



CENTRAL SD MASONIC MESSENGER



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DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

Greetings Brethren:

As I have just about finished up with my Lodge Visits I noticed that the attendance has been getting better at most of the Lodges in our district but we still have some work to do to improve attendance. Another thing that I noticed is that even after our One Day some of the Lodges are getting ready to do degree work for new candidates, this is very encouraging.

As I have wrote in previous CSDMM's let's try to visit the Lodge in our District, each Lodges in our District is very special and the Brethren would appreciate the fellowship.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who worked at the One Day, and remember it's never too late to start planning for Grand Lodge.

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PIERRE LODGE #27

We at the Pierre Lodge have had an eventful month, Pierre lodge is proud to have hosted the 1 Day Initiation event on January 23, 2016. Gettysburg, Mobridge, and Ft. Pierre lodges performed the degree work with help from other lodges both inside and outside of our district. At the end of the day 10 new Master Masons were raised. I am proud to have taken part in this event. I might also add that 33% of the new Master Masons belong to Lodges of which I am a member (Pierre and Harrold-Blunt Lodges). Pierre Lodge held it's regularly stated meeting on February 8, 2016, a few points of discussion were; chaperones for the King of Hearts dance that was held on February 14th (Thank you brother Gonsor for your continued urging that I volunteer. It was an enjoyable time.); workers and a speaker from the George Washington day dinner held on February 20th, and the MMSATP (Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program) dinner scheduled for Saturday April 16, 2016.

Pierre Lodge will be recognizing its Past Masters directly following the next regularly stated meeting on March 14, 2016 by holding a reception in their honor, all are invited to attend.

Pierre Lodge would like to invite any and all Masons to attend our next meeting (or any of our meetings).

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LILY LODGE #62 HARROLD-BLUNT

We had a visitor from Grand Lodge, GSD (Grand Senior Decon) Jon Gonsor and DM Stan Schwellenbach. They both gave an update on the 1 Day induction at Pierre and everybody did wonderful and a good time was enjoyed by all seeing new brothers being raised.

On April 10th at 2:00PM at the Senior Center in Blunt we will be honoring Brother Wayne Pool for 70 years in Masonry. This will be followed by a lunch and entertainment, so everybody come, visit, and congratulate Wayne! SW Erwin Feller gave an educational talk on Brother George Washington and this was followed by Cherry Pie and Homemade Ice Cream! It was delicious, thanks Brother Erwin and Brother Dean.

Our next meeting will be on March 7th at 8:00PM, see you there!

Brian Schultz, Secretary (605) 280-3836

IONIC LODGE #83

We enjoyed the company of Stan Schwellenbach, Jon Gonsor and John Conger-Sweeney at our February meeting. The Audit

committee reported the financial records for 2015 were in proper form.

Certificates of appreciation to commercial sponsors for the Hoven and Gettysburg SD-CHIP (South Dakota – Child Identification Program) events were signed. We were impressed with the support that we got from the schools and the local merchants. They told us how important they felt our program was to the community and were proud to participate. These were truly community events and created visibility for us.

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FAULKTON LODGE #95

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HIRAM LODGE #123

(No message for this month.)

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MOBRIDGE LODGE #164

The February Mobridge Lodge Day was Monday, February 8, 2016, at the Mobridge Masonic Temple. Brethren and their families in attendance enjoyed chicken vegetable rice soup, mixed vegetables on a bed of wild rice, and dinner rolls. The monthly Lodge meeting was held following dinner with another light attendance. Discussed was further discussion with regard to whether not only telephone service should be discontinued at the Temple, but also to discontinue internet service. Worshipful Master Tony M. Larsen advised and reminded the Brethren that the initiative was put in place by Grand Lodge to have all constituent Lodges be connected to the MORI system and to utilize the power of technology and the internet as additional means to attract a newer and younger generation of men to the Fraternity. The Lodge held a membership fundraiser in 2014 and installed a flat-screen TV and entertainment system in order to provide entertainment, education, and internet browsing capabilities. The Lodge does not have cable or satellite connection, so the sole programming available is via internet with a Netflix monthly subscription paid by the Worshipful Master personally. Also discussed was advisement to the Brethren that there had been discussion amongst the Lodge, York Rite and Shrine Club about possibly purchasing a joint laptop for the Temple for the Secretaries/Recorders to utilize. No motions were made on the discussions. Grand Lodge dignitaries in visitation of the Lodge were District 13 Master Stan Schwellenbach, District 13 Custodian Gerald Johnson, PGM, and District 13 Education Officer Larry Madsen, PM. Following dignitary presentations, WB Education Officer David Siemon gave an enlightening educational presentation. The next Mobridge Lodge Day will be Monday, March 14, 2016, with the fellowship supper at 6:00 PM and the Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM. Also, in honor of George Washington's Birthday, there will be a Cherry Pie & Ice Cream Social on Monday, February 22, 2016, at the Mobridge Masonic Temple, with serving starting at 6:30 PM sharp. All Masons, their families and guests are invited!

Fraternally yours,
Tony M. Larsen, Master (605) 848-3208

MOBRIDGE YORK RITE BODIES

The January MYRB meeting was held Monday, January 25, 2016, at 7:00PM at the Mobridge Masonic Temple. The main item discussed was the granting by the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of South Dakota for the Mobridge York Rite to operate Gateway Council #202-UD. If you are a Mobridge area Companion or Sir Knight of York Rite, please try to attend the upcoming meeting, as we will have dignitaries from state Grand York Rite Bodies visiting.

The February MYRB meeting will be Monday, February 22, 2016, at 7:00PM. A Cherry Pie & Ice Cream Social will occur at 6:30PM, prior to the meeting, in honor of George Washington's Birthday.

Yours in the Faith,
Noble Tony M. Larsen (605) 848-3208
Commander, Mobridge Commandery #27 KT SD
IM, Gateway Council #202UD CM
High Priest, Selby Chapter #43 RAM SD

YELDUZ MOBRIDGE SHRINE CLUB

The Yelduz Mobridge Shrine club annual Pancake & Sausage Feed on Sunday, January 31, 2016, was a success, with 179 guests served. The Yelduz Mobridge Shrine Club met on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Main discussion was held on donating proceeds of the pancake feed to the Blue Lodge. Also discussed was sending out notice that MSC intends to cease mailing paper meeting notices, due to the cost, when other means, such as email, text, and social media are free. Nobles could specifically ask to continue receiving paper notices, otherwise they will be requested to provide email addresses and cell numbers for texting. A reminder was given that the MSC has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mobridgeshrineclub where notices are posted. MSC regularly meets at the Mobridge Masonic Temple for Social & Supper at 6:00PM and Meeting at 7:00PM on the second Tuesday of even numbered months. We invite all Nobles to attend!
Noble Tony M. Larsen, VP (605) 848-3208

EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172

Eagle Butte Lodge 172 met with a small turn-out (6) on February 15th. We were still able to finish the annual report and discuss some fund raising projects. Other items discussed was the recent CHIPS program at Gettysburg that several of our members helped with and the possibility of having a program in our area.

The next meeting date was set for March 21st at 6:00PM.
Fraternally,
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ONIDA LODGE NO. 173

(No message for this month.)
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YORK RITE NEWS

At our February York Rite and Masonic meetings it was announced that the York Rite Colleges were putting on a One and one half day festival. The date in April had to many conflicts thus the York Rite festival for this spring is cancelled. The good news is we have two brothers who wish for further light in Masonry. Are there any other Brothers who have some questions about Masonry? The Senior Warden is ready to pay the craft their wages if any are due...How do you receive your wage? We know Grand Master Hiram Abif was slain by ruffians and buried three different times, we all know where the first two times, but where was his final resting place? Did our ancient Brethren ever find that lost Masonic Word? These and many more questions can be answered in the York Rite degrees. Ask any York Rite member for

a petition or contact James Allen (jallen@pie.midco.net) our secretary to become a companion. The new dates for degree work have yet to be set.

Jon Gonsor

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CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

(No message for this month.)
Charlie Walker, Recorder

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YELDUZ, OAHE SHRINE CLUB

Oahe Shrine Club met at the Masonic Center on the 18th of February for our monthly meeting. We were honored by the attendance of Devin Reints, Potentate of Yelduz Temple.

It is getting close to circus time and preparations and plans are forming for hosting the circus at the Expo Center June 8th and 9th. It is our hope that many of you will be able to help us have another great circus. Added attractions this year will be camels together with elephants. Not to mention the usual fare of popcorn, novelties, pop, pickles and hot dogs. We will also need help in selling tickets in advance and at the door.
Noble Charles Walker, Recorder (605) ???-????

PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD

This is my end of the year or term report as President of the Pierre Masonic Building Association. First of all Levi Neuharth (Vice- President) and I would like to thank you for allowing us to serve you as leaders of the Building Association these past two years. It has been our pleasure.

To review the year these are some of the highlights. We started 2015 with a gift of 40K to an endowment from the Dee and Perry Anderson. The interest from this will be a wonderful gift to our organization as it will keep working for us long past our physical time here. To close out the 2015 year, Dee and Perry contributed another 45K to the endowment. Cherie Bartlett and Darrol Bjerke donated to have the carpet cleaned, we replaced the batteries in the AED, replaced lights in the Lodge room, fixed the ladies restroom door and replaced the toilet. We replaced the refrigerator in the kitchen (This may seem to happen more frequently than anticipated but the price has been right). Gary Waack arranged for Bixlers to trim the tree on the west side of the Lodge Building. Chris Kaus and others trimmed back the shrubs lining the alley. Todd Fuoss reviewed our Insurance policy.

I am happy to report that the Masonic Lodge Building is getting used more and more. The Elks held their annual banquet in McClure Hall along with SD Department of Public Safety's Annual Christmas Party. The Lodge of Masonic Research, the Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite College, District 13 Annual Meeting, District 13 One Day Festival, George Washington Dinner, the MMSATP Dinner are just a few of the events held here this year.

We received two bids on an elevator or Lift to be more correct, Kone Company bid \$47,908 and Access Elevator and Lift bid \$27,000. The board voted on pursuing the low bid. The Lift will have a capacity of 750 lbs. with a safety factor of 5, 39" x 43", requires 120 volt and 15 amp circuit. 2yr warranty. Ron Lusk and his associates explained what we will need to do to maintain the integrity of the building. The labor for preparation to install the lift, we hope, will be provided by our members.

Funding for this project will come from donations and fund raisers, such as the meals Uncle Matt, Gary Waack, and Perry Anderson have prepared or Nancy and Jon Gonsor donation toward the John Green Prints, etc. We requested funds from Bankwest foundation and received \$10,000. When you do business with them please give them a big thank you. Jeff Mortenson challenged all Past Masters of both Hiram and Pierre Lodge to give what they can. He donated \$500. Gary Waack, Chris Kaus and Jon Gonsor accepted his challenge so far. Again a big thank you.

Nancy Gonsor was the recipient of Building Board Philanthropic/Volunteer of the Year Award for 2015. Nancy has been a

member of the Building Association Board for the past 10 years and served as President in 2012 and 2013. Nancy was instrumental in initiating the elevator planning and implementation. She spent countless hours completing paperwork to secure 501(C)3 status for Building Association in 2014. She implemented a fundraiser securing Artist John Green to paint a picture of the building and sold prints as a fundraiser for the Association. She donated funds and arranged for the defibrillator to be installed and continues to maintain it. She obtained Historical Building designation for our building, and she coordinated the remodeling of the Commandery room to make it useable for the Job's Daughters, to name just a few of her projects.

The 2016 Pierre Masonic Building Association Officers and Members with the year their term ends are as follows: **Pierre Blue Lodge**; Jon Gonsor (2016); Todd Fuoss (17); Chris Kaus Vice-President (18); **Eastern Star**, Nancy Gonsor (2016); Cherie Bartlett Recorder (17); Dallas Thompson Pres.(18); **Temple Council**, Matt Schatz (2016); **Commandery**, Perry Anderson Treasurer (2017); **Pierre Chapter RAM**, Gary Waack (2018); **Oahe Shrine Club**, Charles Walker (2016) and **Hiram Lodge**, Steve Likness (2016), Dan Wagner (2017); Levi Neuharth (2018). Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Gonsor, Past President

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CAPITAL CITY OES #39 Stardust

Our Official Visit was held on Saturday, February 13th, with AGC Lisa Russell as our official visitor. Lisa was made an honorary member of our Chapter. We did not have a lot of sideliners as the weather forecast was bad, and true to its word when the afternoon visit was over everyone's car was covered with a good coating of ice!!! Despite that we had a great afternoon with everyone doing great work, we laughed, learned and heard the clocks chime every now and again. Before the visit began we had a delicious meal of soup and sandwiches. The soups were made by Missy Schuetzle and Jon and Nancy Gonsor – such good cooks!! Lots of conversation and visiting went on and was enjoyed by everyone. After the visit there was a snowman cake to enjoy. The snowman cake was so cute!

Hertha Gross fell earlier in February and broke her wrist; we wish her a very quick recovery.

Uncle Matt announced that the Eastern Star Home needs greeting cards of any type, new or used. Contact him for additional information if you have cards to donate.

Hope you will join us at our next regular meeting which is Tuesday March 8th, beginning at 7:00PM with lunch and fellowship afterwards.

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JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #10

(No message for this month.)

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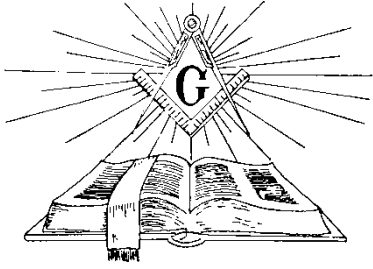
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GENERAL COMMENTS

As no Messengers were printed or mailed last month, our balance still remains at \$80.34. 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 at slikness@pie.midco.net or Eugene Collett at ecollettsd@pie.midco.net



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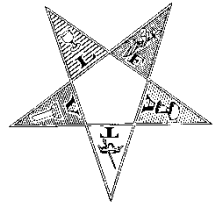
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Wednesday	2	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & lunch
Thursday	3	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
	3	8:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Sunday	6	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	7	8:00pm	Lily Lodge #62 AF&AM Harrold Blunt in Blunt, SD
Tuesday	8	7:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, OES regular meeting and lunch
Wednesday	9	6:15pm	York Rite, dinner and 7:00pm meeting
	9	8:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, regular meeting and lunch
Monday	14	6:00pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, dinner & 7PM regular meeting
	14	7:00pm	Pierre Lodge #27, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	17	7:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club meets at McClure Hall
	17	7:00pm	Onida Chapter #138 OES, Onida, SD regular meeting and lunch
Sunday	20	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	21	6:30pm	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, supper and regular meeting (8:00PM)
	21	7:00p MT	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, Eagle Butte regular meeting and lunch
	21	8:00pm	Faulkton Lodge #95 regular meeting
Thursday	24	6:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club Ladies' Night dinner at Jakes
Saturday	26	noon	CSDMM articles due in Pierre
Monday	28	7:00pm	Mobridge York Rite Bodies
	28	7:00pm	Pierre Masonic Building Board regular meeting
Tuesday	29	7:00pm	Masonic Fun night at McClure Hall in Pierre