



Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota

PROCLAMATION

I hereby proclaim that one (1) copy of the written-out work of recognized Ritual and Lectures used in the conferral of the three (3) degrees of Masonry (i.e. Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason) as recognized and used in the Grand Jurisdiction, A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota shall be made available to any recognized Lodge, District Master or District Custodian in and under South Dakota Grand Lodge Jurisdiction. This Ritual shall also include the procedures for opening, closing, calling up/down. Further, the Grand Lodge will maintain a lodge secretary only access to the ritual on the Grand Lodge website in accordance to Section 2.11 of the Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws.

The procurement of the Ritual shall be the responsibility of the Lodge. Each Lodge shall request, in writing, a copy of this Ritual through the office of the Grand Secretary. In making the request, the seal of the Lodge shall be affixed there-to, along with the signature of the Master and Secretary of the requesting Lodge. In so doing they certify that this material shall at all times be maintained in a secure environment and used only by authorized Brethren in good standing. Each succeeding Master and Secretary of the Lodge will annually sign the Minute Book of the Lodge acknowledging receipt of the material at the time of their Installation into office. Certain words that are peculiarly used in Masonry are not to be inserted. These words shall be replaced by a series of dots or dashes. The procurement of this material is optional and is not mandated.

The Grand Lodge Office shall cause a current list of Lodges that have this Ritual be maintained. Should a Lodge cease to function or close, this Ritual shall be immediately returned to the Grand Lodge Office in person or by registered mail. No part of the Ritual shall be reproduced or copied in any manner or form.

Fraternally,

Harold D. Ireland
Grand Master

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