



PIERRE MASONIC MESSENGER



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Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program

Pierre Lodge Number 27 is having our eighth annual Bake steak dinner on Saturday April 22nd, 2006, at the McClure hall in the Masonic temple. We serve from 5:00PM till 7:00PM. We do this as a fundraiser for the statewide program. All proceeds go to the Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program.

The Lodges of South Dakota bring in groups of teachers from different schools within the state. We train them to detect students that are at risk for drug, alcohol, suicide, and many other problems that students have. We not only teach them to detect the problems, but to intervene and get them some help from the proper agencies. This is expensive. We pay their room and board for three days while they take the training. This training is provided by some of the best motivators in the business. All this is done at no cost to the teachers or the school. The teachers receive college credits from South Dakota University for taking the course. It costs between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for each session. About half the cost has been absorbed by the per capita dues increase of \$5.00 from our membership. We do two sessions per year so you can see how much it costs. The program has been very successful and has saved several kids lives, and helped many others. This makes it all very worthwhile and rewarding.

Tickets to the dinner are \$7.00. What a deal. This includes tax and tip. We need your support. If you can't come to the dinner buy some tickets and give them to your friends.

Remember Saturday April 22nd, 2006 at the Pierre Masonic Temple in McClure Hall. Tickets are \$7.00 each. Children are \$3.00 at the door. Serving from 5:00 till 7:00 PM.

Every one is welcome. Bring your family and friends.

DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

As we make new Masons, let us not forget the need to introduce them to the traditions and the bonds associated with the Craft. Freemasonry obligates us to certain standards of conduct. Those standards are something we learn over time. We learn by observing the conduct of other Masons. What would new Masons learn from you by your conduct?

Congratulations to each of you Freemasons and your Lodges. I believe every Lodge in the District has raised new Masons and most have done degree work in your home Lodge. We can compare the value of degree work in one-day conferrals. Candidates experience different feelings, but we do not talk enough about the experience to the degree teams. Lodges need to conduct enough degree work in home Lodges to maintain proficiency, to experience working together, and to maintain that sense of Brotherly Love. It is what Freemasonry is built on.

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PIERRE LODGE #27

First permit me to wish for each of you a Blessed Easter Season and may you all truly enjoy the rebirth of the Spring season.

Several items, and to start with, we are happy to announce that the Lodge has nominated Worshipful Brother, Perry B. Anderson to serve the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Warden. Our very best wishes go with Brother Perry to Grand Lodge to be held in Aberdeen on June, 15th, 16th and 17th, 2006.

Please note above the details of the annual baked steak dinner. I invite all to step to the plate and assist in

any manner that you are able and willing. Please call Perry at 224-2406 and offer assistance. It is of the utmost importance that we work together to make this a success.

I invite all members to the stated meeting on April 10th. I would like to see a 100% turnout for the meeting. If you can not be present because of distance, please mail us a note, telling us what you have been up to and we will count you present at roll call. In other words, if you are not there in person, we want a note from you. Mail to Pierre Lodge, PO Box 1171, Pierre, SD. 57501

Now that you have our address, I would ask that any time there is a change in your life, like an address change a phone # change, we want to hear about it so we can keep all our records up to date. So remember two big items for April. The "all members present" meeting on April 10th and the baked steak dinner on April 22nd. Happy Spring.

Richard Decker, Master

LILY LODGE #62

Lily Lodge met in regular communications March 6th in the Blunt Hall with 22 in attendance. We opened in the MM degree at 7:00PM for the regular dispatch of business. The MM degree was closed and an EA degree was opened at 8:00PM. Mr. Daniel Gordan received the EA degree. The plans are to have a FC degree April 3rd, 2006 in the Blunt Masonic Hall. We appreciate being able to use the Blunt Hall and also the help we get in the degree work.

Our next meeting will be April 3rd in the Blunt Hall with Brothers Lee and Roland Kleinschmidt 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 March 13th with 13 members and 1 visitor present.

Brother Randy Pool gave a short summary of his attendance at the Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program seminar in Mitchell. This is a program for education personnel to learn more about how to recognize at risk children to head off future problems.

Blunt lodge will be hosting its annual honors day program on Sunday April 30th at the Blunt Senior Center to honor wives, widows, and an outstanding citizen.

Brother Delbert Ripley gave a short education program about masonry.

There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

The lunch committee for April will be Brian Schultz and Delbert Ripley.
Roland Kleinschmidt, Secretary

IONIC LODGE #83

Our Inquirers supper at Ionic Lodge #83 went well with 4 guests. We visited about Masonry in Gettysburg and beyond. It was a time to remember the appendent bodies as well as the Blue Lodge.

It was a time for us to speak of what Masonry means to us in our lives. It was also a time to listen to why others become Freemasons and to hear their experiences which keep them active.

The Lenten season is a time for Christians to reflect. That season is also a meaningful time for many Freemasons. Let us devote time to this season and prepare for renewal.

Remember April 23rd, the Sunday after Easter, is our ladies and honors event at 2:00PM.

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HIRAM LODGE #123

Greetings from Hiram Lodge #123,

Due to the South Dakota weather no quorum was held on the 20th of March, although a couple of us showed up and helped Brother Larry Kirkpatrick eat supper. Master Councilor Derek Runge presented Brother Don Sandal with a check for winning the DeMolay's Chili cookoff. Don't forget the Jobies are having their regular meeting and pie auction on the 26th of March at 3:00PM. The auction will help them raise money for their trip to Canada, so please support them and all the young people as they support us. Thanks to Brother Larry Kirkpatrick for bringing the lunch. And thanks to Judy for throwing it together as it was very good. If you have not paid your dues please get them in as soon as possible.

Fraternally,
Doug Runge, Secretary

MOBRIDGE LODGE NO. 164

Our 43rd Life Member, Brother Kenneth "Mickey" Schultz, just received his card from Grand Lodge. Way to go, Mickey!!! He is now one of 59 new life members of the 1,042 in 90 SD lodges receiving \$16,400.00 in paybacks from Grand Lodge. WOW!!! Our own payback was \$425.00. Great!

Scholarship applications are coming in. For the past four years we have managed two \$250.00 awards for \$500.00 in scholarships. This money was raised by donations and fund raisers. Many "thanks" to all those who contributed. Previously, there was one \$200.00 award that came out of our dues, even that amount is too difficult to do along with lodge rent, postage, and other costs. Again, thanks to those who contributed.

Ahem. Speaking of dues, I sent reminders to seven brothers still in arrears. Two have sent theirs in so please remit and maybe a \$ or \$\$ for our funds as well. Thanx!

By the way, three new Shriners received their fezzes in a "Cold Sands" replete with costumes et al. Salaam, Nobles Greg Merkel, LeRoy Farnen, and Clayton Perman. Fraternally,
Brer Bob

EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172

Eagle Butte #172 did not meet March 20th due to the snow storm. The next meeting is planned for the first Monday in April; April 3rd at 7:00PM.

Fraternally,
Dan Booth, Secretary

ONIDA LODGE NO. 173

Greetings from Onida Lodge 173,

Onida Lodge will host a Honor the Widows and Ladies day on Sunday April 23rd at 2:00PM at the Lodge Hall.

A special "Thank You" to the Brothers of our Lodge and Brothers of other Lodges for taking parts in the degree work this winter.

Three Brothers still need to remit dues for 2006. Please do this as soon as possible.

Fraternally,
Doug Marsh, Secretary

YORK RITE NEWS

A great meeting took place on March 8th, but my taste buds tell me that the meal was better than the meeting. It was a great and successful meeting.

Pierre York Riteers did some traveling since the last meeting. Matt Schatz drove to Aberdeen to meet with the new Council there and I assure you that they are on the right tracks. The Illustrious Grand Master, Doug McFarland was also present and he spoke most impressively.

The Eminent Grand Commander, Gerald Johnson was accompanied by Knight, Florin Hemminger, and Sir Knight Perry B. Anderson as well at the Grand Junior Warden,

Richard Decker to make a visitation to the Schrader Commandery of Rapid City. I am certain that Schrader rolled out the red carpet for the Grand Commander. Full reports will be detailed at our next stated meeting on April 12th. The April meeting will be preceded with a dinner prepared by Florin Hemminger and no doubt Marian will assist him. I have been requested to invite all the widows and friends to come for this Spring dinner to be served at 6:15PM on April 12th with the meeting to commence at 7:00PM.

Also, the Right Eminent Commander Johnson, Florin Hemminger, and Perry Anderson all drove to Fargo to attend the North Dakota York Rite Convention. Reports from those travels will also come to the table at the April 12th meeting.

Finally, this writer wishes each of you a Glorious Easter.

By Matt Schatz for York Rite.

YELDUZ, OAAHE SHRINE CLUB

The monthly meeting was held March 23rd at the Ramkota River Center with twelve members and one guest present. The meeting was moved one week later than the usual schedule due to conflicting activities.

Business was mainly routine and centered on the 2006 Oahe Shrine Circus. Circus Manager Curt Mortenson reported that preparations are proceeding satisfactorily, for now. It is his intent that several from the Club attend either the Huron or Aberdeen Circus to see first hand how they set up indoors and hopefully be able to confer with Carden. He also plans to attend the April meeting of the Ft. Pierre Expo Building Board to assure continuing coordination.

The Secretary reported that all of the circus tickets and posters for the children's tickets route have been received from the printer. Plans are also being made with the publisher of the River Life News to run an article on Shriners Hospitals just prior to the circus. President Hemminger appointed Richard Decker to coordinate that effort.

The Secretary read a letter from the Yeldez Potentate urging members to attend the special election meeting at the Center on April 6th. This is the normal monthly meeting.

SPECIAL NOTE--April Ladies' Nite Dinner will be held on Tuesday April 25th, rather than the usual Thursday, at the Oahe Marina, just below the Dam. They are usually closed on Tuesday, but will open just for our group, so come on out and enjoy.

Jim Allan, Secretary

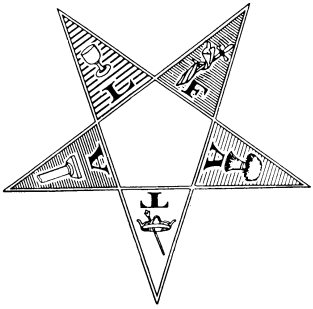
PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD

In general everything has been going quite well, in spite of the climbing fuel costs and raising insurance premiums.

It has been decided that each body needs to take an inventory of the property they have in the Temple. Each body has been notified and it has further been requested that the inventory be completed and turned in by April 1st. In the event that you have not been able to comply with this request, please do so ASAP and get it turned in, as it is so very important that we finish this project.

During the recent snows, we noticed that the front steps were not shoveled and again, please take your turn, just stop and remove the snow as needed. It is everyone's temple and we need all hands to keep it looking neat. Also please spread the word, that the facility is available for use by anyone or any group that would need it for a family reunion, graduation, birthday, anniversary or just for a meeting. Please spread the word and let me know, so I can draw up a contract and the more we can use the place, the easier the load for all of us. Thank you for anything you do to assist in maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of the temple.

Matt Schatz, Board Secretary



CAPITAL CITY OES

Stardust

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: – Please note those celebrating birthdays during April: Donna Newman on the 11th, Carol Logan the 12th, Jacqueline Haggin the 17th, and Marian Hemminger the 28th. We wish you all happy events of excitements on your day.

April is the month chosen by our Worthy Matron to honor those who have reached 50 years or more of membership in the Order of Eastern Star. The regular chapter meeting is on April 11th at 7:00PM. All are urged to attend. The following have attained that honor: Gladys Benson, Harriet Brown, Linda Dimmick, Eunice Cory, Faye Ellis, Horace Ellis, Joanne Ellis, Page Epele, Marian Hemminger, Elinor Meeker, Keith Miller, Mildred Miller, Lillian Myers, Maxine Thomsen, Sam Tidball, Marie Wendt. We are pleased to report that Marleane Jensen and Leona Buhler will be joining this prestigious ranking in our fraternal order this month.

Sunday, June 4th, all members, non-members, their families and friends are invited and encouraged to attend the All Star Picnic scheduled to be held here in Pierre at the Masonic Temple site. It is for everyone to enjoy a fun day. Bring a dish to pass. Coffee, cold drinks and plastic utensils will be furnished. Hazel Schaubman PGM, from Aberdeen is chairing this event.

Doors will open at 11:00AM for mingling/visiting. Dinner will be promptly at 12 Noon.

Following the meal and a social time, there is FREE admission to the State Heritage Museum from 1:00 PM to 4:30PM. It offers educational SD information and history for folks of all ages. A suggestion made is to allow about an hour to tour.

Other points of interest options are, such as: the SD Discovery Center, browsing the State Capitol, or to view the war memorials nearby. And there are the LaFramboise Causeway Boat rides. These require advance reservations, which is a possibility.

There is also an all star bus trip scheduled to Minneapolis on October 26th, through November 3rd, 2006, to attend the General Grand Chapter sessions. If you are interested or have questions, feel free to contact PGM Rose Hornstra, bus coordinator. Her address is: PO Box 411, Armour, 57313. Telephone No. 605 724-2249.

Remember our next meeting date is April 11th, starting at 7:00PM, to honor all 50+year members. Marian and Florin Hemminger are taking charge of the refreshment details.

Did you all notice that Spring has sprung? Happy Easter Day all, it's an important observance in our culture.

Waneta Chapter #47

Waneta Chapter continues to enjoy fellowship and charity. We remember those Brothers and Sisters who are not able to attend meetings regularly.

Spring will be here before long. It is a time for renewal and remembering the final resting places of those who are no longer with us physically.

Marsha Osier
Worthy Matron

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JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #10

(Nothing was received.)
Junior Princess Krista Olson



ASHLEY CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

Greetings,

DeMolay is on a roll at our last meeting on March 16th we had a blast at the YMCA playing basketball and letting loose also we had a great turn out. We would like to invite all masons to our initiation on April 6th at 7:00PM. We will be doing the initiatory degree and the DeMolay degree. We have 6 young men going through the initiation. We would like to congratulate Don Sandal for the 2005 Chili feed winner and he was presented a check at the Ft. Pierre lodge. April 20th at 7:00PM we will be having a game night so if you know any young man that wants to be a part of something then DeMolay is for him and have them come and check it out. Either give Doug Runge a call or Dallas Thompson. We have had a great year and a blast growing and making South Dakota DeMolay in Pierre bigger and active.

Fraternally,
Derek Runge - MC

GENERAL COMMENTS

Receipts: in last name order within lodge number.

Members from Ionic Lodge #83

1. \$250.00 – **Thank you lodge members!**

Member from Fort Pierre Hiram Lodge #123:

2. \$20.00 – Kirkpatrick, Charles

Members of Onida Lodge #173:

3. \$20.00 – McGruder, John David

Members of Capital City OES 39:

4. \$20.00 – Tidball, Sam

\$310.00 was received this month. Expense list:

1. \$144.61 for addressing and mailing the PMM

2. \$ 74.06 for a case of paper

3. \$ 43.01 for copier lease

\$ 261.68 spent for March's PMM

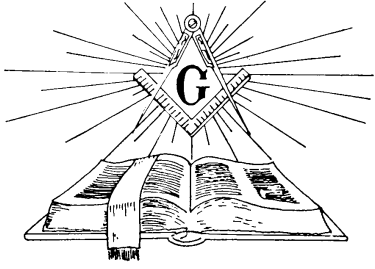
If you enjoy the PMM, please thank the people who pay for it and consider making your own donation. **I thank you!**

The PMM is \$572.08 in the good since August 1st, 2002 excluding April's PMM expenses (approximately \$190.00).

I would like to thank the brothers that made the PMM possible: Thank you authors that wrote the articles, printed, and folded of the March PMM. Printers were: Florin Hemminger, Don Sandal & Larry Kirkpatrick. Folders were: Florin Hemminger, Don Sandal, Larry Kirkpatrick, Jim Allan, Milt Oehlerking, Dale July, Jim Brink, Eldon LaFave, Sherman Parrot, Keith Miller & Harold Bolyard.

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

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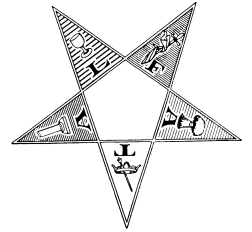
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Sunday	2	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	3	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, regular meeting & lunch
	3	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES
	3	8:00pm	Lily Lodge #62 Harrold, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Wednesday	5	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & lunch
Thursday	6	???	Yeldez special election meeting at the Center
	6	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre – Come to initiation.
	6	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
	6	8:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, regular meeting & lunch
Monday	10	7:00pm	Pierre Lodge #27, regular meeting and lunch
	10	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting & lunch
	10	8:00pm	Blunt Lodge #72, Blunt, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Tuesday	11	7:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, O.E.S. regular meeting and lunch
Wednesday	12	6:15pm	York Rite, dinner and 7:00pm meeting
	12	8:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, regular meeting and lunch
Sunday	16	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	17	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, Eagle Butte regular meeting and lunch
	17	8:00pm	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	20	12:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club meets at the Ramkota, UNLESS CHANGED!
	20	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre – Game night.
	20	7:00pm	Onida Chapter #138 OES, Onida, SD regular meeting and lunch
Saturday	22	noon	PMM articles due in Pierre
	22	5:00pm	Pierre Masonic bodies MMSATP baked steak dinner until 7:00PM
Sunday	23	2:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, Ladies and honors event
	23	2:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, Honor Widows and Wives day at Lodge Hall
Monday	24	7:00pm	Pierre Masonic Building Board regular meeting
	24	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES
	24	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting and lunch
	24	8:00pm	Ree Valley Lodge #70, Highmore, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Tuesday	25	6:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club Ladies' Night dinner at Oahe Marina
Sunday	30	???	Blunt Lodge #72, Honor wives, widow and an outstanding citizen at Blunt Senior Center