



# The Masonic News



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## Starcraft Chapter 307

Terri Sherman

### Installation

Installation of officers was held on Wednesday January 17 at Craftsman Lodge. Worthy Matron Julie Fowler opened the meeting. The installing officers were: Sisters Glee Warnke, Installing officer; Sharon Yonkers, Installing Organist and Brothers Don Jelinek, installing Marshal and Roger Warnke, Installing Chaplain. Newly installed Worthy Matron Sister Cora Redwine and Worthy Patron Brother Jim Bannister enjoyed a wonderful installation. Their theme for the year is 'You Ought to be in Pictures'. They promise that we will have a fun filled year filled with movie stars.

### Regular Meeting

On a cold night in February, Sis Cora opened her first meeting of the year for Starcraft Chapter #306. Everyone was decked out in red and pink for Valentine's Day. We heard reports from the Secretary and Treasurer. And also a report from the trustees and elected Brother Ron Tillman to fill a 2 year term as a trustee. We had a party afterwards honoring the newly elected Worthy Matron Sister Cora and Worthy Patron Brother Jim.

We voted to give one band scholarship to the niece of Sis. Bridget Anderson. Sis. Bridget reported that she attended last year and loved it so much she wants to go back every year from now on. And we voted to present two high school scholarships to twin nieces of Sis. Terri Sherman, that will be heading off to college this next year. She reports they will be attending University of Sioux Falls and the University of Nebraska.

We recognized again Sis. Doris Foust, who was presented as our Star of the year for 2017 by Sis. Julie Fowler and Bro. Don Jelinek.

### Groups

Kensington will start meeting again in March. Past Matrons will be

meeting at Doris Foust's on Feb 16th.

### Sickness and Distress

We are sad to report the death of Bro. Ward Svoboda on January 26th. Many members from the Lincoln Chapter remember him fondly. Sis. Mary Louis Gillespie recently had knee replacement and is doing well. Several other members are reporting that the cold and flu has hit their households.

Before we closed the meeting we sang happy birthday to Sis. Julie Fowler. Sister Cora

thanked the Protem Bro. Don Jelinek as Sentinel. After the close of the meeting Sis. Julie Fowler and Bro. Don Jelinek signed the Bible as Jr. Past Worthy Matron and Patron. And before we all went down to refreshments Sis Cora told us about a famous person that everyone from Nebraska knows; Dick Cavett who was born in Gibbon Nebraska, graduated from Lincoln High and went on to fame as a comedian and talk show host. Our own Bro. Jim Banister had met him before at a Lincoln High Class Reunion.

### Birthdays

March 6  
March 10  
March 11  
March 18  
March 19  
March 26  
March 30

Dee Coad  
Betty Hotshkiss  
Janell Cain  
Janeen Petersen  
Mary Rittenburg  
Barbara Frolich  
Nicole Hahn



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### DUES ARE DUE

Dues for all Nebraska Masonic Lodges for 2018 are due Jan. 1. Send payment to your Lodge Secretary. Members with unpaid dues are delinquent as of March 1. Suspension by Grand Lodge comes April 30. Suspension in Blue Lodge also means suspension in Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Look at your dues card. If it does not say 2018, send payment today to your Secretary.

Eastern Star dues are also due Jan. 1. Send dues to your Chapter Secretary. Unpaid members will become delinquent Oct. 1, with suspension Dec. 31.

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## We Make House Calls



## Martha Washington Chapter 153

### Betty Kirby

Greetings from Martha Washington. It looks like we are going to have another six weeks of winter according to the old groundhog so everyone needs to remember to come to our yummy creamed chicken dinner or homemade bunza meals on the second Saturday of the remaining winter months. We serve between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. This is a good way to fight the winter blues and join us for some fellowship and fun.

Another meal that is coming

up is our annual George and Martha Washington Banquet on February 17. This is the time when George Washington Lodge and Martha Washington Chapter meet together and celebrate our heritage. Tickets are \$12.00. If you wish to attend (and everyone is welcome...you don't need to be a member), just call John Kirby at 402-421-2502 by February 14.

For our own membership, the new rosters are now available. These rosters are

handy and include so much information. Thanks to Sis. Paula Beezley for providing these to us each year. If you wish a roster, just call the Chapter Secretary.

We are deeply saddened by the death of Sister Lillian Bauer on January 28. Her services were held at Ebenezer United Church of Christ on February 2. We extend our sympathies to her family. Our sympathy is also extended to Sis. Shirley Boardman and Sis. Janice Nitz on the death of their

sister and aunt, Marcia Ehmke.

Several members have experienced the ravages of the flu and the respiratory viruses that are being passed around. Sister Kelsey Larsen is still in physical therapy after her knee surgery. She also is being treated for SVT which she discovered she has had her whole life.

Sister Eleanor Krenk will be celebrating her 97th birthday on February 20. Congratulations, Sister

Eleanor, on a life so well lived! Other February birthdays include: Sis. Arlayne Ortengren (14), Bro. Elbert Marshall (15), Sis. Kristy Williams (21), Bro. Albert Fisher (21), Sis. Kelsey Larsen (21), Sis. Julie Fowler (23), and Sis. Janice Nitz (27). Our best wishes to all those who celebrate this month.

Come join us at our regular stated meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30. We love company!

## Lancaster Lodge #54

### Turner Cox

January has been a busy month for Lancaster 54, a good start to 2018 with a good installation, and two successful ballots to receive the degrees of Masonry. The first is for Mr. Neil O'Connor on Friday, February the 16th starting at 7pm and the second is the following week for Dr. John George on the 23rd at the same time. 54 also has several Entered Apprentices working diligently to receive the Fellowcraft Degree, so be on the lookout for those dates.

There is also a camping trip being organized for April 20th. There will be a picnic for any interested family members. Feel free to invite any prospects who are interested in Masonry and give them a chance to meet and socialize with the brothers of 54.

Imagine an organization that has among its members the brightest in their fields, captains of industry, doctors, a circus performer, an anthropologist, and a former president. Now this group even has a not so secret location; a building specifically created for their purpose. This group sounds like a good thing to be a part of; I mean, with that many people gathering in one place to discuss topics on what to do with the group's time, how could it be bad, right? But even they are persecuted for

their perceived wrong doings, much like us.

Now for a second, I'd like to bring you back from this group and to our real world today where much like this other group, we too have had many important and pivotal figures of history come through our storied halls all over the world. But unlike then, where people were still suspicious of our fraternity, it wasn't as mainstream, mainly staying to the religious right and other fringe groups, whose only real gripe was a piece of admitted anti mason propaganda in the 1890's. With advances in technology and the advent of the internet, ideas spread faster than ever before, and now more people than ever have access to these anti-mason works, and the one condemning quote taken out of context in *Morals and Dogma*.

In England just last year, accusations were being spread that the Freemasons were blocking the advancement of women and minorities in the English police force. Does that sound like our organization? We've also been accused of a whole host of other things ranging from devil worship, being a shadow government to the world (that one actually is not us, that is a cabal of globalists in the EU and UN, but I digress); you could

probably name a horrible or ridiculous thing and at some point we have been accused of either being or doing it by some fringe group.

But you're probably wondering who the organization I was talking at the beginning was. Well they've actually done some of these ridiculous things and still have not been apprehended. Now if you're a comic nerd, you probably know who I'm talking about; the Legion of Doom from DC Comics. We as a whole organization have been slowly turned into comic book bad guys from all the antics we are accused of, and not even that great of comic book bad guys. One of the smartest people in the legion is an ape... A genetically modified ape, but still an ape mind you. Now I don't know about you, but I don't want the stigma of the world's bad guys attached to us, so I'd like to end this by saying that I don't know if we can fix this or if it will ever be fixed because of how long it's been going on, but it can't stop us from doing our labors and standing tall as Masons, even when the light is not shining on us.



## Electa Chapter 8

Mike Lagueux

Our February business meeting had all of the traditional expectations; people in new positions trying to remember their lines, new initiatives being fleshed out, introductions of visitors and members curious about what we are doing so far, and hugs and candy. Wait, hugs and candy? YES! This Worthy Matron has my vote for life...or at least the next 11 months! Of course she did give us candy and then seemed surprised when my lines were somewhat garbled because I had it in my mouth. Give me candy and not expect me to eat it...seemed like the thing to do!

We also took care of routine business; record keeping, ensuring our members were taken care of, and ensuring the Chapter could operate effectively in the coming months. All the "stuff" that needs to be done, was done.

I sat back in my chair as the warder and began to think about the past 12

months we had just completed. Searching the faces of last year's officers I saw less strain in their countenances. They were more relaxed, pensive at times, and certainly lost in thought. I realized as I looked at our new Treasurer, PP Doug Johnson, how truly fortunate Electa is to have men of his caliber. Doug has spent the last two years in the east as Worthy Patron...once when he decided to step up in 2016 to be the Worthy Patron when there was no one else, and last year when Associate Patron Jim Franson succumbed to cancer before he could be installed in the east. Men such as Doug, Bruce Anderson, Don Frank, and others have done what is necessary to maintain the Chapter for years. Gentlemen, please accept the sincere thanks of a grateful organization for your self-sacrifices for the good of all.

These things are not surprising to any of you

though. You know someone in your Lodge or Chapter, somewhere in your Masonic Family, who goes out of their way to "make it work" whatever that something is. They usually don't say much, usually are not a self-promoter, and keep most of their bling in the little box on their dresser at home. But you know who they are.

Each of us has to determine where our cable tow will allow us to go and what we can do when we get there...but I think we do what we can, when we need to. Masons have always been at the heart of helping in any way they can. And the heart of the women who are related to these men are not resting on their laurels either...Chapters are becoming more involved in, and outside their Chapters. You can see them encouraging our youth groups, offering helping hands to those who would not have an opportunity otherwise, and making their presence

known within the communities they belong to.

Masonry in all of its forms can be a dynamic force for change, but it takes participation and a willingness to do what is necessary to achieve exceptional results. Many times I have been at awards dinners and watched 50 year members receive their pins and certificates and then destroy their moment by saying, "Thank you, but I haven't been active for years." It would be better if they just said thank you and knew their dues have supported the efforts of the Fraternity to provide Hope, Faith, and Charity for those who need it.

In today's society there are so many things that compete for our time. Young families have their kids in so many activities it is hard to find time for outside obligations. It's even difficult to find time for our spouse or ourselves. But maybe, just maybe...the time you

would spend with your Masonic Brothers and Sisters is exactly what you need, one night a month, a few hours among friends who don't judge, who welcome you and are genuinely pleased to see you again, who provide you with a meal and easy conversation. Wherever you find your Masonic connection, I would encourage you to come and see friends who care, and bring your friends with you to share the greatness our organization provides.

Consider what was offered to you as an initiate when you decided to join our Brotherhood; the rough ashlar and your life-long pursuit of the perfect ashlar. A friend of mine has a byline on his email that quotes a Cherokee quip; "When you were born you cried and the people around you celebrated...live your life so that when you die those around you cry and you celebrate."

God Bless and keep you.

## Temple Chapter 271



One hundred is a significant number. Few people will turn down a chance to get one hundred dollars in any form; people who have lived for that span of time have seen the end of the war to end all wars, the development of

the modern vehicle, the beginning of flight, and a man walking on the face of the moon...and possibly the inception of Temple Chapter #271.

Worthy Matron Denise and Worthy Patron Monte are trying to help Temple's members relive some of the things that may have been around at the Chapter's beginning.

After installation, old fashioned bread pudding and caramel sauce was served to all the guests.

Worthy Matron Denise is trying to research what was happening in our world one hundred years ago and will be sharing highlights with members at the business meetings this year. This will be a sort of microscopic look into what Lincoln, and our country looked like a century ago and where we have come since then.

Temple #271 has a lot going on over the next few months and all of it sounds like things members should be excited about. What games were popular a century ago, what were the concerns of the day, what were the significant projects taking place then,



and how was Lincoln and Nebraska in general growing?

I hope all of you have a chance to enjoy some of this trip through time this year and join in the fun and history. All are welcome and Temple loves to have visitors at our meetings and members of other Chapters are always welcome.

Until next month, God bless and keep you.



# Robert Burns Dinner 2018, Special Report

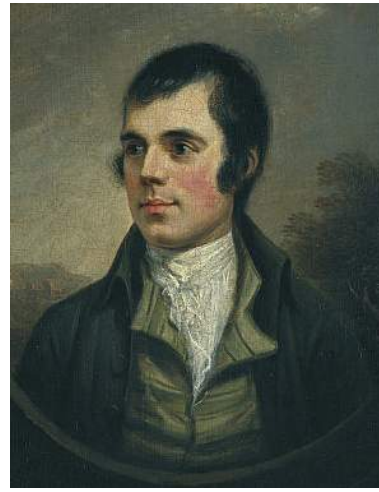
Micah Evans



Robert Burns, one of Scotland's most famous sons, is still celebrated for his poetry and music more than 220 years after his death at age 37. Born on January 25, 1759, Robert Burns' birthday is celebrated around the world with dinner, music, poetry, and of course haggis, the national dish of Scotland. The Lincoln Scottish Rite celebrated the Ploughman Poet on January 27th with the annual Burns Night dinner.

The evening was sponsored by the Lincoln Knights of St. Andrew (KSA). Herschel (32° KCCH) and Betty Talley served as the Robert Burns Night Chairs, welcoming nearly 100 guests for a great evening.

The dinner began with cocktails in the museum and Scottish songs by Those Two, local musicians David Purdham and Julie Schumacher. Guests were piped to dinner by Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn and passed through a KSA Arch of Steel.



Bob and Jennifer Kruse, Doug Krugman, Joni Bennett, and Bruce and Linda Wood prepared a fantastic dinner for the Robert Burns event, beginning with a vinaigrette salad, followed by flat iron steak, vegetables and roast potatoes, followed by iced cranachan, the national dessert of Scotland made from whipped cream, flavored with whiskey, honey and topped with raspberries and oats.



As a surprise, Jerry Piglsey called to the podium Joni Bennett and Linda Wood, who were honored with the Scottish Rite Excellence Award. Joni and Linda have donated literally hundreds of hours to the Valley cooking and serving at events, cleaning afterward, and tackling numerous projects around the building. The Valley was proud to recognize and honor Joni and Linda for all the work they do without any fanfare.



Guests mingled in the newly renovated Scottish Rite Great Hall, as the KSA served cocktails. A silent auction raised several hundred dollars for the RiteCare Speech and Language Clinic at the UNL Barkley Memorial Center, and silent auction items included Scottish ties, prints, antiques, Husker gear, and a bottle of excellent Glenmorangie Highland Scotch. The KSA also raffled a bottle of Macallan's Scotch as a fundraiser.

After a welcome by our emcee, Jerry Pigsley, 32°, Dr. Steve Lahey gave the Selkirk Grace and invocation. With bagpiper Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn, the Knights of St. Andrew piped in the guest of honor - the haggis. Dr. Lahey read Burns immortal Ode to a Haggis, stabbing the "Great chieftain o' the pudding-race" with the assistance of Hersh and Betty's grandchildren, Annaleis and Herschel Talley, IV.



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The traditional Toast to the Lassies was given by KSA Knight Master Andy Seachord, 32°. Not to be outdone by Andy, the Reply to the Laddies was given by his girlfriend Brooke Welsh. M.W. Richard Myers, Grand Master of Masons gave closing remarks for the evening, thanking the guests for allowing him to join the Valley as his last major event before his term as Grand Master ends the following Saturday. The evening closed with Those Two singing Scottish a medley of Scottish songs and leading the attendees in Auld Lang Syne.

The Robert Burns Dinner has grown to be the Valley of Lincoln Scottish Rite's premier and largest event each year, and one not to miss. Mark your calendars for January 26, 2019 for the next Robert Burns Dinner!



## East Lincoln Lodge #210

### Joel Green



I am saddened to report the loss of two longtime brothers of East Lincoln 210, J. Eugene P. Jorgensen and Ward Svoboda. J. Eugene P. Jorgensen was 97 when he passed in Lincoln on Thursday, February 1, 2018. He was born October 17, 1920, in Moore, Montana, and was a retired architect for the Army Corps of Engineers, a WWII veteran, a P.O.W. in Germany, and a recipient of a Purple Heart. In addition to East Lincoln 210, B Jorgensen also belonged to the V.F.W., North Star Lodge 227, United American Lodge 819 in Frankfurt, Germany, the Sesostriis Shrine, Masonic Research Society, and Myrtle Chapter 94 O.E.S. He was a lifetime member of the Nebraska State Historical Society, UNL Alumni Association, and a 40-year member of the Boys Scouts of America. Brother Jorgensen received a Masonic funeral service on February 11 at the Metcalf Funeral Home. Memorials were given to the Boy Scouts of America or the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Jorgensen was East Lincoln 210's Bronze Jordan Medal winner in 2011, and current Worshipful Master Joel Green is honoring Jorgensen by wearing Jorgensen's top hat.

Schuyler High School, Schuyler, NE, and earned his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He served in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge in March 1962. Retiring in 1996 from Ransomes of England (Cushman) after 30-plus years of service, Ward designed and engineered golf carts, industrial vehicles, and turf maintenance equipment used by private and governmental agencies and at the Pentagon. He was also involved in the Titan missile program. He was a member of Theta Chi fraternity (UNL), an honorary member of Kappa Alpha Mu fraternity, a 32° Mason and 50-year member of East Lincoln 210, and Elk's Club. Ward was an avid skier and married his wife, Judie, in Vail, Colorado. He loved mountain climbing, having ascended many of the major 14,000 foot peaks in Colorado. A collector of model trains and lifelong Cornhusker fan, Ward loved to travel, having visited many countries in Europe and the Pacific. He was also known to enjoy the occasional martini (one olive).



On a lighter note, forty seven people attended East Lincoln 210's Installation of Officers on January 14, 2018. WB Monte Dietrick served as the Installing Master, Scott Dietrick (Installing Chaplain), James Michaelson (Installing Marshal), and Scott Dodge (Installing Secretary). Thanks to all Grand Lodge officers, Grand Custodians, and Worshipful Masters who attended, and for six-year



Ward R. Svoboda was born February 9, 1934 in Prague, Nebraska, and passed on January 26, 2018 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He was 83. Ward was a graduate of

old Brooklyn Green for her piano performance. WM Green's wife Tiffanie presented B Joel his gavel from Nazareth near Jerusalem, and his daughter Brooklyn presented the hat worn by Thorvald V. Jorgensen in Denmark in the early 1900s, T. Victor Jorgensen in Omaha in the 1930s, and then by J. Eugene Jorgensen in Lincoln in the 1980s.



At February's business meeting, committees were named, Grand Lodge voting results were reported, and ritual practice dates were discussed. Congratulations to B Phillips for proving up in the Master's Degree! WB Tom Michaelson, WB James Michaelson, WM Joel Green, SW Jeff Buhrman, and WB Bill Hayes attended Grand Lodge together in Kearney. Finally, WM Joel Green entertained B Jay Burger from Beatrice Lodge #26 in January by leading B Burger's group on a tour of Blue Blood Brewery and Robber's Cave. Thanks for visiting B Burger!



## Lincoln Lodge #19

### Bruce Anderson

The new year has started and Lincoln Lodge 19 started off with a bang. After our stated meeting, the very next week was installation. Our installation was with Liberty Lodge 300. It was great to see all but one officer installed that night. Most of the new officers are from our Lawyers night we held at the end of 2016. Almost all who attended that night have signed a petition and taken all the Blue Lodge degrees. They may be new to Masonry but they do not lack in enthusiasm. It should be a great 150th year.

Our new officers for 2018 are:

Worshipful Master W.M. Charles R. (Dick) Clark  
Senior Warden William W. Folsom  
Junior Warden Corey C. Spreeman  
Treasurer W.B. Bruce T. Anderson  
Secretary W.B. Bruce T. Anderson  
Chaplain J.P. Sabby  
Senior Deacon Wesley C. Bottorf  
Junior Deacon Beau J. Ballard  
Senior Steward Eddy M. Rodell  
Junior Steward Tyson S. McPhillips  
Tyler Andrew T. LaGrone

We also started two new members on the way thru the degrees, Timothy Hruza and Sean Moscunsky took their Entered Apprentice degree in January. We had several of the new officers take part in the degree and they did very well.

Now is the time to come back to lodge on Tuesday nights. It should be a great year and we need everybody to participate. We do better with an audience.

March will see three brothers take the Fellowcraft degree. Come and hear one of the most educational degrees in Masonry.

Last month I had an article about family and Masonry.

I hope you read it and let family members read it. A Mason needs family support to really do well in the Lodge. We also need to support the rest of the Masonic Family when possible. The Eastern Star, Jobs, Rainbow and DeMolay just to name a few. They further your Masonic Education.

The Master has scheduled a couple of events that everyone needs to put on their calendar. May 20 will be a rededication of the Lodge in celebration of our 150th year. This ceremony is put on by the Grand Lodge officers and will be a feature event for the year. Also in June, we will be having a Table Lodge again to celebrate our Brothers and Lodge.

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1st Wed.  
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Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Lincoln Council 4 Cryptic Masons**  
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Tom Michaelson, Recorder 423-1984  
1st Wed.  
Covered-dish dinner 6:15 p.m.  
Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Mount Moriah Commandery 4**  
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Joe Huskey, Cmdr. 730-1158

Tom Michaelson, Recorder 423-1984  
1st Mon.  
Covered-dish dinner 6:15 p.m.  
Business meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Scottish Rite

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Sun. Feb 18: Bethel #63 HUNT for HIKE - Scottish Rite Temple - 2:00 PM  
 Sat. Mar 3: York Rite Royal Arch Festival - Papillion Masonic Center - 8:00 AM  
 Sat. Mar 10: 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  
 Sat. Mar 17: Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner - Scottish Rite Temple - 6:00 PM  
 Sat. Mar 24: York Rite Council & Commandery Festival - Papillion Masonic Center - 7:30 AM  
 Thur. Apr 5 - Sat Apr 7: York Rite Grand Session - Younes Center, Kearney  
 Sun. Apr 8: Grand Master's Dinner - Sesostris Shrine  
 Sat. Apr 14: Grand Lodge All Committee Meeting - Masonic-Eastern Star Home For Children - 8:00 AM  
 Fri. Apr 20 - Sat. Apr 21: Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite Reunion  
 Sat. Apr 28: Fiesta Feed for HIKE

## 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.

### SCOTTISH RITE

Joining the Scottish Rite in Minneapolis Valley of the Orient of Minnesota during the Fall Class of 2002 was such a memorable experience. We went through each degree on

Thursday Night = Scottish Rite Nights. Involvement was no issue after candidacy: enjoying dinner on Thursday nights, sang in the chorus, joined Knights of Saint Andrew, and helped out with the 30th Degree.

Now in the Bismarck Valley, Orient of North Dakota, I had the pleasure of serving as the VMAP Coordinator in 2016. Then starting in 2017, I was appointed as Valley Secretary by our SGIG in North Dakota, Charles Ottem. I also serve as the 30th Degree Master of our Valley. Thanks to the Minneapolis Valley for the structure of a large Valley is helping me try to learn everything I can and excel our Valley to higher lights.

On February 3rd of this year, I was invested with the honor of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour with other honorees in our Orient of North Dakota in Fargo,

ND. I'm so humbled to the Supreme Council for the honor. I just love Freemasonry and being involved to improve Masonry, Scottish Rite, and DeMolay for our future. One definitely doesn't think about being appreciated in this way by the organization you just love to volunteer for and work with. It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship with by Brothers that will last a lifetime.

Something I've found great is that two of my passions in Masonry, DeMolay and Scottish Rite, are similar in some technologies, rules, and philosophies. Not just in our leadership in the Southern Jurisdiction but also in our history of DeMolay, we see both organizations coming together on its foundations.

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



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