One of the longest running traditions in Minnesota Masonry is the presentation of an authentic Calumet Peace Pipe by Quarry Lodge No. 148 in Pipestone. This tradition was recently continued, with the presentation of a peace pipe to Grand Secretary Douglas Campbell. Most Worshipful Brother Verne Long, Past Grand Master and Secretary of Quarry Lodge No. 148, arranged to make the presentation at the annual outdoor lodge meeting of Prudence Lodge No. 97, Windom, at a beautiful spot just south of the Jeffers Petroglyphs State Historic Site near Comfrey. The peace pipes are normally presented to Grand Masters and visiting Grand Masters from other states, but as Verne made the presentation to Grand Secretary Campbell, he spoke of how the pipe was really from all the lodges of Minnesota and particularly from the lodge Secretaries, with whom the Grand Secretary works very closely, in honor of the Grand Secretary’s many years of service to the lodges and brethren of Minnesota.

As a testament to this long running tradition, W. Brother Grant Lillevold from Libanus Lodge No. 96 submitted the photo of his grandfather, then Grand Master Paul M. Olstad, receiving his Peace Pipe from Quarry Lodge No. 148 in 1964. Pictured in the black and white photo from the Quarry Lodge meeting, from left to right: WB Floyd Park, Ruthton Lodge No. 242; MWB Russ Torfin, from Sincerity Lodge No. 161, later to become Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota for 1972-73; MWB John Rowe, then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota; MWB Walter Reckling, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota; an unidentified Brother from South Dakota; WB H. O. Fjerestad, acting Master and the 1940 Master of Quarry Lodge No. 148; MWB D. William Tiffany, from Antiquity Lodge No. 91, later to become Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota for 1968-69; MWB Paul M. Olstad, Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota for 1964-65, from Bemidji Lodge No. 233; an unidentified Brother from Quarry Lodge No. 148; and MWB Verne Long, from Quarry Lodge No. 148, later to become Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota for 1973-74.
The Masonic Code on Dues (Part III)

For tickets or other information, contact the Grand Secretary at 952-9248-6700 or email grandlodge@qwest.net.

Big Tent Event II

In cooperation with the Potentates of Aad, Osmen and Zahrab Temples, on November 16, 2013, another Big Tent Event will be held at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. The day will start with a Master Mason Degree, which will be presented in full form, with some of the finest ritualists in the state. Following the degree a Shrine Ceremonial will be held, with a dinner to follow. It is important to note that a candidate need not become a Shriner to participate in the Master Mason Degree, nor is the ceremonial open to only the members of the class. A Lodge should consider scheduling their degrees to participate in the event. For complete details, contact the Grand Secretary or await further details in the e-newsletter of The Minnesota Mason newspaper.

Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right. — Brother Henry Ford

The Masonic Code on Dues (Part III)

You will never have to pay Lodge dues again. How? Purchase a Prepaid Membership as provided for in Article XXII of the General Regulations of the Masonic Code as just 3.878 of your Brothers have done in the past.

The 2013 Grand Lodge Annual Communication report on the Prepaid Dues Fund entitled Report of the Committee on Perpetual Life Membership presents lots of interesting information. Of the 3.878 members, 1,741 are living, 1,818 are deceased, and 19 are expelled, suspended, or unaffiliated. Sixteen (16) members joined in 2012. The average annual dues for all Lodges in 2012 was $29 while the average dues for living life members was $68.13 - a short 10 years ago average living life members dues were $45.90. The average eligible Prepaid Member in good standing [G.22.01(a)].

What does it cost? A formula is contained in the Code (G.22.01). The factors in determining the cost are the member’s age and his home Lodge’s annual dues (G.22.01(b)). An example: if the member’s age is 65 the factor is 16.1 and if his home Lodge’s annual dues are $60.00, the cost is (16.1 x 50) $960 if purchased from January 1st through June 30th (G.22.03(d)) and an additional 1.0 x $60 or (17.1 x 60) $1,026 if purchased from July 1st through December 31st (G.22.03(e)).

No refund shall be made to any person for any reason (G.22.06(f)).

The factors are reviewed annually. If the average Lodge dues have increased, the factor increases. Likewise if the amount earned by the Fund decreases from that earned in the previous year, the factor decreases (G.22.03(c)).

Procedure. Application is made by completing a form furnished by the Grand Lodge and submitting the same to the Lodge Secretary with the required fee (G.22.04(a)). The Secretary immediately transmits the Application and payment to the Grand Lodge Secretary (G.22.04(c)). The effective date of the Prepaid Membership is the date the payment is received by the Grand Secretary (G.22.05). However, no Application can be accepted by the Lodge Secretary if a proposal to increase the Lodge’s dues is pending (G.22.03(b)). The Grand Lodge Secretary, upon receiving payment, issues a “Certificate of Prepaid Dues” to the member (G.22.06(a)). On March 1st each year the Fund pays to the Lodge the member’s dues for that year, except that if the Lodge increased its dues more than 5% the Lodge will be paid only the prior year’s dues plus 5% (G.22.06(b)). On or before January 1st each year the Lodge Secretary issues an official dues card to the prepaid member without mention of the special prepaid designation (G.22.06(c)). The Code also covers payments to the Lodge for a member if he is in an Affiliated Lodge (G.22.06(d)), if his membership is suspended or terminated with another Lodge (G.22.06(g)), if he changes his home Lodge (G.22.06(h)), if the Lodge decreases its dues (G.22.06(i)) or if a Lodge surrenders its Charter (G.22.06(j)).

Affect on Constituent Lodges. The Lodge is required to pay the “per capita” to all living Prepaid Members (G.22.07(f)) and maintain a record of all Prepaid Members (G.22.07(e)). The Lodge shall not gratuitously purchase a Prepaid Membership out of the Prepaid Members Fund excluding for Honorary Life Memberships and Memorial Life Memberships (G.22.07(g)).

Conclusion of the Fund. A Prepaid Dues Committee supervises the operation of the Fund (G.22.01(c)) and the Board of Corporate Trustees controls all matters concerning investments and disbursements (G.22.01(d)). The monies in the Fund are segregated from all other monies of the Grand Lodge (G.22.08(b)). Upon death of a Prepaid Member, the Fund shall annually pay to the deceased member’s Lodge a percentage return on the amount invested in G.22.08(b) because of the status of the Fund, and upon authority contained in G.22.01(d) the Board of Corporate Trustees determined that no payment be made to Lodges on behalf of deceased members in 2012.

There may be paid from the Fund 50¢ per Prepaid Member and $2.90 for Initial Members for Administrative expenses (G.22.08(a)). In 2012 $896 was paid for such expenses.

The 2013 Grand Lodge, December 31, 2012. The Prepaid Member’s Equity on December 31, 2012 was $1,370,666 but the cash balance is only $936,340 as leaves a deficit of $434,286. During the last four years, the Grand Lodge General Fund has advanced $471,956 to provide cash flow. The continuing increase in Lodge dues will cause this deficit to increase. In 2012 $96,786 was earned on the Fund investments and $21,065 new members’ dues were received totaling $117,851 which exceeded the $117,680 which was paid to the Lodges for dues.

Honorary Life Memberships. As a token of esteem or in recognition, any Mason on behalf of another Mason, the family of a Mason or a Constituent Lodge can purchase an Honorary Life Membership. The cost is the computed same as when a Mason purchases a Life Membership for himself. The Grand Lodge then issues a “Certificate of Honorary Life Membership” and a permanent Life Membership card to that Mason (G.22.09).

Memorial Life Memberships. A Memorial Life Membership may be purchased by any Mason on behalf of a deceased Master Mason, by the family of a deceased Master Mason or a Constituent Lodge of the deceased Master Mason. The cost is a minimum of $100. The Grand Lodge issues a “Certificate of Memorial Life Membership” to the family and the Constituent Lodge may also display a plaque to honor his memory (G.22.10).

The Program allows payment by credit card and plan installment payments of up to 4 years; however, Lodge dues must be paid by the individual until the entire Prepaid Membership fee is due. That’s it on dues.

Fraternally yours,
Dick Sellman,
Mesaba Lodge No. 255
Hibbing, Minnesota

Spreading Light to the next generation!

With Harlan Brand, P.M. of Khurum-Sunlight Lodge No. 112, had the privilege to present the Arvil Westby Memorial Scholarship Award to three outstanding, energetic, hard working, high-spirited young girls. The awards were given June 6th. The Lodge also awarded several other scholarships to graduating high school seniors this past spring. Amy Kaiser will attend the University of Minnesota-Morris this fall.
Lodge Education Officer = LEO = Leadership, Education, Oratory

Mike Hill, OEO

The Lost Reservoir
Approximately 1 1/2 years ago there was an article in the science journals and newspapers about an archaeological discovery. An ancient water reservoir, believed to be used by pilgrims going to the Temple Mount, in Jerusalem, was located and determined to date back to the First Temple. The cistern, estimated to have the capacity to hold 60,000 gallon of water, was constructed in the 10th Century B.C., which according to the Hebrew bible was constructed by King Solomon. Archeologists felt the reservoir served the general public as city dwellers, pilgrims and travelers alike, as the water quenched their thirst, refreshed their minds, and washed sand from their bodies. Through this find, archeologists learned that Jerusalem’s water consumption during the First Temple period was not solely based on the output of the Gihon Spring, as first thought. The error had been a simple one. The Temple Mount area had been destroyed 400 years after its construction and with it the memories of such a valuable resource.

The cisterns of Masonry face many of the same challenges today. It is easy for Masonic traditions, degree work, values of Masonry, the joys of learning about the Blue Lodge, Masonic history and its relevancy to be laid aside because a Lodge Education isn’t a priority.

It is easy to lose the value of Masonry when attending Lodge in clothes one might wear to bars and sporting events. No, not that a tax is not required, but a pair of slacks, a shirt and tie, go a long way to say the Fraternity is something special. It is also easy to live off the financial investments of past Brethren and not replenish the coffers so to take care of immediate Lodge needs and the charities it supports.

Lodge buildings not kept up are being sold and/or torn down with Brethren asked to move to another Lodge. And, while there is value for Lodges acquiring new members, the communities losing those Lodges suffer from the short and long term values of the Masonic presence that was lost.

Take a moment to see what is in your Lodge’s reservoir. Is the Lodge Education Officer or Master providing Masonic education that refreshes the mind? What can you do to see that the building and traditions will prevail today, tomorrow and into the future so others enjoy the benefits?

Bro. Benjamin Franklin said it best when he stated, “By failing to prepare, you will fail.” So, keep the Lodge's cistern full, drink deeply, and share with others what you meet.

Fraternally,
Mike Hill
Grand Lodge Education Officer

Masonic Conundrum

Conundrum #39
This conundrum talked about a meeting held in 1843 in which representatives of many U.S. Grand Lodges got together to discuss the problems confronting Freemasonry and attempt to come to mutual agreement on many aspects of the Craft, including ritual. The question was: what is the name given to this meeting, referencing the city in which it was conducted? The answer is “the Baltimore Convention.” Following are the names of all those who submitted the correct response, in order of submission (first in each area indicated by an asterisk):


Conundrum #40
The deacons are the messengers of the Lodge. Here in Minnesota, their jewels and the tops of their rods are the square and compasses with a blazing sun (Senior Deacon) or crescent moon (Junior Deacon) in the center. Because the Senior Deacon is the messenger of the Worshipful Master, the blazing sun is representative of the wisdom (light) of the Worshipful Master, and also of his place in the Lodge, in the east. The Junior Deacon’s moon is symbolic of being the messenger of the Senior Warden in the west, in that the moon reflects the light of the sun, and the Senior Warden is the Worshipful Master’s “first assistant.”

These jewels are not universal in Freemasonry. In some other countries, the jewels might be other symbols that represent the role of a messenger. The question this month is multi-part. First, name the two symbols that are used to denote the deacons in some other countries. Second, in most jurisdictions, the jewels are carried at 45° angle. In Minnesota, the correct carry angle is different; what is the correct angle for Minnesota, and what does that angle represent?

Send your answer in an email to masonicconundrum@gmail.com. Please remember to include your name and Lodge number and name. We will keep track of who sends in the correct answers, and the first one by date and time from each area of the Fraternity will receive a prize from the Grand Lodge Education Committee.

Studying Masonry is the Key!

***** MARK YOUR CALENDAR *****
AAD SHRINE MASONIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL
Saturday, September 28, 2013 at SHRINE CENTER
5152 Miller Trunk Highway, Hermantown (Duluth)
10:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
ALL SHRINERS ARE FIRST AND FOREVER MASONIC.
IN RECOGNITION OF OUR ROOTS, AAD SHRINTERS IS SPONSORING THIS MASONIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL TO ENHANCE OUR MASONIC JOURNEY.
To Master Masons of all Blue Lodges and all Bodies of the Scottish Rite and York Rite in Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin.
Register as many 2 or 3 member teams as you wish. NO ENTRY FEE.
Plaques presented.
For planning purposes, we need you to register your team by sending an email to: dick@sellmanlawoffice.com
Special rates at Country Inn & Suites Duluth South
Phone 218-740-4500
Mention “AAD”

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75-year award presented to Harry Camp

California Mason, Brother Harry W. Camp, a member of Colusa Lodge No. 240, recently received his 75-year award from the Grand Lodge of California. Harry will be turning 103 in September. Harry and his wife, Myrna, were delighted to visit with The Camps are neighbors of Past Grand Master Don Sether, who lives in the same retirement community where the Camps reside. Waverly Gardens, Grand Master David E. Olson brought along Past Grand Master Don Flood for the presentation, so assisting with the presentation were two Past Grand Masters, Grand Secretary Douglas Campbell and Grand Master David E. Olson. Approximately 20 other friends, family members and Brother Masons from Waverly Gardens also attended. It was a joy to handle the presentation for the Grand Lodge of California and Colusa Lodge No. 240.

**** By Mark Robbins, Education Team

AAD SHRINE MASONIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL

For planning purposes, we need you to register your team by sending an email to: dick@sellmanlawoffice.com

MASONIC FAMILY & FRIENDS: Join Grand Master of Minnesota Masons Dave Olson and his wife, Marilynne, on an American historical tour. Celebrate Minnesota Mason Month at the George Washington Memorial; visit Independence Hall; the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania; and tour key battlefields in the area, including Gettysburg and Antietam.
Contact Lori Metz
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Forest Lake Lodge #34 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
Most Worshipful Grand Master David E. Olson's reception will be held by the Brothers of Forest Lake Lodge #34 on Saturday July 20 from 1-3pm at the lodge. Light refreshments and a BBQ will be served and all are welcome to attend. RSVP Ralph Magnuson at (507) 398-3618 by 6/20/2013.
We hope to see you there.

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Summer has arrived at Minnesota Masonic Homes

Minnesota Masonic Home, Bloomington, is a gorgeous structure no matter the weather; but throw in the lush splendor of summer, and the MMH grounds become nothing short of breathtaking! Its beauty is just one of the many reasons why Minnesota Masonic Home was ranked a 2013 Best Nursing Home by U.S. News & World Report. Such recognition is hard to come by and well-deserved. MMH administration and staff are committed to the highest standards of elder and transitional care and consistently challenge themselves to improve. We’ll highlight a unique program undertaken by MMH to increase patient quality of life in our next issue of The Pillars magazine.

Visited us lately? Take a tour of the historic Home and grounds, enjoy lunch at Town Square, or simply stroll the green walkways that make summer in Minnesota worth waiting for!

Fishing Klinic for Kids creates community

Nelson Masonic Lodge No. 135 participated in Buffalo’s Fishing Klinic for Kids on June 15, 2013. The Masons provided 750 tackle boxes for the event, with decals donated by Minnesota Masonic Charities.

Hundreds of children and their families showed up to learn the love and the techniques of the sport, making the event the largest kids’ fishing program in the state of Minnesota!

New Cancer and Cardiovascular Center Opens at U of M

The University of Minnesota opened a new Cancer and Cardiovascular Research Building on June 14, 2013, that serves as the gateway to the University’s Biomedical Discovery District.

The 120,000 square foot building houses the Lillehei Heart Institute and Masonic Cancer Center labs as well as other research facilities.

“The continuing support of the Masonic Fraternity has been instrumental in making these advances possible at the University,” said University President Eric Kaler at the grand opening ceremony.

Next up for the Biomedical District? The University has indicated that it expects to schedule a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Ambulatory Care Center for December 2013 or January 2014. Stay tuned!

Save the Date
Sept. 28, 2013

Minnesota Masonic Charities 9th Annual Gala
Our Vision

To be the charity of choice because of the difference we make.

Batter Up for a Cure

“World’s Longest Baseball Game for the Cure” to benefit Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota

On August 12, 2013, PHD Baseball Club will look to set a Guinness Book world record for the longest baseball game ever played—all to benefit the Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota.

The event, to be held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis, will require PHD, or “Pitching Hitting Defense,” players to play ball for over 60 hours and 11 minutes in hopes of bettering the record set in July 6, 2012, at a fundraising event in O’Fallon, Missouri.

“Our game duration goal is at least 61 hours,” says Minnesota Masonic Charities Director of Development, John Schwietz.

Joe Schwietz, recipient of a Matching Funds Scholarship award of $1,000 from Garnet Lodge No. 166, White Bear Lake, with his parents. (Photo courtesy of WB Marvin L. Johnson.)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My Lodge is interested in getting more involved in the Matching Funds Scholarships program. How do we get started?

G. L. — St. Paul, Minnesota

ANSWER:

Here’s an excellent way for Lodges and Chapters to impact their communities and get the good name of Masonry out in their areas!

In addition to the Signature, Legacy and Heritage Scholarship awards that Minnesota Masonic Charities offers worthy graduating high school seniors each year, MMC also provides Lodges and Chapters matching funds up to $2,000 per Lodge/Chapter for scholarships they award to students in their communities.

For 2014 scholarships, Lodges/Chapters should plan to apply for MMC Matching Funds Scholarships by February 15, 2014. For more information, contact scholarships@mnmasonic.org or phone 952-948-6204.

Masonic Scholars Recognized

Minnesota Masonic Charities, Masons and Stars make a powerful impact on their communities with the 2013 Scholarships Program

MMC provided over $600,000 in scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors this year, to include their Signature, Legacy and Heritage Scholarships as well as Matching Funds Scholarships to Lodges and Chapters.

That amount is likely to grow next year as the organization continues to expand its program; but already, MMC is one of the largest scholarships providers in the state!

Jenny Lai, 2013 Masonic Legacy Scholar

Joseph Hering, recipient of a Matching Funds Scholarship award of $1,000 from Garnet Lodge No. 166, White Bear Lake, with his parents. (Photo courtesy of WB Marvin L. Johnson.)

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Roseau Lodge honors 50-year members

The St. Cloud Veterans Administration Medical Center has established an excellent community-oriented program called Veteran’s Wish, whereby a resident veteran can make a wish, and the VA Medical Center, with the help of the surrounding community organizations, will do everything possible to make that wish become a reality. Recently a veteran from northeast Minneapolis, Brother SM, a life member in both Arcana Lodge No. 187 and Jasper Lodge No. 164, made a wish to attend North Star Lodge No. 23 in St. Cloud, if possible, and his wish was granted. With the help, aid, and assistance of the VA Medical Center, the recreational therapist, the supervisor, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, North Star Lodge No. 23, and the Masonic Service Association representative and deputy, it came to fruition.

On the 13th of May, Brother SM was transported from the VA Medical Center to North Star Lodge where the members greeted and welcomed him. A sumptuous meal was served for the members and guests, after which they all adjourned to the Lodge to witness or participate in the Fellowcraft Degree. Following the Degree, Brother SM was accorded the opportunity to speak, and he was ecstatic and honored to be with the lodge. He said, “You all made my day. Thanks.”

Later, pictures were taken with Lodge members and were autographed for him. After wishing him well, he was transported back to the VA Medical Center by his therapist. This is a FIRST in Minnesota and possibly the nation. What a beautiful effort by the community, working together, to make a veteran’s wish become a reality.

Submitted by W. Brother Peter Kloskowski, Masonic Service Association Hospital Representative and Deputy

Wayzata brothers welcome one of theirs home

Wayzata Lodge No. 187 raises five Masons

Arcana Lodge No. 187 raised five brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason on Saturday, May 11, 2013. The new brothers, pictured in the front row, are Robert Harper, Todd Folta, Robert Heinzen, Joel Dammann, and Peter Everson. W. Master Joshua Anderson welcomed and invited M. W. Brother Donald M. Severson to preside in the East for the evening. All the degrees for these new brothers were conducted at Arcana by its members, with assistance from a few brothers from other lodges—Templar, Anoka and Unizar—as an excellent example of brotherly love and fraternal commitment. The new brothers have all shown that they will be great additions to Masonry and will be active members of Arcana.

W. Master Chuck Rathbone of Taconite Lodge No. 342 is shown presenting a check to Minnesota Silver Bay Veterans Home Veterans Representative, Ward Wallin, to help defray the cost of the annual Veterans’ Lake Superior fishing trip. Grand Master David Olson, second from right, and Deputy Grand Master James A. Christensen, far right, were on hand and helped make the presentation. Taconite Lodge No. 342, with the help of Wilderness Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunter Association of Silver Bay (pictured, second from the left, is Bernie Young representing Wilderness Chapter), provided major funding. Also helping greatly with the funding of the excursion was Fortitude Lodge No. 188 from Two Harbor, then funds raised where matched by Minnesota Masonic Charities and the Grand Lodge’s Ladd Fund. All five Minnesota Veterans Homes—Silver Bay, Luverne, Hastings, Minneapolis and Fergus Falls—had residents out on the lake for the day of fishing and fabulous shore lunch. A total of 17 charter boats participated with 156 fish caught—the largest one was 19 pounds.

Pictured, left to right: Grand Master David Olson, Brother David Klawen, Brother Arno “Hank” Henderson, Brother Richard Krueger, Brother Chester Yon and Roseau Lodge No. 268 Worshipful Master Dennis Sabourin. Roseau Lodge was honored to have Grand Master Olson at their awards night event to present the awards to these most deserving 50-year brothers. A full house attended the celebration; not only local brothers came to show support, but other area lodges were well-represented as well.
News from the Masonic Family

Scottish Rite offers reduced petition fee

Ill. Bro. Jerry B. Oliver, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Minnesota, has established a reduced petition degree fee for the Scottish Rite in Minnesota. The Valleys throughout Minnesota are offering this very affordable opportunity to become a 32nd Degree Mason at a cost of only $125. You may now ask, “Why should I take the next step to engage in the 29 Degrees of the Scottish Rite by submitting a petition for membership?” The answer to this question is the experience you obtain by participating in the Degrees is one that you will never forget. In fact, as a Master Mason, it may be one of the most intellectual and spiritual experiences of your life.

The Scottish Rite is the “University of Freemasonry,” and through our Degree conferences we teach many valuable lessons which have been passed down to us through the ages. These lessons give our members the tools to become better informed and to be more conscious of what is really important in life. As these valuable lessons are portrayed, the past merges with the present and the great truths that are learned may be used now and in the future.

The Scottish Rite is located in the cities of Duluth, Hibbing (Lodge of Perfection), Minneapolis, Rochester and Saint Paul. These Valleys offer a variety of degree conference schedules that should meet the needs of any aspiring Scottish Rite Mason. Reunion classes are offered for those who do not have time to participate in all of the degrees. Your next important step towards membership in the Scottish Rite is to complete and submit the petition for degrees. In so doing, you will have taken an important step that you will never regret. To obtain a petition or for further information visit our website at http://scottish-rite-mn.org/.

65-year Preston Lodge member turns 100

Eveleth Lodge No. 239 recently presented Mountain Iron–Buhl All-Night Graduation Party Treasurer Steven Johnson with a check for $4,137.63 to assist the Senior All-Night Party for 2013. Steve Johnson is on the left, and Eveleth Lodge Secretary Kerry Roen is on the right.

Eveleth Lodge supports area youth

On June 29, 2013, Brother Ron Ramlo turned 100. Preston Lodge No. 36 helped him celebrate by presenting him with his birthday cake and his 65-year membership certificate and pin. Shown with Brother Ramlo is District Representative Roger Anderson, left, and W. Master Nevinn Vreede, right.

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North Star Travelers #201
A Masonic Family Camping Group
We are looking for new members—must be a Mason to join.

July 19–21 Pinegama Lake Campground – Pine City, Minnesota
Aug 16–18 St. Cloud Campground – St. Cloud, Minnesota
Sept 20–22 Dakota Meadows Campground – Prior Lake, Minnesota

SAVE THIS DATE!
Saturday, September 28, 2013
Aad Shrine Masonic Knowledge Bowl
Duluth, Minnesota
See details on page 3.
Four Cataract Lodge No. 2 brothers met up in the deep, dark recesses of the Lake Street K-Mart, tools in hand, to unpack and assemble 16 bicycles. It took Brothers Kevin Schwab and Pat Carver and W. Brothers Conrad Jackson and Dave Wething about 2 1/2 hours to accomplish this mission.

The next morning the bikes were transported to Bancroft Elementary for tire inflation and tweaking. After some bloody knuckles and only one blowout—expertly repaired in short order by veteran bicycologist, John Studell—the bikes were ready to be staged for presentation.

Shortly before the 1 p.m. presentation, several other Lodge brothers showed up for final tweaking and the main event. The room quickly filled up with excited 4th and 5th graders. Eleven well-deserving 5th graders received bikes (and also helmets and locks) for their reading accomplishments over the school year. Another five students were presented bikes, as well, for their academic achievements for the year. Several gracious staff members and teachers were on hand as well.

This is the second year for this event, well organized by WB Conrad Jackson. The excitement of the kids, even ones who didn’t get bikes, was priceless to witness.

By Sue Sullivan, Cannon Falls Beacon

Sponsored again this year by the Cannon Falls Masonic Lodge in cooperation with the Cannon Falls Schools, a drawing was held on Friday, May 17, to give away bicycles and Chamber Dollars. The goal of the program is to encourage students to read.

A total of 60 students, 30 boys and 30 girls, in grades 3, 4, and 5 read nearly 2,000 books during a three-month period from January 2 to May 3. Accompanied by the cheering (screaming) masses, principal Derek Bell drew names of each bicycle winner, a boy and a girl in each grade, who in turn drew the winners of a $10 second place winner and a $5 third place winner of Chamber Dollars.

The great Camp Bovey build

Camp Bovey and Arcana Lodge No. 187 team up to reclaim the camp’s former glory!

By Br. Billy Richards & Br. M Justin Thompson

If you haven’t heard of Camp Bovey, then start asking around, because many of us in Northeast Minneapolis have priceless memories of this special place. For over 60 years it has been the summer destination for children of low-income families in Northeast and the metro area. Located in Gordon, Wisconsin, on 200 beautiful acres with sprawling pines and a private lake, it is a picture-perfect example of a classic American summer camp.

Despite its picturesque scene, Bovey has fallen on hard times. The camp has been in a spending freeze since 2009, leaving no funds for repair and maintenance. Worse yet, the members of the Lions Club who previously took care of the upkeep have matured to the point where they can no longer keep back the ravages of nature and time. These factors have left Camp Bovey in need of serious maintenance. But fear not! The men of Arcana Lodge No. 187, the Northeast Minneapolis lodge of the Freemasons of Minnesota, have taken up the call.

With a very generous materials donation from Siwek Lumber Co., help from Josh and Alex Siwek, and support from local contractor Cory Smith of CKS LLC, Arcana Lodge was able to send a group to do repairs. Over a weekend of volunteering Arcana volunteers were able to do the following: install fire escape ladders for the cabins, replace a fence around the swimming area, build storage containers for trash and beach supplies, and replace rotting boards on the deck.

Camp Bovey is again looking as great as it feels when you’re there. With Arcana’s continued commitment to Camp Bovey, for the great things it does for the children of Northeast Minneapolis, the camp will continue to do its good work for another 60 years and longer.

For more information about Camp Bovey go to: www.ens.org/campbovey