meeting: Second Tuesday of the Month at 5:30pm

Degree Work: Third Tuesday of the Month, Spring Reunion Degree Work May 17th and 18th

Knights of St. Andrew

Stated Meeting: Second Tuesday of the Month at 7pm

York Rite

Stated Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month at 7pm

Dark: July and August

DeMolay and Squires

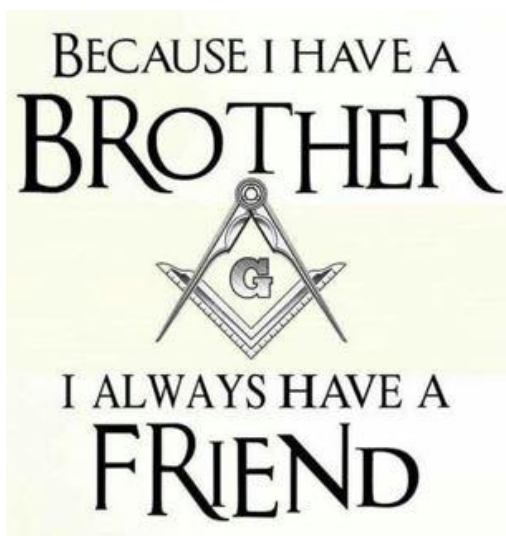
Stated Meeting: First Monday of the Month is the business meeting and the third Monday of the month is a fun meeting

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

The 6:30 Degree or Knife and Fork Degree

BY ANONYMOUS

The 6:30 Degree

You may have a skillful Master
 Who presides with practiced ease,
 Who arranges clever programs
 That will entertain and please,
 One who calls in witty speakers;
 Who knows his way about;
 But a lavish Junior Warden
 Is the boy who brings them out!

You may have a good degree team
 Where each member knows his part.
 Drilled to function as a unit
 With especial skill and art,
 With the finest of equipment,
 Jewelled crown and sumptuous shroud;
 But a groaning banquet table
 Is the bait that draws the crowd!



Did I say I was different?
 If the truth must be confessed,
 Much as I like work and speeches,
 I'm as hungry as the rest;
 And the ones they put in pudding
 Are my favorite kind of "Plumb";
 When the cry is "Come and get it!"
 Gangway, slowpokes! Here I come.

Feel free to contact your WM for questions or comments:

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The Final Funnies

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