

## **Grand Lodge Program Highlights**

### **Thursday, June 18**

This is the day that will provide working sessions for many of the Grand Lodge committees and boards, and recognizes the efforts of the many dedicated Masons in making Masonry work in South Dakota. Registration and Credentials will be open from 8 AM until 5 PM in the Atrium.

Grand Lodge Trustees will meet at 9:00, with Custodians, Jurisprudence, Membership, and SDCHIP committees meeting from 10:00 until noon.

After a no-host luncheon, workshops for District Masters, Masters, Wardens and Lodge Secretaries will be held from 1:30 until 3:00.

At 3:30, an All Member Round Table will focus on the topic of Publicity, Promotion and the Electronic Age. The intent of the meeting is to acquaint South Dakota Masons in the techniques and resources available for more effective communication with our members, prospective members, community groups and the media.

WB Thomas L. Hauder has agreed to repeat his presentation exploring techniques for intergenerational communications given to the Nebraska Masonic Education meeting at the last Nebraska Grand Lodge. WB Hauder is Director of Marketing for Johnson Hardware Co. in Omaha. He is Past Master of East Lincoln Lodge #210 and Tabula Rasa Lodge #332. He is currently serving as Grand Junior Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

A live hookup for the Grand Lodge Website will be in place at the Round Table to give attendees the opportunity to view our Website and become familiar with ways to use it as a resource for their lodges. Methods of communicating with print and broadcast media will be explored and discussed. This will be an open meeting, with questions and comments invited and encouraged.

A social hour will begin at 5:30, followed by the Awards and Recognition Banquet at 6:30. Both will be in the Starlite Room on the top floor of the Holiday Inn. This banquet recognizes lodges for their activities to promote Masonry throughout the year, and provides a time to thank the many Masons who spend countless hours in support of our gentle Craft. This year, achievements will be announced for the various categories, but many of award certificate presentations will be deferred to the District Meetings, allowing lodges to be recognized in their home area with greater numbers of their members in attendance. The net effect should be to enhance the recognition of the lodges while shortening the duration of the banquet.

### **Friday, June 19**

Credentials and Registration will be available from 7 AM until 5 PM in the Atrium.

Members and Ladies Sunrise Buffet breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 in the Starlite Room. The Past Grand Masters Breakfast will be in Burgundy's.

The Public grand opening and Necrology service are scheduled from 8:00 until 9:30, with the Tiled opening scheduled to begin at 10:00, with a break for lunch at 11:45.

The Ladies Luncheon will begin at 11:30, followed by a fascinating program **Mission Sudan:** presented by Rhonda Morse. More details are elsewhere in this issue.

Grand Lodge will reconvene at 1:00, with election of officers at 2:00. After elections, the session will go to refreshment, and The Lodge of Masonic Research convened for election and installation of its officers.

At 4:00 PM, the South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research will sponsor a presentation by WB Christopher Hodapp, well-known Masonic scholar and author. His speech will be open to all, and members of the SDLMR in attendance will receive an autographed copy of his best-selling book "Freemasons for Dummies."

A social hour at 5:30 will be followed by the Grand Master's Banquet. The program at the banquet will feature entertainment by the Yankton Scottish Rite Double Eagle Chorus, words from Grand Orator Curtis Mortenson, and the presentation of the Masonic Service Association's Mark Twain award to Jephtha Lodge #121 of Hudson. Only 24 lodges in the USA qualified to receive this prestigious award in 2008, and you will want to be on hand to congratulate the brothers of Jephtha Lodge for their remarkable achievement.

### **Saturday, June 20**

A Sunrise Buffet breakfast will be served in the Starlite Room at 6:30 to members and ladies. The Masonic Veterans will meet in the adjacent Burgundy's room.

Registration and Credentials will be open from 7:00 until 11:00 in the Atrium.

Grand Lodge labor will resume at 8:30, when proposed legislation will be considered and voting completed. Adjournment is expected to be at about 11:00

A buffet luncheon will be served in the Starlite room at 11:30, followed by installation of new officers for the 2009-2010 Grand Lodge year. A reception for the new officers will be held in the atrium following the installation ceremony.

All Masons and their ladies are encouraged to attend the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication to enjoy good fellowship, renew old friendships and make new ones, and get a first hand look at the many ways that Masonry is contributing to our communities and families. Informative displays, exhibits and programs will be available to demonstrate the many contributions that Masons have made to strengthen our families and improve our lives.