



PIERRE MASONIC MESSENGER



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DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

According to the Masonic Service Association, "FOCUS" bulletin, an Evangelical Pastor recently preached a sermon on Freemasonry. Pastor DeLong refers to Hiram Abif in his sermon and calls Hiram Abif "another Savior" for Freemasonry who "was miraculously raised to life after several days." Freemasonry teaches neither of Pastor DeLong's claims.

Dr. Gary Leazer was asked to respond and did so in a paper from which this extract was taken. Biblical historians find the name 'Hiram Abif' in two Bibles. The first and better known of the two is Martin Luther's German translation (1533), in which he refers to Hiram Abif in two verses. The second Bible was translated by Miles Coverdale into English in 1535. Coverdale's translation was based on Luther's Bible.

All Masonic rituals are dramas performed by actors (Lodge members) to teach certain moral lessons to candidates. As in all dramas, whether the film The Ten Commandments or Masonic ritual, considerable liberty is sometimes taken with the Biblical text. Masonic ritual tells the story of Hiram Abif being killed by three men, who secretly buried his body. Later, the body is discovered, "raised" up out of its temporary grave to be reburied properly on the Temple grounds. The Masonic ritual says nothing about Hiram Abif being brought back to life as Pastor DeLong claims. In fact, the emphasis is that Hiram died and remained dead.

End Quote; the One Day degree conferral in Pierre was a great experience for me. We raised 8 new Master Masons. I feel proud to be associated with such a proficient group of Freemasons.

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PIERRE LODGE #27

Greetings from Pierre Lodge 27:

February was a fairly quiet month. Annual reports were due and the routine matters of the lodge were dispensed with. Plans are in progress for the Annual Bake Steak Dinner in April, under the capable direction of Perry and Dee Anderson. We always look forward to this event because we not only raise money for a good cause; we enjoy each others company while hosting the event.

Look forward to seeing you in Lodge.
Richard Decker, Master

LILY LODGE #62

Lily Lodge met in regular communications February 5th, 2006 with a turn out of 12 members and **9 VISITORS**. We especially celebrate the month of February (George Washington's birthday) with cherry pie and ice cream which was served by Brothers Dave Ramsey and Dean Ritter. Brother Gerald Johnson also gave a talk on George Washington and also about the Washington Memorial.

A plus 1 award was also shown that Lily Lodge had received from the Grand Lodge for having the most points in the Grand Master's Program for a Lodge of our class. I believe that this award is the result of Brothers working together, fellowship, visitation, and determination. Brothers keep up the good work.

Our next meeting of March 6th Brothers Ronald and Marvin Jessen will be serving lunch.
Arnold L. Webb, Secretary

REE VALLEY LODGE #70

(Nothing was received.)
Elmer R. Johnson, Secretary

BLUNT LODGE #72

Blunt lodge met in regular communications on February 13th, with 14 members and 3 visitors present.

The lodge education officer gave a report on the Masonic Student Assistance class that was held in Mitchell. Past Grand Master Gerald Johnson gave a report on George Washington's lodge in Alexandria Virginia and its history. This was for a Washington's Day observance and an education program.

It was decided to honor an outstanding non-Mason individual at an open house sometime in April, the date to be decided at the March meeting.

Following the meeting we were served a delicious lunch of sandwiches, cake, and ice cream by Maynard Wagner and Brian Schultz.

The lunch committee for the March meeting will be Pierre Barnes and Dave Ramsey.
Roland Kleinschmidt, Secretary

IONIC LODGE #83

Ionic Lodge #83 regular meeting included a discussion of how we can increase our visibility in our community; what we can do to bring people into our building to expose them to our meeting facilities and to open discussion with non-members to the goals and accomplishments of our Lodge.

We are planning degree work for an approved candidate and planning an Inquirers event.

We thank Pierre and the other Lodges in the District for their efforts in the One Day Conferral.

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HIRAM LODGE #123

Greetings from Hiram Lodge #123,

We had a decent turnout for our meeting; with Brother Gene Groff serving a very warm bowl of Chili. It was very good. Next month Brother Mike Kirkpatrick will be serving lunch before the meal. We are reminding the brothers if they know of a young man or woman who is planning on attending college or trade school in South Dakota and would be interested in applying for a Grand Lodge Scholarship please contact a member of the lodge for guidelines and or an application.

The Senior DeMolay are planning on helping Ashley chapter on doing their degree work of the boys, if you would be interested in helping in some way please contact Brother Kevin Neuhauser. If a young man approaches you and introduces himself as a member of Ashley Chapter and is very courteous and asks you to initial his card you can, the Boys of Ashley chapter will be doing a fun activity, to get to know members of other bodies and for other bodies to see the young men that are our South Dakota DeMolay. So support the boys.

Just a reminder that dues for 2006 are due, so if you are outstanding please get them in. One correction from the February PMM and that is that Don Sandal was also involved in making the prime rib. Please bring a brother to lodge with you and also support our young people by attending a DeMolay meeting or a Jobs Daughters meeting, they support us so lets support them.

Fraternally,
Doug Runge, Secretary

MOBRIDGE LODGE NO. 164

Dear Brothers,

A fine One Day Festival in Pierre Saturday, January 28th brought in 8 new Masons, two of which Brothers Clayton Perman and John Kienow are with us here at Mobridge. They've already attended their first meeting. Re: our PMMs, if you have E-Mail, let Brother Collett know yours to cut down on mailings. Also, those with their 2006 dues already in should send PMM donations to Brother Eugene Collett, 1304 W Capitol Ave, Pierre SD 57501-1344. The few remaining members still needing to send their 2006 dues in may send a PMM donation with them and I will get them to Pierre. While June was a "record" with ALL dues in, we can do much better than that.

Our Breakfast Fund Raiser netted \$600.00 for the Library and \$241.00 for our Scholarship Fund bringing that one to \$500.00 with the donations sent in with dues.

Monday, February 27th will be our Annual George Washington's Birthday and Widows' Night Dinner. Let's have a good turnout!!!

Fraternally,
Brer Bob

EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172

Eagle Butte #172 had a good turn-out for it's February 20th meeting with 15 brothers in attendance. Past Master Chuck Mader had the distinction and honor of conferring the MM degree on his fourth son (Lee) to join EB Lodge. Brother Chuck will also be receiving his 50-year pin this year, at a date to be announced later. Brother Harold Bentz, a member of Hermosa & Rapid City Lodges, was in attendance to lend his very able assistance with the work and lectures. Brother Dick Simon from Hermosa and Brother Don Hollenbeck from Mobridge Lodge also assisted in the work. Following the meeting good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Fraternally,
Dan Booth, Secretary

ONIDA LODGE NO. 173

(PMM due out before meeting night.)

Fraternally,
Doug Marsh, Secretary

YORK RITE NEWS

The February meeting was so very fine. With a marvelous dinner prepared by Gerald Johnson, who was probably assisted by his wife, Ruth because it was great. At the February meeting we were visited by the Most Eminent Grand Commander, who verbally displayed a broad vision of the future of the Knights Templar. All omissions and errors of the past will be corrected. One Day Festivals throughout the state will be supported and new goals for membership will be forthcoming. It is hoped that the membership in the state will double the next five years. The Grand Commander is a beacon of light for the future of the Knights Templar. The Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Commandry was also in attendance and with such leaders, the future of the York Rites will be in good hands.

Perry Anderson will be providing the dinner for the March 8th stated meeting. I have been reminded that the wife and also any widows are invited to come and enjoy the dinner.

The Pierre Bethel of Jobs Daughters and some of the parents will be attending the Supreme session of Job's Daughters in Vancouver, British Columbia in Canada. The Pierre Bethel has rented a bus and one of the fundraisers will be a rummage sale at the McClure Hall on April 8th. Please all save your rummage so that we can be of service to the Jobs as they are encountering new horizons in their adventures. They will also honor the Masons and Eastern Star at their meeting on March 19th.

I hope that all members can be at our March meeting. Dinner at 6:15PM and meeting at 7:00PM. Spring is just around the corner, so enjoy the tail end of winter.
By Matt Schatz for York Rite.

YELDUZ, OAHE SHRINE CLUB

The club's February meeting was on the 16th at Ramkota Inn with a solid fourteen members present. (Don Sandal was absent, off chasing a little white ball in balmy South Carolina---such luxury!)

The big item of discussion was the on-going planning for the 2006 Oahe Shrine Circus on July 18th. It is now determined that the circus will be held indoors at the Expo Building in Ft. Pierre. This will require many new planning details to be worked out, particularly the first time.

It was decided that ticket prices will remain the same for this year, but that concession prices will be increased to off-set rising costs. It is further anticipated that the new circus contract starting in 2007 may be substantially increased, requiring further measures.

March 23rd Ladies' Nite Dinner will be at the VFW in Pierre.

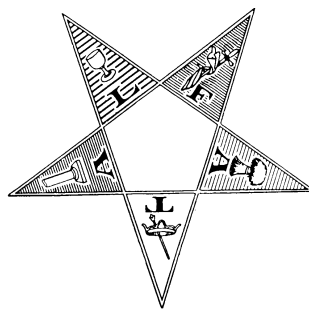
Jim Allan, Secretary

PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD

There have been a few minor problems with the rules of the temple and in the near future a new set of rules will be posted and also mailed to the heads of all the Masonic Bodies.

At the annual meeting Eugene Collett, Chairman of the Building Board elected me to be the booking agent for the Lodge. Building. If you book in a date, you should tell me that it is a booking. If you call me and ask if the Temple or McClure hall are available and I tell you they are, that is **not a booking**. You must call me back and book it. Also, I do not set the rates, as that is done by the board members and I simply follow their instructions. I will be posting a calendar in McClure Hall that will list the bookings, which should help in everyone's planning. The Board meetings are always on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00PM. All member of the Masonic Bodies are welcome to attend any of the meetings. The Board is not there to dictate, but to serve.

Matt Schatz, Board Secretary



CAPITAL CITY OES

Stardust

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: – There are March birthdays on the chapter's records and they are: Roger Hoffman on the 2nd, Lynda Paquette on the 7th, Erma Mikkelsen on the 20th, Louis Fratzke on the 24th, Sandra Vanneman on the 28th, and Sam Tidball on the 31st. May you all plan special events on your day. Happy Birthday all.

We are happy to report that the chapter had a great day for the official visit on Thursday, January 24th. The weather was perfect, there was a favorable attendance and everything else fell into place as planned. Thank you, Worthy Matron Sandra, for your hard work planning this day. All who participated did an outstanding job. All your efforts are appreciated. Thank you officers.

Communications received from members: Lynda Paquette says that she is busy at her work and it's hard to find time to get a note in the mail. Daughter, Heidi lives in Las Vegas, her husband is in the Air Force. They have a 2 year old girl. Son, Michael returned from Iraq, now living in southern New Hampshire. They are expecting their first

child, and Lynda is elated, looking forward to these additions to her family. She is from N. Stratford, NH.

Maureen & Gordon Edwards live in Sun City, AZ. She has had two pacemaker (one recalled) surgeries this past year, but feels great now. Also her husband has recovered from major illnesses. They are great grandparents one soon to be two. It is hard to believe since it wasn't very long ago when the Edwards moved south. They attended the wedding of daughter Lynette's son, Kyle last September.

Ruth Ann Furze writes she was selected for jury duty, served on a case which she found interesting and informative. It gave her a break from her hectic work pace. She lives in Manhattan, KS, lost Bandit one of her house pals, but Darcy and Apache are there to greet her, jumping with glee when she returns home.

Going back to 1963, Officers Millie Miller, Adah; Maureen Edwards, Ruth; Noreen Leao, Esther; Patricia Greer, Martha; Eugene Leao, Sentinel, are the only surviving officers for then Worthy Matron Hertha Gross and Worthy Patron Clinton Nielsen in the East. Other officers served, now deceased were: Irene Emde, Kathryn Morse, Inez McNeil, Jacqueline Berndt, Bernice Theobald Webber, Ceres Salladay, Chrystina Felt, Dorothy Fleischacker, Lillian Backburn and Shirley Thompson. Communications with Assoc. Patron Bob Weddle were lost after they moved from Pierre. Installing officers were: WGP Roy Hammill, Marshal Edna Selvig, Chaplain Jesse Suiter, Organist Lucille Starkey, Warder Viva Wright, Sentinel Dean Starkey. It was a frosty, 20 below zero December evening 1962. No partiality intended, but these officers served their chapter with dignity, were the very best, and extra special.

We received word that N. Lucille Board died unexpectedly on January 11th, in Phoenix, where she and husband Les resided for years. Les died a few years ago. Lucille joined our chapter on April 24th, 1953, and received her 50-year certificate in 2003. She sent us a Christmas card and indicated then that she was doing well. Lucille was 83 years of age. We send our expressions of sympathy to her family and friends.

Next regular stated meeting is scheduled on March 14th, @7:00 PM with Dolores & Perry Anderson doing the refreshment honors. St. Patrick's is coming, celebrate as you wish.

Waneta Chapter #47

Our Official visit opened at 10:00 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving Sister Christine Bryan, Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. Sister Christine conducted a School of Instruction. A salad luncheon was prepared by the Past Matrons to 34 members and guests at noon.

The Official Visit reconvened at 2:00PM when the degrees of the Order were exemplified. Acting candidates were Sisters Kelsey Wuttke and Bethany Wuttke.

Introduction of visitors included our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Roger Dwyer. Sister Christine Bryan, Grand Conductress thanked the officers for their attention and complimented the officers for the fine work. After Chapter closed lunch and fellowship followed. Visitors were from Yankton, Faulkton, Mitchell, Onida, Pierre, Cresbard, Blunt, Wessington Springs, Huron, Ft. Pierre, and Ree Heights. Total attendance was 42. The coin march collection was designated for the ACTS Program. We invite the Brothers and Sisters to visit us again.

Marsha Osier
Worthy Matron

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(Nothing was received.)
Junior Princess Krista Olson

JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #10



ASHLEY CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

Greetings from Ashley Chapter,

We are off to a great start to our membership drive, with the boys vowing one new young man at our February 2nd meeting and with that the young men are planning on initiating about 6 members on the 2nd of March beginning at 7:00PM with a reception to follow the initiation at the Masonic temple in Pierre. Come and support our South Dakota DeMolay as they make their first step in their Masonic Career. The boys had a great turn out as they went to the YMCA on the 16th of February for an activity and had a good time playing basketball and just letting loose. Its great to see a group of young men having fun. We would also like to thank the Masons who showed up to support us at our first Honor Master Masons night where we served soup and chili afterwards. We invite any Mason or Parent to come and attend our meetings or activities.

Fraternally,
Derek Runge - MC Ashley Chapter Pierre

GENERAL COMMENTS

Receipts: in last name order within lodge number.

Members from Pierre Lodge #27:

1. \$20.00 – Anderson, Robert
2. \$20.00 – Bloom, Maynard
3. \$ 5.00 – Ice, Charles H.

Members from Ionic Lodge #83

4. \$10.00 – Van Bockel, Lucy

Members of Mobridge Lodge #164:

5. \$10.00 – Thompson, Burdette (59 years in Masonry) replacing check 7406, 9/30/2005 – **Thank you.**
6. \$20.00 – Parrott, Sherman

in memory of Brother Robert Klatt.

\$85.00 was received this month. Expense list:

1. \$144.31 for addressing and mailing the PMM
2. \$ 42.53 for copier lease

\$ 186.84 spent for February's PMM

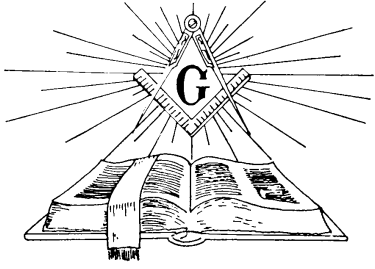
If you enjoy the PMM, please thank the people who pay for it and consider making your own donation. **I thank you!**

The PMM is \$543.76 in the good since August 1st, 2002 excluding March's PMM expenses (approximately \$190.00).

I would like to thank the brothers that made the PMM possible: Thank you authors that write the articles, print, and folded of the February PMM. Printers were: Florin Hemminger, Don Sandal & Larry Kirkpatrick. Folders were: Dale July, Jim Allan, Hertha Gross, Gene Groff, Merle Buehler, Keith Miller, Jim Brink, Harold Bolyard, Sherman Parrot, Milt Oehlerking, Florin Hemminger, Don Sandal, and Larry Kirkpatrick.

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

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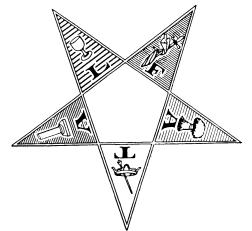
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MASONIC TRESTLE BOARD

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Wednesday	1	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & lunch
Thursday	2	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre & will be initiating of 6 members
	2	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
	2	8:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, SD, regular meeting & lunch
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 dinner at VFW Club
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
April (Approx. date)	8 22		Jobs Daughters rummage sale at the McClure Hall Pierre Lodge #27, MMSATP Annual Bake Steak Dinner