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News From the East



Brothers and Friends,

I hope this issue of the Temple Times finds you well and you are enjoying your summer. It has been a busy summer for my family as I am sure it has been for yours. Between work, Mankato Royals baseball, Mankato MAYBA baseball, Scouting and Masonic events my family and I seem like we are always running somewhere.

With all of the demands that our modern society puts on our lives it is understandable that attendance at Blue Lodge and other appendant bodies are lower than they have been in the past. Many individuals are using social media as a means of fellowship rather than gathering and conversing with their friends in person.

As Masons our frequent attendance at regular meetings is honestly solicited, yet it is not meant that that Masonry should interfere with our necessary vocations. I am grateful to the members of our Lodge who are able to make time to attend our events and meetings as well as those of the appendant bodies. To the Brethren who have not been able to thank you for your continued support and I understand how busy life can be.

I have immensely enjoyed the fellowship of my Brethren. The friends that I have made by joining this fraternity and the fellowship that I have been able to partake in have improved the lives of my family and myself. I truly am a better man because of Masonry. If you find you have a few hours available in the coming months please join us at Lodge or an upcoming event.

As we prepare to go dark for the summer please remember to be kind to everyone that you meet and keep the three tenants of Masonry close to your hearts; Relief, Truth and Brotherly Love. Hope to see you all at the Lodge soon.

Jerry Brown, WM

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Summer is here, did we have Spring? Oh, well, hope everyone is enjoying the summer and vacations.

Minnesota Grand Chapter was May 4-5th in St. Cloud. Several of us from Cereal Chapter attended. The new leaders are Pam Leech WGM and John Bergum WPG. The small pin this year is the shape of the State of Minnesota with a Star, Lady Slipper and a blue moon on a maroon background.

There are several Grand Chapter projects this year. Some of them are as follows; ESTARL, M. Josephine Ruhsam Scholarship Fund, Pat Rasmussen Continuing Education Scholarship Fund, MN Masonic Cancer Center, MN Home Veranda Shade Project and MN Masonic Children's Hospital. Your participation in any of these projects will benefit the recipients, your Chapter and our Order, and will warm your heart and leave you with great memories. If you receive the Starlites you will be able to read more about the projects in which you can participate. If you would like more information about anything the Chapter is doing this year in regards to projects or membership don't be afraid to call one of the officers or myself to find out what we are doing.

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I am going to continue to support the Backpack for Food program at the area schools and as it is an important part of our emphasis on children in the area. Also, the donation of books to the schools, care centers and hospitals in the area and letting the world know who we are, by submitting articles and pictures to Starlites and local papers. Our Chapter will also be accepting bottle caps for the Children’s Museum in Mankato.

Our Chapter was able to have two young people in the area receive the M. Josephine Rujsam Scholarship. The two young people are pictured below. We wish these two young people the very best in their future.



Josh Kruger of Lake Crystal, who is currently in the National Guard. Upon his Graduation from the Guard in December he will be attending SCTC in North Mankato, learning welding. His sponsor was Barbara Spencer WM.



Janet Johnson, PG Martha, sponsored the other young person, Joselynn Fredricksen of Mankato. She will be attending the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, majoring in Physical and Occupational therapy.

As Cereal Chapter does meet in the summer, the calendar is as follows: meeting on June 13th, honoring our Flag and our Fathers; August 8th, Celebrating Summer and School of Instruction; September 12th, renewing our Obligation, Landmarks and remembering Rob Morris, our Founder.

As I have said in the past we look forward to seeing you at our Chapter meetings. Every member is important to us. If you need a ride call one of us, we would be glad to pick you up.

Fraternally, Star Love:

**Barbara Spencer, Worthy Matron (507) 726-2155
Ted Smith, Worthy Patron**



Chaplains Corner



Grand Architect of the Universe,

Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our humble labors in the promotion of truth and love, unity and peace. Dispel whatever spirit of discord may here arise. Enrich our hearts with that most excellent gift of charity, so that our acts may be full of the spirit of kindness and forbearance, one toward another. Give us strength to continue in every good work and faith to believe that we shall reap if we faint not, and at last may we enjoy the blessedness which Thou hast prepared for those that love Thee. Amen

So mote it be.

<http://www.masonicsites.org/Masonicprayers.htm>

Job's Daughters



The Jobs Daughters spring mystery trip to the MN Zoo



Congratulations to Melissa Strachan, our Jobs Daughters Bethel Guardian, on receiving the Golden Triangle Award for all your years of service. It is much deserved and we appreciate your hard work and dedication to our organization.



Mankato T-Birds



The Mankato T Birds are about half way into their parade schedule, been having lots of good turn out and even more fun before, during, and after the parade. We now have 6 T Bucket and 12 T Bird cars we parade with, and have even split the group up for 2 parade we had on the same day and time. If your a noble and wish to drive in a parade come on out we would love to have you.

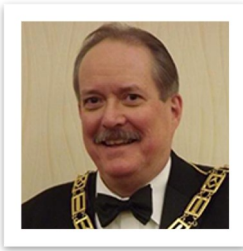
We give you 4 wheels but you only need 2!

Brock Petersen
Mankato T-Birds President





Lodge Education



Lately, some of my Masonic reading has led me to consider the symbolism of the Acacia. Acacia has many subspecies that appear in different parts of the world. The Acacia to which we are introduced is native to the middle east. The wood of the Acacia, known as shittim, was used in the construction of sacred items, including the Ark of the Covenant and the tabernacle in the desert.

There are several layers of symbolism involved in Acacia (as is so often the case with Masonic symbolism.) Acacia is symbolic of the immortality of the soul. It is a very hardy plant, known for regenerating itself. Planting a sprig of Acacia will result in it taking root and generating a new plant. I have read of instances where an Acacia timber, used as a supporting post at the entry to a house, took root and created a canopy of leaves over the entryway. Job 14:2 speaks of the inevitability of the death of our earthly body: "He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down." The Acacia, then, represents the promise of the afterlife, because when it is cut down it sprouts again and lives on. If you have participated in a Masonic funeral, you know that we place a sprig on the coffin of the departed brother. This is to note the promise of an afterlife, in whatever form your particular belief system teaches you. Also, as an evergreen, it symbolizes our ability to survive the rough patches in our lives, to weather the storms, just as an evergreen does not surrender to the cold and wind of winter.



In a different form of symbolism, the word Acacia comes from the Greek "akakia," which means both the tree and the quality of innocence. By "innocence," it refers to a true and uncorrupted connection with deity. Mackey said: "In this sense the symbol refers, primarily, to him over whose solitary grave the acacia was planted, and whose virtuous conduct, whose integrity of life and fidelity to his trusts have ever been presented as

patterns to the craft, and consequently to all Master Masons, who, by this interpretation of the symbol, are invited to emulate his example."

So, the Acacia plays an important role in our Masonic initiation for a good reason.

Worshipful Brother Mark Robbins

Recent Fellowship and Upcoming Events



**Congratulations to our new Master Masons
Nathaniel Minetto and Taylor Menke!**



**SW Eric Mundt and SD Brock Petersen presenting
the Lodge Education about the history of the
Shrine at our Last business meeting.**

Recent Fellowship and Upcoming Events

BLUE LODGE CALENDAR

August

August 4th, 6pm Annual Summer Get Together

August 18th, Charity Pork Feed

September

September 4th, 7-8pm EA Degree Practice

September 15th, Blue Lodge Activity (TBD)

September 28th, 5pm Gun Raffle Dinner & Drawing

Lodge Business meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Dinner and fellowship prior at 6pm.

Lodge Special Communications are held on the 4th Tuesday at 7pm. Dinner and fellowship prior at 6pm.

Lodge Officer meetings are held the first Monday prior to the Lodge Business meeting each month at 6pm.

Building Committee meetings are held on the first Monday prior to the Lodge Business meeting each month at 7pm.

Lodge Mentorship is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6pm.

A great way to stay in touch with Lodge events is to download the Mankato Lodge #12 app from the Play Store or App store. Search for "Mankato Lodge" and download the app named Kato 12.

OES TENTATIVE CALENDAR

July 11th, Wear Red, White and Blue

August 8th, Celebrate Summer

September 12th, Rob Morris Night: Renew Obligation

October 10th, Honor Masons, Friendship Night

November 14th, Be Thankful for what we Have

December 12th, Wear your favorite Christmas Shirt

January & February, Dark per By Laws

March 13th, 2019 Election

March 27th, 2019 Final Reports

Meetings to start at 7pm

2018 MANKATO T-BIRDS PARADE SCHEDULE

City	Date	Line Up	Start
St. Peter	7/4	9:00	10:00
Elysian	7/4	1:00	2:00
North Mankato	7/7	10:00	11:00
Minn. Lake	7/11	6:30	7:00
Madelia	7/13	5:30	7:00
Lakeville (Temple)	7/14	4:00	5:30
Truman	7/28	4:00	5:00
Montgomery	7/29	11:00	12:00
MSA – Deadwood	8/16-18	TBD	TBD
Northfield (Temple)	9/9	TBD	TBD
River Falls (Temple)	10/13	TBD	TBD



The Mankato T-Birds always have a good time at the Wednesday night work nights at Brother Eric Mundt's house. The cars have never ran better!

Recent Fellowship and Upcoming Events



Blue Lodge proudly presenting a \$1,000 Charitable donation to Mankato MAC-V.



Blue Lodge proudly presenting a \$1,000 Charitable donation to the Boy Scouts of America to help local leaders go to training.



Blue Lodge proudly presenting a \$1,000 Charitable donation to the local YMCA.



It was a little rainy but the Brothers of Mankato Lodge 12 had a great time at the Moondogs season opener!



The LIGHTer Side

Q: How do you get a tissue to dance?

A: Put a little boogie in it.



A Note from the Editor

Please send feedback to the contact below. Thank you to everyone that has sent me support and suggestions as I work on this publication.

As always in all our actions make sure we do all we can to uphold the values of Masonry in every thought word and deed.

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Masonic Quote

“Almost all the noblest things that have been achieved in the world, have been achieved by poor men; poor scholars, poor professional men, poor artisans and artists, poor philosophers, poets and men of genius.”—Albert Pike

Source: A Freemason Said That? By Todd E. Creason

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