

# The Masonic News



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# East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green, Correspondent



Lincoln 210 would like to congratulate JW Jeff Buhrman and his wife Jamie on the birth of their daughter Stella on October 3! Be sure to give the Buhrman family your warmest regards when you have a chance.

East Lincoln 210's annual Ladies at the Table Lodge and Bottle Auction fundraiser was entertaining and successful. A huge thanks is owed to the Dietricks for their time and effort in preparing the wonderful meal, and thanks to Grand Master Rick Myers and Lady Marsha for joining us! As always, our Grandmaster's wit and humor The lodge will soon welcome surely added to the occasion.

210's annual Spaghetti Feed fundraiser was also a hit as many guests enjoyed plates of spectacular spaghetti and sauce by none other than WB In 1999, SW Joel Green lived Scott Dietrick.

East Lincoln 210's annual bowling outing is to be held at later, Bro. Green and his Parkway Lanes on Saturday, October 28, 2017. This is a family event - please notify WM LeRoy Rosenthal if you plan to attend.

lodge's annual soup supper to be held Thursday, November 2, at 5:00 P.M. East Lincoln 210 plans to have their installation of officers on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

If you have a chance, congratulate Bro. Ben Murphy Jr. who recently received his Fellow Craft Degree at East Lincoln 210. What a delight it was to have his father and grandfather present for this degree! His Master's Degree will be conferred November 16, 2017.

a new brother as Robert Phillips was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry beginning with his EA degree October 26.

in Bielefeld, Germany, with a family as a Student Ambassador. Eighteen years family hosted a couple for the weekend from Bielefeld, Germany to return the favor. Bro. Green's guests surprised him with an incredible gift: a beautiful



Stein Freimaurerloge No. 697 in Bielefeld, located in the historic Lessinghaus. As a return gift, Bro. Green sent a history of 210's Lodge back to Germany with his guests, along with a thank you to Sekretar Axel Genschow who welcomed the guests into the Freimaurerloge for the first time and assisted with the correspondence. Bro. Green plans to visit the Freiherr vom Stein lodge next summer.

Sickness and distress: WB Scott Dodge's brother-in-law is suffering from ill health and is currently in hospice.



Lastly, at the October business meeting, East Lincoln 210 decided to generously support the Omaha Home for Boys and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. The lodge also answered the call by donating to the Florida and Puerto Rico hurricane disaster relief appeals.



# **Hurricane Disaster Appeal**

The devastation that two hurricanes caused in Puerto Rico, particularly Hurricane Maria, is by now well known. With 95% of the island without electricity or communication, and 50% without drinking water, it will take months to recover, but they are in need of help now.

Grand Master Raúl Rodríguez Quiles has contacted the Masonic Service Association of North America asking for help for the brethren of his jurisdiction by issuing a Disaster Relief Appeal.

As Masons across the country have contributed so much to MSA for Texas and Florida, we must again ask the greater Masonic community to try their best to do more.

Donations can be made by check to the Masonic Services Association of North America or online at www.msana.com.

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# Lincoln Lodge #19

### **Bruce Anderson, Correspondent**

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Lincoln Lodge No. 19 is approaching a milestone in its history that many Lodges in the state have not reached. In 2018 the Lodge will celebrate 150 years of existence! It has been an interesting 150 years. Every member should make it a point to visit the lodge sometime during this next year and see just where we have come and where we want to go.

In January, we will start the year with the usual installation. We have a few plans in the works to make this installation a very unique day. At this time, we are looking at January 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm. This installation will be with Liberty Lodge No. 300 who will be celebrating 100 years of existence. Put the date on your calendar

Previous to that date, three of the Lodges that meet in the Masonic Temple at 1635 L Street, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Liberty Lodge No. 300, will have a traditional Table Lodge. There will be a dinner before the Table Lodge at 6:00 pm, with the Table Lodge Starting at 7:00 pm. Cost of the Dinner will be \$12.00. Make your reservations to WB Bruce Anderson, Secretary Lincoln Lodge No. 19. Either call 402-435-0974 or e-mail to job60@ix.netcom.com.

I am sorry to report the death of member of Lodge No. 19.



Gayard 'Hap" Wesley Albers, son of Edwin \_ouis George Albers and

Cornelia Beatrice Klepper (Albers), was born on August 4, 1928 at Crab

Orchard, Nebraska. He died on October 2, 2017 in Rocklin, California at the age of 89. He graduated high school in 1946 and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1946. He In trying to bring a little was an active reserve until 1950. He received his BA degree from the University of Nebraska where he also received ROTC commission and entered the Air Force in 1953. He retired in 1976 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Awards and decorations consisted of: MSM w/10LC; AFCM w/ 10LC; WW II VM; JSCM; AFRM w/1BS; AFEM; NDSM; AFLAS w/5OLC; and SAEMR. Memberships included: Master Mason Lodge No. 19, Lincoln Nebraska; First Presbyterian Church Roseville California; AFA; and ROA. He was preceded in death by: his parents; wife Jackie; brother Duane; brother Earl; daughter-in-law Esperanza; and granddaughter Theresa. He is survived by: son Kipper, daughter Janice and son-inlaw Justin Henderson of Oak Run, California; son Perry and daughter-in-law Tracy of Roseville, California; sisterin-law Julie of Davenport, Nebraska; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren with another due in November.

### Fellowcraft degree on **Grant Latimer**

Lincoln Lodge No. 19 gathered on September 26 to confer the Fellowcraft degree on Bro. Grant Latimer. WM Tom Lagerstrom conferred the degree as WB Chuck Burk was sick that day. Thank you Bro. Tom. The Middle Chamber Lecture was given by WB James Michaelson of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. The degree was performed in great form by all brothers. It was also a

special time for Brother Eddy Rodell as he was presented his dues card.

### History

history of Lodge No. 19, I have chosen an article from the 50-year history book. This was written in June of 1918. by then Worshipful Master David Hilton.

### **Prospective**

We still meet over some stores in an old freemason's hall. We have no "Temple." I have never seen a Masonic Temple anywhere. There are beautiful and costly buildings called temples, but there are not many Masonic Temples.

We have not until now set aside a special fund for the assistance of needy brethren and their widows and orphans.

We are relatively poor. In a half century, we have saved only so much as would accumulate from \$107.00 a year set aside at 6% interest compounded annually.

We live practically from hand to mouth. Unless a year is especially prosperous in acceptable petitions and in dues collected we run in debt to years of plenty.

In the past five years, the most prosperous period of our history, we have spent all our fees and dues except \$835.66. That is to say, we have spent all of our fees, and saved out the wreckage of dues 24 cents per annum per member on a basis of 700 members.

We have saved out of our earnings (less interest) an average of only \$376 per year for the five years and

> amount for each year comes from life memberships paid in. This means that we have drawn the future.

\$72 of this

Thus far it appears that we are sporting along in prosperous times, running ahead and running behind as if there were no future.

But what of the future?

Nearly ten per cent of our members have gone to the war. We are paying their grand lodge dues for them and we accept no dues from them at all.

Our fixed charges this year have increased approximately \$500 and will remain as high indefinitely.

We have only one banquet a year. Our suppers are such as the average brother would get at home and to eliminate the suppers would neither be Hooverizing nor would be the part of wisdom. (Ed. Note: hooverize, verb, to economize, especially in the use of food.) Freemasons from time immemorial have met at refreshment and the wholesome social intercourse on such occasions is an asset to the welfare of the community. We have had only ten general suppers in the year, and Brother Wright has kept the expense down to thirty and thirty-five cents a plate. However, the expense of these are bound to increase.

Another lodge has been charted for which we are glad, but this will reduce the number of possible fees somewhat as petitioners will apply to one of three lodges instead of one of two as heretofore.

Life memberships are reducing our dues income.

Beginning this year, we are setting aside \$300 per annum for our new endowment fund from which to draw an income for the assistance of needy brethren. This cuts down our general

The Grand Lodge has assessed all lodges \$1.00 per capita per year as a war emergency relief fund. This is in addition to the regular Grand Lodge assessment of \$1.50 per capita. This extra tax is a new burden.

I have consulted financial experts and I am informed that to meet the future squarely we should, under present conditions, net \$1,000 per year over the relief endowment fund and interest paid in. We can do this and provide for the increased expenses as above enumerated only by becoming more nearly selfsupporting from our dues.

I recommend that our dues be increased from \$3 to \$6 per capita during the period for which the Grand Lodge collects the special additional tax of \$1 per capita, the dues to be \$5 per capita thereafter. (Ed. Note: \$3 in 1918 roughly equals \$50 in 2017.) We should not stint the noblest order in the world down to penury, and wreck the very hope of a new Masonic Temple by refusing now to prepare for the laying of the cornerstone.

And now brethren I bid you farewell for the East.



# College View Lodge #320

### **David Johnson, Correspondent**



ictured from left to right: WB Thomas Clark, PM Pearl Harbor Lodge and Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; WB Cullen F. Pilker, PM of Papillion Lodge No. 39; Bro. Scott A. Buck, Jr., College View Lodge No. 320; WB Thomas O. Anderson, WM College View Lodge; WB Earl Robinett, PM George Washington Lodge No. 250, Bro. Aaron J. Bruner, Bro. Scott A. Gossett, WB Doug Johnson and WB Curt Wolbert, College View Lodge No. 320

# Northeast by Northwest

College View Lodge No. 320, AF & AM, met at the Nebraska Masonic Home, 1300 Avenue D, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 in regular communication. The lodge was opened in form as Master Masons with prayer. There were present: WM Thomas O. Anderson as Master and Chaplain, WB Curtis E. Wolbert as Senior Warden, Bro. David A. Johnson as Junior Warden, WB Douglas B. Johnson as Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Aaron J. Bruner as Senior Deacon, Bro. Scott A. Gossett as Junior Deacon and Bro. Scott A. Buck, Jr. as Tyler. There were 3 Past Masters Present: W. Bros. Tom Anderson, Doug Johnson, and Curt Wolbert. There were three Visitors: WB Earl L. Robinett, PM of Geo. Washington Lodge No. 250; WB Cullen F. Pilker, PM of Papillion Lodge No. 39; and, WB Thomas Clark, PM of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 and Pearl Harbor Lodge.

The dispensation from the MW Rick Myers, Grand Master, to move the charter for the purpose of holding this regular communication at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth was read. On motion of the Secretary, the minutes of the last regular communication, having been distributed before the meeting, were approved as printed. WB Curt reported that we bought a new weed eater (approximately \$75) and that the new mower works well. Since our August meeting, Hickman Lodge delivered the new lodge furniture from Arlington Lodge Donald Schaufelberger and (this includes officers' chairs, pedestals and altar with kneeling bench). A thank you card was signed by those present, and will be left for Hickman Lodge to read at the and the Brethren of Lebanon next meeting. Hickman Lodge requested the Trustees' approval to pave the back area, and was met with approval.

At direction of WM Tom, our Senior Deacon, Bro. Aaron Bruner, escorted Bro. Scott Gossett to a place west of the Altar, where WM Tom installed him as Senior Steward for the year in timehonored ceremony. Bro. Scott Buck, Jr. read the evening's Masonic education from the Grand Lodge Mailing entitled "The Ancient Landmarks".

College View Lodge Travels WB Curt reported the birth of a grandson, Sergio Curtis Mendoza, born August 12th to daughter Tayler. WB Curt also noted that his oldest daughter is expecting a baby in February. WM Tom reported that he has taken a job with the Veteran's Administration as a Service Representative in their office building in Lincoln's Williamsburg Village.

> WB Cullen Pilker, along with WB Thomas Clark, expressed their appreciation for holding our meeting at the Home in Plattsmouth so that they could attend lodge. They thanked the brethren for their support of the Home, and shared some information about the Home and its history.

> No further business appearing, the lodge was closed in form with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing. Following the close of the meeting, everyone joined in a tour of the Home and gathered in the lobby for refreshment and fellowship. I was able to take quite a few photos for our Facebook page, and we were all very impressed with the Masonic Home and its mission.

College View Lodge No. 320, A.F. & A.M., met at the Masonic Center, 4722 28th Street, Columbus, Nebraska at 7:30 pm in regular communication under special dispensation from the Grand Master. The lodge was opened in form as Master Masons with prayer.

We were again honored to bring College View Lodge to the hometown of our Bronze Jordan Medal holder, WB to visit their wonderfully built and spacious Lodge Room. The meeting was conducted in harmony and closed in prayer, after which WB Don Lodge No. 323 A.F. & A.M. welcomed us with refreshments and dessert, along with great conversation. I wish to say, after having traveled previously in 2014 to the Masonic Center in Columbus to prove up in the long form of the Master's Degree, I have always been sentimental about making trips with our lodge when we receive special dispensation from the Grand Lodge to take our Charter to other Lodges in Nebraska. It is something we at College View 320 look forward and appreciate doing as a Lodge every year.



The beautiful stained glass relief in the Lodge Room of the Nebraska Masonic Home.



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### CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER

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his apartment at the Nebraska Masonic Home

# **Electa Chapter #8**

Electa #8 opened with WM Sharon talking about the statue of Chief Standing Bear in Pioneer's Park. She reminisced about her childhood and going there to see the statue and climb on, and around it. At one point, she was fortunate enough to meet the artist responsible for producing the sculpture. She then announced that she would be honoring the organist and had several distinguished members with us who had served in that

WP Doug spoke about the Temple at 1635 L Street, giving little known information about its building, the furnishings, and some of the costs at the time of construction. He pointed out that at the time the building was being put together the Kimball pipe organ that was purchased had cost under \$2500! Keep in mind that these were the prices in 1934, which would be significantly higher today.

capacity.

Introductions were made for our distinguished visitors that afternoon. PGMs Betty Kirby, Jerrie Wilcox, and PGP Carl Plants were introduced and given Grand Honors. PGM Betty and PGP Carl were also noted as being General Grand Committee Members. Sis. Cynthia Timmermier, **Grand OES Organist was** introduced and given a hearty welcome. PM Genie Krenk was introduced and welcomed as a Grand Representative for Electa and inflicted on our community, given a hearty welcome. It was wonderful to see so many people on the sidelines and we even pressed Sister Cynthia into service as one of our Star points.

PM Sue Stroud reminded everyone about the upcoming Chili Cook-off on October 22nd and reminded everyone that we still need a few contestants to supply a crockpot of their favorite chili for evaluation by the judges. Much is at stake, and the coveted Golden Ladle will go to the winner of each category. For more information and to get your name on the provider roster please contact Sue.

This was one of those meetings that earned us dividends, and we again read a petition for affiliation that was received, an investigation committee assigned, and will be reported on in the near future.

Electa #8 would also like to congratulate PGP James F. Brown Jr. for his induction into the School Of Accountancy Hall of Fame at

the University Of Nebraska's College of Business Administration. This High Honor has only been awarded 25 times at the University and that number includes Dr. Brown. Masonry and Eastern Star in Nebraska has a lot to be proud of in Jim.

Finally, at the beginning of this week I was horrified turning on the morning news and being bombarded with yet another insane act of pure evil where 58 people lost their lives and hundreds more were injured by a madman. We have seen instances like this time and again, and each time there is a clamor for legislation to stop it by some of our elected officials serving in Washington. They shout at the top of their voices that legislation is the only answer to solving the problems within our society and demand "something" be done...anything.

What we get is more consternation, more useless legislation that adds to laws already on the books that are usually impossible to enforce or make no sense to people who do their level best to abide by them. And then we go out and buy the latest book, or watch the latest movie about the poor, socially misunderstood, murderer who does these horrendous acts. Quite a few of us remember the terror that Charles Starkweather and while it is true many books were written about him and his crimes, he was not seen as either misunderstood, or misrepresented...he was a murderer and paid for that with his life.

I have difficulty understanding why we want to know the backgrounds of people like these, why we are expected to spend huge sums of money years after their convictions to replay the idea that somehow their "rights" may have been abused during the trial or arrest. I wonder if they had the rights those they were killing and maiming in mind when they were performing these horrific displays of lunacy.

I find it difficult to find compassion in my heart for these insane misfits and their families who get the National spotlight to tell the world what gentle people they were and how out of character this behavior was. The simple fact is they did it and no amount of analysis can bring those they murder back. No tears of friends or kindred

### Mike Lagueux, Chaplain

can change what has happened. No legislation can prevent the next one. We cannot legislate evil, we cannot stop it if the person who perpetrates it is desperate enough...or insane enough. Time and time again we have seen the examples of this; aircraft crashing into buildings, bombings which kill innocents; children unprotected by gun free zones, and people hurt and killed by drivers bent on destruction of lives and property.

We live in dangerous times my friends, and I don't have the answers for a solution for that. I do know that if we could all stop the finger pointing, dial back the rhetoric of divisiveness, and become more vigilant within our communities; not accepting the drug dealers or gangs as misunderstood youth, it might go a long way toward sending the message we are tired of what has become "normal" in today's society. Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Maybe there is some wisdom there we should be paying attention to.

I said last article that recently I had heard a theological discussion that made me stop and say "WHAT?" aloud. seem to be experiencing.

It went something like this; I was traveling around the state doing physical inventories of equipment. Two men that were available to let me in were discussing the Ten Commandments, and had been for a few minutes. One was trying to make the point that in every absolute there is an exception, but it came out in the form of, "IT'S NOT LIKE THEY WERE WRITTEN IN STONE"! That's when my thoughts escaped my lips and it came out as an audible "WHAT?" They were a little upset that I was listening to their conversation, but in my defense I was less than 10 feet away and they weren't exactly whispering. I recommended that they might want to watch an older movie called The Ten Commandments which starred Charlton Hesston and possibly read a little out of a book that has been around for a while...the Bible, and left before the conversation could get really out of hand. The good part of this was that they were discussing something that few do these days, and doing it in a thought provoking way.

Maybe a little reflection on how we treat others as opposed to how we would like to be treated might help some of the problems we

Unless someone has a 100% guarantee on how to legislate morality, mental instability, and pure evil I'm at a loss for a solution.

In the meantime, God watch and protect you in your lives.

### **Electa Kensington**

Susie Dunn – Correspondent

For our October 5 meeting, Electa Kensington members met at the Wheat or White Sandwich Shop, 6940 Van Dorn, Suite 1010. We all enjoyed our reasonably priced sandwich. We noticed quite a few customers were from East High School. We enjoyed catching up on each others news of the month.

Dona Hurst brought an old silver butter dish with the questions of- how would it get so rotten in the base of the dish as well as marring and scratches on the butter tray.

WM Sharon Yockers shared with all of us, the plans for our Stated meeting. October 7. During the meeting the station of Organist will be honored and past and present organists of area chapters have been invited as have other guests. Members will be contacted prior to the November 2, meeting.

# **Temple Chapter #271**

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

Worthy Matron Jean Crary opened our October 2, 2017, meeting with another interesting Nebraska fact. Did you know that Burwell has the largest rodeo in the United States? Now you do!

Renovations continue on Temple Chapter which has created havoc for activities this year. The regularly scheduled meeting on September 11th was delayed by special dispensation and was held instead on September 18th. Because of the continuing renovations, activities have had to be canceled, limiting dinners and member socialization this calendar year.

East Lincoln Masonic Lodge has been gracious enough to offer their facilities to Temple Chapter for our fund raising noodle making. We want to greatly thank the East Lincoln Lodge for their generosity in loaning us their kitchen this year. Without their assistance, our normal fund raising may not have happened for 2017. If you still want to order noodles for the 2017 Fall season, contact Carolyn Plants at

cplants@inebraska.com to place your order. The price is \$7.00 per bag and you won't find better egg noodles around! We can take a few more orders for October and get your orders for November in now.

Temple Chapter held its mock encouraged members to initiation this month. It is always inspiring to hear the stories of our Star Points, no matter how many times you have heard them before. It re-energizes the commitment to our purpose.

Tiffany Westerholt, Conductress and mother advisor to Rainbow Girls Lincoln Assembly #6, reported that 5 of her 8 members attended the Leadership Conference. Speakers gave the attendees advice about overcoming challenges. Highlights of the conference were a demonstration of service dogs and having several attendees be hypnotized on stage. The girls provided food donations and went grocery shopping for the Kearney Food Bank. Tiffany would love to have more Eastern Star presence with the

Rainbow Girls, so if you have time and would like your talents to be utilized in helping our future leaders, please contact Tiffany at tiffanywest5@gmail.com.

Because it was October. Worthy Matron Jean Crary dress in costume or dress down for the meeting (with a \$5 donation to the service dog project). Several members participated in Halloween attire. We love to have fun at our meetings which you can tell from these photos.

Until November, Happy Haunting everyone! 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).



# **Martha Washington Chapter #153**

The regular meeting of Martha Washington Chapter was held on October 5 at 7:30 p.m. It was an honor to welcome Sister Cathy Wagner, Grand Secretary Emeritus, to our meeting that evening. It was also so nice to see and visit with Sister Shirley Boardman who attended this meeting. Our Worthy Matron, Sue Bell-Heilman reported that she had purchased 642 lbs. of food for donation to the Matt Talbot Kitchen with the funds we had donated at last month's meeting for the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference.

This month we voted to support the Purple Ribbon Club of the Fremont

**Betty Kirby, Correspondent** 

Childrens Home and also collected a free-will donation for the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief Fund of General Grand Chapter.

Our annual Roast Beef Dinner is coming up on October 29. We will be serving roast beef, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, vegetables, rolls and homemade pie. Tickets are \$12.00. Please be sure to contact Betty Kirby (402-421-2502) or Paula Beezley (402-489-4241) with your ticket purchases. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

We also are still serving our monthly dinners on the second Saturday of each month. With fall coming on,

we have switched to our Creamed Chicken or Homemade Bunza menus. Cost of the meal is \$7.00. Come and enjoy!

Our sympathies were extended to Sister Barb Smith on the loss of her father last month. The Chapter draped our Charter in remembrance of Sisters Marleen Dinklage and Helen Brannan, Past Grand Matrons of Nebraska.

Come and join our Chapter on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 for our regular meeting. We love having visitors and welcome each one of you!

# **Starcraft Chapter #307**

### Cora Redwine, Correspondent

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

Sis. Ruth Beach provided the illness report this month. Sis. Darlene Milner is back at Eastmont after having had surgery. Bro. Art Sharpe had tests done but is doing ok. The charter was draped in memory of Sis. Marlene Dinklage, PWGM 1992-1993, passed away on September 7th, 2017 and Helen Brannen, PWGM 1980-1981, passed away September 26th 2017.

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons had a pot luck September 17th at 5:30 p.m. The members sang happy birthday to the members celebrating their birthday in September.

Bro. Dennis Brydl informed us that Craftsman Lodge will have their pancake breakfast the Sunday before

Thanksgiving. Come on down November 20 Frank Johnson

and enjoy some good food and conversation.

Before the Chapter closed, the Worthy Matron shared more Halloween trivia.

The Worthy Patron gave a report about native Americans from the Omaha tribe. Susan La Flesche is widely known to be the first Native American woman to earn a medical degree. She was an Eastern Star Member.

Next stated meeting will be Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to our November members:

November 11 Ileen Smith

November 13 Marlene Robinson

November 16 Bridget Anderson

November 17 Bernice Buettgenbach

November 18 Nita Babcock

# **Lincoln Assembly #6**

### Tiffany Westerholt, Mother Advisor

Fall is here and Lincoln Assembly #6 has been super busy! On September 9th, Worthy Advisor Rachel Bussen and her family raised hundreds of dollars in honor of her Father, Steve Bussen, for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Rachel and her family participated in the Out of the Darkness walk that was held at the Lewis and Clark Landing. Then on September 23rd and 24th, Lincoln Assembly #6 attended the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference. The girls got to listen to guest speakers, Josh Shipp and Amanda Hammett, who talked about overcoming challenges. The service project for the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference was for the local Food Bank in Kearney. Food was both donated and the girls got a budget, went to Hy-Vee and had a competition to purchase as much food as they can while staying under budget. Service and therapy dogs came and presented on the benefits and values of service dogs and how they improve lives. Then on Saturday evening, the fun event was a hypnotist and Lincoln Assembly had three girls volunteer to be hypnotized. Videos of this incredible event are available upon request! The weekend

On October 8th, Worthy Advisor Rachel led a Friendship home Safe Quarters event in which Rainbow girls, DeMolay and other volunteers were given an area in Lincoln to collect change from homes to support the Friendship Home, an organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic abuse. They had a lot of fun and raised funds for a really

was a blast and the girls had

lots of fun.

good cause.

Lincoln Assembly #6 has been busy but having lots of fun. We have even more events coming up including sleep overs, selling honey, and holiday fun. If you're ever wondering what we're up to, just check out our website, lincolnassembly.org, find us on Facebook, or come to our monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesday of any month at the Scottish Rite in Lincoln. We'd love to see you! Until next time!



Rachel Bussen at the Out of the Darkness Walk







# **City-Wide Kensington**

### Susie Dunn, Special Correspondent

Electa Chapter #8 hosted the City-Wide Kensington on September 21 at the Eatery. We were delighted that so many of our Sisters from other chapters could join us. We filled the private dining room and thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to visit and enjoy one another's company. Everyone present received a "Napkin Necklace" which had been handmade by members of Electa. No more worries about spills on our attire!

A short program was presented by Michaela Williams of Care Consultants for the Aging (CCA). Williams discussed the Elder Care Resources Handbook

produced by CCA, explained what Care Consultants for the Aging is (a home care registry) and answered questions. Everyone appreciated the information shared.

The City-Wide Kensington will hold its next gathering, Wednesday December 6, with Myrtle Chapter #94 as host. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Stauffer's Cafe and Pie Shoppe, 5600 So. 48th

Electa Chapter will have its monthly meeting on October 5 with the location to be determined. Members will be contacted.



# Bethel #5

### **Grace Leuschen, Correspondent**

Sunday, September 10th, Lauren, Samantha, Cora and Greg, participated in the HIKE event sponsored by Jenna, Daughter Hike Coordinator. AWESOME job, Jenna. After the HIKE walk, we attended the Grand Visitation with Bethel 63. Games were played and memory boards were made.

September 17th was the Friendship Meeting at Bethel 27. Bethel 5 had a member and a Jobie to Bee attend.

September 23rd and 24th, we attended the Masonic Leadership Youth Conference in Kearney. Events: speaker Josh Shipp, service dog program, shopping for groceries and sorting purchased items at the local food bank.

**Upcoming Events:** 

October 15:
Go to Church at Trinity United
Methodist Church 10:15 a.m.
Bethel

Meeting 1:00 p.m.

October 27 Shrine Halloween Party 5:30 p.m.

October 28 Practice 2:00 p.m.

Bethel Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Sleepover/Halloween Party/Prospects invited 7:00 p.m.





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**Turner Cox, Correspondent** 



The beginning of October and the end of September has been a busy few months for the members of Lancaster 54. On September 22 we Initiated a new Brother, Sam Little into the Entered Apprentice Degree and are excited to see him continue on his Masonic path in the coming months.

At the October Business meeting Brother Kent Millington proposed a program where Lancaster 54 support the local speech and debate teams around the county. 54 also voted again to support the relief efforts from the hurricane that hit Puerto Rico and Florida a few weeks ago. On the October 7th home game, a few of us went out to sell the parking lot raising money for the Lodge to be donated to either the Jobs Daughters or to the building for the recent

renovations going on to the 3rd floor and to the main entrance.

November 10th Lancaster Lodge 54 will be hosting a Tribute to American Veterans at 1635 L St. with the ceremony starting at 7pm. All Veterans, Masons, family and Friends are invited to attend the tribute.

Liberty Lodge 300 and Lancaster 54 are teaming up for the Degree competition on October 28th; we are hoping to bring together both Lodges strengths to win this years competition in Kearney later this month! Both of the Worshipful Masters of 54 and 300 have been working together to make this a successful team with the help of both Junior Wardens to make a combined trestle board that works with the strength of both lodges.





# A Tribute to American Veterans

Presented by Lancaster Lodge #54

We would like to invite all Veterans, Masons, Family and Friends to a ceremony November 10, 2017 beginning at 7 PM. The ceremony will be held at The Masonic Temple at 1635 L St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

All Gave Some...Some Gave All



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1542 N. 65th St. - Vegetable Beef and Chili, Salad, Desert and Drinks Included -

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Chili Cook Off - Capitol and Electa Chapters - 1635 L St - free will offering -Sun. Oct. 22: 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Fri. Oct. 27: Masonic Halloween Party - Sesostris Shrine Center, 1050 Saltillo Rd. -6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fri. Oct. 27: Scottish Rite K.C.C.H. Investiture - Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Masonic

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Sat. Oct. 28: Grand Lodge Ritual Competition - Kearney

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Thur. Nov 2: Soup Supper - East Lincoln Lodge 210 - 2700 S St. - 5:00 PM

Fri. Nov. 10: Tribute to American Veterans - Lancaster Lodge 54 - 1635 L St. - 7:00 PM

Sat. Nov. 11: 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 - \$7 per person - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Tues. Nov. 14: Table Lodge - Lincoln Lodge 19 - 1635 L St. - \$10 per person - 6:00 PM -Please R.S.V.P. to Bruce Anderson at 402-435-0974 or job60@ix.netcom.com

Annual Christmas Banquet - Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Masonic Center -Fri. Dec. 1: 322 Centennial Mall - 5:45 PM to 8:30 PM

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

Tyler T. Hall

**Greetings from** Bismarck/Mandan, North Dakota, from Brother Tyler, a perpetual member of North Star Lodge No. 227 in Lincoln, Nebraska, and duel member of Mandan Lodge No. 8 in Mandan, North Dakota.

I bring you news and from DeMolay to Masonry to in Dickinson, North Dakota. 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.

### ORDER OF THE **EASTERN STAR**

I've always had an admiration for Eastern Star since DeMolay. Both the men and women of the organization have been friends, and many from the start ups from our Masonic Youth Groups.

As you may remember from the August 2017 article, I found out my Masonic family roots by finding an

Eastern Star graveside marker next to my Great Grandma Coates' grave just involved in from church to a few months after I was raised as a Master Mason. Years later, when I was ready to enjoy my Sisters and Brothers in the organization of my ancestors, family, and friends, I was initiated into experiences from my travels Golden Rule Chapter No. 17 The initiation was held in Williston, North Dakota, which was a treat in celebration of initiation with others across the State. I'm also a plural member with Queen Esther Chapter No. 9 in Mandan, North Dakota, where my wife, Kelli, was also initiated a few months after we got married. In both On Thursday, with our Chapters, I proudly hold the office of Chaplain...that's a wonderful tribute to my heritage ancestry of Masonry and pastoral vocation.

> In September of 2015, I finished playing congas with my choir for the anthem at church and had to go straight to hospital with some abdominal pain. It turned out to be acute appendicitis, and I was in

the hospital for 2 weeks. Out of all the groups I'm Masonic groups, both Eastern Star Chapters visited me the most. It is very welcoming and blessing to have such caring individuals who care for their own. I know I'll always cherish the family I've gotten to know because of this experience with these, my Eastern Star Brothers & Sisters.

The circle of DeMolay to Eastern Star was prevalent In the Grand Chapter of North Dakota in 2016. We showcased our new programs and revitalization of DeMolay in North Dakota. Executive Officer (a past Grand Patron) not yet in attendance, guess who was called to speak on his behalf? Not the best in making speeches, but yet that's the teachings we learn in DeMolay. God bless the Masonic Youth!

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



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