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DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

The Masonic Service association prints a monthly bulletin titled "The Short Talk Bulletin". It costs \$6.00 per year! Can you afford it?

A recent edition talks about a new movie and book; "The DaVinci Code" is scheduled to come out in a movie during 2006. The book author, Dan Brown, is expected to release a new book near the time of the movie release.

A recent Short Talk bulletin shared the emphasis of 2 Jewish Holidays. I am not Jewish, but I firmly believe that we need to be aware of the values and history of different cultures. This awareness helps us to understand and live in harmony with people of other cultures.

The February 2005 issue of the "Short Talk bulletin" contained comments from a February 2004 conference of Grand Masters. The comments bring an interesting perspective of Masonic Public Awareness and may provide material for discussion at a Lodge meeting.

- "The Masonic Awareness program stated: Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that should:
- Build community based on shared Masonic values
- Construct a positive environment
- Encourage idea sharing and open discussion
- Welcome diversity across religions denominations, ethnicity, and age
- Grow in leadership ability
- Establish the relevance of Masonic values to contemporary life.
- Advocate concern for the well-being of other Masons and their families.

In order to achieve these goals, there are two major hurdles that must be overcome.

1. Freemasonry evolved from enlightened thinking and become trapped in its emphasis on ritual as the completion of a Mason's education about the fraternity.
2. Contemporary Masonic performance conflicts with early Masonic values. How do you perform Masonry within Masonry within the context of today's environment? (End Quote)

Brother Doug Smith provides us with the following humor. Many thanks, Brother Doug.

THE WISDOM OF THE MASTER – A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. As no great distance was involved, he decided to make the trip on his bicycle. Just as he reached the top of the hill near the Lodge, his chain broke. As the Lodge was very near the bottom of the other side, and all he needed was a quick hit on the backpedal brake, he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free wheeled the bicycle down to the Lodge.

Later that evening in reply to questions at dinner, he explained how proud he was to be a Freemason, and how puzzled he was by the Master.

You see, he had told no one about his travel adventure and could not figure out how the Master knew that he had come --- on his own free wheel and a cord.

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PIERRE LODGE #27

Greetings from Pierre Lodge # 27:

This month I want to share with you an observation of what we would like to think most Masons are made of. The first part of the month we held a dinner honoring veterans, both past and present and had a great turn out. Many of the officers of the lodge were already busy helping take care of our guests when I observed a member of

another Lodge and his wife step up to the plate and help out. This included dining room cleanup and doing dishes. Although I am proud of the members of our own lodge it was nice of them and others to pitch in.

December is going to be another great Masonic month. Our Lodge, as well as the other area Masonic Bodies are gathering for a "big" Holiday Party on December 10th. We will be having fun and fellowship sharing this great time of holiday cheer. Dinner will be served among holiday decorations and recorded festive music. The Knights Templar will lead us in holiday toasts and Blue Lodge will make a few presentations. The rest of the time is for just having fun. The heads of several of the Grand Masonic Bodies will be present to share the fellowship with us and we encourage everyone to wear the public regalia of their particular body. Tickets are available from any Pierre Mason.

The letter has been sent off to the Grand Master for dispensation for our District Fifteen's One Day Masonic Initiation to be held on January 28th, 2006. Please check with your secretaries on the proper procedure of bringing candidates in and then let's get the petitions signed.

As soon as we hear form the Grand Lodge we will be getting with the District Master and preparing an agenda and sending it out to all the Lodges.

Finally, we have set aside November 26th as a workday and will be gathering to sand and reseal the floor of McClure Hall (our fellowship hall). If you would like to help let me know.

Fraternally yours,
Richard Decker, WM

LILY LODGE #62

We had our regular communications November 7th, 2005 with a good turn out. With so many things happening and so much business to talk about the Secretary can hardly keep on top of everything. Our Brother Dean Ritter being now on the Board of Custodians does put much input in the meeting and gives us many things to think about.

We were please to have Brother Larry Madsen our District Master in attendance. Gave us greetings from Grand Lodge and thanked the Harrold Lodge for hosting the District 15 meeting.

Don't forget the Harrold Lodge will be having oysters December 5th and neighboring lodge brothers are welcome. Have a good day.
Arnold L. Webb, Secretary

BLUNT LODGE #72

Blunt Lodge met in regular communication on November 14th with worshipful master Brian Schultz officiating.

Wayne Pool gave a report on the 1st and 2nd degrees that were given to his and Clyde Colson's grandson in Sioux Falls.

Plans were made to put on the 3rd degree for Jeffrey Pool in Blunt on December 17th. The degree will start at 4:00PM then we will break for a chili supper which is to be cooked by Dean Ritter. The degree work will be completed after supper. Some members volunteered to bring lunch for later.

This year the Lodge will again furnish treats for the grade school's Christmas program which will be on December 1st. Several members volunteered to get together and sack them. Brother Brian Schultz will get the treats.

The next meeting will be December 12th. The lunch committee will be Dennis Larson and Dave McGruder. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.
Roland Kleinschmidt, Secretary

IONIC LODGE #83

Ionic Lodge #83 continues to encourage brothers to come for a meal before Lodge and visit. David Shields made a roaster full of excellent beef stew for our November meeting.

Gettysburg High school FFA students came and presented their program, which they will use in competition November 5th. We enjoyed the exposure with Non-Masons.

The One Day Festival scheduled for Pierre Lodge was discussed. We are prepared to take the lead on the Fellow Craft degree. We will schedule practices for December and early January.

NEXT month, Ionic Lodge will meet Dec. 8 (the second Thursday) at 8:00 pm. We will have Oyster Stew preceding the meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will make plenty so we will have some after the meeting for visitors who cannot make it at 7:00 p.m. and those who want a second bowl. We hope to see several visitors.

We are moving our meeting (authorized by a Special Dispensation) so that we might attend and support Yelduz Shrine Potentate Gerald Johnson and attend the December Yelduz Shrine monthly meeting.

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HIRAM LODGE #123

Greetings from Hiram lodge 123,

On November 3rd several members of Hiram Lodge with the help of members of the Jobs Daughter's performed an installation of the members of Ashley Chapter order of DeMolay. The boys of Ashley also remind any Masonic group or individual of their Chili Cook-off to be held on the 17th of December. Dues notices have been mailed, so be looking for them. Also mark your Calendar for January 28th, 2006 for the one day festival, as the members of Hiram Lodge 123 are doing a 3rd degree. We will be discussing this in the meetings to come. Have a very blessed Thanksgiving.
Doug Runge, Secretary

Dear Members of Hiram lodge,

Ashley Chapter order of DeMolay thanks you for your help with our installation and all other activities that the chapter does. With your help and support you have helped make the chapter a greater success and us better men and sons.

Derek Runge, Master Councilor of Ashley Chapter

EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172

Not much news for this issue since we aren't meeting until November 21st, which is past this issue deadline. Hope for a good turnout this meeting since Gene Secrest of Board of Custodians will be with us. Should have more news next month.

Fraternally,
Dan Booth, Secretary

YORK RITE NEWS

First the Officers and members of the Pierre York Rite Bodies wish for each a Merry, Happy and Blessed Christmas Season. As we move through that fast paced season, let us remember the real reason for the cause of celebration.

We were blessed with a very good turn out at our November meeting and a gala Christmas Dinner will precede our December meeting on 14th. Dinner will take place at 6:15PM and the meetings will follow. I have invited the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of South Dakota, Doug McFarland from Brookings and he will make his official Visit. I am guessing that the Right Eminent Grand Commander will make his official visit as well and I have not heard if the Grand High Priest will be visiting at the same time. It will be a fun evening with the distinguished dignitaries. The meal that will precede the meetings is also to honor our ladies and the widows of late members.

History for South Dakota was in the making at our November meeting when reports were heard of the International Tri-annual meeting of Cryptic Masons International. Perry B. Anderson of our very own Council served as the head of the International group where delegates and dignitaries from about 17 other countries had gathered. It was an awesome event that landed in South Dakota for the very first time and also the first time ever that a man from South Dakota served as the head of an International Masonic Body.

During the Convention our very own Florin Hemminger was designated as an Ambassador for the North Central Region of Cryptic Masons. There is no doubt that he will serve the region well and again, we should consider ourselves flattered to have that appointment within our own council of Cryptic Masons. This all speaks well for the Capitol City.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ruby Reckling, the widow of the late Walter Reckling, who was a past grand everything and they were friends of Pierre. Hemmingers and Andersons were among the Pierre folks that sat in the overcrowded Methodist Church in Winner for her funeral last week

May your bold understanding of the Christmas Season bring you much Joy and Happiness.
Matt Schatz, for the York Rite Bodies.

YELDUZ, OAHE SHRINE CLUB

The Club held its November meeting at the Ramkota River Center on November 17th. In addition to routine business, Sam Tidball, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Club Officers for 2006. Elected were:

Florin Hemminger – President
Curt Mortenson – Vice President
James Allan – Secretary/Treasurer

Additional Directors will be Richard Decker, Don Sandal, Sherman Parrot, and George Ringen. Installation arrangements are pending.

A report was given by Richard Decker on the children's screening clinic held at Medical Associates Clinic in Pierre on November 3rd. Seven of the fifteen children seen were accepted by the Twin Cities Hospital for further examination and treatment. This was the first screening clinic held in Pierre in several years.

It was reported that word had been received that Noble Clyde Nutch has fallen and broken an arm at his home in Omaha. He is recuperating and is expected to be back on the phone shortly!
Jim Allan, Secretary

PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD

At the meeting of our Building Board, Chairman Eugene T. Collett III, requested that I write this column. There are several reasons for that and as Mr. Collett so nicely put it, the information for this column comes from the minutes of the meetings. First you should all know that the meetings of the Building Board are open to anyone that wishes to attend. They are always held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00PM.

There are several items that I will mention. First we are so very elated that the Blue Lodge along with some help of the Oahe Shrine Club will redo the floor in McClure Hall.

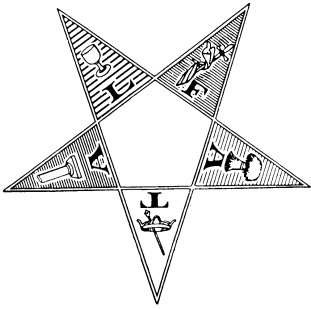
The officers of the Blue Lodge have moved the replica of King Solomon's Temple up stairs and that will make the lower level more acceptable for rental purposes. If at any time you know of anyone that needs a meeting place for a family reunion, birthday or any type of gathering, please have them contact me right away.

All the Masonic Bodies (Jobs, DeMolay, Blue Lodge, Star and York Rite) have their stated meetings scheduled. You can not use the temple any other time unless it is reserved for a purpose. You can not hold meetings or gatherings there without permission. Also when the youth organizations are in the temple, they MUST have an adult in the meeting room with them. This is not something that I made up. It is a requirement with the National By-laws of both Jobs and DeMolay.

If we will be experiencing extreme fuel bills this winter, it might be necessary that we meet in the lower level for a couple of months. A cleaning schedule will be made up and posted on the board. I will also make up a calendar of bookings and post it in the lodge.

Please note the annual meeting will take place at 7:00PM on January 30th, 2006. All members of all bodies should be present.

Uncle Matt, Secretary



CAPITAL CITY OES

Stardust

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: – Those members who are celebrating birthdays this month are as follows: Eunice Cory has a birthday on December 1st, Patricia Brancel on the 4th, LaDonna Wagner has her day on the 14th, Maureen Edwards on the 17th, Patricia Greer and Marie Wendt on the 26th, Paula Jean Fratzke and Mildred Miller on the 29th. The members of Capital City Chapter #39, Order of Eastern Star, wish you all a Happy Birthday with many more.

We had a note from our Rapid City member Erna Mikkelsen, a few weeks ago, stating that she is doing well, keeps busy and is happy in her apartment complex.

They had approximately 1,000 tricksters for Halloween. She enjoyed their awesome costumes and excitement as they paraded through their building.

Jacquelyn Bartlett Mandil from Livingston, N.J., writes that her children are well and growing up. Her eldest and the twins are in pre-school, loving it and the youngest is nine months old. She sends greetings and hopes this finds all healthy and happy. We enjoy hearing from you Jaci, and do keep us informed.

Last month we noted the death of our member, Hazel Mitchell. Her family sent us the obituary indicating that she was 89 years, 2 months and 18 days old, was laid to rest on October 21st, services were held in the Black Hills National Cemetery Chapel, Sturgis.

Associate Matron, Mary Ann Nielsen is in charge of our annual McClure Children's Christmas party. She has made arrangements with the Pierre Discovery Center on Saturday, December 10th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00PM, for all area elementary and pre-school children. Santa Claus made a reservation to be available, plans to have his miniature computer handy to document the children's wishes for reference purposes. He will treat them with Christmas treats supplied by the Capital City Chapter #39.

Sandra Vanneman is Worthy Matron-elect to lead the chapter for the ensuing year. She and her Corp of officers are scheduled to be installed following the regular meeting on December 13th, at the Pierre Masonic Temple. She has requested an open installation which means that members and non-members are invited to attend. Please come.

Waneta Chapter #47

Waneta Chapter #74 held our annual election. Before we know it, we will be preparing for official visits!

We can always accept new candidates for Official Visit. At each Official visit, we always conduct the initiation ceremony. It is always more special, if we can have New candidates rather than current members who WALK as pro-tem candidates. Do you know of someone interested in becoming a member. MASONIC CONNECTION required = wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, sisters, half sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, great granddaughters, nieces, grand nieces, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and daughters of sisters or brothers of affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as to members, either active for three (3) years or majority of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or the International Order of the Job's Daughters, each of whom

shall have attained to at least the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Petitions need to be read at one meeting, then read again at the next meeting at which time the applicant can be balloted on.

This means, we need petitions to vote on at our December meeting. The second meeting can take place in January and balloted.

Marsha Osier
Worthy Matron

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ASHLEY CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

Greetings from Ashley chapter order of DeMolay,

We had a great turn out for our installation ceremony that was held on November 3rd, 2005. Derek Runge was installed as Master Councilor.

The 2nd annual chili cook off & feed will be on December 17th, 2005 from 5:30-7:30PM at the Masonic Center, McClure Hall. If anyone would like to donate a pot of chili contact Doug Runge at 945-1049. Tickets are available. They are \$3.00 a person and there will also be other soups there. Please come and support Ashley chapter in Pierre.

Our next meeting is on Thursday December 1st at 7:00PM at the Masonic temple. If there is any young man between 12 and 21 that you know is looking for something to be a part of, then give us a call. Thank you.

Brother Derek Runge,
M.C. Ashley chapter order of DeMolay

GENERAL COMMENTS

Receipts: in last name order within lodge number.

Member of Pierre Lodge #27:

1. \$25.00 – Green, Maurice

Members of Ree Valley Lodge #70:

2. \$20.00 – Luze, Mike

Members of Hiram Lodge #123 in Ft. Pierre:

3. \$20.00 – Neuhauser, Ray

\$65.00 was received this month. Expense list:

1. \$129.37 for addressing and mailing the PMM

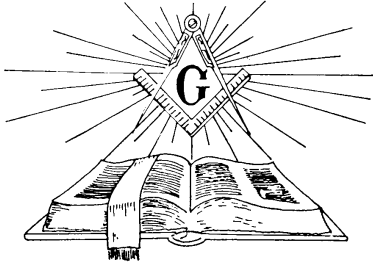
2. \$ 43.89 for copier lease

\$ 173.26 spent for November's PMM

If you enjoy the PMM, please thank the people who pay for it and consider making your own donation. **I thank you too!**

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I would like to thank the brothers that made the PMM possible: Thank you authors that write the articles, printers and folders of the November PMM.



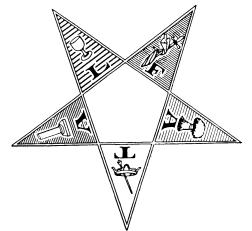
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Thursday	1	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	1	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
Sunday	4	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	5	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, regular meeting & lunch
	5	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES
	5	8:00pm	Lily Lodge #62 Harrold, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Wednesday	7	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & lunch
Thursday	8	7:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, SD, Oysters Stew then regular meeting
Saturday	10	Noon	McClure Children's Christmas Party at Pierre Discovery Center
	10	6:30pm	Pierre Lodge #27, Masonic bodies "Big" Holiday Party
Monday	12	7:00pm	Pierre Lodge #27, regular meeting and lunch
	12	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting and lunch
	12	8:00pm	Blunt Lodge #72, Blunt, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Tuesday	13	7:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, O.E.S. installation of officers, regular meeting, and lunch
Wednesday	14	6:15pm	York Rite, dinner and 7:00pm meeting
	14	8:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	15	12:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club meets at Jake's in Pierre
	15	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	15	7:00pm	Onida Chapter #138 OES, Onida, SD regular meeting and lunch
Saturday	17	5:30pm	Chili Cook-off by Ashley Chapter of DeMolay
Sunday	18	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	19	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, Eagle Butte regular meeting and lunch
	19	8:00pm	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	22	6:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club Ladies' Night dinner at ???
Monday	26	7:00pm	Pierre Masonic Building Board regular meeting
	26	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES (January-April only)
	26	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting and lunch
	26	8:00pm	Ree Valley Lodge #70, Highmore, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	1	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
Saturday	28	8:00am	District Fifteen's One Day Masonic Initiation