



Sioux Falls Freemasons The Trestle Board

*Three Lodges,
One Brotherhood*

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Words from the Worshipful Master

by James Jensen, WM Minnehaha #5

What Did I Get Into . . .

Greetings from the East! When I was asked to fill in as Senior Warden for an ailing brother and ultimately asked to step in as the new Master I had agreed without question. Several years ago, I had been working through the chairs when I had to step away for my own health issues. I figured I would have been a past Master by now had I not stepped away, so why not?

At my recent installation as Master of Minnehaha Lodge #5, after taking my obligation, I donned the top hat, picked up the gavel for the first time, and looked upon the Brethren in the Lodge, the gravity of what I have undertaken finally hit me. The view from the East, is completely different than that of the Senior Warden. The Brothers in the Lodge were looking at me in anticipation at what my next words will be. I flummoxed a few sentences of thanks and appreciation, but the very real responsibility hit me.

The concept of Master was completely foreign to me. I knew, of course, the Master opened and governed the lodge, but beyond that was a big question mark. It didn't take me long to figure out that the Master is the point person for all Lodge matters. It sounds stupid when you actually type it out, of

course the Master is the point of contact for the lodge, but the sheer number of requests and questions, and planning was a big surprise. Planning six months of degree work at a time, planning any major lodge events (CHIP Event or other large event), Masonic Building Association capital improvement projects, the list goes on and on . . .

It also dawned upon me as I sat in the East, that I am responsible for being a Masonic role model for all Mason's, inside and outside my Lodge. I am the outward face of Masonry when dealing with the non-Masonic public. I am responsible for maintaining peace and harmony among the Brethren. As Master, I am peacemaker between any quarreling Brothers, and am a friend and mentor to all Masons.

I am lucky enough to be surrounded by very good Masons, Past Masters, and other officers of the lodge. I will be leaning on them early and often. I need to know what I don't know (this list grows daily) and seek counsel with those who do.

Lastly, as Master, I am now fully aware that if I do not help the Brethren gather new members, teach and nurture them, and try to retain them as active members of the fraternity, the Lodge and the Craft suffers.



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Think about all the Masonic triads we have in our Craft.

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by Jerry Grouzis, SW Minnehaha #5

Enjoying Being Involved

Greetings from the West Brothers. That's right; I have moved on from Junior Warden in the South to Senior Warden in the West. I have enjoyed my time as Junior Warden but now I need to hit the books and start learning my Senior Warden parts. It's going to be an exciting new year with new petitions already coming in. I'm looking forward to participating and helping the new candidates in their journey to becoming Masons.

On the tail end of being Junior Warden, I was asked by Tom Hoy to join him in the Masonic Building Association. I have only sat in on a few meetings but look forward to helping everyone on the Committee make a difference in improving our building.

Last year, I volunteered some of my time with the Masons and Scottish Rite helping both groups with serving meals and helping out in the kitchen. I had a blast and am looking forward to doing it again.

This year, I walked in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade with some of our Brothers representing the Masons. Once again, I had lots of fun walking with everyone. I hope some of our new members plan on participating in some of our activities this year. Hint, hint.

Just to give everyone some insight about myself and family life. I've been married to my wonderful wife, Trish, a South Dakota native, for 14 years. I also have a son named Dylan who is 11 and starting middle school this year. He has made it a point to let us know that he's not that excited about middle school but we're pretty sure he is. I like to spend my free time with my family and friends. We also love to travel as much as we can.

I hope 2019 has had a great start for each and every one of you!



A Word from the Junior Wardens

by Jon Gill, JW Minnehaha #5

Allow Me to Introduce Myself

One and a half months into being a JW and I get an ASAP from Brian saying my article is late, guess I knew I was to write one of these, but it was locked up in one of the cabinets in the back of my head. So, I've decided to say a little bit about myself and explain why I'm here.

To get the first two questions I'm asked out of the way: Yes, I'm Arlie's brother, and no I'm not the youngest. I prefer "the more mature one".

I started my Masonic Journey at the ripe old age of 67. I knew about Masonry, my grandfather, two great uncles, my dad, two uncles and a brother were Masons. At least three ended up Worshipful Masters. My mother was a Worthy Matron in Eastern Star. Better late than never I guess.

2016 was a bad year for us. One of our sons had been fighting cancer for a year and lost. This left a big hole in our lives and I ended up depressed and withdrawn for most of the year. I knew I had to change something but didn't know what. Then I was asked if I'd be interested in Masons. I jumped at the chance. Not so much for what I could do for the Masons or society as a whole, but what Masonry could do for me. Masonry didn't fill that hole, but it sure helped in bridging it.

Now it's payback time and I'm loving every minute of it. As I'm progressing through the chairs and seeing the younger generation raised to Master Masons I can't help but think what it would be like if I had started 30 years sooner. Not to mention that you have more brain cells to help with the memorization.

You don't always know where life's journey is going to take you or what bumps you'll hit, but because of your Masonic friends the road is smoother and more enjoyable.



THIS MONTH'S EDUCATION TOPIC

Your Masonic Education

by Brother Jack Collett from a Masonic Spring Workshop in 1990

Masonry Past

[Editor's note: this month we will begin a three-part series on Masonry Past, Today and Tomorrow. This series is from a set of lectures given during a Masonic Workshop in 1990.]

In Shakespeare's play *As You Like It*, there is a well-known speech by Jacques wherein he tries to explain to his distressed father the Duke, the ways of the world. He says:

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances:
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His Acts being seven ages.

Jacques goes on to outline those seven stages starting with the infant and ending with old age:

Last scene of all,
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is second childishness and mere oblivion;
Sans teeth sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

Human life does not progress through these various stages as smoothly as Shakespeare would have us think. People get stuck at a certain stage and never progress. There are individuals that never get out of their adolescence no matter how old they are. Some don't even get out of the whining schoolboy age.

Organizations are very much like the human being. They start with a newness and an excess of energy and, normally should progress to maturity and wise old age. So often organizations get stuck at one point of development and go no further.

The Masonic Order does not differ from human beings or from other organizations in this regard. There is always the possibility of getting stranded at one stage of development and remaining there while the rest of society forges ahead to new concepts and exciting challenges.

Masonry came into Alberta when on January 13, 1882, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba granted a dispensation for Saskatchewan Lodge No. 17, G.R.M. to be established. This

Lodge was instituted on February 13 of the same year and consecrated on April 21, 1882, with 13 members. Despite the Shakespearean model of development, Saskatchewan Lodge did not develop beyond infancy and the charter was surrendered on February 13, 1889. Another start was made two years later when the Grand Lodge of Manitoba issued a dispensation to erect Bow River Lodge No. 28, G.R.M. on January 1, 1884.

In its infancy in Alberta, the Masonic Order grew very well. There were no great problems. With the influx of settlers more Lodges were organized. Many of them met monthly at the time of the full moon so that the members could have some light for their treks to the meetings and for their way home if their meetings did not last until the first light of the dawn. It was a time when the Lodges met quietly and when fellowship was most essential to these pioneering folk who had little enough contact with other people.

Time moved on and the district of Alberta attracted more and more settlers. The North West Mounted Police brought law and order to the western lands. The Canadian Pacific Railway bound the country together with its bands of steel. By the summer of 1905 there were eighteen Masonic Lodges operating in the district of Alberta. The result was that the Grand Lodge of Alberta was established on October 12, 1905, just about one month after the Province of Alberta had come into existence.

Masonry in Alberta, following the Shakespearean model, moved into its adolescent period. It was one of great growth and of deep interest in the development of the Grand Lodge Constitution and the consecration of various Lodges. Even the First World War, 1914 - 1918, did not stop the expansion of the Masonic Order in Alberta. Settlers poured into northern areas and into many other parts of the Province. At the conclusion of the Great War, the Grand Lodge of Alberta had 110 Lodges under its jurisdiction.

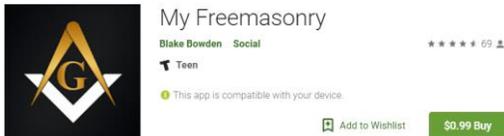
Masonry in Alberta continued to flourish in spite of the great depression of the thirties and World War Two which ended in Europe on May 7, 1945, and in the Far East on August 29, 1945. Optimism was in the



Masonic Website of the Month!

The **Free Mason Network** is a social networking site that connects you to thousands of other Masons around the US and 147 countries around the World! It's simple to use, gives you the latest news and opinions about Masonic topics and connects you to your Brothers near and far.

<http://www.freemasonnetwork.org/home>



Masonic Phone App of the Month!

The **My Freemasonry Mobile App** grants you full access to the My Freemasonry website and discussion forum. Join over 16,000 fellow Freemasons as they share upcoming Masonic events, educational papers, photos and more!

FAST FACTS

In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City, MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.

Alberta air because of economic prosperity, especially when the oil boom hit Alberta. Despite the fact that there was a spirit of optimism in the province there were indications that instead of following Shakespeare and going immediately from adolescence into maturity, the Masonic order was in for a period non-development. One Grand Master asserted that the Masonic Lodge "should be a factor in the life of the community." Another Grand Master asserted that it was time for Freemasonry to set its house in order and he said this could not be done by "the weary occupation of how we can beat up a new enthusiasm," but that it could be done by clarifying the goals for which the order stood. Another Grand Master felt that Masonry should move out of its tendency to shield itself from community life and proposed that the Grand Lodge organize a Boys' Farm to reclaim delinquent adolescents. Loss in membership caused some concern. The Grand Lodge communication in 1966 heard of a decrease of 170 and the next year it was 180. At the same time there were cries that the quality of applicants was decreasing.

When I was a newly ordained minister, I was sent in 1938 to the small town of St. Paul in north eastern Alberta. It was a largely Roman Catholic, French speaking area. Most of the Protestants in town were transient, Bank employees, C.N.R. employees, R.C.M.P. and so forth. A number of them were Masons. Although most of them were faithful church members, to this day I do not know where the Masonic Hall was located. I visited St. Alban's Lodge 145 when I was Grand Master, and no one could understand why I had not applied for membership while I was there. St. Alban's did not survive. It was constituted on July 29, 1926, and on July 7, 1973, it amalgamated with St. George's Lodge No. 169 of Elk Point.

My next appointment was at Taber. The Church Board there was made up almost completely of Masons. The Secretary was an Anglican. Each summer, he would come over to our house with flowers and vegetables for my wife. At the same time, he would enter into a very pleasant conversation with me. Never once did the subject of Masonry come up. When I visited there when I was Grand Master, they told me they could never understand why I did not apply for membership. Doric Lodge constituted on July 10, 1908, but on May 4, 1979, Doric Lodge No. 31 amalgamated with Lucerne Lodge No. 159 and the Lodge meetings were moved from Taber to Vauxhall.

Then I moved to Claresholm. Tuesday nights in Claresholm were Lodge night and no other meetings were ever scheduled for Tuesdays. One day I became exasperated with this inflexible situation and I said to the Clerk of Session, "What in the world is so important about these Lodges that we all have to plan around what they claim is their special night." He calmly asked me if I really wanted to know and I said, "You bet I do." You see where that rather rash and hasty statement landed me.

In Claresholm, the barber was Bill McKenzie. He was my coach. As most of you know, I never boast about my ability as a ritualist. In fact, there was one time when I was raising a candidate in the Third Degree, I wandered off the track, but being accustomed to adlibbing, I continued on until the candidate was finally raised. After the Lodge was closed a brother, very skilled, came over to me and said, "I want to compliment you on your work tonight. It was done very well. Would you mind telling me what rite you were working in?" Bill was an excellent coach. I would go down to the barbershop and he could immediately, in the middle of the morning, pull down all the blinds and lock the door. Then we would go at it with no book visible at all. The members of the Lodge would go by the barbershop and say, "Well Bill's at it with Collett again I wonder if he'll ever make it." We did make it, but it is a source of constant regret that Cairo Lodge today struggles for its very existence.

One day, when I was Grand Master, I was in the Grand Lodge Office and the Grand Secretary, the late Ned Rivers, asked me if I would like to make a surprise visit to Picture Butte that night and I said yes. So, Ned got on the phone. We rounded up two carloads from Calgary. He telephoned Del McQueen, a Past Grand Master who lived in Vulcan, who arranged for another two carloads and the District Deputy of Lethbridge who arranged for several cars. We arrived in Picture Butte after nightfall and had supper in a small cafe. To my surprise, Ned was not sure where the Lodge Room was located. We asked the waitress and she had never heard of the Masons, she knew about the Lions, the Knights of Columbus but not the Masons. An R.C.M.P. constable was having a cup of coffee. He couldn't help. We went outside and then saw a dim light a block away and decided that was the Lodge Room. I have a distinct recollection of the Junior Warden on the telephone trying to persuade his wife to make more sandwiches. He said, "They're coming by the carload from all directions. We've got to do

something." The Master of the lodge survived the shock and received the party well. The Lodge Room had never seen such a crowd and what a great evening it was. The sorry part was that the Masonic Lodge was making no impact on the community as far as being a public presence was concerned.

The Masonic Spring Workshop started in my term as Grand Master when we decided to have a study session the Tuesday evening before the Grand Lodge sessions commenced. Those were the days when the brethren came into the city the night before Grand Lodge opened and were at loose ends for something to do in the evening. The idea was prompted first of all by the conviction of many that we needed to talk informally about Masonry and also by a popular book that had been written by M.W.Bro. Dwight L. Smith, then Grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, titled *Why All the Confusion in the Temple*. These works were attempts to study the wide-spread malaise that was beginning to affect Freemasonry. Alberta was reporting a decline in membership, an alarming decrease in attendance and increasing talk about amalgamation or surrendering Charters.

That first evening at Mount Royal College was overwhelmingly successful. We had such a large attendance that we were pressed to find rooms for the small groups to meet in for discussions. This led to the proposal that Masons throughout Alberta should be given an opportunity to get together to discuss Masonry in an informal and unstructured way, not hampered by the formalities of Lodge meetings. We were fortunate to have Mel Dunford in the Grand Lodge Office as Assistant to the Grand Secretary. He had a background of experience with the United Church Men's Conference that was held in Banff annually. After some discussion it was decided that we would attempt a Masonic Spring Workshop organized along the lines of the United Church effort. It would be a tragedy if we did not pause here to pay a tribute to Mel Dunford who bore the brunt of the organization of the Workshop and acted as its secretary some fifteen years.

I can well remember the First Workshop. The Banff School of Fine Arts was not organized to handle the large number of Masons who wanted to attend. There were no large residence buildings. When the Committee arrived two days early to set up the

Workshop Mel was handed all the keys and told to assign rooms. Somehow, he had everything ready when the influx came. I suspect he went without sleep for at least one night. Not only did we have a profitable time in discussions, but we had a memorable social time as well. Jim Woods proved to be an efficient Parade Marshall, visiting rooms with the aid of a Piper to unheard of morning hours. Of course, there were difficulties in the early years, but they were not sufficiently serious to mar the real purpose of the gathering.

The problem that Masonry was facing, if we follow our Shakespearean model was that Masonry had stalled in its growth and remained in its late adolescent years. The craft was so bent on secrecy and self-examination that it was failing to make a meaningful impact on the community. It was not visible amongst the multitude of organizations in the community. The general public did not know what Masonry was and what it did. There were many amazing stories around about Masonic practices. Even the members of the Masonic Order were not at all certain of their purpose. Indeed, it was a typical mixed up adolescent age. The basic problem is one common to all organizations which have a long history.

The organization has a purpose and a philosophy with which it starts. It also exists within a society. The organization takes on some of the characteristics of the society in which it lives. Thus, you have a combination of the basic principles of the organization combined with the peculiarities of the society, which makes up the way in which the organization operates. The difficulty comes when the human society changes and in the last eighty years our society has changed very rapidly. When an organization refuses to move with the changes in society, then that organization ceases to be effective. Freemasonry started with a number of basic principles. It lived in a pre-modern society and took unto itself many characteristics of the society. It became static and wanted to carry with it not only the basic principles but also a multitude of outworn customs. Because of this it has found itself in the backwaters of modern life. So, the Masonic order is in difficulty with the church, the younger generation and society in general. Masonry must look at itself, decide what basic principles are fundamental and must cast aside those prejudices and practices that are not essential. It was fine fifty years ago for a Lodge to meet quietly for the sake of

fellowship and not to talk about its purposes and objectives. Society accepted that for the age of communication had not arrived. When the new age did come, Masonry was not prepared and was passed by.

The time has come now for the Masonic Order to examine itself and ask two questions:

1. What are those things that are basic to the order?
2. What are those elements that are not essential and can be put aside as accretions in order that the order will fit into the world of the twenty-first century?

Tonight, we are looking at the past. In the next couple of days other speakers will analyze Masonry as it is today and as it must be tomorrow.

Let us look at the past. What elements do we bring from the past that must be maintained today and tomorrow?

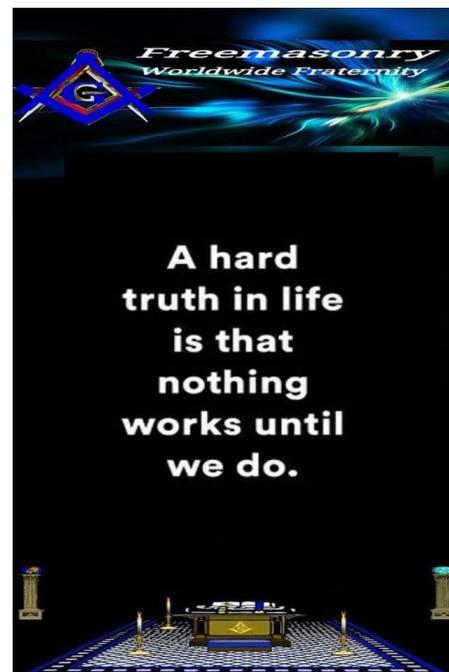
1. When we take away all the trappings with which Masonry has surrounded itself during its long history, we find that the fraternity exists for one purpose and that is to preserve, to transmit to posterity the worthwhile parts of civilization that our forefathers passed on to us.
2. Masonry is an organization of human effort to preserve and promote civilization, but it does not do this in terms of caste or creed or within political, territorial or religious limits. In other words, it is universal. Because of this the Masonic Order will run into trouble with some organizations, secular and religious, that would like to confine themselves to one section of society or one religious outlook. This Masonry must constantly refuse to do. It is universal in its outlook.
3. If Masonry is to pass on the best of our modern civilization if it is to embrace all religions, races and cultures then it has to rid itself of some of its static and unproductive ideas and get into the stream of present-day life. The ideal of the eighteenth century was knowledge; the ideal of the nineteenth century was the projection of morality into the new knowledge; the ideal of the twentieth century is the development of communication so that knowledge, ideals, morality can be a part of a universal culture. Wherever in this world there is a Lodge of Masons, that Lodge should be in

the forefront of communicating by modern means the ideals of knowledge, morality and universality.

When the Entered Apprentice stands before the Master of the Lodge some working tools are placed in his hands. He is told what they are to be used for. He must use them and then return them to the Master. They never become his own. The Grand Master of this Universe has entrusted to the Masonic Order working tools by which the life of this suffering world may be molded. We do not own those working tools; they are just for us to use and then to return them to the Eternal. When we return those tools, we pray that they may have been used in the Craft of humanity so that the great Lodge of this world will have pleasure and profit.

For after all:

All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts....



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 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 10 and as you will see, **we finally have some updates!** 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 Cleaning Up!

The KSA held their stated meeting on Tuesday 8/13 and noticed there was a definite smell coming from the kitchen area at the Lodge. It was determined that the smell was coming from a considerable amount of dirty dishes and pans that had been left in the sink after the building was used over the weekend.

The Brothers got to work! They cleaned all the dishes and pans, washed all the plastic dish tubs and mopped the kitchen floor. This lead KSA VM Brenden Lutz to suggest that the KSA spend a Saturday afternoon on 8/17 and clean as much of the building as possible. If anyone would like to help, several members of the KSA will be in the building at around 1pm. **Our Lodge building is like a second home for many of us, please work to help take care of it.**

A Heartfelt Thank You That Everyone Needs to Seen

During the last part of April Most Worshipful Grand Master Wood asked for volunteers to help stand guard at the local synagogue to ensure that the folks worshipping inside for their Passover Seder were safe from interruption. Several Brothers answered the call and helped out. The Brothers were greeted in a wonderful and warm fashion. After the Seder, the ladies ensured that they were all well fed for their efforts and there were a lot of hugs and handshakes for the help that was provided.

Brother Pulling was conversing with Jen Dreiske (Associate Warden at the State Prison) about an educational discussion she is going to be doing at his church. She sent him a thank you to the Brothers that helped out that night and asked that it be shared.

Brothers, it is not everyday that we are thanked for what we do; partially because we don't seek it; we do good works because it is in our hearts. However, this is an excellent example of how a small kind gesture can mean so much to people and bring all of us closer together. Here is what Jen wrote:

"I was telling DaNiel Wood the other day how much I really appreciated you and the masons for what you did standing guard over the synagogue. I told him that it is so much

more than hiring a security guard or police officer. To have you men out there smiling, laughing, and welcoming folks to our Temple was more spiritually fulfilling than the service downstairs. To know we have people in the community who are upstanders who actively support us in our faith and in who we are is more spiritual than any religious book out there. To have a group of men normalize the synagogue by saying the Jewish community is "cool" and important enough for us to volunteer our time to make sure they are safe – there are not enough words. The action you all took to support us as a people, as a religious community, children, families, young, old, to say we have your back – is way more than any prayer that could be said. When we study the Holocaust, people ask themselves what would we have done . . . now in these times we must ask what should we or can we do now . . . you and your men answered those questions loudly. I told DaNiel it would be awesome if this could be a tradition for all of our large gatherings on the High Holy Days etc. that you and your men could come do that again. Even though some of you may think it was only doing a service and looking out for people in the community – I see it as Spirit in action – prayer in action – G-d's love in action. You made belief in all that is good in people not just a thought – but a verb, an action. It is good to feel and see that these days because the issue I see is that on social media we become armchair allies – we post things – but do we actually do what we post? You did.

So you and your men have my love and admiration."

Brothers, that is very high praise and shows what can happen when the principles of Masonry come alive in front of our community. Thank you very much to Most Worshipful DaNiel Wood for thinking of us to help with this and to the Brothers who took time out of their lives to be there. Together with our community, we are all enriched.





Scottish Rite News

Sioux Falls Valley of the Scottish Rite



From the Bodies of the Lodges

Minnehaha #5

Minnehaha is off to a great start already this year with almost 10 new petitions being turned in. The momentum from last year seems to have definitely carried over into this term.

It is great to see the number of chairs being manned by new members and members who have never served as an officer or in an appointed position. There is a renewed energy in the Lodge and everyone is feeling it.

Unity #130

Unity is off and running with over 10 candidates who filled out petitions. The WM also took some time to meet with the other Lodges to figure out a degree schedule to get us through the end of 2019.

Trinity #200

Trinity is back and jumping right into some degree work. They had a special meeting while they were dark to read petitions and now they are ready to help bring those candidates light.



La Grande Lodge Nationale Francaise

The National Grand Lodge of France has a wonderful contemporary headquarters building that's very difficult to find at 12 rue Christine de Pisan. It's so secret that most taxi drivers can't seem to figure out where it is. Many Paris lodges meet in this building, along with their Grand Lodge. (Freemasonry for Dummies)

Masonic Spotlight



Colonel Thomas H. Brown

Thomas Brown was the man who brought Freemasonry to Sioux Falls and started Minnehaha Lodge #5 (Minnehaha is the Native American name for the falls on the Sioux River) which was organized in 1873 under dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

He was born on August 17, 1837 in Portabello, England. He was 11 years old when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents to settle in Wisconsin until 1861 when he joined in the Civil War as a member of Company I, Third Wisconsin Infantry. He fought in several large battles and was honorably discharged in 1865. After that he was a miner in Montana and a hardware store owner in Wisconsin again before moving to Sioux Falls in 1872 with his wife.

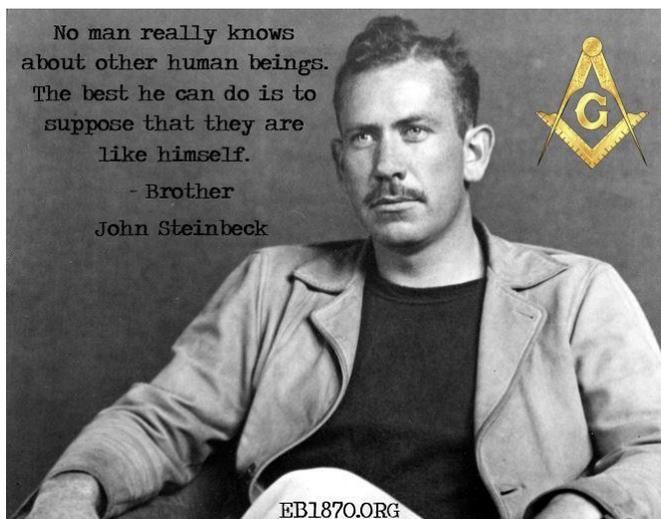
They occupied the first frame dwelling in Sioux Falls at the corner of Phillips and 12th street. He was a very enterprising man, he partnered in a lumber business, a hardware and leather business, and purchased right of way land for the Northwestern Railroad. After that he got into the printing business and eventually partnered with Eugene Saenger to form the business we know today as Brown and Saenger.

He was the first WM of Minnehaha (he would be WM five more times), first WM of Unity, First Grand Master of the Dakota Territory (he served in that capacity a second time), the first chairman of the school board, and the first president of the Board of Education.

Worshipful Brother Brown lived to the age of 84 and was buried January 23, 1922. He was laid to rest in his family plot located in Block 16, Lot 9 of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery with his family. There is a lot that Sioux Falls has to thank this Brother for but most of all we can thank him for bringing Masonry to our community.

An Influential Brother

Bro. John Steinbeck



Bro. Steinbeck was Initiated in California at Salinas Lodge #204 on March 21st 1929. He was Passed on April 12th and Raised May 24th of that same year. He is best know as the author of The Grapes of Wrath, Of Mice and Men and East of Eden. He also earned a Nobel Prize in Literature in 1962.

Brothers to Keep in Our Thoughts

Brother Welding continues waiting to see if he is eligible for a transplant related to his cardiopulmonary hypertension. Brother Rise is going through a series of IV medication to clear up a medical issue. Brothers Butterfield, Poe and Tomshack are all going to be evaluated for or will be having surgery on their joints (shoulder and leg). Please keep these Brothers and their families in your prayers.

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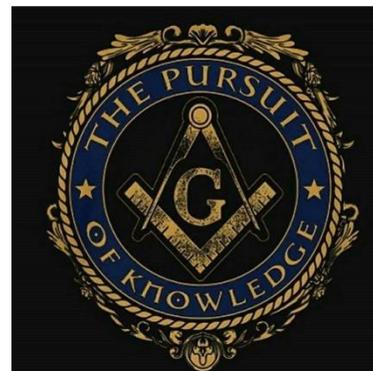
Remember Brothers, you can donate to the worthy cause of your choice by using Amazon Smiles. If you order items through Amazon a portion of that will be donated back to the organization you choose. It's easy and its for a good cause.

Masonic Stag Night is Back!

We had so much fun throwing axes last time that we thought it would be a great way to kick off the year by doing it again! Please contact Bro. Pulling if you are interested barrister1965@gmail.com.

On October 5th, Bro. Arreola has offered to educate us all on the ins and outs of insurance including: Major Medical "Do's" & "Don'ts" and Medicare and Medicare Supplement (Medicare in General) 65+ "Do's" & Don'ts". He will also talk about open enrollment and answer as many questions as he can.

On October 12th there is the softball outing that Unity is sponsoring. Please contact Bro. Damian Vacin for details. He can be reached through the Unity Secretary at: unity130secretary@gmail.com



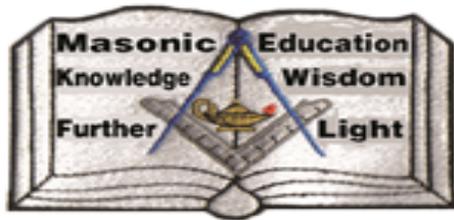
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by Your Committee Representatives



Good Works and Outreach Committee

Brothers Arreola and Pulling have been busy meeting with and talking to new candidates. Brother Arreola is also going to bring the Brothers a presentation on "What you need to know about health insurance" on October 5th. If you have questions please bring them with you!



Masonic Education Committee

<<NEED MEMBERS>> 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

<<NEED MEMBERS>> 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

Brothers Andersen and Harrison are starting to put together sets of degree teams so Brothers will know who to contact if degree work needs to be done and a person in a Lodge may not be able to make it. The goal is to have contact list that can be shared among the Lodges.



Communication and Technology Committee

Brothers Polk and Pulling are hard at work coming up with ideas and how to execute them for a Minnehaha #5 website. Among other things they are working to provide is a Masonic Directory that they hope will be able to eventually encompass the entire state and be usable by all Masons.



Masonic Building Association Committee

The MBA is hard at work going through the budget from 2019 and starting to build a budget for 2020. They have also organized some of the major work that needs to be done into a "punch list" so it can be prioritized. The membership of the Committee is engaged and looking at a lot of alternatives to help make our building the best it can be.

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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

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 (may vary)

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 (Typically this group meets via email communication)

Masonic Education Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Mentoring Committee

Date and Time: TBD

Ritualistic Excellence Committee

Date and Time: TBD (Typically this group meets via email communication and phone calls)

Communications and Technology Committee

Date and Time: TBD (Typically this group meets via email communication)

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

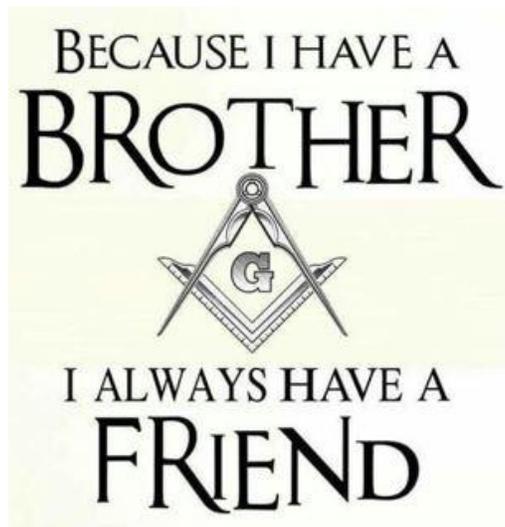
Stated Meeting: First Monday of the Month is the business meeting and the third Monday of the month is a fun meeting

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 Death of Someone Else

BY AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Our Lodge was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a catechism to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it."

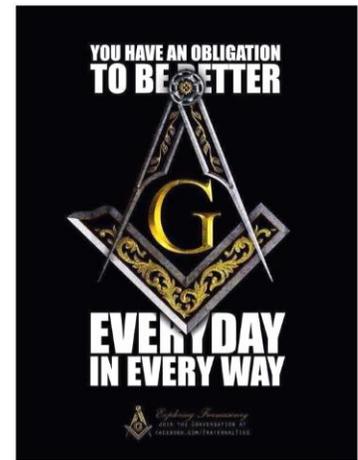
Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; Someone Else can work with that group or committee. It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers of our Lodge.

Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone!

We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember - we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.



Feel free to contact your Worshipful Master for questions or comments:

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