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Letter From The Editor

Fraternal greetings! I know you're as excited as I am to read this month's Masonic News, however before you do I would like to ask you for a quick favor: please double check your address below. Is it still the best place to send your print copy of the newspaper? If you've moved, or prefer your mail to be sent to a different address, please contact your lodge secretary and let them know your best address. We'll be updating the address book for The Masonic News soon, and will be contacting your secretaries directly for the newest information. (While you're talking to your secretary, they will definitely appreciate you updating your email address as well)

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Fraternally,
Adam Thayer
Editor

North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker, Correspondent

LODGE PROFICIENCY
On August 23rd, a Lodge of Fellow Crafts was called for the purpose of demonstrating Lodge Proficiency in that Degree by WB Carl Plants, PM of Lancaster Lodge #54 and our Deputy Grand Custodian. By and large we didn't do too bad. Thanks to all that showed up and helped. Still need to finish the EA Degree which should happen soon.

LOSSES
With sadness, I publish the Masonic Records of two of our esteemed members. Bro. Slagle was a favorite of mine in that he always had interesting stories as a retired petroleum geologist and a WWII Army Air Corps Air Crewman and German POW. Bro. Slagle also provided matching funds for many North Star Lodge Members to become Life Members. Bro. Spencer retired from the US Navy with the rank of Captain. Both Brothers were heroes in many eyes!

MASONIC RECORD OF HARRY A. SPENCER JR.
Brother Harry A. Spencer Jr. was born December 25, 1929 at Lincoln, Nebraska and departed this life July 24, 2017 in Pennsylvania.

Brother Spencer Petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for Membership on January 4, 1951. He was elected to

Membership on February 7, 1951. Brother Spencer received his Entered Apprentice Degree on August 2, 1951, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on December 27, 1951, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on December 28, 1951 in North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M, Lincoln, Nebraska.

A special dispensation was obtained from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as to Proficiency and time. Brother Spencer was a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland at the time of his degree work.

Brother Spencer will be greatly missed by his Friends and Brothers of North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M.

MASONIC RECORD OF CHARLES I. SLAGLE
Brother Charles I. Slagle was born September 15, 1918, at Shubert, Nebraska and departed this life August 29, 2017.

Brother Slagle was elected to membership in North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln, Nebraska Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons as a Dual/Plural Member with Stella Lodge No. 105, Stella, Nebraska January 3, 1990. Brother Slagle received his Entered Apprentice Degree on August 27, 1945, was

Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on November 19, 1945, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on December 25, 1945 in Stella Lodge No. 105, Stella, Nebraska.

Brother Slagle served as Marshall from 1999 to 2008. He became a Perpetual Member of North Star Lodge No. 227 September 9, 1991.

Brother Slagle will be greatly missed by his Friends and Brothers of North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M.

BUSINESS MEETING
The Business Meeting dinner was again prepared by WB Dennis Mundt and his beef veg stew. Always a hit. Normal business was conducted with a final reading of a petition for receiving degrees. We will be busy for the next 3 months my Brothers so be prepared to help.

A call to our Galveston TX member, WB Karl Capek found him to be in good shape after the hurricane. He sent his wife and family in country and WB Karl stayed at the Hospital to attend the patients. Karl is a surgeon at the Galveston Shrine Burn Hospital. Ya gotta love him!

Enough for now. Till next time!

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Texas Hurricane Disaster Appeal

The entire Gulf Coast of Texas was deluged with high winds and rain from Hurricane Harvey, setting records for rainfall from any single storm anywhere in the continental United States.

Extensive building and property damage, electrical outages, unhealthy conditions caused by flooding, and widespread disruption of normal living conditions has occurred.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has requested this Disaster Appeal, to assist their many brethren who have been injured or who have received extensive damage to their homes from Hurricane Harvey.

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East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green, Correspondent



I'm sad to report that East Lincoln 210 has lost two brothers: Leland Willett and Richard Armstrong. Out thoughts and prayers are with their loved ones.

During August, East Lincoln 210 kept busy practicing for and completing their degree proficiencies.

Four members from 210, a prospective candidate, and six guests attended the Ladies at the Table Lodge at the York Country Club August 17. WM Rosenthal and Bro. Joel Green proposed toasts.



WM Rosenthal did an excellent job honoring the Past Masters of East Lincoln 210 with recognition, gifts, and fond memories at a dinner on August 26. The Dietrick brothers cooked an incredible meal of salad, steak, potatoes, corn, then ice cream and brownies for desert. WM Rosenthal presented gifts to the following past masters of East Lincoln 210: Thomas Michaelson 1983, Monte Dietrick 1997, John Butler 1998, Scott Dietrick 2001, James Michaelson 2004 and 2014, Christopher Rosenthal 2005, Scott Dodge 2010 and 2016, and Bill Hayes 2015. Thanks to all who prepared and attended.

After three mentally taxing rounds, WB Bill Hayes and Bro. Joel Green squared off in the final match of East Lincoln 210's annual chess tournament at Cigarz Lounge in the Haymarket on August 31. The strategic wisdom of WB Hayes was on full display as he checkmated Bro. Green to repeat as tournament champion!



The annual spaghetti feed fundraiser on September 7 was a hit as many members attended and several visitors came and donated as well! It was great to see WBs Ken Jackson and John Butler present although battling illnesses. The monthly business meeting followed and three petitions were submitted!

The lodge plans to hold a Ladies at the Table and bottle auction on Saturday, September 16, and 210 will hold another Super Saver fundraiser on Saturday, September 30 from 10 AM – 2 PM. Come and enjoy a cheap yet delicious lunch!



Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson, Correspondent

In 2018, Lincoln Lodge will celebrate 150 years of Chartered Masonry in Lincoln, Nebraska. I thought that, to wet your knowledge, I would from time to time give you some insight into our Lodge. Yes, we are working on plans for the year. From a special installation in January to a rededication later in the year. As these plans take hold I will give you the details.

The following is taken from the document that was written at the 50-year celebration. The full document is 190 pages long. If any brother wants a copy just drop me an e-mail and I will send it to him. There is also a document a little shorter written at the 100-year celebration.

"Lincoln Lodge takes its name from the capital city of Nebraska, which was named to perpetuate the memory of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, a man whose achievements are written large and luminous on the pages of history—a man God appointed—whose coming has marked an epoch in the progress of the world. His advent upon the stage of human action has pointed the way to higher aims—to nobler aspirations—heralding the dawn of a world democracy founded in righteousness, justice and equity, when all peoples and all nations of the world shall have and enjoy "A government of the people, for the people and by the people.

"The Lodge while working under dispensation held its meetings and had its lodge rooms on the second floor of the building now situate at Nos. 104-106 North 10th Street, the ground floor being then occupied by Jacob and Martin Pflug, hardware merchants. This is authenticated by Jacob Pflug, a member of the firm of Pflug Brothers, and who received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason in these lodge rooms. Mr. Jacob Pflug is now living at Exeter, Nebraska. (See cut of building to left).

"So far as known there are no other existing records of the lodge while working under dispensation, the secretaries' minutes, together with other records of the Lodge, having been lost in the fire which destroyed the old Masonic Temple at North West corner of M and 11th Streets on September 16, 1899.

"Charter Members of Lincoln Lodge No. 19:

Davis, Henry T., Dimitted from Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City, Nebraska, July 10, 1868.

Rich, Max, Dimitted from Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City, Nebraska, January 14, 1868.

Aiken, George W., Dimitted from Benton Lodge No. 64, Benton, Illinois, December 3, 1852.

Harris, Walter J., Dimitted from Waveland Lodge No. 300, Waveland, Indiana, January 3, 1868.

Cadman, John, Dimitted from Kavanaugh Lodge No. 36, Kavanaugh, Illinois, January 4, 1868.

Tullis, Ezra, Dimitted from Chandler Lodge No. 138, London, Ohio, May 8, 1866.

Palmer, Alfred L., Dimitted from Bellevue Lodge No. 51, Bellevue, Iowa, February 24, 1868.

Merrill, H. W., Dimitted from Eureka Lodge No. 105, Sharpsburg, Maryland, August 2, 1867.

Hooker, C. D., Dimitted from Kenosha Lodge No. 47, Kenosha, Wisconsin, January 1, 1868.

Cook, Charles C., Dimitted from United Brethren Lodge, Marlsboro, Massachusetts, February 5, 1868.

Carter, Cyrus, Dimitted from Lima Lodge No. 265, Lima, Ohio, August 7, 1865.

Durham, William W., Dimitted

from Mystic Tie Lodge No. 196, Prairie Grove, Clarke County, Iowa, June 25, 1867.

Field, Wescott R., Dimitted from Osage Lodge No. 102, Osage, Iowa, November 24, 1864.

French, George W., Dimitted from DeSoto Lodge No. 287, DeSoto, Illinois, July 18, 1860.

Linderman, Severyn B., Dimitted from Kingston Lodge No. 10, Kingston, New York, January 7, 1868. "

Compiled and edited by JOHN HOGUE McCLAY
 By authority of the Lodge.

Current news includes two new Master Mason in our Lodge, Beau Ballard and Dereck Zimmerman. The degrees were conferred in great fashion. Unfortunately, I do not have photos as I was sick for the degree. We will have two more Master Mason degrees to confer later in the month of September. If you are called on please give our Jr. Warden Will Folsom your yes, I can help. You will be glad you did. We have been busy.

We also had a reinstatement of John Hansen. John had been out of the lodge for various reasons and now has reactivated and plans to get active. He attended our business meeting in September and we put him to work as our Jr. Deacon had to miss the meeting. Welcome back John.

We still have several Brothers who need to pay dues but they will get them in soon.

There are plans for a Table Lodge soon, look for details later.

If you go to the Nebraska Football games, the Temple parking lot is available for only \$10.00 and it helps the organizations on their need to raise funds. Plus, you avoid all the downtown traffic.

Myrtle Chapter #94

Jamie Janouvec, Correspondent

Happy September everyone! It is amazing that school has started and fall is quickly approaching. I don't know about you, but I am ready for sweaters, fall festivals, pumpkin spice lattes and football!

We had our normal business meeting August 8th and we initiated a new member on August 10th: Sister Jennifer Dierks. We are very excited to be growing our Myrtle Chapter and adding another amazing person to the Eastern Star Family.

We have not had many events in August, but our next regular business meeting will be September 12th. The Masonic Youth Leadership Conference is quickly approaching. This will be taking place September 22-24th and some of our Myrtle Members will be attending to support the Masonic Youth. The Triennial is a great event and I am looking forward to corresponding to the newspaper for the next issue!

Know our Members: If any Myrtle Members would like to be featured in the know your members please contact Sister Liz Sawyer or Myrtle Chapter to submit a bio for the newspaper.

Janet Sides
Her Legacy goes back to her Great-Grandparents who were Charter Members of Myrtle Chapter and both sets of Grandparents are active members. Betty and Leroy Oakeson, P.M. and P.P. respectfully are her late parents. They were close to being 60 Year Members. Janet is a 44 Year member of Myrtle Chapter and was initiated May 9, 1973. She was born and raised in Lincoln and is a Majority Member of Bethel 27 Job's Daughters. Before serving all line offices and Worthy Matron three times, Janet served our chapter as Treasurer, Chaplain, Marshal, Warder and Star Points Adah, Ruth and Esther. She was appointed Grand Page and Grand Representative to Tennessee. Her husband is a P.P. Of Myrtle Chapter. They have one son and three grandchildren. The people she has met over the years and friendship made are what she enjoys most of being a member of Eastern Star. Traveling and Genealogy are her hobbies.

Bob Sides:
He was initiated into Myrtle Chapter September 24, 1985 and is a 32-Year member. He is a native Nebraskan having grown up near Austin. Bob has served Myrtle Chapter as Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Chaplain and Sentinel. His other Masonic Affiliations include

Corner Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Shrine. His family includes his wife Janet, a son and three grandchildren. Hobbies are motorcycling and camping. He enjoys the friendships he has made in all of the Masonic Organizations.

Janice Matzen
She is a 25-Year member of Myrtle Chapter and was initiated June 22, 1982. She grew up in Lincoln and is the daughter of our late member Mary Lois Hall and the late niece of Betty Schulz Groesser, P.M. Of Myrtle Chapter. What she enjoyed most about Eastern Star was spending time with her mother and her aunt Betty I. Her hobbies include fishing and spending time with her Grandchild. A story she remembers about her Eastern Star Myrtle Star experience was when her Aunt Betty was installed as Worthy Matron and how she flowed with pride. Janice put a note to Liz how she misses both her mom and her Aunt Betty who was a "Grand Lady!"

Regards Jamie Janovec, Associate Conductress Myrtle Chapter #94

Columbia Chapter #275

Kaylene Martin, Correspondent

Regular Meeting Sisters and Brothers of Columbia Chapter #275 joined together for our regular meeting on Tuesday, September 5. Worthy Matron Kristi Thornburg welcomed the Chapter. During regular business, members voted to make a donation to Bethel 63's Fiesta Feed for HIKE and to the Walk to End Alzheimer's Columbia Stars team. Thank you to our members for being so generous! Also, thank you to Brother John Quinn for filling in as Sentinel. You are truly dedicated to Columbia Chapter and we appreciate all that you do!

Sickness and Distress Please keep Sister Norma and Brother Charlie Cummings, and their family, in your prayers as a member of their family deals with a medical issue.



Congratulations Congratulations to Brother Donald Dissmeyer and his wife on the birth of their daughter. Carly Jean Dissmeyer was born August 15 at 7:52 PM. She was 7 pounds and 1 ounce! Carly has a head full of dark hair and is as sweet as can be! Congratulations to their family, and Grandma Sister Trudi and Grandpa Worthy Patron Kevin Thornburg.



Joys
Congratulations to Sister Eleanor Miller on the birth of her great grandson, Jaxon Walter Dillon. Sister Dyana Burton's son Kolyn Beard was installed into his first office at the Lincoln Chapter Demolay Installation. Sister Norma and Brother Charlie Cummings spent time with their great grandchildren. Sister Suzy Campbell will be celebrating her birthday in Kansas City and will get to see her great granddaughter Felicity Anne.

Reminders
Keep collecting Best Choice labels and items for Operation Christmas Child and bring them to our October or November meeting!

Happy Birthday!
Sept 8 – John Quinn
Sept 9 – Suzy Campbell
Sept 17 – Gary Chubbuck
Sept 18 – Janice Janssen
Sept 18 – Wilma Jean Ronhovde
Sept 22 – Trudi Thornburg
Sept 25 – Patricia Zink

Havelock Masonic Temple Board

Jeanne Krenk, Correspondent

The Havelock Masonic Temple Board wants to say "thank you" to everyone that participated in our Fish Fry Dinners this past season! What a pleasure it was to provide Alaskan Pollock and all of the trimmings while enjoying fellowship and friendship with our dinner guests! Remember that we will resume the Fish Fry dinners next May! This project has long been a cooperative effort between our Masonic Brethren and Eastern Star Sisters, providing a bond of togetherness and unity as we work toward a common cause.

CREAMED CHICKEN

DINNERS COMING SOON!
On October 14th, we will begin our Creamed Chicken/Bunza Dinners! These delicious Fall/Winter meals will warm your heart and your appetite! Please see our ad in the Masonic News and "Save The Date" on the Masonic News Calendar page! We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

The Havelock Masonic Temple Board has had a busy year so far! You will notice that we have added new signage to our building to be more visible to the Havelock community and to the many cars that

travel back and forth on 70th Street each day! We continue to work hard to maintain our building and grounds – some of the more humorous agenda items we have dealt with this year was the removal of a bat from the ceiling and locating a family of birds above the ceiling. No doubt they were interested in learning about the Masonic Family and the fun we have! We have many dedicated members in our Lodge and Star that work together to make all of our projects and dreams come true! Wishing everyone a Happy Fall! We hope that we see you at one of our Creamed Chicken/Bunza Dinners!

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Bethel #27

Dehnia Bullerdiek, Bethel Guardian



Hello! Bethel 27 has been busy, with initiating new members, community service, and sisterhood activities!

August 6th was our first meeting of the term! We even had our Grand Deputy visit us and install the Guardian Council.



Members performed the Living Cross Ceremony for Myrtle Chapter #94 OES, on August 8th. Bethel 27 cherishes the friendships and memories we have made with our Eastern Star family.

On August 12th – 13th, members attended the Grand Family Retreat in Hastings. They learned more about their state offices, and made few friends!

Bethel 27 had a sleepover at the Omaha Zoo August 26th! We got to do many fun activities! That night we got to go on an after-hours hike around the zoo. The animals are so active! We saw many baby animals! We then enjoyed snack and watched "The Lion King". We slept in the Shark Tunnel! The next morning, we woke up and went on an early morning hike around the zoo. We then spent the whole day at the zoo. It was really fun to have members from Bethel 5 and Bethel 63 join us!

Bethel 27 has a concession stand at the Husker Football Games! We had a lot of fun at the season opener on September 2nd!

Upcoming September Events:
We are hosting an Open Friendship Meeting and Luau Party! We encourage everyone who is interested in learning more about Job's Daughters, meeting the members and



council of Bethel 27. We will have a ceremony to share what Job's Daughters is. After, we will have a Luau Party, with games, activities, and snacks to enjoy!

Bethel 27 is very excited to attend the Masonic Youth Leadership



Working the Husker Football game! Back row: Sam. Front row: Coralea and Charity

Conference in Kearney!

We have many upcoming events! And we would love to meet you and see you at them! Contact our Bethel Guardian for more information about our upcoming activities!

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Starcraft Chapter #307

Cora Redwine, Correspondent

The September stated session was held on Wednesday, September 6th, at 7:30 p.m. Worthy Matron Julie, welcomed all and opened with The True Secret of Happiness. Worthy Patron Don, welcomed all.

Sis. Ruth Beach didn't have an illness report this month. The Chapter was saddened at the loss of Sis. Bonnie Kalkwarf. She passed away August 31st and the funeral service was Wednesday, September 6th at the Havelock Methodist Church. Members of the Chapter performed the Masonic Service.

Kensington met on Tuesday September 5th and enjoyed a sandwich luncheon. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons will have a pot luck September 17th at 5:30 p.m. Members will be called.

The Worthy Patron shared ingredients of a refreshment and we had to guess what it was. The Moon Pie celebrates 100 years this year. Worthy Patron invited all

downstairs for refreshments provided by Sis. Ruth Beach. We enjoyed some great conversation.

Next stated meeting will be Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to our October members:

October 2 Amy Johnson and Marcia Michaelson

October 3 James Scharton

October 8 Ruth Beach and Chris Gonnerman

October 9 Dorothy Tice

October 12 Art Sharp

October 14 Ingrid Hansen

October 19 Don Jelinek

October 21 Faye Nimic

October 29 Linda Roe



Bethel 27 members, with our sisters from Bethel 5 & Bethel 63!

Lancaster Lodge #54

Turner Cox, Correspondent

On September 1st, Lancaster Lodge 54 held their regular business meeting, which was a busy one! We voted to donate money to the Masonic relief efforts in Texas due to the hurricane as well as voting on a petition which passed, so we do have an upcoming EA degree as well as two other petitions waiting to be voted on so it will be a busy next few months for us.



On August 25th, a few brothers got together at the Misty's in Havelock to celebrate WB Shane Rhian's wedding which was on September 3rd to Erin Sloan, so on behalf of myself and the Brothers of Lancaster 54 I'd like to congratulate the newly wed couple: congratulations Shane and Erin.

The Entered Apprentice degree for Mr. Samuel J. Little will be held on September 22nd at 7pm, with dinner prior. If you haven't been to lodge in a while, this is the perfect time to come visit and support our newest member!



One of the requirements we have in STAR is to annually read the 12 landmarks of our organization. Usually this is about as exciting as watching a 12 slide PowerPoint presentation about the drying rates of paint. Luckily, Electa has a Worthy Patron who thinks, and acts, outside the box! Worthy Patron Doug put each landmark on a card and passed them out to our members present who then read them to the rest of our Chapter. This was completed in short order and actually was very beneficial for all of our new members attending; involvement is usually an excellent teaching method. Since all of our recently initiated members were present this exercise proved inclusive and interesting and sparked some discussion and aspects of the learning that even "vintage" members could appreciate.

Worthy Matron Sharon reminded everyone that the annual chili cook-off would be held on October 22nd from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. and encouraged members to get out their best recipes for submission of a crockpot of heaven...or heat, depending on your personal preferences. This is a great opportunity for all to get together, share some stories with friends, and try some really great recipes for chili. The funds raised will be used for a good cause, and the top three chili submissions will receive a golden ladle for their effort. Remember to come and vote early and often...for MY chili!!!

Finally, Electa would like to thank the Temple Board and Temple Foundation at 1635 L Street for all of the work that has been done recently. This has all been made possible by all of you and your contributions to the Foundation. No contribution amount is too small or too large to help with this reformation of one of Lincoln's historical buildings. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Just a few of the improvements that have been made are; the sign on the Northeast side of the building now lights once again, the lights for



Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux, Correspondent

the flag are working again with energy saving LED bulbs installed, as does the pillar lights on each side of the doors on the North side. The building has new LED EXIT signs throughout the interior, and many of the sinks have been upgraded with new drains, new faucets, and new shutoffs where required. The parking lot has been power cleaned, the bushes trimmed, and the yard cleaned and cared for as it should be resulting in a beautiful landscape to enhance our building. The lower areas of the Temple have been power washed and look amazing, with plans being made to use a lift truck to power clean the entire building in the near future.

Brothers and Sisters, I have heard it said lately that our building is becoming "inviting" again and it shows. Many people are beginning to visit it as the historical building it is. They are taking pictures of it and want to know its history and relevance within the community. What more could we ask for? Thank you to the people who are making this happen once again. If you haven't seen your Temple for a while, please, at least drive by in the evening and see it the way our forefathers intended it to be...lighted, manicured, beautiful, and coming alive again.

The best description I have

heard about the renovation of the building and grounds is the analogy of eating an elephant...chase a smaller size one, roast it well, get two mop buckets and fill one with gravy and one with barbeque sauce, Then sit down and begin...eating it one bite at a time! It will be a big job, but incremental steps will get it done.

Not long ago in my travels around the state I heard an interesting theological discussion. It was the kind that makes you stop what you are doing and utter aloud...WHAT? But that may be a story for a different time. Until next month may God bless and keep you in His loving embrace.

Electa Kensington
Susie Dunn –
Correspondent

Members of Electa Kensington met September 7 at the Masonic Temple for our monthly meeting. Those present enjoyed a brown bag lunch and the time spent together working on our service project.

We are looking forward to gathering with our star sisters for the citywide Kensington luncheon which will be at The Eatery at noon on September 21.

Our next meeting will be October 5. Members will be called as the meeting location is not yet known.



Bethel #63

Kristi Thornburg, Correspondent

Grand Family Retreat Members from Bethel 63 participating at the Grand level attended the Grand Family Retreat and Adult Workshop in Hastings, Nebraska on August 12-13. Our members participated in sessions throughout the day, swam at the pool, and watched an outdoor movie Saturday night. It was a fun weekend spending time with the Grand Family.



Family Picnic Members and their families met at Antelope Park on Saturday, August 26. We enjoyed lunch together and then played at the park for a few hours. It was a humid afternoon but a great way to enjoy some sunshine and time together!



Omaha Zoo Brooke, Maddie, Grace, Savannah, and Kaelynn went to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo on Saturday, August 26 with Bethel 27. We slept in the aquarium with the sharks and spent the day at the zoo on Sunday. Thanks to our sisters for inviting us – we had a great time spending the weekend with you and Bethel 5!



Sheldon Art Museum Members and friends met at the Sheldon Art Museum on Thursday, August 31. We spent time admiring art throughout the museum and then explored the gardens. What a fun activity!

Football Game Brooke, Kristin, and Katie worked the Nebraska Husker Football concession stand alongside our adults. What a great way to kick off our second annual fundraiser!

Fiesta Feed Please join Bethel 63 for our third annual Fiesta Feed for HIKE on Sept. 30! Visit our facebook page – www.facebook.com/Bethel63Lincoln - to find our event and items featured in the silent auction! We hope to see you there!



Martha Washington #153

Betty Kirby, Correspondent

Martha Washington Chapter #153 met on September 7 at 7:30 p.m. It seems that everyone has had a very busy month since last we met! Sis. Bonnie and Bro. David Sierks had a Great Grandson, Jace Lee, and a Grandson, Emmit Tiberius arrive within a few days of each other. Sis. Ginger Malousek's son, Caleb, received a blue ribbon at the State Fair on his robotics entry. Sis. Barb Smith is looking forward to the 50 Year Class Reunion of the last class graduated from University High.

warm anyone's soul on those cool autumn nights. Cost is just \$7.00 for the entire meal. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come for a delicious home-cooked meal.

Then, we want everyone to mark their calendars for October 29 for our Annual Roast Beef Dinner. Tickets are available from any officer, or call Paula Beezley at 402-489-4241 for reservations before October 20. The menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, vegetables, rolls and home-made pie. Cost is just \$12.00. All proceeds from this meal goes for our charitable giving throughout the year. Please come and support us in this effort.

The LAST Fish Fry of the Season was Sept. 9. Thanks to all who have made this such a successful summer project. By the time everyone is reading this, we will be busy preparing for the Creamed Chicken/Bunza Dinners starting the second Saturday October (Oct. 14). These meals will

As you can see, we just continue to be very busy going into the fall. Hope everyone has a great September and Go Big Red!!!

Bethel #5

Ashley Priest, Correspondent

The new term for Bethel 5 will start on Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. August 12 – 13 was the Grand Family Retreat and Adult Workshop held at the Masonic Lodge in Hastings. Vice Associate Guardian Greg, and Vice Grand Guardian Cora, were also in attendance but missed the picture.

The Honored Queen's fundraiser. Grace, Gwen, Faith and Serenity had a great time.



Upcoming Events:

September 9th Practice / Bethel Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Prospect Event/lunch 12:30 p.m.



September 10th HIKE walk at Mahoney Park 10:00 till 1:00

September 10th Grand Family Visitation with Bethel 63 2:00 p.m.

While we were at the Workshop, the other members of Bethel 5 served the Nile Luau.

On August 26th, we had 4 Bethel members join Bethel 27 for a sleepover at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo. The girls said they had a blast "sleeping with the animals".

On September 2nd, we held a hot dog/brat sale at Super Saver at 27th & Cornhusker.

Sept. 23rd /24th Masonic Youth Conference – Kearney

September 24th Bethel Meeting 2:00 p.m.



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Thur. Sep. 21: 2nd Sec. MM School of Instruction, Liberty Lodge 300, 7 PM

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

Fri. Oct. 20: Annual Soup Supper - Cotner Lodge / Columbia Chapter / Bethel 16 - 1542 N. 65th St. - Salad, Desert and Drinks Included - Adults \$7 / Children \$3.50 - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Tales from the North (Dakota)

Tyler T. Hall

Greetings from Bismarck/Mandan, North Dakota, from Brother Tyler, a perpetual member of North Star Lodge No. 227 in Lincoln, Nebraska, and dual member of Mandan Lodge No. 8 in Mandan, North Dakota. I bring you news and experiences from my travels from DeMolay to Masonry to other appendant bodies in Lincoln, Nebraska, to the Twin Cities of Minnesota, and finally to western North Dakota. Hope you enjoy each month as we go on a trip together in search for that which may not have been too lost.

GAINING MASONIC TECHNOLOGY

It's hard (but not impossible) for some of us to keep up with increasing technology. As an engineer by profession, along with my passion for the Craft, I have made the time to learn a few of the tech trades.

It wasn't until after college and moving to Minnesota that I dabbled into social media: First with Myspace, then Facebook a few years later. I'm not the best at it, but I do have a great friend and Masonic Brother in

Dickinson, North Dakota, who really introduced me to the world of Facebook group pages as well as websites. I have either created or assist in updating the North Dakota DeMolay website (nddemolay.com), North Dakota DeMolay Facebook page, Missouri Slope Shrine Circus Facebook page, Missouri Slope Shrine's Hospital Screening Clinic Facebook page, and Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite Facebook private group page.

In addition to social media platforms, there are the phone apps that are also growing in this increasingly tech-based world. It started with DeMolay and Scottish Rite with their DeMolay App and SR Chirp, respectively. If you are involved with DeMolay, I'd highly recommend the DeMolay App to see what they are doing at DeMolay International, DeMolay store, ritual and eScribe secured login, and State Calendars and websites. SR Chirp is a great communication tool between members, Valleys, Orients, Supreme Council, and their

programming.

Two of my good friends and Brothers has been podcasting for years on a podcast called NO BS Radio Show (using their initials as that fun pun). Another Brother had an idea to start a Masonic podcast, and we got together and called it "Freemasonry in the Bakken," www.bakkenmasons.com. I may have a face more for modeling than a voice for recording or broadcasting, but they wanted me to be a part of the podcast anyways. I was honored and humbled to accept. We recorded a great, fun first season with some wonderful conversations on Masonry. I since moved from Dickinson to Mandan, but I hope they do get it going again. Because of this podcast, I've learned about and started tuning in for other national/international masonic podcasts. (Including our Ill. Editor who chimes in on a podcast now and then...)

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

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