



# The Masonic News



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## Myrtle Chapter #94

Jamie Janouvec

Happy November everyone! I cannot believe the holidays are upon us and it is starting to get busy for our members! We had our October Regular Business meeting on October 10th. Everyone dressed in their favorite Halloween Costume. "Pikachu" (Deborah Foreman) won the costume contest. We talked about upcoming events among other organizations including Bethel 27's Potato Bar and Silent Auction for H.I.K.E. on November 11, 2017. We spoke about our favorite thing to do on Halloween. Food is still being collected for the Food Bank and members who bring in food will put their name in a raffle for a Train Fleece Blanket made by Myrtle Member Dehnia Bullerdiek. The next business meeting is November 14th at 7:30pm. We will be honoring Veterans and holding elections for the 2018 term.

### Know Our Members

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. Please be patient as I

can only have a certain amount of members at a time for each monthly article. Much more to come!

Star Love! ~ Jamie Janouvec

Albert Chatfield, P.P.- Grew up in Ord, Nebraska and is a 57-Year Member of Eastern Star. He was initiated into North Star Chapter 483, Wichita, Kansas on Oct 10th, 1960 and became a dual member of Myrtle Chapter. He held many offices in both North Star Chapter as well as Myrtle in the capacity of Warder, Sentinel, Marshal, Associate Patron and Worthy Patron. Albert is a very dedicated member of the Masonic Fraternities i.e. Worshipful Brother of North Star Lodge 227 and proficient in lectures in each degree, a member of York Rite Chapter No. 64, held all offices Royal Arch degrees- Council No, 4; Illustrious Master, Commandery No. 4- Commander, Generalissimo, Prelate and 10 years as Treasurer. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite and the Sesostri Shrine. Memberships in Wichita, KS are: North Star 483, York Rite College No. 138, Red Cross of Constantine and North Star Lodge No. 68. His wife Barbara is a P.M. of Myrtle Chapter and his mother Effie is a member of Eastern Star. Albert enjoys the ritualistic work of our Order and the many friends that he has made over the years. He related: "It was already a pleasure!" Camping and traveling with the R.V. are his main hobbies.

Barbara Chatfield, P.M. was initiated into the North Star Chapter 483, Wichita, Kansas on October 19th, 1960, is a 57-Year Member of Eastern Star and a dual member of Myrtle Chapter. Barb is also a member of Myrtle Club and the Daughters of the Nile. She has held offices of Star Point: Martha, and each office of the line officers. A graduate of Belleville Kansas High School, she grew up in Hebron, Nebraska. Barb enjoys the friends she has made in Eastern Star. Sewing, flowers and reading are her hobbies.

Lorayne Holscher, P.M. this 49-Year Member grew up in Syracuse, Nebraska and was initiated into Myrtle Chapter May 21, 1968. She is married to Gerald and they have a daughter who lives in Colorado and a son who makes his home in Lincoln. Her only sister is an Eastern Star Member who lives with her husband in Brock, Nebraska. LoRayne has held offices in Star Points: Adah, Esther and Electa, was also Chaplain, has held each of the line officers office and was Secretary five years. In 1977 she was

appointed Grand Page to Wilma Harms, Grand Secretary. She enjoys the rituals and the floor work of our Order, the beautiful music and the good friends she met in Eastern Star. LoRayne has many stories she could tell about her experiences in Eastern Star but has decided to keep those private! Due to health issues she is unable to be an active member and attend meetings, but her hobbies of music, art, and finishing adult coloring books, which she loves, keeps her out of trouble. She has completed 21 coloring books plus 48 notecards. Her favorite T.V. shows are American Pickers and Shark Tank.

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

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## Martha Washington Chapter #153

### Betty Kirby

Prior to our regular meeting, Martha Washington #153 met for a social time and refreshments at 7 p.m. Refreshments were provided by Sis. Jeanne Krenk. As this seemed to be too short a time for socializing, we will try this again on December 7th at 6:45 p.m.

We will be conferring the degrees of the Order on December 7th, so if you have the evening free, please be sure to join us that evening.

Plans were made for the upcoming Creamed Chicken/Bunza dinner to be held on November 11th. Serving is done between 4:30 and 7:00 pm. All members

who wish should mark their calendars for the City-Wide Kensington meeting at Stauffers on December 6th at 10:00 a.m. Note the time change!

Memorable moments for this meeting were as follows: A thank you from the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference for our donation of 642 pounds to the Matt Talbot Kitchen. A report of very good attendance for the Roast Beef Dinner on October 29. Thanks to all for their help in making this annual event such a success....and thanks to all O.E.S. members and Masonic Brothers throughout Lincoln for attending and

supporting our project. In the words of one attendee, the dinner was "Awesome!"

Election of officers were as follows: Worthy Matron, Sis. Pam Lindholm; Worthy Patron, Bro. Andy Martin; Associate Matron, Sis. Michelle Smith; Associate Patron, Bro. John Kirby; Secretary, Sis. Betty Kirby; Treasurer, Bro. Mike Buchardt; Conductress, Sis. Barb Smith; Associate Conductress, Sis. Kelsey Larsen, Trustee, Bro. David Sierks, Temple Board, Sis. Pam Lindholm, Michelle Smith, and Bro. Roger Warnke.

Our Christmas party will be

held on December 16th at 4:30 p.m. at the Lodge. Turkey and potatoes will be provided by the Worthy Matron. Members are to bring vegetables, salads, or desserts. A white elephant gift exchange will be held. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Masonic/Eastern Star Home for Children's Christmas fund.

Sis. Kelsey Larsen reported that she had attended Michigan Grand Chapter in October and had a great time connecting with new friends and renewing old friendships. Sis. Maxine Buchardt's son will be installed as Worshipful Master in his lodge in Ohio on November 15th. Sis.

Bonnie and Brother David Sierks are welcoming a new grand-daughter, born November 1st.

Just a reminder to all to remember those members who are experiencing health issues. We wish all of them a speedy recovery and continued healing. Also, a Happy Birthday to Sis. Jeanne Krenk and Bro. David Sierks who are celebrating another trip around the sun this month.

We continue to welcome anyone who can attend our meetings on the first Thursday of each month, with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. We love to have visitors!

## East Lincoln Lodge #210

### Joel Green

On October 28th, East Lincoln 210 had a blast at their annual bowling outing at 48 Bowl. Many came out to see WM Rosenthal and his Lady Joann, WB Monte Dietrick, Bro. Joel Green, and WB James Michaelson's son Johnathan throw nothing but strikes for three games, almost. Bro. Green won game one, WB Rosenthal took game two, and Johnathan ended the evening with a victory of his own. A great time was had by all!

East Lincoln 210's annual soup supper was beyond well attended! Brethren and guests packed the dining area to enjoy chili, ham and bean, potato and sausage, and chicken noodle soups prepared by WB Scott Dietrick. November's business meeting followed.

We learned that Bro. Richard Meyers passed away on October 12th, 2017 and that Sedalia Lodge in Missouri performed Masonic services for him. MWB James Brown is recovering from a heart ailment in Montana.

Brethren of 210 decided to offer their time and help out a good cause this holiday season by ringing bells for the Salvation Army again this year.

Be sure to congratulate East Lincoln 210's newest Entered Apprentice Mason Bob Phillips. Bro. Phillips will have his FC degree conferred on November 30th at 7:00 P.M. The lodge is also looking to confer Ben Murphy Jr.'s MM degree on November 16th at 6:30 P.M.

Lastly, the lodge elected their officers for 2018: WM Joel Green, SW Jeff Buhman, JW Adam Holle, Secretary Tom Michaelson, and Treasurer RJ Lipert. East Lincoln 210's Installation of Officers is to be held Sunday, January 14th, 2018.



WM Leroy Rosenthal, SW Joel Green, Johnathan Michaelson, Lady Joann Rosenthal, WB Monte Dietrick



### Did You Know?

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# Lincoln Lodge #19

**Bruce T. Anderson**

It is that time of year again, when the dues letters will be appearing in the mail boxes of our brethren. Dues are the primary source of income for the Lodge. We do have fund raising events during the year, but, dues are our bread and butter.

Unfortunately, like everything else, running the Lodge seems to cost more each year. Our savings seem to get smaller and smaller each year and we hate to diminish those savings. Any little bit extra can help the Lodge.

We also seem to have a handful of Brothers that forget to pay. This year we have about 20 Brothers that are behind from 2017. If you have not paid for 2017 please do so as soon as possible.

November is the month for election of officers and I will have the new slate in next month's issue. We will have installation in January and will kick off the 150th year of Lincoln Lodge's existence. We also plan for a re-dedication of the Lodge in May. More on this event later. This would be a good year to come back to a meeting on Tuesday night. Don't worry if you can't remember the passwords, we will help you, just come back and see us.

It will also be a great time to see the improvements that have been made in the Temple. You will be impressed! The front entrance including the doors have been rehabbed. The small Lodge room will have all the Dolan paintings restored, new carpet and paint. The room on the third floor, has been cleaned, new carpet, painted and will have new cabinets installed. The books in the basement will be moved to the third floor for a new library setting, just to name a few changes.

Last year was a banner year for new members with 8 new Brothers joining. We hope to continue this effort. Most of our new members are young and enthusiastic and taking part in the weekly meetings.

To continue with a little of the Lodge history, I have included two articles from the 1918 history. Please note the number of members in 1873. The number increased from then, but we have decreased to almost that number in 2017. We need new members.

**Where Lincoln Lodge Has Been Quartered**

During the past fifty years, from its organization, Lincoln

Lodge has occupied quarters as follows:

From May 4, 1868 to 1877 at Nos. 104-106 North 10th Street (the ground floor being occupied by Pflug Brothers, hardware merchants); 1877 to 1883, third floor of First National Bank Building, at the southeast corner of "O" and 10th Streets; 1883 to 1899, second and third floors of the Masonic Temple Building at northeast corner of "M" and 11th Streets. After the destruction of the Masonic Temple, September 16, 1899, the lodge occupied temporary quarters on the third floor of the Farmers and Merchants Bank Building, at the southeast corner of 15th and "O" Streets. In the meantime the Masonic Temple Association acquired title to the property known as the Webster Block, laying immediately north of the old Masonic Temple site, remodeling the buildings in suitable manner for occupancy as lodge rooms, and leased same to Lincoln Lodge and other affiliated bodies, where the lodge is maintaining its quarters at the present time, with the hope and expectation that the lodge, together with its affiliated bodies, will in the near future be enabled, through its business management, "The Masonic Temple Association" to erect a modern Temple on ground now owned (100 x 142 feet) on the northwest corner of "M" and 11th Streets.

**Membership, 1868—1918**

The following table shows the number of Master Masons, Members of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M., in good standing on the respective dates given; compiled from the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from May 4, 1868 to and including March 31, 1912, and from the Lodge's retained copies of annual reports to the Grand Lodge from March 31, 1913 to March 31, 1918 inclusive.

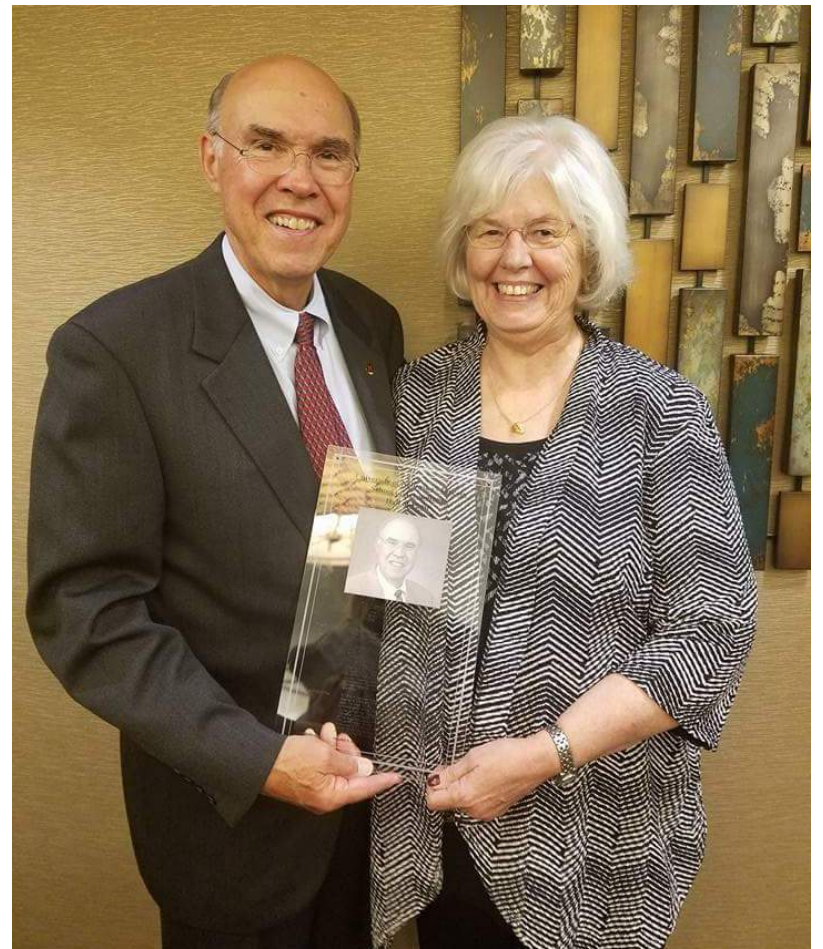
Master Masons working under dispensation from May 4, 1868

1868	March 1	15
1869	June 1	23
1870	June 1	49
1871	June 1	80
1872	June 1	100
1873	June 1	123
1874	June 1	125
1875	May 31	130
1876	May 31	135
1880	April 30	128
1890	April 30	219
1900	March 31	297
1910	March 31	525
1918	March 31	887

# Lancaster Lodge #54

**Turner Cox**

November has been a busy month for Lancaster 54. At our November business meeting we held elections, and on behalf of all the members of Lancaster 54 I'd like to congratulate the new 2018 officers but especially our upcoming Master Kory Johnson, Senior Warden John Millington, and Junior Warden Matt Zier. We also voted on two new petitions and will have some upcoming degree work coming in the ensuing months for our new candidates. On November 10th, Lancaster Lodge 54 held it's Veterans Memorial and we had a fantastic turnout of Masonic Dignitaries, friends and family, who were very moved by the ceremony which was organized by WB Mike Lagueux. We would also like to congratulate MWB Jim Brown on being inducted into the University of Nebraska School of Accountancy Hall of Fame this past October.



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## Bethel #5

Grace Leuschen, Guide



Bethel #5 has been busy, busy, busy throughout October and November! On October 15th, we gathered at Trinity United Methodist Church at Village Gardens for our official Go-To-Church Sunday. We had a large group of members and their families join us at our Honored Queen, Gwen's, church, including two Jobies-to-Bee! We enjoyed the service together and then gathered at Don and Millie's to eat, followed by our meeting. It was a beautiful day to worship together as a Jobie family.

To finish off our Halloween celebration, we had a Halloween party and sleepover at the Temple. We were elated that three prospective members attended! After eating pizza, we dressed in our costumes, squished into the cars of the Bethel council and dropped books off at several Little Free Libraries around downtown Lincoln.



The Little Free Libraries are bookshelves fashioned out of everyday objects (we dropped a few books off at one made out of a cabinet and another that re-purposed a dollhouse) that act as libraries for people in low-income areas that don't have a library near them. The books donated were books that hadn't yet been donated from my last Honored Queen's project; we all felt good to know that we were supplying the kids in the area with new knowledge and

possibly a little bit of joy.

Afterwards, we tied blankets as a part of Gwen's Honored Queen's project, which is focusing on giving aide to the animals in animal shelters. The blankets will be used to line the cages for the cats and other animals that are waiting for new homes. She is also collecting donations for Lincoln-area animal shelters. The box is located on the first floor of the Temple near the stairs. Some items that are needed are: household cleaning supplies, paper towels, liquid hand soap, and, of course, dog and cat treats and toys. Gwen, and the animals in the shelters, would be delighted if you could donate!

The Bethel has also helped serve many dinners, the most recent being the Naphis Temple Supreme Queen's Reception on November 6th.

Coming up for Bethel #5 is our new Christmas celebration: Breakfast with Santa. We would like to invite you to come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, and the joy of the holiday season as we take pictures with Santa Claus and listen to stories with Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 16th from 8:30-11:30 a.m.! Tickets are \$5 for those 12 years and older, and \$3 for 11 and under before December 16th, and \$7 for 12 and older and \$5 for 11 and under on December 16th. All proceeds will go to The Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund. For more information, contact Kristin Swisher at [krisa828@yahoo.com](mailto:krisa828@yahoo.com) or call at (402) 202-7113. Hope to see you there!



To start celebrating Halloween, we went to the Shrine Halloween Party on October 27th, where many children stopped by our booth and played a witch hat ring toss game for candy. All of us Jobies love to come every year, and we always have tons of fun!



## Temple Chapter #271

Cindy Kehling, Associate Conductress

Renovations have finally concluded on the lower level of Temple Chapter. We will be able to hold our first in-gathering dinner of the year on November 20th and a bread line before our December 4th stated meeting. It will be nice to finally have some social time following meetings and hold any remaining special events as originally planned.

Our final noodle making event of 2017 occurred on November 10-12th. The weather has changed reminding us of the colder months ahead and those noodles will make delicious chicken noodle soup and other hearty winter meals. Thank you to all who

ordered noodles from us this year.

Our prayers go out to members who have suffered illness or injury recently: Mary Ann Townsend, Nadyne Bauer and Jim Brown. May they each have a swift recovery. You can send cards to Mary Ann at Old Cheney Rehabilitation located at 5431 S 16th St., Lincoln or to Nadyne at Gateway Vista located at 225 N 56th St., Lincoln. Please call first if you plan to visit. Both of these ladies are considered short stay at the facilities.

Temple Chapter held its election of officers for the 2018 calendar year. Those elected were:  
 Worthy Matron  
 Denise Lagueux  
 Worthy Patron  
 Monte Dietrick  
 Associate Matron  
 Tiffany Westerholt  
 Associate Patron  
 Don Jelinek  
 Secretary  
 Melinda Brage  
 Treasurer  
 Marilyn Jepson  
 Conductress  
 Cindy Kehling  
 Associate Conductress  
 (vacant)

Congratulations to the newly elected 2018 Officers of Temple Chapter #271.

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

We all have struggles of some sort throughout the year. As we head into Thanksgiving, it is a good reminder to slow down and take a look at our lives, and see past those day to day problems and notice the little things that make our days brighter that we can be thankful for. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

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## Starcraft Chapter #307

### Cora Redwine

The November stated session was held on Wednesday, November 1st, at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Julie, welcomed all and opened with some trivia. Worthy Patron Don, welcomed all.

Election of the 2018 Chapter officers was held. Congratulations to Sis. Cora Redwine, P.M. as Worthy Matron-elect, and to Bro. Jim Banister, P.P. as Worthy Patron-elect. Worthy Patron Don read the landmarks.

Sis. Ruth Beach provided the illness report this month. Sis. Terri Sherman was ill and unable to attend the Chapter meeting. Sis. Darlene Miltner is doing better. Bro. Ralph Beach had some health issues and is doing better, and Bro. Ron Tillman has been having problems with his back. We thank Bro. Ron very much for continuing to set up the Chapter room for each meeting.

Congratulations to Bro. Jim Banister, and his wife Doris. They will celebrate 61 years of marriage on November 13th.

The members sang happy birthday to the members celebrating their birthday in October.

Don't forget to attend the pancake breakfast sponsored by Craftsman Lodge. This will take place on Sunday, November 19th at 2645 B Street. Come on down and enjoy some good food and conversation.

Worthy Matron shared more trivia and closed the meeting with a poem, "Veterans Day". She thanked Sis. Jean Smith, from the Ceresco Chapter, for being our Conductress for the meeting. Thank you to Sis. Ingrid Hansen for providing the refreshments. The Worthy Patron invited all downstairs for refreshments. The officers retired, following the Mizpah Benediction.

Starcraft Chapter would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy spending the time with family and friends.

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

Happy Birthday to our December members:

Dec. 1	Sharon Rabel
Dec. 7	Bev Ryba
Dec. 13	Cathy Holloway
Dec. 16	Mary Kay Retzlaff
Dec. 20	Dona Pritchett
Dec. 22	Rita Imlay
Dec. 26	Carol Anderson Doris Schreiner

I find myself in a pleasant quandary...there has been so much going on in Electa #8 the last 30 days since we have talked, I'm not sure where to start! I guess first things first.

The annual chili cook off and jail-n-bail has come and gone, but promises to be bigger and better next year! The highlights, and most significant accomplishment was raising almost \$300 for the purple ribbon club supporting the 4-H program at the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children. The generosity of those who came to serve chili, compete in the chili contest, and just have fun was amazing. Winners in each category were; Traditional chili: Doug Johnson representing College View Lodge, Buffalo Breath (spicy) chili: Mike Lagueux representing Lincoln York Rite, White Chicken Chili (is that a real thing?) Sue Stroud representing Electa #8, and the People's Choice Category winner was Bob Foreman representing Liberty Lodge #300.

It might be important to know that almost half of the funds raised came from the jail-n-bail program where you could have someone "arrested" and "jailed" by the DeMolay and Jobs Daughters deputy's for a \$2 donation and get bailed out for the same amount! Fun was had by all and several mutterings about "wait until next year" was heard by chili chefs all around. The important point was that there were no real losers in this contest because all of the

## Electa Chapter #8

### Michael Lagueux

proceeds went to a very worthy cause.

Our election of officers was held at our business meeting on November 4, 2017. Our new line of officers for the ensuing year was chosen to lead the Chapter and it sounds like it will be another banner year for Electa. Officers elect are:

Worthy Matron: Sue Stroud  
Worthy Patron: Don Frank  
Associate Matron: Ilah Anderson  
Associate Patron: Rich Bales  
Conductress: Brenda Frank Collins  
Associate Conductress: Dona Hurst  
Secretary: Beth Benson  
Treasurer: Doug Johnson  
Trustee: Rich Bales

It is always hard to materially error when you have people with these types of character leading an organization. It sounds like Electa will continue to have meetings that relieve the cares of the world outside and energize the soul of those who attend. Best wishes to all the new officers.

We are saddened to report the passing of Brother Ed Sexton and Sister Rosella Frank. These are people who led separate lives together. Both lived their lives in service to others, both loved their lives, those around them, and their family with a fervency that few get to experience. It is always difficult to lose someone who exudes the qualities of love that endear them to others, but it is heartening to know

they will be remembered for what their lives where...full, rich and vibrant. We extend to the families of these two special people our heartfelt condolences. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in these difficult days.

Finally, as we go into the holiday season keep in your thoughts those securing our liberty and safety this Veterans Day. Enjoy the closeness of family during Thanksgiving. And remember to thank our God for the challenges and happiness we receive from Him each day.

God Bless you all.

**Electa Kensington**  
Susie Dunn – Correspondent

Eight members of Electa Kensington met at Stauffer's Pie and Cafe for lunch and good conversation. We enjoyed being in a location where we could converse around the table and be heard by all. We found out about the shopping choices of a good number of us. In addition, we learned one of the places we like is Sally Ann's. (Haven't heard of that shop? How about Salvation Army?)

We are looking forward to enjoying the lunch before the Chapter meeting on Dec. 2 which will be provided by our District Grand Supervisor Karan Birdsall, since the Chapter met her "ABC" Challenge." We are also looking forward to the City-Wide Kensington meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at Stauffer's at 10:00 a.m.

## North Star Lodge #227

### Bob Tooker

#### TABLE LODGE

A Lodge of Table Instruction will be held on Wednesday December 20 @ 6:30 p.m. All members are invited and I have it on good authority Bro. Glen Durham will smoke a prime rib for this event. This is a tyled meeting and Entered Apprentice thru Master Masons are invited. Wine and good times will flow.

#### CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

On October 28 Bro. August Storz, son of WB Harry and Sis. Deb Storz, was united in marriage to Miss Lindsay Soucek in Vermillion SD. The boy must be serious as I offered him a bus ticket to all points south and he didn't

take it. The blushing couple will live in Fremont. Bro. August was one of my DeMolay Boys from Lincoln Chapter.

As a farm boy and gentleman farmer, I was amazed at how little of the corn and bean crop has been harvested. Although everyone is happy with the yields so far, but the prices received at the markets don't even approach the cost of production.

#### NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING


Dinner for the November Business Meeting was prepared by girls of Bethel 27. Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread and tossed salad was on the bill of fare. I don't think there were any left-overs. Meals prepared and served by the girls are always welcome.

Normal business was transacted and the chair lift replacement has been ordered. Some monies have been received for the chair lift replacement, but more is needed to prevent dipping into the Lodge war chest. Please consider a donation to that cause. We are also pursuing a rewiring project to eliminate one of the meters and improve the electrical power distribution in the

building. One of the tenants is assisting us with that improvement.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers was held with the following results. WB Harry Storz was elected to the East, Bro Dan Chesnut was elected to the West and WB Paul Carpenter was elected to the South. Bro Allen Plucknett and WB Steve Wetzel were reelected to their respective stations, Treasurer and Secretary. WB Evan Haydon was reelected to a 3 year term of Trustee and WB Bob Tooker was elected to fill the remaining one year of WB Paul Carpenters term, as WB Paul was elected to the line.



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# Scottish Rite Renovation

## Special Report

Several months ago a transformation began at the Scottish Rite building here in Lincoln. It began simply enough; Then Venerable Master Don Gray mentioned to the SGIG's personal representative, Mike Gray, that the doors at the Lodge entrance could use a little face lift. Illustrious Brother Mike took this to heart and the doors soon had the attention they had needed. The leather was cleaned and preservative put on it to clean it and keep it soft and viable for years to come. The doors received new kick plates, and the brass fixtures shined and sealed. A worker was brought in and the door hinges and closers were rebuilt, straightened, and rehung.



The doors were just a beginning. The museum area downstairs desperately needed some love and a new member of the order stepped up, took responsibility for the project and organized, cataloged, and inventoried all of the material ensuring the items were not forgotten or worse, destroyed through neglect. Brother Nick Furchert, 32nd degree, was instrumental in having display cases brought up to the main floor outside the Lodge room so valuable artifacts could be displayed allowing everyone to enjoy them while keeping the collection safe from deterioration and secure.

While these improvements were significant, an even more substantial plan was in the works and plans for an entire renovation and upgrade of the dining area, kitchen, restrooms, and entry was in the works.



During the spring of 2017 the entire downstairs area underwent the demolition phase of the planned renovation under the watchful eye of Venerable Master Jerry Pigsley and Illustrious Brother Mike Gray. Upon walking in the first impression a person got was that an explosion had taken place! Light fixtures were dangling from wiring, bare studs were standing where walls had previously been, and the "head table" platform on the east side of the dining area had been removed. There

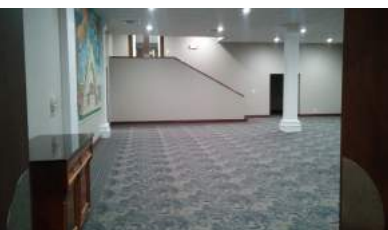
was a rough cut hole for a doorway leading out of the room where a storage area had been on the north east portion of the room and the pillars had been reduced to mere ceiling supports. The wooden floor had large areas removed and the stairs leading to the upper rooms had the marble tiles removed.



The place was a mess, and would stay that way for the next few months. At one point, all events were canceled, dust hung heavy in the air, and the entire area coming into the building looked as though it was one of the buildings of a metropolitan area left to deteriorate and collapse upon itself.



Nothing could be further from the truth! The first significant event to be held in the renovated building was the KCCH Investiture recently and the building looked fantastic in its new finery and glitz.



The entrance from the parking lot has new tile on the entry stairs giving the area a bright and inviting appearance, the doors refurbished and opened onto a beautifully apportioned stairway leading down to the reception room. This room has a wonderful elegance with new Romanesque pillars, fireplace, and area surrounding the mural that was already there which accented the painting and made it seem as though the room was there to showcase it. The new carpeting accentuates the walls and makes the room look warm and inviting. The furniture has not been put back in the entryway yet, but the overall impression can only be positive when it is replaced



with a room this beautiful. Entering the main dining room will cause you to stop and take in the entire room. The arches on the North end of the room have been reworked, all of the doors have a quiet elegance that only hardwood can bring, and the room has a spacious quality that invites you in. The fluted columns rise majestically and accent the room drawing your eyes to the new chandeliers that hang from the ceiling. The floors and new stairway landings are beautifully stained hardwood and glisten when the lights illuminate the room.



No matter how much someone tries to describe this new Scottish Rite building it pales without actually seeing it. A friend of mine described it best when he first saw it after the renovation...he just stood there and uttered the only word applicable...WOW!



If you haven't seen it yet, you really should come visit.



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## Tales From The North (Dakota)

**Tyler T. Hall**

Greetings from 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.

DeMolay

As we go into November, it is RUSH month for DeMolay! We are looking for prospective members to become members in our ranks, but especially in the month of November. This year also December continues RUSH month with a Retention emphasis.

It was a great experience to start my DeMolay career in Dr. Frederick Eiche Chapter DeMolay in Lincoln. I served as Orator and 2nd Preceptor back in the day. After helping the Advisors at Eiche, I served on Minnesota EO, Tony Krall's, State Jurisdiction Advisors team and assisted in a Chapter start up in the north metro area. Now I'm serving on North Dakota State Jurisdiction Advisory Council

and recruiting new Advisors as well as prospective members in DeMolay.

Once majority age hit when in Lincoln, I helped Eiche Chapter as Ritual Advisor and saw another young man join our Chapter from the Crete area. Who knew that years later, we'd both be in North Dakota and assisting in the revitalization of North Dakota's DeMolay. Currently, North Dakota has one official chapter, Ivanhoe Chapter in Grand Forks, ND. Our Executive Officer in North Dakota, Ross Mushik, has developed a plan to gain momentum in membership. Instead of using the North Dakota At-Large Chapter as a catch-all for members of closing chapters, we are using it as a jump-start for new "Clubs" that will gain members and advisors in geographic areas within North Dakota to eventually become full Chapters. Right now, Brother David Shadoin is Club Advisor for Minot Club in Minot, ND; and I'm Club Advisor for Bison Bunch Club in Hazen, ND, and Otto von Bismarck Club in Mandan, ND. (David and I are also serving this year as Worshipful Masters of the Blue Lodges we are Dual Members of in North Dakota).

Here are a few words from Brother David:

"Like Brother Tyler Hall, I started my journey as a young

man joining Eiche Chapter DeMolay in Lincoln, NE, where I served as Master Councilor twice. I am currently a dual member for East Lincoln 210 and Star in the West 33, Minot, ND. Minot club has anywhere between 2 and 7 guys showing up to meetings, getting involved, and for Rush month, we plan on building that. Our Club leaders, Daniel Biggs and Kole Erickson are looking forward to introducing prospects to the virtues and brotherhood that pervades DeMolay, through numerous events like outings for pizza, and game nights at the Lodge. If you are in the area, don't be a stranger, come by and say hi and share your experiences with these growing young men as they will love to share their fun experiences with you."

Good advice, Worshipful Brother David, thank you!

Upward and onward...Please support your local DeMolay Chapters and membership as we in North Dakota do our part to celebrate the DeMolay RUSH months!

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



WB Tyler (left) and WB David (right) at Grand Lodge of North Dakota in Medora, ND, June, 2017.

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