June 6, 2024

To: IPGL Members

From: IPGL Executive Committee

Subject: Annual Meeting & Fiscal Update

Dear Brothers,

Enclosed you will find our program for the August 10, 2024 Annual Meeting in support of the Masonic Auditorium and being held in the Burdick Center. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota was to be in charge this year, but has informed us they will not be attending because of the cost of making the trip. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has agreed to step up and replace them.

We will be meeting in the Masonic Auditorium for our catered lunch which will be 1 soup, 1 pulled pork sandwich, 1 potato salad, 1 pasta salad, 2 deserts, coffee, tea, iced tea, and water: cost will be $25.00. Lunch ticket must be purchased in advance, not later than August 2, 2024, no sales at the registration desk.

The Peace Garden decided last year they had to start charging us rent for the Burdick Center, giving us a 50% discount, our cost is $485.63, we have signed a rental agreement for this amount. In addition to this, our mailing and reproduction costs keep increasing averaging $550 to $650 per year, totaling $1100.00.

The past 4 years, we have been able to cover these costs by asking our members to give a Free Will Offering which has been successful. We feel this is the best way to cover these expenses so we are asking all of our members to contribute enough to cover these increased costs rather that increase the cost to those that attend. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.

Our mission is to support the Masonic Auditorium by raising funds from our members to maintain the building. As interest rates have increased this past couple of years, we will increase our donations to the Peace Garden by $1000.00. PLEASE HELP US continue to grow our Masonic Auditorium Accounts.

Our annual meeting attendance last year, after a 3 year absence from covid, was not good. We had 35 Canadians, only 5 North Dakotans, & none from Minnesota. This must be improved to maintain a viable organization. The fact that Minnesota has withdrawn from participation this year makes this even more serious.

To expand our meeting activity, we will be offering a visitation to the Masonic Island at Lake Metigoshe after our Masonic Meeting. Rolla Lodge #66 will provide a picnic lunch on the State Park Shore free of charge and a pontoon ride to the Island provided by a Lodge Member. We should arrive there between 4:30 and 5:00 P.M.

We need many new members, we have enclosed an application to collect the necessary information and fee for this purpose. Use this form for the other meeting donations. Please indicate your decision to make the trip to Masonic Island also. Come to our meeting and bring a new member or two, enjoy the day.

If you would like a TAX RECIPT for your Auditorium Donation, please make your check payable to the Foundations of the Grand Lodges of North Dakota or Manitoba. Include on your check it is for the Masonic Auditorium Account (see below for addresses). Send your donation for mailing - rental costs and memberships to the listed Treasurers.

We want to reduce our mailing costs by increasing our e-mail addresses. If you received this letter by regular mail and you have an e-mail address, please provide it on your application.

Fraternally,

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IF YOU ARE SENDING FUNDS FOR A TAX RECEIPT

Make your check payable to one of the following, on the memo line write Masonic Auditorium.

North Dakota Masonic Foundation Manitoba Masonic Foundation

201 14th Avenue North c/o Grand Lodge of Manitoba

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