



# CENTRAL SD MASONIC MESSENGER



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## DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I had a busy month of travel. On Monday, February 3, 2020, a couple of Pierre Lodge members and myself attended Lily Lodge in Blunt. A great presentation about George Washington was presented, and cherry pie and ice cream followed. Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> a different group of Pierre Lodge members headed to Onida, no meeting was held, but a nice conversation about the future of Onida Lodge was discussed. The next night yet again Pierre Lodge members came along for a trip to Ionic Lodge in Gettysburg, and helped them open, since it had been a while since they have been able to open. They were very appreciative for the help. A ground blizzard met me on my way to Mobridge, to attend Lodge there on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. A wonderful meal was prepared before the meeting, with some family members in attendance. A well-attended meeting followed. It was a very late night, before I crawled in to bed. Hiram Lodge finished my District meetings on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion on raising dues in the future. On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, my wife and I attended Bethel #12 Joan Knutson's reception as Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Members of Sturgis Olive Branch #47, showed me a banner that was found recently, that embroidered names of members who served in World War I, and research they have done on this banner.

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## PIERRE LODGE #27

Dear Members of Pierre Lodge # 27,

I am certain that you are all looking forward to Spring, which will approach in just 3 weeks and we are all so ready for that. First, let me thank those that cleaned the Temple this last week in preparation for the annual George Washington Dinner. The Dinner went very well with a good turnout and plenty of help in food preparation and serving. Thanks Brother Masons. What a well-greased machine Pierre Lodge is in producing such a great event. Hats off to WB Perry Anderson for his direction in the total operation of celebrating George Washington's Birthday. Had the Father of our Country been here, he would have been so very pleased.

I wish to invite all Past Masters of Pierre Lodge # 27 to our **March 9<sup>th</sup>** stated meeting. I will have my officers prepare a nice meal **at 6:00PM** to honor all Past Masters and our 50-year member Robert Travis. The meal will be served at 6:00PM and the ladies are invited to the meal. **At 7:00PM** sharp we will call the meeting to order, as we have invited the District Master to make an official 50-year award presentation to Brother Travis. I also plan to introduce all Past Masters.

So that we will have the right amount of food, please call Uncle Matt at **280-7248** or E-mail him at **unclematt@AOL.COM** and tell him that you will be there and if your wife or significant

other will be with you for the meal. Do this **by March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Now Think Spring.

Brian Ballew, Master (605) 224-1689

## LILY LODGE #62 HARROLD-BLUNT

(No message for this month.)

Gerald Johnson, Master (605) 222-3763

## IONIC LODGE #83

Ionic Lodge #83 met and opened in proper form with the assistance of Masonic Brothers from Pierre Lodge #27. We enjoyed great fellowship. It felt good to perform ritual and share Masonic activity.

Grand Lodge will be here sooner than we think. Scholarship selections for high school students will be in April. Applications are available to H.S. Seniors.

We keep those Masons and families who are coping with health or financial issues in our prayers. Our sympathies go out to the family of James Likness (father of Brother Steve Likness) in Pierre.

Ezra Mink, Master Home (605) 765-2746  
Larry Madsen, Secretary Cell (605) 769-1764

## HIRAM LODGE #123

The March meeting will be an important one to attend. Long term finances are the subject. Currently our annual dues are \$45 per year while Grand Lodge's per cap is assessed at \$35 per member. That leaves us with \$10 per person to operate our lodge for a year. Next year, Grand Lodge will increase the per cap to \$45 per person leaving us with nothing. In addition, we need to update our by-laws per Grand Lodge too.

We need to plan our Table Lodge for April too. Plan to attend and bring a Brother.

Steve Likness, Scribe slikness@pie.midco.net

## MOBRIDGE LODGE #164

The February Mobridge Masonic Lodge Day was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, at the Mobridge Masonic Temple. Supper was held at 6:00PM and the Brethren, their families, and distinguished guests enjoyed roast pork with choice of gourmet "Tommy Q" BBQ sauces, glazed tarragon carrots, fried potatoes,

pasta vinaigrette Italiano, house lettuce salad, dinner rolls, and red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting and choice of blueberry sauce and cherry sauce! It was a very delicious meal and Temple Chefs, WB Robert Coulter and Brother Thomas Strickland did a wonderful job preparing and serving. Unfortunately, this will be the last scheduled Mobridge Masonic Fellowship Meal, because attendance has been dwindling and RSVP's have not been given, so a lot of food has gone to waste. WB Coulter has graciously donated the items for the meals from his own funding and in exchange, all proceeds from the free will offering meals have gone to the Mobridge Masonic Student Scholarship Fund. This has allowed that fund to be self-sustaining over the past couple years. However, now that the meals are ceasing due to lack of attendance, the Brethren will have to provide another source of funding for the scholarship program. The Stated Communication was held at 7:00PM and District 13 Worshipful District Master Chris Kaus was in attendance for his official visit to Mobridge Lodge No. 164 A.F. & A.M. Business was conducted and then WB Kaus gave a presentation. The March Mobridge No. 164 A.F. & A.M. Stated Communication will be on Monday, March 9, 2020. Go to [164-sd.ourlodgepage.com](http://164-sd.ourlodgepage.com) to check out our OLP website and event calendar for all Masonic related events in Mobridge! You can also visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mobridgemasons](http://www.facebook.com/mobridgemasons) or you can email us at [mobridgemasons@outlook.com](mailto:mobridgemasons@outlook.com). Mobridge Lodge No. 164 AF&AM regularly meets at the Mobridge Masonic Temple for Supper at 6:00PM and Stated Communication at 7:00PM on the second Monday of each month, September through June. All Masons, their families, and guests are invited to the freewill offering fellowship supper. All proceeds of the fellowship supper go to the Mobridge Masonic Scholarship Fund. All Master Masons in good standing are invited to the Stated Communication!

Tony M. Larsen, Secretary-Treasurer

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## **MOBRIDGE YORK RITE BODIES**

The mission of the Mobridge York Rite Club is to keep and bolster the presence of York Rite Masonry in Mobridge and north central South Dakota. Membership in the Mobridge York Rite Club is open to any Companions and Sir Knights who are in good standing in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Cryptic Masons, and/or Commandery of Knights Templar in South Dakota. Mobridge area York Rite Masons are usually members of the Pierre York Rite Bodies, but this is not a requirement to belong to the Mobridge York Rite Club. The MYRC will meet on an as-needed basis. Check out our MYRC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mobridgeyorkrite](http://www.facebook.com/mobridgeyorkrite), which is where meeting and event notices are posted. Notices are also posted on the calendar at [164-sd.ourlodgepage.com](http://164-sd.ourlodgepage.com), or you can email us at [mobridgeyorkrite@outlook.com](mailto:mobridgeyorkrite@outlook.com). We invite all Companions & Sir Knights in good standing to become part of this Club!

Tony M. Larsen, Secretary

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## **MOBRIDGE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB**

The Mobridge Scottish Rite Club meets on an as-needed basis. Membership in the club is open to all Scottish Rite Masons in South Dakota in good standing. If you are interested in joining this Club or are a Master Mason interested in becoming/joining

the Scottish Rite, please call 605-229-9019, email us at [mobridgescottishrite@outlook.com](mailto:mobridgescottishrite@outlook.com), or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mobridgescottishrite](http://www.facebook.com/mobridgescottishrite). Notices are also posted on the calendar at [164-sd.ourlodgepage.com](http://164-sd.ourlodgepage.com).

Tony M. Larsen, President

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## **YELDUS MOBRIDGE SHRINE CLUB**

The Yelduz Mobridge Shrine Club met on Monday, February 3, 2020, at the Mobridge Masonic Temple. Nobles enjoyed Social & hors d'oeuvre at 6:30PM. The Stated Meeting was held at 7:00PM and business was conducted. The next Yelduz Mobridge Shrine Club Stated Meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2020. Due to lack of attendance at the suppers before the meeting, the Temple Chefs have decided to cease suppers at this time. Social with light hors d'oeuvre is now held at 6:30PM. Stated Meeting is at 7:00PM. The Mobridge area Yelduz Shriners will be hosting another Inflatables Kids Fun Day event on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM at the historic Scherr Howe Event Center in Mobridge! Wristbands are still just \$10.00 each and will be sold at the door. Concessions will be available during the event. You may contact the event coordinator, Noble Tom Dafnis, at 605-848-1906 for more information. We are in need of Nobles to help make this event another success! Visit the Yelduz MSC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mobridgeshrineclub](http://www.facebook.com/mobridgeshrineclub). Notices and supper menus are additionally posted on the calendar at [164-sd.ourlodgepage.com](http://164-sd.ourlodgepage.com). You can also email [mobridgeshrineclub@outlook.com](mailto:mobridgeshrineclub@outlook.com). The Yelduz MSC regularly meets at the Mobridge Masonic Temple for Social & Supper at 6:00PM and Meeting at 7:00PM on the first Monday of every month. We invite all Nobles to attend!

Noble Tony M. Larsen, Past President

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## **EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172**

(No message for this month.)

Dan Booth, Secretary

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## **ONIDA LODGE NO. 173**

(No message for this month.)

Doug Marsh, Secretary

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## **YORK RITE NEWS**

Pierre Chapter 22 met on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. After Uncle Matt prepared a wonderful supper The Royal Arch Degree was conferred on Brother Dennis Sharkey. Companions that participated in the work were Greg Hall- High Priest, Gerald Johnson-King, Perry Anderson- Scribe, Stan Schwellenbach-- Captain of the Host, Darrol Bjerke- Royal Arch Captain, Uncle Matt- Chaplain and Apron Lecture, Gary Waack- Principal Sojourner, Brain Ballow- Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil, Todd Fuoss- Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil and gave the Charge, John Willoughby- Mater of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil, Jon

Gonsor- gave the Lecture. We plan on doing the Royal and Select Master Degree on our next meeting night of March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM with supper at 6:00PM.  
Stan Schwellenbach, Grand Illustrious Master (605) 280-4847



## **CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA SCOTTISH RITE CLUB**

(No message for this month.)

Gary A. Johnson, President

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## **YELDUZ, OAHE SHRINE CLUB**

For our March meeting, to plan for our 2020 circus, we're going to try something new. We'll meet at McClure Hall at 5:00PM, Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for a social hour and a working dinner starting at 6:00PM.

Steve Likness, President

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## **PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD**

Brothers and sisters,

On January 27, 2020 Pierre Masonic Temple Building Association held its annual meeting. All reports for the year were read. No new members were presented to the board, Jon Gonsor, Nancy Gonsor, Uncle Matt, Will Mortenson, and Darrol Bjerke were elected to another three year term. Perry Anderson announced another generous donation to the board, thank you Perry and Dee. The annual meeting was adjourned and we went into the regular monthly session. Election of officers took place and Gary Waack won President, Chris K won vice President, Perry A won Treasurer, and Ann Holzhauser won Secretary for the ensuing year. Todd Fuoss reported that the ceiling in the Job's Daughters room has been painted, and looks good. Jon G reported that the Eastern Star Women were having troubles opening the front door. Gary W asked Jon and Nancy to look into a new door and hand railing. Todd Fuoss was nominated for Philanthropist of the Year, thank you for your hard work and dedication.

It has been my pleasure serving as President of the Building Board for the last three years. This will be my last report as Board President. It is time for new leadership and new ideas. Good luck Gary Waack. Thank you.

Chris Kaus, Vice President

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## **CAPITAL CITY OES #39 Stardust**

### **SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AND OFFICIAL VISIT MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>.**

We will have our soup and sandwich lunch beginning at 11:30AM. The School will begin at 1:00PM and we will have

initiation after the school. This will be the last School of Instruction for this year, we are hoping for a great turnout; WGM Ranae Phinney will be our Official Visitor. If you would like to come to lunch please let me know by March 10<sup>th</sup>; the cost is \$10.00. My email address is [carollogan@pie.midco.net](mailto:carollogan@pie.midco.net) or call my home phone 605-224-9169 or call/text my cell phone 605-280-7024.

The Hertha Gross Project money was given to the City of Pierre towards the new public swimming pool.

Hope you will join us at our next regular meeting which is Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00PM with lunch and fellowship afterwards.

Carol Logan, Secretary

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## **JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #10**

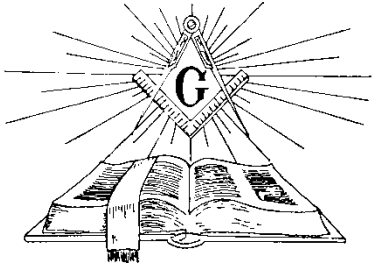
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Sarah Vanneman-Maskovich, Bethel Guardian (605) 222-1909

Tyler Peoples, Bethel Associate Guardian (605) 870-1551

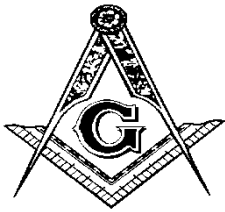
## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

If you are receiving this newsletter and know of a Brother who does not have e-mail, please print him a copy and pass it on. I would ask that all Lodge Secretaries take on that task and forward any e-mail address additions to me, Steve Likness at [slikness@pie.midco.net](mailto:slikness@pie.midco.net) or Eugene Collett at [ecollettsd@pie.midco.net](mailto:ecollettsd@pie.midco.net)



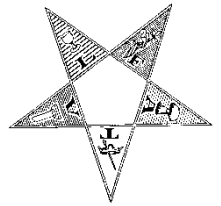
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## ***MASONIC TRESTLE BOARD***

# ***March 2020***



Sunday	1	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	2	6:30pm	Mobridge Shrine Club, Mobridge, SD, Social & 7PM stated meeting
	2	8:00pm	Lily Lodge #62 AF&AM Harrold Blunt in Blunt, SD
Wednesday	4	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & lunch
Thursday	5	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
	5	8:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Monday	9	6:00pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, dinner & 7PM stated communication
	9	7:00pm	Pierre Lodge #27, regular meeting and lunch
Tuesday	10	7:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, OES regular meeting and lunch
Wednesday	11	6:15pm	York Rite, dinner and 7:00PM meeting
	11	8:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, regular meeting and lunch
Saturday	14	1:00pm	<b>Eastern Star School of Instruction and Official Visit</b>
Sunday	15	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	16	8:00pm	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, regular meeting
	16	7:00p MT	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, Eagle Butte regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	19	5:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club meets at McClure Hall, social hour with dinner at 6PM
	19	7:00pm	Onida Chapter #138 OES, Onida, SD regular meeting and lunch
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mobridge Shriners Inflatables Kids Day at Scherr Howe Event Center until 4:00PM</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>noon</b>	<b>CSDMM articles due in Pierre</b>
Monday	23	7:00pm	Pierre Masonic Building Board regular meeting
Tuesday	24	7:00pm	Masonic Fun night at McClure Hall in Pierre
Thursday	26	6:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club Ladies' Night dinner at ???