



PIERRE MASONIC MESSENGER



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DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

Secretaries remember to have your annual reports to the Grand Lodge office in before February 15th.

Congratulations to the new Master Masons raised at the Pierre One-Day degree festival.

We are indebted to the South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research for studying the growth and maturity of our Masonic Ritual. This Lodge meets once each year to elect and install Officers. It publishes a quarterly bulletin in which several articles bring Brothers historical documentation of Freemasonry in South Dakota.

W. Brother Douglas McFarland recently presented a discourse on the Grand Lecturers of Dakota Territory. These talented and knowledgeable Masons formed our early ritual from the Wisconsin Grand Lodge ritual.

The duties of the Grand Lecturers now reside with the Board of Custodians of the work. The role of lodge advisor and liaison to the Grand Master, formerly assigned to the Grand Lecturers, now resides with the District Masters.

Membership in the S.D. Lodge of Masonic Research is open to all Master Masons in good standing. Check their website: www.mastermason.com/sdresearchlodge/ or ask me or another member of the Research Lodge for an application.

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PIERRE LODGE #27

Greetings from Pierre Lodge 27:

January 2006 has finished up with another milestone, District 15's first One Day Masonic Festival. It is always a pleasure to see Masons come together in a joint effort and share talents. Our lodge was honored to host the Festival and Open and Close Lodge.

We also recognized our Past Masters this month and had a nice turn out. Of course past Masters form the backbone of any lodge and provide depth of ritual and historical knowledge. Thank you gentlemen!

For closing comments I want to bring attention to the other Masonic bodies our brothers and sisters belong to. As I sat in the East last meeting I looked about the room and thought about all the talent and energy that goes into all bodies of Masonry and that there is a place for everyone to find a home for their special talents to spread the message of brotherly love and character building.

Grow with Masonry,

Richard Decker, Master

LILY LODGE #62

Ten brothers met at our regular communications on January 2nd, 2006. Voting took place on two new candidates so we will probably have two new members in the near future. Dues from all of our members are currently paid up.

Next month will be George Washington month and we are hoping to celebrate it with Dave's Homemade ice cream and Dean's cherry pie at our next regular meeting on February 6th, 2006. Hope you can come and enjoy the festivities.

Arnold L. Webb, Secretary

REE VALLEY LODGE #70

(Nothing was received.)

Elmer R. Johnson, Secretary

BLUNT LODGE #72

Blunt Lodge met in regular communication on January 9th with Brian Schultz officiating. We had visitors from Pierre, Ft. Pierre, Onida, and Harrold Lodges and one visitor from Washington State; a total of 18 members and visitors.

Brother Dale July, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, was presented and said a few words about the upcoming one day festival to be held in Pierre on January 28th.

Past Grand Master Delbert Ripley was presented and he introduced a visitor from Washington state. He was here on a buffalo hunting expedition. He gave an interesting talk.

After the meeting we enjoyed an oyster stew feed cooked by Brother Gerald Johnson; followed by cake and ice cream.

Roland Kleinschmidt, Secretary

IONIC LODGE #83

Ionic Lodge #83 is looking forward to getting a couple candidates to get started this spring. Rich Clark has gotten much of the damage to our building repaired. The damage was caused by water during the June 9th storm.

Lonnie Burnham has moved to Rapid City where he and his wife Sue have taken over a retail business. We need someone to step up and assume the duties of the Tyler.

We are looking forward to taking the lead in the Fellow Craft degree for the One-Day degree festival in Pierre on January 28th.

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HIRAM LODGE #123

Greetings from Hiram Lodge #123,

Just a reminder of the One day festival on the 28th of January, we the brothers of Hiram lodge are doing the 3rd degree and encourage all brothers to attend and support the new candidates and fellow brothers. Another stellar meal was prepared by Brother Curt Mortenson, the prime rib was delicious and also thanks to all the Past Masters for coming. We also encourage you to bring a brother to lodge with you. Please join us for the February meeting where Brother Gene Groff will be preparing the meal. The brothers gathered after the December meeting and raised money for the book scholarship, with a very good crowd showing up in support of the effort. That is all that needs to be said about that, lets say the Book Scholarship was the only winner. Just a reminder that dues are due now.

Fraternally,

Doug Runge, Secretary

MOBRIDGE LODGE NO. 164

Brethren of the Mystic Tie, (I like that phrase). Hope your holidays and New Year were all you expected. We're into 2006 with a big project already in hand, that of Mo-

bridge Lodge being responsible for the EA degree at the January 28th "one day" at Pierre. Not too much of a problem normally, but our MWGM Brother Larry Anderson has stated that all parts be from memory. It's not like the "ol" days (like before TV) when ALL lectures, etc. were without book and any number of brothers could do many of them. You could recognize a brother Mason in a passing car if his lips were moving trying to memorize something.

We've broken what I've been calling the "40" barrier. We now have 41 life members with Brothers Davis Martin, Denny Laib, and Bob Marciano's names affixed to our life members wall plaques. Let's try to get you on there too.

Don't forget a donation to our PMM. Also, our 2006 dues are now in arrears if not already sent in. In 2005 all dues were in by June, a "record". We should certainly do better than that this year.

Our January 15th, fund raiser held at Rick's made a total of \$1,189.00 gross towards our scholarship fund and library addition donation. Great attendance!!!

Postage is up so please get those dues in. Also you can get your PMM via E-mail. Let PMM Pierre know.

Fraternally,
Brer Bob

EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172

Eagle Butte Lodge met last Monday the 16th. We had a good turn out, with 11 members in attendance, including most of the officers! Also we had a visitor; Past Potentate Rod Baumberger of Naja Temple. He attended with his son Kent who lives in Timber Lake and plans a plural membership with our Lodge. Following the meeting food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Fraternally,
Dan Booth, Secretary

ONIDA LODGE NO. 173

Greetings to the Brothers of District 15:

Onida lodge has been busy with two FC degrees and two EA degrees in progress. Brother Delbert Ripley was present to give an update on MMSATP (Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program). Three teachers from Sully Buttes will be attending the next session in Mitchell in February.

Brother Dale July reported on the one day Festival coming up in Pierre. Onida Lodge will have one candidate.

Look for a Past Masters Night coming up in February or March with oyster stew and the trimmings!

Fraternally,
Doug Marsh, Secretary

YORK RITE NEWS

The warm temperatures for most of January were a real blessing for all and especially so because of the high fuel costs. February is now here and we are waiting for that February thaw. The January meeting gave us a fine evening with a great meal prior to the meeting that was enjoyed by 18 persons. Also a red glow was cast over our last meeting as the Master of the 3rd Grand Vail made an official call. That is our very own, Richard Decker.

At the next stated meeting, Gerald and Ruth Johnson will provide the meal to be served at 6:15PM on February 8th. There is a feeling of happiness among the members. Happiness is because Gerald has Ruth and this way we are guaranteed a great meal. I have also been asked to remind you that the widows are invited, as they will always be part of us.

The Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandry of Knights Templar will make his official visit and in his honor the Grand Junior Warden is requesting that we all attend the meeting in our Commandry Uniform with Chapeau and sword.

The heads of the York Rite Bodies met in Pierre in mid-January to work on the groundwork on the State York Rite Convention that will be in Pierre in late September.

Enjoy the rest of the winter and we will see you all at 6:15PM on February 8th, 2006.

By Matt Schatz for York Rite.

YELDUZ, OAHE SHRINE CLUB

The January meeting was held at the Ramkota Inn on the 20th with ten present, including one new Club member. President Hemminger had a busy agenda. Preparations are beginning in earnest for the 2006 Shrine Circus scheduled for Ft. Pierre on July 18th. There is much to be done in that this will be the first time it is to be held indoors at the Expo building rather than outdoors at the fairgrounds. Noble Curt Mortenson is leading this effort as manager, and he will need EVERYONE'S help.

Now Past Potentate Gerald Johnson gave his final report as Divan Representative from Yelduz Shrine Center. The results of the December 18th Club Christmas visit to area nursing homes were also reported. This effort is always well received.

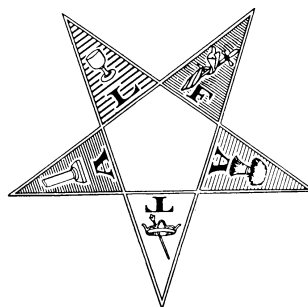
The February monthly meeting will be February 16th at the Ramkota Inn at noon. Plan to join us. The February 23rd Ladies' Nite Dinner will be held at a location to be determined. We will call members prior.

Jim Allan, Secretary

PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD

We did not have a quorum at our last meeting. However we discussed the necessity of keeping the Temple clean. It should be the responsibility of each body that uses the building to keep it clean. The rule of thumb is that anyone using the facility should have the person in charge or the adult leader is responsible to have all the lights turned off and doors locked. The sidewalk outside the back door should often be swept. This would keep the sand and gravel out of the kitchen. The kitchen floors should be kept clean. With the floor in McClure Hall being recently refinished, all care should be taken to not drag any furniture. Please make every effort to not scratch the floor. Another item is that whoever uses the dishtowels, should wash them and return them. There should never be any food up-stairs. If all care, we should have the nicest Temple in the state.

Matt Schatz, Board Secretary



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Stardust

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: – Those whom we are wishing big celebrations on their birthdays during February are as follows: Karen Hieb on the 2nd, Charlene Fratzke Laird on the 3rd, Shirley Ann Jenssen on the 4th, Peg Hensen on the 6th, LeAnn Anderson Bruno on the 11th, Linda Dimmick on the 12th, Mary Carr on the 14th, Jacqueline Van Balen Johnson on the 19th, Don Armstrong on the 20th, and Darrol Bjerke on the 28th. A happy time to you all.

Worthy Matron, Sandra Vanneman is making the final arrangements and working on the details for our Chapter's official visit on Thursday, January 26th. She is also appealing to the weatherman to bring us favorable travel weather. This is the first chapter official visit for 2006, it will be conducted by the Worthy Grand Matron, Ellen Helming of Sioux Falls. Other South Dakota Grand officers will be assisting her. A no-host luncheon is scheduled at Jakes Good Times Place at 11:30AM. The afternoon meeting will

begin at 2:00PM, for a school of instruction. Following the afternoon activities, an evening meal is planned at 6:00PM, at the Masonic Temple McClure Hall. The evening meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30PM. Plan to attend any or all these sessions. Your current receipt for dues is your invitation. You will be greeted and welcomed at the door. It is a big event, preparations made by the officers for a nice get-together right here in Pierre for our members and other chapter friends. For the grand finale a lunch will be served to those attending the day's events. Eastern Star members are expected to be here from all parts of South Dakota. It's a time to see old friends and meet others.

The next regular chapter meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, February 14th, at 7:00PM. Carol Logan is in charge of refreshments. Plan to attend, never know there may be a surprise lurking around the corner!

We received a communication from Pat Brancel. She is planning on attending her 50th class reunion this summer. Pat was her mother's caregiver until she passed away a year ago.

Donna Newman, we regret that your title was omitted on the officer listing last month, Sorry. Donna serves the Starpoint Ruth station.

February is Heart month. Happy Valentines Day.

Waneta Chapter #47

We are preparing for our Official Visit on February 4th. The School of Instruction will be at 10:00AM and the Official Visit at 2:00PM. We look forward to meeting Sisters and Brothers from throughout the State. The daytime schedule allows you to drive during the day light.

Marsha Osier
Worthy Matron

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JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #10

(Nothing was received.)
Junior Princess Krista Olson



ASHLEY CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

Greetings yall,

DeMolay in Pierre is ready to go!! We are now starting are membership drive and are looking for young men to join. Our next meeting is on February 2nd, 2006 at 7:00PM. This is our honor master masons following are meeting. We are having dinner after words chili and soup which is really good. So we want all are master masons to attend this meeting and show your support for DeMolay in Pierre. We had a good turn out for our 2nd annual chili feed. Our last meeting we spent at the movies and had a really good turn out. DeMolay in Pierre is wanting to make DeMolay live in South Dakota so I say lets get going cause this is a great organization and it teaches a lot also is fun. So thank you all for your support and we invite master masons to attended our February 2nd meeting. Really would mean a lot.

Fraternally,
Derek Runge - MC

GENERAL COMMENTS

Receipts: in last name order within lodge number.

Members from Pierre Lodge #27:

\$10.00 – Armstrong, Don W.; \$50.00 – Echelberger Jr., Wayne; \$10.00 – Fratzke, Louis; \$15.00 – Friend, Leon; \$10.00 – Fry, Samuel J.; \$10.00 – Gingrich, William; \$70.00 – Hall, Greg; \$10.00 – Hemminger, Florin; \$10.00 – Hoffman, Roger; \$20.00 – Ice, Cecil G.; \$20.00 – Ice, Cecil G. to replace check issued 5/2/2005. Thank you for replacing the check; \$10.00 – Knodel, Orval; \$15.00 – McFarland, James; \$5.00 – Micheel, Donald; \$20.00 – Mitchell, Marvin E.; \$10.00 – Nielsen, Clinton; \$40.00 – Niemeyer, Ope; \$10.00 – Peterson, Merle; \$5.00 – Schooler, James; \$20.00 – Schwellenbach, Stan; \$20.00 – Terry, Frank E.; \$20.00 – Travis, Robert; and \$50.00 – Weischedel, Cecil E.

Members from Blunt Lodge #72:

\$25.00 – Colson, Carl; and \$10.00 – Winkler, William

Members of Hiram Lodge #123 in Fort Pierre:

\$20.00 – Mortenson, Curt; and \$20.00 – Sandal, Don

Members of Mobridge Lodge #164:

\$10.00 – Dafnis, Tom; \$10.00 – Houghtaling, Don; \$5.00 – Klein, Bob; \$5.00 – Redding, Bruce; \$10.00 – Stangl, Orville; \$5.00 – Simons, Rod; and \$6.00 – Sieman, Dave

Members of Onida Lodge #173:

\$10.00 – Buol, Bill; \$10.00 – LaFave, Lonnie; and \$10.00 – Weischedel, Dale

Members of Capital City OES in Pierre:

\$10.00 – Ellis, Faye; \$10.00 – Greer, Patricia; \$10.00 – Gross, Hertha; \$5.00 – Haggin, Jacqueline; \$10.00 – Meeker, Elinor; \$20.00 – Nielsen, Mary Ann; \$20.00 – Ove, Judy R.; \$3.00 – Thomsen, Maxine; and \$5.00 – Witte, Samantha;

1. Members of Oahe Shrine Club in Pierre:

\$20.00 – Booth, Gerald; \$20.00 – Klatt, Robert; and \$28.00 – Lamb, Jo Creed

\$777.00 was received this month. Expense list:

1. \$144.06 for addressing and mailing the PMM

2. \$ 43.90 for copier lease

\$ 187.96 spent for January's PMM

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

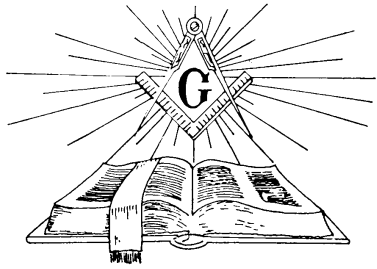
The PMM is \$675.60 in the good since August 1st, 2002 excluding February's PMM expenses (approximately \$175.00).

I would like to thank the brothers that made the PMM possible: Thank you authors that write the articles, print, and folded of the January PMM. Printers were: Larry Kirkpatrick and Don Sandal. Folders were: Jim Allan, Harold Bolyard, Jim Brink, Dale July, Hertha Gross, Sherman Parrott, Milt Oehlerking, Don Sandal, Eldon La Fave, Gene Groff, and Larry Kirkpatrick.

Please send address corrections and financial support to your secretary or directly to me. Thank you.

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Note: Donations were compressed so that the PMM didn't go into a 5th page. I hope you can find your name okay.



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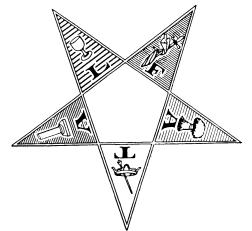
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February 2006



Wednesday	1	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & lunch
Thursday	2	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre <u>"Honor Master Masons" night.</u>
	2	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
	2	8:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Saturday	4	10:00am	Wenata Chapter #47 school of instruction followed by
		2:00pm	official visit.
Sunday	5	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	6	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, regular meeting & lunch
	6	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES
	6	8:00pm	Lily Lodge #62 Harrold, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Wednesday	8	6:15pm	York Rite, dinner and 7:00pm meeting
	8	8:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, regular meeting and lunch
Monday	13	7:00pm	Pierre Lodge #27, regular meeting and lunch
	13	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting & lunch
	13	8:00pm	Blunt Lodge #72, Blunt, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Tuesday	14	7:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, O.E.S. regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	16	12:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club meets at Ramkota Inn
	16	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	16	7:00pm	Onida Chapter #138 OES, Onida, SD regular meeting and lunch
Sunday	19	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	20	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, Eagle Butte regular meeting and lunch
	20	8:00pm	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	23	6:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club Ladies' Night to be announced
Monday	27	7:00pm	Pierre Masonic Building Board regular meeting
	27	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES
	27	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting and lunch
	27	8:00pm	Ree Valley Lodge #70, Highmore, SD, regular meeting and lunch