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Lincoln Lodge 19

Bruce Anderson, Correspondent

I apologize for not getting Lincoln Lodge No. 19's news. It has been a very busy three months for me.

As some of you may know, I was the Grand Secretary/Recorder for the Grand York Rite of Nebraska. As such, from time to time I had the sad duty to close York Rite organizations in Nebraska. Such was the case a couple of years ago. At that time, I visited the lodge and picked up the paraphernalia and brought it back to Lincoln. I was looking through some of it the other day. In one of the caps, somebody had put a folded piece of paper inside the rim to make the cap fit better. I was curious, and took it out and unfolded the paper. Much to my surprise, it was an old Blue Lodge petition! As I read the first page, it told me just what Blue Lodge Masonry was all about. I have reprinted this petition below. Read it carefully and I think you will get a better idea of Masonry.

"The question of becoming a Freemason is a matter for very serious consideration, and should not be entered into hastily, inadvisedly or by persuasion. The association to which you seek admission is not in any way an insurance society; neither does it pay benefits in case of sickness or death. In a

correct and broad sense, it is a charitable association, but only extends such charity as it feels willing and able to grant. It knowingly admits none to its ranks except those who are able to care for themselves and those who are dependent upon them. It has Masonic Homes in some states and dispenses charity, not as a matter of right to the recipients but in its desire to do good and exemplify its moral teaching. It gives opportunity to its member to associate with each other on a common level. It endeavors to inculcate morality, honesty and integrity among its members, and to the worthy members renders assistance to a limited extent. It expects its members to profess and practice charity towards all mankind. It believes its member should have a strong desire to assist all fellow creatures. Member of the Masonic Fraternity are found throughout the entire civilized world, and a worthy and upright Mason can find friends in all quarters of the globe, and if necessary, temporary relief in case of sickness or accident.

The right to petition for the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry is rarely denied to anyone, but this right goes no further than granting the privilege of petitioning. No matter how high you stand

in the community, you can claim no exemption from the rule that requires a favorable ballot from each and every member of the lodge who is present when the ballot is taken, and you have no right, in case of rejection, to know why or who is responsible for it. Our Fraternity does not solicit members, but wants and welcomes only high class men, men of character and integrity, and to those it offers fraternity and good fellowship. It has its own laws, rules and regulations, and requires strict obedience there to. It believes in strict and unwavering loyalty, and by the individual to upholding of the Government under which he lives. It is neither a religious nor a political association, its one dogma being a belief in a Supreme Being, and it believes in the immorality of the soul, and that the Holy Bible is the inestimable gift of God to man. It cares nothing for religious dogmas, sectarianism, or creeds, and takes no part in politics, and should you be accepted, you can get no more out of Freemasonry than you put into it; that is to say, that for every benefit you receive you will be expected to render some equivalent. Curiosity, ambition for honors, and desires to enlarge your business relation, are not suitable motives for seeking admission into

Freemasonry."

Lincoln Lodge No. 19 is off to a rousing start in 2017. Our new Worshipful Master, Scott Keller has great plans for the year including a Table Lodge, a baseball game and several other activities. We are starting the year on a high note.

Last fall, several of our members got together to plan activities. They realized that a lot of our brothers are lawyers. This sparked the idea of having a "Lawyers Night of Information." The current brothers who are lawyers were asked to invite their lawyer friends to an information night. We had about 11 men attend. Of those, 3 took their Entered Apprentice degree in November of 2016 and we had 5 others take their Entered Apprentice degree in February of this year. Yes, we did 5 EA degrees in one night! We used both lodge rooms and had a full complement of officers to perform the degrees. It was a great night. One of our special guests was the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska himself, MWGM Rick Myers. We now are preparing these 8 brothers to take their Fellowcraft degree. It will be a promising year for our lodge and we invite any other brothers to come and share!



Our new brothers pictured above include, Dereck Zimmerman, Thomas Shires, Michael Sands, Eddy Rodell and Wesley Bottorf.

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George Washington 250

Mark Poston, Correspondent

Celebrating "20" Years of Fish Fries 1997 -2017

Coming next month, in May of 2017, Geo. Washington Lodge #250 and Martha Washington Chapter #153 will celebrate the beginning of their 20th year hosting Fish Fries for the Area Masonic Family and the Havelock Community.



The Fish Fries came from an idea promoted by Bro. Robert "Hoppy" Cassidy and Bro. Mike Waltke. WB Elmer Owen was instrumental in gathering the necessary equipment including a trailer and fryers. For the last 20 years, all of the fish has been deep-fat fried right outside the front doors of the Lodge! The decision was made in that first year to serve Alaskan Pollock, and that has been the fish of choice every year since. In the beginning, cole slaw was a popular item and eventually fried potatoes with onions and baked beans have been added to round out this seasonal meal.

There have been many memories shared because of this annual event; a couple that are fun to note is that in 1997, the last Fish Fry of the season found the Lodge Brothers cooking the fish outside in the snow! Another time, the temperature inside the Fish Fry Trailer was unbearably hot, but since the trailer was backed right up to the kitchen door in the Lodge, that door was propped open so that the air conditioning could flow into the Fish Fry trailer (much to the dismay of the ladies working in the kitchen!)



In later years, the Fish Fries have become the project of the Masonic Temple Board of Havelock, Inc., but the friendship and fellowship that is jointly shared by the Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter continues today, forging a strong bond between the two organizations.



If you would like to enjoy a wonderful Fish Dinner without going out to the lake to catch it, join us at 4430 N. 70th every second Saturday from May through September! Cost of the meal is \$10.00 for ALL YOU CAN EAT!!



Bethel 63

Kristi Thornburg, Correspondent

Fun Activities

Bethel 63 celebrated Founder's Week during the first part of March by wearing our Bethel t-shirts, writing with a purple pen, telling friends about Job's Daughters, and much more. To celebrate the special week, we had a Friendship Dinner on March 9, and invited local Job's Daughters Bethel's, Demolay, our OES Chapter #275, and Cotner Lodge #297. We had a great turn-out and a lot of fun celebrating our Founder, Mother Mick!



During Spring Break, we helped out at the Shrine Circus by doing face painting. Also, Bethel 63 went to see Storks on Saturday, March 25 and enjoyed lunch at Don and Millie's after.

March was a fun month full of sisterhood and fun, and a celebration of our founder and Job's Daughters!



Happy 63rd Birthday!



Bethel 63 celebrated our 63rd Birthday on February 28! Council members and parents surprised our members with a surprise birthday party! We provided clues and our members had to guess where we were meeting, eating dinner, and having dessert!

We met in the Haymarket and had dinner at Vincenzo's then went to Ivanna Cone for dessert! We sang Happy Birthday to Bethel 63, enjoyed each other's company, and celebrated our Golden Birthday in style!



Congratulations!

Bethel 63 attended the Sweetheart Ball in February. Special congratulations to Cyndi who was crowned Sweetheart of Lincoln Eiche Chapter! We are so happy for you!!



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Sarah and Maddie who are both celebrating their birthdays this month!

Upcoming Events

- April 20 – Regular Meeting
- April 22-23 – Spring Workshop
- May 4 – Regular Meeting/Initiation!
- May 6 – Mid-America HIKE
- May 12 – Baseball Bern Game and Sleepover
- May 18 – Regular Meeting

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Grand Communication of York Rite in Nebraska

Special Editorial

April 6th through 8th saw York Rite Masons from all over Nebraska and many points throughout the United States and Canada converge on the Younes Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska for their annual Grand Communication. Old friends were reunited, new friends were made, and the business of the Grand York Rite was discussed and concluded in the tiled meetings of the organization.



Thursday started off by performing all the necessary tasks of setting up, checking people in, ensuring everyone arriving had information and times for the coming festivities, and all was done expertly and tirelessly by Ilah Anderson at the information desk. She answered everyone's questions, provided them with directions, information, and always had a smile and kind word while doing so. A hospitality room was established upstairs in the convention center and many of the ladies running it did a wonderful job of arranging a silent auction from donated items to assist in fund raising activities for York Rite philanthropies. They also dispensed snacks, refreshment, and good will to all who visited during the entire three days. "Thank you" hardly seems adequate for all their work, but perhaps knowing the gratitude of the York Rite members can help show all of our appreciation for their presence.



Friday began with the informal opening and introduction of visiting dignitaries from as far away as New York, and Grand Representatives from numerous surrounding States. Many had visited several times before and are old friends, some were visiting for the first time and were very appreciative of their reception, and accommodation.

Following the informal opening, Grand Chapter was opened in a tiled session and Excellent Grand High Priest A.J. Johnson greeted everyone and submitted his report for the year which was accepted in approved form and placed on file. He then made his closing comments noting that during his year he had rewritten and submitted the Grand Chapter bylaws for approval, and completed a history of York Rite in Nebraska from its inception to the present. The bylaws were approved and accepted as written and the history published in book format and was being sold at the convention. The first 150 books were available to be signed by the author and sold very well.



Lincoln Chapter #6 was fortunate enough to have a member, Merv Moeller, installed as the Grand Master of the 2nd veil during Officer Installation. All other officers advanced in the Grand Chapter Line. Past Grand High Priest A. J. commented that he knew he was leaving the Grand Chapter in very capable hands and wished all well in the coming year.

After a very good lunch at the Younes Conference Center, Grand Council was opened and farewell comments made by Most Illustrious Grand Master Carl Plants. MIGM Carl thanked all of his officers, and submitted his report for the year for approval. It was deemed in correct form and approved. He also presented the "sweetheart award" to his wife Carolyn and retired having stated he was confident he was leaving the Grand Council in the very capable hands of MIGM-elect Don Rife. During installation Mike Lagueux of Lincoln Council #4 was installed as Grand Steward in Grand Council for the ensuing year.



The Grand Banquet Friday evening was very well attended and almost every Masonic institution was represented and brought greetings. The Grand Worthy Matron spoke and invited all to the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session being held next month also in Kearney. Youth Representatives from Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, and DeMoley were warmly received and presented information about their organizations. Each thanked the Grand York Rite for the continued support for youth organizations we provide and assured all present that the future of our organizations is, at least in part, tied to the youth organizations we support.

Our final speaker of the evening was Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska Rick Myers. His comments were insightful and relevant for all Masons in Nebraska, and the country. He called for continued cooperation between all Masonic organizations in Nebraska and made clear that we will either thrive together through our work and interdependence, or accept the status quo and

become extinct together. MWGM Rick is the first Grand Master to attend the Grand York Rite for the entire event, noting he has been a York Rite Mason for some 28 years. His call for unity and cooperation between all organizations was very well received and certainly left everyone with a sense of hopefulness for our Fraternity.



Grand Commandry opened Friday with the introduction of Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions during the informal opening.

Eminent Grand Commander Brett Benett welcomed all Sir Knights present and presented his report for the year for acceptance. It was deemed in proper form and accepted as presented.

Grand Commander Brett thanked all of his officers and retired leaving the Grand Commandry in very capable hands. The past year he addressed the daunting issue of Commandrys' who have not complied with Grand and International regulations for opening, knighting new members, and those who were placed on probation for these issues. He leaves knowing that several Commandrys' have now been brought into conformance and that several more are on the way to compliance. His one regret during his year was that he had to arrest one charter. He is to be commended for his stance for bringing Nebraska Commandrys' back into compliance.



Mt Moriah Commandry #4 in Lincoln is very pleased to have had Sir Knight Ed Raper, also a member of Beatrice Commandry #27, installed as Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandry of Nebraska. There is no doubt that he will represent the Commandrys' he belongs to, as well as the Grand Commandry, with great zeal and accomplishment. Mt Moriah wishes him an exciting and productive year.

As always, Grand York Rite was closed with farewell and prayers for all our Brothers dispersed around the globe. Until next year our wishes for health, safe travel, and prosperity go out to all our members. God Bless you all.



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Columbia 275

Kaylene Martin, Correspondent

School of Instruction
Members welcomed our District Grand Supervisor Karan Birdsall to our Chapter for School of Instruction on Saturday, February 25. Karan was very helpful and positive throughout the day and our members learned lots of new information which will help us throughout the year. We enjoyed having Karan with us for the day and look forward to working with her throughout the upcoming year.



Regular Meeting

Columbia Chapter held our regular meeting on Tuesday, March 7. Worthy Matron Kristi welcomed those in attendance and read an Irish blessing. Thank you to our visitors Brother Bruce Baker, Sister Susie Baker, Sister Karan Birdsall, and Brother Tim Birdsall. It was so wonderful to have visitors at our meeting! We conducted our business and joined downstairs after the meeting for refreshments.



Masonic Youth

Columbia Chapter actively supports our Job's Daughter Bethel that uses our temple. Bethel 63 invited our Chapter to a winter tea during the holiday season (see photo) which was amazing! We had a wonderful brunch with casseroles, muffins,

fresh fruit, coffee, and more! The daughters sang a few Christmas carols which we always love to hear. We were surprised when they presented us with the cutest party favors to take home – a holiday mug with hot cocoa, peppermint candy, and a candy cane! We were also invited to attend their Friendship Dinner March 9. They served us nachos and cake! Wow – do our Jobies really know how to feed us! We had a great time playing board games with them and love strengthening the bond between our Organizations. Thank you, Bethel 63 for a wonderful time!



Past Matrons and Patrons

Past Matrons and Past Patrons gathered on Tuesday, March 21 to initiate Past Matron Megan Thornburg and Past Patron Leonard Martin. We met for dinner at Stauffer's Café and enjoyed a slice of pie for dessert! Congratulations to Sister Megan and Brother Leonard on their accomplishments!



Happy Birthday!

March 21 – Lorie Dodge
March 29 – Scott Dodge
April 1 – Mary Jean Blumenstock & Nikki Lahmon
April 2 – Betty Paxton
April 17 – Donald Dissmeyer
April 22 – Lynn Friesen

Cotner Lodge Spaghetti Supper

Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, and cake

1542 North 65 Street
Friday April 21
4:30—7:00 PM
Adults \$7
Children (12 under) \$3



North Star 227

Bob Tooker, Correspondent

On March 21st, WB Albert Chatfield and Bro Allen Plucknett met at the home of Bro Gary Jorgens for the purpose of presenting Bro Gary his 50 year pin and certificate. Bro Gary and his wife were gracious hosts and was pleased to receive his pin and certificate. Congratulations!



April Business Meeting

Yours truly prepared hot dogs and slaw for the business meeting dinner. It was fast and easy. The 2016 Lodge financial audit

was read and approved along with the other mundane monthly business. The ceiling in the dining room was re-painted along with some plaster repairs and painting in the main Lodge Room. A very nice donation for this work was given by Bro. Allen Plucknett. Bro. Greg Tyser was examined as to his proficiency in the Master's Degree and was declared proficient.

Masters Proficiency

On April 12th, the Lodge was examined as to its proficiency in the Master's Degree by WB Carl Plants, our Deputy Grand Custodian. I am pleased we were declared proficient, but we do need

to "shine it up" some. We do appreciate WB Carl's patience with us.

Travel

One of the perks of my job if you can call it that, is that I get to travel to some interesting places. This month I will be traveling to Ellsworth ME on business. In honor of WB George Sawyer, I am going to stop for dinner at Warrens Lobster House in Kittery ME for a "pile of claws" in honor of WB George's memory. If you have never been to the coast of Maine, the pictures you see don't do the place justice. Until next month!

Bethel 5

Ashley Priest, Correspondent

We have two girls that were privileged to be drawn for the attendance prize. Gwen was the winner on March 11th, and Anna won for the second time, on March 25th.



During our March 11th meeting, the members gathered around the Altar and paid tribute to Ethel T. Wead Mick, the founder of Job's Daughters.



March 26 was the Go to Church for this term. We attended our Honored Queen's Church, Heritage Presbyterian Church. Following the worship service, we met at Don and Millie's for lunch.



Spring workshop will be in Cozad at Camp Comeca on April 22 and 23. We look forward to attending and enjoying visiting with our Jobie Sisters.

Grand Session will be here soon. We hope all of our members will be able to attend this year.



Upcoming Events:

- April 22 – 23
Spring Workshop at Camp Comeca in Cozad
- April 23
Meeting at 3:00 p.m. / election talk and council recommendations
- May 7
Initiation at 3:00 p.m.
- May 13
Bethel Meeting
- May 27
Hwy Clean Up

Lancaster 54

Turner Cox, Correspondent

Lancaster 54 this month received a certificate thanking us for a donation to the George Washington National Memorial in Washington D.C.

For upcoming events there will be a proficiency recertification course for people who are individually proficient in ritual, which

will be held at the temple on 16th and L in Lincoln on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30pm.

Lancaster 54 will also be having a camping trip open to all members on the 21st through the 23rd near Pawnee Lake, you can contact Kory Johnson, Joe Huskey or Matt Zier, for

details concerning time and location.

Lancaster 54 also has two ritual practices set for the 14th and the 21st at 7pm and our proficiency in the 3rd degree set for the 28th at 7pm with dinner at 6:15.

East Lincoln 210

Joel Green, Correspondent

I am sad to report the death of Brother Jimmie Way. B. Way, a member of East Lincoln 210 for 28 years, passed on April 6, 2017. Many of you might have known Jimmie as an excellent welder who owned and operated Way and Sons Boiler Co. Until recently, Jimmie was part owner of United Plumbing and Mechanical. He and his wife, Debbie (Pickel) Way enjoyed trips to Sturgis, South Dakota, as well as many cruises. Services are pending.

On Thursday, April 6, East Lincoln 210 held their monthly dinner and business meeting. There was a tremendous turnout as Lee and Dawn Nutzman visited the lodge for the first time (Nutzman was involved with Demolay as a youth), while Nathanael Gabel and his girlfriend Tricia returned as guests of SW Joel Green.

Once dinner concluded, the regular communication began and the minutes were approved, bills and accounts accepted, as was the treasurers report. Bro. Tysen Taylor was declared proficient as a Master Mason, WB Scott Dietrick gave a description of an issue with the lodge's air conditioner on behalf of the trustees committee. Also, WB Bill Hayes reported on the health of Bro. Jimmie Delp who currently is at Tabitha and would love to have visitors! The Worshipful Master also mentioned that WB Ken Jackson had fallen recently

and had been having trouble with his balance. Please keep these brethren in your thoughts and prayers.

WB James Michaelson reported on the school of instruction, and the treasurer led a discussion regarding the delinquent list once Bro. Green reported on the membership sustaining committee. Bro. Green reported on the scholarship committee as well. Furthermore, it was moved and seconded that the 210 Foundation allocate funds for two band scholarships and an education scholarship again this year.

REMINDER: East Lincoln 210 will have a ritual practice on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 P.M. Lastly, East Lincoln 210's Quascentennial Banquet will be Saturday, June 17, at 6 P.M.



B. Ryan Glock and B. Tysen Taylor receiving their Master's aprons.



B. Adam Holle receiving his Master's apron.



B. Jeff Buhrman receiving his Masonic certificate.

The first few months of 2017 have flown by and show no signs of slowing down! Members of Electa #8 have challenged each other while bringing Eastern Star to the forefront of their activities. What have they been doing?

Sister Marge Thomssen arranged a tour for the East Campus Starrs neighborhood group to see the Masonic Temple at 1635 L Street, and their primary reason for coming, the large collection of Elizabeth Dolan paintings we have in the building.



After arriving on March 13th at 7:30 PM, the group was assembled in the parlor, given a brief historical presentation on the building and a discussion of some of the restoration projects taking place within the building. The group was taken on a walking tour of the building and was shown the nine Dolan paintings upstairs and the three on the first level. The tour concluded with them posing for a picture in front of the paintings on the first floor and a question and answer period. All were very excited to see the paintings, and one even admitted she had wondered for a long time what was in our building. All were assured that tours can be arranged for individuals and organizations through the Temple Board or members of the Masonic organizations who meet there.

We are excited to report that a scholarship was awarded to Emma Thomssen, the Grand Daughter of Dave and Marge. The award should be presented next month and more will be discussed about this amazing young lady at that time. Her scholastic record was discussed during our meeting and I am left with great hope for the future. Knowing that we have young people who are so devoted to their school

Electa 8

Mike Lagueux, Correspondent

activities and academics, as well as community activities and leadership leaves all with hope and assurance. Congratulations to our scholarship recipient and her proud Grandparents. We wish you the best of luck in your educational pursuits.

At our last meeting Sister Beth Benson made a motion to donate \$2000 to the Temple Foundation for ongoing restoration projects within the Temple. The motion was unanimously passed by the membership and the money will be greatly appreciated by the Temple Foundation. As a reminder, the Temple Foundation is a 501 C(3) organization so any money contributed by individuals is tax deductible. And your funds will keep our beautiful building vibrant for many years to come. If you are a member of Electa, and would like more information about giving to the Foundation or planned giving to help support the building, you may contact Mrs. Dona Hurst, current President of the Foundation.

Electa Chapter Charter Day

Happy Birthday Electa Chapter! Electa Chapter celebrated its 143rd anniversary on March 4. To celebrate, WM Sharon Yockers and WP Doug Johnson hosted a Charter Day tea on Sunday, March 26.



Spring came indoors to the dining room with the delicate colors of pink, white, and green table cloths and vases bedecked with pussy-willows and dogwood. The silver service sparkled; the punch was refreshing; and the refreshments were just right for an afternoon of visiting with one another and reminiscing while looking through our scrapbooks.

WP Sharon and WP Doug acknowledged and honored the 50 year members and past matrons and patrons who were in attendance. WP Doug presented a program which interspersed Electa's history with moments from Nebraska's 150 years of Statehood. We were also treated to a musical selection from Alex Collins on viola, accompanied by PM Brenda Frank-Collins.




To close the afternoon, PM Kristen Swisher, accompanied by PM Brenda Frank-Collins, lead the assemblage in a verse of "Beautiful Nebraska."

Thank you to all who worked to make this such a lovely event. Thank you to all who came to celebrate Electa's birthday. Your presence and the financial gifts to the free-will offering, which will be used to help support our Chapter projects, mean so much!

These are exciting times for the Chapter and we couldn't do it without the people dedicated to making the Masonic virtues work in their lives. Until next Month, best wishes, good health and God Bless you all.

Kensington Susie Dunn

A small group of Electa Kensington members met at the Eatery on April 6. As always we enjoyed our time together. We are looking forward to to the City-wide Kensington luncheon which is April 20 at Noon at Greenfield's Restaurant. Our next monthly meeting will be May 4, 2017 at the Eatery at Noon.



FISH FRY DINNER

George Washington 250
Martha Washington 153
4430 N. 70th St.

Second Saturday of
Every Month May - Sept
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$10.00 per person

All You Can Eat Alaskan Pollock
Fried Potatoes/Onions
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Coffee, Tea, or Water.

Temple #271

Tiffany Westerholt, Correspondent

Howdy friends! The New Year is in full swing for Temple Chapter #271. In January we had our installation of officers, at which we handed the reins of our chapter to Worthy Matron Jean Crary and Worthy Patron Scott Dietrick.



The night was full of laughter and bidding as we raised over \$600 in funds for special projects.



While we will always have our guardian angels by our side, this year our theme is: There is No Place like Nebraska. Runzas and scarlet and cream cupcakes were the appropriate refreshments for our Nebraska installation while tables were decorated with red ears of corn.

At our monthly meetings, still held on the first Monday of every month, Worthy Matron Jean shares fun facts and knowledge about our great state and towns. Did you know Norfolk Nebraska was supposed be named Norfolk; a shortened version of North Fork, a reference to the location where the town sat near the river? A misspelling by the state caused it to be named Norfolk but its residents, such as Worthy Matron Jean Crary, still say "norfork" instead.

In March we held a bottle auction to raise funds for our chapter's projects. A special thanks to Past Grand Patron Bob Rhodes for being our auctioneer that night as he made selling mysterious bottles lots of fun. There were bottles of wine, bottles of candy and even bottles filled with money.



Associate Grand Conductress Karan Birdsall isn't quite sure how she's going to get the money out.



April's monthly meeting hosted an Easter Bonnet parade and our first breadline of the year. For dinner we gathered and had Aveglemon Soup, which is Greek for lemon chicken rice, as well as various salads and desserts. After the meeting, we wore our Easter Bonnets to celebrate both spring and Easter. Past Patron Bill Raecke had a surprise under his hat!



May will be here soon and we will be celebrating a memorial ceremony and charter day. More information will be available at our May meeting on May 1st as well as on our website www.templechapter.org or on our facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there!

Martha Washington #153

Betty Kirby, Correspondent

Martha Washington Chapter met on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. We welcomed Julie Fowler who served as Martha for the evening. Sister Glee Warnke was recognized as Past Matron of Queen Esther Chapter #1 and served as Grand Adah in 2010-2011.

Our usual business was conducted in an orderly fashion. Volunteers were asked to serve for the April 8 Creamed Chicken Dinner. This is our last for the season and in May the Fish Fry Dinner will begin for the next 5 months. Everyone is encouraged to

come up the second Saturday of each month to have a great meal and to share the fellowship.

Several in the Chapter are getting ready for Grand Chapter on May 9-11. It was also noted that the City Wide Kensington is meeting at Greenfields on April 20 at noon for those interested. We also discussed the upcoming trip to the International Peace Gardens in August.

Several in the Chapter who had been reported ill last month are back to their usual routines and no new

illnesses were reported. Brother Mark Heilman was wished a very Happy Birthday on April 5.

Worthy Matron Sue Bell-Heilman shared with everyone the words that had been distributed to all officers at the District Grand Supervisors School of Instruction on March 18. "DREAM more, COMPLAIN less, LISTEN more, TALK less, LOVE more, ARGUE less, HOPE more, FEAR less, RELAX more, WORRY less, BELIEVE more, DOUBT less, PLAY more, WORK less."

Starcraft #307

Cora Redwine, Correspondent

March 25th was our School of Instruction with our Supervisor, Karen Birdsall. Sis. Karen provided us with instruction and the Past Matrons fixed a delicious luncheon for us.

Our April stated session was held on Wednesday, April 5th. Worthy Matron Julie, welcomed all with the jelly bean prayer, and that the colors represent. The Worthy Patron thanked all for coming.

In May, several of our members will be attending Grand Chapter in Kearney. Worthy Patron, Don, read the resolutions and constitutional changes that will be voted on at Grand Chapter.

The Chapter assisted at an OES memorial service for Sis. Marian Simmons. Doris Foust has been feeling under the weather,

but we were glad to have her in attendance. Sis. Enid Scharon is now home. Bro. Frank Mook is doing better. Sis. Shirley Douglas will be moving to Albion. We will certainly miss her.

Kensington met on April 4th for a sandwich luncheon. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons will have a pot luck this month, followed by their meeting. Sis. Alma Wilson will present the program.

With butterflies being one of the Worthy Matron's emblems this year, Worthy Patron Don, has been charged with providing facts about butterflies each meeting. This month, his topic was Madame Butterfly. He invited all downstairs for refreshments. Worthy Matron Julie, gave a few Easter facts. 700 million peeps are sold each year.

90 million chocolate bunnies. 1878 was the first Easter egg hunt. The Easter bunny was originated in Germany. And Easter is the second largest holiday for candy sales.

The next stated meeting will be May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Sis. Bev Ryba will provide refreshments.

Happy Birthday to Sis. Eldine Dove. Her birthday was on April 9th.

May Birthdays:

May 3	Peg Genoways
May 12	Jean Baker and Elizabeth Allen
May 14	Norma Anne Baley
May 18	Rochelle Rosenthal
May 19	Irene Gipson
May 20	Angela Dasher
May 21	Williamette Shafer
May 23	Leoda Webb
May 24	Leona Copley
May 25	Tammy Fastenau
May 31	Marilyn Sievers

Lincoln Chapter DeMolay

Welcome to the exciting world of DeMolay! Lincoln chapter has installed three new members. They are already finding out why everyone involved in DeMolay loves it so much.



From a fun night with two on-the-edge-of-your-seat

exciting games of Sorry! to a Jobs Daughter's picture scavenger hunt, these boys seem to be finding a place in their new Masonic family.

This month Lincoln Chapter has been seeing a lot of its extended masonic family, the boys have gone to Job's and Nile events. They are also looking forward to seeing other DeMolay later this month at Round-Up, where they will be competing as a

Chapter in a wide variety of events (from volleyball and soccer to billiards and bowling) against the other Nebraska Chapters. Wish us luck! Also, don't forget! Battle of the Chapters is on May 13th, we hope to see you there!



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Myrtle Chapter 94

Jamie Janovec, Correspondent

Greeting Masonic Family! It has been a busy last two months for Myrtle Chapter. We had our School of Instruction with Karan Birdsall on March 4th, 2017 and this month we will be initiating 3 into our order. Tiffany, Kevin and Courtney Edelmaier on April 25th, 2017. More to come!

50 Year Pin Presented

J. Eugene Jorgensen was presented with his fifty-year Eastern Star Pin on February 9th. The presentation was conducted by Carol McKibbin, PM. Liz Sawyer and Allen Plucknett were present for this honor.

J. Eugene Jorgensen was initiated April 27th, 1965. He served as Worthy Patron in 1972 with his wife, Betty and in 1993 with his daughter Carol McKibbin. Gene is a POW Veteran of WWII. He shared with Liz and Allen that he proudly wears his WWII cap to honor his time served and those he has served with him. He has lived at his home but recently has moved to the Country House.

Myrtle Chapter: Know our Members!

It has been requested to have month bio highlights from our Members at Myrtle Chapter. Myrtle Chapter Member Liz Sawyer has been collecting bios from the members for the last two months. We will featuring a few of the bios for every month as part of our "Know our Members" Series.

Dorothea Schick-103 Years young on February 24th. She is a 79-Year Member of Eastern Star and was initiated into Myrtle Chapter on November 1, 1938. Due to work and moving often, Dorothea was unable to be an officer but attended meetings when she was able. She grew up in Lincoln, Otoe and Syracuse Nebraska, and was the daughter of Elmer and Stella DeKay. Her late husband was also a Mason. She makes her home in Colorado with her daughter. As a child, Dorothea spent many evenings at the Masonic Lodge in Otoe when her parents were Worthy Matron and Worth Patron. Before reaching the young age of 97, she loved to garden and read. Throughout the years she was active in PEO, Alpha Chi Omega and Women's Club.

Sean Bohac- A 19 year member Myrtle Chapter and is from Lincoln and is a Worshipful Brother of North Star Lodge #227. Sean also hold membership in the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Sesostris Shrine

Althea Deal- Grew up in Lincoln, now lives in Colorado. She is a 61 year member and was initiated May 22, 1956. Her late parents are Edith and Roy Dealm P.M P.P of Myrtle Chapter. Althea's caregiver reported that she a Stage Four Alzheimer's patient and is unable to communicate. " Myrtle Chapter matters to her very much!"

Anne Dumper now lives in the state of Virginia. Anne is a 40-Year member and was initiated February 16, 1977. She keeps active with friends made in Virginia.

Phyllis Foreman is the wife of our Worthy Patron Bob, the mother of our Current Worthy Matron Jeanne Bonnett and Secretary Deb Kendle. Phyllis grew up in Lincoln, is a 24-Year member and was initiated September 18, 1993. She is a para person (Takes care of the Bethel Robes for the girls) of Job's Daughter's Bethel No. 5. Her hobbies are: Sewing, cooking, crafts, and spending time with her grandkids. Phyllis enjoys the friendships she made through Eastern Star and attending our meetings.

Louise Graz- was initiated May 27, 1958 is a 59-year member of Myrtle Chapter. She is the daughter of the late Helen and Myrl Moxham, P.P. Louise and her husband have lived in Illinois since 1964 and have a son and daughter, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their other son's life succumbed to cancer. Louise enjoyed the friendliness of our members. Crocheting and playing cards are her hobbies.

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