

Grand Lodge Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of North Dakota



INCORPORATED 1928

Fraternal

Charitable

Educational

Benevolent

201 – 14th Avenue Fargo, ND

**BEING A FOUNDATION BRIDGE
BUILDER IS AN INVESTMENT
IN ONE'S SELF AND IN ONE'S VALUES**

**NORTH DAKOTA MASONIC FOUNDATION
WORKING TO BUILD
OPPORTUNITIES:**

- ✓ **PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**
- ✓ **CHALLENGING YOUTH TO LEARN ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA**
- ✓ **PROVIDING SUPPORT TO LODGES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS & CHARITIES**
- ✓ **SUPPORT FOR SPELLING BEE IN ND**
- ✓ **SUPPORT FOR MASONIC FAMILY YOUTH GROUPS**
- ✓ **MAINTAIN ND MASONIC HISTORIC SITES**
- ✓ **PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO IDENTIFY CHILDREN AT RISK**
- ✓ **PROVIDING RESOURCES**
- ✓ **MANAGER OF INVESTMENTS**



MASONIC SITES: The Foundation maintains five Masonic historic sites in North Dakota. They are Pembina; Ft. Buford; Lt. Beaver Gravesite near Bismarck; Masonic Island at Lake Metigoshe; and Lewis & Clark at Washburn.

Activity is found at the sites with renovation and renewal in the spirit of their original significance and intent.

MASONIC MODEL STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

This is a special distinct student assistance program to serve communities throughout the state in the belief that prevention is the best tool for combating the scourge of addiction. Prevention stops use and abuse of drugs and alcohol before they take root.

It is an intensive training workshop for educators to learn how to identify, intervene with, and create appropriate referrals for students that may be at risk for substance abuse, depression, suicide or violence. The ND Masonic Foundation pays for the training, meals and lodging for the training sessions.

History:

The endowment originally was created when an appeal was made to constituent lodges to take out an insurance policy on the life of some brother in favor of the Foundation.

The Foundation is an IRS 501(c) 3 Private Foundation and only the interest from the endowment can be used for the purposes of the Foundation.

The ND Masonic Foundation Board consists of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairman, and FIVE elected committeemen.

Other contributions have been encouraged by the Foundation Board to increase the endowment value:

1. Wills and Bequests:
2. Bridge Builder Program
3. Donations
4. Fundraisers (Affinity Marketing)

In 1991, the Bridge Builder Program was developed.

The Bridge Builder Program is designed to award the contributor of \$1,000 with a shadow box and medallion and a Bridge Builder lapel pin. For each additional \$1,000 contribution, a diamond is added to the medallion. The Bridge Builder money is invested in a restricted fund and only the interest is used for Foundation Programs.

Money can be contributed in smaller amounts to the Bridge Builder until the \$1,000 level is reached. Forty-five Masons are Bridge Builders, five ladies, and Eight lodges and shrine groups are members

Harry Miller Masonic Endowment:

In 1997, the North Dakota Masonic Foundation received a sizeable gift from the will of Harry Miller of Ambrose, ND. This money is invested with only the interest used to support scholarships and other programs of the Foundation.



Since the beginning, the Foundation which is an IRS 501 (c) 3 Private Foundation has used the Interest to support various programs.

KNOW YOUR STATE CONTEST:

The Know Your State Contest was born in the year, 1954. It is a contest for juniors and seniors of North Dakota High Schools with the intent for students to learn more about North Dakota's history, geography, politics, economy and current events. In 2012-13, the ND Masonic Foundation partnered with Bismarck State College to sponsor the event. The preliminary tests were done online and the finals were held at the campus of Bismarck State College.

A banquet was held at 5:00 p.m. with a meal sponsored by Watford City Ft. Union Lodge #128.

Bismarck State administration & faculty, state government officials, Masons, students, and chaperones were in attendans.

The North Dakota Masonic Foundation presented eight different scholarship amounts for prizes and a book to each of the students. The top two winners got \$1,000 each; two second-place winners got \$750 each; two third-place winners got \$500 each; and two fourth-place winners got \$200 each. Each school library of a winning student receives \$100 to purchase North Dakota books for their library

STATE SPELLING BEE:

Since 2000, the ND Masonic Foundation has been a gold sponsor of the North Dakota State Spelling Bee for young people less than 16 years of age and not beyond eighth grade.

The competition begins in the local schools, moves to the county level and the state level at the end of March in Bismarck. Approximately 100 students compete at the state level.

The winner at the state level competes in the national spelling bee.

GRANTS:

The Foundation sponsors two types of grants for the constituent lodges of ND and their charities. These grants are for the fiscal year from July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2014.

(1.) Hometown Grant:

The Hometown Grant was adopted by the Foundation in 1991. The program requests that lodges do fundraisers within their community and make grant application to the Foundation Board and if approved, they will receive a matched dollar for net dollar raised to \$750.

Through the years, most of the money has been used for student scholarships. Some of the other charities include Bikes for Books, Up Close Program, Boys Scouts and other youth activities, and Scottish Rite Language and Learning Centers.

(2.) Community Grant:

This is a new program for the 2013-2014 fiscal yr. In commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of North Dakota, the ND Masonic Foundation is sponsoring the \$500 nonmatching grant is to be used by the lodge for some charity within their community. Lodges have to make application for this and it has to be approved by the Foundation Board. Guidelines have been developed and sent to the lodges.

TUNTLAND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation manages the Tuntland Investment and provides scholarships to students of McLean County who wish to pursue a degree in Nursing, Law, or Agriculture.

MASONIC YOUTH GROUPS:

Each year, the Foundation contributes to the ND/SD International Order of Rainbow for girls and the Order of DeMolay for boys.