



# MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

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## JULY 3, 2025

Opened in Due Form 7:00p.m.  
 Closed in Due Form 8:01p.m.  
 Attendance 26  
 Visitors 0

STATED MEETING ~ ENTERED APPRENTICE			
WM	<b>RYAN HARRISON</b>	SD	<b>JEFF BRUCE</b>
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Worshipful Master Ryan Harrison opened a Stated Meeting in the Entered Apprentice Degree at 7:00 pm and greeted the Brethren in attendance. The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the Stated Meeting on June 5, 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 and read for Mason Helphrey. A vote was taken and WB Mason was unanimously voted into Minnehaha Lodge. Welcome WB Mason!!

A Petition for Membership was received and read for the first time for Kevin Kinhead. The WM will assign an Investigation Committee.

A Petition for Membership was read for the second time for Dalton Peterson. The Investigation Committee returned a favorable report and recommended a ballot. A ballot was conducted in due form and Dalton Peterson was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry from Minnehaha Lodge!

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Treasurer's Report was received for filing. 

TREASURER'S REPORT						
As of June 30, 2025						
	Balance per Bank	Deposits in Trans	Transfers	O/S Checks	Dedicated Funds (Food Fund) (SPCA)/Banquet	Funds Available
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNTS</b>						
LODGE CHECKING xxx7563	13,309.96	684.74	(50.00)	(289.00)	(3,455.50)	10,200.20
GOOD WORKS AND OUTREACH XXX1154	2,670.43				(1,105.00)	(1,105.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,980.39</b>	<b>684.74</b>	<b>(50.00)</b>	<b>(289.00)</b>	<b>(4,560.50)</b>	<b>11,765.63</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>						
ELMER C. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP XXX7779	6,909.92					6,909.92
LODGE SAVINGS (150th Fund) XXX1004	2,104.13					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>9,039.05</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,089.05</b>
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>						
FIRST INTERSTATE MONEY MARKET XXX9038	9,184.51					9,184.51
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND	11,348.57					11,348.57
MINNEHAHA LODGE SCHOLARSHIP	10,226.86					10,226.86
ELMER C. ANDERSON CD - 1ST NAT'L Matures 6/17/25 @ 3.5% Interest	10,443.16					10,443.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,203.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41,203.10</b>

### CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Hot Classics Night is an event where Minnehaha Lodge has been invited by the El Riad Shrine Classie Autos again to partner with to help run the beverage points at either Inside of the Shrine or outside in the tent. This has been a major fundraiser for our lodge over the last two years. We need as many members as possible to step up and sign up. Please find details on the event page on Grand View.



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### NEW BUSINESS

- We have an Entered Apprentice Degree scheduled for July 17. Degree Work begins at 6pm. We will have 3 candidates.
- Masonic Education – James Byers. My Brothers, We’ve all heard it before. The same question. The same answer. But have we really stopped to think about what it *means*? The question is always present. It drives us, challenges us, pushes us to reflect. The question is—**Why?** Webster's Dictionary tells us that a question is meant to provide education. And in our Craft, no question leads us further down the path of understanding than "**Why?**" So let’s ask: **Why the plumb?** To us, the plumb represents **morality, righteousness, and equality**—a standard by which we measure ourselves. As Masons, we are taught that the plumb line is the tool by which the Great Architect of the Universe deems what is upright and true. It’s no accident that it holds a prominent place among our working tools. But the deeper question remains: **How do we actually live by this principle?** When should we use the plumb? Is it only while we're in the Lodge? Only during our devotions? Only in public? Is there ever a moment we can let our guard down and not live by the plumb? Tonight, I’d like to offer a personal reflection on this tool—and how it can guide us not just in Lodge, but in life. Now let’s be honest—we don’t want to be seen as uptight or out of touch. We already joke that we’re a bunch of old-timers in a club. But is that really who we are? Is that the legacy we want to leave? We can enjoy life. We *should* enjoy life. We should go from labor to refreshment—otherwise, what’s the Junior Warden even for, right? But the plumb doesn't demand perfection. It asks for **uprightness**. It’s there to help guide us—**not to punish**, but to correct and rebalance when we stray. In the Senior Warden’s jewel, there’s a subtle line—a string with a weight at the end that swings. Why? Because it reflects *us*. We sway. We err. We drift left or right. But the plumb is always there—a **fixed reference point**, reminding us of what’s upright and true. The point isn’t to never make mistakes. It’s to recognize them when they happen—and to reflect. That’s what the plumb does. It gives us that moment to pause and say: *"I was off today. I spoke too harshly. I didn’t lead with kindness. I lost my patience."* Then we center ourselves again. That’s the purpose of Masonry: **Not to make perfect men—but to make better men**. Every time we enter this Lodge room, we reaffirm that mission. We don’t arrive perfect. We strive to *become*. And when the day comes that the Great Architect calls us from labor to eternal refreshment, the question will not be, *"Were you perfect?"* but rather, *"Were you striving to be better?"* That’s why we hold trust. That’s why we take our obligations. That’s why we return to this Craft again and again. So let’s use the plumb. Let’s test our work. Let’s measure our actions and see if we’re building our inner temples straight and true. There will be days when we lay a crooked stone. That’s okay. Take it out. Reset. Keep building. Because if none of us ever had to correct our work—what would be the point of coming back here? Tonight begins a new Masonic year. We’ve practiced, we’ve prepared, and yet—even now—I stumble. I talk too much. I get overconfident. And that’s okay. The plumb reminds me to stop. Reflect. Recenter. Keep striving. So let’s not get discouraged when we or our brothers fall short. Let’s pick up our trowels. Bring forth the hammer and chisel. Remove the flawed stones. Reset the wall. And most importantly—**keep building**. Thank you, my Brothers, for allowing me to share this reflection. I hope it helps us all see a little more clearly—and continue striving to be just a little bit better.
- SW James and JW Addison both rose to discuss the importance of RSVPing to our meetings for the purpose of getting a head count for meals. No matter how the food gets there, the point is that it is very critical that everyone take the time to RSVP to the Grand View that is created. We are serving larger crowds with increased attendance, we are serving more prospective Masons and guests, we need to be more mindful of the meals we put together as we look for a quality menu.



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- At the Past Master’s Banquet a few Brothers received some personalized awards based on their talents or what they bring to Masonry. A few Brothers were not present so they received them this evening. Mitch Aman for the “Clandestine Detective” award, Jon Woods for the “Order of Eternal Proficiency” award, and Erik Reinholt for the “Ironman” award. If you see them they may share a story about how they earn such achievements!
- Motion by Jon Woods to move forward with the resolution to the bank that the Elected Officers; Ryan Harrison, James Byers, Addison Stubbe, Aaron Zahn, and Carlos Cobos be added as signers to our bank accounts at First National Bank. Seconded by Jon Woods. Short discussion/clarification. Motion passed.

### HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Tim Schendel’s chemo treatment is complete. He continues to feed off of strong support from his Brothers so please keep up the thoughts, prayers, and good messages

### MEAL

- Squealer’s BBQ catered the delicious meal. Two different types of meat, baked beans, salad, and bread. RSVPs paid either online or at the door. We had prospects and Dalton’s dad (Mason in Iowa) dine with us. These meals were covered, thanks to the George Hahn Food Fund



Respectfully Submitted,

  
AARON ZAHN – SECRETARY

