



MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
 520 S. 1st Ave
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104
sec@minnehaha5.com
 (605) 351-5756

		STATED MEETING ~ ENTERED APPRENTICE			
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025		WM	RYAN HARRISON	SD	JEFF BRUCE
		SW	JAMES BYERS	JD	CODY CHRISTIANSON
		JW	ADDISON STUBBE	SS	MATT GAGE
Opened in Due Form	7:02p.m.	TRES	CARLOS COBOS	JS	KURT SWENDSON
Closed in Due Form	9:25p.m.	SEC	AARON ZAHN	MAR	ROB KIRKVOLD*
Attendance	35	C-AP	ANTHONY NEUROTH	TYLER	JERRY GROUZIS*
Visitors	1				

*PRO-TEM

Worshipful Master Ryan Harrison opened a Stated Meeting in the Fellowcraft Degree at 7:02 pm and greeted the Brethren in attendance. The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the Stated Meeting Minutes from August 7 and the Special Meeting Minutes from August 21. 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. We received a thank you letter from The Banquet for our donation of \$1,000. They will use that money towards their Chili Feast.

PETITIONS. Petitions for Affiliation were received for Brian Kehm, Charles Jones, DaNiel Wood, DaShawn Lewis, David Driver, Howard Greer, James Westra, Jerry Scholl, Kenneth Vaughan, Larry Russell, Leo Baumgart, Lloyd Siemonsma, Rodolfo (Rudy) Navarrete, Wayne Miller. 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 George Hahn. Motion carried. A hearty round of applause was had for the new members of Minnehaha Lodge as their new home! Aaron added he was proud to have his father in law a part of Minnehaha Lodge in Dave Driver.

Petitions for Membership were received and read for the first reading for David Baumgartner and John King. Worshipful Master Ryan will appoint investigation committees for these prospective members.

Petition for Membership was read for the second time for James Norris. The Investigation Committee provided a favorable report and recommended he be considered for balloting. A ballot was conducted in due form. The ballot was found to be bright! Congratulations James Norris will receive the degrees of Masonry from Minnehaha Lodge

Petition for Membership was read for the second time for Shannon Wegh. The Investigation Committee deferred the report to Jon Woods for a more detailed report. WB Jon gave a report stating that Shannon has been coming to our meals as a prospect for 6 months, he has gotten to know several members, and WB Jon recommended him for membership. A ballot was conducted in due form. The ballot was found to be dark. WM Ryan immediately ordered a second ballot as per the provision in the Masonic Code. A second ballot was conducted in due form. The ballot was found to be dark. Shannon Wegh will be notified of his petition rejection.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Worshipful Master Ryan excused WB Jon Woods and our Fellowcraft Brothers to retire to a separate room for Fellowcraft proficiency
- Aaron gave a report on Hot Classics Night. Minnehaha had 13 members attend to help with the event. The Classie Autos decided on \$1,300 to our lodge in appreciation for our help during the event. This was decided upon by \$100 per member that helped out. Thank You very much Brothers!



MINNEHAHA LODGE #5
 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
 520 S. 1st Ave
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104
sec@minnehaha5.com
 (605) 351-5756

		STATED MEETING ~ ENTERED APPRENTICE			
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025		WM	RYAN HARRISON	SD	JEFF BRUCE
		SW	JAMES BYERS	JD	CODY CHRISTIANSON
Opened in Due Form	7:02p.m.	JW	ADDISON STUBBE	SS	MATT GAGE
Closed in Due Form	9:25p.m.	TRES	CARLOS COBOS	JS	KURT SWENDSON
Attendance	35	SEC	AARON ZAHN	MAR	ROB KIRKVOLD*
Visitors	1	CAF	ANTHONY NEUROTH	TYLER	JERRY GROUZIS*

*PRO-TEM

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Treasurer's Report was presented and received for filing

	Date	Beginning Balance	Deposits & Transfer	Checks & Transfer	O/S Checks	Dedicated Funds	Funds Available
CHECKING ACCOUNTS							
LODGE CHECKING BEG BALANCE	8/1/2025	12916.78					12916.78
xxx7563							
DEPOSIT DUES	8/12/2025		831.83				831.83
8/7/2025 MEAL REIMBURSE	8/18/2025		326.64				326.64
GRAND LODGE DEPOSIT DUES & GHFF	8/19/2025		181.83				181.83
REIMBURSE FROM GHFF FOR Q BBQ	8/19/2025		123.90				123.90
RCV XFER FROM ECA SAVINGS	8/25/2025		1000.00				1000.00
CHECK #2631 BANQUET DONATION	7/31/2025			(1000.00)			(1000.00)
EZ CATER 8/7/2025 MEAL	8/8/2025			(326.64)			(326.64)
WALMART Q PICNIC SUPPLIES	8/11/2025			(123.90)			(123.90)
TRANSFER FOOD FUND BALANCE	8/18/2025			(2755.08)			(2755.08)
CHECK #2633 AUG SEC FEES	8/18/2025			(250.00)			(250.00)
CHECK #2629 Q3 MBA PER CAP	8/19/2025			(2340.00)			(2340.00)
XFER TO GHFF FROM GL DEPOSIT	8/19/2025			(75.00)			(75.00)
							0.00
LODGE CHECKING END BALANCE	8/31/2025	12916.78	2464.20	(6870.62)	0.00	0.00	8510.36
OUTSTANDING & DEDICATED							
CHECK #2614 LLOY FAMILY	2/24/2025				(100.00)		(100.00)
CHECK #2624 GRAND LODGE	7/8/2025				(189.00)		(189.00)
CHECK #2632 SD MASONIC CHARITIES	7/25/2025				(50.00)		(50.00)
CHECK #2634 JEFF BRUCE DTSF	8/12/2025				(200.00)		(200.00)
CHECK #2635 EMMA MOLLER ECA	8/25/2025				(1000.00)		(1000.00)
CHECK #2636 SFA HUMAN SOCIETY	8/28/2025				(1105.00)		(1105.00)
EST. Q4 MBA PER CAP						(2340.00)	(2340.00)
TOTAL O/S & DEDICATED	8/31/2025						(4984.00)
AVAILABLE FUND IN LODGE CHECKING					(2644.00)	(2340.00)	3526.36
FOOD FUND BEG BAL							
	8/12/2025	0.00					0.00
XFER FROM LODGE CHECKING	8/18/2025		2755.08				2755.08
DEPOSIT CASH 8/7/25 MEALS	8/12/2025		195.00				195.00
DEPOSIT REMAINDER OF CASH FROM Q BBQ	8/19/2025		60.00				60.00
XFER FROM LODGE CHECKING	8/19/2025		75.00				75.00
EZ CATER 8/7/25 MEAL REIMBURSE	8/18/2025			(326.64)			(326.64)
REIMBURSE LODGE FOR Q BBQ	8/19/2025			(123.90)			(123.90)
INITIAL CHECK ORDER	8/27/2025			(31.90)			(31.90)
FOOD FUND END BAL	8/31/2025	0.00	3085.08	(482.44)	0.00	0.00	2602.64
GOOD WORKS AND OUTREACH							
		2670.43					2670.43
XXX1154							
DONATION	8/7/2025		70.97				70.97
POSTABLE AUG BD CARDS	8/7/2025			(70.97)			(70.97)
POSTABLE AUG GET WELL CARDS	8/8/2025			(14.04)			(14.04)
GWO&O ENDING BALANCE	8/31/2025	2670.43	70.97	(85.01)	0.00	0.00	2656.39
TOTAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS - O/S	8/31/2025						8,785.39



MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

520 S. 1st Ave
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104
sec@minnehaha5.com
 (605) 351-5756

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Opened in Due Form	7:02p.m.
Closed in Due Form	9:25p.m.
Attendance	35
Visitors	1

STATED MEETING ~ ENTERED APPRENTICE			
WM	RYAN HARRISON	SD	JEFF BRUCE
SW	JAMES BYERS	JD	CODY CHRISTIANSON
JW	ADDISON STUBBE	SS	MATT GAGE
TRES	CARLOS COBOS	JS	KURT SWENDSON
SEC	AARON ZAHN	MAR	ROB KIRKVOLD*
C-AP	ANTHONY NEUROTH	TYLER	JERRY GROUZIS*

*PRO-TEM

ELMER C. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP							
XXX7779 SAVINGS	8/1/2025	6910.09					6910.09
INTEREST	7/31/2025		0.06				0.06
XFER TO LODGE CHECKING	8/25/2025			(1000.00)			(1000.00)
INTEREST	8/31/2025		0.06				0.06
XXXX7779 ECA SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE	8/31/2025	6910.09	0.12	(1000.00)	0.00	0.00	5910.21
SDGLIF SCHOLARSHIP FUND		10934.16					10934.16
INTEREST							0.00
SDGLIF SCHOLARSHIP FUND ENDING BALANCE	8/31/2025	10934.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10934.16
1ST NATIONAL BANK CD		10625.41					10625.41
INTEREST							0.00
1ST NAT BANK CD ENDING BALANCE	8/31/2025	10625.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10625.41
TOTAL ECA FUNDS	8/31/2025	28469.66	0.12	(1000.00)	0.00	0.00	27469.78
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS							
LODGE SAVINGS	8/1/2025	2104.23					2104.23
XXX1004							0.00
INTEREST	7/31/2025		0.02				0.02
DEPOSIT FROM CLOSED ACCTS.	8/12/2025		25.00				25.00
INTEREST	8/31/2025		0.02				0.02
SAVINGS ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE	8/31/2025	2104.23	25.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	2129.27
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS							
FIRST INTERSTATE MONEY MARKET	8/1/2025	9187.63					9187.63
XXX9038							0.00
INTEREST	7/31/2025		3.12				3.12
FIRST INTERSTATE MM ENDING BALANCE	8/31/2025	9187.63	3.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	9190.75
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND		12133.14					12133.14
INTEREST							0.00
SDGLIF ENDING BALANCE	8/31/2025	12133.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12133.14
TTL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE	8/31/2025	21320.77	3.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	21323.89
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	8/31/2025						59,708.33

NEW BUSINESS

- We have a Master Mason Degree scheduled for September 18. 6pm Start. We would really like to fill the sidelines!
- Aaron presented and made a motion that we purchase and mail a card to all of our new members. To welcome them and to communicate with them. Seconded by George Hahn. No discussion. Motion carried
- Brothers at our last meeting we had a proposal made to amend our by-laws. Since our by-laws were outdated in format, various versions, and an amendment to our by-laws rather than a change the proposal was to make several changes at once. I applaud the effort of Brian to put the work into this and the other Brothers that helped review it. I do want to approach this with voting on the big changes individually. That being
 - #1 the changes in formatting, adding the logo/seal, page numbers, etc ;
 - #2 the proposal to increase our dues
 - #3 the proposal to go from one Stated Meeting to two Stated Meetings
 - #4 the proposal to add the provision for adding the longevity levels in our dues for those members who qualify



MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
 520 S. 1st Ave
 Sioux Falls, SD 57104
sec@minnehaha5.com
 (605) 351-5756

		STATED MEETING ~ ENTERED APPRENTICE			
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025		WM	RYAN HARRISON	SD	JEFF BRUCE
		SW	JAMES BYERS	JD	CODY CHRISTIANSON
		JW	ADDISON STUBBE	SS	MATT GAGE
Opened in Due Form 7:02p.m.		TRES	CARLOS COBOS	JS	KURT SWENDSON
Closed in Due Form 9:25p.m.		SEC	AARON ZAHN	MAR	ROB KIRKVOLD*
Attendance 35		C-AP	ANTHONY NEUROTH	TYLER	JERRY GROUZIS*
Visitors 1					

*PRO-TEM

- WM Ryan stated...I will remind everyone that we will allow discussion for each vote, please only speak once on each vote to allow time for someone else to speak. This being our largest item of business for the year, we want to be efficient with our time and respectful of everyone's time here this evening. We will conduct our votes by the sign of a Mason and will respect everyone's personal decisions in these topics
- Item #1. Changes in formatting to add section titles. To add the updated lodge logo and seal. To combine previous amendments into one document.
 - Motion by James Byers to adopt these changes. Seconded by Carlos. No discussion. Motion carried with a 32-2 vote
- Item #2. Increase in Dues. The proposed dues offered two options. Option 1 was \$130, Option 2 was \$150 plus a 5% increase each year.
 - Motion by James Byers to adopt Option #2. Seconded by George Hahn. Discussion started. A comment was made, and later requested by WB Carlos to be added to the minutes, that increasing dues was considered fleecing the flock in lieu of additional fundraising for the lodge. A presentation was shortened from Jeff Bruce on mathematical projections on different dues amounts and how sustainable the different levels of dues are for our future. Additional discussion in favor of raising dues. MWB Virgil made a motion to amend the options to a flat rate of \$150. Seconded by Quentin Everson. Discussion continued that we have an original motion on the floor to process. James Byers rescinded his original motion. It was stated that an proposal to amend the bylaws must be proposed at a stated communication in writing and laid over until the next stated meeting. This would mean that the amendment proposed by MWB Virgil must be in writing, we will send that out as soon as it is received, and we will take action at our October meeting. There was a motion from Kurt Swendson, seconded by James Byers that we do raise the dues of our lodge just to keep the Item alive. Discussion was agreeable and we will await the written amendment. Motion carried
- Item #3. To go from one Stated Meeting per month to two Stated Meetings per month.
 - A motion was made by James Byers to open discussion. Seconded by Carlos. Discussion continued between for and against. The WM called for a vote. 28-7 the amendment passed
- Item #4. To include Longevity Levels in our dues structure for those members that achieve it. (\$50 off for 50 year members, etc)
 - A motion was made by James Byers to open discussion. Seconded by George Hahn. Minor discussion and clarification. WM Ryan called for a vote. 27-8 the amendment passed
- WM Ryan thanked the lodge for practicing civility and temperance throughout that bylaws process!
- MWB Aaron presented Damon Fietek with his Certificate for One Year of Service to Minnehaha Lodge. Congratulations!
- We have set a date of Sept 5 at 5:30 to present our gift to the Humane Society. If anyone and everyone can be there to help present please do so. We have a mountain of dog food plus \$1,100 to give.
- The Principal Officers of the lodge started something new to recognize a brother each month. A Temple Builders Certificate of Merit.
- Brother Ewell Johnson was presented at the altar as a visitor. Brother Ewell now lives in Sioux Falls but is a Mason in Good Standing from Washington



MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
520 S. 1st Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
sec@minnehaha5.com
(605) 351-5756

		STATED MEETING ~ ENTERED APPRENTICE		
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025	WM	RYAN HARRISON	SD	JEFF BRUCE
	SW	JAMES BYERS	JD	CODY CHRISTIANSON
Opened in Due Form	7:02p.m.	JW	SS	MATT GAGE
Closed in Due Form	9:25p.m.	TRES	JS	KURT SWENDSON
Attendance	35	SEC	MAR	ROB KIRKVOLD*
Visitors	1	C-AP	TYLER	JERRY GROUZIS*

*PRO-TEM

- Masonic Education – James Byers.
 - How Should Masons Meet!

Thank you, Brothers, for once again allowing me to share my personal view on our Craft. This evening’s topic, I believe, encourages further discussion and deeper personal reflection on Masonry and its moral implications.

On the level, I really think that he needs our help. “I’m telling you, this deal is on the level—no funny business.” “Are you on the level with me about this, or are you hiding something?” “I just want to make sure we’re both on the level with each other.” “I did my level best to meet the goal.” Honest, straightforward, sincere, truthful, legit—these are just a few of the phrases I could find, and they show how even non-Masons continue to use this term in their everyday lives.

My Brothers, these examples illustrate how often this idea of being “on the level” comes up in society, and yet we Masons use this tool with deeper meaning every night. If we are truly working toward becoming more enlightened and better men, we should be using this tool in our daily lives—especially in how we interact with our communities as a whole.

So let’s dive in. The Level could perhaps be viewed in a very different light if we thought of it as the Tiler of the Lodge. “Wait,” you might say, “we already have a Tiler.” And yes, we do—but the Tiler’s job is to guard against interlopers, the uninvited or the unwelcome. The Level, however, could be seen as the immovable Tiler—symbolically guarding the Lodge against everything that must remain outside so that peace and harmony can reign inside.

Within the lodge room, we never bring political differences, personal biases, social ranks, or the prestige we may seek in our professional lives. Inside these walls, we meet each other on the level—as equals.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come,
 The king from out his palace, and the poor man from his home;
 For the one must leave his diadem outside the mason’s door,
 And the other finds his true respect upon the chequered floor
 – MW Robert Morris. “The Level and the Square.” 1854.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Brother Jeremy Reimer is going in for hip surgery

MEAL

- Meal from Ruby Tuesday . \$15 cost. \$165 collected from online payments. \$235 collected from cash at the door. Bill for food was \$486.04
- We had prospects dine with us. These meals were covered, thanks in whole to the George Hahn Food Fund





MINNEHAHA LODGE #5

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
520 S. 1st Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
sec@minnehaha5.com
(605) 351-5756

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025		STATED MEETING ~ ENTERED APPRENTICE	
WM	RYAN HARRISON	SD	JEFF BRUCE
SW	JAMES BYERS	JD	CODY CHRISTIANSON
JW	ADDISON STUBBE	SS	MATT GAGE
TRES	CARLOS COBOS	JS	KURT SWENDSON
SEC	AARON ZAHN	MAR	ROB KIRKVOLD*
C-AP	ANTHONY NEUROTH	TYLER	JERRY GROUZIS*
Opened in Due Form	7:02p.m.		
Closed in Due Form	9:25p.m.		
Attendance	35		
Visitors	1		

*PRO-TEM



Respectfully Submitted,


AARON ZAHN—SECRETARY

