

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:     *Name; Secretary, Name & Number of Lodge,  
Secretary's Address, Secretary's email address or phone #*

### *Name of Town* **Freemasons to Open Doors to Public**

April 1, 2010 – *On Date Between May 15 & May 22 & Hours, Name of Lodge in Town* will open its doors for a public open house. Masonic buildings are often some of the prominent buildings in a community. However in most cases the public has rarely had the opportunity to step inside. That is about to change. *Name of Lodge*, and every other Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons affiliated with the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, will hold an open house during the week of May 15 through May 22. *Name of Lodge in Town* invites you to visit on *Day of Week, Date from Start Time to End Time*. The open house will discuss the fraternal, social, and community service activities of Freemasons throughout South Dakota, the United States, and internationally. Members will be on site to answer questions, provide tours of the lodge building, discuss the history of Freemasonry and what is required for membership. Food and refreshments will be served; all are welcome to attend.

### **About the Freemasons**

Freemasonry is not a secret society. It is a social organization based on a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated with symbols. The fraternity fosters introspection, self-improvement, and friendship. Morality, brotherly love, and philanthropy to the community at large are primary objects of all Freemasons. Each lodge participates in service towards the Grand Lodge of South Dakota sponsored charities, namely, the Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program; the SD Masonic Child Identification Program (CHIP); the Masonic Scholarship Program; and the South Dakota Masonic Foundation, Inc.

Freemasons do not actively recruit for new members; to become one, ask one. To be eligible for membership you must be a man of 18 years of age or more; have a belief in a Supreme Being (No particular faith is required or excluded, all are welcome); be able to afford the initiation and annual dues without causing hardship to yourself or your family; and be willing to enter Freemasonry of your own free will and accord.

*Name of Lodge* is located at *address of lodge including street address*. For more information call *name, number & email of secretary & lodge website*. *If there's no lodge website include this final sentence* - Additional information about Freemasonry in South Dakota can be found at the Grand Lodge website - [www.mygrandlodge.org](http://www.mygrandlodge.org).

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