



# MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

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## DECEMBER 5, 2024

Opened in Due Form 7:00p.m.  
 Closed in Due Form 8:37p.m.  
 Attendance 29  
 Visitors 0

STATED MEETING ~ FELLOWCRAFT			
WM	<b>CARLOS COBOS</b>	SD	<b>ADDISON STUBBE*</b>
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Worshipful Master Cobos opened a Stated Meeting of Master Masons and greeted the Brethren in attendance. The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of Nov 7, 2024. They were emailed and posted on Grand View in the File Vault before the meeting for review. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. They stood approved as presented (\*)

**CORRESPONDENCE.** No Correspondence

**PETITIONS.** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Petition for Marc Johnson. WM to assign the Investigation Committee.

Petition for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Petitions were deferred to January in the interest of more time for the evening of Masonic Education

### TREASURER'S REPORT As of November 30, 2024

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

- The lodge formally had a Square account. We had cancelled that but not before received a final bill in the amount of \$200. This amount was always covered under Brian Pulling's Secretary fees. Motion by James Byers to reimburse Brian Pulling. Seconded by George Hahn. No discussion. Motion Carried.

	Balance per Bank	Deposits in Trans	Transfers	O/S Checks	Dedicated Funds	Funds Available
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNTS</b>						
LODGE CHECKING xxx7563	3,432.50	3,438.34	3,118.00	(260.32)		9,728.52
GOOD WORKS AND OUTREACH XXX1154	3,224.03		240.00			3,464.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>6,656.53</u>	<u>3,438.34</u>	<u>3,358.00</u>	<u>(260.32)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,192.55</u>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>						
ELMER C. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP XXX7779	6,287.22		(1,258.00)			5,029.22
LODGE SAVINGS (150th Fund) XXX1004	4,476.97		(2,375.00)			2,101.97
GWMNM XXX7824	5.00		45.00			50.00
MASONIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION XXX7808	5.00		110.00			115.00
MMSAT (Save a Child Program) XXX7816	5.00					5.00
SD CHIP DONATIONS XXX7767	5.00					5.00
SD MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION XXX7795	5.00		120.00			125.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>10,789.19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,358.00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,431.19</u>
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>						
FIRST INTERSTATE MONEY MARKET XXX9038	9,163.30					9,163.30
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND	11,423.17					11,423.17
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND MINNEHAHA LODGE SCHOLARSHIP	10,294.09					10,294.09
ELMER C. ANDERSON CD - 1ST NAT'L Matures 12/11/24 @ 4.4% Interest	10,000.00					10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>40,880.56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,880.56</u>



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### CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Thank You Gary Hinton for the delicious meal! \$301 collected
- Thank You to everyone that attended the Parade of Lights. It was a well-attended event from the public standpoint. Minnehaha Lodge represented in a big way!



- Dec 14 we have a Holiday Potluck Brunch. 9am-11am. Please RSVP on Grand View. Looking forward to a fun event!
- Dec 18. Proceeding for Unmasonic Conduct
- Dec 19. Masonic Jeopardy! As many people can play as desired! Come and participate. Come and watch.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Congratulations to Gary Hinton and Mitch Aman for achieving one year of faithful service to Minnehaha Lodge!





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- Grand Lodge offers, and we have turned on the ability to send text message reminders to those who have selected text message notifications. These messages come at a cost of \$0.02 per message. A motion was made James Byers. Seconded by George. No discussion. Motion carried.
- **Tonight's Main Event!** There were several Minnehaha Lodge members who had prepared educational presentations and speeches for the Masonic Con of the Grand Lodge that was originally postponed and was not rescheduled by the organizer. Those presentations were not lost in time, however, and were retained for our enjoyment of our meeting! *(Each of the following presentations captured the audience for about 20 minutes each, followed by questions after each of the topics, allowing for very engaging discussion).* \*A full recording of the following is available upon the request of the Secretary
  - Educational Presentation 1: Lodge Opening/Closing Rituals – **WB Jon Woods**
    - Detailed explanation of the symbolism and purpose behind each step of opening/closing
    - Emphasized how the rituals create a sacred, secure space for lodge business
    - Highlighted connections to degree work and Masonic philosophy
  - Educational Presentation 2: The Three Lesser Lights – **Bro Tim Maloney**
    - Explored historical and esoteric meanings of the sun, moon, and Worshipful Master
    - Discussed connections to philosophy, alchemy, and astrology
    - Examined variations in how lesser lights are arranged in different jurisdictions
  - Educational Presentation 3: Ritual as an Educational Tool – **Bro James D Byers**
    - Argued Masonic ritual should be used as a constant tool for self-improvement
    - Highlighted lessons on virtues, liberal arts/sciences, and stages of life in degree work
    - Challenged brothers to study and apply ritual teachings in daily life actively
- Reports not Presented in Lodge but included in the minutes:

## Minnehaha No. 5 Secretary Cashbook

09/01/2024 - 12/17/2024

Category	Total Amount
2-01 - Dues from Members	\$6,469.17
2-03 - Banquet and Refreshments	(Seed money for George Hahn Food Fund) \$3,000.00
2-04 - Charitable Donations	\$1,895.00
Donations / Gifts	\$125.00
Donations to the Lodge [non-tax deductible]	\$165.00
Other income [itemize in the box below - required]	\$122.50
Uncategorized	\$353.00



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- MBA Report. Hayden Graff.

### TREASURERS REPORT

- All bills have been paid
- Balance is \$55,866.11.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Welcome Jeff Sutter (Trinity) to the Building Committee
- Boiler Project.
  - The project that was proposed and approved at the beginning of 2024 did not materialize. No action was taken after the approval of the project and no work was done to the system as part of the proposal.
  - In August a new team engaged to ensure the boiler was to be ready for operation for the winter. Contact was made with Duff Robinson (Unity) at Girton Adams. Girton Adams originally installed the boiler when the building was built. From August until today several assessments have been made to refamiliarize Girton Adams with the system and determine what has changed since they stopped servicing the system. Duff's assessment of the boiler is that the vessel is in good shape, and if it continues to be maintained, we can get many more years of service out of it (vessel). The burner was replaced a few years ago and should have 10+ years of service left in it. The rest of the system is the pipe, actuators, and radiators. It is difficult to put a service life on those components as the pipe and actuators are original to the building. Some have been replaced, but minimal.
  - Girton Adams replaced the two valves under the expansion tanks with new Airtrol valves. The expansion tanks were filled with many years of 'junk' and were drained and cleaned out. The old valves were corroded and no longer functioned. Girton also installed two port valves in the closet by the lower stairs. Midwestern Mechanical was subcontracted to perform this work. This allows them push water through the system to eliminate air locks.
  - Craig with Girton Adams spent around 50hrs total on the system between identifying and fixing what our issue was all along and that was airlocks in the system. Craig said when he did the pump process he definitely had pockets of air come out of the system. Aaron was present when the Boiler fired up and the system started circulating and one of the airlocks came through and popped in the boiler room. Craig's assessment was correct. Both Girton and G&R were present at one point and we discussed the airlock issue. Both said that an airlock issue will give the illusion of low water on the sensor and a loss of water.
  - Going forward it is important to ensure the system is completely full and flowing for functionality but also for the corrosion issues on the pipe. The pipe declines drastically if it is dry vs wet. Very well what could have lead to the issue in the Mayer Room
  - Girton Adams has been asked for a bill to determine a cost and we have not received one. Brother Duff ran some quick numbers and he said not to quote him but it should not exceed \$10k.



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- Jeff Sutter (Trinity) to remove the clinic water heater. It is and has leaked. The large water heater next to it was turned to its lowest setting so Jeff turned that up. Jeff, plumber of 30 years, reminds everyone that it is a good idea to drain your water heaters to maintain them. Jeff and Todd will drain the large water heater while they are down there. Jeff drains his at home twice per year.
- Contracted with Hagen Grading for snow removal of the alley parking lot
- Contracted with S&Y Snow removal for sidewalk clearing and ice melt
- Purchased a pallet of ice melt from Nyberg's Ace and stored it in the garage. Along with that new poly shovels. All of which was offered at a pre season discount from Nyberg's Ace
- Jerry Grouzis painted the light pole in the parking lot. Thank You.
- We need to update several signs through for AEDs, Restrooms, Fire Extinguishers, and the new Grand Lodge Office. We would like to source them locally through MD Engraving as they are reasonable. Do not have a cost as we are working on a quantity. We are trying to keep it at a minimum.
- Table Room has been cleaned out to relocate MBA Secretary, Treasurer, and all files for the MBA in one location. All of the non padded chairs and square tables were taken by Brother Emmanuel from Minnehaha Lodge. He is going to load them on a container and ship them back to Liberia where they will be used in schools!
- Daughters of the Nile and Eastern Star teamed up to purge the kitchen. Anything on the counters is available. These collector's items are going fast, so please take as many of these items while they are still available! Thank You to these two groups for taking this project on. They also organized what they could and put things in the proper locations. Another round will be coming once the collector's items are gone. Stayed tuned for that.
- The Grand Lodge Office is about 87% moved into their new space. Condensing down has been a little challenging, but Glen is doing a good job of miniaturizing. Thank You for the patience of a blended space for now.
- Secretaries Room. As stated above it is a blended space for now. We need to be mindful that is a shared space by many groups. Please fill the wooden cabinets and utilize them to their extent. What shall the name of this room be?
- We have received two bids for tree removal. Kyle cleaned out downspouts before our committee meeting. We have not been on the room yet.
- We would like someone to regularly check on the boiler during the winter months. Twice per week on a fixed schedule. We have talked to someone already. If there is anyone else that would be interested the more eyes on it on a regular basis is important
- A general reminder that the Building Committee is not necessarily the maintenance department. The committee consists of volunteers to identify opportunities within the building and advise on best practices to address them. We do not have a Building Manager and it does take each invested member of the Masonic Center to help contribute to the maintenance and appearance of the Masonic Center. If something is not right and you are able to correct it, please do so. If it is beyond your abilities that is when we engage a help ticket. The IT team is working on a system.



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- It has been identified that there is no way to contact anyone if you are using the elevator. The IT committee is working on a solution. In the short term please always carry a cell phone when using the elevator
- G&R was present to identify why the thermostat in the Mayer Room was not working. It was determined that the control board that is located in the mechanical room off of the table closet went bad approximately 18+months ago and G&R was directed by someone on the MBA Board not to fix or replace it. Since that period that is the reason the Mayer Room and Scottish Rite Library have not had functioning thermostats. While G&R was there, we asked about an electric actuator in that same room that was connected to the control board that was not functioning. The actuator was bad as well and on the same ticket the same response was given by the MBA Board not to fix the actuator. Matt has requested from G&R the open tickets and who made the requests. G&R has around 12 open tickets with us and we need to resolve them in some way. The board and actuator have been replaced. They have not billed us for these yet and we have no cost. These were necessary to keep the system balanced.
- Replace three light fixtures in the Clinic with ballast delete bulbs. Also replaced several bulbs that were out. We will need more ballast delete bulbs moving forward. New ballasts are \$37 and ballast delete bulbs are \$8 each (\$8 x 4 = \$32 per fixture).

### IT COMMITTEE

- Website is up and running.
- Installing door lock for inner door
- Timer for front door system.
  - Expected to be done before the end of the year.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Elections
  - Rob and Bryan moving forward next year.
  - Matt Gage and Dustin willing to continue as officers.
  - Elections: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of December
- MBA will hang charters of lodges that have closed

### HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- WB Jerry is in NY likely visiting his father for the last time as his time is nearing the end. The wives of PGM Charles Bryan and PGM Chuck Kaufman recently passed away. PGM Charles Gilson in the hospital in Omaha. PGM Denny Robinson recently had two heart attacks and is recovering. Aaron's Grandfather passed away on Saturday night surrounded by family and peacefully.



### MEAL

- \$301 collected from the meal. Gary did not take any for expenses.