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## Masonic News Board of Directors

**Mark Poston, President**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MASONIC NEWS

As many of you know, we are instituting some staffing changes with respect to the Masonic News Publication. We are pleased to welcome Adam Thayer as the new Editor of the Masonic News. Adam is excited and ready to take on the challenge of publishing a newspaper for our Masonic Family that will showcase a variety of events and philanthropic endeavors of interest to our Lodges, Chapters and Masonic Youth bodies. Adam cannot do this task alone; it will be up to each and every one of our correspondents to send your articles and photos to our Editor by the 10th of each month so that they can be included in the next publication.

I want to personally thank those of you who have expressed your support and dedication to this publication at a time of great change for us.

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce to you our new Business Manager, Amy Fisher. Amy has an extensive background in Business/Publications Management through her work with the Lincoln Journal-Star, Lincoln Public Schools and the University of Nebraska. Amy is a graduate of Lincoln High School and has an advanced degree in Business Administration and Business Law. Please join me in welcoming Amy to the Masonic News Team!

In closing, I want to thank Bette Cummins, our retiring Business Manager, for her years of dedication to the Masonic News Board. Bette has done an admirable job to complete all of the many tasks and duties that go with managing the everyday business of this Board. She has done this professionally, efficiently and with great responsibility. Thank you, Bette, for your service! I also want to thank Deb Kendle, Editor Pro-Tem of the Masonic News, for all of her hard work and dedication when she stepped in to keep our Masonic News publication moving forward. We appreciate your service to the Masonic News Board and wish you well with your future plans.

It is my privilege to serve as President of the Masonic News Board. If you ever have concerns or suggestions in how we can improve our publication, please contact me at [jmhuskers@aol.com](mailto:jmhuskers@aol.com) or by calling 402-540-7270.



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## George Washington Lodge 250

**Mark Poston, Correspondent**



### INSTALLATION

The 2017 Officers of Geo. Washington Lodge #250 were installed on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The following Brethren will lead the Lodge this year:  
Worshipful Master..... W. B. Eric Bachenberg  
Senior Warden..... W. B. John Kirby  
Junior Warden..... W. B. Dan Brunsen  
Secretary/Treasurer..... W. B. Mark Poston  
Chaplain..... Bro. Roger Warnke  
Senior Deacon..... W. B. Andy Martin  
Junior Deacon..... W. B. George Wright  
Tyler..... W. B. Don Eisenbarth

A special thank you goes out to WB Scott Dodge who served as Installing Master for the afternoon and to WB Dennis Brydl who served as Installing Marshal and Installing Chaplain. Several visitors from Martha Washington Chapter #153 were present including the 2017 Worthy Matron Sue Bell-Heilman. We enjoyed seeing members of Geo. Washington Lodge on the side-lines and appreciated their support.

We wish all of our Brethren a successful year as we continue the traditions of Geo. Washington Lodge #250.

### 2017 TEMPLE BOARD MEMBERS

Congratulations to W. B. Dan Brunsen, W. B. John Kirby, W. B. Don Eisenbarth and Bro. Keith Chambers who will serve as representatives from Geo. Washington Lodge #250 on the Masonic Temple Board of Havelock, Inc. for the coming year.

W. B. Dan Brunsen was elected President of the Board, W. B. Andy Martin was elected Vice-President and W. B. John Kirby was elected as Treasurer. The Temple Board is responsible for maintaining the building and grounds of our Masonic Center. They work together with Martha Washington Chapter #153 to have a dinner on the second Saturday of each month that is open to the public. These dinners include Creamed Chicken/Bunzas from October through April and our infamous Fish Fries from May until September. Not only do these fundraisers help to defray the costs of keeping our building and grounds in good order but they offer a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship between the Lodge and Star Chapter!

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Tuesday, Nov. 28  
7:00 PM  
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## College View Lodge 320

### Tom Anderson, Correspondent



College View was honored to have RWB Robert W Moniger, Grand Junior Warden (now Grand Senior Warden). Lincoln Chapter De Molay and Job's Daughters Bethel 27 & 63 were also represented. WM Tom explained that the Bible that was on the guest book table was presented to his Father-in-Law Bro Kurt O Jordan when he received his Masonic Degrees from Yokosuka Lodge #20 F&AM in Yokosuka Japan while serving in the US Navy.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On Sunday January 8th, the 2017 officers were installed. WB Doug Johnson opened lodge and presided prior to the installation ceremony. WB Doug gave us a recap of his year and noted College View's many accomplishments under his direction. It has been a very successful year and we are proud of his leadership. The Ceremony of Installation was conducted by the Installing Officer and his team as follows:

Installing Officer.... Right Worshipful Brother Bruce A Watkins  
Installing Marshal.... Worshipful Brother James B Michaelson  
Installing Chaplain..... Worshipful Brother Harry A Storz  
Installing Secretary..... Worshipful Brother Steven L Flader  
Installing Musician..... Nancy Flader (Director of Music, Bethel 27)

The 2017 Officers are:

Worshipful Master..... WB Thomas O Anderson  
Senior Warden..... WB Curtis E Wolbert  
Junior Warden..... Bro Robert C Berry  
Treasurer..... WB Byron Van Patten  
Secretary..... WB Douglas B Johnson  
Chaplain..... WB Gerald (Gary) E Kassebaum  
Senior Deacon..... Bro Aaron J Bruner  
Junior Deacon..... Bro Kevin Edelmaier  
Senior Steward..... Bro Scott A Gossett  
Junior Steward..... Bro Scott Buck, Jr.  
Marshal..... WB David W Caudy  
Tyler..... WB Paul J Hadley



WB Tom outlined his plan for the year and presented WB Doug Johnson with his Past Masters card.

Honored Queen Tori Flader presented WB Tom a plaque, a card, chocolate (of course) and his very own "crown" on behalf of Bethel 27. WB Tom is Associate Guardian of Bethel 27.



Bethel 27 performed The Living Cross ceremony at closing. A reception followed in the Forest Brown Fellowship Hall.

### Grand Lodge

WB Doug Johnson and WB Tom Anderson attended the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in Kearney on Feb 2-4. It was wonderful to see brothers from across Nebraska and distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions and other Masonic organizations. We cast our ballots in accordance with the wishes of the College View Membership.

### Sickness

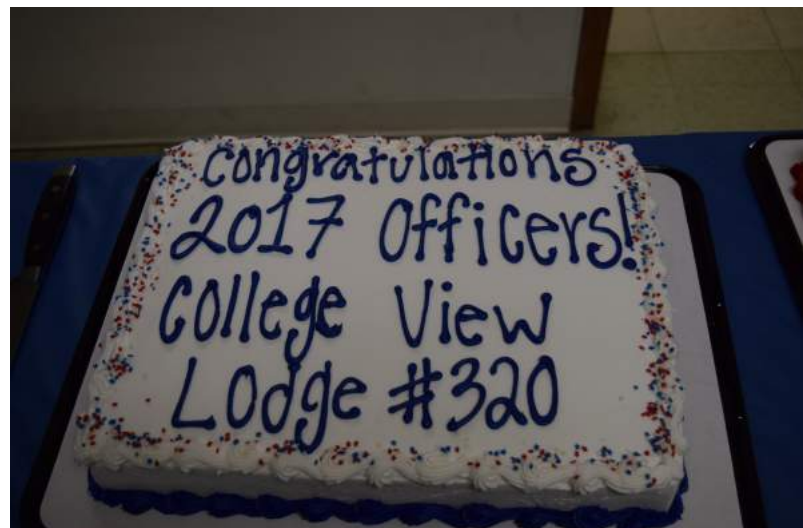
Please keep WB Jerry Rauch and WB David Caudy in your prayers. WB Jerry is home recovering from gall bladder surgery and WB David is home recovering from eye surgery. We wish them a speedy recovery. Please let us know if there are any others who are sick or injured so we can help if needed.

### Facebook

College View Lodge has a FaceBook page created by WB Curt to post upcoming events. While we will still be sending out email notices to the membership, please check our FB page often to find out what is going on and let us know if there is something coming up that the brethren might be interested in. You can find us by looking up "College View Masonic Lodge #320" on FaceBook.

### All Star Masonic Band

College View is proud to sponsor Cyndi Wolbert, Lincoln Chapter DeMolay Sweetheart and WB Curt Wolbert's daughter, to attend the All Star Masonic Band this year.





# SESOSTRIS SHRINE

Ills. Sir Doug Gates, Correspondent

The 2nd annual Sesostris Grand Masters dinner was held at Sesostris Shrine center on Sunday February 12th. It was well attended and everyone was treated to a wonderful dinner and great speakers.

This event was a joint effort of both Grand Lodge and Shrine to help boost membership in all the masonic bodies. Ill Sir Keith Will, Potentate of Sesostris Shrine, hosted the event with the Masters and Wardens of each lodge in Sesostrisland as his guest for the evening.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard Myer, gave a great informative and motivational talk on how the membership of all masonic bodies can benefit from working together. He referred to our masonic bodies as "the items on a fine restaurant menu". Each item on the menu has a different flavor and something that can appeal to everyone's different tastes. For example, today you may want to enjoy the fellowship of your lodge brothers, while another time you may want to parading down main street in your little car or hot rod. Each of our masonic bodies including the Masons, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star and the shrine, offer their own activities, which can appeal to each person in his own way.

The Grand Master also understands that to keep brothers and nobles coming back, we need to keep them active throughout the year. He challenged all lodges and shrine temples to make activities fun for all members and their spouses to keep them coming back.

The evening was a great success for all masonic bodies and we look forward in working together to boost our membership in whatever Masonic body a brother would like to participate in.

Yours in faith,

Ills sir Doug Gates

Chairman Sesostris novice corp



# Martha Washington

Betty Kirby, Correspondent

Martha Washington was pleased to welcome 6 guests to our regular stated meeting held on March 2: Past Patron Brother Robert Rhodes and his companion, Sister Roma (Utica Chapter #199); Past Patron Brother Denny Smith and his companion, Sister Sherrie (Arbor Vitae #92); Grand Electa, Sister Charleen Gausman (Utica Chapter #199), and Sister Julie Fowler (Star Craft #307). It was so nice to be able to welcome all the visitors. Hope we have some more soon

We had several members unable to attend our meeting, due to the various illnesses that are going around the community at this time. We certainly hope that everyone will be getting back to good health soon.

The Worthy Matron reminded everyone that the visit of the District Grand Supervisor will be held on March 18. She also suggested that everyone get their pre-registration for Grand Chapter completed before the April 15 deadline.

Our big news for the month is that, after 20 years in the building, we now have signage on the front window, thanks to the Temple Board. More lettering will be placed on the front door in the future. A report on the successful annual George and Martha Washington Banquet, held on February 18, was given. The food was great, the company was wonderful, and the games afterward were engaging for all.

The last Creamed Chicken/Bunza dinner for the spring will be held on April 8. Serving will be from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. See the ad in this edition of the Masonic News. Hope to see many of you there for a yummy dinner!

## 29th Annual Ladies Night Saturday April 29, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

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## Upcoming Grand Lodge Town Halls

This year, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will host Spring Town Hall Area meetings throughout the state. These meetings are intended to be a forum for the brothers to share ideas, ask questions and discuss concerns with the Grand Lodge Officers. The Officers hope that you will bring some brothers from your lodge and be prepared to share your thoughts.

Please feel free to attend any meeting that fits your schedule.

## Dates and Times

**March 20th 6:30 PM**  
Victory Lodge 310, Valley

**March 20th 7:00 PM**  
Utica Lodge 96, Utica

**March 21st 6:30 PM**  
John J Mercer Lodge 290,  
Omaha

**March 22nd 7:00 PM**  
Custer Lodge 148, Broken Bow

**March 23rd 6:30 PM**  
Euclid Lodge 97,  
Weeping Water

**March 23rd 7:00 PM**  
Liberty Lodge 300, Lincoln

**March 29th 6:30 PM**  
Olive Branch Lodge 74, Walthill

**April 6th 6:00 PM**  
Rob Morris Lodge 46, Kearney

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## East Lincoln Lodge 210

Joel Green, Worshipful Master

East Lincoln Lodge 210 was awarded with the Pillar Award in recognition of their hard work in creating new and exciting programs to generate positive member interest. Congratulations to all the brothers on your fine accomplishments, and we look forward to continuing this tradition into 2017!



Left: WB Tom Michaelson presenting WB Scott Dodge with the Pillar Award

Right: East Lincoln 210's 2107 officers



Left: The Pillar Award Plaque

East Lincoln Lodge 210 will be holding our centennial banquet on June 17th at 6:00 PM. Please contact WM Joel Green for more information!

## Grand Lodge's Night With The Ladies

Right: JW Jeff Buhrman and his wife Jamie



Left: SW Joel Green and his wife Tiffanie

Right: guest Nathanael Gabel with his girlfriend Tricia



## Lancaster Lodge 54

Turner Cox, Correspondent



Back in February at Annual Communication, Lancaster 54 had quite the member turn out, with us being one of the lodges who had all of our voting delegates in attendance. In addition, most of our officer line was present. We also had two members advance up through the grand officer line: RWB Patrick Barger was elected to Deputy Grand Master along with WB John Millington being appointed to Grand Senior Steward.



Back in January Brother JP Wehrman, who is a dual-member of Lancaster 54 as well as Oliver 38, was awarded with his 60 year pin from Oliver 38, and all of his brothers at Lancaster 54 would like to congratulate him on all his years of fantastic service to the Fraternity.

At the March business meeting, we voted to help support the restoration work being done on our Temple by donating \$2000.00 to the New Masonic Temple Foundation. Any lodge who donates \$2000 (and any individual who donates \$1000 or more) will have their name placed on a special recognition plaque within the soon-to-be remodeled grand entrance. The New Masonic Temple Foundation is a 501(c)3 qualified organization. Please see your Temple Board representative for more information!

We hope to see you all soon on an upcoming Friday night!

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# Electa Chapter

Mike Lagueux, Correspondent

## THE DISTRICT GRAND SUPERVISOR IS COMING!!!



Eastern Star Chapters have a visit from the District Grand Supervisor...every year! This year was no different. She was coming on February 18th and to make matters worse, the day was supposed to be sunny and warm...in February! Schedules of who would meet with her and when were sent out, individual parts were rehearsed half-heartedly knowing that at the moment of truth you would forget what you were supposed to say, and the Chapter room was set up as near perfect as possible. All was as ready as could be. Not only was this one a District Grand Supervisor, she was the Associate Grand Conductress! All I could remember of my part as Chaplain for the Chapter was "Give us strength" from the opening prayer; uh, closing prayer...oh no, I couldn't even remember that!

It wasn't until she walked in and the room lit up from her smile that I began to think I might make it through this. District Grand Supervisor, Sister Karen Byrdsal is an amazing woman who knows exactly how to put people at ease. She is warm, inviting, and patient, with a great sense of humor. Needless to say the morning flew by and lunch was a time of discussion and clarification for those of us not sure of our exact wording, or performance of the ritual.



When we went back upstairs after lunch to complete the visit and instruction, the afternoon went just as quickly as the morning had. In closing the Chapter that day Worthy Matron Sharon asked Sister Karen to the east and presented her with a gift from the Chapter and asked that she return anytime, and often to share her obvious love for our organization with us. It goes to prove; sometimes a visit is just that...a visit.

## CHARTER DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

On March 26th Electa will celebrate its Charter Day. This year tea will be served for all ladies attending from 2 PM until 4 PM. Please come and enjoy the company of your friends and learn a little about the history of Electa #8.

During the March business meeting the President of the Temple Foundation, Sister Dona Hurst, gave a report on the three major projects that are being considered for the Temple at 1635 L St. The Foundation is asking for donations to restore and preserve the Dolan paintings in the small Lodge room and reported that an expert on Dolan paintings has been found in California who happens to work with the Nebraska State Capital in the preservation and restoration of the paintings there. The other two projects are: putting a hard surface (hopefully concrete) on the parking area on the South side of the building to help prevent further erosion of the gravel lot and to keep water away from the foundation of the building, and restoration of the main entrance to the building on the North side. The doors at this entrance need to be restored, hung and leveled; the pillars on each side of the steps need stone replaced that has eroded away and the base pillars need to be squared with the building and a buffer installed to prevent further damage to the building.

Dona discussed funding and noted that The Foundation is a 501 C(3) entity and that individuals contributing to it may use their contribution as a tax credit.

It has been purposed that any individual who would like to contribute \$1000.00 or more to these restoration projects will have their names placed on a plaque in the entrance when the work is complete. Any organization contributing \$2000.00 or more will also have their organization's name on the plaque as a major benefactor.

Dona was quick to remind everyone that to keep this beautiful building for the future men and women who will use it costs a great deal and no contribution is too small. These three projects are expected to run around \$90,000.00 and a little under half of that has already been raised.

Worthy Matron Sharon is considering giving \$2000.00 of Electa's money to the effort; however the trustees need to hear from the members before committing that much money. If you have time, care about this building as much as we do, and are a member of Electa, please call and ask to support this expenditure before the April 1st meeting. Your trustees are: Sister Beth Benson, 402-310-0416; Brother Don Frank, 402-423-0802; and Sister Pam Johnson, 402-421-7006. Due to some health issues in Brother Don and Sister Pam's lives right now I would recommend talking with Sister Beth if possible.



Lastly, the Chapter is growing! We accepted three new petitions during the March meeting and will be

conducting visitations with the new prospective members very soon. It is very comforting to see members bringing in new members and continuing a long tradition of support for our organizations.

I would be remiss if I did not remind all of our members that Worthy Matron Sharon has determined we will be meeting at 2 PM on April 1st instead of our usual time.

Until that date and time, may God bless and keep you in His loving embrace.

## ELECTA KENSINGTON

For our March 2, meeting, Electa Kensington members were delighted to be the guest of Sis. Marian Walters at her home at the Legacy. We enjoyed a delicious meal and had a wonderful time visiting with one another. It is always good to stop our busy lives for a bit and spend time with our Star sisters. Thank you Sis. Marian for hosting us, your hospitality is greatly appreciated!

Our next meeting will be at the Eatery on Thursday, April 6, at noon. Members will be contacted.

# North Star Lodge 227

Bob Tooker, Correspondent

I have been delinquent in reporting the goings on with North Star Lodge. Just like everyone else, one gets overwhelmed with day to day minutiae of life. The March Business meeting dinner was a good one in that WB Steve Wetzel served smoked brisket with the trimmings. If you pay dues and don't attend the business meeting dinners, you are getting short changed! Speaking of dues: If you have not paid your 2017 dues, they are now delinquent after March 1st and you will be suspended April 1st unless there is a compelling reason such as a hardship which will be dealt with on an individual basis.

## LADIES NIGHT

Ladies night will be moving from October date to April. It was such a hassle finding a Saturday Night that didn't interfere with Husker Football, and attendance was dwindling so it was determined we would try something else. It will be at 6:30 PM on April 29th and Prime Rib will be served. We are trying to find suitable entertainment. Put this on the calendar and make your reservation on the lodge answering machine at 466-2236. This event is no charge to members and their significant other, along with the widows of our deceased members. You are welcome to invite guests with a suggested donation of \$10.00 per person for non-members. Prospective members and their spouses are always welcome and at no charge.

## NEW MEMBERS

On February 22nd, North Star Lodge conducted dual Masters Degrees on Bros. Greg Tyser and

Adam English. The work was conducted by the usual suspects, with assistance from WB Earl Robinett of George Washington Lodge #250 and WB Bruce Watkins of Liberty Lodge #300. I think these gentlemen will be good members as they show up for events and are showing interest in learning degree work.

## MONTHLY YUCK

A fellow is getting ready to tee-off on first hole when a second fellow approaches and asks if he can join him. The first says that he usually plays alone but agrees to let the second guy join him. Both are even after the first couple of holes. The second guy says "Say, we're about evenly matched, how about we play for a \$5 a hole?" The first fellow says that he usually plays alone and doesn't like to bet but agrees to the terms. Well, the second guy wins the rest of the holes and as they're walking off of the eighteenth hole and while counting his \$80.00, he confesses that he's the pro at a neighboring course and likes to pick on suckers. The first fellow reveals that he's the Pastor at a local church to which the second fellow gets all flustered and apologetic and offers to give the Pastor back his money. The Pastor says, "No, no. You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings." The pro says, "Well, is there anything I can do to make it up to you?" The Pastor says, "Well, you could come to the 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday and make a donation. Then, if you bring your mother and father by after the services, I'll marry them for you."





# Masonic Youth



## Bethel #5

**Ashley Priest, Correspondent**

February 11th was the first meeting of the Spring Term for Honored Queen, Katrina.

The girls brought their lunch and had proficiency practice.



After the Bethel meeting on February 25th, we drew a name of a member in attendance for the award. Congratulations to Anna for winning the award this week.

When the girls were setting up the Bethel room for the meeting, the girls decided that a dove, that had been a part of Bethel 45's paraphernalia, would have the honor of being part of the Bethel meeting. Even though the girls found "Jake" as the members of Bethel 45 named him, kind of creepy, proudly sat on the pedestal by the Junior Custodian. Our Junior Custodian, Anna, proudly holds Jake for the picture.



February 26 was a reception for Grand Guardian Elizabeth, and Associate Grand Guardian Dustin. Our Bethel Guardian attended the reception and the special Ceremony making Elizabeth and Dustin honorary members of Bethel 1 and Bethel 15.

March 5 through 11 is Founders Week. We are looking forward to what our Honored Queen has for the girls to do for Job's Daughters.



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

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



### Upcoming Events:

March 5 - 11: Founders Week

March 11: Regular meeting / proficiency practice

March 25: Regular meeting / proficiency practice

March 26: Go to Church

April 8: Regular meeting / initiation

April 22 - 23: Spring Workshop at Camp Comeca in Cozad

April 23: Regular meeting / election talk and council recommendations

## Lincoln Chapter DeMolay



Lincoln Chapter of DeMolay is off to a great start! Congratulations to the 9 new Officers of Lincoln Chapter including our 3 newly initiated members and Cyndi Wolbert our chapter sweetheart. Caid Bless MC has a busy calendar planned, but is most excited about the second ever Battle of the Chapters on May 13th.



Battle of the Chapters is a chance for anyone in the masonic family to show off their rock n roll side by playing rock band against competing teams. The team, or "band," who performs the best or has the coolest costumes, both individual and group, will receive a prize. Everyone is welcome.



Please join us for our meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of the month or our Fun Nights on the fourth Wednesday both are at 7pm and held at the Scottish Rite. We are excited to be more involved with Rainbow Assemblies, Jobs Daughters Bethels, Masonic Lodges, and Easter Star Chapters.



### Lincoln Chapter DeMolay 2017 Spring Calendar

- March 22 - Game Night 7:00 - Devotional Day Obligatory Day
- April 1 - B63 photo scavenger hunt \$10 3-6 @ Antelope Park
- April TBA Philanthropy Community Elder Home Clean Up
- \*April 12 - Meeting 7:00
- April 15 - Spring Game Concessions 1pm arrive 10:30
- \*April 22-23 Round up - Kearney 8am meet at Scottish Rite (Athletic Activity)
- April 26 - Game Night 7:00
- April 29 - Hike Dance Bethel 27 7-11 Scottish Rite
- \*May 10 - Meeting 7:00
- May 13 - Battle of the Chapters 5-9 (Social activity)
- May 24 - Game Night 7:00
- May 30 - Parents' Day Dinner 6:30 - Parents Day Obligatory Day
- June Weekend Super Saver Food - TBA
- June 3 - Shrine Bowl - Kearney
- \*June 14 - Meeting 7:00
- June 28 - Game Night 7:00
- \*July 12 - Meeting 7:00 - Government Day Obligatory Day
- \*July 14-16 - Conclave in Fremont
- July 17-21 - DLC in Kansas
- July 26 - Game Night 7:00
- \*Aug 9 - Meeting 7:00
- Aug - Snowball fight prospect event
- Aug 23 - Game Night 7:00 - Educational Day Obligatory Day

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### LINCOLN BOYS CHOIR TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR 2017-18 CHOIRS LINCOLN, NE - MARCH 6, 2017

The Lincoln Boys Choir will hold auditions for its 2017-18 choirs on Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center 322 Centennial Mall South.

An appointment to audition is required. Appointments may be made by requesting at time online at lincolnboyschoir.org or by calling 402-499-4446. There is no charge to audition.

The Lincoln Boys Choir is comprised of three choirs of more than 100 boys, ages 8-18, selected by audition to perform in one of three groups: the Cantare and Chorale, both under the direction of Burton Schernikau and accompanied by Karen Karr Ammons. Or, the Concert Choir, under the direction of Kevin Scheele and accompanied by Julie Schumacher.

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## East Lincoln 210 Centennial Banquet

June 17, 2017  
 6:00 PM

Contact W.M. Joel Green for more information and to RSVP!

and Kodaly Convention, the Nebraska Music Educators Association conference the Nebraska Choral Directors Association conference, the Nebraska governor's inauguration, and many other community events. The choirs have also received superior ratings and sweepstakes awards in competitions. Touring has included: Kansas City, New York City, Chicago, Austria, Ireland, Czech Republic, and Italy where they sang at the Vatican.

Learn more about auditions and the Lincoln Boys Choir at lincolnboyschoir.org.

### Audition Date and Location

Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1  
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Appointments can be made online at lincolnboyschoir.org or by calling 402-499-4446.

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## COMING EVENTS IN MASONRY

Fri. Mar 17: Corned Beef & Cabbage Feed - Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, 11 AM - 7 PM  
 Sat. Mar 25: Lincoln School of Instruction - Cotner Lodge 297, 8:30 AM  
 All Committee Meeting - Fremont Masonic Home for Children, 9 AM  
 York Rite Festival - Papillion Masonic Center, 7:30 AM  
 Thurs. Apr 6 - Sat. Apr 8: Grand York Rite Session, Kearney  
 Sat. Apr 8: Creamed Chicken Dinner - George Washington Lodge and Martha Washington Chapter - 4430 N. 70th Street - 402-466-2482 - Creamed Chicken over Biscuits, or Homemade Bunzas, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Coffee, Tea, or Water. Pop and Desserts are also Available - \$6 per person - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
 Sat. Apr 29: Ladies Night Dinner - North Star Lodge 227, 6:30 PM  
 Sat. Jun 17: Centennial Banquet - East Lincoln 210, 6 PM

## Starcraft Chapter Number 307

**Cora Redwine, Correspondent**

The March stated session was held on Wednesday, March 1st, at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Julie, welcomed all and opened Chapter with an Irish Blessing. Worthy Patron Don, welcomed all and read a piece from Who Put the Butter in Butterflies.

Our supervisor visit has been changed to Saturday, March 25th. The Worthy Matron has notified all of the officers.

Sis. Marcia Michaelson was installed into her office of Adah. Sis. Marcia and her husband, Bro. Tom, will soon be leaving for a cruise.

### Illness Report

Sis. Ruth Beach has been going through a barrage of tests. We hope she is feeling much better soon. Bro. Frank Mook is now home. Sis. Shirley Marks had pneumonia but is much better now. Sis. Doris Foust was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Bro. Tom Michaelson was in the hospital with pneumonia and has been having problems with his leg. Sis. Bridget has been ill with strep throat. Sis. Ingrid Hansen took a fall but is doing much better. Sis. Doris Banister feel and broke her nose. She was sporting a nice "shiner". Sis. Ileen Smith told us that her husband, Roy, had an aunt that passed away.



Congratulations to Bro. Jim Banister, who retired on March 2nd, and to Bro. Dennis Brydl, who retired on March 3rd. Now what will these two do with all of their free time?

Thank you to Sis. Amy Eidenmiller for the delicious refreshments.

Worthy Patron, Don, gave a talk about different species of butterflies, and welcomed all downstairs for refreshments. Worthy Matron, Julie, closed with an Irish Blessing for friends. Author unknown.

**Next stated meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

Happy Birthday to our April members:

April 7 Cora Redwine and Dora Redwine

April 9 Esther Busboom

April 12 Joann Rosenthal

April 18 Jere Ann Puckett

April 19 Roy Smith

April 22 Terri Sherman

April 23 Linda Johnson

## Masonic Bling

**Greg Knott, Midnight Freemason**

The first step in addressing a problem is to admit there is a one. OK I admit, I like to collect Masonic bling. Perhaps it's more than just a small collection. I've got countless numbers of lapel pins, medals, rings, watches, watch fobs and buttons. Additionally, I've collected a ballot box, a complete set of working tools, officers' jewels, aprons and even a set of Masonic pillars.

Then there are the Shrine fezzes, Grotto fezzes and Scottish Rite caps. Not to mention the Knight Templar sword, KT Chapeau and White Shrine of Jerusalem altar apron. In my plastic boxes, I have coins, tie clips and numerous sets of cufflinks.

Why so much bling? I enjoy meeting the people that have given me the pins. Buying an old Masonic ring knowing that has worn sides because a devoted brother wore it before, gives me the perspective that our fraternity has been around for centuries. The Masonic pillars, which were in an Indiana lodge and a part of countless brothers' degrees. The medals I have acquired after being at a Scottish Rite Reunion or participating in an AMD degree and thinking of the hard work and dedication it took to portray the degree work.

In the picture with this article is a watch given to me by fellow Midnight Freemason Todd Creason, a Midnight Freemason button that was created by Robert Johnson, a lapel pin from Naval Lodge No. 4 in Washington DC that was given to me on my first visit and I later joined as a member and the 2017 Grand Masters pin from Virginia from a brother whom I met for the first time on a recent visit to Arlington National Cemetery.

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