



# MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

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## AUGUST 1, 2024

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 Attendance **29**  
 Visitors **1**

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Worshipful Master Cobos opened a Stated Meeting of Entered Apprentices and greeted the Brethren in attendance. First order of business was to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of July 1, 2024. They were posted on Grand View in the File Vault prior to the meeting for review. James Byers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Joe Thompson seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Short Talk Bulletins and Emessay Notes have been received and posted on your Grand View portal for viewing. We also received a letter from the MBA Treasurer which will be sent in full to the entire Minnehaha membership as well. In summary the Treasurer and the MBA have reviewed the finances of the MBA and is recommending an increase of \$1.88 per member per month for a total of \$5.00 per member per month in per capita payment to the MBA per body that uses the building as a MBA representative body. The other organizations will remain or will be going to a tenant based arrangement. More details will be in the letter that will be sent to the membership.

**PETITIONS.** We have received a Petition for Affiliation from Richard Keene, desirous of obtaining membership into Minnehaha Lodge #5. Brother Richard is a member in Good Standing in Wasatch Lodge #1 in Salt Lake City, Utah and has submitted his letter of Good Standing accompanying his petition. After no discussion the Brothers voted in favor of accepting Dick Costain as a member in Minnehaha Lodge. Welcome Brother Richard!

We have received a Petition for Affiliation from Dan Nace, desirous of transferring membership into Minnehaha Lodge #5. A letter of Good Standing accompanied his Petition of Good Standing. The Brothers present voted to accept the petition of Dan Nace. Welcome MWB Dan!

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Balance per Bank	Deposits in Trans	Transfers	O/S Checks	Dedicated Funds	Funds Available
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNTS</b>						
LODGE CHECKING xxx7563	\$4,740.14		\$2,943.00	-\$689.00		\$6,994.14
GOOD WORKS AND OUTREACH XXX1154	\$3,064.74		\$120.00			\$3,184.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,804.88</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,063.00</b>	<b>-\$689.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,178.88</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>						
ELMER C. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP XXX7779	\$5,835.11		-\$688.00			\$5,147.11
LODGE SAVINGS (150th Fund) XXX1004	\$4,476.97		-\$2,375.00			\$2,101.97
GWMMN XXX7824	\$5.00					\$5.00
MASONIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION XXX7808	\$5.00					\$5.00
MMSAT (Save a Child Program) XXX7816	\$5.00					\$5.00
SD CHIP DONATIONS XXX7787	\$5.00					\$5.00
SD MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION XXX7795	\$5.00					\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,337.08</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-\$3,063.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,274.08</b>
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>						
FIRST INTERSTATE MONEY MARKET XXX9038	\$9,150.76					\$9,150.76
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND	\$10,461.96					\$10,461.96
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MINNEHAHA LODGE SCHOLARSHIP	\$9,427.88					\$9,427.88
ELMER C. ANDERSON CD - 1ST NAT'L Matures 12/11/24 @ 4.4% Interest	\$10,000.00					\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,040.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$39,040.60</b>



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- Quentin motioned to approved the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Jon Woods seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
- New Bills. We have the per cap bill from the MBA for Q3 for per cap in the amount of \$1,284.38. Jon Gill motioned to pay Q3 now and Q4 when we receive it. Derek Runge seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

### CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Hot Classics Night. Aaron started the report. We had only 14 people sign up. This was down from the 20 we had sign up last year. Thank You very much to the Brothers that signed up and showed up to help! We had to cancel the Root Beer Float portion of the offering for the day because we simply did not have enough help to cover everything we were doing. The day started with the Classie Derby. Brother Joe Thompson brought his Scout Pack’s pinewood derby track in for races. This was a lot of fun. Although there were only 10 cars entered there were a lot of spectators that regretted not bringing a car to enter. Next year there will be a lot more we’re guessing! The workforce did a great job working inside the Shrine and outside and the tent helping the Classie Autos. It was much appreciated. All combined with the Derby Race, half of the 411 tickets sold inside, inside tips, and a little extra from Classie Autos the lodge came out with \$1,219.00!! Great work Brothers!
- Daylight Lodge. Virgil Anderson. Next opportunity will be August 21 at 11:30am. Lunch will be served by Derek Runge and then lodge will start at noon. It is open to any Mason from any lodge!
- Check your Grand View event calendar Brothers. There is a lot going on in our lodge! Brother James Jensen performing on the Plaza, Brother Mitch’s wedding on August 10 (please RSVP), Lodge picnic at Q’s palace
- Motion by Anthony to reimburse Q for the burgers, brats, and buns for the picnic. Seconded by Joe. No discussion. Motion carried.
- At this point in the meeting, our new EAs Brother Archie and Brother Dean properly saluted at the altar and proceeded out of the lodge to receive further instruction and their EA Proficiency.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Establishing a new tradition, WM Carlos ceremoniously presented the SW, JW, SS, JS with a key to the front door and the lockers of the lodge.
- A presentation was made for an example of a name badge for our lodge. The idea would be one for everyone who has attended even once in the last 4-5 years. The thought was that there would be fifty or so badges to purchase during the first round. The font of the first name is large enough to read from ten feet away. The name badges are 1.5” tall and cost \$7.50 each. We have some money left over from the lodge refresh project. Motion by Carlos to purchase 50 of the name badges from the fund. Seconded by Q. Discussion included members could contribute on their own if they’d like to help with the cost of the name badges. Motion carried. Motion by Jeff Bruce to set the name badges out of those that RSVP to the dinner each month only as an incentive to RSVP. Seconded by Brian. No discussion. Motion carried. Those reading the minutes who haven’t been to a meeting in five years and would like a name badge please reach out to the Secretary.
- Jon W invited everyone to attend Worthing lodge next week and promised some quality education and great fellowship
- Jon G found a solution for our cuffs and wanted us to try them on before leaving to make sure the solution worked. Thank You WB Jon!
- Jon W made a motion that Minnehaha Lodge march in the Parade of Lights parade in full regalia this year and that we register as soon as it comes out. Seconded by James Byers. No discussion. Motion carried.





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- MW Carlos presented the lodge with a plan for binders to be given to each new Mason raised in Minnehaha Lodge. The binder would contain all the letters they've received throughout their journey to becoming a Master Mason and then also an in-depth resource manual containing everything to get them started as they join our lodge including finding what fits what they want to do as they further their journey. The brothers present were very receptive to it and in fact most either wanted to help contribute to it or wanted one for themselves.
- Masonic Education. *\*James Byers\* Worshipful Master, had a conversation with me this evening about something that I think it's important that we all remember, and it's the simple things that fall under Masonic etiquette that separate us from all of the other fraternities that exist out there in the world. I mean, there are business fraternities. There are fraternities and groups associated just for lawyers. There are things for business members within the community. There are groups that exist in fun fellowship bodies like the moose and the Elks, and, you know, the brotherhood for the police department and all of that. One of the things they don't have that we do have that sets us apart is our etiquette. It is the things that we do as Masons that take the good men that come through this door and make them better men. That journey starts when you come through the doors and enter the front, and it starts with a simple thing that we're taught to do at the altar, and then ask to repeat for our junior warden and our senior Warden, and that's a salute. And I notice a lot of times when brethren come into the lodge, be it late or have left the lodge, that salute seems to be lost in the shuffle of I just want to get back to my seat, my brethren. That is not what we, as Masons, do. I just want to pose a couple of items for you, using the entered press salute, when you come into the lodge, does everybody know what we're supposed to do? When you come in, you walk in the lodge, you turn left at the Junior Deacon, you approach the altar, and you pause, and you look and you see, what are we open on? And the Bible will tell you the square and compasses are placed thereon, and they give you your direction, at which point you see, oh, I'm an Entered Apprentice. The Worshipful Master had said to you before, You now behold me from the east. Okay, approaching you from the east and the step...get on the step Brothers. Look at the lights, engage in the salute in the manner in which it was presented. Your left hand supporting the Holy Bible square and compasses as your right hand resting there on then relieve that hand that's no longer needed. And do the due guard and sign in a manner befitting of addressing the lodge and the Worshipful Master. Now, this doesn't just happen when I come in late; it happens when you're going to Open thy mouth and engage in conversation in the lodge because once the hat is on, the man in the east you must address him before you can address the brethren present. So when you're going to make a motion, brethren, don't be lazy, unless you have an infirmity to prevent you stand up. Engage the Worship Master. I would like to make a motion. These might seem like trivial formalities, my brother, but they are not. They are what make us Masons. They are another brick in our Masonic edifice that we are building. There's one for the EA, there's one for the FC, there's one for the MM. Use them and use them appropriately and use them with the reverence that it's due. Because when you make a motion, I'm not just making a motion marker. I'm not just making a motion to a Brother, I'm making a motion to the Worshipful Master that we, as the brethren of the lodge approve or do or request these actions. These actions are laid out for us as masons, because it's what makes us Masons.. Stand up. Be proud of who you are and what we are. Use our signs, use our salutations, use our Masonic etiquette in a manner befitting our lodge, so that when we get these to come in, they don't come in and just have awe of the work that's being done. They have awe of the conduct of our etiquette. **A hearty round of applause!***
- WM Carlos with the help of Jeff and the Tech committee lit up the walls with two projectors to present many things visually to the lodge
- Solomon's Guard continues to be a huge success and feather in our hat. We can always use more volunteers. Please if you can help contact Brian Pulling. This is every Friday night. The crew is usually well fed afterward.



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- The Foster Network is a tremendous program that we do within our Good Works and Outreach Committee. That is all on Mitch's plate right now. If anyone would like to help he would sure like it. They are for sure planning a Gala on March 28 to be held at the Shrine.
- WM Carlos highlighted that we need to do a much better job of tracking and communicating with our Widows. This starts with maintaining a current database with their information. Grand View has a great way to track your Spouse's contact information along with other Family member information. We can even get to a point where the lodge could send them Birthday greetings automatically!
- Other committees discussed and a full slate of committee assignments and descriptions will be made available soon separately along with an ask for additional help.
- WM Carlos presented in an depth spreadsheet for the breakdown of Dues and Costs with income and expenses. Factoring in an increase of MBA per cap increase and a proposal of establishing a Junior Wardens fund where we can start building a meal fund. Carlos had an a working spreadsheet where he was able to play with different numbers to achieve different results. The biggest goals are to solidify the meeting meal. Every month it's a struggle to figure out who is going to provide the meal. When we do get a quality meal unfortunately it is short changed by those that eat because people don't pay or don't pay enough. It's a record on repeat and establishing this would help tremendously. Another goal is to have a constant funding source for our good works and outreach and scholarship. The concept would be based on a monthly payment as we can do monthly payments on Grand View to where you can set it and leave it. We are looking to present this for motion in September, send notice for a by-law change, and then vote in October. WM Carlos is planning on two virtual meetings to present this idea to Brothers questioning it and those not in attendance.
- August 15. We will FC Degree starting at 6:00pm. We will not have a meal that evening so please come prepared. WM's goal is to get everyone on the road by 9:00pm. Please make this a memorable time for our new Brothers.

### HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Last Call. Brother Mitch is getting married!! He would like to pack the El Riad Shrine Temple on Aug. 10 with as many Minnehaha Lodge Brothers as possible. This will be a wedding party like no other. Professional tattoo artist, Dominos catering, Last Call Rock Band, fun all night! Starts at 4:30pm. It is a really easy process to RSVP. We have an event set up on Grand View. Look for the link and email.

### MEAL

- \$60 net collected from the meal.

Lodge closed in Due Form at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SECRETARY

