

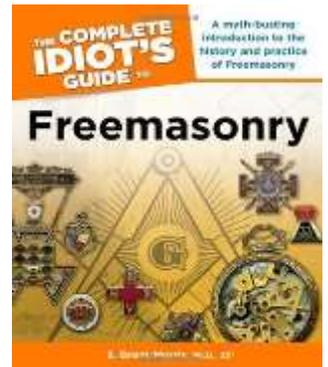
144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of South Dakota

Thursday June 14th thru Saturday June 16th, 2018
Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center
Rapid City, South Dakota

This year's annual communication has a great line-up of speakers and entertainment that you will not want to miss---



Dr. S. Brent Morris is the editor of The Scottish Rite Journal, and author of "The Complete Idiots Guide to Freemasonry". Dr. Morris is a noted Masonic speaker and was the first American to be installed as Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076, the oldest research Lodge in the world. Dr. Morris will address the Lodge of Masonic Research meeting Thursday afternoon, where he will speak on "Trends Affecting American Freemasonry". He will also be the keynote speaker at the awards banquet Thursday night. That topic will be "The Curious Incident of the Exposure that Wasn't."



Patrick Craddock has spent many years of research and work at creating bespoke Masonic aprons that harken to an earlier age that has permitted him to spread that knowledge and interest to Freemasons around the country. If you have seen his handcrafted aprons at [The Craftsman's Apron](#), based on historic, symbolic designs, you know the detail he puts into each one. The result has been his program, "Admit Him if Properly Clothed: Three Centuries of American Masonic Regalia." Brother Patrick will present at the joint luncheon on Friday.



Mark Menard is the founder and CEO of Enable Labs. In 2004, the Grand Lodge of New York came to Enable Labs with an antiquated member management system running in DOS. They wanted to update to a unified web-based system for their internal users and their 600 local lodges. Enable Labs designed and implemented the Masonic Online Registry Interface (MORI). MORI manages all of the member functions for the Grand Lodge and their 600 local Lodge



secretaries. Integrating all of the functionality into a web application greatly decreased the paper work load for the Grand Lodge significantly lowering their operating expenses.

MORI has since been adopted by the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, the York Rite bodies of Massachusetts and the Order of Eastern Star of New York. MORI manages over 35% of all Masonic records in the United States. Brother Mark will host part of the Secretaries training on Thursday afternoon which begins at noon and will address both MORI and OLP.



Friday afternoon Ladies program

(Please see registration info elsewhere in this Messenger.)

Ladies, please join us for a great time on Friday afternoon, starting at 1:00 pm. The staff of Canvas 2 Paint will be on hand to guide you through creating your work of art, which you can take home with you. Enjoy a little wine and have some laughs. Please know that due to the cost, we do need to ask that you pay \$20.00 (less than half the actual cost) and preregister for this event. Aprons are provided, but you may want to wear something you don't mind getting dirty, just in case. The picture here is for demonstration only, and may not be the one you paint.



Steve Gilliland is a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame, and is one of the most in-demand and top-rated speakers in the world. Recognized as a master storyteller and brilliant comedian, he can be heard daily on SiriusXM Radio's Laugh USA and Jeff and Larry's Comedy Roundup. With an appeal that transcends barriers of age, culture and occupation— plus an interactive and entertaining style— Steve shows audiences how to open doors to success in their careers, their relationships and their lives. Presenting to over 250,000 people a year, more than two million have now heard him speak, with audiences encompassing nearly three dozen industries. Steve has

the distinction of speaking in all 50 states and in 15 countries. As one newspaper stated, "Steve is what happens when the humor of a stand-up comic collides with the inspiration of a motivational speaker." Steve will be out keynote speaker and entertainment at Friday nights Grand Master's banquet.