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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

It's been an exciting spring and early summer at Mizpah! Here's what's been going on at your lodge:

- In late May, a group of brothers prepared dinner for guests at the Children's Nebraska Rainbow House, a facility for out-of-town families coming to the hospital for care. We received wonderful feedback about how much this meant to guests.

Thank you, Brother Kyle Barchus, for bringing this idea to the lodge!

- We selected an impressive young woman, Naomi Johnson, to receive the 2024 Mizpah scholarship. We expect to meet her and honor her at our July business meeting.

- Speaking of the July meeting, take note: With the hot summer temperatures, we aim to keep cool and let our hair down a little with a Hawaiian theme. Hawaiian shirts and shorts are encouraged but not required. Hawaiian-themed foods are welcome but not required at our potluck. Join us for food at 6:30 p.m. on July 3, followed by the business meeting. Please bring a side dish if you plan to eat.

- Coming up: We're again partnering with the Morton Meadows Neighborhood Association for National Night Out. Join us on Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. to meet our neighbors and show the community what Mizpah and Masonry are all about.

- Mark your calendars for 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 7, when we'll be holding our monthly business meeting at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. We'll have dinner there beforehand, then welcome all brothers to join us for our meeting. The home needs a head count for dinner, so let me know if you plan to attend the meal. The cost is \$12 per person.

- Finally, our annual membership event is coming up. All are welcome at the Mizpah picnic, 12-3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17. This year's event will be at the lodge. We'll enjoy a barbecue meal, honor brothers reaching Masonic milestones and have a few activities in the parking lot to keep cool. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP by Aug. 9 so we can plan accordingly.

With so much going on, I hope you'll be able to stop by and join us for an event or two. You and your family are always welcome at Mizpah!



Fraternally,
Patrick Smith
Worshipful Master

"May the Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."

Genesis 31:49

Officers and Committees



Elected Officers

- Patrick Smith (Amanda) (402) 770-1271
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- Terry Winter (Laura) (402) 649-7524
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- Membership Terry Winter
- Fellowship W.B. Jim Schmidt
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Slack and more. Scan
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From the Secretary's Table



Dues are done for the season. So, I want to take this opportunity to remind people of the resources they can obtain via the lodge secretary. Do you need a new cipher? Do you require the larger font in the larger cipher? Would you like one of the lodge's coins or pins? You can purchase any of these from the secretary. Do you know of a man who would be a good addition to the lodge, and you need a blank petition? Would you like to reserve the lodge for a family event? You can request both a blank petition and a reservation request form from the secretary. There are many other things available through my office. Just reach out.

Contact me at mizpah302sec@gmail.com and (402) 558-0666 for all lodge business. If you are contacting me by phone, it is important that you leave a voicemail.

Fraternally,
Jeremiah D. Jones
Secretary

Grand View Fun Fact

Did you know that the secretary can email you a link to help you easily register for Grand View? Just send me an email with your name, and I will send you a link. mizpah302sec@gmail.com

Birthdays

Charles Davis	7/2	Robert Gibson	7/19
Gary Volentine	7/6	Ben Loeck	7/20
Edward Luick	7/8	Daniel Wagner	7/26
Terran Swehosky	7/9	Darren Malott	7/26
Adam Bloomquist	7/14	Steve Wagner	7/26
David Felt	7/14	James McDowell Jr	7/28
Matthew Knabe	7/19	David Knutson	7/29

Masonic Anniversaries

Donald Bimes	43
Charles Davis	8
Erik Gerber	11
Thomas Gibbs	11
Jeremiah Jones	9
Steven Jones	39
Ronald McKerlie	22
Calvin Wagner	19



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“Masonic Island” by WB T. J. Brumfield III

There are a few places where you will find outdoor lodges, but only one of them is named Masonic Island.

It sits in Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota. The island was originally named Park Island until a brother purchased it with the intent of clearing the land and making a permanent spot for outdoor lodges. Brother V.B. Noble (who belonged to Tuscan Lodge) purchased the land from the government in 1899.



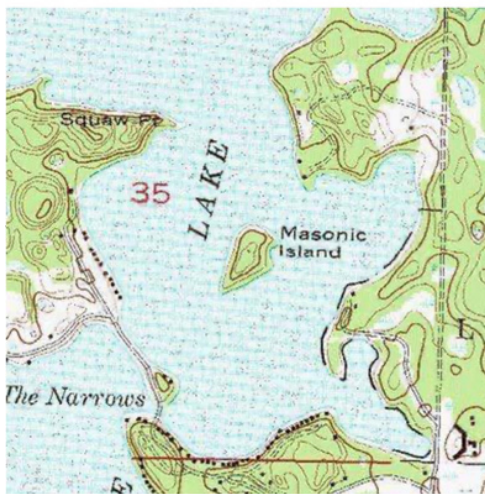
The Grand Lodge of North Dakota has been holding lodges on this 7.2 acre island for over 100 years, with the first meeting there in 1906. Tuscan Lodge and Westhope Lodge held three Master Mason conferrals on the island that year. They continued the tradition for the next six years. When Brother Noble died, Masons wanted to get back to that tradition. His estate sold the island to the North Dakota Masonic Foundation for \$277.25. The Grand Lodge built a new landing dock and stairs leading up to the outdoor lodge area and rededicated the island in 1934. The staircase of course features three, five and seven stairs.

The island has accommodations for Royal Arch and Eastern Star degrees, as well.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the island is its location right near the U.S./Canada border.

According to MW Brother Savaloja, "It is known fact that Masonic Island was probably the first place where visas to enter the United States were lifted for Masons of Canada during World War II by an agreement between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who were both members of the fraternity.

"This agreement stated that the Canadian Masons could enter the United States by boat from the north shore of Lake Metigoshe, which is in Canada. As long as their feet never touched the shoreline of the lake in the U.S., and they landed only at Masonic Island when a meeting would be held, they would not be in violation of our wartime rules of entry."



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In May, Mizpah men prepared dinner for guests at the Children's Nebraska Rainbow House, a facility for out-of-town families coming to the hospital for care.

RSVP now: August Business Meeting



- 6:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth
- Business meeting to follow
- Cost is \$12 per meal, payable to Mizpah Lodge #302
- RSVP by July 13 to Patrick Smith or mizpah302sec@gmail.com
- if you plan to have dinner
- Menu: Chicken fried steak, garlic mashed potatoes, cream gravy, country green beans, dinner roll and caramel apple pie

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On June 12, we caught up with Brother Thomas Barkus to deliver his 50-year pin. He wasn't able to receive it last year, and WM Patrick Smith and Secretary Jeremiah Jones had a great time catching up with him and his wife.

Save the date! Mizpah Picnic is Aug. 17

- 12-3 p.m. at Mizpah Lodge
- Honoring brothers reaching Masonic milestones
- Barbecue lunch, sweet treats and a water fight outside
- No cost to attend
- RSVP to Patrick Smith or mizpah302sec@gmail.com by Aug. 9
- All are welcome!

BBOQ party

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Mizpah Lodge Ladies Night
 In the lodge dining room.
 July 25 at 7 p.m.
 All are welcome to socialize. The book “This Is How You Lose the Time War” by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone will be discussed.

July Potluck and Business Meeting

- Casual dress: Hawaiian shirts encouraged
- Hawaiian-themed food welcome but not required
- Meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting
- Please bring a side dish if you plan to eat.



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July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri day	Saturday
	1	2	3 Potluck 6:30 pm Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Possible FC proficiency	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 GROW discussion 7 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Possible FC proficiency	25 Ladies Night/ Book Club 7 pm	26	27
28	29	30	31 TBD			

For more area activities, see the following websites:

Grand Lodge..... www.glne.org OESwww.neoes.org

Scottish Rite www.scottishriteomaha.org

York Rite www.nyorkrite.org

Tangier Shrine www.tangiershrine.com

Job’s Daughters ... www.jdne.org

DeMolay..... www.nedemolay.org

Rainbow www.nebraskarainbowgirls.com