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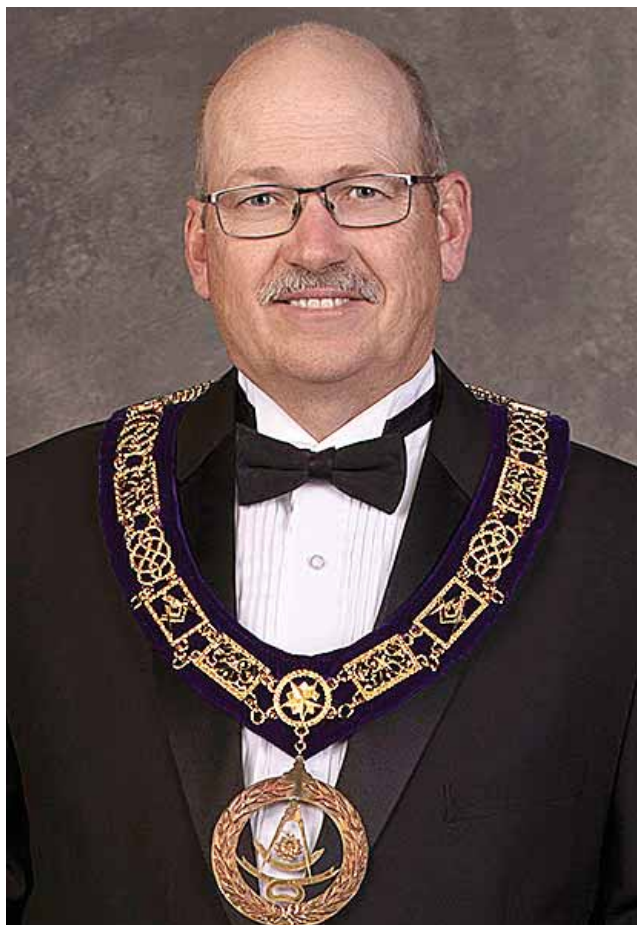
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Greetings from the Grand Master

Hello Brothers !

The seasons are moving by quickly and fall will soon be coming to a close, there have be many struggles this year for most of us, trying to complete our work before winter sets in, hopefully everyone will be able to get done what they need to complete. Fall and Winter are also the busiest time of year for our lodges, most are well into there regular Meeting schedules. But Masonry isn't just about having a meeting because our bylaws say so, it's important that we continue on our Masonic Journey through more Knowledge or Light. So instead of holding just a business meeting, maybe for example, add in some Masonic History, or run through the signs and explain what their meanings are, there are many good short DVD's on Masonry that could be viewed. Try a Rusty Nail Degree, Honor a long time Brother, and many other ideas you may have to bring some excitement into your Lodge. – More Light in Masonry.

The District Meetings /Festivals have started, with the focus being -Bringing the Lodge Back to The Lodge-. Some of our Lodges have slipped away from traditional opening and closing, or have only been doing a partial opening/clos-



ing because that's how they learned in there lodge. The idea is to give pointers or clarification and answer any questions you might have (you might be surprised what your Lodge is or isn't doing. I know I was.) Also to talk about what types of things that Lodges should be doing to attract new members and keep them, its not one size fits all. How to get

started doing degree work if your Lodge hasn't done any for awhile, or helping another Lodge by taking a part. We will be discussing Grand View (our new data system), we may not have every answer but hopefully we can get it for you. Also we need your Lodge calendar/Tressel board, dates for Degree work, special events, etc., to fill into the Grand Lodge Calendar. Please send to Grand Lodge Office or to a Grand Lodge officer, to view the Grand Lodge Calendar go to www.ndmasons.com. I'd love to see every lodge in there.

As Masons it's up to us to bring in New and good Masons, which in turn will strengthen and grow our Fraternity, also bringing back Masons who may have slipped away from us for one reason or another. Remember Brothers, it's Not the place you meet, it's Not the clothes you wear, it's Not the money you make, it IS the Man inside that's the most important part of being a Mason and Brother. It's up to all of to strengthen and grow our Fraternity, It's our Duty.

The 131st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of North Da-

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Greetings from the Kem Shrine

Brothers,

We have been busy this year with the Circus's, the change in our Healthcare system and with Membership.

After the Grand Communication some new "light" was bestowed upon me. The light was a list which provided the suspended and demitted Brothers from lodges in North Dakota. The sad part, no, the alarming part was this list was just a few short of our current membership. Unbelievable? No, it was just math. Then I asked myself why would we miss this trend? Do we not care? Do we want the craft to die? This wasn't a list of the deceased it was a list of Brothers who left. What is happening? So, I asked a few of our younger Shriners if they are going to Lodge and they said

they do not have time now to go to everything. In short, they can only support one organization at a time. With the challenges faced with our younger members they do not have the time and/or finances to fully support the fraternities as expected by the "mature" Brethren. So, we sit back, refuse to try, refuse to change, ignore the numbers and blame it on the younger generation for not being committed and slowly watch our lodges wither away. I understand the struggles our younger Brethren are facing and believe we as leaders in our Lodges should be looking for ways to accommodate as they "mature". A great example is North Star 16 in Larimore. We have a strong Lodge and I'm sure the

"mature" Masons in our Lodge bit their tongues off as we grew as Masons.

Kem has a strong membership team and will continue to do whatever it takes to keep our Membership Strong. It is simple if we help our Masonic Lodges grow our membership grows. We have helped with degree work on both ends of the state and Minnesota and it is exciting to see more Lodges doing more degree work. If you need help, we are just a call away.

As they say there is nothing finer than a Shriner.

Working together we can make it happen, Yours in the Faith,
Philip Landis
Potentate Kem Shrine



Six New Master Masons were Raised at Historic Yellowstone Lodge No. 88 on October 5th 2019. Three District 9 Lodges were represented as well as Brothers from Acacia Lodge 13 of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and Kem Temple.

A message from El Zagal



Potentate Rick Qual

My name is Rick Qual, the current Potentate for the El Zagal Shrine. It has been a great year working with the Masonic Lodge, to build membership for Masonry and the Shrine. I would like to offer special thanks to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lowell Domier, for his continued support and for allowing one day classes for degree work. As we all know, if we continue to work together as one, we can build and support these great fraternities. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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kota will take place this year in Devils Lake, beginning on Thursday June 11th with golf and Picnic at the Devils Lake Country Club. Friday will start off with Committee meetings followed by The Masonic College, and finishing with the Grand Masters Banquet. Saturday June 13th, The 131st Annual Communication Will formally open & conduct Business and hold elections, followed by the closing Banquet. Hotels, banquet & meeting spaces have been booked, more detailed information will be available on our website and grand view after the First of The Year. So start making your plans to at-

tend, I do hope that all Lodges will be represented.

In closing, we're Traveling Men! Invite a Brother to Lodge again (he may not know how to come back), or bring him along to visit a neighboring Lodge. Some of your strongest Friendships & Lifelong ties are with your Lodge Brothers. What other organizations can you walk into a room full of strangers, and feel welcomed as a Brother and Friend, as if you've been there before.

As Always, Travel safe, and I hope to see you soon !

Fraternaly,

Lowell Domier,

Grand Master 2019-2020



In Memorium

Walter Scott Sayer	Northern Mayflower 45.....	5/16/2019
James A McAndrew	Fargo Daylight 135.....	6/4/2019
Alvin Whitmer	Hettinger 93	4/23/2019
Chris Patrick Wear	Shiloh 1	6/19/2019
Chris A Decker	Anchor 25.....	6/24/2019
William "Bert" G Dickson	Malta 131	6/24/2019
Wayne H Stewart	Star In The West 33	6/26/2019
Lynn Bjarnason	Tongue River 22.....	7/6/2019
Paul Lewis Buriak	Ashlar 69.....	7/7/2019
Jerry M Pladson	Shiloh 1	7/7/2019
Edward F Bolte	Star In The West 33	7/13/2019
Harlan Duane Pratt	Fargo Daylight 135.....	7/24/2019
Willie G Crocker	Northern Mayflower 45.....	8/1/2019
Mark J Motis	Devils Lake 21	8/2/2019
Robert J Reinertson	Acacia 4	8/9/2019
Ronald J Steinke	Tongue River 22.....	8/10/2019
Harvey F Sand	Lebanon 34	8/12/2019
Johnny W Morrison	Portal 84.....	8/12/2019
Loren G Eikanas	Mandan 8, Chancellor Walworth 102, Lewis & Clark 132.....	8/21/2019
Robert C Larimore	North Star 16.....	8/23/2019
Wendell W Phelps	Flasher 106	9/5/2019
Loyd N Pederson	Welcome 54	9/17/2019
Ryan Day	Shiloh 1	10/8/2019
Lavern C Neff	Mount Moriah 51	10/13/2019
Robert W Hamilton	Lebanon 34	10/16/2019
Lyle A Durr	Shiloh 1	10/16/2019
Roy V Dittus	Dickinson 32	10/18/2019
Harvey T Melstad	Lewis & Clark 132.....	10/19/2019
Steven J Garten	Shiloh 1	10/19/2019
Virgil Froemke	Fargo Daylight 135.....	10/22/2019
Gilbert L Voss	Fairmount Tri-State 37	10/24/2019
Raymond E Pfliger	Bismarck 5, Missouri Basin Daylight 136....	10/27/2019
J Roy Faight	Sunrise 130.....	10/28/2019
Michael D Faight	Sunrise 130.....	11/4/2019
Albert L Christensen	Lebanon 34	11/24/2019

East Gate Masonic Lodge presents Community Grant to Fargo Police Explorers

On October 9, East Gate Masonic Lodge presented a Community Grant check for \$500, on behalf of the North Dakota Masonic Foundation, to support the Fargo Police Explorers program. The Police Explorers provide career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities that expose youth to careers in law enforcement and challenge them to become responsible citizens of their community. The Police Explorers program welcomes both young men and women.

“The Police Explorers provide an important service, not only by supporting the personal growth of young people, but also by developing future professionals who will serve the community in law enforcement,” said Travis Cuypers, the 2019 Master of East Gate Lodge.

For more than twenty years, East Gate Masonic Lodge has also hosted a “Dessert Concert” each spring featuring musical groups from Ben Franklin Middle School.



Fargo Police Explorer Captain, Zoe Bundy, receives a check for \$500 from East Gate Masonic Lodge. Shown (l. to r.) are Fargo Police Sgt. Brent Halverson, Zoe Bundy, Travis Cuypers, and Fargo Police Officer Matt Niemeyer.

Supported by the North Dakota Masonic Foundation’s Hometown Grant, proceeds from the concerts provide scholarship

funds to help send music students to the International Music Camp at the International Peace Garden each summer.

Shiloh Lodge Recognition Banquet



Arnold L. Ellingson, PGM – 57 Years



W. Robert Wedberg Jr. – 52 Years

Shiloh Lodge No. 1, Fargo ND held a Recognition Banquet on October 15th and recognized 13 members with 50+ year of membership.

- Eugene Pedersen 66 Years
- Warren Opperman 65 Years
- Richard E. Perry 64 Years
- I Morris Rasmussen 60 Years
- William R. Bond 59 Years
- Donald C. Campbell 59 Years
- John C. Tietgens 58 Years
- Arnold L. Ellingson, PGM 57 Years
- Lynn D. Thompson 55 Years
- W. Robert Wedberg Jr. 52 Years
- Daryl B. Hanson 50 Years
- Horace T. Whitman II 50 Years
- Bruce F. Kolden 50 Years



William R. Bond - 59 Years

Up Coming Events

Times and more information are listed on the Grand Lodge Calendar on our website: www.ndmasons.com

If you have an event you would like on the calendar please send an email with the details to : grandlodgend@yahoo.com

DECEMBER

- 16th Fargo Daylight Lodge 135 Christmas Concert
- Sunrise 130 MM Degree
- 17th Grand Master Visit #19
- 25th **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

JANUARY 2020 HAPPY NEW YEAR

- 6th EA Degree Chancellor Walworth 102
- 7th EA Degree Goose River 19
- 15th Northern Mayflower 45 Table Lodge
- 18th One Day Class Ellendale 13
- Mount Moriah 51 & West Gate 125
- Joint Installation of Officers and Supper
- 25th Bismarck Lodges Installation of Officers
- 27th EA Degree Shiloh #1
- 28th Table Lodge North Star #16
- Table Lodge Bismarck #5
- 29th District 5 Festival, Fargo
- 30th Malta Lodge #131 Table Lodge

FEBRUARY

- 3rd Awards & Ladies Night Tri State Lodge #37
- 4th Goose River #19 Table Lodge
- 10th District 6 Festival – Location TBA
- 18th FC Degree Goose River #19
- 21st Ladies at the Table Lodge North Star #16
- 24th FC Degree Shiloh #1
- 25th Ladies at the Table Bismarck #5
- 27th Ladies at the Table Malta #131

Support Masonic Charities

Kem Temple Potentate Ball

Minot, ND



Become a Bridge Builder

An individual or a Lodge who contributes \$1,000 to the N.D. Masonic Foundation, will be recognized as a Foundation Bridge Builder. Bridge Builder contributions are placed in an endowment fund. Only the Interest will be used annually for state Masonic Service Projects.

An individual or lodge may give smaller amounts until they have contributed \$1,000 and then be recognized as a Bridge Builder. Individuals become members of the Diamond Level of the Bridge Builder with additional gifts of \$1,000.

Funds Contributed to the North Dakota Masonic Foundation are tax deductible in the US under the provisions of the IRS Code 501(C)3.

Since 1978, the ND Masonic Foundation has funded/managed numerous ND Projects that have provided assistance to youth and communities. These projects have made the Foundation's name synonymous with dedicated community service throughout the State.

Current Projects include:
Home Town & Community Grants

"Know your State" Scholarship Program

ND State Spelling Bee
ND DeMolay for Boys and
ND/SD Rainbow for Girls

William John Tuntland Foundation Scholarship
ND Historical Sites

