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Rainbow Girls - Lincoln Assembly #6

Mother Advisor Tiffany Westerholt

As the summer changes to fall, Lincoln Assembly #6 has so much to report. We finished up traveling with Grand Worthy Advisor Morgan Chandler on her Grand Travels. We attended Conclave for the International Order of DeMolay which was held in Grand Island. Morgan brought greetings and the girls attended the dance later that night. We visited Elkhorn Waterloo Assembly #38 along with Westside Assembly #22 the next day in a combined visitation. Morgan got to earn her "belts" and learned karate moves to help her find her Inner Warrior. Later a carnival was held with clowns, keystone cops and lots of games from which we could earn prizes. The clowns taught the girls how to make balloon animals and that balloons can make animal noises. Who would have thought balloons could be so noisy?! A few days later, Grand Worthy Advisor Morgan and her Mother Advisor left for Supreme Assembly 2018 held in Hampton, Virginia.

Our first day at Supreme we went to visit the beaches in Virginia Beach, Virginia. We got to lounge in the sun and swim in the ocean. Surprisingly, it took some time to figure out how to swim in the Ocean! We kept getting swept to shore, but after some practice we figured it out. We even got to see dolphins as they swam by. Supreme Assembly seemed to fly by with all the banquets, sessions filled with beautiful music, skits from all the Grand Jurisdictions, and meeting new people. We

attended the Grand Cross of Color; had a dance with Job's daughters and DeMolay officers including the International Master Councilor, Avery Brinkley; Swaps were passed out and finally a new set of Supreme Officers were installed. We were proud to represent Nebraska as Morgan gave a skit on the friendly hospitality of our Grand Jurisdiction and PGWA Joy Hartranft was a Supreme flag bearer. We supported our Supreme Inspector Mrs. Betty Garwood as she finished out her term as Supreme Patriotism. We shouted with joy as our own Bev Donham was given an award for all her hard work in preparing Supreme Assembly. Lastly, Nebraska helped fill the Supreme Choir with Kathryn Rice of Athena Assembly #24 and Brileigh Uhing of Lynn Broyhill #12 as they sang beautifully during the Supreme Sessions. With a big thanks to PGWA Sarah Mooney who travelled with us and showed us the ropes and with the addition of Karan and Tim Birdsall, Sue Hedges and Sheli Rice, way too much fun was had. Our final evening in Virginia we went to Norfolk and visited the Waterside area. We took a boat ride tour of the Norfolk Naval ship yard and rode on a Ferris wheel. The girls were surprised with gifts from Virginia and this Mother Advisor was given a selfie stick...so beware! Way too many selfies are about to be taken! After a fun filled week, we flew home to Nebraska. Two days later, Morgan travelled to the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas and attended their Installation of Grand Officers where she brought greetings.

So as summer comes to a close and we start to welcome fall, we have so much more planned this year. There are upcoming initiations, prospect parties and more trips planned so stay tuned. If you ever want to see what we are up to, check out our website at lincolnassembly.org. If you know of anyone interested in joining Rainbow, let us know as we'd love to have them join us. Until next time!



Elkhorn/Waterloo and Westside Assembly Visitation



Two girls having fun with balloons



Rainbow Delegation at Virginia Beach. Left to right back: Brileigh Uhing, PGWA Sarah Mooney, GWA Morgan Chandler, PGWA Joy Hartranft, Kathryn Rice. Left to right front: Sue Hedges, Sheli Rice, Tiffany Westerholt



Nebraska Delegation at Supreme. Left to right back: Sue Hedges, Kathryn Rice, Brileigh Uhing, GWA Morgan Chandler, PGWA Joy Hartranft, PGWA Sarah Mooney, Tim Birdsall. Left to right front: Tiffany Westerholt, Sheli Rice, Supreme Inspector Mrs. Betty Garwood, Bev Donham, Karan Birdsall



Boat Ride in Norfolk

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CHiP Event

Bill Short

On August 4, 2018, twelve Brethren from Cotner #297, Craftsmen #314 and Waterloo #102 gathered at the Northeast Family Center in Havelock, NE for a Cotner Lodge #297 event.



There were four Computer Stations, a Dental Station, and Medical Station. Brothers manned the Check-in, Computer and Check-out Stations.



The Dental Station was manned by two students from the College of Dentistry where impressions were made of the kid's teeth.



The Medical station was manned by Rhonda Sanford and her daughter Kristen from Bethel #63, where DNA swabs were taken. All information collected from the children was then given to the parents and erased from the computers. The parents were educated by the Brethren on how to store the DNA and dental impressions, and the photos, interview and description of the kids, stored on a USB thumb drive, were also given to the Parent.



In an event where the child is missing, all this information can be handed to the

authorities saving precious time. Instead of interviewing distraught parents, the authorities can use this information to immediately start search efforts. Since the program began over 45,000 kids in Nebraska have had packets made and given to their parents.



The event lasted for three hours and 40 Identification Packets were processed and given to grateful parents. The event was organized on behalf of the Northeast Family Center by WB Robert Sanford, Member of the Board of the NE Freemasons Child Identification Program Foundation, and WM Mark Rossignol of Cotner Lodge. WB Rob commented that it was great to see so many Brothers willing to come out and support this event. WM Mark provided technical support for the computers when there were technical difficulties. The event went smoothly and the interaction between the Brethren and the Community gave everyone involved a great sense of pride and fellowship.



If your Lodge would like to host an event such as this to interact with and serve with your community, please contact the Grand Lodge. Events such as Back to School nights, Company Picnics and Health Fairs are excellent opportunities to get Freemasonry in front of the public. Who knows you might even get someone interested in your Lodge and Freemasonry!

Respectfully submitted,
 Brother Bill Short
 Junior Warden
 Cotner Lodge #297

George Washington Lodge #250

Keith Chambers

On Tuesday August 8, 2018, George Washington Lodge #250 held its regular communication at the Havelock Masonic Center at 4330 N 70th in Lincoln. Fellowship began at 6:30 and was provided by JW Rodger Warnke. Lodge was opened at 7:30 PM by WM Andy Martin. The minutes were read and bills were paid. Under "old business" it was brought up that we are the shelter in place for Norwalk Park Elementary school. WM Andy Martin appointed SW Keith Chambers to approach the school and to offer holding an open house for the staff, parents and PTO members. Time and Date TBD

Under good of the order, it

was decided that an informal car show/fellowship will be held Saturday October 13 from 11am – 3pm at the Havelock Masonic Center at 4330 N 70th in Lincoln. This is an informal gathering, no trophies or awards will be given. This is an opportunity for masonic fellowship and for us to show our cars, weather permitting of course. A fundraiser dinner will be held at the same location starting at 4:30pm, all are welcome.



SW Keith Chambers, who is a dosin at the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, will be conducting a tour of the museum on Veterans day, Monday November 11th. Admission is free to All Veterans. The tour begins at 1pm, upon entering ask for Keith Chambers and he will give the tour for roughly 2 ½ hours. At some time during the tour, a group photo will be taken for publication in the Masonic News.

Volunteers were gathered for the monthly fundraiser dinner. SW Keith Chambers volunteered to bring the meal for the September general communication.

The meeting was closed in peace and harmony.

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Paula Beezley

Martha Washington Chapter #153 met on Thursday, August 2nd and because of illnesses and vacations, we had several pro-tem officers.

Worthy Matron Pam welcomed those in attendance, thanked them for coming and for several of them, filling in as officers.

She asked for volunteers for the next Fish Fry on August 11.

The report from the Grand Officer Visitation was that there was a good attendance this year with nine members from Martha Washington Chapter.

Just a reminder that the Chapter's annual picnic is on August 25th at the home of Sis. Shellie Smith beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The Chapter's annual Roast Beef dinner will be Sunday, October 7th from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased from any Chapter officer or you can call Sis. Paula Beezley at 402-489-4241. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Sis. Janice Nitz has the flu,

Sis. Kelsey Larsen has mono, Bro. Troy Tuhey had carpal tunnel surgery on August 1st but was in attendance; Bro. Mark Heilman is back to work.

Sis. Sue Hedges attended Rainbow's Supreme Session in Virginia. It will be in Las Vegas in two years. Job's Daughters International Supreme Session was in Salt Lake City, Utah and DeMolay was held in Oklahoma.

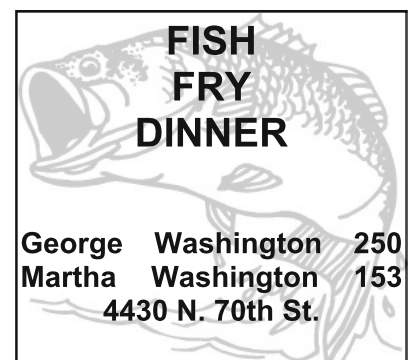
August Birthdays
 August 2 Brenda Anderson and Garry Ossenkop
 August 3 Elizabeth Wilhite and Glee Warnke
 August 5 Heidi Berryman
 August 10 Shellye Johnson
 August 12 Rick Brown and Ginger Malousek
 August 14 Scott Rogge
 August 24 Bonnie Sierks
 August 29 Shay Wilhite
 August 30 Karen Ondrak

It won't be long before fall will be here and football!! We would enjoy seeing you at our meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7:30.

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Temple Chapter #271

Imhoff Award

The Imhoff Award given by the Chapters to only one of their members is very similar to the Jordan Medal given by the Lodges to one very special person within the Lodge. To receive it you must have served your Lodge/Chapter for a very long time, be in good standing, and be certified by Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter that you have met all the requirements. Again, only one member in each Lodge or Chapter can hold this distinction...and it is theirs for life.



It's always a treat when you get to accompany the Master or Worthy Matron to visit and bestow this honor to one of their members. That's exactly what happened during a visit to Sister Elizabeth Brinkman so Worthy Matron Denise Lagueux, Temple Chapter #271, could present her with the Imhoff Award for her 73 years as a member of Temple Chapter.

Sister Elizabeth began her journey in Eastern Star as a young woman of 18 years in 1945 when she was initiated. We stayed for 45 minutes at her perfectly appointed house and it seemed like the blink of an eye as the years past and memories brought frequent and genuine smiles to her face. She looked through the Chapter pictorial history books and paused when she found her mother's picture as Worthy Matron and her father's picture as Worthy Patron of Temple Chapter.

She told us of her youth and her parents, and was quite proud of the fact she was an "honorary" Northeast Rocket! Although she graduated from "another high school" in Lincoln, her father and most of her family were Rockets to the core...and so is she.

The time went quickly, and as with other people I have had the privilege of visiting with from "the Greatest Generation" are amazing. They know what hard times really are; and they hold tightly to the good times. They have an unassuming air of what is possible in life, and have seen incredible things in their lifetime. They have a loyalty to their families and friends that is enduring and share their love for this country freely and with an absolute fervor for the American dream.

When we left after our visit I knew the pin on her blouse and the certificate in her kitchen would be placed next to the many pictures of her family in the house for people to see. She has every right to be proud of

her award...after all, only one person in the Chapter has one.

Sister Lorraine J. Een

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Sister Lorraine J. Een. Sister Lorraine was born November 14, 1925 and passed from this world August 2, 2018. Her funeral service was conducted August 7, 2018 at Butherus, Maser, and Love chapel and officiated by Reverend Jeff Hobson of Heritage Presbyterian Church.



Sister Lorraine was a member of Temple Chapter #271 for many years and will be missed among the members. Members of Temple Chapter were present to bring sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and pay their last respects to a departed Sister.

Although gone from our sight she will forever live in the hearts of those who knew her.

Area 5 Grand Visitation



Picture by Brenda Frank-Collins

Area 5 is a designation given to the Eastern Star Chapters in and around the Lincoln area, but what is it really, and what do they do? Recently the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons within this "area" put together a meeting with the Grand Chapter Officers to plan for what would be necessary to move the whole of the organization successfully into the future and fulfill the goals necessary to the entities they serve.

I know that sounds an awful lot like a mission statement, and in some instances it is, but this meeting is more than that. It gives direction, purpose, and most importantly, vision to the people behind the organization. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet the heads of the Chapters and the people who make up the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

Food was catered in from Famous Dave's BBQ, the Scottish Rite grand hall was decorated and seating designated to allow the most contact with members who share the same positions in the Chapters as in the Grand Chapter. Although 4 hours in length the meeting went by

Mike Lagueux

quickly and the work of the day was accomplished and new friends were made.

To emphasize a point, if you want something done right...let the right people know what they need to do and stay out of their way. It seems like the Order of the Eastern Star has that down to a science.

100 Year Celebration



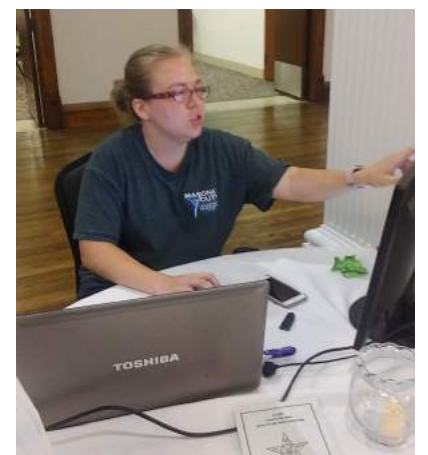
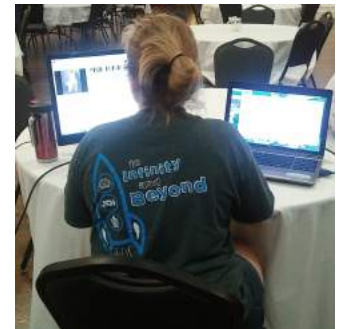
The 21st of July 2018, Temple Chapter celebrated their first 100 years of service and support. The event was presented in good style and presided over by Worthy Matron Denise Lagueux and Worthy Patron Monte Detrick. There had been weeks, even months, of planning and coordination to make this a successful event...and it worked. The food was excellent, the history books of the Chapter had been meticulously prepared by members familiar with how to do this work, and the invitations drew visitors from many of the bodies within the Masonic Fraternity.

Anyone can present artifacts of an organization to present a story of the organization, but it takes people who know how to put the details together to draw you down a path few people get to travel. That is exactly what the members of Temple Chapter did though. Pins and jewels from times gone by were on display, books open to people past who had served the Chapter lay open as though being remembered in history forever, and members spoke fondly of times gone now, but not forgotten for a moment.

Associate Matron Tiffany put together a wonderful presentation looking back at the Matrons and Patrons who served the Chapter those many years ago. The pictures were appropriate, the music backing up the pictures was excellent and the duration of the presentation left all present with a warm feeling of past glory and future expectations.

This celebration was not a eulogy, it was a look into the future to see what the next 100 years could hold and share that vision with all who attended. The attendance was good, and all who came took away a very positive experience. At the end of the day; after the food was gone and the tables were put away, there was one thing that lasted...a moment shared from the past, and a laugh in the present, and a hope for the future.

Temple Chapter has always been in good hands and that trend continues. If you want to see what success looks like, drop by a meeting of the Chapter on the first Monday of the Month for a visit. You will be welcome and made to feel at home.



October 7, 1918
Business meeting.

The service flag committee reported that a silk flag 18" X 24" containing eight stars would cost \$8.00. Sister Hamilton suggested that a flag be made. Brother Hawes moved that the committee be empowered to press into service any of the ladies whom they wished to make the flag.

There will be a school of instruction November 16, 1918.

The War Relief committee asking for the chapter to buy Liberty bonds.

Sister Albertson requests winter clothing for Kate Allen. The secretary will write to have the Matron of the home buy such things as Kate may need and send a bill of the amount to the chapter.

The committee on the by-laws was asked to revise them and report.

Mrs Lulu E. Andrews who represents the Eastern Star of Nebraska in canteen work with our soldiers was present and spoke to the chapter. Sister Andrews expects to be sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia in the near future.

Chapter closed in form.
Mary Frances Chatburn, Secretary
Corkella M. Loverin, Worthy Matron

Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

When you find a winning proposition you don't change the parameters. Use whatever euphemism that helps you get to the final determination, but what WM Sue is doing in Electa Chapter # 8 is working. Through her leadership and determination, less people have gone to bed hungry in Lincoln, Nebraska since January of 2018 than in recent memory, and you who have contributed to the blue barrel at the Temple at 1635 L Street have made it all possible. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Anytime you can raise the bar without lowering the standard and achieve what WM Sue has this year, there must be something worth emulating going on. Please keep the giving going...so many people are in need of what you can live without!

By now, you have received the information necessary to help our trustees and Chapter Officers make a good fiscal decision to carry us into the future in

good financial stead. These are important decisions that are being made, and your input is being sought to help them be good decisions...look within yourself and make good recommendations. For an organization to change with the times and continue into the future sometimes change is necessary; sometime tweaking what we have will accomplish everything we need to do. You, the members of Electa, have the chance to determine what the Chapter does for our future; please consider making your voice heard.

Until we determine what your choices will be, I will pray for your participation and that God protect you and keep you in his loving embrace.



Pasta/Noodles/Rice
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Picture by Brenda Frank-Collins

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

"Manual of the Lodge" by Albert Mackey, M.D. written in 1867. It provided some very interesting reading even if it was written in 1867. Much is still very true today in 2018. Below is an article about the apron.

THE LAMBSKIN APRON

"The use of the apron, or some equivalent mode of investiture, as a mystic symbol, was common to all the religious systems of antiquity. Among the Israelites, the girdle formed a part of the investiture of the priesthood In the Persian mysteries of Mithras the candidate was invested with a white apron. In the Brahminical initiations on Hindostan, the Zennaar, or sacred Lord, was substituted for the apron. The Essenians clothed their novices with a white robe. Even the Japanese, in their ties of initiation, invest their candidate with a white apron.

The color of a Mason's apron should be pure white, because this color in all ages and countries has been deemed an emblem of purity an innocence. Thus, in the early ages of the Christian Church, the newly-baptized convert was invested with white robe, to denote that h had been cleaned from his former sins, and was thenceforth to lead a life of purity, With a similar meaning, the same unified color has been preserved in the apron of the Freemason.

The material of a Mason's apron must be lambskin. No other substance, such as linin, silk, or satin can be substituted, without destroying the symbolic character of the apron, because the lamb in all ages been deemed the appropriate emblem of innocence.

The true Masonic apron should, thus, be unspotted lambskin, from 14 to 16 inches wide, and from 12 to 14 inches deep, with a fall about 3 or 4 inches

Lincoln Lodge No. 19 has taken a short break over the month of July but has not been totally inactive. July 3rd we elected two new members to take the Entered Apprentice degree and the 7th of August we elected two more members to also begin their Masonic journey. We also have three more members that are ready to take their Fellowcraft degrees. You can see that the fall months will be busy. Add to all this we will be getting ready to complete our Lodge proficiency in the Masters degree.

October 23 the Lodge will continue our 150 year celebration with a Table Lodge for all members and guests. More information later.

When I attended the Grand York Rite Convocation of South Dakota last year they had a sale of various Masonic items. I picked up a book that looked very interesting. It was a

will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, and forgive, because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life. I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey. Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train."

Northstar Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

A Special Communication was opened July 18 for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice

Degree on Mr. Bradly Sipp. In the East, WB Dennis Mundt, West, WB Evan Haydon and WB Paul Carpenter in the South.

Deacon Duties were covered by WB's Tooker and Steven Flader & the Stewards were WB Keith Brocksmith and Bro. Glen Durham. WB Albert Chatfield served as Chaplain. The questions were asked by WB Evan Haydon and answered by WB Dennis Mundt. The

Second Section was delivered by WB Albert Chatfield and WB Bruce Watkins delivered the Third Section Lecture with WB Steven Flader delivering the Charge.

LODGE PROFICIENCY

Another Special Communication was called on July 25th for the purpose of an examination of Lodge Proficiency in the EA and FC Degrees. Our Deputy Grand Custodian, WB Carl Plants conducted

the examination. The stations were filled by the usual suspects.

AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

The August Business Meeting Dinner was prepared by yours truly. Baked steak, taters au gratin, and French style haricot verts with sliced almonds were served. The usual business was conducted along with another EA Degree Petition was given first reading. It almost takes a separate meeting to read the new Nebraska Grand Lodge Petitions. Must have been written by a lawyer working on a per word compensation program.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I thought this little essay was neat. Not sure who to attribute it to though. "At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel at our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people

deep, square at the bottom, with a sharp angular corners, and without device or ornament of any kind. The usage of the craft in this country has, within a few years past, allowed a narrow edging of blue ribbon, in allusion to that universal friendship which is the bond of the Society, and of which virtue blue is the symbol. But this, undoubtedly, is an innovation, for the ancient apron was without any edging or ornament. All extraneous ornament and devices are in bad taste, and detract from the symbolic character of the investiture. But he silk or satin aprons, bespangled, and painted, and embroidered, which have been gradually creep into our Lodges, have no sort of connection the Ancient Craft Masonry. They are an innovation of French origin, which should be persistently discourage by all who admire the simplicity an beauty of our symbols. A Mason who duly and truly appreciates the symbolic meaning of this apron would no more tolerate linen one for its economy, or embroidered satin one of for decorations, than artist, would a gilded statue."

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Bethel #5

Kristen Swisher, Guardian

Bethel #5 attended Nebraska's Grand session held in Lincoln June 20-23. The girls did an amazing job and it showed with many, many awards!

- 2nd Place Team Choir
- 1st Place Small Ensemble
- 1st Place Advanced Voice Belle
- 3rd Place Intermediate Voice Gwen
- 1st Place Intermediate Voice Katrina
- 1st Place Advanced Instrumental Grace
- 2nd Place Intermediate Instrumental Katrina
- 3rd Place Intermediate Instrumental Lauren
- 2nd Place Poetry age 13-15 Gwen
- 2nd Place Poetry age 16-18 Grace
- 1st Place Senior Division Chaplain Faith
- 1st Place Senior Story of Job Belle
- 1st Place Senior Honored Queen Grace
- 3rd Place Senior Division 1st Messenger Gwen
- 1st Place Senior Division 4th Messenger Katrina
- Supreme Team 4th Messenger Katrina
- 1st Place Circle of 5
- 3rd Place Adult Circle of 5
- 1st Place Capes & Crowns

Our members also won many arts & crafts awards. Our Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian for the state of Nebraska are our very own Cora Redwine and Greg Prosocki. We look forward to a great year! In addition to Cora and Greg, we have many other state officers from our very own Bethel.

- Deb Kendle - Grand 2nd Messenger Belle
- Belle - Grand Bethel Junior Princess
- Grace - Grand Bethel 3rd Messenger
- Serenity - Grand Bethel Representative to Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Bahia 1-15
- Faith - Grand Bethel Representative to Missouri, Montana, Australia, Mato Grosso Do Sul
- Katrina - Grand Bethel Representative to Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Minas Gerias 13-28
- Lauren - Grand Bethel Representative to South Dakota, Utah, Washington 3-24, Alberta, Pernambuco

After Grand, Bethel #5 didn't slow down with activities. We held a dine-out night at Freddy's at 48th & Van Dorn on June 25th. Despite the downpour, we had a few members come support us! In July, our girls showed off their singing and improvising skills as we grilled and sold hot dogs and brats at 3 different Super Saver Locations. On July 14th, we entertained the shoppers at the 56th & Highway 2 location with songs about hot dogs. On July 28th, the grocery getters at the Fallbrook location enjoyed an addition of hamburgers to the menu and we were joined by one of our prospects, Peyton and got to know her better! We also met a past Jobie and her daughter and will look forward to

getting to know them both very soon! August 4th, we headed out to the Super Saver at 27th & Cornhusker and had a blast selling hot dogs, brats and pulled pork! Danielle the Dino made her debut walking through the aisles of Super Saver to drum up business! Our last Super Saver date is August 11th at 27th & Pine Lake and hope it will be a huge success as well.

July 29th, we decided to test our bowling skills at Hollywood Bowl. We were joined by our friend Maya and really enjoyed getting to know her! August 11-12 all of our state officers will be heading to Kearney to attend our Grand Family retreat where they will get to know each other and have a great time.

Bethel #5 will be selling Eileen's cookie dough August 25th through September 20th, 2018. We all love the smell of freshly baked cookies so make sure you find your favorite Bethel #5 member and get yours ordered today!

Bethel #5 is excited to grow and have a great time this term and hope many of you can share in this excitement with us. We are including a calendar of our upcoming events and would love to have as many of you join us that can!

- August 19 – Mystery trip 2:00pm
- September 8 – Bethel Meeting 10:00am
- September 23 – Small Lodge Room re-opening Open House 2:30-4:30
- September 30 – Go To Church Sunday – Heritage Presbyterian Church 10:30am



East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green



The little gal setting the tables is WB Green's daughter Brooklyn.

WB Bill Hayes had graciously accepted WB Green's request to fill-in as Master for the August meeting in Green's absence, however, although he prepared, WB Hayes humbly allowed the SW Jeff Buhman to give WM a shot. Bro. Buhman stepped up and led the business meeting for the month of August with flying colors – well done Bro. Jeff!



WB Green really enjoyed meeting up with WB Joe

Musumeci of Western Star #2 to take a tour of the Nebraska City lodge. Green checked out the lodge in Brownville as well. WB Green is looking forward to attending the Masonic Leadership conference in Wahoo too.

East Lincoln 210's parking lot has never looked better! A big thank you goes to Brothers RJ Lipert and Bob Philipps for stepping up and making it happen.



WB Green's daughter Brooklyn assisted her dad during a recent lodge cleanup by wiping down every chair in the first rows of the north and south side of the lodge room, as well as the officers chairs. She eagerly assisted in setting tables for the upcoming potluck as well.

Fazoli's is catering East Lincoln 210's Annual Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser this year – and the cost is

lower than ever! Just \$5 will get those in attendance all-you-can eat pasta, breadsticks, and soda on September 6 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. Just \$2 for kids! Lastly, let's welcome back Brother Nathan Abshire to Lincoln! Abshire had been in Indiana for several months, but has recently returned to Lincoln to work on the CRISPR program. The ability to precisely edit the genome of a living cells holds enormous potential to accelerate life science research, improve biotechnology, and even treat human disease, and one of East Lincoln 210's newest members is diligently working/researching to make it happen.



Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft chapter met on August 1st with Sis Cora Redwine and Bro. Jim Banister opening the meeting.

Sickness and Distress We are saddened by the death of Sis. Ingrid Hansen. She was a past matron and has held many offices in her time with Starcraft. She will be missed.

Before we retired to the dining room Sis. Cora thanked Bro. Don Jelinek for sitting in as Chaplain and Sis Jamie Janovec as Conductress. We ended the evening with refreshments provided by Sis. Doris Foust.

September Birthdays
 September 9 Jim Heinke
 September 9 Enid Scharon
 September 9 Shirley Douglas
 September 14 Doris Foust
 September 14 Dennis Brydl
 September 17 Jeanne Waegli
 September 20 Martha Harrison
 September 21 Victoria McKee
 September 22 Marcia Malzer
 September 26 Ortrude Snyder
 September 27 Darlene Miltner
 September 29 Gayleen Rose

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Temple Report



On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, the Temple Board and the Preservation Foundation will be re-opening parts of the building which have been closed for refurbishment. First, the front doors, which have been inoperable since 1978, will finally be usable again, and the stonework around the entrance has been refurbished! Second, our small lodge room will be opened again, which has experienced a floor-to-ceiling renovation, and our beautiful Dolan paintings

will be on display once again! Finally, we invite you to view some of our "in progress" projects, including the new third floor library.

Be sure to stop by between 2:30 and 4:30 for a guided tour of the work that has been achieved with your help! Members of both the Foundation and the Temple Board will be available to discuss the ongoing efforts to preserve and restore the Temple!



Lancaster Lodge #54

Turner Cox

When I first petitioned for membership into the fraternity, I did it because I have two great uncles who are Masons. My great grandfather was a Mason. They were always proud of it, and didn't really tell me anything about it when I asked them (which I am glad because when I went through my degrees I did not know what to expect). As I look at younger people in my generation, the "millennials", (a term that I can't stand, but that's a topic for another time) and even the generation after us, I realize that their Fathers aren't Masons, their grandfathers probably aren't Masons, so they don't have the same advantage that I did. In addition, I enjoy learning about our vast history in reading and discussions with other brothers, which is another reason I joined. We may be currently facing a membership "crisis" according to some, but I see it as a refining of our fraternity, and those aren't my words I just think they bear repeating. My

generation, especially in the current social climate, are searching for structure and tradition, both of which we offer, but we must also be careful not to compromise our values to coddle a generation who may feel uncomfortable with some of the things we do or say. We will see a membership boom like we did after World War 2; my generation just has to find us, and they will be better members by seeking us out! We mustn't bend the knee to those people who wish to see change for changes sake, but rather hold strong and stay the course.

We have quite a few



practices coming up, to get ready for our Master Mason degree for Brother Neil on August 25th and for our proficiency on September 28th. Many other events coming up soon; stop by lodge on a Friday night to see what we're up to!

Picture: For a few minutes, the speculative brothers of 54 became operative masons, moving the giant coat rack from outside of the small lodge room down to the ladies waiting room. The temple board would like to extend a huge thanks to these brothers for moving this incredibly heavy piece of furniture to its final destination!

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 Sun. Sep 23: Open House/Re-opening, 1635 "L" Street Temple, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
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 Tue. Oct 23: Table Lodge to celebrate 150 years, Lincoln Lodge #19
 Mon. Nov 11: Free Tour of the Museum of American Speed by Keith Chambers 1PM

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.

DISCOVERING FAMILY TIES, PART 2

A year ago, I submitted an article about discovering my Masonic history within my own family. From the first paragraph, "My great grandpa and grandma Coates' gravesite was such a pleasure to visit as it felt like a huge personal history as Great Grandpa Coates was one of the first generation in our family to settle in Wisconsin/Nebraska as well as being a well-respected pastor."

Our family reunions are held every two years in locations as planned by one of Great Grandpa Coates' kids' side of the families. This year the Wisconsin clan planned it in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. It's a great tourist spot, but family...we were lucky enough to have managers and staff in the family of the hotel & adjoining restaurant.

The nearby park was great fun for the next generation of kids to play at the playground and my

generation to throw around the Frisbees and baseballs/softballs. Across the street was the Lake Geneva Masonic Center. It was Friday afternoon, and I called the Grand Lodge F & AM of Wisconsin, to find out the Lodge Secretary's info. I was able to contact the Lodge Secretary and Worshipful Master and talked to them for a while. Great conversations, and, I wasn't surprised, that the Lodge was dark due to the summer tourist season in Lake Geneva and most of the members got out or moved to another area. Small Lodge but they were blessed with a great Masonic building. I wasn't able to go in the Lodge, but sounded like a great building and history there.

This brings me back to the family reunion...again an excerpt from last year's article for a reminder, "It wasn't until the family reunion after I was raised as a Master Mason in North Star Lodge No. 227 [after the days of active membership in DeMolay] that I discovered something interesting. That year for our biannual family reunion, we were in central Nebraska and visited the gravesites for a few ancestors."

Knowing my family had homesteaded in the area near Walworth, it may not have been a Lodge in Walworth or Lake Geneva that they were members of. I remember after I found out that my Great Grandpa Coates was a Mason that I had contacted the Grand Lodge in Wisconsin for further details. I wish I would have remembered where I put that information, but hopefully find it someday. But just finding and connecting with Masons in that area really does put perspective of my family history and its connection with Freemasonry and Order Eastern Star.

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



Hall Family Photo at Coates Family Reunion 2018, Lake Geneva, WI: (L-R) Jason (brother-in-law), Dr. Sarah (sister), Annette (mom), Jerry (dad), Tyler (me), Kelli (not pictured)



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