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## Bethel #5

#### **Ashley Priest, Correspondent**



Bethel 5 had a great Grand Session in York, Nebraska on June 13 - 17. Here we are at Fun Night. Associate Bethel Guardian Greg, and Associate Grand Guardian Dustin, take on the girls of Bethel 5 in a tug of war.



The girls posed on the porch of the beautiful old house that sits on the property of the Wessel Family History Farm where Fun Night took place.

Eight girls from Bethel 5 and eight girls from Bethel 27 joined together this year for the Team Ritual competition and came home with 3rd place. How awesome is that!



The two Bethels just before entering the room for their competition.

Bethel 5 came home with a total of 24 awards!

Ritual Awards:

3rd Place: Team Competition1st Place: Circle of Five1st Place: 3rd Messenger Intermediate Division: Katrina

Kendle. Also on the Supreme Messenger Team
3rd Place: 4th Messenger Senior Division: Belle Kendle
3rd Place: 2nd Messenger Intermediate Division: Grace
Leuschen

2nd Place: Obligation Division A: Anna Nielsen 2nd Place: Obligation Division C: Faith Pracht 1st Place: Men's 4th Messenger: Greg Prososki

Music Awards:

1st Place: Small Ensemble

1st Place: Individual Voice Division 3: Belle Kendle 3rd Place: Individual Voice Division 2: Katrina Kendle 2nd Place: Intermediate Instrumental: Gwen Leuschen 3rd Place: Intermediate Instrumental: Katrina Kendle

Librarian's Competition: Essay: Grace Leuschen

Arts and Crafts:

1st Place: Chalk Drawing: Gwen Leuschen 1st Place: Lawn Ornament: Jeanne Bonnett 1st Place: Painting: Jeanne Bonnett

1st Place: Flower arrangement: Jeanne Bonnett 1st Place: Sewing/Octopus: Jeanne Bonnett 1st Place: Jewelry: Jeanne Bonnett 3rd Place: Centerpiece In A Box: Bethel 5

Honored Queen's Exemplary Leadership Award: Grace Leuschen and Katrina Kendle

Bethel 5 received a Bethel Award of Distinction

Katrina Kendle was installed as Grand Bethel 2nd Messenger. Cora Redwine was installed as Vice Grand Guardian and Greg Prososki was installed as Vice Associate Grand Guardian.

The girls had a lot of fun this year and are already talking about Grand Session in 2018.



June 24th was the installation of the new Honored Queen and officers of Bethel 5. Not pictured, Belle, Anna and Anndrea. They will be installed at our first meeting in September.

## Upcoming Events:

July 12th, 6:30 PM - Council Meeting at the Eatery Aug 5th, 9:30 - 2:00 - Hot Dog Sale - 27th & Cornhusker Super Saver

Sept 2nd, 9:30 - 2:00 Hot Dog Sale - Fallbrook Super Saver Sept 9th, 9:00 AM - Practice / Bethel Meeting Sept 10th, 1:30 PM - Grand Family Visitation with Bethel 63 Sept. 23rd /24th - Masonic Youth Conference - Kearney

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# **Electa Chapter 8**

#### Mike Lagueux, Correspondent

When do we grow old? At what point do we magically cease to be all we are capable of being? Is it a physical phenomenon, or something about a special age, or even a mental state we assume? It could be all of these things...or none of them. More to the question, what does any of this have to do with our Star Chapter, or even Masonry in general?

I don't think there is any single instance that somehow daughter's delivery of a new makes us unable to be productive in our society or keeps us from impacting the lives of those around us. How we touch the lives of others depends greatly on our outlook on the world we live in. That, my friends, is what is of the organization she loves, so unique about the people associated with Masonry.

In any organization there is approximately 90% of our membership who reaches out to others and impacts their lives in a very positive way. One of our members, PM Denise Lagueux, is part of that 90%; so is WM Sharon Yockers, and WP Doug Johnson, PP Don Frank, and...well, you get the idea.



This month PM Denise filled in for Brother John Duling, a Presbyterian Minister in Beatrice, Nebraska when he and his wife, Sister Cathy went to the East Coast to visit friends and relatives. A welldeserved break for John and Cathy yielded an opportunity for Denise to further her new calling in Lay Ministry. She also was a part of the

Ellen Wilde, and officiated at the interment for Brother Jim Franson. She provided exactly what these people needed; at the time they needed reassurance that those around them would have a human touch. embrace, or kind word.

Worthy Matron Sharon traveled to her daughter's side to provide a mother's reassurance during her grandchild. Some things don't be contained and not shared. require much...a word of encouragement, a touch, or just a loving presence. During this stressful time WM Sharon returned to Lincoln to perform her job as the leader Electa Chapter #8.

Almost a year ago Worthy Patron Doug made a promise to a man to carry on for him when he could not. That man Doug is standing in for was PP Jim Franson. Jim knew he had a terminal disease, and went to the man he knew in his heart would support and carry on in his stead when the worst happened. Doug will not tell you about the good things he does...he sees no reason to. Be assured though he is one of those 90% who make up Electa and Masonry. He doesn't see what he does as especially valiant, but it relieves the lives of others. A man of unquestionable integrity, PP Don Frank, never asks for anything for himself and is always available for others. He is currently helping his entire family through some difficult times, and with the help of his immediate family (and hopefully his Star family), will persevere in whatever the future holds. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

But what does any of this have to do with us getting old? The best answer I can come up with is that we rely on our brothers and sisters wherever they may be in our lives...that 90%, to keep us

Eastern Star funeral for Sister young, alive and engaged in this business we call life. Even those who have passed through the Veil which separates us in life and death leave us with lessons on how to conduct our lives.

> Having said that, I am deeply saddened to report the death of Sister Ellen Wilde. I won't go into her entire life, but it is safe to say she touched all those around her. Having lived 93 years she saw so much to marvel at it could not She saw life as something to be experienced and shared with others, especially her family. Her talents for producing beautiful works of art out of yarn were legendary and she shared her knowledge freely.

I also attended the interment of PP Jim Franson and can now tell you exactly what the term "flabbergasted" must truly equate to. Jim was a friend of mine. He was big, serious when he needed to be, and had a heart the size of Texas. Jim's passion in Masonry was "doing it right" or giving it his best, every time. Getting back to the "flabbergasted" part...When I first came into Masonry I was introduced to a man named Frank Franson, Jim's father. I will never forget his voice, how big a man he was, and what a wonderful heart he had. Years later I got to know

his son, Jim, when he joined Lancaster Lodge #54. Jim and I didn't hit it off right away because he was much like his dad, a little gruff and straight to the point, but I could not get over the resemblance Jim and his dad shared. When we said our farewells to Jim recently I noticed a man who looked VERY much like Jim...same size, same stature, same face...and then he spoke to me and it was like traveling through 40 years of time. I couldn't immediately speak and Adam, Jim's son, noticed immediately. He has grown from the boy I knew to a man I feel I know from my association with his father and Grandfather. He's retired now having spent 40 years with the railroad, like his father.

What does all this have to do with getting old though? Nothing...except how we live our lives, and whether we are a part of that 90% who live to positively impact the lives of others we encounter. I guess we have choices to make that determine what we become. Do we need another pretty ribbon or brass badge to validate our lives, or do we just need to help others in their times of

need to complete our lives.

No one needs to know

what we have done for others. sometimes even those we do something for. But we should

do it. Do our good deeds (90%) really follow us...or is another trinket (10%) what we need to make us feel/show how important we think we are? Doing good is difficult – do good anyway, helping others is hard help anyway, showing compassion may expose you to ridicule - be compassionate.

May God Bless and Keep you in His loving embrace.

#### Electa Kensington Susie Dunn

Nine members of Electa Kensington met on July 6 at the Eatery for our monthly meeting. As always, we enjoyed good food and the time to visit. We were glad to see some new faces and hope these Sisters will be able to come again soon.

We also made plans for a service project and will finalize the details at our August 3rd meeting which will be at the Eatery at noon. We also made plans to meet at the Temple for our September 7 meeting. This will be a "brown-bag" lunch and we will work on our service project.

Electa Kensington is also looking forward to hosting the upcoming City-Wide Kensington on September 21 at the Eatery, 2548 South 48th Street at noon. We hope to see many of our Star Sisters in attendance and hope to fill the luncheon room with at least 20 Sisters. Members will be contacted prior to our August 3 meeting.



# Lincoln Lodge #19

#### **Bruce Anderson, Correspondent**



Lincoln Lodge No. 19 has been busy doing degree work during June. We started the month by conferring the Entered Apprentice on Mr. Beau Jeffers. The work was done well and we have another brother starting his My favorite part of camp journey to be a Master Mason. Two weeks later we conferred the Master Mason Degree on two of our "Lawyers" group. Brothers Eddy Rodell and Wesley Bottorf are now Master Masons in Lodge 19. Each degree was conferred in full form.

The lodge team that conferred the Master Mason Degree on Brothers Eddy Rodell and Wesley Bottorf is shown above. These two Brothers are in the center of the group.

We were pleased to see WB Paul Kenyon take part in the Second section and gave the 3rd Lecture. Brother Paul is a very busy brother and travels all over the world not only for himself but also for his company. Brother Paul was also just installed as the Grand Associate Guardian for the Nebraska International Order of Jobs Daughters. He will be one busy Brother during this coming year. Congratulations Paul.

July should be a busy month as we have several Brothers that are progressing towards becoming Master Masons in Lodge 19.

I received this letter from the Grand Lodge. This is from the student that Lincoln Lodge 19 sponsored to the Masonic All-Star Marching Band.

Your generosity allowed me to learn the following at camp this year:

I learned how to bond with people I have never met! I learned how to memorize music in less than a day!

was:

Meeting new friends, marching and doing the one thing I love. (Playing the trumpet)

The experience gave me the opportunity to: Play my trumpet more than I ever have before!

Kaylny - Lincoln East High School

If you have not sponsored a student before you have missed out on a great opportunity to do community service and enrich a students life.

As for the social side of things we really do not anything planned for July. I thought you might want to test your knowledge on the following questions. I will print the answers in the next issue of the News.

- 1. How many movable jewels are there?
- 2. What are the immoveable 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? Some of these are easy and some will take some thinking. Good luck.

# College View Lodge #320

**Tom Anderson, Correspondent** 

Greetings from College View Lodge! There has not been much going on at College View this past month. We received 2 very nice "thank you" letters from Cyndi Wolbert (PHQ Bethel 63, Grand Bethel Sr Princess, and daughter of WB Curt Wolbert) and from Andrew Peterson for the Marching Band scholarships that College View provided. I think that this was Andrew's first time participating, but it was Cyndi's second time to play in the All Star Masonic Band. College View was glad to help these two young musicians participate in this wonderful opportunity to play in the band.

College View is planning on doing a fundraising event at the Super Saver on Pine Lake Road selling

hot dogs or polish sausages with chips and a drink. Our tentative date is

August 26 from 10am to 2pm. There will be announcements on our Facebook page confirming the event. We hope you all

come over for lunch!

At our July business meeting, we were honored by a visit from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Master Rick Myers. He came over early and joined us for a sloppy joe supper before the meeting.

He was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. He visited with us about his upcoming events including the **Second Section** Ritual Competition and individual Ruffian

competition. He brought his cane which is First Prize for the individual Ruffian competition winner. Good luck to all of the contestants!

Our next business meeting is Wednesday, August 2, 2017. We open at 7:30 but we're planning on a meal before about 6:30. Come over and join us for some food and fellowship. Again, check our FB page for more details. See ya'll at Lodge!



# **Martha Washington Chapter 153**

#### **Betty Kirby, Correspondent**

Martha Washington met on July 6 at 7:30 p.m. This is an open invitation to anyone who has their first Thursday evening of the month free to come and visit us. We love to have visitors! We also want to remind everyone to come on the second Saturday of the month at 4:30 for the best all-you-can-eat Fish Fry in town. We only will have August and September left for these fabulous meals.

Congratulations are in order for Sister Jeanne Krenk who is a new grandmother to Alexander James, born on July 6, to Brother J.R. Krenk and his wife Lindsey. A wedding is in next year's future for

Bro. Mike and Sis. Maxine Buchardt's granddaughter. An interesting side note is that these two met at the dog park when their two Australian Shepherds became friends before they met! Sister Sue and Brother Mark Heilman's had the opportunity to spend some quality time with their nephew and his new wife at his wedding in June.

Sister Liz Wilhite's charge, Tyson, has been hospitalized with a sinus infection. If you see Sis. Barb Smith, ask her about the effects of severe dehydration.... she wants to remind everyone to drink lots of water during the next few months.

**Brother Troy Tuhey is** recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.

The Worthy Matron reminded members to bring a case of bottled water to the next meeting to donate to the Food Bank to ease their critical need of water in these hot months. We also voted to donate funds to the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation for the EZ-lift

Hope all our members have a fantastic summer! And we hope to see you soon at our meetings!



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# **Myrtle Chapter 94**

#### Jamie Janouvec, Correspondent



Happy July from Myrtle Chapter! It has been so busy with both Grands I haven't had time to post the June article! But no worries this article be chock full of good updates and events from Myrtle Chapter!

#### The Scoop

As you know we installed 3 new members and most of chapter was involved in some capacity with Grand Bethel in June! It was a busy week, but many of the Girls won in multiple competitions and even the adults took home some awards as well. One of our Myrtle members, Dehnia Bullerdiek, PM received Bethel Guardian of the year!

## **Know Our Members!**

Good news! I am almost caught up! Here are some more bios of our Myrtle Members!

Allen Plucknett knows his Eastern Star work extremely well! He has served as Worthy Patron five times, the first in 1979 with Elizabeth "Liz" Sawyer. That was an interesting year because we were dancing around with pails and buckets in the lodge room and the East all year due to a leaky roof! He was initiated March 26, 1974 and is a 43 year member. Allen is also active in North Star Lodge #227 as Treasurer and is a member of the Sesostris Shrine and former member of York Rite. He was born and raised in DeWitt, NE and was married to Helen, PM for 57 years. They had one daughter, three sons (two of which are twins), seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Collecting antiques, going

to auctions and garage sales, fishing and attending University of Nebraska Athletic events are his hobbies.

Norma Spicka has served as Star Points Adah and Ruth, and held office as Marshal. She is a 54-Year member who was initiated April 28th 1963. Norma grew up in Pleasant Dale, NE. She has a daughter, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Being able to attend Grand Chapter in Hastings, NE was a special highlight of her years as an Eastern member!

Virginia Becker grew up in North Platte, NE and has recently moved from California to Sutherland, NE. Virginia is a 62 year member and was initiated into Myrtle Chapter May 24, 1955. Her late husband it look like the clothes we William was a Mason. She mentioned Carl Greisen as family. Her daughter indicated that Virginia loved to read and taught English to a lot of immigrants that she met Los Angeles. She also worked as a Primary School teacher.

## **Current Events**

We had our Charter Day dinner on June 27th at North Star Lodge! Phyllis Foreman provided dinner, and we had entertainment with showtime music by the talented Judy Anderson and Julie Felzien. We also presented a scholarship to Armon Azimi, which was accompanied by a lovely poem read by Worthy Matron Jeanne Bonnett. Linda Livingston received her 50 year pin. She was pinned by Sister Connie Weir, PM.

Our most recent event occurred on July 8th, 2017; we had our Super Saver Fundraiser at 27th and Pine Lake, and we raised \$120 and had multiple members come out and volunteer! It was fun to talk to people in the community and promote the Eastern Star name!

# Lancaster Lodge #54

**Turner Cox, Junior Deacon** 

This is a time of year every American knows because of a series of events that happened 241 years ago involving some our most high profile brothers. July is a time of year in which we celebrate our freedoms, celebrations that for some start on the 30th and culminate on the 4th. As for myself I wonder what is freedom exactly, what does it look like, what does it sound, feel, taste and smell like. Does it sound like the Worshipful Master as he wraps up the Lodge? Does it taste like the great abundance of food we have to choose from in our everyday lives? Does it smell like the black powder and sulfur in the air after all the fireworks on the 4th? Does it feel like taking pen to paper to write these words that I am so freely telling you? Or does are able to wear to express decided to throw our ourselves the way we want? Well in reality I think it is all these things and so much more. Because freedom in America means so many different things to so many different people. When I asked some of my

co-workers what they thought, one said that he thought it was rather asking for forgiveness than permission, not unlike a child who lives under the watchful eyes of their parents. Another said he thought of the ruckus debate that is all so common on the nightly news with the anchors expressing their freedom of speech to the other parties dismay or pleasure. When I asked our manager what she thought, she said she thought of all the brave men and women who volunteer their lives in defense of our freedoms which are afforded to us by this great country. So as

On July the 7th, Lancaster 54 held their regular business meeting. We names in the hat for the upcoming 2nd section Masters Degree competition, so be on the look out for many practices in the upcoming weeks. WB David Bloomquist also presented a hat with the

you read this I'd like to ask

you what exactly does

freedom mean to you?

team colours and the number 54 of the baseball team he coaches to the Lodge and WM Adam Thayer for the lodges generous donation to the team earlier in the year; that money helped buy equipment for the team and also helped the kids compete in more games and ultimately come in 6th in a state wide tournament, so on behalf of myself and all the members of Lancaster 54 I'd like to congratulate all the kids on the Dominators team that David and all the other dedicated parents

After the business meeting, a few members of the lodge met downstairs in the library for a few games of pitch which will be a regular occurrence to help spread brotherly love and friendship, so be sure to stay for a bit and join in the games or just to visit for a while. During this time, many laughs and stories were shared in the hours that followed during the games that night in a relaxed atmosphere.

coached.

# **Lincoln Chapter 3**

#### **Caid Bleess Correspondent**



What crazy weather we had June 28th that allowed the DeMolay Lincoln chapter to be able to hold a snowball fight. Even if the snowballs were just socks, it didn't stop the DeMolay boys and the Jobie girls from throwing them at each other. The

successful as a fun event as it was a community service project. At the end of the night the event was able to donate around 200 pairs of socks to the city mission. Most of the Lincoln chapter boys are excited to go to their first

conclave, and a few are happy to go back again. Lincoln chapter is holding and installation of officers on August 27th at 2:00pm.





# East Lincoln Lodge #210

#### Joel Green, Senior Warden





East Lincoln 210's Quasquicentennial celebration held on June 17 could not have gone better!

Expected attendance was far surpassed as a Prince Hall Mason and visitors from as far as Oklahoma came to enjoy the lodge's 125th Anniversary. What a pleasure it was to have Most Worshipful Grand Master Rick Myers and his Lady Marsha present with us. SW Joel Green, and at times, his five-year old Brooklyn served as MCs for the event. WB Scott Dietrick prepared an incredible meal of steak, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, bread, and desert, which was elegantly served by the members of Bethel 27. Bro. Green's 80-slide photo presentation of past and present looped while WB Monte Dietrick presented a summarized

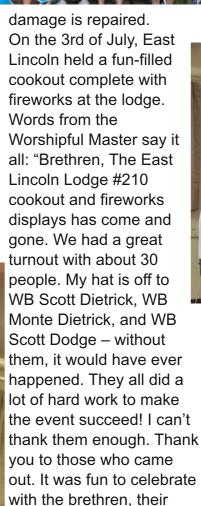
history of the lodge, WM LeRoy Rosenthal presented his two sons with perpetual memberships memorable

fashion,

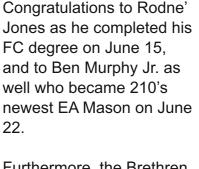
WB Scott Dodge spoke about the Lodge's updated history book, brethren shared memories via the open microphone, WB Tom

Michaelson gave a heart-felt toast, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Myers provided entertaining words as

always! MWGM Myers also presented WM Rosenthal, SW Green, and WB Michaelson with beautiful pins and coins. A huge thanks goes to all who attended the event and to those who helped make the banquet such a success.



families, and friends!"

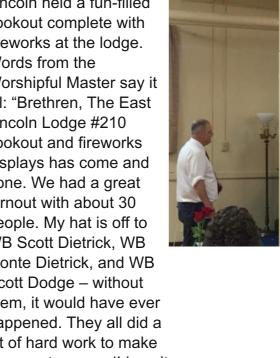


Furthermore, the Brethren of 210 held successful fundraisers at the Pine Lake and Fallbrook Super Savers recently. These hotdog sales really help the lodge raise money for their 210 Foundation. Unfortunately, on Sunday, June 18th, at approximately 10:00 a.m. an automobile on the east side of the building struck the East Lincoln 210. The accident damaged the window located in the dining hall near the pop machine. Bro. Scott Dietrick is dutifully leading the building committee's process in ensuring the



#### **Upcoming Events**

Ice Cream Social Sun July 30 at 3:00 Past Masters' Night Sat Aug 26 at 6:00 Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser Sept 7 at 5:00









# North Star Lodge #227

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Allen Plucknett provided the dinner for the July 5th business meeting, serving fried chicken and potato salad. Business was mostly normal, however we did update some language in the Lodge By Laws to put us into compliance with our present practices and also passed a bylaw stating that repair it, but who knows "such member that has attained 60 years of

dues and per-capita tax remitted by the Lodge."

The trustees brought to our us closer to meeting attention the fact that the chair lift was installed almost 30 years ago, and replacement parts are no longer available. It failed while being used last month. Fortunately WB Evan Haydon was able to how long it will last. To that end, we will be membership shall have his seeking bids to replace it.

#### **Bob Tooker, Correspondent**

Along with the chair lift, we have some wiring issues we need to correct to bring current building codes. To that end, we are announcing a fund raising drive with a modest goal of \$25,000.00. We will accept any amount and rest assured that 100% of the money donated will go directly to the building fund and not to a pension fund or other unauthorized uses.

#### **OLD COWBOY**

An old cowboy walks into a barbershop in Red Lodge, Montana for a shave and a haircut. He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread the wrinkles on the skin. When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber

that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed the little ball. The barber replied, just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does.

## **Starcraft Chapter 307**

#### Cora Redwine, Correspondent

The July stated session was held on Wednesday, July 5th, at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Julie welcomed all and opened with some July 4th trivia. Worthy Patron Don welcomed all.

Grand Visitation will be Friday, July 14th at 1635 L Street. Dress attire for the evening is business casual with an emphasis on red, white and blue.

The Charter was draped in memory of Sis. Barbara Aden, Worthy Grand Matron, 1981 – 1982. Sis. Ruth Beach reported that Bro. Jim Banister had minor surgery and was able to be with us at the meeting. No other illnesses to report on. Bro. Dennis Brydl attended the 90th birthday celebration for Bro. Frank Mook and reported that there were a lot of guests.

Bro. Ralph Beach and Sis. Ruth Beach have moved to the Legacy Estates. Worthy Matron, Julie, thanked Sis. Jamie Janovec for filling in as Conductress for Sis. Terri Sherman.

The Worthy Matron closed with a 4th of July poem. The Worthy Patron closed with a continuation of "you know you're old when . . . "

He invited all downstairs for refreshments, provided by Sis. Nita Babcock.

Next stated meeting will be Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to our August members:

August 3 Glee Warnke August 4 Marilyn Bell August 5 Kay Trqaudt August 9 Don Pritchett August 11 Terri Rittenburg

August 17 Hawthorne August 22

**Thomas** 

Maurice

Michaelson August 29

Ralph Beach

# Temple Chapter 271

#### **Cindy Kehling, Associate Conductress**

Worthy Matron Jean Crary is still sharing Nebraska facts with us at most monthly meetings. We learned that Sarah Joslyn, in honor of her husband, founded the Joslyn Art Museum at her home. Edward Creighton, a prominent pioneer businessman in Omaha, surveyed the route of the Transcontinental Telegraph pin by Worthy Matron line from Omaha to Sacramento, CA, was one by Carolyn Plants (right).

of the founders of the Omaha and Northwestern Railroad, and later founded Creighton University. It is quite enjoyable to learn these fun facts about your own State that you may not have known. May was a memorable meeting for the Chapter as Nadine Bishop (center) was presented with her 50 year Crary (left) and escorted

The Chapter will resume their fund-raising noodle making this year with a new mixer and stand as the old mixer in the Temple decided to retire permanently. Chapter members are looking forward to the Grand Chapter dinner scheduled for July 14th at Electa Chapter. At the July 3rd meeting, the Charter was draped in memory of Barbara Aden, Past

Worthy Grand Matron from 1981-82.



# National Sojourners Chapter 52

#### Mike Lagueux, Correspondent



National Sojourners Chapter 52 was officially Chartered (or re-Chartered) on July 13th 2017. The meeting at the Cornhusker Hotel saw newly elected President Ed Raper receive the Charter from First Vice President (National) Ed Nolte and open Lincoln Chapter 52 for the first time since 1949 when it closed after WW2.

The business of the night consisted of election and installation of Officers to begin the process of managing the newly formed Chapter, inducting two new members, and beginning the process of setting the new organization on a steady path.

Lincoln Chapter 52, National Sojourners meets at the Cornhusker Hotel on the second Thursday of

each month and welcomes all Master Masons in good standing who have been **Honorably Discharged** from the Military, or are still Serving. Please visit us and see what we are all about...Duty, Honor, Country.



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476-3453

Lancaster Lodge 54 1635 L St. 68508

476-3453 Adam Thayer, W.M. 314-6310 333 S. 44th St. 68510 Russ Reno, Sec. 420-1270 4710 Larkwood Rd 68516 1st Fri. Reg. Communication 7:00 p.m.

Bennett Lodge 94

4641 Cooper Ave. 68506 Rick E. Harris, W.M. Douglas B. Johnson, Sec. 421-7006 4600 Birch Hollow Dr. 68516-5107 1st Tues. Reg. Communication 7:30 p.m.

East Lincoln Lodge 210

476-2412 2700 S St. 68503 Leroy Rosenthal, W.M. Thomas Michaelson, Sec., 423-1984 901 Starview Lane 68512 1st Thur. Reg. Communication 7:30 p.m.

North Star Lodge 227

2610 N. 48th St. 68504 466-2236 David Sierks, W.M. 488-8198 Steve Wetzel, Sec. 1518 Skyline Drive 68506 1st Wed. Reg. Communication 7:30 p.m.

George Washington Lodge 250

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Hickman Lodge 256

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Fri. Aug 18 - Sat. Aug 19: Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Summer Reunion

Fri. Aug 26 - Sat. Aug 27: Grand Lodge of Nebraska CHIP Event, Nebraska State Fair

# **Travels From The North (Dakota)**

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.

#### **BLUE LODGE**

My Masonic Lodge journey came from a Brother DeMolay of Dr Frederick Eiche Chapter's father, after my majority from DeMolay active membership. I was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in North Star Lodge North Dakota, and there No. 227 in Lincoln in the year 1999. In 2000, I began up the chairs of the Lodge in the Junior Deacon position. As Senior Deacon in 2001, I literally "lead my dad into Masonry," which was the talk of Nebraska Grand Lodge that year.

In 2002, I had just graduated college at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in December, 2001, and knew I would be moving to Minnesota for my first career job that year. However, I'm proud to say that I'm a "past Junior Warden" in 2002 even though I moved in

Tyler T. Hall



May.

I first moved to Elk River where there was a Masonic Lodge at the corner. Sherburne Lodge #95 had great Brothers among whom were a few Senior DeMolay and former DeMolay Advisors.

2011 was the year I moved to western North Dakota, and the rest of the story begins:

I first moved to Dickinson. was a Lodge in Killdeer, ND, (Killdeer Lodge #112) where I gained dual membership with. Then, I gained plural membership with Dickinson Lodge #32 (the first chartered Lodge of North Dakota as a statehood instead of the Dakotas Territory or other state charters). Lastly, I gained plural membership with Mandan Lodge #8 in Mandan, ND.

I currently retained my dual membership in North Dakota with Mandan Lodge #8, and in 2015, about May (that's the lucky 13 years to the month after leaving my Nebraska's

Lodge Junior Warden vacant in Lincoln), the sitting Junior Warden decided for health reasons to step down. I was voted in just a month before the 126th Grand Lodge of North Dakota Annual Communication.

The Lodge continues to have faith in me. I suppose, as they voted me in as Senior Warden in 2016, and currently I am the Worshipful Master of Mandan Masonic Lodge

With the Mandan area protests of the pipeline and a lot of our members and officers in Mandan Lodge are law enforcement, I was gratefully surprised and touched that all my officers were present for the open Installation of Officers at Mandan Lodge on Sunday, January 8, 2017, by our Grand Master of Masons in North Dakota. That will be in my memory books forever...

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



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