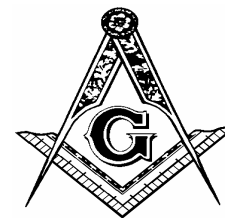




# PIERRE MASONIC MESSENGER



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## DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

The holidays are behind us now, and are looking forward to getting ready for our one day all the way at Pierre Lodge #27 on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Please bring candidates and two brothers per candidate. Looking forward to seeing you in Pierre and lets hope for a big day.

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## PIERRE LODGE #27

The first thing is don't forget the pancake breakfast 7:00AM January 27<sup>th</sup>. Next the one day degree festival on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM, come early for breakfast starting at 7:00AM.

We had our honor a non-Mason, widows and wives of masons and the honor went to Bill Abernathy, former police chief and current county commissioner.

I am looking forward to seeing the brothers at our next regular meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> and at the one day degree.

Darrol Bjerke, Master

## LILY LODGE #62

Because the first Monday in January was New Years Day we met on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> with 14 Brothers present.

We balloted on and accepted one gentleman to become a member. We also had first reading on two more. Several items of business were taken care of with a good educational talk by P.G.M. Gerald Johnson. Brother Erwin Feller served a nice lunch.

Our next meeting will be on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> with **cherry pie and ice cream** served by Dave Ramsey and Dean Ritter in honor of George Washington's birthday.

Please remember that District 13 will be putting on a one-day session in Pierre doing all three degrees starting at 7:30AM on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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## BLUNT LODGE #72

Blunt Lodge met in regular communication on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with ten members and four visitors present.

We were informed that the postponed meeting to present Wayne Pool his 60 year pin and to honor wives, widows and a Blunt outstanding citizen will be held on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> if things go according to plan.

It was announced that there was an effort to get the weather related postponement on KELO TV, but due to a lack of a password it was not announced.

There was a discussion about the scholarship program that is being initiated this year for two Sully Buttes High School graduates. The lodge adopted some rules for this program.

Visiting brother Norman Campo from Homer, Michigan was at our meeting and said a few words. He is here hunting buffalo and is making it an annual affair. He also donated a gallon of frying oysters to the lodge which we will have at a future meeting. Our lodge says "Thank you".

We still have some dues that haven't been paid.

Gerald Johnson will do the oyster feed after the February meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM. Visiting Master Masons are welcome.

Roland Kleinschmidt, Secretary  
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## IONIC LODGE #83

Ionic #83 is preparing for another Family Fun Day. The date is set for March 17<sup>th</sup> with David Shields in charge.

Our Fellow Craft degree is gearing up for their part in the February 24<sup>th</sup>, One-Day Conferral in Pierre. We expect to have candidates and be a part of another successful ritual event.

Our February 1<sup>st</sup>, regular meeting will feature **antelope stew at 6:45PM**; followed by our business meeting. We will be balloting on candidates. We hope for a good attendance.

There are books available to the public about Freemasonry. Many of them are very misleading. What does Freemasonry mean to you? How do you answer questions from inquirers about the features and values of Freemasonry?

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## HIRAM LODGE #123

Wow what a turn out at our January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Prime Rib was wonderful. Lots of information and dates first of all the brothers will be doing the FC degree on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February for Brother Richard Runge with the meal to be served by Brother Don Sandal and all the proceeds of that meal will go toward a Charity to be named, and on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February we will be doing a EA degree and then serving a meal being served by Brother's Gary Johnson and Dick Hermann, and then we will have our regular meeting. The traveling gavel is on the move and is sitting in Ft. Pierre, for a short time, we were presented with it from the Onida lodge along with a little history of it from Brother's Jim Brink and Brother Delbert Ripley.

The Status of our lodge is it is a month to month basis, so lets have a good turnout at every meeting as we won't know if it is our last one or not. Congratulations to Brothers Curt Mortenson and Brother Doug Runge for being installed as President and Vice president of the Oahe Shrine Club at their January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at McClure Hall where Uncle Matt served a wonderful lunch, if you need a meeting room they have a great set up for that. The Brothers of Hiram lodge will be doing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at the one day all the way in Pierre in February, and brother Kevin will be contacting brothers for assignments. And last but not least if you have not paid your 07 dues please get them in soon, and bring a brother to lodge with you. And if you would like to be on our email list please get me your address and I will add it.

Doug Runge Secretary Hiram lodge 123

## MOBRIDGE LODGE NO. 164

Brethren:

I begin this PMM with the correct spelling of how that salutation should be pronounced. I still hear BROthren which isn't even in the dictionary. The copy notices of Brothers PM Denny Laib, PM Davis Martin and LeRoy Farnen's Life Memberships from the Grand Lodge were pointed out at our last meeting. Good Job, Brothers.

We also noted the three 50 Year Award members, Brothers Harold Spiry, Roger Hegre, and Maynard Hier who will receive their awards formally shortly. Brother Burdette Thompson who lives in Springfield, Illinois will be

presented his 60 year award via the Grand Lodge in Illinois. Many Congratulations brothers, and many thanks for all those years of faithful service to Freemasonry.

Well, I hate to say it but the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 dues in arrears date has passed and a very few members still need to get theirs in. I'll dash out a reminder to those shortly. Grand Lodge requires their Per Capita dues of \$15.00 per lodge member to be sent in before February 15<sup>th</sup> and we will have to pay for those in arrears out of our General Fund which really cuts down our margin for lodge rent, postage, supplies, etc., etc.

We raised four new Masons in 2006, Brothers Clayton Perman, John Kienow, Albert Gorham, and Robert Demery. Brother Robert Knudson re-affiliated for a total of five. Brothers Ray Berry and Ken Bender passed to the Celestial Lodge above making our membership 98 with 44 as Life Members standing as number 5 in the state in that category. Have a **GREAT NEW YEAR!!!**  
Brer Bob

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

We did not meet in January because of cold temperatures. We did have a Fellowcraft in December for Treasurer Bob Rose's grandson. He will prove up at our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. We also are planning a F.C. for that meeting for another candidate. We will schedule the M.M. work for these two candidates at this meeting.

Fraternally,  
Dan Booth, Secretary

## **ONIDA LODGE NO. 173**

Greetings

On January 15<sup>th</sup> four Brothers from Onida traveled to Ft. Pierre to visit their Lodge. WM Brink presented the Traveling Gavel to Ft. Pierre Lodge #123.

A Past Masters Night is planned for March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Brother Maynard Wagner will be the cook.

Join us for a soup and sandwich supper at 7:00PM on our regular meeting night Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at 8:00PM.

Fraternally,  
Doug Marsh, Secretary

## **YORK RITE NEWS**

From the York Rite Bodies:

The York Rite bodies are in the process of conferring degrees on two new members-elect. Not only is it great to have new members, but it has been a pleasure to do the ritual work again. The next conferrals will be the Councilar Degrees and if members want to help with these degrees that would be great.

Thanks go out to the Building Board and all the volunteers who are trying to spruce up the Masonic Center, every little bit helps. We all need to help keep the place up so that all can enjoy this great building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Decker, Illustrious Master

## **YELDUZ, OAHE SHRINE CLUB**

The Club monthly luncheon meeting was held in the Lounge at McClure Hall in Pierre Masonic Temple on January 18<sup>th</sup> with fourteen members present. A sumptuous soup and sandwich lunch was served by Master Chef Matt Schatz, benefit going to the Masonic Building Association.

The main item for the meeting was the installation of 2007 elected officers, which are:

President – Curt Mortenson,

Vice President – Doug Runge, and

Perennial Secy/Treas – James Allan.

Florin Hemminger was the installing officer.

Circus Manager Mortenson gave a report on the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at Yelduz Temple on circuses and other events. Our new circus contract is now in hand and preparations are moving forward. Much planning remains to be done.

February Ladies' Nite Dinner will be at the VFW Club at 6:00PM Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Club February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will again be in McClure Hall.  
Jim Allan, Secretary

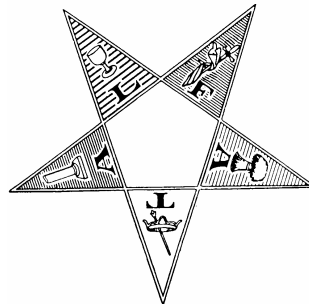
## **PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD**

Several things have changed since we have entered into this New Year. By the time you read this we will have held our annual meeting of the Building Association. And as per the action of the Bodies, Eugene T. Collett III, Florin W. Hemminger, and Cindy Paul will have completed their three year terms. Eugene T. Collett III will be replaced by Steve Walker. Cindy Paul will be replaced by Joie Bjerke. York Rite took no action at their last meeting and for that reason Florin W. Hemminger will have been reelected. They will join on the Board Mary Ann Nielsen, Sandy Van-neman, Uncle Matt, Leon Friend, Perry B. Anderson, and Richard Decker.

In the mean time, we wish to thank Mary Ann Nielsen for redoing the Ladies Bath Rooms up stairs and down and they are beginning to take shape. She is assisted by her personal plumber, Darrol Bjerke. Her advisor, Perry Anderson and her "go-for" Clinton Nielson. Some of her grandchildren have also helped her. Mary Ann, we all thank you.

We have cleaned the parlor room and made a small dining room of it. We served lunch to the YelDuz Oahe Shrine Club last Thursday and will do so on a monthly basis and have had other inquiries as to the cost and availability of the place. All this will render the building more usable. More improvements are in the making. We welcome new members Joie Bjerke and Steve Walker to the Board.

Submitted by Matt Schatz, Secretary



## **CAPITAL CITY OES**

### **Stardust**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY:** – The following are members who will be celebrating the dates of their birthday during February: Karen Hieb has a birth anniversary on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Charlene Laird on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shirley Ann Jenssen on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Peg Hensen on the 6<sup>th</sup>, LeAnn Anderson Bruno on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Linda Dimmick on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Mary Carr on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Jacqueline Johnson on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Don Armstrong on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Darrol Bjerke on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes to you all for a Happy Birthday. We are happy to announce that two new members joined our chapter recently, and have linked with the chapter officers for the year. Our Eastern Star chapter is making plans to welcome the Associate Grand Conductress, Patricia Conger Sweaney to Capital City Chapter #39, on Saturday, February 17. A school of instruction is scheduled to begin at 10:30AM, followed by a luncheon at noon and the official visit will begin at 3:00PM. Refreshments will be available following the day's activities. An invitation is extended to all Eastern Star members who have a current (2007) receipt for dues in hand. You all welcome. Eastern Star designated this the "LET YOUR LOVE FLOW" year. Helen Neuharth sent us Christmas greetings with a note saying that she is busy taking care of the Casa Grande, AZ, chamber of commerce. She mentioned that the area has grown to approximately 40,000 a year around residents. Helen was going to Mexico to celebrate the holidays with her sister Jan and husband Jack Kennedy. Erma Mikkelsen, Rapid City, sent a card without her usual cheery message. It worries us. Are you okay Erma? Linda Dimmick who lives in Payson, AZ, indicated she is doing well, staying active and is enjoying being near family. Eleanor and Don Armstrong reside in Astoria, OR. Eleanor is as upbeat as ever and we appreciate you staying in touch. Lillian

Myers from Sarasota, FL, called one evening recently. She was planning to spend her holidays with her son, Steve and family. They moved from Sioux Falls, built a new home, are about an hour's drive away from her home. Even though she still drives her own car, they were insisting to pick her up. It was fun to hear from you, Tippy. Jacqueline Haggin from Sioux Falls, is happy in her new home. She travels with husband, Pastor Leonard, to the churches he still serves, even though he retired several years ago. We send better health wishes to Elinor Meeker, Seattle, WA., who had a bad fall more than a year ago, is mostly housebound, but has not lost her touch of news. Her husband, Jack, is active in the SD School of Mines alumni group, was honored with a special medal of honor last May. They flew to Rapid City for the presentation and stayed with her sister Polly. During this same time, niece, Helen Neuharth saw the opportunity to arranged a gathering including other family members for a reunion visitation and fun. We wish Elinor and Jack, both a better year of health in 2007.

There is a possibility that if you have e-mail address capabilities, you may be able to get this publication right on your home computers, which would eliminate the postage for mailings to you. If you are interested, please send your e-mail addresses to the chapter secretary, 623 N. Central, Pierre, SD, 57501. If you wish we will then begin the process and see how it works for you.

This is a reminder to you who may have overlooked paying your dues for the year, do it soon, your check will be received and greatly appreciated.

Happy Valentine's Day  
Star Love to you all.

## Waneta Chapter #47

Our Official visit is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00PM. Our "School of Instruction" will be at 10:00AM. Visitors are welcome! These day time Official Visits are great for those who are not comfortable driving at night. We have a new candidate. I am sure that she will enjoy a large attendance to welcome her into the Order of Eastern Star.

Marsha Osier, Worthy Matron  
Larry Madsen, Worthy Patron



## ASHLEY CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

Greetings from Ashley chapter Order of DeMolay,

We have been very busy this last year and made good net growth. It seems that DeMolay International is saying hey look at these young men up in South Dakota. How are they getting that many men? Well we are proud of the fact we are growing and making the DeMolay Chapter bigger in Pierre. Brother Derek Runge gave the Flower Talk at the Pierre Lodge for the honoring widows, wives, and a non-Mason which a few DeMolay were present for. Our last meeting we had a good turn out. The young men sat downstairs ate Pizza, drank pop, and watched a few movies. Our next meeting will be on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 in the Pierre Masonic Lodge at 7:00PM. We would like to invite any Masons and Eastern Star members to attend any of our meetings. The invitation is open. Also if you are related to or know a young man that might make a good DeMolay please give us a call. We want members to make the chapter in Pierre big so that we can make South Dakota DeMolay strong once again. Give either Dallas Thompson a call at 224-5409 or Doug Runge at 945-1049  
Fraternally,  
Brother Nick Neuhauser, MC

## GENERAL COMMENTS

Receipts: in last name order within lodge number.

Members from Pierre Lodge #27:

\$10.00 – Albers, Larry M.  
\$20.00 – Armstrong, Don  
\$10.00 – Bolyard, Harrold T.  
\$20.00 – Buhler, Merle  
\$15.00 – Friend, Leon F.  
\$100.00 – Fiala, Gary L.  
\$20.00 – Fratzke, Louis P.  
\$10.00 – Fry, Samuel  
\$10.00 – Hoffman, Roger C.  
\$10.00 – Jones, Michael W.  
\$ 5.00 – Knodel, Orval A.  
\$10.00 – Larson, Vernon L.  
\$10.00 – Merriman, Ronald R.  
\$10.00 – Micheel, Donald  
\$20.00 – Mitchell, Marvin E.  
\$10.00 – Nielsen, Clinton H.  
\$20.00 – Schmautz, Duane  
\$20.00 – Schwellenbach, Stan  
\$20.00 – Weischedel, Cecil E.  
\$20.00 – Wood, Clovis F.  
\$20.00 – Wright, Randy E.

Members from Lily Lodge #62, Harrold:

\$20.00 – Salathe, Ray

Members from Hiram Lodge #123, Fort Pierre:

\$20.00 – Mortenson, Curt  
\$10.00 – Oehlerking, Milt

Members of Mobridge Lodge #164:

\$10.00 – Klein, Bob  
\$20.00 – Schnabel, Dennis D.  
\$10.00 – Thompson, Burdette L.

Members from Pierre York Rite:

\$20.00 – Allen, Charles B.  
\$ 5.00 – Bjerke, Darrol L.  
\$20.00 – Bloom, Maynard  
\$20.00 – Bolyard, Harold T.  
\$20.00 – Booth, Robert  
\$25.00 – Epele, Page M.  
\$11.00 – Hemminger, Florin W.  
\$10.00 – Larson, Donley  
\$10.00 – Long, Lauren  
\$10.00 – Olson, Marvin  
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\$10.00 – Starkey, Delton E.  
\$10.00 – Tate, Robert  
\$10.00 – Vanderhule, Vernon C.  
\$ 5.00 – Wright, Billy "B.J."

Members of Capital City OES chapter #39:

\$50.00 – anonymous donors  
\$10.00 – Armstrong, Eleanor & Don  
\$10.00 – Fratzke, Louis & Mary Lou  
\$10.00 – Greer, Patricia  
\$50.00 – Meeker, Elinor  
\$ 5.00 – Neuharth, Helen

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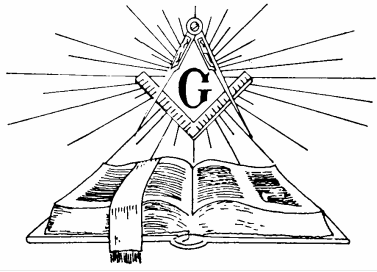
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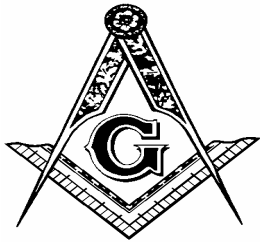
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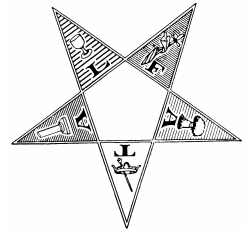
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## **MASONIC TRESTLE BOARD February 2007**



Thursday	1	6:45pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, SD, antelope stew & regular meeting
	1	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	1	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
Saturday	3	10:00am	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, school of instruction
		2:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, "Official Visit"
Sunday	4	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	5	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, regular meeting & lunch
	5	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES
	5	8:00pm	Lily Lodge #62 Harrold, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Wednesday	7	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & soup and sandwiches
Monday	12	7:00pm	Pierre Lodge #27, regular meeting and lunch
	12	7:30pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting & lunch
	12	8:00pm	Blunt Lodge #72, Blunt, SD, regular meeting and oyster feed
	12	???	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, FC degree and meal
Tuesday	13	7:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, O.E.S. regular meeting and lunch
Wednesday	14	6:15pm	York Rite, dinner and 7:00pm meeting
	14	8:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	15	12:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club meets at McClure Hall
	15	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	15	7:00pm	Onida Chapter #138 OES, Onida, SD regular meeting and lunch
Saturday	17	10:30am	Capital City Chapter #39, O.E.S. school of instruction
		3:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, O.E.S. "Official Visit"
	17	noon	PMM articles due in Pierre
Sunday	18	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	19	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, Eagle Butte regular meeting and lunch
	19	8:00pm	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, regular meeting and lunch
	19	???	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, EA degree and meal
Thursday	22	6:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club Ladies' Night dinner at the VFW
Saturday	24	7:00am	Breakfast followed by the
		8:00am	"One day all the way" at Pierre Lodge #27
Monday	26	7:00pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting and lunch
	26	7:00pm	Pierre Masonic Building Board regular meeting
	26	7:30pm	Ft. Pierre Chapter #90 OES
	26	8:00pm	Ree Valley Lodge #70, Highmore, SD, regular meeting and lunch