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## Prospect Dinner

### May 20, 2005

at Tangier Shrine Center

These dinners are timed so that prospective members attending the dinner may petition the lodge and be ready for next scheduled one day blue lodge. **NOTE:** Both the prospective member and their host (plus your ladies) receive dinner for free. For more information, contact the Secretary.

## One Day Blue Lodge

### April 16, 2005

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

### July 16, 2005

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

If you have a prospect who would be interested in a One Day Degree, get started now and please let the Secretary know.

## Schedule of Events

### April 2005

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>
6	Builder's Club	8:30am
	Business Meeting	7:30
13	EA Degree	7:00
17	Pancake Breakfast	
	See reverse for details	
20	Builder's Club	8:30am
	FC Degree	7:00
27	MM Degree	7:00

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## Looking Ahead

August 19<sup>th</sup>:  
Shiloh Family Picnic at Cooper Farm

August TBA  
Shiloh Golf Outing

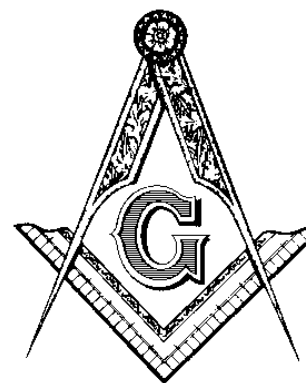
We would like to provide support to our brethren in times of distress and celebrate with them in times of gladness. Please immediately inform any of your lodge officers of such information regarding yourself or a brother.

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April 17th Pancake Breakfast



## April 2005

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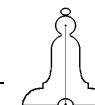
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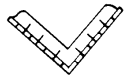
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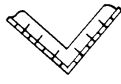
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## From the East



Greetings from Shiloh Lodge, Brothers!

Whew! What a busy new year we have had already.

In early February Shiloh was represented by five members at the Grand Lodge meeting in Hastings. I am especially proud that Shiloh is the Home Lodge for the incoming Grand Tyler John Maxell and the incoming Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska. In addition, Shiloh was honored to receive one of the Grand Lodge Recruitment Awards for 2004 and immediate past Master Cleo Miller was recognized with the Grand Master's Leadership Award!

Later in February we enjoyed a wonderful Valentine's Dinner with Brothers and their Ladies. Just a few days after that Shiloh was honored to open Grand Lodge for the installation of the 2005 Grand Lodge officers. Many Thanks to the members who joined me early Sunday morning to open: Jim Taylor, Andy Winslow, Paul Rutherford, Jim Gathmann, Charlie Amidon, Alan Anderson, Matt Vandergriff and Glenn Miller. Ivan Vrtiska and John Maxell were both there as well.

In early March Shiloh was the first Lodge in Nebraska to officially receive the new Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska.

All this and not to mention that in the last three months the Lodge has read petitions for four new Master Masons. Our goal for this year is 18 new Shiloh members and the Lodge is well on its way!

There is more excitement on the horizon! On April 17 Shiloh will be hosting our spring pancake breakfast fund raiser. Enclosed find tickets for the event. Please take a minute and send a check to the Lodge (in the enclosed envelope) for the tickets and then use them yourself or give them to a friend. And remember, all net revenues from the fund raiser will go to help support Nebraska Boys State ... the premiere leadership development program for high school boys in the state.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting or at the pancake feed. And remember ... keep those good petitions coming!

Fraternally Yours,  
R. Todd Simpson  
Worshipful Master-2005

### FREEMASONRY'S CANDLES

In every American Masonic Lodge are three candles, or electric substitutes therefore, which we now call the Lesser Lights.

There is a deep symbolism in the naked flame that consumes the substance of the candle to give light. To give light to one's fellows, a man must consume himself, display and disperse energy. A philosopher

who put no energy into his doctrines could not gather disciples; any man who counts among his fellows gives ceaselessly and generously of his powers.

Lesser Lights, by the light of which Masons see the Great Lights, when actual candles, are a tie with Masonry as old, at least, as 1730; a connection with the religion and with the Great Light which mentions them often, as when Job lamented:

*"Oh, that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me; when his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness."*

One Lesser Light represents the Master of the Lodge – he who sits in the East and from whom comes Masonic light. To give light, a candle must burn. To burn, it must be hot and give out heat. No lukewarm candle will light; no luke-warm Master ever kindled the souls of his brethren to high endeavor!

One candle may light another, provided there is contact. One candle will never light another at a distance, only when flame touches wick. One brother may kindle the fire of another, but not by standing aloof and away – only by intimate contact of mind with mind and heart with heart may the holy fire pass from man to man.

Shakespeare said, "How far that little candle throws its beam! So shines a good deed in a naughty world." The gentle light of the Masonic candles at the Altar has indeed shone far – it has girdled the globe; it is gone into the far places; it has been the comforter and the stay of the sore beset to the uttermost ends of the earth.

## Shiloh Lodge #327 Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
8 am – 1 pm

Shi-Oma Masonic Temple

Adults \$5.00 Child under 10 \$3.00

All proceeds go to support  
Nebraska Boys State

Please plan to take advantage of this  
opportunity for fun, fellowship and a  
chance to work for a good cause.

### LOST

Looking for girls between 10 and  
20 years of age who are interested  
in becoming  
JOB'S DAUGHTERS.

If you have a daughter,  
granddaughter, stepdaughter, step  
granddaughter, niece, etc or know of  
someone with similar Masonic heritage  
who is interested in becoming a JOB'S  
DAUGHTER, please contact Jim  
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