



# MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

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Attendance	31
Visitors	0

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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 Minutes from July 3 and the Special Meeting Minutes from July 17. 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.** Petitions for Affiliation were received for Alex Mehlhaff, Charles Brust, David Cole, Dennis Kaurp, Don Laurila, Doug Costar, Joseph Relhak, Kurt Swendson, Mark Leesch, Marv Lovro, Matt Leiss, Nicholas Clausen, Norman Dittman, Roger Hansen, Stanly Jarovski, Steven Perkins, Tycho Clausen. All Petitions were received in proper order. There were no objections to voting on the list of Brothers as one ballot. Several Brothers expressed additional support for all of the Brothers on the ballot. James Byers made a motion to accept the entire ballot of Brothers into Minnehaha Lodge. Seconded by Brian Pulling. Motion carried. A hearty round of applause was had for the new members of Minnehaha Lodge as their new home!

Petitions for Membership were received and read for the first reading for Jacob Forstin, Mitchell Mullen, James Norris, Shannon Wegh, Dylan Grouzis, Connor Pulling, and Daniel Hoskins. Worshipful Master Ryan will appoint investigation committees for these prospective members.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Carlos. Carlos, being the new Treasurer, took a fresh approach to our accounts with the advice of past Treasurer Jon. Several recommendations were presented by Carlos including:

- Closing the individual Savings Accounts for MSA (\$5), MMSAT (\$5), SD Chip (\$5), SD Charities (\$5). The small balances of these funds would be moved to the General Operating account. Discussion included the history behind creating these individual accounts for the purposes of holding donations for each one. This practice is no longer needed with more detailed accounting.
- Recommendations to move the Elmer C Anderson Scholarship CD and the General Savings Elmer C Anderson Scholarship to combine them with the Grand Lodge Investment Fund – Elmer C Anderson Scholarship Investment. That investment account is performing much better than the other two accounts and it makes sense to put all of the Scholarship money into one account
- Create a separate George Hahn Food Fund Checking Account.
- Brian Pulling made a motion to approve the above changes (and shown in these minutes). James Byers seconded the motion. No further discussion. Comments were made shown appreciation for Carlos' efforts. Motion carried
- James Byers made a motion to approve all MBA per cap bills for this Masonic Year. Seconded by Jon Woods. Motion carried.
- James Byers made a motion to approve the Secretary's pay of \$250 per month for the remainder of this Masonic Year. Seconded by Brian Pulling. Motion carried
- James Byers made a motion to approve the Grand Lodge per capita payment when it comes due. Seconded by Jerry Grouzis. Motion carried.



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### TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 31, 2025

	Balance per Bank	Deposits	Checks	O/S Checks	Dedicated Funds	Funds Available
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNTS</b>						
<b>LODGE CHECKING BEG BALANCE</b>	13309.96					13309.96
xxx7563						0.00
DEPOSIT 7/2/2025		684.74				684.74
DEPOSIT 7/9/2025		234.00				234.00
DEPOSIT 7/9/2025		2122.50				2122.50
CHECK #2626 SQUEALERS 7/8/2025			(525.28)			(525.28)
CHECK #2628 GRAND LODGE 7/11/2025			(2000.00)			(2000.00)
CHECK #2625 JUN SEC FEE 7/25/2025			(250.00)			(250.00)
CHECK #2627 EZ CATER REIMBURSE 7/25/2025			(409.14)			(409.14)
CHECK #2630 JULY SEC FEE 7/28/2025			(250.00)			(250.00)
<b>LODGE CHECKING END BALANCE</b>						12916.78
CHECK #2614 LLOY FAMILY 2/24/2025				(100.00)		(100.00)
CHECK #2624 GRAND LODGE 7/8/2025				(189.00)		(189.00)
CHECK #2629 Q3 MBA PER CAP 7/24/2025				(2340.00)		(2340.00)
CHECK #2631 BANQUET DONATION 7/25/2025				(1000.00)		(1000.00)
CHECK #2632 SD MASONIC CHARITIES 7/25/2025				(50.00)		(50.00)
FOOD FUND					(2755.08)	(2755.08)
SPCA DONATION					(1105.00)	(1105.00)
EST. Q4 MBA PER CAP					(2340.00)	(2340.00)
GOOD WORKS AND OUTREACH	2670.43					2670.43
XXX1154						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>15980.39</u>	<u>3041.24</u>	<u>(3434.42)</u>	<u>(3679.00)</u>	<u>(6200.08)</u>	<u>5708.13</u>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>						
ELMER C. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP	6910.09					6910.09
XXX7779						
LODGE SAVINGS (150th Fund)	2104.23					2104.23
XXX1004						
GWMNM	5.00					5.00
XXX7824						
MASONIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION	5.00					5.00
XXX7808						
MMSAT (Save a Child Program)	5.00					5.00
XXX7816						
SD CHIP DONATIONS	5.00					5.00
XXX7787						
SD MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION	5.00					5.00
XXX7795						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>9039.32</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u></u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9039.32</u>
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>						
FIRST INTERSTATE MONEY MARKET	9184.51					9184.51
XXX9038						
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND	12133.14					12133.14
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MINNEHAHA LODGE SCHOLARSHIP	10934.16					10934.16
ELMER C. ANDERSON CD - 1ST NAT'L						
Matures 6/17/25 @ 3.5% Interest	10625.41					10625.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>42877.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u></u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42877.22</u>



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### PROPOSED TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 31, 2025

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<b>LODGE CHECKING BEG BALANCE</b>	13309.96		(3455.50)			9854.46
xxx7563						0.00
DEPOSIT 7/2/2025		684.74				684.74
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CHECK #2628 GRAND LODGE 7/11/2025			(2000.00)			(2000.00)
CHECK #2625 JUN SEC FEE 7/25/2025			(250.00)			(250.00)
CHECK #2630 JULY SEC FEE 7/28/2025			(250.00)			(250.00)
<b>LODGE CHECKING END BALANCE</b>						10161.70
<b>OUTSTANDING &amp; DEDICATED</b>						
CHECK #2614 LLOY FAMILY 2/24/2025				(100.00)		(100.00)
CHECK #2624 GRAND LODGE 7/8/2025				(189.00)		(189.00)
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SPCA DONATION					(1105.00)	(1105.00)
EST. Q4 MBA PER CAP					(2340.00)	(2340.00)
<b>TOTAL O/S &amp; DEDICATED</b>						(7124.00)
<b>FOOD FUND BEG BAL</b>						
OPEN		3455.50				3455.50
DEPOSIT 7/9/2025		234.00				234.00
CHECK #2626 SQUEALERS 7/8/2025			(525.28)			(525.28)
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<b>FOOD FUND END BAL</b>						2755.08
<b>GOOD WORKS AND OUTREACH</b>	2670.43					2670.43
XXX1154						
<b>GWO&amp;O ENDING BALANCE</b>						2670.43
<b>TOTAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS</b>	15,980.39	6,496.74		(3,679.00)	(3,445.00)	8,463.21
<b>ELMER C. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP</b>						
XXX7779 SAVINGS	<b>CLOSE</b>	6910.09	(6910.09)			0.00
SDGLIF SCHOLARSHIP FUND		10934.16	6910.09			17844.25
1ST NATIONAL CD		10625.41				10625.41
<b>TOTAL ECA FUNDS</b>						28469.66
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>						
LODGE SAVINGS (150th Fund)		2104.23	25.00			2129.23
XXX1004						
GWMNM	<b>CLOSE</b>	5.00	(5.00)			0.00
XXX7824						
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XXX7787			(5.00)			
SD MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION	<b>CLOSE</b>	5.00				5.00
XXX7795			(5.00)			
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS</b>		2129.23	25.00	(25.00)	0.00	2139.23
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>						
FIRST INTERSTATE MONEY MARKET	<b>CLOSE</b>	9184.51	(9184.51)			0.00
XXX9038						
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<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>		21317.65	9184.51	(9184.51)	0.00	21317.65



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### CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Aaron gave a report on Hot Classics Night. Minnehaha had 13 members attend to help with the event. It was a success and certainly great to have the extra help for not only the Inside but also the Outside tent. Minnehaha Lodge was a big help for the event. The final bills and expenses have not been returned yet so we don't know for sure what our take will be. Most likely for our September meeting
- Minnehaha Lodge helped Trinity Lodge with the S.O.S. backpack program recently. A very humbling event as over 1,000 kids received backpacks!
- The check to the banquet was delivered from our Committee Impact Program grant. \$1,000 to the Banquet and it's efforts!
- James Byers will organize a time to go down to the Human Society to deliver our gift of dog food and donated money.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Millard no longer wishes to continue as a Trustee for Minnehaha Lodge. We need to elect and vote on a new Trustee. A motion was made to elect George Hahn to fill the remainder of Mike's term. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. Congratulations and Thank You George!
- We have a Fellowcraft Degree scheduled for Aug 21 at 6pm. Please review your role if you have been sent a role invitation from Grand View. Please also plan to attend and fill the sidelines with members to welcome our new Brothers on their next step.
- Membership in DTSF (Downtown Sioux Falls). A motion was made by Brian to continue our membership and pay the \$200 to continue to be a member. Seconded by James Byers. Discussion included Jeff Bruce announcing that the membership was already renewed. Brian changed his motion to reimburse Jeff for the membership cost. Motion carried.
- WB Jon Woods leaped from his seat ask for the floor from the WM. WB Jon is inspired, energetic, and enthused to announce that he is running for Junior Grand Warden of the GL of South Dakota. Motion was made by Brian Pulling and seconded by Aaron to nominate Jon Woods for JGW. Motion carried. Wishing Jon the very best.
- Events. JW Addison rose to announce that he is the point of contact and the shepherd for the Events Committee. Addison has several ideas for events, but needs help getting these events on the calendar and getting support to make them successful. Please connect with Addison to help him on the Events Committee. We need as many as possible to make the events work.
- Masonic Education – James Byers. *Masonic Education was paused for this evening given the agenda for this one time per year Annual Meeting to take care of all business for the Masonic Year. Masonic Education to return in September!*



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- RWB Brian Pulling presented a refreshed, clean, updated copy of our lodge By-Laws including a detailed review of them
  - The refresh and update were much needed to make the core content of the by-laws current. We currently have different versions of our by-laws. All of the content is there but they are not in one clean copy. Brian worked with Jim Hoy and others to bring the base of the by-laws current including our new lodge seal and logo
  - Options for a potential dues increase. The two options included a straight raise from \$122.50 to \$130 (\$10.83 per month). The second included raising to \$150 per year (\$12.50 per month) with a 5% increase each year.
  - Potentially going from one Stated Meeting per month to two Stated Meetings per month in lieu of our second meeting being a preputial Special Meeting.
  - Other details and changes are highlighted in the documents that will be sent to the entire membership and will be laid over until our meeting in September.

### HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Brother Chad Gruis had a very scary health scare. He is recovering and things are looking better for him. PGM Denny Robinson was in the hospital recently. PGM Don Gray has declined continuing kidney dialysis and returning home to be in peace. Brian Pulling's wife Tammi has two cysts on her ovaries and needs the procedure. Please keep all in your thoughts and prayers

### MEAL

- Panda Express was on the menu, including Orange Chicken, Broccoli Beef, Chow Mein, Rice, and Dessert. \$15 cost. \$105 collected from online payments. \$195 collected from cash at the door. Bill for food was \$326.64
- We had prospects dine with us. These meals were covered, thanks in whole to the George Hahn Food Fund



**SOME PICTURES YOU CAN JUST HEAR!**



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Respectfully Submitted,

  
AARON ZAHN—SECRETARY

