



# MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

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MAY 1, 2025		STATED MEETING ~ MASTER MASON			
		WM	SD	JD	SS
Opened in Due Form	7:00p.m.	<b>CARLOS COBOS</b>	<b>BRIAN PULLING*</b>	<b>JEFF BRUCE*</b>	
Closed in Due Form	8:03p.m.	<b>RYAN HARRISON</b>			
Attendance	20	<b>JON WOODS*</b>			
Visitors	1	<b>JON GILL</b>			
		<b>AARON ZAHN</b>	<b>ERIK REINHOLT*</b>		
		<b>GEORGE HAHN*</b>	<b>CODY CHRISTIANSON</b>		

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Worshipful Master Carlos Cobos opened a Stated Meeting in the Master Mason Degree at 7:00 pm and greeted the Brethren in attendance. First order of business was to approve the minutes from the Stated Meeting on April 3, 2025 and the Special Meeting of April 17, 2025. They were previously emailed out and posted on Grand View in the File Vault prior to the meeting for review. Hearing no additions or corrections, they stood approved as communicated.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** No Correspondence

**PETITIONS.** A Petition for Affiliation was received for Brother David McGirr. Recommended by Al Zahn and Aaron Zahn. A unanimous vote in favor of accepting Brother David McGirr was returned. A Petition for Affiliation was received for George Kuhler. Recommended by Al Zahn and Brian Pulling. A unanimous vote in favor of accepting George Kuhler was returned. Please welcome these new Brothers into Minnehaha Lodge!

First petition reading for Dalton Petersen. An investigation committee was appointed by the Worshipful Master.

Second petition reading for Jonah Honke. The Investigation Committee has returned a favorable recommendation for a ballot to be conducted. The petition was read. The ballot was conducted in due form. The ballot was found to be favorable, and Jonah Honke was elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry from Minnehaha Lodge. Congratulations!

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Treasurer's Report was received for filing.

## CONTINUING BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

- Thank You to all of the Brothers that have jumped in to fill the many chairs this evening. WM Carlos expressed his gratitude and was pleased that we have so many Brothers that can be flexible.

	Balance per Bank	Deposits in Trans	Transfers	O/S Checks	Dedicated Funds (Food Fund) (SPCA)	Funds Available
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNTS</b>						
LODGE CHECKING xxx7563	9,756.11		1,813.00	(539.00)	(3,030.50) (605.00)	7,999.61 (605.00)
GOOD WORKS AND OUTREACH XXX1154	2,370.43		300.00			2,670.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,126.54</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,113.00</b>	<b>(539.00)</b>	<b>(3,635.50)</b>	<b>10,065.04</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>						
ELMER C. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP XXX7779	6,562.92		212.00			6,774.92
LODGE SAVINGS (150th Fund) XXX1004	4,479.13		(2,375.00)			2,104.13
GWMNM 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		50.00			55.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,067.05</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,113.00)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,954.05</b>
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>						
FIRST INTERSTATE MONEY MARKET XXX9038	9,178.47					9,178.47
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND	11,348.57					11,348.57
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND MINNEHAHA LODGE SCHOLARSHIP	10,226.86					10,226.86
ELMER C. ANDERSON CD - 1ST NAT'L Matures 12/11/24 @ 4.4% Interest	10,000.00					10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,753.90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,753.90</b>



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- We welcomed WB Doug Kristensen. WM Carlos offered his gratitude towards all of the collaborative work that WB Doug fostered during his year as Potentate of the El Riad Shrine last year. Minnehaha Lodge continued a partnership with the El Riad Shrine Classic Autos in their Hot Classics Night event. We were also very pleased to be able to sponsor the rental of the Shrine Temple for the Foster Network Gala. WB Doug Kristensen, a Past Master from Wasau Lodge in Nebraska, courteously and respectfully asked WM Carlos to approach the East. WB Doug offered many thanks to Minnehaha Lodge for all of their work. Doug talked about his goal for last year in continuing to spread that cement of Brotherly Love across all Masonic Bodies. Doug talked about his belief that Good Masons make Good Shriners, and that is evident in some of the best Brothers and Nobles that he knows and witnessed as being active. WB Doug is a third-generation Mason and is a six-time Past Master! WB Doug wanted to individually thank MWB Aaron Zahn for his work last year as Grand Master. Doug talked about the tremendous support received by MWB Aaron. Doug talked about bringing him to tears on the night of his Installation as Potentate in presenting him with a Potentate's Apron (which Doug was wearing). In token of his appreciation, Doug presented Aaron with a custom Shrine Fez box! Aaron thanked Doug for the generous gift. Aaron was proud to also make Doug an honorary lifetime member of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota last year for his in depth Masonic history in Nebraska.



- Our Past Master's Banquet is set for May 15. Please plan to attend to celebrate this evening. More details of course, can be found in our wonderful, engaging, informative, Membership platform – Grand View!
- Masonic Education -> WB George Hahn read an article published in the the Farmers Almanac from 1823 published at Andover, Mass., the following was printed under the heading, Definition of a Freemason:

*The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge. because he is honest upon principal.*

- Installation of Officers. Discussion on when to have the Installation of Officers; typically, we have our installation on the Wednesday after the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. This year we have the opportunity to move it to St Johns Day on June 24 which is a Tuesday night. This would be a one off time to have the Installation of Officers and it would restore back to the Wednesday after the Annual Communication in following years. Discussion was held and ultimately a show of hands was presented to participate in the Installation of Officers on Tuesday June 24.



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- Presentation of Years of Service Awards to Emmanuel Daweah and Jeff Bruce for One Year of Service to Minnehaha Lodge. Congratulations Brothers!



Was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 04/18/2024. He has borne the burden and the heat of the day for at least one years of faithful service to the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in

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Working under

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota

In testimonial whereof we do grant this Certificate under our hand and the seal of this Grand Lodge.

*Dennis Block*  
M.W. Grand Master



*[Signature]*  
Grand Secretary

- Committee Reports
  - MBA
    - No Meeting for April
  - Ritualistic Excellence
    - Brother Ryan gave an inspiring message about the potential for many new Ritualists wanting to be apart of our Degree work. Ryan encouraged all members to help participate in the Degree work. It is important as well to have support on the sidelines to encourage Ritualists but also the impression it makes on the candidates as they come to light.
- Next Month, in June, we will have our Election of Officers and Voting Members at Large
- Brother Cody wanted to express his appreciation for Brother Harrison in mentoring him before the last Master Mason Degree. It meant a lot to Cody and charged him to continue putting in the hard work in learning and honing his work.

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- WM Jim Block's wife had a procedure on her lung. A small tumor was removed. They are doing further tests to complete a diagnosis. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers

## MEAL

- The meal netted \$131. Matt Gage provided the meal and wished for the proceeds to go towards the Scholarship Fund



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Respectfully Submitted,

**AARON ZAHN—SECRETARY**

