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DISTRICT MASTER'S REPORT

Greetings from your District Master,

I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas together with a good beginning for the New Year.

My official visits have been completed which means that general visits with occasional information will start. This is written prior to the District One-day and I am hopeful that we will have at least three candidates as required by the Grand Master. Please call me to indicate the number of candidates that you will be presenting. Onida has already informed me they will bring one. Please contact me about the number you will be bringing.

The Grand Lodge mid-winter session this past Saturday was well attended as was the South Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research. I will be bringing some new information to you concerning the Grand Lodge session which may be upsetting to some but in accordance with our code.

Please, if you are having a special event, honor a Mason, George Washington dinner, joint meeting, please forward the information to www.mygrandlodge.org, or contact me and I will get the event to the web site.

A note for any members of the DeMolay Legion of Honor (active and honorary) Chevalier's, Senior DeMolay and Demolay; March 18th there will be a dinner in accordance to International Council, there will be a dinner at the Pierre Masonic Center. Dinner at 6:30PM with a short program. Please contact Dallas Thompson, Doug Runge, or Charlie Walker if you plan on attending.

Again a reminder to let me know about this Saturday for the District One-day. A reminder to the Lodges to contact MWB Delbert Ripley for your School of Instructions. A tentative date of April 18th, (Saturday) for a District meeting together with a School of Instruction which will be held in Gettysburg which will be a tiled meeting. Scheduled for 3:00PM concluding at 5:00PM. A light snack (lunch) will be available after the meeting. General District information, Grand Lodge information, and a great Lodge of Instruction will be provided by the District Master, District Board of Custodian, and District Membership Team.

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Charles H. Walker, District Master #13

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PIERRE LODGE #27

Greetings from Pierre Lodge 27,

The Masonic community recently suffered the loss of one of the finest individuals that I have had the pleasure to know, I speak of Worshipful Brother Florin Hemminger. His passing as in life has touched all of us who had the privilege to know Florin. I truly believe that upon arriving at the celestial lodge above that he was not concerned for himself but his thoughts were of all of us here and his unfinished work.

I would also like to report on the one day held here in Pierre. We had a total of 6 candidates receive the Master Mason degree. Mobridge, Gettysburg, and Fort Pierre did a wonderful job on the degree work, thank you. Pierre lodge will look forward to doing the event again next year. We had candidates come from as far as Rapid City. There were lots of good compliments, ranging from the breakfast/lunch to the amount of work done by all who participated from the Grand Lodge Officers present.

Steven Walker, Master

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LILY LODGE #62

The regular meeting was opened in due form on January 5th, 2009. A Lodge of Instruction by MWB Delbert Ripley and WB Dean Ritter was scheduled for this meeting, but due to the amount of business before the Lodge it was rescheduled for February 2nd, 2009. WB Lester Casady of Sun City, AZ was due his 60 year Masonic honors and medal. Numerous ways to make the presentation were discussed. A primary and secondary means were agreed upon and WM Duane Schmautz contacted the

Grand Lodge of AZ to arrange this presentation. A tentative date of April 19th, 2009 was selected for honoring a non-Mason community member for outstanding community service. WB Arnold Webb provided a very nice lunch after the lodge was closed. I'd like to extend an invitation to all who would like to attend our next meeting on February 2nd, 2009. WB Dave Ramsey and WB Dean Ritter will be providing the lunch (cherry pie and homemade ice cream). On a final note WB Florin Hemminger passed away on January 19th, 2009. He has been a member of Lily Lodge #62 for nearly 60 years (also a member of Pierre Lodge and numerous other Masonic bodies). WB Hemminger is one of the finest men I've ever met. He has been a friend, brother, and mentor to me. He will be missed by all who know him, definitely by me. I am not referring to him in the past tense. I believe a part of him will live in all those who know him.

Duane Schmautz, Master

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BLUNT LODGE #72

Dear Brethren,

Hope you all had a Happy New Year! We had WB Charlie Walker, District Master #13, as a visitor and bringing tidings from the GM. WB Charlie announced a One Day Conferral on January 24th, 2009, with a snow date on February 7th, 2009.

Blunt Lodge brethren are responsible for breakfast duty at the Blunt Senior Center on January 25th, 2009. Thank you to Brother Gary Johnson and Brother Randy Pool for candy and lining up Santa Claus, you made it a special evening for the kids.

Brother Dean Ritter invited the Harrold Lodge #62 brethren for cherry pie and ice cream on February 2nd, 2009.

Thanks for the update Brother Don Keyser, glad to hear all is well out West.

Brother Dave Ramsey and Brother Dean Ritter are on the lunch committee for February 9th, 2009.

Just a reminder, **your annual dues are due**. Please send them to Brian Schultz, P.O. Box 43, Blunt S.D. 57522. Thanks again!!

Fraternally, Brian Schultz, Secretary

(605)-280-3836

IONIC LODGE #83

Ionic Lodge activities included oyster stew using west coast oysters brought by Norm Campo, Grand Recorder for the Washington Grand Commandry. WB Campo and WB Karl Forch, Grand King of Royal Arch Masons of Washington came to South Dakota for a buffalo hunt at the Sutton Ranch in Sully County.

WB Forch told us of a policy in Washington state. They open and do business in the degree of the lowest Mason present. It allows Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft to feel more a part of the fraternity. It also provides officers more practice in opening and closing in E.A. and F.C.

Ionic Lodge has an Inquirers Event planned for February 22nd. We will have a meal and encourage Masons to bring their ladies. Please also invite couples that might be interested in learning more about Freemasons and appendant bodies.

Larry Madsen, Secretary

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HIRAM LODGE #123

Greetings from the JW,

What a supper we had at the January 19th meeting, prime rib, all the fixings, and what a turnout for our meeting. It was great to see the seats full. I am taking names for our cooking Apron Fundraiser. We are going to have them embroidered with the square and compass and have your name sewn into the apron and it will be yours to keep and bring to functions, so if you want one get your name to me and I will get that going. Also starting in February the Brothers of Hiram Lodge 123 will be serving the monthly breakfast at the Masonic temple we will be serving the 2nd Saturday of the month, so come help when you can or come and eat and support our efforts. Hiram Lodge is also in the process of presenting Brother Alan Johnson, Brother Raymond

Chase, and Brother Gaylord Norman with their 50 year pins. Congratulations on achieving this milestone in Masonry. On the 24th of January the Brothers of Hiram Lodge 123 put on the MM degree for the One Day conferral in Pierre, and my I say did an outstanding job, and thanks to all the Brothers for coming out and helping with the degree work.
Fraternally, Doug Runge JW (605) 945-1049

MOBRIDGE LODGE #164

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS to our latest 50 & 60 Year Award members. 50 Year Awards to Brother John Holder of Selby and Brother Tom Stangl of Sterling, VA. 60 Year Awards to Brother Orn Hier of Bismark, ND and Brother Lloyd Sawinsky of Sioux Falls, SD.

BreTHREN: I mentioned in our last CSDMM that we had gotten the grant from the state towards the classifying of our lodge building as a Historical Site. It is only one of three in the state with an Egyptian motif in the façade and walls of the building. We wonder just how many there might be in other lodges within the U.S. Our Brother Sharpe, who is the head grant committee member is in Minneapolis with the patient van as I write the article, so I will try to get dollar amounts out next time. Our annual Pancake Fundraiser did well so it will help with our Grant Pledge.

The Mobridge section of the Yalduz Chanters presented the program at the recent Annual Mobridge Chamber Banquet and was much appreciated. The chamber also honored the Mobridge Shriners as the Outstanding Mobridge Area Organization of the Year. Our own Brother Dennis Schnabel was chosen as the Outstanding Mobridge Area Citizen of the Year so we done good.

This will be the last reminder in the CSDMM for those few who still need to send in their 2009 Dues (\$35.00). More postage, envelopes, etc. will be sent individually which will add to our costs. Not Good.

Otherwise, the lodge is doing GREAT!!!

Brer Bob (605) 762-3392

EAGLE BUTTE LODGE NO. 172

We met January 19th, with 9 members present. The upcoming District 14 meeting was discussed. It is Eagle Butte Lodge's turn to host. We decided on Saturday March 14th at 1:00PM MST. A lunch will be provided. District Master Fred Reede along with RWB Jack Welker, Deputy Grand Master, will be our guests. It is an open meeting, so wives and anybody interested in the Masonic Craft are encouraged to attend. Sponsors should bring their prospective candidates. It would be nice if we had a good turnout of our local Masons! Next meeting will be February 16th at 7:00PM. Also 9 members still have not paid their 2009 dues!

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

ONIDA LODGE NO. 173

Greetings from Onida Lodge #173,

A great turnout of members and visitor of Past Masters night with the Brothers enjoying oyster stew. Two visiting Brothers from Bremerton, Washington were present.

Brother Delbert Ripley PGM a member of the Board of Custodians gave a very thorough School of Instruction.

Brother Dale Weischedel and Brother Chuck Weischedel will serve lunch at our next meeting.

Fraternally, Doug Marsh, Secretary (605) 258-2787



YORK RITE NEWS

Greetings Companions and Sir Knights,

We are aware that the golden trumpet called one of our own home. The vacancy that is left by the departure of our esteemed Brother, Florin W. Hemminger will not be easy to fill. He now sits at the feet of the Creator and has seen the trestle board complete.

This past month the Chapter completed presenting the Royal Arch degree. At our next meeting, February 11th, will be Commandery. It will begin with a dinner at 6:15PM at the Masonic Center. After dinner the Commandery will have their meeting. The dates for the Order of Red Cross, Cross of Malta and Order of the Temple will be discussed. Practice for the Council de-

grees will follow. I presume the Council will be tentatively scheduled for February 12th.

Remember, the dinner on York Rite night is open to all Masons more especially those of the York Rite. We also welcome any that may be inquiring. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hands.

In his shadow, Charles H. Walker (605) 224-5259



CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

Shortly there will be contact with our members concerning preparation for the Spring Reunion. There will be a need to establish parts and a practice date. The reunion is scheduled for April 24th - 25th. So mark your calendars. Another reminder that Lent is not that far off which means to begin getting ready for the Maundy Thursday program (April 9th). I'm sure TJ will be contacting us about your participation. This will also mean election of officers at the meeting. An information e-mail or phone call will be coming out in February for the spring reunion practice dates.

Charlie Walker (605) 224-5259



YELDUZ, OAHE SHRINE CLUB

Greetings from the President,

First off let take a moment to thank those who helped me in my tenure as President, Uncle Matt, Larry Kirkpatrick, Richard Decker, Jim Allen, Charlie Walker, Daryl Bjerke and Curt Mortenson, you all helped me through all of the activities we did, be it the Shrine Clinic that we held, or the ladies night dinners, or the Shrine Circus, or the Parades... All I can say is thanks for all of your help that is what Brotherhood is all about... We had planned to have the cold sandwiches on the 22nd of January but due to the passing of Noble Hemminger we will be postponing it to a later date. Also for the February ladies night the new President and Vice President have put together a tentative plan to take a bus ride down the Lower Brule and eat at the casino and win big. We will be leaving at 6:00PM from the temple, the rumor has it that the beverage coordinator has the beverages already taken care of and there will also be a light snack for the ride down, something new and sounds like a lot of fun. So as I leave the gavel, let us all continue to support the efforts of the Club and of the Shrine.

Doug Runge, President (605) 945-1049

PIERRE MASONIC BUILDING BOARD

Greetings from the Pierre Masonic Building Board:

I write my last article for the Building Board as the president. I have been extremely lucky this year to have worked with very dedicated and responsible board members. We did not always see eye to eye, but that old saying "for the good of the order" prevailed. The building board is comprised of some of the most dedicated folks from our Masonic family. It is a thankless job that everyone knows needs to be done and the consequence of neglect is real. It requires a strong dedication to the ongoing preservation of the home for our organizations. It has to be done.

The responsibility for the care and improvement of our building is not only the purview of the board members alone. Every member of a Masonic body that uses the building has equal responsibility to assist. If you see something that needs to be done, do it, don't just spend the same amount of energy to find someone else to complain to. If you see a project that is beyond your capabilities or means, bring it to a board member or get a group of your friends together and make it a project. Just because your particular organization pays rent does not mean that folks don't need to lend a hand.

On the issue of rent, the rent is set at a rate to cover the ongoing current expenses of the building. If you come to the board and want to know why your organization's rent is so high, when you only use it a couple of times a month, it is because that is what it takes to keep the doors open. I might add at this time that there have been a few individuals and groups that have done fund raisers for the building board lately and that is why for the first time in several years that we have a little money in the bank for extra necessities, in the past individuals have gone shopping to purchase things like light bulbs and paper products out of their

own pocket so that others may be more comfortable and safe in our building.

Sisters, Brethren, Demolay and Jobs our building is a precious jewel that few other organizations have the privilege to enjoy, please cherish the time you have in the Pierre Masonic Temple and help all of us preserve it for future Masonic organizations.

Your Masonic Brother, Richard Decker



CAPITAL CITY **OES Stardust**

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: – The following members are celebrating their birth anniversaries during the month of February: Karen Hieb on the 2nd, Charlene Laird the 3rd, Shirley Ann Jenssen on the 4th, Peg Henson the 6th, LeAnn Bruno the 11th, Linda Dimmick the 12th, Mary Carr the 14th, Jacqueline Johnson the 19th, Don Armstrong the 20th, and Darrel Bjerke on the 28th will finish the month. It's a privilege to celebrate birthdays, congratulations all.

The chapter officers are enthusiastically preparing for the chapter official visit scheduled on Saturday, March 21st. Watch for more details in the March edition of this publication. During the January chapter meeting, Uncle Matt Schatz was surprised and honored to receive the Grand Representative award to Alberta, Canada in South Dakota presented by Worthy Matron Donna Newman.

The chapter is saddened to report the loss of Brother Florin Hemminger. A prayer service was held Thursday evening, January 22nd, in the Pierre Masonic Temple. Florin was initiated into the Order of Eastern Star on November 23rd, 1956 by then, WM/P Orpha Anderson/Jesse Suiter, and AM/P Charlotte Neuharth/Louis Harding in charge. He served the stations of warder in 1999, 2000, 2004, and chaplain in 2005 and 2007 and as marshal with the 2009 chapter officers. He earned his 50 year certificate and pin in 2006. The chapter offers condolences to his family, wife Marian, daughter Linda (Martin) Fisher, granddaughters Livia, Laine and Lynae. Florin took a friendly interest in the Masonic building to maintain it in readiness for our chapter activities. His are big shoes to fill, it may be a tall order.

Following the prayer service, refreshments were prepared and served to more than 200 people by the Pierre Eastern Star members. When this group is called on, they go into action and it all comes together. Some of you are best known as the "former banquet" workers. In spite of the added years, you have not lost your spark. Thanks to those who provided food and help – Thank you, again and again.

The next chapter meeting date is on February 10th at 7:00PM. Evalin Wall and Shirley Ann Jenssen, are appointed to do the refreshments following the meeting.

Please check to see if you have paid your dues! It is important to the chapter. We do not like to hear your name read at the meetings for this reason. Send dues to the secretary, 623 N Central, Pierre, SD 57501. It is cold and blustery here, the reason it is still winter.



JOB'S DAUGHTERS **BETHEL #10**

Greetings from Job's Daughters,

Officers and Choir of Bethel #10 were installed into their new offices for the spring term during a ceremony on January 4th. Calla Holzhauser was installed as Honored Queen. Other elected officers include: Gena Burley, Senior Princess; Lisa Jenssen, Junior Princess; Brooklyn Young, Guide; and Meredith Keeler, Marshall. The installation ceremony was preceded by a ceremony honoring retiring Honored Queen, Michelle James. Honored guest who were in attendance for the ceremony were: Kassie Hoiland - Miss South Dakota Job's Daughters and Miss South Dakota Congeniality; Lyn Neiman, Grand Guardian; Larry Johnson, Associate Grand Guardian; and Courtney Thompson, Grand Honored Queen, Nancy Gonsor Grand Guardian for Job's Daughters of South Dakota and Dallas Thompson Vice Associate Grand Guardian.

The preceding day, the Jobies hosted the Saturday pancake breakfast. It was the second time for the Bethel and was a big success, thanks to all of our hungry customers.

On January 19th, several of the girls assisted with cleaning the balcony at the Masonic Temple. Even the twists and turns of the railing came under the flying dust rags! The girls are so thankful that they are able hold their meetings and events at the temple and are willing help keep the building clean and beautiful.

Preparations are underway for the King of Hearts formal dance on February 15th, 2009 held in the Georgia Morse Middle School gymnasium. Ticket cost are \$15 for singles and \$22 per couple for 9th -12th grade students only and doors open at 8:00PM with Music: 9:00PM–1:00AM with formal attire only (NO HATS allowed) and the King will be announced at midnight. King of Heart tickets can be purchased at, Capitol City Florist, Melvin's Flower Shop, Pierre Flower Shop and Greenhouse, or any one of the Job's Daughters. The Jobies are asking for volunteers to help decorate for the dance during the day, or chaperones (shifts: from 7:30PM–10:30PM and 10:30PM–1:00AM). Those interested should contact Anissa Grambihler at 280-0098 or Mike Holzhauser at 945-1601. It is sure to be an exciting youth event.

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



ASHLEY CHAPTER OF **DEMOLAY**

(Nothing was received.)

GENERAL COMMENTS

Donations received since the last CSDMM printing:

From Pierre Lodge #27:

\$50.00 – Eichelberger Jr., Wayne
(in memory of his father, Wayne Sr.)

From Ionic Lodge #83, Gettysburg:

\$200.00 – per member

From Hiram Lodge #123, Fort Pierre:

\$10.00 – Oehlerking, Milt

\$20.00 – Neuharth, Levi

From Onida Lodge #173:

\$10.00 – Lomheim, Manford

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Please send your **comments** to Don Sandal, PO BOX 883, FORT PIERRE SD 57532-0883. (605) 223-2538 or 222-2538

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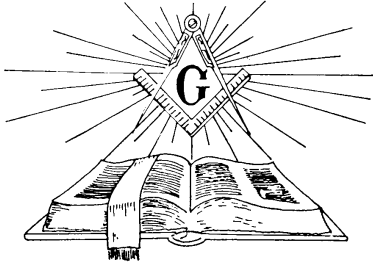
Please schedule your **E-mail** with and send **articles** to Eugene Collett, 1304 W CAPITOL AVE, PIERRE SD 57501-1344. ECollettSD@pie.midco.net

The new South Dakota Masonic Grand Lodge AF&AM web site is: **mygrandlodge.org**

Note: I have worked on Brother Bob's pet peeve, "**brothers**" is **not a word**. The plural of brother is brethren. Though I did not change all of them, I did make a dent in the problem. Please help me correction process. Thank you, Eugene Collett.

By the way Brother Bob, when I expand "Bros." it has a tendency to come out "Brothers". You used "Bros." a couple of times in your article too.

No wars are intended. I am just working on my American.



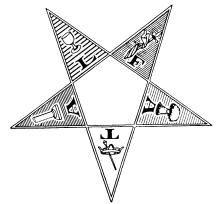
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Sunday	1	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10
Monday	2	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, regular meeting & lunch
	2	8:00pm	Lily Lodge #62 Harrold, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Wednesday	4	8:00pm	Onida Lodge #173, regular meeting & lunch
Thursday	5	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	5	7:30pm	Rising Sun Chapter #86 OES, Blunt, regular meeting & lunch
	5	8:00pm	Ionic Lodge #83 Gettysburg, SD, regular meeting & lunch
Saturday	7	7:00am	Breakfast at McClure Hall until 10:00AM - everyone welcome (Job's)
Monday	9	7:00pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting & lunch
	9	7:00pm	Pierre Lodge #27, regular meeting and lunch
	9	8:00pm	Blunt Lodge #72, Blunt, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Tuesday	10	7:00pm	Capital City Chapter #39, O.E.S. regular meeting and lunch
Wednesday	11	6:15pm	York Rite, dinner and 7:00pm meeting
	11	8:00pm	Waneta Chapter #47 OES Gettysburg, regular meeting and lunch
Saturday	14	7:00am	Breakfast at McClure Hall until 10:00AM - everyone welcome (Hiram)
Sunday	15	3:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10 (Cancelled???)
	15	8:00pm	Pierre Job's Daughters Bethel #10 King of Hearts Dance in the Georgia Morse Middle School gymnasium
Monday	16	7:00pm	Eagle Butte Lodge #172, Eagle Butte regular meeting and lunch
	16	8:00pm	Hiram Lodge #123, Ft. Pierre, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	19	12:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club meets at the Masonic Temple
	19	7:00pm	Ashley Chapter of DeMolay, Pierre.
	19	7:00pm	Onida Chapter #138 OES, Onida, SD regular meeting and lunch
Saturday	21	7:00am	Breakfast at McClure Hall until 10:00AM - everyone welcome (DeMolay)
	21	noon	CSDMM articles due in Pierre
Sunday	22	5:30pm	Ionic Lodge #83, Inquirers Event
Monday	23	7:00pm	Mobridge Lodge #164, Mobridge, SD, regular meeting and lunch
	23	7:00pm	Pierre Masonic Building Board regular meeting
	23	8:00pm	Ree Valley Lodge #70, Highmore, SD, regular meeting and lunch
Thursday	26	6:00pm	Oahe Shrine Club Ladies' Night dinner at Lower Brule casino. Bus is to leave the Masonic Temple at 6:00PM.
Saturday	28	7:00am	Breakfast at McClure Hall until 10:00AM - everyone welcome (Walkers)