

# TEMPLE TIMES



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## News From the East

Brothers,

As we come back to light from being dark things will look different. Unfortunately, right now having an event or get together probably won't happen for a while (can't wait till we can get together again) and lodge will be quite a bit different as well. Please bear with this and don't be discouraged to not show up, we would still like to see you (while being socially distant).

On October 2th Mankato will be hosting a 1 day to Entered Apprentice, in conjunction with Sibley Lodge, Nicollet Lodge, Bethel Lodge, and Mankato Lodge. The goal is to get interested candidates into the first degree to allow them to show up to lodge meetings, more degrees will follow later. Mankato Lodge has a great number of candidates wishing to join so hopefully this should help out.

if you have any comments questions or concerns don't be afraid to get ahold of me, and as always keep your stick on the ice.

Brock Petersen, Master

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**Master**

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS



*Order of the Eastern Star*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Oh Wow! It's September already! How can a year that has crawled daily have flown so quickly?

January is synonymous with new beginnings. September also has new beginnings. Students start a new year of classes. Our US constitution went into effect in September. Rob Morris, born in September, worked to put together the lessons of our Eastern Star. We are often reminded to keep our promises, to be constant in service to others, to be loyal to kindred and friends, to trust in God's beneficent care, and to love one another.

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In August, after a five month long absence, Cereal Chapter members gathered to install the officers selected in March. A short stated meeting followed in which some long postponed business was accomplished. It was so good to see one another. Connections are what we have been craving. It was wonderful to be able to give and receive hugs, even though they had to be 'air hugs' given with six foot distancing.

Now in September, we get back to work in earnest. To comply with current health guidelines (they are changing as I write), we moved the September 9th stated meeting to September 16, 2020. It will be a busy meeting, with several items of unfinished and new business to handle. (We'll include some fun, too!)

I know it is early, but be looking for candidates for M J Ruhsam scholarships (for high school seniors going to post secondary schools), Pat Rasmussen scholarships (for continuing education), and ESTARL scholarships, (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, for students pursuing degrees in religious leadership). Completed forms aren't due until February, but chapter sponsorship votes must occur in December, and filling them out last minute isn't easy.

Please give some thought (and share those thoughts) to ways we can brighten our corner of the world, and lighten the loads that everyone carries. Reach out and connect with those near and dear to you, whether near or far away.

**Kathy Smith, Worthy Matron Cereal Chapter OES**  
**Ted Smith, Worthy Patron**

*George Washington's Rules For Freemasons in Life and Lodge*



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**Rule 087:** Let thy carriage be such as becomes a man: Grave, settled and attentive to that which is spoken. Contradict not at every turn what others say.

**That is to say:** Dress, walk and act like an adult man, not as a child or a teenager. When spoken to listen carefully and provide an honest and serious answer. Contradicting everything other people say does not prove intelligence, or maturity.

## *Recent Fellowship and Upcoming Events*

### BLUE LODGE

*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.*

**Due to Covid-19 current Lodge schedule is up in the air. The Lodge will notify members as soon as we have our next meeting date. Please contact the Lodge Officers if you have any questions.**

### OES TENTATIVE CALENDAR

*Meetings to start at 7pm*

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**All of the local Scout leaders who were beneficiaries of the 2019 Woodbadge Scholarship made by Mankato Lodge #12.**

## The LIGHTer Side

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33 Degrees?  
You have 33  
Degrees in  
Freemasonry?  
But why?

There are the first 3  
Degrees. And those  
above are for those  
that did not understand  
the first 3 Degrees.



## A Note from the Editor

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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.

## Masonic Quote

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*"It's a recession when you neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours."*—Harry S. Truman

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

## Contact Us

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