



The Masonic News



Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson



Bro. McPhillips and Shires are pictured in the center of the photo.

The month of July was another busy month. I must first apologize for the misnaming of our newest brother in the July issue. I identified him as Beau Jeffers, however it should read Beau Ballard. He has received his Entered Apprentice degree and now his Fellow Craft degree, and word is that he is all ready for his Master Mason Degree. More info later in this column.

I also must apologize that somehow I have misplaced the answers to last months questions. I will have the answers in the September issue.

On to our degree work this past month. On June 13, we met to confer the degree of Entered Apprentice on Mr. Beau Ballard. The degree was conferred by WB Chuck Berk, with MWB Reg Kuhn in the West and WB Bruce Anderson in the South. We were fortunate that WB Bruce Watkins was able to deliver the third section lecture. We have called upon him many times and he gives a great lecture!

Brother Ballard has since taken his proficiency in the Entered Apprentice Degree and on August 8, was made a Fellowcraft Mason. WB Chuck Burk again was in the East with MWB Reg Kuhn in the West and WB Bruce Anderson in the South. Again WB Wade Kendle gave the Middle Chamber lecture. I am told that Bro. Ballard may be ready for his Masters degree later in the month of August!

On July 25, we were pleased to confer the Master Mason degree on Brothers Tyson McPhillips and Thomas Shires. The degree was conferred by WB Chuck Burk in the East with WB John Duling in the West and WB Bruce Anderson in the South. The Third section lecture was again delivered by WB Paul Kenyon. He again did an excellent delivery. Thank you Paul.

If you have not been to lodge recently now is the time to come back and see the excellent degree work. Don't worry about signs and passes, we will help you.

We will have one, perhaps two, Master Mason degrees on August 29 at 6:30; all are welcome.

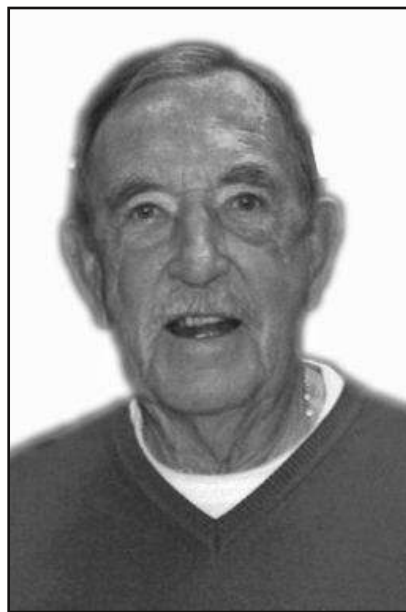
In 2018 Lincoln Lodge No. 19 will celebrate 150 years of dispensing Masonic Education. Bro. Will Folsom, and WB Kent Folsom and WB Bruce Anderson have been appointed to a committee for the year's activities. More information will be forthcoming in future issues of the news.

The Lodge is again helping the University of Nebraska by helping in a concession stand during the home games. We

also will be selling the parking lot on September 16th. Come by and have a good parking space away from the crowded downtown for only \$10.00.

We would also like to welcome back Bro. John C. Hansen.

We send sympathy to the family of Bro. James Arntzen. Bro. Arntzen was a 50 year member having been raised to a Master Mason on January 16, 1965. I have included his obituary below.



James Clifford Arntzen, 81, Lincoln, passed away August 5, 2017. Born on March 5, 1936, in Beldon to Lilburn and Hazel (Hughes) Arntzen, he moved to Lincoln at age 13, and while working at Wagey Drug, he met the love of his life, Dotty Ritchey. They were happily married for 59 years. They had three children, Kellye, Shellye and Jeff. Jim graduated from Lincoln High School in 1953 and was later inducted into the Lincoln High Sports Hall of Fame. He graduated from the Nebraska College of Pharmacy in 1957.

Jim was the owner of Terminal Drug which was later renamed Jim's Home Health, an independent, one-man pharmacy and home medical equipment supplier for 26 years. Jim was appointed by Governor JJ Exon and served as chairman of the State of Nebraska Drug Commission for coordinating drug abuse education, treatment and rehab programs. He also received the NARD Drug Abuse Prevention Award. He sat on the board of directors for the Nebraska Pharmacy Association and was active with the American Cancer Society, Planned Parenthood, and NARD Committee on Surgical Appliances and Support.

He served in the Nebraska Army National Guard for 26 years, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shriners, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Optimist Club, and Capitol City Christian Church. Upon retiring at 55, Jim enjoyed family, wood working, golfing, their home in Texas and their many mission trips abroad.

MASONIC TRIVIA

1. How many movable jewels are there?
2. What are the immovable jewels?
3. What are the cardinal virtues?
4. What are the fixed lights?
5. What is the length of your "Cable Tow"?
6. What is the line?
7. What is the definition of Ashlar?
8. What is the covering of a Masonic Lodge?

(Answers to the July and August Masonic Trivia will be in the September Masonic News!)

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East Lincoln #210

SW Joel Green



East Lincoln 210 would like to welcome the lodge's newest Master Mason Rodne' Jones! He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on Thursday, July 27 with WB Scott Dietrick conferring as Master. WB Monte Deitrick helped to prepare Bro. Jones. Thank you to all who pitched in to complete the degree!

incredible structure stood on 37 acres on the west shore of Big Spirit Lake. Fire destroyed the original headquarters, so the new structure was to be built of fireproof concrete and stucco with a red tile roof. It contained 143 rooms, a rotunda, a spacious dining room, and was surrounded by landscaping and flower gardens, complete with a pavilion on the lake shore! In 1969 it was closed, sold, and in 1978 dismantled. All that remains is the beautiful arched entrance gate and stairs that lead down to the lake - an interesting piece of Masonic history from a neighboring state.



The lodge would like to express that WB Ken Jackson and GSW Bob Moninger are in our thoughts and prayers as they were the subject of sickness and distress. Thank you to Bro. Earl Robinette for visiting from George Washington Lodge #250.

The following Sunday, 210 hosted an ice cream social attended by members, friends, and family. Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events at East Lincoln 210: chess and cigars to be held at Cigarz Lounge (800 Q St) at 5:00 PM, the annual Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser at the lodge on September 7 at 5:00 PM, a Ladies at the Table will be held on September 16 at 6:30 PM, and a Super Saver Fundraiser at the North 27th location from 10 AM – 2 PM.



While on a recent trip to Lake Okoboji in the Iowa Great Lakes region, 210's Senior Warden, Bro. Green visited the Maritime Museum in Arnold's Park where he noticed a cornerstone on display. It came from Templar Park, which was erected in 1918 by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa. Templar Park was the summer headquarters for the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Iowa. This

Lancaster Lodge #54

JD Turner Cox

At our August business meeting there were a few of us that got there a little early, and we were sitting around the kitchen waiting to eat dinner. We started talking about harmony; now I don't quite remember how it came up, but one brother said that harmony is what keeps society together, to which I jokingly replied that I thought it was Elmer's glue that holds society together. Now this was rebutted with the fact that if you roll Elmer's glue in your fingers, or give it any sort of excessive force, it will give way and not stick or hold what ever it's supposed to hold. This is a valid point, and it could be said that harmony works in the exact same way; whenever someone, or a group of people, go against the grain, it can disrupt the harmony, and thus disrupt

whatever the harmony is holding together, whether it be a workplace, household or even the lodge room. Now this isn't necessarily a bad thing; I think it's quite good that harmony can so easily give way, because that's when things get interesting. You'll hear different, but valid, points of view that might not have been brought up in an effort to keep the peace, whether they be about the bills, a petition or some sort of tradition that your lodge has. Of course, just because you might be able to break the harmony of whatever group you are a part of doesn't mean you should, you must always ask yourself will this lead to better things, a new way of thinking and a stronger lodge, or is it just insulting to someone. These are things that need to be

considered before one decides to break the harmony. So next time a discussion comes up and you have something to say but might not want to, ask yourself will breaking the harmony be beneficial?

At Lancaster 54's regular communication on August 4th, Brother Matt Zeir had a fantastic education piece on what he thought the qualifications might be for a man applying for membership to the fraternity.

Most importantly, there were some petitions read and received, so after a slow start to the year 54 should be looking forward to some upcoming degree work and adding some new Brothers to the mix!

Columbia Chapter 275

Grand Visitation

Sisters and Brothers from Columbia Chapter 275 attended our District Grand Visitation on Friday, July 14. Worthy Matron Kristi gave a report on behalf of Columbia Chapter and our activities planned for this year. We enjoyed a meal catered from Hy-Vee, seeing friends from other Chapters, making new friends, and learning more about Worthy Grand Matron Anita and Worthy Grand Patron Jim's projects. It was a warm evening but overall enjoyed by all. Those in attendance from Columbia Chapter were; Sister Kristi Thornburg WM, Brother Kevin Thornburg WP, Sister Trudi Thornburg AM, Sister Dyana Burton Conductress, Sister Suzy Campbell Ruth, and Sister Norma Cummings.



Kaylene Martin
 Regular Meeting

Sisters and Brothers of Columbia Chapter gathered together on Tuesday, August 1 for their regular meeting. It was a quick meeting as things tend to quiet down during the summer months. A few reminders were given during new business: to continue to collect best choice labels and bring them to the next meeting, to bring non-perishable food for Bethel 63 to take to the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, and to mark your calendars for Bethel 63's Fiesta Feed on Sept. 30. Also, please sign up to participate in the Alzheimer Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sept. 17. Worthy Patron Pro-Tem, Brother Leonard Martin, gave closing remarks and updated the Chapter on his favorite baseball team – the Cleveland Indians! We joined downstairs at the close of the meeting for refreshments which were provided by Sister Nancy Weers.

Joys

Brother Donald Dissmeyer graduated from basic training and was on his way home from South Carolina. Sister Kristi Thornburg is moving into her own apartment this month.

Happy Birthday!

July 16 – Leonard Martin
 July 20 – Megan Thornburg
 July 23 – Kaylene Martin & Dwaine Fagler
 July 26 – Kristi Thornburg
 July 28 – Rhonda Chubbuck & Marge Riemann
 August 6 – Frank Dougherty
 August 9 – Alice Babbitt
 August 18 – Matt Campbell
 August 28 – Francis Blumenstock

Bethel 63

Grand Session

Bethel 63 traveled to York, Nebraska to attend Grand Session on June 14-16. We arrived in York on Tuesday evening so that we could get settled in before the busy week. After getting settled, we ordered pizza to support the HIKE Fund and had one last practice for our ritual team competition. Wednesday morning came quick as we rushed from competition to competition, robe check, the knowledge test, practices, and more. We wrapped up Wednesday by attending fun night at Wessel's Living History Farm! We were able to explore the museum buildings, take a tractor ride, visit farm animals, have a small photo shoot, and spend time with our sisters from across the state.



Individual competitions began bright and early on Thursday morning. However, this day was much more laid back, so we had a little bit of free time to explore the Marble Museum and swim at the hotel. Many of our members participated at the state level and took part in the Formal Opening on Thursday evening. Those members were; Cyndi as Grand Bethel First Messenger, Brooke as Grand Bethel Fifth Messenger Pro-Tem, Alyssa as Grand Bethel Representative, Katie as Daughter HIKE Coordinator, Maddie as Spirit Ambassador, Kristin as Honored Queen, and Sarah carried our Bethel flag for the Flag Ceremony. Also, congratulations to PMNJD Nikki on receiving her Lily of the Valley Award!

Friday was filled with many emotions (including a few tears) but so much love and laughter. Bethel 63 was selected to perform our team choir competition at the Grand Bethel meeting on Friday morning and as always did a beautiful job! Our adults attended the Grand Guardian Council meeting while our members participated in the Grand Bethel meeting. Congratulations to our ABG Brent Warwick on being elected to serve as Grand Outer Guard! We attended one of our favorite luncheons – SIWAC! Friday afternoon, we were back in the Grand Bethel meeting for the 2017-2018 Grand Bethel draw. Cyndi was selected as Grand

Bethel Senior Princess, Brooke as Grand Bethel Third Messenger, and Kaelynn and Alyssa as Grand Bethel Representatives. Congratulations!

Friday evening is the most anticipated event of the week! Members, council members, families, and friends attended the Formal Awards Banquet. Kristin participated in the Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter Pageant and will be serving as Miss Nebraska Congeniality for the 2017-2018 year. Congratulations, Kristin! You have made us proud already! Katie was selected to serve as a Daughter HIKE Coordinator (second term) and Sarah as Spirit Ambassador! A few highlights from Award's Night: Katie won the HIKE Award for most money raised by a daughter! Our Bethel placed first in Large Bethel Choir, third in Group Signing, and second in Team Ritual! Our Bethel scrapbook also placed first! Many placed in their individual ritual, music, and arts and crafts competitions.



Congratulations to our daughters on ALL of their accomplishments! We are so proud of all of your hard work and dedication to our team, our Bethel, and Job's Daughters! We hope you had a fun and memorable week! We look forward to the "Dream Big, Sparkle More, Shine Bright" 2017-2018 Grand year!



Fireworks Stand

July arrived quickly after returning home from Grand Session! Bethel 63 had the opportunity to work at a Bellino's firework stand at Russ's on Coddington and West A Street on July 2-4. We are extremely grateful for this fundraiser as it allows our members to attend state events, participate in activities throughout the year, and much more. Thank you to everyone who helped make the stand successful!

Kristi Thornburg



Conclave

Members traveled to Fremont on Saturday, July 15 to attend Demolay Conclave's dance and to support our very own, Cyndi! We anxiously danced the night away with our sisters, and friends from Rainbow and Demolay, as we awaited the crowning of the new state sweetheart. Congratulations Cyndi on being crowned Demolay State Sweetheart!

Salt Dogs Game

Bethel 63 supported our sisters from Bethel 27 as we attended their Salt Dogs Game event on Saturday, July 22. We had a wonderful evening watching the game and spending time with members from Bethel 27! Thanks for the invite!



Morrill Hall

Bethel 63 went to Morrill Hall on Thursday, July 27. Morrill Hall offered free admission on Thursday evenings in July and we took advantage of

this fun and cost-effective activity! We explored the museum which has many interactive activities and posed for a picture underneath Archie! Did you know...story is...if you're a college student and high five his foot lifted in the air, it will bring you good luck on your exams?



Supreme Session

Katie, Sarah, and their family, and Kristin, attended Supreme Session in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania during the first week of August. They visited the Valley Forge Historic Park, participated in ritual and performing arts competitions, attended the MIJD pageant, and spent time in Hershey, PA. Sarah placed 2nd in 4th Messenger and Katie was drawn as Supreme Representative to the Philippines! Congratulations!



Fiesta Feed for HIKE

Please mark your calendars for Bethel 63's THIRD annual FIESTA FEED for HIKE which will be held on Saturday, September 30 from 5:00-7:30. We will be serving a meal, have a silent auction, and much more! Details to come but we hope to see you there!

Happy Birthday!

July 14 - Kristin
August 18 - Kaelynn

Upcoming Activities

August 17 - First Meeting at 7:00!
August 26 - Family Picnic & Zoo w/ Bethel 27
August 31 - Sheldon Art Gallery
September 2 - Husker Football Game
September 7 - Regular Meeting at 7:00
September 10 - Grand Visitation
September 14 - Heart Scavenger Hunt
September 16 - Husker Football Game
September 21 - Meeting at 7:00
September 23 - Masonic Youth Conference
September 30 - Fiesta Feed for HIKE!

Interested in attending an activity? Know a young girl between the age of ten and twenty who could benefit from Job's Daughters and our sisterhood? Please contact our Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian for more information - find their information on the trestle board page!

North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

BUSINESS MEETING

The Business Meeting dinner consisted of meat mostaccioli, cuke pasta salad and garlic bread prepared by yours truly. Bro Dan Chesnut brought up some homemade horseradish just brewed that day. He will need to bring more of it around, next time we do prime rib. The regular business was conducted and bills were paid.

A presentation was made by the CHIP Program Manager, WB Robert Sanford, PM of Cotner Lodge regarding the possibility of sponsoring an up-coming event at Morley Elementary School in September.

Also visiting was Bro Keith Chambers of George Washington Lodge #250.

We will also conduct the annual proficiency examination in the Fellowcraft Degree on August 23rd.

Until next month!

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College View Lodge #320

Aaron Bruner

College View lodge held its August business meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 2nd. There were 12 members present, 8 of which were Past Masters, along with 2 guests. Worshipful Master Tom Anderson informed the brethren that College View lodge's September business meeting will be held at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth at 7:30 p.m. on September 6th. The Nebraska Masonic Home visit began last year so that our lodge could not only visit the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, but it also provided our lodge the

opportunity to hold lodge there so that the brethren at the home could partake in lodge with us. WM Tom informed the members that anyone who would like to carpool up to the Masonic Home should meet at our lodge no later than 5:15 p.m. on September 6th, as we will be leaving at that time so we can eat dinner up in Plattsmouth before opening lodge up there at 7:30 p.m. Last year we had about 7 members in attendance along with 3 of the Masonic home's guests as well. Please consider joining us if you can, as it's a very enjoyable event.

Starcraft Chapter 307

Cora Redwine

The August stated session was held on Wednesday, August 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Julie welcomed all that came out on such a beautiful evening. She opened the meeting with some Winnie the Pooh quotes. Worthy Patron Don welcomed all and talked about some of the advancements in the new trend in fidgets. Back when... we used a pencil and a ruler. Does anyone else remember doing this?

We had a nice number of Starcraft Chapter members at the Grand Visitation on Friday, July 14th at 1635 L Street. We thank the members of the Masonic Youth Groups that attended and helped serve the meal. The total attendance was 105!

Sis. Ruth Beach reported that a 90th birthday celebration for Sis. Shirley Marks was held on July 23rd at the Landing. Sis. Shirley's granddaughter, Nicole, also celebrated the birth of her first daughter. Congratulations to all.

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons will have a pot luck in September.

The Worthy Matron closed with a summertime drink trivia. The correct answer, lemonade. The Worthy Patron invited all downstairs for refreshments provided by Sis. Joann Rosenthal.

Next stated meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to our September members:
September 5 Betty Guisbert
September 9 Jim Heinke, Enid Scharton, Shirley Douglas
September 14 Doris Foust, Dennis Brydl
September 17 Jeanne' Waegli
September 20 Martha Harrison
September 21 Victoria McKee
September 22 Marcia Malzer
September 26 Ortrude Snyder
September 27 Darlene Miller
September 29 Gayleen Rose

Temple Chapter 271

Associate Conductress Cindy Kehling

Temple Chapter wants to formally correct the name of our May meeting 50 year pin recipient Nadyne Bauer. (An incorrect name was reported in the July news.)

Nadyne Bauer (center) has been a wonderful part of Temple Chapter and we want to honor her appropriately. Nadyne was presented with her 50 year pin by Worthy Matron Jean Crary (left) and escorted by Carolyn Plants (right). It was a special moment for all.



The Chapter will resume their fund-raising noodle making this month. You can order noodles for August, September, October or November but get your orders in soon. Contact Carolyn Plants to place your order (cplants@inebraska.com).

Many Temple Chapter members attended the Grand Chapter dinner on July 14th and enjoyed a delicious meal and fun festivities. A big thank you to the Chapters who organized the event and to our own Worthy Matron Jean Crary for emceeding with humor. All of our hearts and

prayers go out to Grand Worthy Matron Anita Sohm as she valiantly faces her medical challenges.

At the August 7th meeting, we were pleased to hear two reports from Tiffany Westerholt, Conductress for Temple Chapter. The first was a report on the Children's Achievement Day held on July 29th in Fremont. She reported on the fun had by all riding the mechanical bull, eating BBQ and ice cream, and even those adults able to jump in the Bounce

House. The most important part was watching the children with their animals and hearing about their successes over the last year.

Tiffany then went on to report about the Rainbow Girls Lincoln Assembly #6 for whom she is mother adviser, and the difficulties of raising funds for them to attend the leadership conference. These Rainbow Girls will be taking food donations for the Lincoln Food Pantry, volunteering for the 'chip' event at the State Fair on August 26th and hosting a garage sale on September 9th. If you have items to donate (because who doesn't have things in their closets and basement that they don't need!), here is

a worthy cause. Please contact Tiffany Westerholt for food or item donations (tiffanywest5@gmail.com).



Temple Chapter was pleased to present a 50 year pin to Judy Bigler. Judy (center) was unable to attend a meeting, so MaryAnn Townsend (left) and Marilyn Jepson (right) made a special trip to present Judy with her 50 year pin. Congratulations Judy!

The Charter was draped in memory of those lost during Temple Chapter's Memorial Service held August 7th. We want to honor those members who have passed on who contributed to our Chapter and the Order by listing their names here: Joe Hannibal, Russell Hietbrink, Ruby O'Mara, Dorothy Engstrom, Dolores Shrader, Jane Steele, Irma West, Brenda Hoffart and LaVonne Pickel. We will be forever grateful for their service.

If you have items you would like to know about or share with Temple Chapter #271, visit our facebook page (Temple Chapter #271 Order of Eastern Star).

Martha Washington Chapter 153

Betty Kirby

The stated meeting of Martha Washington #153 was held on August 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The W.M. complimented everyone on the great participation the Chapter had at the District V visitation.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for the August fish fry. The last fish fry of the season will be September 9. Everyone has just been great about supplying the manpower necessary to continue this tradition. Serving is always 4:30 - 7:00 pm.

The Chapter accepted the Food Pantry Challenge for the Nebraska Masonic Youth Leadership Conference. Besides encouraging everyone to bring their individual contributions to the September meeting, the Chapter will also contribute funds. The proceeds will then be evenly split among the 5 youth organizations in Lincoln.

Plans are beginning for the annual Roast Beef Dinner which will be held on October 29. Serving will be from 11 am through 1 pm. More about this will be coming in the following months. Everyone should mark their calendars right now so that they can be treated to a great dinner of roast beef with all the trimmings, including a tremendous selection of homemade pies.

Sister Jeanne Krenk was congratulated on her recent appointment as Supreme Princess Musician for the Daughters of the Nile. This is a well-deserved appointment and our chapter is so lucky to have such a talent within our own Chapter. Sis. Ayle Wilhite, granddaughter of Sis. Liz Wilhite, will graduate from UN-L this month. Sis. Kelsey Larsen is to be congratulated on her success and medals in Tai-Kwan-do at the Cornhusker State Games.

With summer activities winding down, and fall activities beginning, we want to again encourage all our members to mark their calendars for our meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. If you don't have an Eastern Star home in Lincoln at this time, please be sure to come and visit our Chapter. We love to have guests!



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Electa Chapter 8

Mike Lagueux

I can hardly believe it is already August. The year so far has flown by, and the pace hasn't shown any signs of slowing going into the fall. Electa has been busy, and will continue to be so. We have welcomed new members, welcomed new children into our member's families, and bid final farewells to members we will miss.

First-things-first, due to the football game on September 2nd starting at 7 PM, we will open Chapter for our business meeting at 2 PM so we have time to complete the meeting for those planning on attending the game, or following it on television.

Please join me in congratulating WM Sharon who is a new grandmother, and PM Dona Hurst for a brand- new Great-Grandbaby. To say they are proud would be a serious understatement; to say they are excited about the prospect of spoiling them would be...well, expected. There is an old adage that many grandchildren are spoiled because you cannot spank grandparents! Hopefully they will not disappoint the rest of us grandparents and start their spoiling in a timely manner.



During our monthly meeting on August 5th we welcomed Adrienne George into our Chapter. At the beginning of her initiation she seemed somewhat subdued...even a little shy and retiring. That initial impression melted as the initiation went on and her perky, enthusiastic side began to appear. When she relaxes, she has a smile that can light up a room and a friendly, welcoming attitude that puts everyone around her at ease. The picture of Sister Adrienne, Worthy Matron Sharon, and Worthy Patron Doug was possibly the most serious any of them could stand...as you can see, Sis. Adrienne is not at all shy when it comes to having fun. I asked her for her best pose and was rewarded with one that truly shows her

commitment to fun. She will be a welcome addition to our Chapter and will keep things interesting for many years to come. Welcome to our Star family, we hope you enjoy it as much as we do.



I hope you and your family have been enjoying the summer and that you head into the coming fall with renewed spirit and soul. Take time, greet someone you don't know with a smile and warm word. It may just make their day. Above all, do someone a random act of kindness...you never know when you may have saved

Electa Kensington
Susie Dunn

Eight members of Electa Kensington met at the Eatery on August 3 for our monthly luncheon. We enjoyed our time together very much.

We also discussed our plans to meet at the temple for our September meeting to work on our service project.

We also discussed the City-wide Kensington luncheon on September 21 for which Electa is host. We are looking forward to spending time with our Sisters from the other Lincoln chapters.

Kensington members will be contacted prior to our September 7 meeting.



July 14th saw over 100 members of Area 5, Order of the Eastern Star, and members of the Grand Family descend on our Temple at 1635 "L" Street for a reception and dinner in their honor. Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and Officers from every part of Area 5 attended. Each Worthy Matron was introduced and asked to briefly explain what, and how, their Chapter is doing. Suggestions were made and issues discussed to make incoming officers as successful in their respective roles as possible. New friends were made, old friends were greeted, and all had a better idea of the future of Eastern Star in Area 5 in Nebraska at the end of the meeting. PM Beth Benson was kind enough to take pictures of the various aspects of the meeting, and provided some for inclusion in this month's article. Thank you Beth.



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Bethel 5

Ashley Priest

The Bethel is "dark" during July and August, but even though we don't have meetings, we have still been staying active.

On July 14th, members of the Masonic Youth Groups served the dinner for the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Visitation.

Belle and Katrina attended Supreme Session in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The Nebraska Choir took first place. Belle was selected to bring in the Brazilian Flag at the Supreme Installation of Officers.



July 22nd, Grace, Gwen, Serenity and Grace M, one of our Jobie to Bees, attended the Lincoln Salt Dogs game with Bethel 27. We had a blast. Serenity is way down at the far end. Grace M. and her dad were in the food line. And Katie, from Bethel 63, photo bombed the picture.



July 30th, members of the Bethel visited the Lincoln Children's Zoo. Grace, Gwen, Lauren and Sophie, one of our Jobie to Bee members.



On August 5th, we held a hot dog/brat sale at the Fallbrook Supersaver. This was The Honored Queen's fundraiser. Grace, Gwen, Faith and Serenity had a great time.

Upcoming Events:

- August 12th Grand Family Retreat/Adult Workshop Hastings
- August 12th Daughters of the Nile Luau, Shrine Center 5:30 p.m.
- August 19th Council meeting at the Masonic Temple 1:00 p.m.
- September 2nd Hot Dog Sale – Fallbrook Super Saver 9:30 till 3:00
- September 9th Practice / Bethel Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- September 10th HIKE walk at Mahoney Park 10:00 till 1:00
- September 10th Grand Family Visitation with Bethel 63 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 23rd /24th Masonic Youth Conference – Kearney

Rainbow Girls - Lincoln Assembly 6

Tiffany Westerholt - Mother Advisor

This year the Rainbow Girls of Lincoln Assembly #6 have been busy and having lots of fun! The year isn't over either and Worthy Advisor Rachel Bussen has even more planned. To catch everyone up here's what we've been doing. In March we had our annual installation of officers and Worthy Adviser Rachel Bussen was installed. Winnie the Pooh is her mascot and she is supporting two service projects: NAMI Nebraska, National Alliance on Mental Illness in Nebraska, and Out of the Darkness Walks which is a project of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. These services projects are very near and dear to Rachel, having experienced them in her own life.

In June we attended our Grand Assembly and had lots of fun with Past Grand Worthy Advisor Sarah Mooney and her Cowgirl Up year. We welcomed new Grand Worthy Advisor Joy Hartranft and her year of We are Family.



Our assembly was proud to have two Grand Officers installed: Morgan Chandler as Grand Patriotism and Abby Dreibelbis as Grand Immortality, and two Grand Representatives: Worthy Advisor Rachel Bussen is Grand Representative to California, Alabama, Iowa and Minnesota and Paige Miller is Grand Representative to Canada and Connecticut. On July 8th we had our Grand Visitation and welcomed Grand Worthy Advisor Joy with a Baby Dedication and a lip sync battle. Lincoln Assembly was honored to serve at the Order of Eastern Star Grand Visitation in the Lincoln Area. We got to meet and welcome Grand Worthy Matron Anita Sohm and Grand Worthy Patron

Jim Taylor. At the end of July we went to the Eastern Star Masonic Home for Children's 4-H achievement day to support the children at the home and congratulate them on all their hard work. On August 5th we decided to have fun as an assembly so we went to the Henry Doorly Zoo. Wearing our Grand Assembly shirts, we enjoyed rides, stingrays, and seeing the exhibits.



Now that you're up to speed on all we've done, let's talk about what

Lincoln Assembly #6 has planned for upcoming events. You will see us Rainbow Girls at the Nebraska

State Fair on August 26th as we help with the CHIP event. We're looking forward to helping kids through the process. On September 9th we are having a garage sale! Our location is to be determined so please watch our website for more details: www.lincolnassembly.org. We are raising funds so that all of our girls can go

to the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference on September 23rd and 24th. We have a goal to support everyone in our assembly and your support would be most welcome. We would love to take any items that you don't currently want. If you would like to donate items please reach out to our Mother Adviser, Tiffany Westerholt at email: tiffanywest5@gmail.com. If you do not want to donate items, we do have a GoFundMe option on our page on Facebook.

In addition to a garage sale, Lincoln Assembly #6 is also collecting cans of food for the Masonic Youth Leadership's War on Hunger campaign. We will be having a food bank barrel and cans of food can be given to any Rainbow Girl or the Mother Adviser.

Lastly on September 10th we are doing the Out of Darkness Walk to support Worthy Advisor Rachel Bussen's project and everyone is invited. It will be at the Lewis & Clark Landing starting at 11am for registration. Our next few months will be jam packed and we look forward to more adventures. As Winnie-the-Pooh said, "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."- A.A. Milne.



Installation of Officers 2017. In order from left to right: Worthy Adviser Rachel Bussen, Morgan Chandler, Paige Miller, Cambrie Elledge, Georgia Tucker, Kaylee Price, Karli Young.

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Tales From The North (Dakota)

Tyler T. Hall

Greetings from Bismarck/Mandan, North Dakota, from Brother Tyler, a perpetual member of North Star Lodge No. 227 in Lincoln, Nebraska, and dual member of Mandan Lodge No. 8 in Mandan, North Dakota. I bring you news and experiences from my travels from DeMolay to Masonry to other appendant bodies in Lincoln, Nebraska, to the Twin Cities of Minnesota, and finally to western North Dakota. Hope you enjoy each month as we go on a trip together in search for that which may not have been too lost.

DISCOVERING FAMILY TIES

It wasn't until the family reunion after I was raised as a Master Mason in North Star Lodge No. 227 that I discovered something interesting. That year for our biannual family reunion, we were in central Nebraska and visited the grave sites for a few ancestors. My great grandpa and grandma Coates' grave site was such a pleasure to visit as it felt like a huge personal history as Great Grandpa Coates was one of the first generation in our family to settle in Wisconsin/Nebraska as well as being a well-respected pastor. On the side of Great Grandma Coates's tombstone laid stuck in the ground an Eastern Star pendant. Obviously this excited my curiosity to find my deep roots from the acacia.

Sure enough, some ancestors and relatives who were pastors were also in the Masonic Fraternity and Family, and a few also in other groups such as the Oddfellows. I then learned

that my sister years earlier had even been approached by one of her softball buddies to join Jobs Daughters. One of my Great Uncles from Stromsburg, Nebraska, even recited prayers at the cemeteries and other family reunion activities that I so recognized in my Masonic journey. I approached him alone one time and he just smiled, brought me closer to him, and gave me the grip.

On April 17, 2016, I got married to my beautiful wife Kelli Michaels Hall. It was the first time that the Mandan Masonic Lodge was host to a wedding. My best man was WB Ross Mushik who's a good friend and mentor here in North Dakota, as well as secretary of Mandan Masonic Lodge #8, Executive Officer of North Dakota for DeMolay, past Grand Patron of Eastern Star, and a very active Shriner and York Rite member. My good friend, WB Don Laschkewitsch, was our

scripture reader who helps me out as one of our LEO's and is also a Sr DeMolay. Our officiant was RW Dale Sandstrom, then Senior Grand Warden of North Dakota. He just retired from the ND Supreme Court and is a Sr DeMolay, past EO of North Dakota and DeMolay International Grand Master, Personal Representative for our Bismarck Valley of the Scottish Rite, and a great orator.

Upon marriage, Kelli received a wedding gift of a petition and initiation fees paid for membership in Queen Esther Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Mandan, ND. She was initiated with yours truly as chaplain that following June. And the family ties continue to grow...

Lots of stories in between, but more articles yet to come...Thanks for listening.



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