



# PIERRE MASONIC MESSENGER



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## DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

Freemasons are said to be properly clothed when they are wearing the white Apron of a Freemason. We as Masons know that the Masonic Apron, or Lambskin, is an emblem of innocence and the true badge of a Mason. The Operative Mason wore his apron to protect his clothing, but Speculative Masons wear the apron to remind themselves that they should protect themselves from the sins of the world.

The apron is white to symbolize purity. Purity is different from innocence, because it includes the meaning of knowledge. A child can be rightly called innocent and pure, but the purity of a child is the purity of ignorance and inexperience, not the purity of knowledge and conscious choice, which the Mason is to strive toward. Freemasons, being adult men, have been tried by temptation in their lives and by resisting, overcoming, and learning from these experiences he has developed personal strength to be able to do a better job of resisting and overcoming in the future. That purity of life and conduct, which is represented by the white apron of the freemason, and which is essentially necessary to gain admission into the celestial Lodge is the purity that has the added meaning of knowledge, and of the resistance to wrong.

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## PIERRE LODGE #27

It seems like yesterday that I was installed to serve as your Worshipful Master and now we are looking at elections for the next term. Are we having fun, or are we so busy that time moves rapidly?

I am so very proud of the manner in which all the Brothers worked together to serve the wonderful baked steak dinner on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many of the over 200 persons that came to eat with us lauded us with great praise for the manner and quality of the MMSATP dinner. I am thankful to Perry and Dee Anderson for shopping and cooking and above all selling hundreds of tickets. I am thankful to all the officers and their wives for stepping up to help where needed. Thanks to those that served, made and donated cakes and all those that ended up with dishwasher hands. Did I forget those that set up and took down the tables and chairs? I saw the greatest display of Masonic unity along with service to humanity that will leave me with great memories for a long time. THANKS ALL. The final reports should be ready by our next stated meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

I was so very pleased to have so many members attend at our last meeting and I would ask that you please continue that practice. During the stated May meeting we are also electing officers for the ensuing Masonic year. We will be cleaning ditches the next few days and we are going to prepare for Grand Lodge in Aberdeen on June 15-16 & 17 to support our own, Perry B. Anderson who is a candidate for Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge.

Happy Spring and Summer to all.  
Richard Decker, Master

## LILY LODGE #62

Our last regular meeting was held in the Blunt Lodge Hall April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006. A short meeting was held then closed and a Lodge of Fellowcraft was opened for the degree work for Daniel Gordan. The M.M. Degree work is planned to be at our next meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, at the hall in Blunt.

We also honored our wives and widows and a non mason (Dean Becker) Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00PM in the school lunch room. We were pleased to have Brother Lar-

ry Anderson, Grand Master of SD and his wife at our meeting.

Our next meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 with Brother Roger Husted and Brother Gary Feller serving lunch.  
Arnold L. Webb, Secretary

## BLUNT LODGE #72

Blunt Lodge met in regular communication on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> with 10 members present.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and a discussion was held concerning the coming meeting to honor the wives and widows of masons; also an outstanding non-mason. Meeting to be held at the Senior Center in Blunt on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April from 2:00 to 4:00PM.

There was some discussion about the repairs that need to be done to the lodge building. It was decided to get an estimate of the cost of repairs.

The next meeting will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The lunch committee will be Clyde Colson and Ray Salathe for the May meeting.  
Roland Kleinschmidt, Secretary

## IONIC LODGE #83

Ionic Lodge hosted a Family Fun day featuring Bean Bag Toss competition, a spinner target talent and a grab bag event. The families attending enjoyed the fun and prizes.

Our Entered Apprentice initiation will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope many of you hear about this through email and visits by Brothers.

Our Honors Event is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> with a meal at 1:00PM and program to follow. We know there are many Masonic related activities that day. Our hope is that all those traveling are kept safe and enjoy the particular events they choose to attend (whether it be Gettysburg, Onida, or Blunt).

We will probably schedule a Fellow Craft degree on a Thursday in May.

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## HIRAM LODGE #123

Greetings from Hiram Lodge #123,

The brothers met at their lodge in Ft. Pierre on 17<sup>th</sup> with brother Mike Kirkpatrick making the meal, but not staying. Something about him having a birthday. Happy birthday Mike. Several things were discussed including the need for names for the book scholarship which should be turned in at the May meeting. The brothers of Hiram Lodge 123 will be doing their spring road ditch cleanup on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. All should meet at Chikidily's at 7:00AM for breakfast. Also for any lodge that reads this if you will have a candidate that is ready for the MM degree and would like to have them raised at the Low Vail please contact Doug Runge Secretary at 945-1049. The date for the Low Vail will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. If your lodge is interested in participating in this please get back to the secretary by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to all the senior DeMolay for their help with the DeMolay initiation. The boys really enjoyed it and you do a great job. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting, their first meeting in May will be held in the Ft. Pierre lodge at 7:00PM. Please come and support them. A great big thank you goes out to Brother Larry Kirkpatrick for making our Life Membership Plaque which now hangs in the lodge. Please consider adding your name to the plaque. Plan on attending our May meeting where Brothers Don Sandal will be serving the meal.

Fraternally,  
Doug Runge, Secretary

## **MOBRIDGE LODGE NO. 164**

BreTHREN of the Mystic Tie,

By the time you receive this our Annual Spring Charity Table Lodge will be "history". It is a fun thing with lots of toast ritual boo boos filling the penalty glass on the "Firing Line" with quarters. Hopefully our newest members, Brothers' Bob Hanson, John Kienow, and Clayton Perman will be able to attend (heh, heh, new blood). Brother Clayton, by the way, is our newest and 43<sup>rd</sup> life member.

We interrupt this PMM to bring you "breaking news". Brother Wilson "Buddy" Warner, one of only three remaining dues in arrears members just sent his dues plus \$375.00 for his Life Membership, which means #44 on our growing L. M. Plaques. SUPER!!! We've kept our dues low to encourage Life Membership. Hope you take a little time to consider it. Also hope you had a nice Easter.

Fraternally,  
Brer Bob

## **EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172**

Eagle Butte Lodge met April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 with 9 members and 1 visitor present. Items discussed were building insurance, use of the basement meeting room for the 12 – step group, furnace placement, election of officers next meeting, and up-coming Grand Lodge in Aberdeen. We are also planning a 50-year pin present to Brother Charles Mader at a date yet to be determined. The next and last meeting before darkness will be May 15, at 8:00PM MDT.

Fraternally,  
Dan Booth, Secretary

## **YORK RITE NEWS**

Spring showed up before some of us were ready for it and that means that we have to work twice as hard to get caught up. Many exciting things have happened and are happening within the South Dakota York Rite Masons. Our very own, Rt. Eminent Grand Commander of the Knights, Gerald Johnson, along with the Junior Grand Warden, Richard Decker traveled to hold an official visit to the Brookings York Rite Bodies and the Pierre York Rites are anxiously awaiting reports of their travels.

Locally, Charles H. Walker has been elected to serve as Eminent Commander of the Capitol City Commandry. Rolland Kleinschmidt was elected to serve as King of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Richard Decker has been elected to serve as Illustrious Master of Temple Council #7. Each head of the Bodies will appoint their respective officers to be installed at our stated meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Each elected head of the three York Rite Bodies will also establish their team of installing Officers.

There will be a pre-installation banquet served at 6:16PM on May 10<sup>th</sup> in McClure Hall. I have been requested to invite the wives, ladies and widows to the installation banquet. Please call Florin Hemminger at 224-5552 and tell him how many will be at the banquet, so that adequate food arrangements can be made. Please enjoy most people's favorite season, Spring.

By Matt Schatz for York Rite.

## **YELDUZ, OAHE SHRINE CLUB**

The April monthly meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ft. Pierre Expo Center with eleven members present. The main purpose for the location was to review the Expo facilities so as to be able to plan the layout for the July 18<sup>th</sup> Circus. The indoor location requires many changes from the fair grounds and will require LOTS of help.

Jim Allan, Secretary

## **PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD**

ALAS: The snow shoveling for the season is complete and now the grass and weeds want our attention. It was nice to come to the Temple on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and learn that some good Mason had just mowed the lawn. Thanks Darrol Bjerke for that good deed. The members of the Build-

ing Board are always happy when these good volunteers take it upon themselves and lend a hand in keeping the Temple grounds in a good appearance.

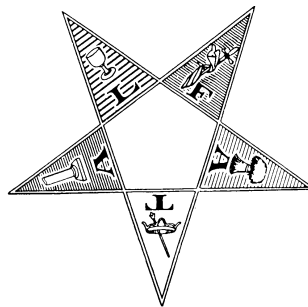
The Temple should be considered your home, away from home and is always in need of maintenance. These duties belong to every member and if each will do just a little bit, it is possible to enjoy the most beautiful temple grounds in the entire state.

There are some basic rules that should be followed, and that is simply to treat the property like you would if you were the owner. Please do not remove anything from the temple without permission from the Board members. For example, members can borrow the tables for receptions, but you need to have permission so that we know where they are. We need the items in the temple in the event we have a chance to rent the facility.

No one person or group of persons can be in the Temple below the age of 18 unless they are accompanied with one or more adults. Also, it has been noticed that the age old rule of "no food upstairs" has not been adhered to.

So, please all remember that food may be brought in and consumed in the lower level. If you need to bring a bottle of water upstairs, please also take it with you when you leave. Above all, please always clean up after your meetings. These basic rules are so that you can all enjoy the beautiful temple we are so fortunate to have in the Capitol City.

Matt Schatz, Board Secretary



## **CAPITAL CITY OES**

### **Stardust**

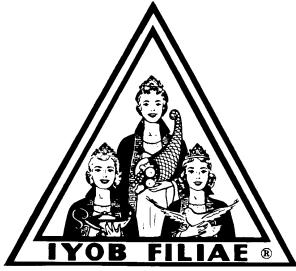
**FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY:** – We begin by recognizing May birthdays of our members. Those celebrating are as follows: Linda Hemminger Fisher on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Billie Jo Wright on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Florin Hemminger, Mary B. Johnson, and Clyde Nutsch all share May 15<sup>th</sup>, as their day, Matt Schatz on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Jerry Gavin on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Lillian Magnusson & Laura Lee Nutsch both on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Betsy Valnes on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We wish you all a wonderful day and many God's blessings in the days and years to come.

We appreciated the 50-year plus members who attended our last meeting to be honored. They all seemed to have a good time and we were happy to see them. There are those who as result of miles between here and there, were unable to attend. We extend our out-of-towners, congratulations to you also.

Our next chapter meeting will be friendship night. Worthy Matron Sandra has arranged entertainment with prizes for members locally, neighboring and other chapters in friendship. Plans are for a short meeting and then retire to McClure Hall for the social time. All our members please plan to attend, to share the evening with friends and meet new ones.

We are saddened to report that Clara Whipkey, a long time member, passed away March 26. Clara joined Capital City Chapter on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1969. Records show that she was elected and served her chapter as the Worthy Matron in 1976. Other offices she served were: Warden in 1970, Station Ruth in '71 & '72, Associate Conductress in '73, Conductress in '74, and Associate Matron in '75. After a brief rest period, she was elected to serve the Chapter's Treasurer, '84 & '85. She was appointed a Grand page, a chapter representative to the S.D. Grand Chapter during her year. She purchased her chapter life membership in 1998. Clara was an active member of our Past Matron's Club. She served her chapter well and left memories for us of her years.

Remember the All-Star potluck picnic at noon, on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, AND our friendship night Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, @7:00 PM. Come casual, no special dress required. When you qualify as an Eastern Star Sister or Brother, you are special and we send you all our Star Love. CHEERS.



## JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #10

Bethel #10 has had a busy Spring. We held elections last meeting and our elected officers for next term will be:

Krista Olson – Honored Queen

Alicyn Even – Sr. Princess

Lindsey Thompson – Jr. Princess

Katrina Brown – Guide, and

Michelle James – Marshal.

We appreciate the Masons and Eastern Star members who were present for our Honor Masons and Eastern Star and Mother Mick Ceremony in March. Each received a gift of "hugs and kisses" from our Bethel.

We've been busy with fundraisers for our trip to Supreme Session in Vancouver, British Columbia in August. We've got a bus reserved and will be taking 28 people from our Bethel. Our fundraisers have included a dessert auction, selling aluminum cans, Schwanns Fundraiser sales, wreath sales, and most recently the rummage sale.

Our rummage sale was a great success. We want to thank the Masons and Eastern Star members for their donations and support! We would especially like to thank Uncle Matt for all his time and hard work in helping us with the rummage sale!!!! We're planning another one in a month or so. The date is to be determined yet. If you have any rummage you'd like to dispose of let us know.

Bethel #10 was very pleased to be able to donate a microwave oven to the Masonic Hall and thank Amanda Tinker and her family for their donation!!

We have only 2 meetings left before Grand Session which will be held in Sioux Falls in June. Nearly all of the girls and most of the council will be going to Grand. We're planning on being in several competitions including Bethel competition so we've been practicing. Samantha Gaetze will be our representative for the Miss SD Competition at Grand and she's going to be a great candidate! The current Miss SD is from our Bethel, Britany Gonsor, and we're sure proud of her! Good luck Samantha!

Our next meeting will be Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> in Onida for our Honored Queen Linden Barber's "go to church" meeting. We'll attend her church with her and then go to her home in Agar for lunch. It'll be especially fun as our Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian will join us also. They'll be in Pierre for the Grand Council meeting the day before. Bethel #10 will be serving the lunch for the Grand Guardian Council.

Hope you all have a great month! Jobie love.



## ASHLEY CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

Greetings,

DeMolay in Pierre would like to thank all the Senior DeMolay members from the Ft. Pierre lodge who came and also helped us in our Degree work we performed on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Also a special thank you to Brother Kevin Neuhauser, Worshipful Master of the Ft. Pierre lodge, and Senior DeMolay for his help in getting the Senior DeMolay members together and helping us with the Degrees. We all had a blast and are planning on doing it again! Also on April 6<sup>th</sup> Craig Westergren, Robert Olson, Jared Holzhauser, and Quien Mortenson were initiated and our now Brothers of Ashley Chapter and Full members in DeMolay Congratulations!! Congratulations to Brother Luck Neuhauser who was presented the recognition pin and his Number one pin for being the first line signer on his first membership application! Also Congratulations to Brother Derek Runge who was presented his Proficiency card, Certificate for completing Course one of the Leadership Correspon-

dence Course One "Basic DeMolay Knowledge", and also the Founders medal for being the first line signer on five membership applications. We have had a good year and are having fun growing and leading South Dakota DeMolay ahead. Our last meeting was on April 20<sup>th</sup> we had a good turn out playing card games and enjoying the night. Our next meeting we are going to hold is at the Ft. Pierre lodge at 7:00PM. If you know of any young man that is looking for something to join or wants to be apart of something good then DeMolay is for him. Let either Doug Runge or Dallas Thompson know or give them a call. Thank you. Fraternaly,  
Derek Runge - MC

## GENERAL COMMENTS

**Receipts:** in last name order within lodge number.

Member of Pierre Lodge #27:

1. \$20.00 – Bolyard, Harold T.

2. \$10.00 – Fecht, Arthur

3. \$10.00 – Weddle, Robert (Dannie)

Member from Eagle Butte Lodge # 172:

4. \$20.00 – Booth, Daniel L.

Members of Onida Lodge #173:

5. \$11.00 – Eidsness, Paul

6. \$10.00 – Kennedy, Robert

7. \$11.00 – Schreiber, Albert

8. \$10.00 – Weischedel, Dale

Members of Capital City OES #39:

9. \$10.00 – Miller, Keith B.

**\$102.00** was received this month. Expense list:

1. \$145.06 for addressing and mailing the PMM

2. \$ 42.97 for copier lease

\$ 188.03 spent for April's PMM

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

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I would like to thank the brothers that made the PMM possible: Thank you authors that wrote the articles, printed, and folded of the April 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 La-Fave, Sherman Parrot, Keith Miller & Harold Bolyard.

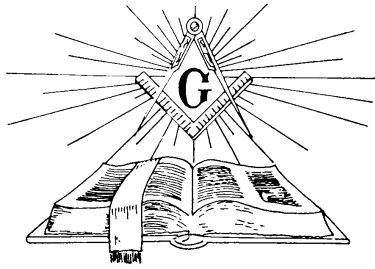
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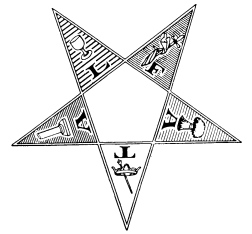
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# **MASONIC TRESTLE BOARD**

## **May 2006**



Monday	1	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, regular meeting & lunch
	1	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES
	1	8:00pm	Lily Lodge #62 Harrold, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Wednesday	3	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & lunch
Thursday	4	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	4	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
	4	8:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Sunday	7	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	8	7:00pm	Pierre Lodge #27, regular meeting and lunch
	8	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting & lunch
	8	8:00pm	Blunt Lodge #72, Blunt, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Tuesday	9	7:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, O.E.S. regular meeting and lunch
Wednesday	10	6:15pm	York Rite, dinner and 7:00pm meeting
	10	8:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, regular meeting and lunch
Monday	15	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, Eagle Butte regular meeting and lunch
	15	8:00pm	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	18	noon	Oahe Shrine Club meeting is to be announced
	18	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	18	7:00pm	Onida Chapter #138 OES, Onida, SD regular meeting and lunch
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>noon</b>	<b>PMM articles due in Pierre</b>
Sunday	21	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	22	7:00pm	Pierre Masonic Building Board regular meeting
	22	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting and lunch
	22	8:00pm	Ree Valley Lodge #70, Highmore, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	25	6:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club Ladies' Night dinner is to be announced