



# The Masonic News



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## Installation Information

Happy installation season all! Please join us in congratulating the following officers-elect who are being installed into positions for the ensuing year. (Please note, this list only includes installations which have been announced as of the time of printing; any new installations we are made aware of will be listed on our Calendar of Events at [www.masonicnews.org](http://www.masonicnews.org))

### Lodges

Lincoln Lodge #19 (joint installation with Liberty Lodge #300)  
Jan. 11 7:00 PM  
Worshipful Master - Dick Clark  
Senior Warden - Will Folsom  
Junior Warden - Corey Spreeman  
Secretary/Treasurer - Bruce Anderson

Lancaster Lodge #54  
Jan. 28 2:00 PM  
Worshipful Master - Kory Johnson  
Senior Warden - John Millington  
Junior Warden - Matt Zier  
Secretary - Russ Reno

Bennett Lodge #94  
Closed installation at the January 2nd business meeting

East Lincoln Lodge #210  
Jan. 14 2:00 PM  
Worshipful Master - Joel Green

Northstar Lodge #227  
Jan. 3 7:30 PM  
Worshipful Master - Harry Storz

Hickman Lodge #256  
Jan. 14 2:56 PM  
Worshipful Master - Steve Busboom  
Senior Warden - Pat Gray  
Junior Warden - Anthony Canada

Cotner Lodge #297  
Jan. 13 1:00 PM  
Worshipful Master - Mark Rossignol

Liberty Lodge #300 (joint installation with Lincoln Lodge #19)  
Jan. 11 7:00 pm

College View Lodge #320  
Jan. 6 2:00 PM  
Worshipful Master - Curtis Wolbert  
Secretary - Douglas Johnson

### Chapters

Electa Chapter #8  
Jan. 20 7:00 PM  
Worthy Matron - Suzanne Stroud  
Worthy Patron - Don Frank

Myrtle Chapter #94  
Jan. 28 2:00 PM  
Worthy Matron - Laura Kilmer  
Worthy Patron - Leon Kilmer  
Secretary - Deb Kendle

Martha Washington Chapter #153  
Jan. 7 3:00 PM

Temple Chapter #271  
Jan. 20 2:00 PM  
Worthy Matron - Denise Lagueux  
Worthy Patron - Monte Dietrick

Starcraft Chapter #307  
Jan. 17 7:30 PM  
Worthy Matron - Cora Redwine  
Worthy Patron - James Banister

Capital Chapter #320  
Jan. 21 4:00 PM  
Worthy Matron - Cindee Lighthall  
Worthy Patron - Jairo Cabeles

### Youth Groups


Rainbow Assembly #6  
Dec. 5 6:45 PM  
Worthy Advisor - Morgan Chandler

Job's Daughters Bethel #5  
Jan. 7 All Day

Job's Daughters Bethel #27  
Jan. 6 3:00 PM  
Honored Queen - Shelby Chestnut

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## Myrtle Chapter #94

Jamie Janovec

Greetings Readers! I cannot believe it is December and the final month of the year. The hustle and bustle of the season is here! From the conversations of friends and family it is clear that Christmas is nearly here!

We are still collecting food items for the food bank. We are having a raffle at the end of the term with the winner receiving a blanket made by Sister Dehnia Bullerdiek, P.M.!

Know Our Members-

We had our regular November business meeting on November 14th and elected officers for the 2018 term. Worthy Matron-Elect is Laura Kilmer and Worthy Patron-Elect is Leon Kilmer. Installation for 2018 Officers is January 28th 2018.

I received positive feedback about having this as a lovely addition to the article. I will keep adding members to the article as much as I can. I am taking a break from Know Our Members for this article and will resume in the new year! Happy Holidays!

More detailed Installation report as well as the installed officers will be featured in the February edition of the Masonic News.

Star Love! Jamie



Ringing bells for the Salvation Army- On December 5th, we rang bells for the Salvation Army at the Walgreens close to the Lodge where we meet for Myrtle Chapter and had a great time taking pictures and talking about other events in Masonic Events. Even singing a carol or two.

**CORRECTION**  
 The November article incorrectly listed the winner of best costume as Deborah Foreman; this should have been listed as Deb Kendle. We apologize for the mistake!



## Northstar Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

For the Business Meeting Dinner, we had a pizza party. Normal business was discussed and conducted. The next Lodge event will be the celebration of the winter solstice by conducting a Lodge of Table Instruction or Table Lodge. It will open at 6:30 p.m. December 20th. Members are encouraged to bring a pot luck side dish to accompany Bro. Glen Durham's smoked prime rib. Table Lodge is a Tyled meeting opened in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Wine, toasts, good food and

good company will be the order of the day.

### 2018 INSTALLATION

The 2018 Installation of Officers will occur at the January Business Meeting, as WB Harry Storz said he has had his "dress up and eat cake" installation 2 terms ago. The second and third terms are not quite as exciting as the first. Also, Bro. Daniel Chesnut's daughter Shelby is being installed as Honored Queen of Bethel 27 on January 6th.

### NEW OFFICER

Another huge event is in the works for Bro. Adam English as he will be sworn in as a Police Officer for the City of Lincoln. His ceremony will be held December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cornhusker Marriott. His beat will be in South East Lincoln. "Get out of jail" cards have been requested by several of the members but I don't think Brother Adam has had them printed yet.

Till next month!

## Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt

'Tis the season to be jolly! The holidays are here and all is merry and bright.

Temple Chapter #271 had a stated business meeting Monday December 4th and decided to start the holiday season with a bread line. We had delicious choices of soups and salad; a cheddar ham was made by sister Karan Birdsall, Grand Conductress, and chicken noodle soup by sister Laurie Sieg PM. It was also National Cookie Day, so of course there were lots of cookies to

choose from.

We were blessed to have the company of members from Blue River Chapter who ate dinner with us and attended our meeting.

Lastly our conductress, sister Tiffany Westerholt, wore an elf dress with bells on it and jingled all the way through the meeting.

Worthy Matron Jean Cray talked about our upcoming Christmas gathering on December 18th at 6:30PM in

which we will have a potluck dinner and a goofy gift exchange. All are welcome to come and we would love to see you there.

Associate Matron Denise Lagueux announced her installation will be January 20th at 2pm at the Scottish Rite. Temple Chapter #271 wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to come!

## Lancaster Lodge #54

Turner Cox

The December Business meeting was a busy one; we finalized the date for two consecutive Entered Apprentice Degrees on December 15th. We also voted on two petitions one for reinstatement of membership, and one to receive the degrees of Masonry.

Back in November we voted on a program put forward by WB Kent Millington in which Lancaster 54 will sponsor a speech and debate tournament for students in Lancaster County, which will start in 2019. Be on the lookout for details in the future if you have kids in

speech and debate and would like to participate.

When I read these articles about the younger generation in Masonry or go to a meeting that concern my generation and what we need to do to help encourage them to join, the conversation always seems to be dominated (in my opinion) by older generations, who seem to think that we need to either make it easier, censor our symbols or ritual, or start making women masons. Now I may be an outlier, but I honestly don't think that any of those are the answers or should be the answers, but instead we just need to better

make ourselves present. We need to start doing more things in the community to spread visibility, much like the VFW does with the poppies, and even in our own organization the Shrine is always highly visible in the community. But what does the Blue Lodge do in Nebraska? Not much, outside of a few banners or the odd lodge handing out water on the 4th of July. Now I don't have a definitive answer, but what I can say is that fading into obscurity like we have been is not the answer, and living off of father-to-son membership is laudable, but not sustainable.

# Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

As I am writing this issue of the Masonic News for Lincoln Lodge No. 19, I am thinking about all that has happened just in the first few weeks of the month. The first Tuesday meeting was elections. Our current Sr. Warden, J.R. Bloom has moved to Las Vegas and will not be moving up to the East. Our current Jr. Warden, Will Folsom thought that the move from the South to the East was just too big of a jump, and rightly so. That left only Past Masters eligible for the position of Master next year. With that in mind our new elected officers for 2018 will be:

- Worshipful Master - WB Dick Clark
- Senior Warden - Bro. Will Folsom
- Junior Warden - Bro. Corey Spreeman
- Secretary/Treasurer - WB Bruce Anderson
- Senior Deacon - Bro. Wes Bottorf
- Junior Deacon - Bro. Beau Ballard
- Senior Steward - Bro. Eddy Rodell
- Junior Steward - Bro. Tyson McPhillips
- Tyler - Bro. Andrew LaGrone
- Chaplain - Bro. J.P. Sabby

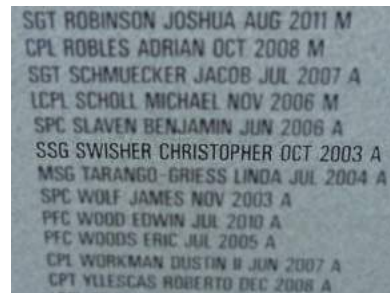
Keep your eyes and ears open for the installation date, as that will be the start of the 150th year for Lincoln Lodge No. 19 and the 100th anniversary for Liberty Lodge No. 300. What a way to start 2018!

November was the month to remember those who have served in the military. Lancaster Lodge No. 54 had a very impressive ceremony on November 10th to honor those Brothers, including B. Christopher Swisher a member of Lodge No. 19 who lost his life in Bagdad. Well done Lodge 54.



The very next day was November 11 and the city of Lincoln honored all veterans with a short ceremony and then honored all veterans who

have lost their lives since 9/11. A monument was unveiled with more than 63 names engraved in stone. The monument is set in the Veterans Garden in Antelope Park. Our Bro. Christopher Swisher has his name on that monument. He was raised a Master Mason on February 2, 2002. The Grand Lodge has a traveling lodge kit named after him, The Swisher Kit, which is available to any service members to open a lodge meeting in a foreign land.



On the 14th of November Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Liberty Lodge No. 300 gathered to celebrate a time-honored tradition of a Table Lodge. 28 brothers from those lodges, 3 Grand Lodge Officers and a traveling Brother from Texas toasted the time-honored toasts and a couple of other toasts. It was exciting to see Brothers from several lodges exchange ideas and friendships during dinner and afterwards. It was a great evening for all. We had dinner at 6:00 pm, served by Bethel No. 5 Jobs Daughters and by the end of the evening only a couple of pieces of ham and a little bit of vegetables and potatoes remained. The Brothers really cleaned up on food.

I have found out that another of our Brothers has passed to the Grand Lodge on High. Brother Donald J. Smith of Kerrville, Texas passed on October 25, 2016. Don was born on February 28th, 1933 in Pampa, Texas. He was Assistant Superintendent of Parks in Denver, Colorado, Superintendent of Parks in Lincoln, Nebraska, Director of Parks and Recreation in Lincoln, Nebraska, and President of State and National Associations on several occasions. He loved fly fishing as well as all kinds of fishing and hunting. Don was raised to a Master Mason June 29, 1971.



Bro. Richard G. Finney of Paradise, California passed to the Grand Lodge on High on March 12, 2017. He was a 50 year member, raised May 1, 1950. There were no Masonic services. Born April 22, 1924, 93 years old.

### Message from WM Elect Dick Clark

Brethren,

I am honored that you have chosen me in this month's officer elections to serve in the East in 2018. I am excited to be working with Bros. Will Folsom and Corey Spreeman and WB Bruce T. Anderson in the other elected stations, and I believe 2018 -- our lodge's 150th anniversary year -- will be yet another productive year for our lodge.

Please find above my (tentative) trestle board for the coming year. While the committee assignments may come as a surprise, I believe everyone has confirmed their willingness to participate in the officer roles described below. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me directly at (402) 915-1791 or send me an email.

We were blessed to welcome half a dozen new brothers into our lodge over the last year, and my selections for the deacon and steward positions reflect my earnest hope that these men will remain

active in our lodge. However, my decision to appoint newer, less experienced brothers to these places means that more than ever we will require the regular attendance of other, more experienced brethren as these newer brothers learn their roles in our ritual work.

While each of these officer positions is important, the basic office of every master mason is to serve his brothers in lodge by joining them for business meetings, degree work, and fellowship, subject of course to those external constraints that we describe symbolically as our "cable tow." I am asking each of you to join us as your schedule allows your presence at our lodge functions.

I trust that all of us are eager to fulfill this obligation to the craft and to each other as we enjoy our participation in the fraternity, and I thank you in advance for your participation in the coming year.

Fraternally,

Dick Clark  
Worshipful Master-Elect,  
2018  
Lincoln Lodge 19, A.F. & A.M.

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## Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueur



Last month I told you about the annual chili cook-off; how wonderful the food was, how much funding was gathered for the purple ribbon donation, and how successful the bail-n-jail was. It was a great afternoon of fun, food and fellowship among many different organizations, with the promise of a larger event next year. So what could I have forgotten? To send the pictures in with the article! I hope you enjoy them this month, and offer my apologies for not getting them to the editor last month. Many thanks to all the behind the scenes workers who made it such a success.



It seems that a common thread has ran through our meeting the last few months and it has been awesome...that commonality; food! Electa has been a major contributor in the chili cook-off, and now we were treated to a wonderful brunch prior to our last meeting thanks to a challenge issued to us during the area supervisor's visit. Area Supervisor Karan Birdsall issued an ABC challenge to us and agreed to provide Electa with a soup

meal if we completed all of the requirements of the challenge...the meal was delicious! She and her husband, Tim, also provided us with music and some history and background of Christmas songs. Thank you to both of you...you have not only won our hearts and minds, but our stomachs!

After the brunch we adjourned to the Chapter room for our December business meeting and fought to keep our eyes open from the impending food coma. WM Sharon regaled us with some Nebraska facts and told us a story of her childhood including how she obtained Ronald Reagan's autograph as a young girl. She is searching for the signature, but hasn't been able to find it yet. WP Doug was instructed to "go for it" by WM Sharon and was rendered completely speechless for a few minutes while he collected his thoughts! It is extremely rare for Doug to be caught without something profound to say, but WM Sharon has proven it can be done.

Time was allowed for Worthy Matron-elect Sue to present some of the expectations for her coming year and it sounds like Electa will continue to excel for its members in the coming year. We have new members joining us and joining in our activities and enjoying themselves. WM-elect Sue introduced

her new line officers and asked for an open installation on January 20, 2018 at 7 PM. Hopefully many of you will be able to join us and see what our Chapter is doing, and the direction we will be taking to get there. Sue promises to be an excellent leader for the coming year and will continue many of the fun initiatives that have been so successful in the last few years. She has all of the assistance she will need in the east with WP-elect Don Frank sitting beside her. Don consistently adds character and integrity to any organization he belongs to...expect nothing less in the coming



year.

In closing, WP Doug discussed the holiday season we are in and reminded us to keep the reason for the season always at the forefront of our thoughts. Enjoy the people still in our lives, remember fondly those who have passed from this mortal coil, and pray for those who need it the most. Most of all enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday and join us in January for a new beginning within our Chapter, within our Nation and within our world. God



bless you all.



## City Wide Kensington

Susie Dunn



On December 6, the City-Wide Kensington met at Stauffer's Café and Pie Shoppe for a luncheon with 19 attending. The host chapter was Myrtle Chapter #94 with Liz Sawyer serving as hostess.

Bette Cummins read the origins of many Christmas traditions, including those of the Candy Cane and Santa Clause. A Christmas Trivia Game and table favors of chocolates were also part of our celebration. The stories and history behind our Christmas traditions makes them

much more meaningful. Even more meaningful is the opportunity to greet friends and have time to catch up on each other's lives, or meet new sisters in Eastern Star. From the City-wide Kensington, "Greetings to all for a very Merry Christmas and an especially Happy New Year."

Temple Chapter will host our next gathering in March with time and place announced later.



## My Twelve Years

Todd Creason, [midnightfreemasons.org](http://midnightfreemasons.org)

I received a card in the mail yesterday from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, A. F. & A. M. I get one every year, congratulating me on my anniversary as a Master Mason. It's been twelve years.

Sometimes that seems like a long time to me, and other times it seems like a very short time. Without a doubt, the event marked a very significant change in my life. It changed the way I thought about myself. It changed the way I thought about others. It changed the way I viewed my place in the world.

Twelve years ago, when I was raised a Master Mason, I'd never published a book. I've now published six, and working on a seventh. I don't recall even knowing what a blog was, let alone write one—now I'm known as the Founder of one of the largest and most successful blogs out there on the topic of Freemasonry. Twelve years ago, I was a history enthusiast—I enjoyed reading and learning about history. You certainly wouldn't call me a researcher, or a scholar, or a Fellow. Twelve years ago I was living a very average and very routine life as a university accountant. I can't even begin to list the experiences I've had over the last 12 years that have been anything but routine. I was happy twelve years ago, but I wasn't content.

I joined because I was looking for something. Something I didn't have in my life, and something I'm not even sure I could've defined then if you'd asked me. I was looking for a deeper meaning and a greater purpose.

I joined for a lot of reasons. I was fascinated by Freemasonry from a historical perspective, and I wanted to become part of something with such a long history, and that has preserved

so much of its historic roots. I wanted to improve myself, and I knew that the tenants of Freemasonry had long helped to build men of good character. I wanted to find ways to meaningfully contribute to my community. And I've always been kind of a strange dude, and I wanted to find a place where I could feel at home. I thought I was a little odd, but the weirdos I've found and become friends with in this Fraternity make me seem almost normal—a few of them write for the Midnight Freemasons. I would just say, that the Fraternity's long tradition of attracting freethinkers is not exaggerated—our ranks are full of marvelously unique and talented individuals as it always has been. I'd say one of the most significant changes Freemasonry has made in me, is that I no longer see myself as a solo act—I'm just one part of a much larger team now.

I certainly found what I was looking for. Boy, did I find it! On December 10th, 2005, everything changed for me. It's never been the same since. My only regret is that I didn't find Freemasonry in 1995, or maybe 1985. It's easy to look around the world today and find the things that are wrong with it. What you'll find in our Fraternity are men who see the good that still remains in the world, and they work to build on those things—one man at a time. I plan to spend my anniversary as a Freemason in much the same way I do every year—my Lodge is hosting a 2nd Degree tonight. Maybe I'll see you there.



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# East Lincoln Lodge #210

# Veteran's Day Memorial

**Joel Green**

I am saddened to report that WB Bob Ellis passed on November 27, 2017 in Lincoln. In addition to being a past master for East Lincoln 210, WB Ellis helped mow the yard and served on the board of trustees for many years. He served as past worthy patron of Eastern Star #148 and was a member of the Sesostri Shrine as well. He enjoyed 54 years of marriage to Elaine Reddick before her passing in 1996, then he married Virginia Pierce in 1997. He served in the US army as a tech sergeant responsible for making invasion maps while in the Philippines during WWII. He was also a dedicated salesman for Western Paper Company for 36 years.

WB Scott Dietrick conferred a Fellow Craft Degree for Bro. Bob Phillips on Nov. 30, and SW Joel Green visited the Omaha Home for Boys and Florence Lodge 281 in Omaha. Lastly, Bro. Green and his daughter donated a 17-pound turkey to the People's City Mission.



The brethren of East Lincoln 210 have been busy ringing bells for the Salvation Army and practicing their new positions for 2018. Also,

Mark your calendars: All are welcome to join East Lincoln 210's Christmas Party to be held December 17 at 6 P.M.

**Elizabeth Benson, Electa 8**

On Friday November 10th Lancaster Lodge No 54 presented a "Tribute to American Veterans". Worshipful Master Adam Thayer served as Master of Ceremonies. WM Thayer was assisted during the ceremony by Sr. Warden Bro Matt Zier and Rev Dr. John Duling (Lincoln Lodge No 19) as Chaplain. Participating military representatives included: Cpt. Joe Huskey (Ret.); 1SG Michael Lagueux (Ret.); SFC Kory Johnson (Ret.); SGT Cody Collins (Ret.). The presentation was an emotional and moving tribute to all of our veterans. Representatives from multiple Masonic organizations attended the ceremony.



Ceremonial Wreath



Representatives from numerous Masonic organizations attended the event, including those from Grand York Rite bodies - Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery; Scottish Rite, Past Grand Masters of Grand Lodge of NE; Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters International; Social Order of the Beauceant; Knights of St. Andrew; National Sojourners Heroes of '76; Red Cross of Constantine. Veterans of various Armed Forces.



Participating and attending veterans. Front Row – Michael Lagueux and Kory Johnson Back Row – Donald Frank and Joe Huskey



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## Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby



We are so happy to welcome Sister Bethel Adams to Martha Washington #153. The Ceremony of Initiation was held on December 7 for her induction into our Order. All the officers did such a wonderful job in conveying the degrees!

Our annual Christmas party will be held on December 17 at 3 pm in the Colonial Room at the Havelock Masonic Center. Everyone is invited. Members are to bring a covered dish, a white elephant gift for games, and lots of cash for the Childrens Home in Fremont!

Also, readers, please remember our Creamed Chicken/Bunza dinner which is held the second Saturday of each month.

We serve between 4:30 and 7:00 pm. Lots of wonderful comfort food and lots of good company. Please join us.

Our incoming Worthy Matron has asked that the date of January 7 be reserved for the Open Installation of Officers for 2018. The ceremony will begin at 3 pm at the Havelock Masonic Center, 4430 N. 70th St.

We learned just last month that the oldest member of our Chapter passed away last January. The Charter was reverently draped for Bro. Egon Fagerberg who had resided in Florida for many years.

It was good to see Sis. Shellie Smith has lost the cast on her arm after surgery to repair her

thumb. However, Sis. Kelsey Larsen is sporting a leg brace until her surgery in December to repair a torn ACL. Too much Tae-kwon-do for her! We continue to have our Worthy Grand Matron in all our prayers in her continued battle with cancer.

A happy December birthday to Brothers Earl Robinett and Andy Martin. And Happy Anniversary to Sis. Glee and Brother Roger Warnke who will be celebrating their 56th anniversary the day after Christmas.

We want to wish all the Masonic News readers and all the members of our Chapter a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to see you in 2018!

## Lincoln Assembly #6

Tiffany Westerholt

Winter is here and so are the holidays! Lincoln Assembly #6 has been busy with elections, a Thanksgiving dinner and just recently an installation.

On December 5th, Worthy Adviser Morgan Chandler was

installed. The theme for her term is to: Find Your Inner Warrior and her mascot is none other than Mushu from Mulan. Her motto is to take a chance and that's what her year is going to be about. For her service projects she will work with the Brain Injury Alliance in Nebraska as well as a possible project for the Scottish Rite. Morgan experienced a brain injury several years ago and so her project is very near and dear to her heart.

Morgan has several fun activities planned for the year including a Christmas Pajama Party on December 19th at 6:45pm at the Scottish Rite. The girls will have pizza, watch a movie and exchange gifts. Everyone is welcome

songs while collecting donations.

Our next stated business meeting will be January 2nd at 6:45pm at the Scottish Rite. We'd love to see you there. Until then,

we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



## Starcraft Chapter #307

Cora Redwine

The December stated session was held on Wednesday, December 6th, at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Julie, welcomed all and opened with a Christmas story with M&M's. Worthy Patron Don, welcomed all. The appointed Grand Ruth, Roxie Hein, was introduced, escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome. Duane Heim, Grand Companion to Grand Ruth was introduced and given a hearty welcome.

The secretary read a letter that Sis. Terri Sherman has been appointed as a Grand Representative to Vermont in Nebraska. Congratulations to Sis. Terri.

The Worthy Patron invited all downstairs for refreshments. The officers retired, following the

Mizpah Benediction.

We were saddened to learn that Bro. Robert Ellis passed away. Sis Terri reported that Bro. Del Durham has been ill. Bro. Mike Birnstihl is now residing at South Lake Village. Sis. Bridget Anderson reported that she has been diagnosed with lymphodema.

Sunday, December 17th, the chapter will have their annual Christmas pot luck. We will eat at 5:30 p.m. Bring a gift of up to \$5.00 if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

Starcraft Chapter would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and that you enjoy this special time of the year with family and friends.

Next stated meeting will be Wednesday, January 3rd,

2018 at 7:30 p.m. Bro. Jim Banister and I would enjoy your presence at the installation of the 2018 Starcraft Chapter Installation of officers. Wednesday, January 17th, at 7:30 p.m.

**Happy Birthday** to our January members:

- January 1 Jerold Copley, Willa Barr
- January 11 Caroline Tuel
- January 15 Mary Diane Stout
- January 21 LuEtta Anderson
- January 25 Alma Wilson
- January 27 Art Atkinson
- January 28 Larry Shafer
- January 29 Patricia Gormley



to join!

To honor those not as fortunate as we are, Lincoln Assembly #6 partnered with the Salvation Army and rang bells at Russ's Market on December 9th. The girls decided to sing Christmas

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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.

### SHRINE

Starting in 2000 with Sesostris Shrine in Lincoln, I enjoyed playing drums with Shrine Units in parades, circuses, dances, banquets, competitions, MSA, as well as meeting new Brothers and helping the kids. "Hey, we need a drummer for our Sesostris Scimitar Foot Patrol, you should help us out," is about how the conversation went for my petition to the Shrine. Before moving from Lincoln, I played the snare drum for the unit plus occasionally playing in the band. I really miss playing some good polka.

After moving to the Twin Cities in Minnesota, Zuhrah Shrine Drum Corps became my home Unit. I'm still a proud Social Member. Great memories were had at parades, MSA competition, German restaurant dinners, rehearsals, and mentoring the drumline while playing the triple drums and then snare.

In North Dakota, I'm a member of a couple of El Zagal Shrine units: Frontiersmen in Dickinson, and Oilers in Bismarck. The Oilers has subgroups within the Unit for parading like a clown, barstool carts, a truck with a oil barracks, and Fez & Thistle. Fez & Thistle is our bagpipes and drums band with highland gear and all. We are planning our second annual Robert Burn's Night and Wild Game Feed in late January coming up.

Both of my El Zagal units are fun, passionate about helping the kids, really involved in parades and activities, and staples in each areas' Shrine Circus management meetings (Badland Shrine Club for the Dickinson/Belfield/Killdeer area in southwest North Dakota, and Missouri Slope Shrine Club in Mandan/Bismarck/Hazen/Washburn/New Salem areas in south central North Dakota).

Honestly, I do have a fez for El Zagal, but I do not want to have multiple ones, so I'm hesitant to put one Unit name on it. So my goal is to establish a new Shrine Club in El Zagal called El Zagal DeMolay Club for the purpose of promotion, fundraising, and support of our Masonic Youth as well as promote the Hospitals.

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