

**BEING A FOUNDATION BRIDGE
BUILDER IS AN INVESTMENT
IN ONE'S SELF AND IN ONE'S VALUES**

NORTH DAKOTA MASONIC FOUNDATION WORKING TO BUILD OPPORTUNITIES:

- PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
- CHALLENGING YOUTH TO LEARN ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA
- PROVIDING SUPPORT TO LODGES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS & CHARITIES
- SUPPORT FOR MASONIC FAMILY YOUTH GROUPS
- MAINTAIN 5 ND MASONIC HISTORIC SITES
- PROVIDING RESOURCES AS NEEDED
- MANAGER OF INVESTMENTS



MASONIC SITES: The Foundation maintains five Masonic historic sites in North Dakota. They are: The Masonic Park in Pembina recognizes the first Dispensated Masonic Lodge in North Dakota; Ft. Buford, the first Chartered Masonic Lodge in North Dakota near Willison; Lt. Beever Gravesite near Bismarck; Masonic Island at Lake Metigoshe; and Lewis & Clark at Washburn.

Activity is found at the sites with renovation and renewal in the spirit of their original significance and intent.

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**Grand Lodge Ancient, Free &
Accepted Masons of North Dakota**



INCORPORATED 1928

**Fraternal
Charitable
Educational
Benevolent**

History:

The endowment originally was created when an appeal was made to constituent lodges to take out an insurance policy on the life of some brother in favor of the Foundation.

The Foundation is an IRS 501(c) 3 Private Foundation and only the interest from the endowment can be used for the purposes of the Foundation.

The ND Masonic Foundation Board consists of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairman, and FIVE elected committeemen.

Other contributions have been encouraged by the Foundation Board to increase the endowment value:

1. Wills and Bequests:
2. Bridge Builder Program
3. Donations
4. Fundraisers

In 1991, the Bridge Builder Program was developed. The Bridge Builder Program is designed to award the contributor of \$1,000 with a shadow box and medallion and a Bridge Builder lapel pin. For each additional \$1,000 contribution, a diamond is added to the medallion. The Bridge Builder money is invested in a restricted fund and only the interest is used for Foundation Programs.

Money can be contributed in smaller amounts to the Bridge Builder until the \$1,000 level is reached. Forty-five Masons are Bridge Builders, five ladies, and Eight lodges and shrine groups are members.



Since the beginning, the Foundation which is an IRS 501 (c) 3 Private Foundation has used the Interest to support various programs.

KNOW YOUR STATE CONTEST:

The Know Your State Contest was born in the year 1954. It is a contest for juniors and seniors of North Dakota High Schools with the intent for students to learn more about North Dakota's history, geography, politics, economy and current events. In 2012-13, the ND Masonic Foundation partnered with Bismarck State College to sponsor the event. The preliminary tests are done online and the finals are held at the campus of Bismarck State College.

An Awards Banquet is sponsored by Watford City Ft. Union Lodge #128. Bismarck State administration and faculty, state government officials, Masons, students, and chaperones are in attendance for the Awards Banquet and Program.

The North Dakota Masonic Foundation presented eight different scholarship amounts for prizes and a book to each of the students. The top two winners got \$2,000 each; two second-place winners got \$1500 each; two third-place winners got \$1000 each; and two fourth-place winners got \$500 each.

Harry Miller Masonic Endowment:

In 1997, the North Dakota Masonic Foundation received a sizeable gift from the will of Harry Miller of Ambrose, ND. This money is invested with only the interest used to support scholarships and other programs of the Foundation.



GRANTS:

The Foundation sponsors two types of grants for the constituent lodges of ND and their charities. These grants are for the fiscal year from July 1 until June 30.

(1.) Education Grant, formerly called Hometown Grant:

The Hometown Grant which was adopted by the Foundation in 1991 is now the Education Grant. The program requests that lodges do fundraisers within their community and make grant application to the Foundation Board and if approved, they will receive a matched dollar for net dollar raised up to \$1000.

Through the years, most of the money has been used for student scholarships. Some of the other charities include Bikes for Books, Up Close Program, Boys Scouts and other youth activities, and Scottish Rite Language and Learning Centers.

(2.) Community Charity Matching Grant:

This is a program developed in commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of North Dakota. The ND Masonic Foundation is sponsoring up to a \$1000 matching grant to be used by the lodge for some charity within their community. Lodges have to make application for this and it has to be approved by the Foundation Board.

TUNTLAND SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Foundation manages the Tuntland Investment and provides scholarships to students of McLean County who wish to pursue a degree in Nursing, Law, or Agriculture.

MASONIC YOUTH GROUPS:

The Foundation contributes to the ND International Order of Rainbow for girls and the Order of DeMolay for boys.