



MINNEHAHA LODGE #5


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Worshipful Master Ryan Harrison opened a Stated Meeting in the Fellowcraft 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 February 5 and February 28. 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.


- ✦ Aaron Zahn reads a correspondence from the Grand Master about the upcoming 152nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to be held at Cedar Shores Resort, June 18–21, 2026. The letter explains that the event will focus on three pillars—South Dakota Freemasons, South Dakota Masonic charities, and revitalized lodges—while keeping everyone together at one location to strengthen fellowship and reduce costs. To make registration free for individual Masons (normally about \$50 each), the Grand Lodge is asking each lodge to contribute a minimum of \$200, with contributing lodges to be formally recognized and any remaining proceeds donated to South Dakota Masonic Charities.
 - The lodge discusses the Grand Lodge contribution. A motion and second was made to donate the requested \$200, but during discussion it was suggested to increase the amount to \$400 since the lodge expects to send more than four brothers. The brethren agree this better reflects their expected attendance. James Byers moves to amend the original motion to \$400, the amended motion is seconded, and the lodge proceeds toward a vote on donating \$400 instead of \$200. Motion passed to give \$400 to cover registration costs.

PETITIONS.

- ✦ A Petition for Affiliation was received from Brother Randy Eide. Brother Randy’s petition falls under the dispensation from the GM to allow a hand vote if there are no objections. Brother Randy was voted upon favorably and Welcome to Minnehaha Lodge Randy Eide!

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- ✦ Jon Woods offered praise and thanks to the lodge for the recent Master Mason degree, noting that it was successfully conducted “in due form” even though the lodge was short by about seven brothers. He emphasized how remarkable it was that the degree came together under those circumstances, highlighting that several brethren stepped into unfamiliar roles—some with only about ten minutes’ notice. Jon expressed deep gratitude and pride in Minnehaha’s ritual team and thanked everyone who contributed to making the degree a success.
- ✦ Degree Calendar update. The Officers will meet and then announce and communicate the schedule

TREASURER'S REPORT. The following Treasurer’s Report was presented and received for filing 



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TREASURER'S REPORT October 31, 2025

	Date	Beginning Balance	Deposits & Transfer	Checks & Transfer	O/S Checks	Dedicated Funds	Funds Available
CHECKING ACCOUNTS							
LODGE CHECKING BEG BALANCE	10/1/2025	6721.79					6721.79
xxx7563							
CHECK FOR DUES THAT GOES TO UNITY	10/3/2025		67.50				67.50
GR LODGE CK #1333 DUES & MEALS	10/3/2025		454.33				454.33
GR LODGE CK #1346 DUES ONLY	10/17/2025		339.05				339.05
GR LODGE CK#1333 MEAL PORTION	10/6/2025			(225.00)			(225.00)
CHECK #2640 AARON ZAHN OCT SEC FEES	10/6/2025			(250.00)			(250.00)
DEBIT CARD POSTABLES	10/12/2025			(116.28)			(116.28)
LODGE CHECKING END BALANCE	10/31/2025	6721.79	860.88	(591.28)	0.00	0.00	6991.39
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 #2639 UNITY #130 REIMBURSE	10/2/2025				(67.50)		(67.50)
EST. Q4 MBA PER CAP						(2340.00)	(2340.00)
TOTAL O/S & DEDICATED	10/31/2025						(2746.50)
AVAILABLE FUND IN LODGE CHECKING					(406.50)	(2340.00)	4244.89
FOOD FUND BEG BAL							
10/1/2025	2351.60						2351.60
CASH FROM 10/02/25 MEAL	10/3/2025		185.00				185.00
TRANSFER FROM GR LODGE CK #1333			225.00				225.00
			0.00				0.00
DEBIT CARD GRANITE CITY	10/2/2025			(339.07)			(339.07)
FOOD FUND END BAL	10/31/2025	2351.60	410.00	(339.07)	0.00	0.00	2422.53
GOOD WORKS AND OUTREACH							
XXX1154	10/1/2025	2656.39					2656.39
CHECK #1009 RUDY NAVARETTE (shoes&toys)	10/3/2025				(1801.00)		(1801.00)
				0.00			0.00
GWO&O ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2025	2656.39	0.00	0.00	(1801.00)	0.00	855.39
TOTAL CHECKING ACCOUNTS - O/S	8/31/2025						7,522.81
ELMER C. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP							
XXX7779 SAVINGS	10/1/2025	5910.21					5910.21
INTEREST	9/30/2025		0.05				0.05
INTEREST	10/31/2025		0.05				0.05
XXXX7779 ECA SAVINGS ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2025	5910.21	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	5910.31
SDGLIF SCHOLARSHIP FUND	10/1/2025	10934.16					10934.16
SDGLIF SCHOLARSHIP FUND ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2025	10934.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10934.16
1ST NATIONAL BANK CD	10/1/2025	10625.41					10625.41
1ST NAT BANK CD ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2025	10625.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10625.41
TOTAL ECA FUNDS	10/31/2025	27469.78	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	27469.88



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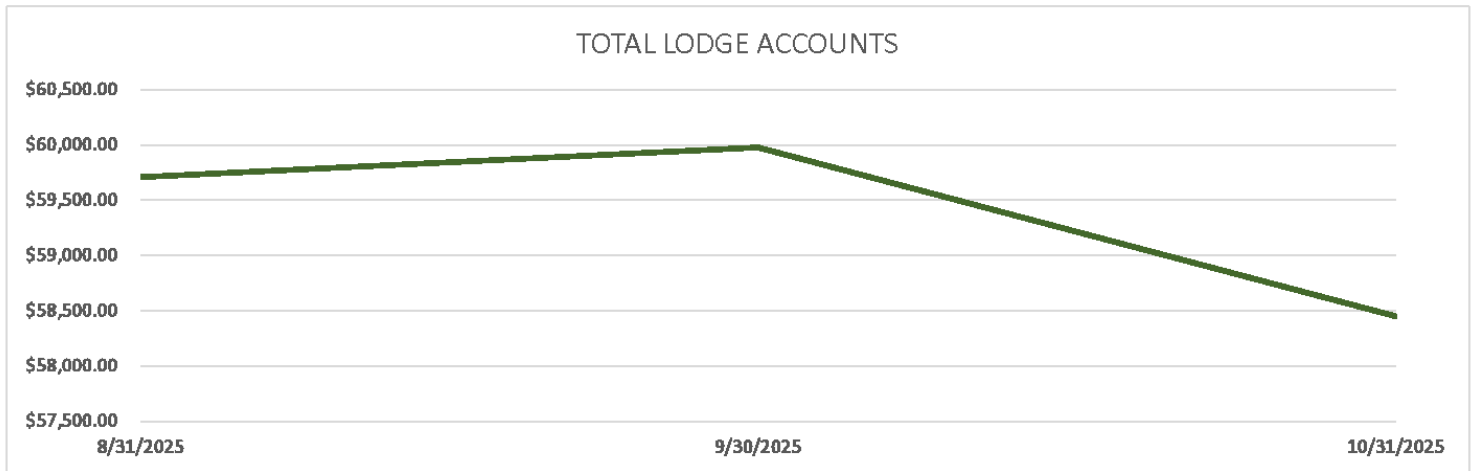
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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS							
LODGE SAVINGS	10/1/2025	2129.27					2129.27
XXX1004							0.00
	INTEREST	9/30/2025	0.02				0.02
	INTEREST	10/31/2025	0.02				0.02
SAVINGS ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2025	2129.27	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	2129.31
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS							
FIRST INTERSTATE MONEY MARKET	10/1/2025	9190.75					9190.75
XXX9038							0.00
	INTEREST		2.92				2.92
FIRST INTERSTATE MM ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2025	9190.75	2.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	9193.67
SD GRAND LODGE INVESTMENT FUND	10/1/2025	12133.14					12133.14
SDGLIF ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2025	12133.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12133.14
TTL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE	10/31/2025	21323.89	2.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	21326.81
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	10/31/2025						\$ 58,448.81
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	9/30/2025						\$ 59,976.64
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	8/31/2025						\$ 59,708.33



REPORTED INTEREST EARNED ON MINNEHAHA #5 ACCOUNTS						
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST, 2026						
	ECA SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS	ECA SCHOLARSHIP SDGLIF	ECA SCHOLARSHIP FNB CD	LODGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT	1ST INTERSTATE CD	LODGE SDGLIF
JULY 2025	\$0.06			\$0.02	\$3.12	
AUGUST 2025	\$0.06			\$0.02	\$2.92	
SEPTEMBER 2025	\$0.05			\$0.02		
OCTOBER 2025	\$0.05			\$0.02		
NOVEMBER 2025						
DECEMBER 2025						
JANUARY 2026						
FEBRUARY 2026						
MARCH 2026						
APRIL 2026						
MAY 2026						
JUNE 2026						
TOTALS	\$0.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.08	\$6.04	\$0.00



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NEW BUSINESS

- ⚡ Masonic Education – James Byers gives a Masonic education piece about how we “come to light” and how that should shape our attitude when we come to lodge. He recalls our progression as Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason—each time being brought to light and seeing the lodge and our brothers in a new way, centered on the one tool that teaches friendship, morality, and brotherly love. He stresses that the lodge room itself is just a space; what matters is how we see our brothers and the opportunities before us. James urges everyone to stop focusing on problems and frustrations and instead arrive at lodge each night as if being brought to light again—seeing the lodge as a place of opportunity, fellowship, and lifelong memories. If we all adopt that mindset, he says, the seats will fill, hearts will fill, and brothers will not want to miss a night.
- ⚡ Welcome to visiting Brother Johnny Brookbank from Tujung Lodge 592 in Glendale, CA
- ⚡ Brett Osbar, Worshipful Master of Valhalla Lodge No. 221, explains that Valhalla is “raiding” Minnehaha Lodge as part of an effort to encourage Masons to travel, visit one another, and strengthen fellowship between lodges. On behalf of Valhalla, he presents Minnehaha with a custom lodge apron as a token of friendship and brotherly love, and issues a challenge for Minnehaha to “raid back” by creating its own logoed apron to present to Valhalla. He notes that later in the year they also plan to raid lodges in Rapid City and invites brothers from Minnehaha to join in that traveling effort.
- ⚡ Treasurer Carlos Cobos reports that the lodge has \$9,209.19 in a money market account earning only about \$3 per month (roughly \$36 per year, less than 1% and below inflation). He explains that the lodge previously voted to close its savings accounts and move those funds into the Grand Lodge Investment Fund, and proposes that this remaining money market balance be earmarked for the George Hahn Food Fund, transferred into the Grand Lodge Investment Fund, and left untouched for five years. After that initial period, the lodge would draw only 60% of the annual earnings (similar to the scholarship fund model), allowing the principal to continue to grow. The intent is that, over time, this fund would cover an increasing portion of lodge meals—eventually potentially most or all of them—benefiting especially the younger Master Masons in future years.
 - Vote: A motion is made and seconded to adopt the treasurer’s recommendation as presented. After discussion and strong endorsements from trustees, the lodge votes in favor, and the motion carries unanimously, putting the George Hahn Food Fund plan into effect.
- ⚡ Brian Pulling briefly updates the lodge on a “passion project” he and Jon Woods have been working on: new slideshow presentations for the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees. He notes that the brethren saw the first preview of these updated slides during the recent Master Mason degree, asks how they were received (the response is positive), and explains that these new slide sets will be used going forward for all three degrees.
- ⚡ Aaron Zahn moved to nominate Brian Cole for Senior Grand Warden. Seconded by Brian Pulling. No discussion. Motion carried to nominate Brian Cole for Senior Grand Warden.
- ⚡ James Byers moved to nominate Jay Darrow for Senior Grand Warden. Seconded by Virgil Anderson. No discussion. Motion carried to nominate Brian Cole for Senior Grand Warden.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- WB Tom Hoy has been fighting pneumonia. Brother Denny Kaurap is doing chemo for pancreatic cancer. Kenny Pulling had a MRI on his brain and the tumor that he had has shrank.



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MEAL

PGM Virgil Anderson provided the meal keeping in tradition with his annual March Reuben Sandwich feast. Several brothers helped prepare the food, serve, and cleanup. Those Brothers were recognized and greeted with a hearty round of applause. Thank You to PGM Virgil for providing this meal for us! \$300+ will be added to the Scholarship Fund!



Respectfully Submitted,

AARON ZAHN - SECRETARY

