

### Who We Are

The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education was formed in 1949 at a gathering of interested Masons from Illinois (including Alphonse Cerza) and Iowa. The outcome was to continue getting together by establishing its first Annual Meeting which was held in December 1950 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Our organization is comprised of a loose and ever-changing collection of Masonic educators from Grand Lodge jurisdictions primarily located in the twelve north central states and the province of Manitoba. Participants frequently include Grand Lodge Officers and members of Masonic education committees.

### What We Are About

The aim of this Conference is to promote Masonic Education. This is done, in part, by providing a forum for educators to gather, freely discuss Masonic issues, socialize, and learn from sharing experiences while building beneficial relationships. In addition, this Conference may initiate special projects such as collecting data on educational practices across all North American jurisdictions, as well as encouraging Masonic research and writing by individual educators.

### How We Function

This Conference meets once a year, usually in late April or early May, in a member jurisdiction. Responsibility for conducting the Annual Meeting rotates each year, eventually being hosted by all member jurisdictions before repeating. Conference agendas may include presentations by well-known Masonic speakers, experiential as well as scholarly participant presentations, roundtable discussions, and jurisdiction reports. Sufficient time is also arranged to provide opportunity for informal discussion among attendees.

### The Mission

The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education is comprised of North American Grand Lodge jurisdictions located in the upper Midwest region.

It is the Mission of the Conference to provide:

- a communications and support network for its member jurisdictions,
- an annual forum whereby Masons in the member jurisdictions and other parties who have a vital interest in Masonic Education can come together to share experiences, knowledge, and insight related to the continuing development of the Masons in their jurisdictions.
- Publication of occasional newsletters and the proceedings of its Annual Meeting, making copies available to its members and other interested parties.

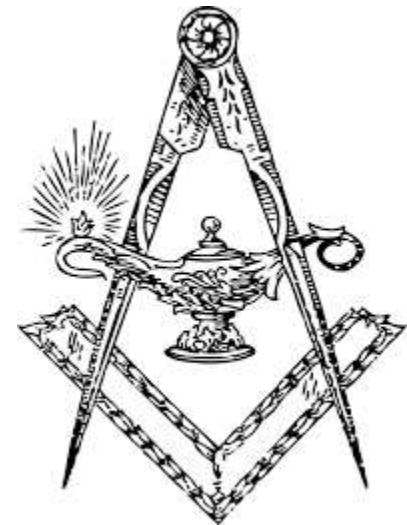
The Mission will be accomplished by appropriate communication links, the presentation of scholarly Masonic papers, topical roundtable discussions, jurisdictional reports, as well as opportunities for fellowship which foster inter-jurisdictional acquaintances and supportive relationships.

### Host Jurisdictions

As of April 2018, the participating jurisdictions and the tentative rotation of the annual meeting are:

2018 South Dakota	2025 Ohio
2019 TBD	2026 Manitoba
2020 Indiana	2027 Iowa
2021 Nebraska	2028 Minnesota
2022 Illinois	2029 North Dakota
2023 Missouri	2030 Kansas
2024 Michigan	2031 South Dakota

## MIDWEST CONFERENCE ON MASONIC EDUCATION



Ramkota Hotel  
Rapid City, SD  
April 20-22, 2018

**2018 MIDWEST CONFERENCE  
ON MASONIC EDUCATION**

**Location:**

**Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD**

Unless announced otherwise, all Conference sessions will take place in

**Sylvan I and II**, and all meals will be held in the **Sheridan Room**, next to the Conference room.

**Attire:**

Business casual is recommended for all activities.

A jacket or tie may be worn if desired, but most attendees will be wearing slacks/khakis, a button up shirt or other shirt with a collar and dress shoes.

**FRIDAY, April 20, 2018**

**3:00 PM** Hotel Check-In opens  
**3 to 5:00 PM** Early Conference Registration  
**6:30 to 8:00 PM** Social with hors d'oeuvres and Cash bar (Sheridan Room)  
**9:00-11:00 PM** Hospitality room open (room TBD)

**FOR THE LADIES**

**(Attire is comfortable at all times)**

**Saturday, April 21**

**6:30-8:00 a.m.** Come and go breakfast buffet w/men  
**10 AM-** Pick up group at Ramkota Hotel lobby  
**10:15-11:15 am-** Visit Stavkirke Church  
**11:15-11:30-** Load and travel to Journey Museum  
**11:30-12:30 pm-** Visit Journey Museum  
**12:30-12:40** Travel to the Firehouse Restaurant  
**12:45-2:45** Lunch at Firehouse Restaurant and Wine tasting next door  
**2:45-3:45** Walk to Prairie Edge Mercantile for shopping  
**3:45-4:00 pm-** Load group and travel back to Ramkota Hotel

**6:30 p.m.** Italian Dinner Buffet and Keynote speaker Mark Tabbert

**9:00-11:00** Hospitality room open (room TBD)

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE  
SATURDAY, April 21, 2018**

**6:30 AM** Come and go breakfast buffet w/ladies  
**8:00 AM** Registration opens  
**8:00 AM** **Conference Open**  
**8:00 AM** **Welcome M.:W.:** *Yancey Smith, SD GM, and Conf. President*  
Invocation, Tribute to Colors, Introductions (as necessary)  
**8:30 AM** "Building Brotherhood by Overcoming Ego" W.: B.: *Kendig Bergstresser-SD*  
**9:30 AM** **Break**  
**9:45 AM** "Rupert's Land" M.:W.: *Jim Savaloja-ND*  
**11:00 AM** **Break**  
**11:15 AM** Jurisdictional reports-10 minutes each, in order of Conference hosting  
**12:00 PM** **Lunch-Super Sub Buffet**  
**1:15 PM** **Conference Resumes**  
"Care and Preservation of Masonic Artifacts" W.: B.: *Mark Tabbert-GWMMN*  
**2:00 PM** **Break**  
**2:15 PM** SD Education Officer of the Year and "Is Masonry Spiritual" B.: *Mike Lamb-SD*  
**3:00 PM** **Break**  
**3:15 PM** Conference Business Session:  
Continue Jurisdictional Reports, as above; Committee & Other Reports; Looking Forward- The Future of the Conference  
2018 Officer Elections and Installation  
**5:00 PM** **Conference Close or Adjourn**  
**5:30 PM** Social Time-Sheridan Room  
**6:00 PM** Italian Dinner Buffet and Keynote speaker-W.: B.: Mark Tabbert- "George Washington's Rules for Freemasons in Life and Lodge"  
**9:00 PM** Hospitality room open (room TBD)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018**

**7:00 AM** Continental Breakfast in Sheridan Room  
**8:00 AM** Conference reconvenes if necessary, or departure (**Close NLT 12:00 noon**)

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