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***Every first Tuesday of the month is the Heads of Bodies and Knights of Saint Andrew meetings**

****Dinners are every Thursday before the degrees. You can RSVP and pay for your meal by [clicking here](#)**

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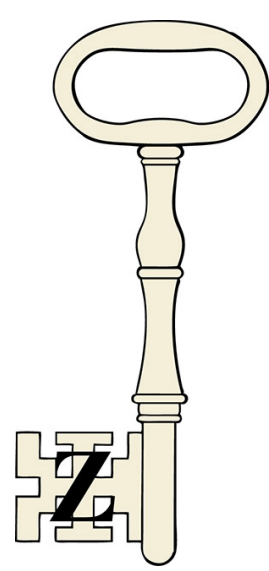
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DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!

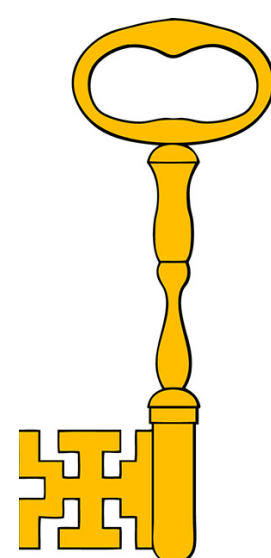
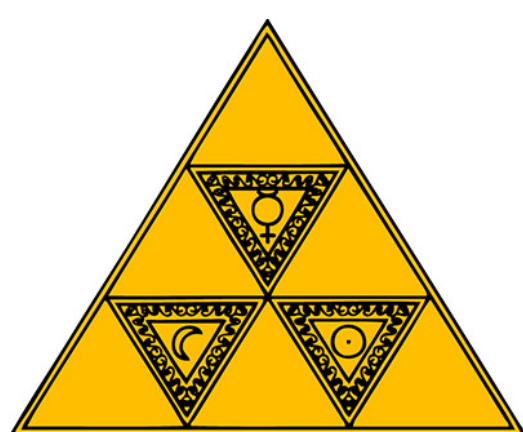
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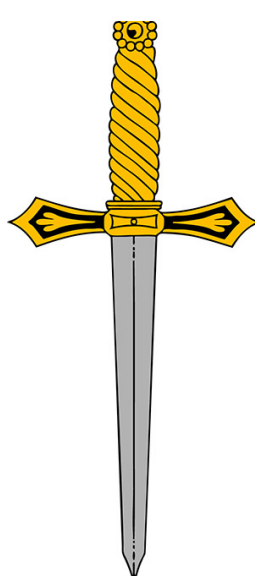
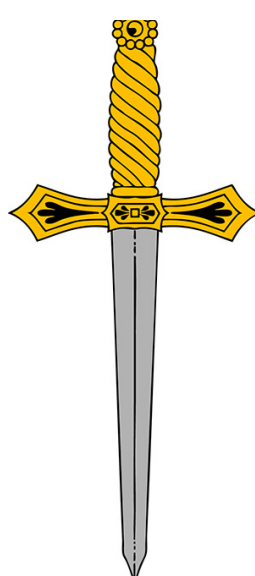
September 1 - Heads of Bodies, Lodge of Perfection



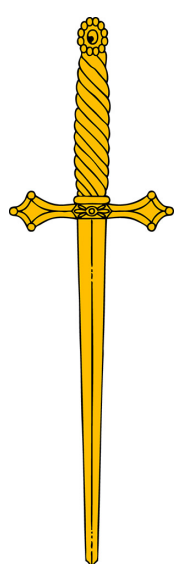
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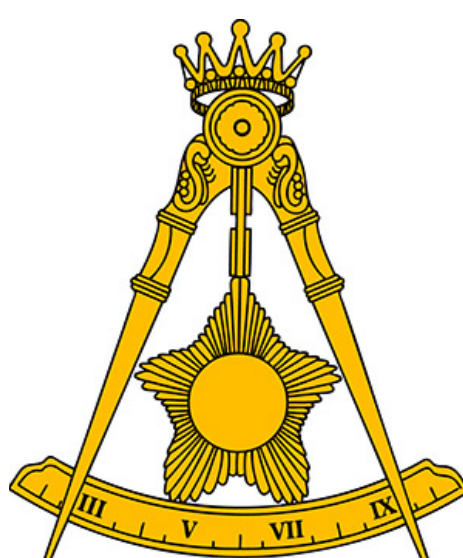
September 10 - 6°, 7°, & 8°



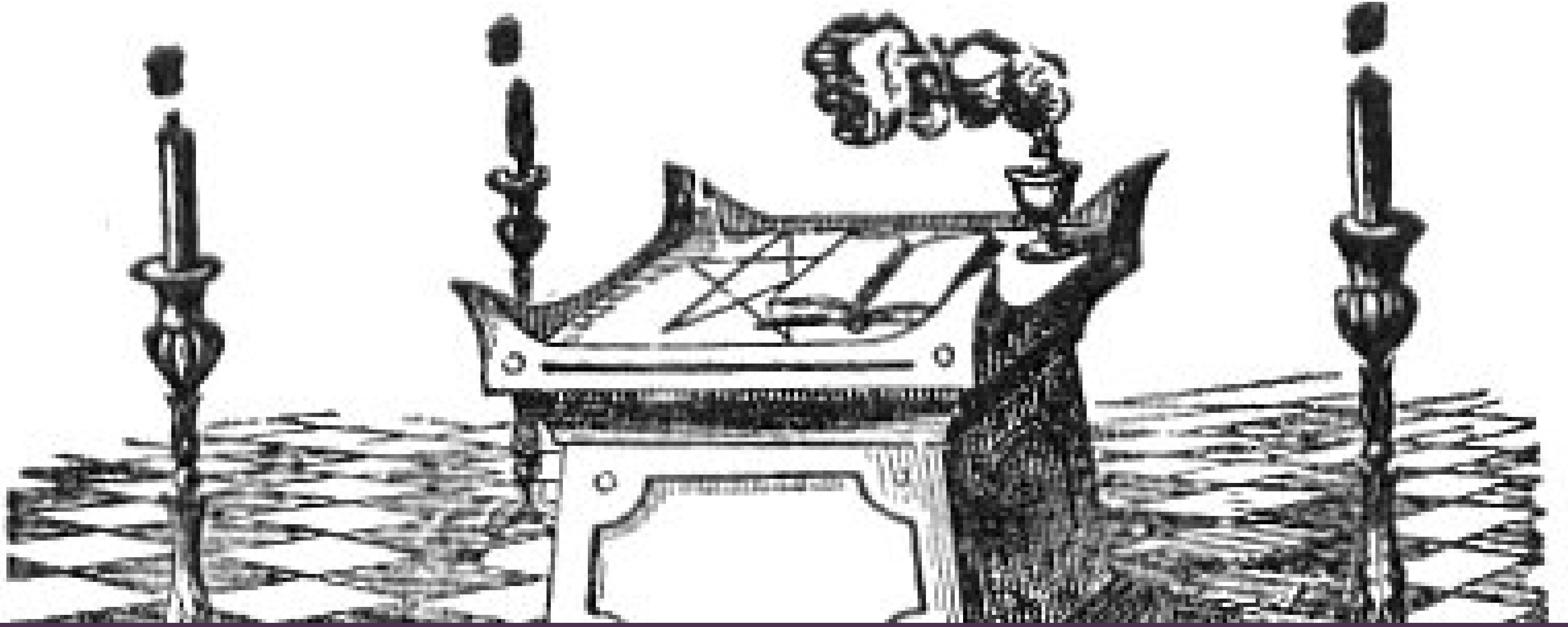
September 17 - 9° & 10°



September 24 - 11° & 12°



September 26 - 13°, 14°, & Ring Ceremony



AUGUST HOB

The August 4th, 2026 meeting brought together the acting officers of all four bodies, including Joel Anderson (Lodge of Perfection), David Graham (Chapter of Rose Croix), Tim Boche (Council of Kadosh), and Mike Miller (Consistory), along with Secretary Roger Schmid. Business centered on approving building use: a \$500 rental to Sherburne Lodge #95 for October 10th, a \$2,000 four-day parking lot rental to the Temple of Israel across four September dates (pending a certificate of insurance), and a \$100 honorarium for a Cass Lodge potluck in the dining room and kitchen on September 20th. Committee reports were light this month. Rite Care confirmed the Gala is set for March 13th, 2027, the Building and Museum Foundation reported its cabinet is now in place, and several committees (KSA, Membership, Double Eagles, Technology) had nothing new to share. New business included approval of a shutdown procedure obtained by Nick Oliveri, who is still working on a companion startup procedure.

The meeting closed with two highlights: a Sunshine Report offering updates and well-wishes for several members. Representatives from Royal Arch Minneapolis Council No. 2, Minneapolis Lodge No. 19, Zion Commandery No. 2, and St. John No. 5 presented the Scottish Rite with an AED. The session ran just under an hour, opening at 7:11 and closing at 8:02.

This article was generated with AI based on the August HOB Minutes and verified by the Editor.

Save the Date

**THE SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY OF MINNEAPOLIS
LODGE OF PERFECTION + COUNCIL OF KADOSH**

Present

**TWO GREAT FEASTS; TISHRI & KADOSH
TOGETHER FOR ONE NIGHT**

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Social Hour, Bar & Entertainment 5 PM

Dinner Program, Toasts and Member Awards 6 PM

Come join us for great fellowship

Members and guests invited

Further Details and Reservations to come

**Minnesota Valley Scottish Rite
2011 Dupont Ave S
Minneapolis, MN**



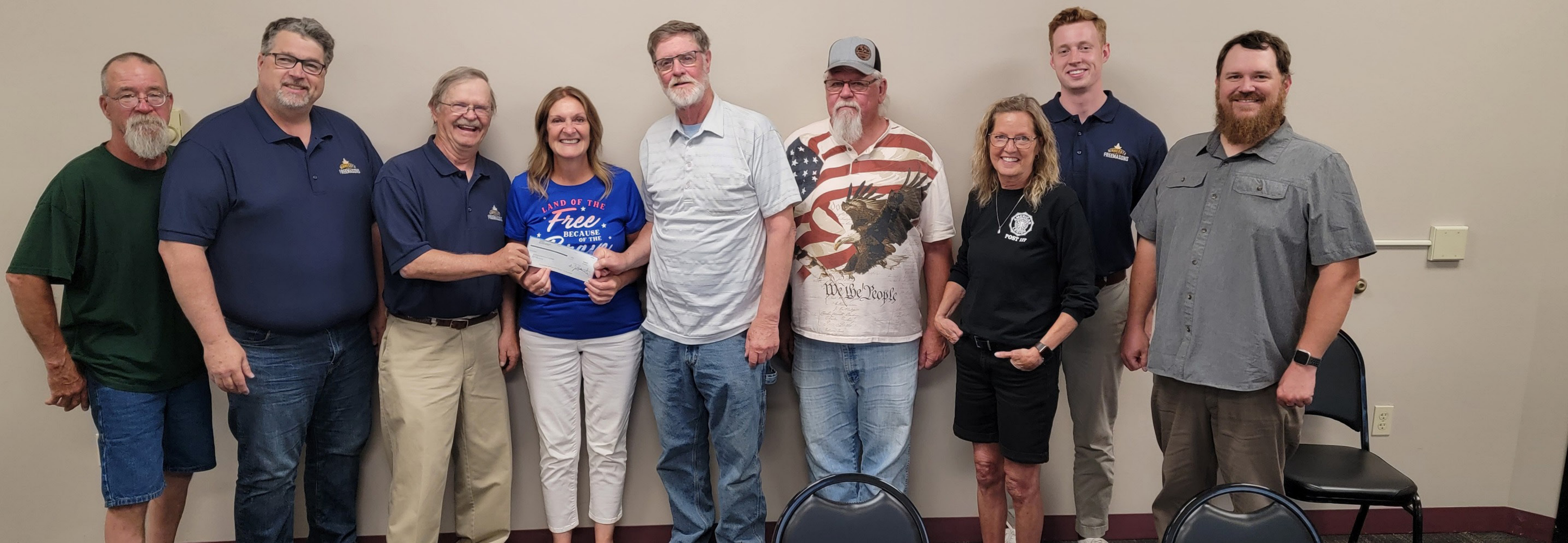
A PICTURE IS WORTH 1,000 WORDS

For a long time I have had 2 rules in life. You don't drive Fords and you don't drink Pepsi. OK, this really has nothing to do with anything Masonic, but I do get some great laughs from friends I am also honored to call Brother.

Often I have been asked since becoming a Mason: What is Masonry? Why did you become a Mason? Honestly, after nearly 20 years I often feel unqualified to answer these questions. I have been privileged to have gotten to know so many much more intelligent and learned Brothers that inspire me each time we are together. It is quite remarkable how men who once were complete strangers, have been a core connection since joining the fraternity. So the fellowship shared as we gather and explore and grow through the lessons taught in the Masonic degrees fills a basic human need. That of connection. Fellowship. Fraternity. Friendship. As nice as it is to have a few more days available for other interests during the summer, when September comes knowing that Thursday nights will bring back a time once again commune. It isn't always easy adding more to always busy days home, but I find that once I get into the car for my 45 minute drive downtown, the peace that comes when I arrive and find these few hours each week among my Brothers brings a peace I only find in Masonry.

Peace be with each of you.

Tim Boche, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Commander
Council of Kadosh



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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

According to Grand Lodge records, Red Lakes Falls Lodge No. 308 consolidated with Northern Lodge No. 236 of Thief River Falls, MN in 1972. I contacted the secretary of the Lodge, Worshipful Brother Alan Swanson, who shared the following correspondence:

WB Mark,

Good afternoon! I know where the swordfish sword is!! It is on display in the lodge room of Crookston Lodge No. 141 in Crookston, MN. Northern Lodge sold their building two years ago and currently meet at the American Legion club in Thief River Falls. Crookston Lodge generously offered their basement for us to store our paraphernalia. Rather than losing track of this unique sword, Northern presented it to Crookston Lodge.

Good luck with your story. Some unique information is on the sword or on its wooden container. I trust Brother George can take and send you some pictures.

Fraternally yours,
WB Alan Swanson
Secretary
Northern Lodge #236
Thief River Falls

At the time of this writing, I am in contact with WB George of Crookston Lodge. Look out for future editions of the newsletter as we learn more about this very unique sword!

**MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE SUN
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Brother George W. Christie, 32°, residing at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota and a member of our Bodies has contributed the following news item and on account of its exceeding interest we are pleased to quote the following from his communication:

Red Lake Falls Lodge No. 308, A. F. & A. M., has a unique tyler's sword, the only one of its kind in existence as far as is known. The blade is made from the beak of a sword-fish and measures three feet long. The handle is of beautifully carved walnut. The sword was made years ago by James Hodgins of Rockport, Mass., an old sea captain, who used it in the lodge of which he was tyler. He died when he was 100 years old. Five years ago his daughter found it and presented it to the late Joseph F. Gray of Red Lake Falls, a nephew of Mr. Hodgins. Brother Gray was the first tyler of Red Lake Lodge and held the position from its inception in May 1921 as a lodge U. D. until his death in December 1923. His widow presented the lodge with the sword as a memorial and the lodge treasures it highly as a memorial.