



# Sioux Falls Freemasons The Trestle Board

*Three Lodges,  
One Brotherhood*

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THIS MONTH'S EDUCATION TOPIC

# Your Masonic Education

by Richard D Marcus, George Washington 1776 Lodge, F&AM #337 (January 11, 2001 article)

## Wisdom, Strength and Beauty

"Triads are groups of three ideas or objects. Triads appear in nature, politics, and religion. To early man, the cosmos consisted of the sun, the moon, and the stars. He called the natural elements earth, wind, and fire. He could see triads in the three-leaf clover. He knew he lived in a three-dimensional world. In politics, the US Constitution established three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. And in religion, most faiths teach fealty to God, your neighbor, and yourself. All are arranged in intriguing triads of ideas. Let us endeavor to understand some of the power in triads both historically and for us as Masons.

Before we become aware of triads, we think in opposites or dual concepts.

Developmental learning theorists easily prove that infants learn through simple stimulus and response events. Touch a newborn baby's cheek, her instinctive reflex will be to turn her head in that direction. She quickly learns to identify her Mother's voice from all others. As language is acquired, knowledge can be gathered by asking, "why?" After a child asks a question she is rewarded with an answer. The pattern engages a pair of concepts or dyads. Even as we advance in learning, we make decisions using dyads by giving reasons for and against an action. A straightforward method for determining a course of action involves drawing a vertical line on paper and arranging the pro and con arguments on either side.

Furthermore, Socratic teaching methods train students by asking questions. The students must provide the answer or else the teacher must supply it. Catechisms are similarly simple teaching devices for youth. The first question in the Westminster Confession asks, "What is the chief end of man?" The student replies, "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." The question is neat; the answer is clean. This is an uncomplicated style of learning for the young.

But as men, we become more complex. Answers tend to include modifiers such as on the one hand this, but on the other hand that. Dualistic thinking is insufficient for more advanced analysis. Socratic methods

tend to give way to Hegelian philosophy that was based on threes: thesis, antithesis, and synthesis. Inspired by Christian insights and grounded in his mastery of a fund of knowledge, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel attempted to answer all questions--natural, human, and divine--using dialectical reasoning that swung from thesis to antithesis and back again to a richer synthesis. Two opposing forces resolve into a creature wholly different, like the cross-fertilization of two different rose bushes producing a more perfect hybrid.

Higher learning tended to use triads. Among the seven liberal arts and sciences are grammar and rhetoric. Grammar uses subject, verb, and object – three things. Adjectives are inflected into good, better, and best – also triads. Grammatical tenses are conjugated into run, ran, and have run.

Rhetoric is similarly infused with triads. "A rhetorical comment," is a phrase meaning tangential or unnecessary words. Yet expert rhetoricians reveal much about the persuasive power of words and ideas in orderly lists. In Latin, word order doesn't matter. In English, "man bites dog," demonstrates that word order matters. We remember the three things that abide which are faith, hope, and charity. The order matters. The Bible did not say charity, faith, and hope. We remember from the French Revolution: equality, liberty, and fraternity – a triad. Providing citizens with equality and liberty produces the ideal of fraternity. Rhetoricians argue that the ear wants to hear the most complex at the end of the list as it finishes or completes the first two thoughts.

Triads appear in many ancient systems of thought. In numerology, triads are seen as the combination of odd (1) and even (2) that sums to three. Three becomes a symbol of perfection in many ancient cultures and mystic philosophies. Threes also appear very early in geography and in geometry. We can find any location on a plane by reference to three points. Even anthropological artifacts reflect triads. From the union of marriage comes a child. The complication of three elements is needed to provide sufficient complexity to achieve an idealized perfection.



## Masonic Website of the Month!

**Masonic Renewal Committee:** We work with Grand Lodges to provide tools which the thousands of lodges throughout North American use for growth and development of their members. We gather and distribute information from state and provincial level as well as grassroots sources. We do this so the innovative efforts of lodges and Grand Lodges may swiftly and efficiently implement these tools for their betterment.

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**The Cable Tow** is an app for Masons. It contains map information for lodges, meeting dates, masonic education, and much more. It is an all in one app for any Mason.

### FAST FACTS

JACHIN is the name of the right-hand pillar which stood in the porchway of King Solomon's Temple, and derives from the Hebrew Jah or God and 'iachin' will establish. Therefore, it means God will establish, and is the pillar of establishment.

Triads are also prominently employed in Lodges and Masonic writings. Why triads dominate over dyads or quartets of ideas may not conclusively be known, but speculative Masonry permits us ample opportunity to reflect on the reasons.

Threes appear prominently in the lecture of the winding stairs as we are shown the first three steps. They remind Fellowcrafts of the three degrees of Masonry and the three principal officers of the Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens. We learn that a Lodge is not singular. A Lodge is not dual. It is plural with a minimum of three.

Similarly, displaying of the three Greater Lights and the three lesser lights are central rituals for the opening and closing of the Lodge. As the furniture of the Lodge, they separately are symbols with meanings and lessons, but the fact that they are grouped into threes is not accidental.

The three lesser lights are named wisdom, strength, and beauty. They are said to help make Masons better men. Naturally, we could have added other virtues to the list: patience, fortitude, or peace-making, but the fact that there is but three draws your attention.

The three Greater Lights parallel the three lesser lights. First displayed on the altar is the Holy Bible or scriptures from other religions. The Holy Bible is a collection of writings, histories, and moral teachings that provide guidance in our actions. They are sometimes known as wisdom literature; indeed, one of the books in the Apocrypha during the inter-testamental period is the Book of Wisdom. King Solomon is recalled as a wise king whose wisdom was demonstrated by the story of two women claimants for a baby. Furthermore, that wisdom is symbolized atop the Worshipful Master by his hat, the crown of the ruler who is wise.

The square is the second Great Light. A right angle is key to forming a strong wall or a proper column--a wall that will withstand the vicissitudes of weather and seasons. Being on the square is commended to all Master Masons. We are charged to follow the rules and regulations of the Craft and of the country in which we live. We see the square as a symbol of right living in our own lives as well as order in society. The Senior Warden represents strength: he is the strong supporter of the Worshipful Master. Yet it is intriguing that the symbol of strength, the square, is worn as the jewel of the Worshipful Master.

The third symbol placed on the altar is the compasses. We use a compass to draw an arc or a perfect circle. There is beauty and perfection in structures built with arches and celestial windows. Cathedrals featured rose windows over the altar, which were circular stained-glass windows beautifully adorned for the contemplation of the glory of God. We are further taught a message hidden in the compasses to keep our actions within due bounds. Beauty is orderly, balanced, and under control. So too, the Junior Warden talks of the arc of the sun as it rises to Meridian height as being the beauty and glory of the day.

Hence, we repeat patterns of wisdom, strength, and beauty in the three officers as well as the Greater and Lesser Lights. The rhetoric of listing wisdom, strength, and beauty in this order places importance on beauty. Beauty is an odd ideal for a fraternity. Yet beauty is seen as the resolution of a life that is brimming with wisdom and strength. Men who exhibit wisdom and strength create harmony. Harmony is itself a characteristic of beauty in social settings as it is in aesthetics. In the Aurora Lodge (a German-speaking lodge in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin), the German word for beauty is Schönheit, which involves balance and symmetry, as in the beauty of a well-built structure. Perhaps we can visualize that a Lodge of filled with wise and strong men will produce better men in a manly sense of symmetry, strength, and beauty.

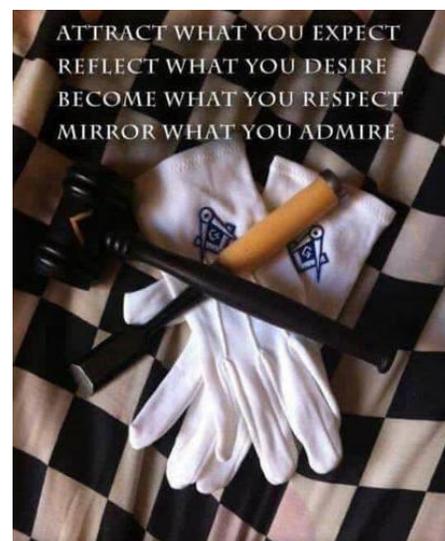
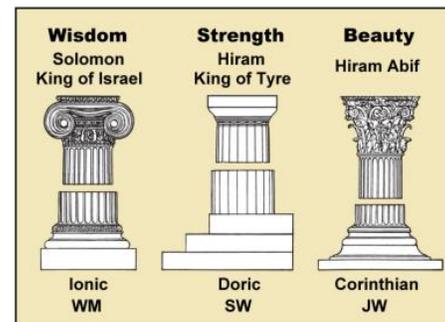
The three degrees emphasize three stages of life. Our youth and adolescence are emphasized in our training as Entered Apprentices; our manhood and useful work are keys to the Fellowcraft degree; and contemplating our own mortality is vividly illustrated in the Hiram story for Master Masons.

The posting monitors used by all three degrees today begin with three grand principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Meetings in Lodge are designed to reinforce these three principles as we practice fraternity, charity, and virtue – three moral guides.

Triads are used by Lodges to train our minds. As we grow in understanding we will tend to use more and richer triads. Intelligence, force, and harmony provide elegant synonyms used today for wisdom, strength, and beauty. Likewise, religion, law, and morals are pillars of Masonic teaching. By religious study and contemplation, we search out wisdom. By the force and rule of law, we

establish a strong and orderly society. And by inculcation of personal morality, we strive for beauty in our private and public lives.

The lesson for us is that the triads used in our rituals and in our lectures are purposeful and helpful to us. Let us strive for perfection by becoming better men in wisdom, strength, and beauty.



# 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.



## 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 School Supply Drop-off Was a Success!

The KSA worked 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. Through the generosity of the people at the Masonic Center the KSA was able to entirely fill the bin that was provided with school supplies for children in need in the Sioux Empire.

Thank you all for your school items and donations!! There is still time to donate, the bin will be taken back to The Banquet on August 2<sup>nd</sup> so please get your donations in before then.

## Brother Pulling's Son Earns a One Time Award!

Connor Pulling, Past Master Squire of the Sioux Falls Squires earned the Centennial Master Squire Meritorious Service Award from DeMolay International. This was only given out during the centennial celebration. He was one of only two Squires in the world to earn the award for his service and dedication to his Manor. Congratulations young man!



## A Brother and His Wife Bring Home the Some Non-Masonic Bling

Brother Ryan Harrison and his lovely wife Joy competed in the Tiger Rock Taekwondo World Championships in Orlando, Florida and represented very well. Here are the medals they won:

**Ryan:**  
**Gold in Sparring**  
**Gold in Forms**  
**Bronze in Board Breaking**

**Joy:**  
**Bronze in Board Breaking**

Congratulations to both of you on these huge accomplishments!! Great Job!



# From the Bodies of the Lodges

## Minnehaha #5

Minnehaha #5 had to have a late installation of its officers due to the new Worshipful Master and Secretary being out of town but they were able to put together a public installation for their members in July.

The members have been hard a work getting new petitions in and working on other prospects. WM, James Jensen set out some of his goals for the year at the fist meeting and it looks like it is going to be a fun and fulfilling term.

## Unity #130

Dan Nace was elected Junior Grand Warden at this year at Grand Lodge.

## Trinity #200

Trinity is Dark this month.



### **George Washington Masonic National Memorial**

This Masonic building is located in Alexandria, Virginia just outside of Washington DC. Construction started in 1922 but it took a staggering 48 years to when it was totally complete and finished in 1970. A fun fact about this building is that it has a room modeled after George Washington's lodge room!

# Masonic Spotlight!



## The Masonic Service Association

The Masonic Service Association of the United States was created in 1919 by the Grand Lodges of the United States for the purpose of performing a number of services under one central organization.

The initial reason for MSA's formation was so U.S. Freemasonry could provide aid to our military servicemen near the end of World War I. MSA's three major functions are:

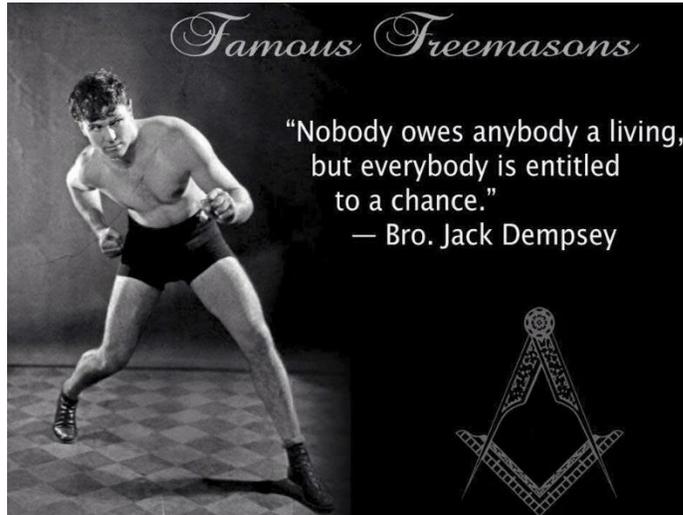
1. Education and Information. Since 1923, MSA has published the Short Talk Bulletin every month. It is considered the most widely distributed Masonic publication in the world.
2. Disaster Relief. In 1923 MSA issued its first disaster relief appeal. Since then MSA has become a recognized and credible Masonic group in North America, trusted by all Grand Lodges to forward aid around the world when disaster strikes. This has been one of MSA's key services. Total disaster aid collected and distributed by MSA since 1923 has surpassed \$10 million - a milestone of which we are very proud.
3. Hospital Visitation. From the start the cornerstone service provided by MSA is our work with those who have served in the military. Today MSA has approximately 180 Hospital Representatives and State Coordinators, plus hundreds more volunteers at virtually every VA Medical Center and at many state veterans' hospitals in the United States. These individuals have given thousands of hours of service to our Veterans, giving back to those who have served our country through great sacrifice.

If you wish to donate locally please contact Kevin Tomshack at:

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## An Influential Brother

### Bro. Jack Dempsey



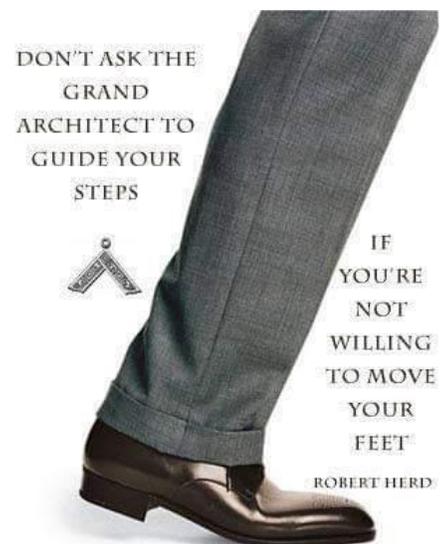
Bro. Dempsey became a Master Mason in Kenwood Lodge #800 in Chicago, Illinois. He fought in more than 100 semi-pro and professional fights before he won the Heavyweight Championship in 1919.

## Brothers to Keep in Our Thoughts

Brother Wade Welding of Minnehaha #5 continues to undergo testing to see if he is eligible for a transplant related to his cardiopulmonary hypertension. Please keep him and his family in our prayers. There is a benefit being organized by WM Jensen with details below on Page 9.

## Help Donate to the Scottish Rite or Shrine by Using Amazon Smiles

Remember Brothers, you can donate to the worthy cause of your choice by using Amazon Smiles. If you order items through Amazon a portion of that will be donated back to the organization you choose. It's easy and it's for a good cause.



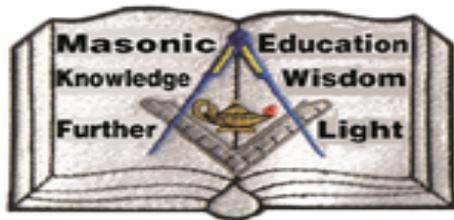
# Committee Cornerstones {We need Brothers!}

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.

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# SONGWRITER SUMMIT

WITH MICHAEL MCDERMOTT

A benefit concert presented by Minnehaha Lodge #5

**October 18, 2019**

El Riad Shrine

510 S Phillips Ave

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Tickets \$20.00 at the door

Doors at 6:30 PM, music at 8:00 PM



"Michael McDermott is one of the best songwriters in the world and possibly the greatest undiscovered rock & roll talent of the last 20 years" -**Stephen King**

"McDermott may well become one of his generation's greatest talents" - **Washington Post**

FEATURING: Mat d



Dubbed as the "Hemingway of the Highway" by fans, singer-songwriter Mathew deRiso has recorded and toured regionally since 2006. Critics have hailed him as "A Young Steve Earle with a more powerful set of Pipes" "Lynyrd Skynyrd meets Rob Zombie" and "Gritty, Soulful Hard Luck Americana"

[www.matdhardluckamericana.com](http://www.matdhardluckamericana.com)

All proceeds to benefit the Elmer C Anderson Scholarship Fund and Pulmonary Hypertension research.



# 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

## Knights of St. Andrew

**Stated Meeting:** Second Tuesday of the Month at 7pm

## York Rite

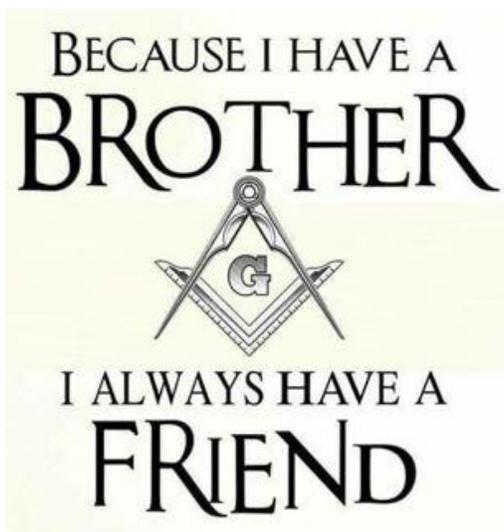
**Stated Meeting:** First Tuesday of the Month at 7pm  
Dark: July and August

## 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

## I See You've Traveled Some

BY ANONYMOUS

### The 6:30 Degree

Wherever you may chance to be  
Wherever you may roam,

Far away in foreign lands;  
Or just at Home Sweet Home;

It always gives you pleasure,  
it makes your heart strings hum

Just to hear the words of cheer,  
"I see you've traveled some."

When you get a brother's greeting,  
And he takes you by the hand,

It thrills you with a feeling  
that you cannot understand,

You feel that bond of brotherhood  
that tie that's sure to come

When you hear him say in a friendly way  
"I see you've traveled some."

And if you are a stranger,  
In strange lands all alone

If fate has left you stranded  
Dead broke and far from home,

It thrills you--makes you numb,  
When he says with a grip of fellowship,  
"I see you've traveled some."

And when your final summons comes,  
To take a last long trip,

Adorned with Lambskins Apron White  
and gems of fellowship

The tiler at the Golden Gate,  
With square and rule and plumb

Will size up your pin and say "Walk In",  
"I see you've traveled some."



Feel free to contact your Worshipful Master  
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## The Final Funnies

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