

South Dakota Supplement

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***Greetings from our Grand High Priest
Most Excellent Companion Jon Gonsor***



Companions:

Fraternally,

Jon Gonsor

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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The South Dakota Royal Arch Masons and Cryptic Masons convened in late September for their annual Convocation and Assembly, respectively.

The Grand Royal Arch of South Dakota opened its 129th Convocation on Saturday morning, September 22, 2018. While there were no proposed amendments to the governing documents, the companions made some serious decisions regarding the manner and direction in which the Grand Secretaries office would be focusing its efforts in the coming year.

The Grand Session received and heard from excellent Companion James Hodge M.E. General Grand High Priest.

Highlighting the Grand Chapter activities during this Convocation was the addition of Companion Trevis Hanson from Calgary, Alberta who was designated the 2018 Grand Piper. Companion Trevis was made an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota to recognize him for his greatly appreciated welcome to the festivities.

The following were elected and appointed for the 2018 – Capitular Masonic term:

Grand High Priest

Jon Gonsor

Pierre

Grand King

***Shawn "Jake" Smith
Rapid City***

Grand Scribe

***Herbert Cook
Rapid City***

Treasurer

***John Laughlin, PGHP
Rapid City***

Secretary

***George E. Bauder, PGHP
Rapid City***

Grand Chaplain

***Matt Schatz, PGHP
Pierre***

Grand Captain of the Host

***Bruce Crisman
Rapid City***

Grand Principal Sojourner

***Gary Waack
Pierre***

Grand Royal Arch Captain

***Erwin "Red" Alspaw
Rapid City***

Grand Master of the 3rd Veil

Rod Hammer

Sioux Falls

Grand Master of the 2nd Veil

Dan Nace

Sioux Falls

Grand Master of the 1st Veil

Tony Larsen

Mobridge

Grand Sentinel

Gordon Bourne

Canton

Grand Orator

Todd Fuoss

Pierre

Grand Historian

Michael Lamb

Rapid City

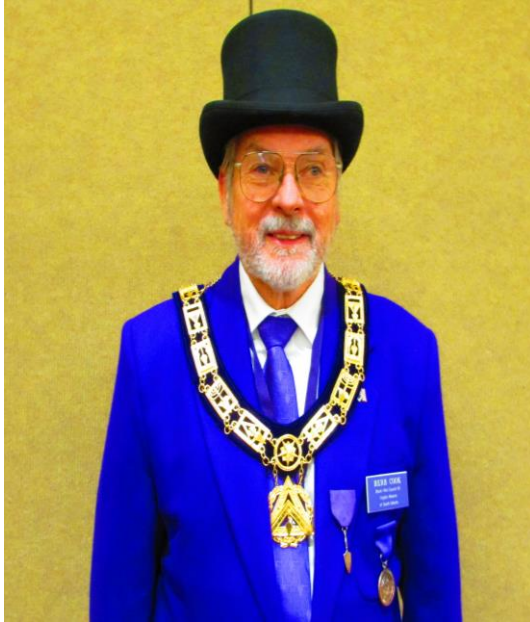
General Grand Ambassador

George E. Bauder, PGHP

Rapid City



Greetings from our Most Illustrious Grand Master Herbert Cook



Companions

Fraternally,

Herb Cook

Most Illustrious Grand Master

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The following were elected and appointed for the 2018 – Cryptic Masonic term:

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| <i>Most Illustrious Grand Master</i> | <i>Herb Cook</i> <i>Rapid City</i> |
| <i>Dep. Illustrious Grand Master</i> | <i>Stan Schwellenbach</i> <i>Pierre</i> |
| <i>Gr. Prin. Cond. Of the Work</i> | <i>Bruce Chrisman</i> <i>Rapid City</i> |

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| <i>Grand Treasurer</i> | <i>John Laughlin, PMIGM Rapid City</i> |
| <i>Grand Recorder</i> | <i>George Bauder, PMIGM Rapid City</i> |
| <i>Grand Chaplain</i> | <i>John McKnight Rapid City</i> |
| <i>Grand Captain of the Guard</i> | <i>Roger Hansen Sioux Falls</i> |
| <i>Grand Conductor of the Council</i> | <i>Ron Hammer Sioux Falls</i> |
| <i>Grand Marshal</i> | <i>Dan Nace Sioux Falls</i> |
| <i>Grand Steward</i> | <i>Ervin "Red" Alspaw Rapid City</i> |
| <i>Grand Sentinel</i> | <i>Gordon Bourne Canton</i> |
| <i>Grand Historian</i> | <i>John Viessman Summerset</i> |
| <i>Grand Orator</i> | <i>Gary Waack Pierre</i> |
| <i>General Grand Ambassador</i> | <i>Jon Gonsor, PMIGM Pierre</i> |



Visiting Companions:



Left to Right: James Luchsinger, Grand King; David Emery, Grand High Priest and Carl Lidstrom, Grand Scribe all of Minnesota. Donald Radloff, Grand King, and Gene Hatfield, Grand Scribe of Iowa.



Trevis Hanson, South Dakota Grand Chapter Piper – 2018, Companion from Calgary.

On Friday evening, following the Grand Commandery Conclave, the Companions and Sir Knights recognized leaders of South Dakota, Order of the Eastern Star and specifically Worthy Grand Matron Jodee Back and Worthy Grand Patron Jon Gonsor. Additionally, Ms. Jess Buus, Queen of Ashrama Temple, Daughters of the Nile was introduced. Representing Job's Daughters Parker King, Miss SD Job's Daughters and the Grand Guardian Jenn Blake. Then members of the Sioux Falls DeMolay Chapter and the Executive Officer for DeMolay in South Dakota David Wheeler were presented.

The evening closed with remarks by M.W. Grand Master of Masons in South Dakota, DaNiel Wood.

Awards and recognition were given to the following from the respective York Rite organizations:

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons

--Distinguished Service Medal – Bronze, awarded to Stephen Butterfield

--Sweetheart Award was given to Lonnie Hansen, wife of the M.W. Grand High Priest for her outstanding service to Capitular Masonry for many, many years.

--PGHP and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Douglas McFarland was presented (in absentia) the Ephraim Kirby Award.

Grand Council, Cryptic Masons

--Cryptic Mason of the Year – Awarded to Roger Hansen

--Adult Youth Leadership – Derek Runge for his singular work on behalf of DeMolay throughout South Dakota.

--Lady of the Council recognition was given to Nancy Gonsor for her dynamic leadership throughout the several activities and projects connected to York Rite Masonry.

Personal note from your Supplement Editor: I greatly appreciate the well-wishes, cards and phone calls sent to me as I am recovering from a heart attack which occurred just prior to the South Dakota sessions. I also am also grateful for the help of those who filled in for me in constructing this issue. In addition to Jim Hodge, George Bauder, and Bruce Chrisman there are others who contributed.. Many thanks.

A short note from your Supplement Editor

If you have a pertinent article or news item that you wish to be considered for publication, please forward it to me as soon as possible. Please note that I have strict deadlines to submit material to the magazine editor. The next deadline will be December 1, followed by March 1, and June 1, and September 1.

With best fraternal regards,
Doug McFarland



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Grand York Rite**