



CENTRAL SD MASONIC MESSENGER



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DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

Greetings from the District Master,

You will receive this prior to Thanksgiving. This holiday is a time to remember family and friends. It is my prayer that each of you reading this have a bountiful Thanksgiving. That the blessing you have received will enrich your life and the lives of those around you. Also, on this special day, take time to remember those who are serving and preserving peace throughout the world.

As directed by those attending the District meeting, I did pass along to our Grand Master your desire for the District to present the One-Day on January 24th. Snow date February 7th. Grand Master Virgil has let me know that we may proceed. Thus with this in mind, I hope that Mobridge will consent to present the Entered Apprentice, Gettysburg the Fellow Craft, and Fort Pierre presenting the Master Mason. If this is acceptable please let me know. I will follow up with Mobridge on my visitation the 24th of November.

I have almost completed my official visits to the District. Mobridge on the 24th of November and December 10th for Blunt. I was incapacitated for my visit in Blunt and if good health prevails will make it on the 10th.

I want to thank Mobridge for inviting me to their Table Lodge. Three of us made the trek and a good time with good food and friends. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in this event, make plans to attend the spring event. Talking about good friends and food, Harrold Lodge (Lily) will have their annual oyster stew meeting on December 1st. Lodge is at 8:00PM followed by a wonderful oyster stew prepared by their famous Chef Gerald Johnson. I would presume his earnest helper Florin Hemminger will be assisting. Even if you don't like oysters, come for the fellowship.

As I close, remember the One-day. Time to seek out those that are seeking light and thus providing an excellent opportunity to see quality work by the District. A prayer for Thanksgiving: Give us grateful hearts, for all thy blessings and make us mindful of the needs of others. Watch over our service men and women, bring them home safely. We ask this in the name of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Amen.

Charles H. Walker, District Master #13 (605) 224-5259

PIERRE LODGE #27

Greetings from the East,

Our November meeting had the privilege to have a visit from two grand officers, Junior Warden Richard Decker and Marshal Uncle Matt. They talked to us about what the Grand Lodge's focus will be this year and will want to encourage those that can make it to the Grand Lodge session this year in Sioux Falls this June. The disappointment in the low numbers of those that attended have prompted them to encourage those that can go to do so.

Our project of constructing a dog park for the city of Pierre is on its way. The city has given us its approval, and the Ramkota is also on board with the project. When the details are worked out we will be starting the fund raising to make this happen and with almost half of the construction cost already donated it shouldn't take long for this project to be well on its way.

We are also getting ready to host our one day event in Pierre this January 24th. With the plan as of now (subject to change) will be having Mobridge Lodge doing the EA, Gettysburg Lodge the FC, and the Fort Pierre Lodge finishing up with the MM.

I hope to see all that can make it there.

Steven Walker, Master

(605) 224-8988

LILY LODGE #62

The regular meeting was opened in due form on November 3rd, 2008. WB Dean Ritter filled in for the absentee master. Lunch was provided by Gerald Schmautz and Gary Feller. I was told the "kuchen" (coffee cake) was good. Our next meeting scheduled for December 1st 2008. Lunch will be provided by Gerald Johnson and Florin Hemminger. This is the annual Oyster Stew Feed. Brother Hemminger says "Ye All Come".

Duane Schmautz, Master

(605) 224-7861

BLUNT LODGE #72

Dear Brothers,

Blunt Lodge #72 would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! At our last lodge meeting, it was decided that once again we would provide the candy for Santa to pass out to the children after the Blunt School Christmas Concert. We also received a thank-you card from the George Sperry family for the funeral service that Brother Del Ripley and company performed. Thanks again to everyone who helped with the funeral service. Our next regular meeting is December 8th. Clyde Colson and Brian Schultz are on for lunch committee.

Fraternally yours, Brian Schultz, Secretary (605)-280-3836

IONIC LODGE #83

We had a winter storm on our regular meeting night so those with any sense stayed home.

When you read this our SDCHIP event will be history. We expect a good turnout. We have brochures handed out at our school and preschool.

We are co-sponsoring a "Parade of Lights" with the Chamber of Commerce. The parade starts right after dark. We have a soup and sandwich meal at the Lodge open to the public after the parade. The parade lasts about 1/2 hour, but that is plenty long in late November temperatures.

We have asked for a special dispensation to hold our January meeting on January 8th. We will be having Oyster Stew with the Oysters furnished by Brother Norm Campo of Washington state.

There seems to be a lot of public interest in Freemasonry. There are several programs on TV about Masonic Ritual and history. Some try to tie Freemasonry to revolutions. None find

any real evidence that Freemasons as a group have supported revolution. There have been individual Freemasons who have been active in politics.

Some states in the United States are Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF & AM), others are Free and Accepted Masons (F & AM) or modern lodges and then there are "Prince Hall Masons" (Black Lodges). Each state chooses which other states or Grand Lodges that they will have fraternal relations with. The whole process is an interesting study in itself.

How are you doing on membership? Are you concerned about revealing secrets when talking to non-masons about why you treasure your Masonic membership? Pick up a copy of "Mentoring Guidelines". We continue to lose membership. Some of that loss can be attributed to people who want to know what they are getting into before they take the "3rd degree". Get active by attending your local Lodge meetings and bring your questions.

Larry Madsen, Secretary (605) 765-2746

HIRAM LODGE #123

Greetings from the Junior Warden,

First of all let me say thanks to the Brothers who helped me at our November meeting, the Brothers have been busy we cooked and served the Casey Tibbs meal, and say a very big thank you to all the Brothers who helped (I would list them but am sure that I would miss some, and don't want to miss anyone) we were entrusted with a few more tasks and stepped up the them and took care of them, also a big thanks to the DeMolay boys who stayed till the end to help with the dishes, and the clean up, the lodge voted to give the DeMolay \$100 for their efforts. The Brothers also approved the idea of each of the Brothers to purchase an apron of their own to be used at functions that the Brothers do each apron would have the Masonic symbol and the Brothers name either sewn or stamped on it, and each Brother would be responsible for their own apron, so if you are interested in this please Contact me be either Email or Phone and I will get you on the list. We will be discussing this more at our December meal, where we hope to have some prices and other choices. The Brothers are also in the process of contacting the South East Pierre Community Center with hopes of the lodge getting a date to serve the Community Banquet. And WB Steve Likness is in the process of contacting the center for a date. And last but not least the Dues cards are here and The Secretary along with the JW will be getting them in the mail, so when you get them please get them back to the Secretary. **Have a Happy Thanksgiving.**

Thanks, Doug Runge JW (605) 945-1049

MOBRIDGE LODGE #164

Well, Brother Harold Sharpe was the Lodge #164 trivia winner for local members with the answer of our Masonic Brother, **Gerald Ford**, served as U.S. Vice-President and President without ever being elected to those offices. Brother Sharpe was therefore presented the coveted 2"x3" genuine leather apron in a ceremony befitting the occasion.

The Christmas Season will soon be upon us with this PMM so a December trivia should be appropriate. **Which Masonic Brother developed a plant which is very popular this time of year???** Remember, any CSDMM Brother may pitch in. Awards go to the first local, out-of-town, and out-of-state. Speaking of out-of-state, of which we have 13, states, we would like to hear from you once in a while. What's happening? What are you doing, etc. etc.? Our Christmas Season Family Social

and Caroling evening is on Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30PM. Much fellowship!!! I think I'm in charge of the hot toddies department (yeah, yeah!!).

Our Greek Festival Fund raised over \$700.00 for our building grant. How our CHIP (**CH**ild **I**dentification **P**rogram) turned out will be the January MM.

Now for the ugh, barf, puke part of my job...**DUES!!!** They will be in arrears on December 31st, so those few still needing to get theirs in...**PLEASE ? ! ? ! ?**

Have a Super Christmas Season, Y'all!!!

Brer Bob

(605) 762-3392

EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172

Eagle Butte #172 met Monday November 17th with a small turn out. A guest, Dave VanderLiest, from Green Bay, Wisc., even filled in as Sr. Deacon. He later spoke about his efforts to establish wind farm generation in the area. Several members paid their 2009 dues, and Lodge was closed in due form.

Fraternally, Dan Booth, secretary (605) 865-3726

ONIDA LODGE NO. 173

Our November meeting was canceled due to the weather. We are planning a Past Masters Night with oyster stew in January.

Doug Marsh, Secretary

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YORK RITE NEWS

York Rite Masonry in Pierre is alive and well.

We meet with a supper for members and ladies the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:00P.M. The December 10th supper will be served by Stan Schwellenbach.

Pierre Chapter #22 will have their regular meeting and practices for initiation in Mark Master and Past Master Degrees.

Note that on Thursday December 11th, we will put on the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees. We urge all York Rite members to attend both nights. Also any Master Mason is welcome to join York Rite. Just give any of us a call. This is a good way to get more light in Masonry right here in Pierre. The Order of the Temple is the Christian Order of the Commandery. We will remember Christ in Christmas.

Florin W. Hemming, Recorder, Secretary, and Treasurer



CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

Greetings to all from the Scottish Rite Club,

Seems by default I have been requested to provide an article from Scottish Rite. As you know some of our Brothers attended the Fall reunion. Due to a change in the scripts that were being used for the first time, the reunion was only one day. Though only one day, to the writer of this article, it was good. Those of us from our club that were able to attend, we were able to assist with other teams in presenting the work. Many participating for the first time as some had previous appointments in North Dakota at the North Central York Rite meeting in Fargo, ND. Another was in serious pain due to back complications. There were six candidates and their comments were good.

We are now entering the season of Thanks and Announcements. Thanksgiving is fast approaching. It is time to reflect upon the blessing that we have received. To give thanks for family and friends. Also to remember those that will not be home for a bountiful meal, our service men and women as they pre-

serve our freedom. Take time to say a prayer for them. The time of announcement of the heralding of the Son. This again is also a time of reflection and to spend time with our loved ones. Hanukkah will be on Monday December 22nd with Christmas on December 25th. Each a significant day that we need to take time to remember.

After the holiday seasons are completed will be time to consider the roll that we will take for the reunion to be held April 24th and 25th of 2009. I would encourage all our Scottish Rite members to think about taking a part in the degree work. Many hands make light work. Our benefactor has blessed us and as we partake in our Thanksgiving meal. Bless him who has provided for us in so many ways.

Charlie Walker on behalf of the membership (605) 224-5259



YELDUZ,
OAHE SHRINE CLUB

Greetings from The President,

Season's Greetings from the President, and Nobles of the Oahe Shrine Club. The November meeting was well attended and with a lot of information brought to the table, first of all the Club participated in the Parade of lights in Pierre and I thank Noble Charles Walker for taking the ball on this Mission of the Club, and thanks to all the Nobles that rode on the trailer during this parade. In other business the nominating committee is busy looking for Nobles to fill the Vice President seat, if you know of a Noble that would like to take a roll in the club please contact Richard Decker, Charles Walker, or Larry Kirkpatrick, as we will be voting on this at the December meeting. Also as many of you may or may not know that the Oahe Shrine Club sponsors a sign at the expo building and with that we get a Season Pass so if you or if you know of a young man would like to take in a Hockey game please give me a call and if it isn't already spoken for, you may use them. The Nobles are also planning the December nursing home visit on the 20th of December starting at 2PM at Maryhouse, so please come and support this effort, and also I say a big thanks to Noble Florin Hemminger for his help in making sure this goes off. And also as we enter the holiday season let us not forget the Nobles and members of our Shrine Club, and if you know of a Noble that may need a ride to a meeting reach out your hand and help them. Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving.

Doug Runge, President (605) 945-1049

PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD

A regular meeting of the Pierre Masonic Building Board was held on October 27, 2008. The board would like to specifically thank Ferding Electric, Inc. for donating the use of their boom to assist with grounds and building maintenance. We sincerely appreciate those members and others who contribute their time and financial assistance to the care and maintenance of our facility.

A proposal was read, and motion carried, to determine the feasibility and costs associated with installing a new double commercial entrance to the McClure Hall located on the lower level of the Masonic Center. This entrance would open directly into the dining area and not through the kitchen. The masonry work and doors would need to compliment the exterior design of the Masonic Center. The cost of the entire project is estimated at \$2500.00 and would be completed only with donated funds. Anyone willing to be part of this project should contact Florin

Hemminger or Perry Anderson. Donations totaling \$1,000.00 have been received to date and were donated by the following:

- Paul Ove, in memory of his wife, Judy Ove\$500.00
- B. M. (Bud) Beastrom.....\$300.00
- Florin & Marian Hemminger.....\$100.00
- Curt Mortenson\$100.00

The Pierre Masonic Building Board will be holding its annual meeting in January 2009. This is a reminder to all Masonic bodies to complete their board member representative recommendations prior to the annual meeting. Anyone may attend the meetings of the board which are held on the 4th Monday of each month.

We sincerely wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!
Sandy Vanneman, Board Secretary (605) 494-0184



CAPITAL CITY
OES Stardust

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: – The following are celebrating their birthdays during December 2008: Eunice Cory on the 2nd, Susan Grimme on the 12th, Dorothea Dailey and LaDonna Wagner will share their day on the 14th, Maureen Edwards on the 17th, Patricia Greer on the 26th, Paula Fratzke and Mildred Miller will celebrate their day on the 29th. The chapter members wish you a Happy Birthday all and many more.

Congratulations to the elected and appointed officers to serve Capital City Chapter #39, for the year of 2009. They were installed following the November 11th stated meeting: Worthy Matron-Donna Newman, Worthy Patron-Uncle Matt, Associate Matron-Sandra Vanneman, Associate Patron-Jon Gonsor, Secretary-Hertha Gross, Treasurer-LaDonna Wagner, Conductress-Georgene Bjerke, Associate Conductress-Nancy Gonsor, Chaplain-Perry Anderson, Marshal-Florin Hemminger, Organist-Carol Logan. Star Points: Ruth-Velma Becker, Esther-Susan Grimme, Martha-Vicki Morgan, Electra-Kelly Phillips, and Warder-Norma Abbott.

The annual Pierre McClure Christmas tree party includes all children through 5th grade. This party is scheduled to be held from one o'clock to 3:30PM at the Pierre Discovery Center on Saturday, December 13th. Santa Claus is planning to attend in preparation for his Christmas Eve tour.

It is 2009 chapter dues time. The chapter secretary is preparing this information for all chapter members. Some of you may have already received this notice in the mail. Remember the dues will be delinquent after December 31, 2008. You may send your remittance to, Hertha Gross, secretary, 623 N. Central, Pierre, SD 57501.

Next chapter meeting date is on Tuesday December 9th, at 7:00PM. Worthy Matron Donna appointed Mrs. Claus, Dolores Anderson, to be in charge of refreshments following this meeting.

A Merry Christmas to you, your families and friends.
Make a Joyful Noise. Enjoy the Season.



JOB'S DAUGHTERS
BETHEL #10

Capital City Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star hosted a potluck for Bethel 10 on November 2nd. Members enjoyed the food as well as the opportunity to learn the identity of their Se-

cret Sister or Brother. Our thanks to the Eastern Star for the delicious meal, your kindness and hospitality expressed to us!

Bethel 10 hosted their annual "BASH" (slumber party for members and prospective members) on November 8th-9th. Although, other Bethels were not able to attend the event due to the weather, the girls had a great time, as did the adult chaperones. The girls divided into groups to plan and organize the meals, activities and decorating t-shirts. One of the events included a "Mystery Dinner", the girls had the pleasure of eating pasta, soup and cheesecake without the benefit of any silverware. Of course, BASH wouldn't be BASH without the annual "pudding game", where several of the girls and Associate Guardian Mike Holzhauser attempted to feed each other pudding.

Elections were held on during the meeting on November 16th. Congratulations to Calla Holzhauser, as she was elected as Honored Queen for the upcoming term beginning in January of 2009. Other elected officers include: Gina Burley, Senior Princess; Lisa Jensen, Junior Princess; Brooklyn Young, Guide, and Meredith Keeler, Marshall. Congratulations to all elected officers! The date for Installation of officers is set for January 4, 2009 and we would like to invite all members of the Masonic family. Be sure to check the bulletin board for more details.

The girls will be hitting the lanes on November 23rd for a bowling party, a fun event planned by Michelle James, Honored Queen, and her officers. Other upcoming events include: December 6th, pancake breakfast from 7:00AM-10:00AM. The Daughters invite all of you come and enjoy breakfast at the Masonic Temple, \$3.00 all you can eat. This is a wonderful experience for the girls and a great opportunity for them to raise money for upcoming events. On December 7th, "Go to Church Sunday" where the Bethel attends the church of Honored Queen Michelle James, Trinity Episcopal Church. December 14th will be ringing the bells at Wal-Mart for the Salvation Army.

Happy Holidays from Bethel #10!


Bethel Co-Guardians Deb Gaetze (224-5956) or Ann Holzhauser (945-1601).



ASHLEY CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

Greetings,

We would like to extend a personal invitation to all the public and to our Masonic Brothers and Sisters. On December 13th

 DeMolay Ashley Chapter Pierre, SD	5th Annual Chili cook off All you can eat!
When: Dec. 13, 2008 Time: 5:30 - 7:30p.m. Cost: \$3.00	Where: Pierre Masonic Temple, 202 W. Capital
One Admittance	

from 5:30 to 7:30PM we are holding our 5th annual Chili Feed. If you would like to donate some Chili and see if you got what it takes then by all means **BRING IT**

ON!!! We would love to have your chili in the contest as well as to benefit the cook off.

Also I would like to thank all the Masons that showed up to the Chevalier Observance/Memorial Ceremony Honoring "Dad" Frank Sherman Land. We had the Mayor of Pierre Lori Gill present and it went very well.

On the 3rd Saturday of the month we are holding the DeMolay pancake feed. Tickets are \$3.00 for all you can eat from 7:00AM to 10:00AM. If you bring nonperishable food items or canned foods we will knock a dollar off the price of admission.

They will be given to the Pierre Food Pantry. The buttermilk pancakes that just melt in your mouth with butter, syrup. Umm Good! Also on our menu are French toast, biscuits and gravy, sausage, and of course eggs.

One last thing the Pierre Demolay chapter is very strong but, WE need Masonic support not only from the Masons but from the Eastern Star and the other bodies of the Masonic Fraternity. We are the future of these organizations! Come and support us please. If you have relatives that would benefit from what we offer, bring them to us! We have lots of room! One thing that could benefit every community, it would be DEMOLAY! So please get a hold of us either Dallas Thompson or Doug Runge. Fraternally, Brother Derek Runge, PMC, Chevalier, Sr. Deacon

GENERAL COMMENTS

Donations received since the last CSDMM printing:

From Pierre Lodge #27:

\$20.00 – Bolyard, Harold

From Hiram Lodge #123:

\$40.00 – Mortenson, Curt

From Eagle Butte Lodge #172:

\$100.00 – membership.

From OES #39:

\$25.00 – Richard & Mary Carr, Maureen Edwards,
Samantha Witte, and Erma Mikkelsen Fiedler.

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