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LOCAL MASONS DONATE OVER \$60,000 TO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Grand Forks Masons donate over \$60,000 to Masonic Park over the last 5 years

Grand Forks, ND – The Grand Forks Park District was honored to receive the gift of a park sign and playground sign for Masonic Park, making the donations from the Grand Forks Masonic Fraternity now over \$60,000 within the past five years.

“We are honored by the continued support shown to the Grand Forks Park District by the Masons,” states Executive Director of the Grand Forks Park District, Bill Palmiscno. “Since the Masonic Fraternity acquired naming rights to Masonic Park, they have continued to generously fundraise to add valued amenities to the park.”

Since Masonic Park was founded in 2012, over \$250,000 of improvements have been added. Improvements made over the past five years include: two playgrounds, Kem Shriners Baseball Field, a picnic shelter, park signs, information signs, a parking lot, and a temporary restroom. Future features to be added to Masonic Park are restrooms and walking trails.

“The Masonic Fraternity is extremely proud to assist with the development of this neighborhood park. It is a fantastic way to give back to this and the surrounding communities in which we live, work and play,” commented Tony Telken, Past Grand Master of North Dakota Masons.

The local Masonic Fraternity is comprised of the Masons, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite (Knights Templar), Eastern Star (Ladies’ Division), DeMolay (Boys’ Division), and Rainbow (Girls’ Division). Each of the Masonic affiliates have a strong representation in the community, playing a key role in the fundraising for Masonic Park.

Executive Director Bill Palmiscno comments, “Our strong partnership with the Masonic fraternity, and other local clubs, have allowed us to enhance the community and add more amenities to our neighborhood parks.”

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Pictured Left to Right: Grand Master of Masons in North Dakota Mark Williamson, Past Master of Malta Lodge Ryan Bohn, Past Grand Master of Masons in North Dakota Tony Telken, Past Master of Malta Lodge Bill Steckler, and Grand Forks Park District Exec. Director Bill Palmiscno.

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