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Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



Electa #8 is thrilled to announce that our Scholarship Award Winner for 2018, Miss Alexandra Titsworth, has been chosen as

Grand Bethel Honored Queen for the 2018-2019 year. This young woman is moving forward with plans to put her brand on the world around her with everything she does. Congratulations on your accomplishments, we wish you the best in your future successes.

This month WM Sue asked for donations of juice for the food pantry barrel, and boy did she get them. Over 800 fluid ounces were donated to help the less fortunate in our world. The impact of these donations is felt throughout our community by easing the

burden children feel when they start their days well nourished. Thank you for your continuing commitment to this worthwhile project.



During our June business meeting a number of necessary items were discussed including one that promises to raise discussion on both sides of the subject...an increase in dues. Grand Chapter is considering raising the per capita from \$2 to \$3 per person. At our current dues cost this, along with other necessary bills each month, would reduce the amount available for Electa to use for projects, etc. to an unsustainable level for

the Chapter. The last dues increase that Electa enacted was in 1989, and that was to the current cost of \$10 per member and a continuation of \$2 per 50 year member. There has been no increase of membership dues in 29 years at this point...only the cost of spending for normal bills to maintain the Chapter's existence and services to its members has continued to increase. The cost for 50 year members has not changed for far longer than the 1989 date.

Worthy Matron Sue has asked the Trustees to gather information and opinion on a dues increase and how the membership feels about it and report back at the July business meeting. Points of contact are the Trustees, Brother Don Franks, Brother Rich Bales, and Sister Pam Johnson and WM Sue will be sending out an email with their contact

information. You can either call them or email them your concerns, ideas, or discussion on this subject. Please, make this productive in nature not contentious. They need your heartfelt ideas, concerns and recommendations to make good decisions for you, our members.

In 1989 \$10 was satisfactory for our needs...today that cost would be over \$20 to defray the cost of inflationary trends in the last 29 years. Brothers and Sisters, these are the facts your Trustees are dealing with to make an informed decision, and it is now in your hands to make a good recommendation for them to consider. Don't let your opportunity to contribute go by without your participation.

Liberty Lodge #300

Celebrating 100 Years!

On Wednesday, July 4th, Liberty Lodge #300 celebrated their 100th anniversary with Masonic unity prevailing. Members from many Lincoln area Masonic bodies were present, including representatives from Lancaster Lodge #54 and East Lincoln

Lodge #210, two of the founding lodges for Liberty Lodge.

After a brief history presentation from Worshipful Master Tom Lagerstrom, we were asked to help guest judge B. Bill Short to taste the dozen breakfast casseroles that were brought for the competition. Nobody envied B. Bill the work he had to do deciding, as all of the entries were phenomenal.

Once we were all too full to be able to move comfortably, we retired to the lodge room where we reobligated as Master Masons, and enjoyed some fantastic fellowship.



If you missed out on this fantastic event, unfortunately you will have to wait until July 4, 2118 for their next hundred year anniversary, however WM Tom has many other events scheduled to provide opportunity for inter-lodge fellowship. Be sure to check the calendar of events for upcoming dates!



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Lancaster Lodge #54

Turner Cox

On July 6th Lancaster Lodge 54 held its regular business meeting, where upcoming events were discussed as well as voting on dual membership for Bro. Keith Herbster. Our candidates for the further degrees of masonry are coming along well and Bro. Neil O'Connor will be having his Masters degree soon which he is very excited for. On June 23rd some Brothers of Lancaster 54 traveled to Superior Lodge #121 A.F. & A.M. to help with a Masters degree which was a very fun time and we look forward to them visiting us in the future as well. Lancaster 54 will be having its Masters proficiency on Friday July 27th with Dinner at 6 followed by the proficiency at 7. Stay tuned for further upcoming events.



What's Going On

What's going on in South Central Nebraska? Masonry, that's what! A few months ago a Brother from Superior Lodge #121 was talking with a Brother from Lancaster Lodge #54 during a visitation to Lincoln, Nebraska and the subject came up that Superior Lodge had suffered the death of their Master followed closely by

the deaths of some of their Brothers who were the glue that held the ritual in their Lodge together. What if we could help with a joint degree to raise a Brother or two? Why not...we are always talking about Masonic Unity, right? Truly I tell you, the idea was good!

So we began some long distance planning...what could possibly go wrong? Our first attempt was canceled by the prediction of a blizzard on the day the degree work was supposed to take place. Oh well, weather happens, and so do blizzards! The next date we had planned would not work due to Masonic events that would take key members from the participating lodges in three different directions at the same time. Schedules

sometimes conflict...let's try a couple more dates. This time we shot for mid-June and as the day got closer everything seemed to be in good readiness. While conflicts do happen, so too do unforeseen events in people's lives...members have family responsibilities, illness happens, and schedules change, sometimes within hours, and even minutes of the event!

We were back to making a decision about whether to go ahead with the degree or cancel once again. A few phone calls even while on the road, and possibly some Divine intervention and availability of Brothers around the Hastings, Nebraska area coupled with last minute parts assignment and

conducting brush-up while traveling resulted in a good presentation of the Master's degree and a new Master Mason for Nebraska...and a lot of good fellowship between Lodges who normally do not get to see each other.

There is no other way to proclaim this but as a win for all involved. Masonic Unity...maybe we need just a little more emphasis on this within our fraternity as a whole. Maybe get out of our comfort zones, our Lodges, Chapters, and Assemblies, and reach out to our Brothers and Sisters who need a little assistance. How far do you think that would go toward solving some of our recruitment and retention issues we are now facing?

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

It was a rainy night when we met for our June stated meeting of Starcraft chapter. Sis Cora Redwine and Bro. Jim Banister opened the meeting. Several members gave reports about attending Grand Chapter. All reported much enjoyment.

Groups

Kensington met May 3rd with 11 members in attendance. Their next meeting will be in September. Past Matrons will next meet in the fall.

Sickness and Distress

Sis. Ingrid Hansen has been dealing with back issues and Alma Wilson has been having hip pain. We were sorry to hear that Bro. Art Atkinson lost his son a while back. Art now lives in Arizona.

Good News

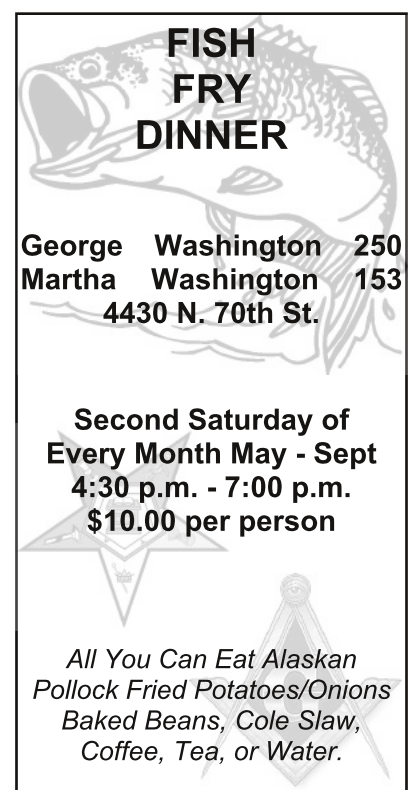
We held our Charter Day dinner on July 8th. Our Band Camp Scholarship recipient was in attendance. She is Kaylyn Johnson who is a Junior at Lincoln East and plays the trumpet. She hopes to go again next year if we can sponsor her. Several plan to attend the Area 5 Grand Officer Visitation to be held here in Lincoln on July 20th. The chapter voted to donate \$200 to the Lincoln Municipal Band in memory of Bro. Chuck Godwin. Sis. Cora was excited to report that she has retired. Congratulations to Sis. Cora. Have fun in your retirement. Now she will have more time as she starts her year as Grand Guardian of Jobs Daughters.

And before we all went down to refreshments Sis Cora told us about another famous person from Nebraska everybody knows; Nick Nolte. Nick was born and raised in Omaha Nebraska. He attended Westside High School in Omaha where he was the kicker on the football team. He went on to play football at Iowa State University. He began his career as a model then in started his acting. One of his more famous early jobs was in the television miniseries *Rich Man, Poor Man*. He is still acting in films today

Before we retired to the dining room Sis. Cora thanked Bro. Don Jelinek for sitting in as Chaplain. We ended the evening with refreshments provided by Sis. Joann Rosenthal.

August Birthdays

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| August 3 | Glee Warnke |
| August 4 | Marilyn Bell |
| August 5 | Kay Traudt |
| August 9 | Don Pritchett |
| August 11 | Terri Rittenburg |
| August 17 | Maurice Hawthorne |
| August 22 | Tom Michaelson |
| August 29 | Ralph Beach |

FISH FRY DINNER

George Washington 250
 Martha Washington 153
 4430 N. 70th St.

Second Saturday of Every Month May - Sept
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$10.00 per person

All You Can Eat Alaskan Pollock Fried Potatoes/Onions Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Tea, or Water.

Bethel #63

Initiation

Bethel 63 initiated a new member on Tuesday, June 12! We are so excited to share Job's Daughters with Lilly and her family! Welcome to Bethel 63!



Installation

Bethel 63 held their Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 16. Maddie was installed as Honored Queen for the ensuing term. Her theme for this term is "She turned her cant's into cans and her dreams into plans"! Her colors are gray, blue, and yellow. This term she has decided to "strive for five" as she has set a goal to initiate five new members. Congratulations to Maddie and her officers!



Grand Session

Wow! Grand Session was a whirlwind of a week! Our Bethel is so busy at Grand Session running from competitions, to fun activities, to Grand practices, and so much more that by the time we blink, Grand Session is over! It's a week of no sleep and LOTS of fun! Lucky for us, Grand Session was held at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln this year! That meant little travel time for us! We arrived at the hotel on Tuesday evening and prepared for competitions. Wednesday brought team competitions and fun night which was a scavenger hunt at the State Capital and a talent showcase. Thursday, we participated in individual competitions and Grand Formal Opening. Friday was the Grand Bethel meeting and one of the best parts of the week – Award's Night! We are so excited to share our daughters' achievements as they had a very successful and FUN Grand Session! Members of Bethel 63 placed in the following competitions:



- 1st Place Team Ritual
- 1st Place Large Bethel Choir
- 2nd Place Large Group Signing
- 3rd Place Large Bethel Capes and Crowns
- 3rd Place Large Bethel Circle of Five



Bethel 63 won the HIKE Awards for: Most money raised by a Bethel (\$11,000+), Most money by Bethel per capita (averaging \$740+ per member), and Most money raised by a Daughter – Katie!

Dyana Burton won Bethel Guardian of the Year and Brent Warwick won Associate Bethel Guardian of the Year!

Our members placed in their individual competitions:

- 1st Place Obligation: Mylee
 - 2nd Place for 1st Messenger Jr. Division: KaeLynn
 - 3rd Place for 3rd Messenger Sr. Division: Brooke
 - 3rd Place for 4th Messenger Jr. Division: Sarah
 - 1st Place for 5th Messenger Jr. Division: Alyssa
 - 1st Place Individual Signing Division 1: Sarah
 - 3rd Place Individual Signing Division 2: Brooke
 - 1st Place Individual Signing Division 3: Cyndi
 - 1st Place in Beginning Knowledge Test: Sarah
 - 2nd Place in Beginning Knowledge Test: Alyssa
 - 3rd Place in Beginning Knowledge Test: KaeLynn
 - 1st Place Intermediate Instrumental: Sarah
 - 2nd Place Individual Voice Division 3: Kristin
- Many of our members placed 1st in their Arts and Crafts Competitions: Grace, KaeLynn, Mylee, and Katie!



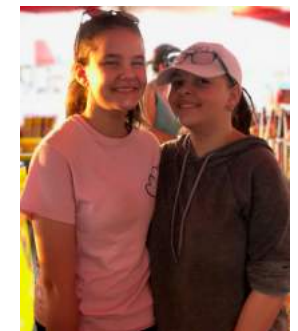
Maddie was selected as Grand Bethel Recorder. Grace, Mylee, and KaeLynn were selected as Grand Bethel Representatives! Sarah was selected as a Daughter HIKE Coordinator and Alyssa was selected as a Spirit Ambassador! Tiana competed in the Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter Pageant and was selected to serve the state as Miss Nebraska Congeniality! Brent was elected and installed as Grand Inner Guard!



Congratulations to our members! We are so proud of your hard work and your dedication to our team! We hope you had FUN!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Dyana for serving as Bethel Guardian for the past five years. We appreciate your kind words, your extremely giving heart, and all that you have done for us and our Bethel! Your continued support of Bethel 63 shows how much you love and care for this organization and for our daughters. Thank you for your time and service to JDI and Bethel 63!



Upcoming Activities

- July 14 – Mini golfing
- July 31 – Star City Shores
- August 10 – Saltdogs Game
- August 15 – Journal Club



Lincoln Assembly #6

Mother Advisor Tiffany Westerholt



The summer is in full swing and Lincoln Assembly #6 has been super busy! To back up a bit, in June, our own Morgan Chandler was installed as Grand Worthy Advisor. So Lincoln Assembly #6 has been travelling with her on her Grand Travels. First up was a visit at Grand Bethel where we got to meet the new Miss Nebraska Jobs Daughters, Grand Bethel Honor Queen and Miss Congeniality. Next the girls went to Plainview Assembly #34 where Morgan got to do a Ninja Warrior course. It was intense! Then we travelled to Athena Assembly #24 in Bellevue where Morgan was taken on a quest with her faithful steed Steve. The next day we hopped over to Benson Diana Assembly #2 and Morgan was taken on a Journey and received one of her favorite accessories (a pair of Rainbow antenna that are now worn everywhere). Not long after that, we visited Lynn Broyhill

Assembly #12 where Morgan had to answer movie questions and win clothes for her service project, which is to gather clothing for the Foster Care Closet.

On July 7th Morgan got to come home for Lincoln Assembly #6's Grand Visitation. We initiated a new member named Sofia into our assembly! We did a "How to train your Dragon to be a warrior" skit in which Morgan had to learn various tasks and won candy prizes and money for her service project. That night several Rainbow Girls stayed in Lincoln for a movie and pizza night. The next day we traveled to Weeping Water to watch them go through initiation. They quizzed Morgan on animal sounds and donated to her project to adopt an animal from the Henry Doorly Zoo. We all came home tired but excited. Think we're done? Not yet! Still two more assemblies to visit,

Conclave is coming up, and right after that is Supreme Assembly! Our story will continue next month. Grand Travels has been a blast and we are so grateful to all the assemblies that have invited us to come and have provided us with their hospitality. We've also enjoyed having Barney (the big brown bear in the photos) getting to travel with us. He's been getting a lot of miles. A lot of food has been eaten and way too many ice cream sundaes! Stay tuned next month as our adventures continue.



Myrtle Chapter #94

Jamie Janovec

Hello Star Family! I hope everyone had a Happy 4th of July! Myrtle Chapter had their regular stated meeting July 10th! We honored the Masons.

We had our Charter Day Dinner on June 26th and presented Emma Plucknett and Belle Kendle with scholarships. We had 29 members and guests in attendance, and Sister Marilyn Wallin entertained us with her storytelling for the evening. We enjoyed the BBQ themed event and also recognized our 50 Year members in attendance:

Sister Connie Weir, PM
Sister Linda Livingston, PM

It was a wonderful day of fellowship and was nice to visit with our Star Family!

VIP Member of the Month:

LoRayne Holscher

1969 - Adah
1971 - Esther
1972 - Chaplain
1974 - Associate Conductress
1975 - Conductress
1976 - Associate Matron
1977 - Worthy Matron

1983-84-85-86 - Secretary
1990 - 1992 - Electa
1994 - Adah
Date of Petition - April 3 1968
Elected - May 7 1968
Initiated - May 21 1968
Her Petition was signed by Lillian and Rex Kirchner.
Masonic Affiliation: Her Grandfather LEWIS WILES - Syracuse Masonic -- She was the FIRST applicant with Grandfather affiliation to be initiated into Myrtle Chapter and Nebraska, "Grandfather" affiliation law which Grand Chapter passed in May 1967.
W.M./W.P when initiated: Marie Hilligas and Steve Brown
She sent us a letter of thanks on being our newest 50 Year member. She sends greetings and thanks us for bringing her pin to her in person. I am going to take a break in August but I will be back! If you are interested in learning more information on our VIP members that I have written about please feel free to reach out to me!
Star Love,
Jamie Janovec

Well, the smoke had cleared from the Independence Day celebrations and Martha Washington #153 was back to business on the evening of the 5th. Sis. Shellie Smith, our Worthy Matron Pro Tem, opened the meeting with several patriotic readings and a very impressive recitation of the Oath of Enlistment for members of the Armed Services.

Plans were made for helping the Temple Board with their Fish Fry on July 14. Discussion was also held regarding the Grand Officer Visitation on July 21. We will be having a potluck dinner prior to the August meeting when we will honor our newest 50-year member and our high school scholarship winners. Get ready for our annual picnic on August 25 at the home of Sis. Shellie Smith at 4:30 pm.

We are extending our sympathies to the family of Sis. Lorette Hedges who passed away on June 11. Services were held in Lees

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Summit MO on July 16. Sis. Eleanor Krenk is currently at the Old Cheney Rehab Center after a bout of pneumonia. Our thoughts and prayers continue for Sis. Barb Smith in her battle with cancer.

Our Chapter was very well represented at our other Masonic-affiliated organizations in June. Sis. Sue Hedges reported on the Rainbow Grand Assembly. Congratulations to Morgan Chandler (of Assembly #6) who will be serving as Grand Worthy Advisor. Sis. Kelsey Larsen reported on Grand Bethel; she will be the NE HIKE coordinator for the upcoming year. Sis. Jeanne Krenk reported on Nile Supreme Assembly in Cincinnati where she was Supreme Princess Musician and Sis. Laura Chytka was in charge of the audio-video for the session. Wow, were our members ever busy in June!!!

July birthdays include: Marie Rustermier (5);

Roger Warnke (13); Pam Lindholm (16); Amy Weinman (17); Jan Schneider (18); Tawnya Christian (18); Phil Fischer (22); Barb Smith (24); Karen Gulbranson (25); Diana Johnson (26); Marolyn Robson (27); Helen Blom (29); and Laura Chytka (20).

Hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer. Please plan on coming to our August potluck dinner and meeting (August 2 at 6:30 p.m.) We would love to have a great turn-out and enjoy any visitors who can come!

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Temple Chapter #271

Denise Lagueux

If you're really busy, it is difficult to fit everything into only 24 hours. That is most true of Temple Chapter's Scholarship Award Winner, Avery Hemmerling. Avery was able to take some time out of a packed schedule to come to Temple Chapter's business meeting to officially receive his certificate before leaving for China! He has had four years of Chinese language and will now be putting it to good use as he gains real world experience during his travels. After his time in China he will return to the United States briefly before going to Germany as a young ambassador there as well. With any luck he will

be back in time to begin classes at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in the fall. To say this young man will go far is an understatement...he has already begun a tremendous journey. Best wishes Avery.



Temple Chapter would also like to congratulate Past Grand Patron James F. Brown Jr. on being awarded the Knight Companion of Constantine. This is one of the most prestigious awards given in Masonry and was presented to PGP Jim at the end of his 10 year commitment as Intendant General. Congratulations; you make us very proud of your continuing commitment to the highest values of Masonry.



June 17, 1918
Initiation.
The chapter opened in form. All officers were present. Initiation was performed for eight persons.
Worthy Matron, Cordilia M. Loverin, announced that Temple Chapter #271 would work Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Red Cross headquarters.
Kensington announced a family picnic for June 26th.
Judge McCarty was called on to speak for the class just initiated.
The chapter closed in form.
Mary Frances Chatburn, Secretary
Corkella M. Loverin, Worthy Matron

July 1, 1918
Business Meeting.
The chapter opened in form. All officers were present.
Mrs. Loverin gave the report concerning Kate Allen at the Orphanage. The visit to the Home had proved very enjoyable. The ladies found everything in fine shape. The expense for the maintenance of Kate Allen, the matron said was comparatively small, as she was already provided with her summer clothing and much that she will need next winter.
Brother Vance moved that the chapter assume the responsibility of providing for Kate Allen during the coming year. It was amended by Brother Mason that not more than \$10.00 be expended at any one time without the consent of the

chapter. Brother Tully amended that motion to also read that the Matron of the Home be required to furnish to this chapter an itemized probable expense list, showing which items might occur at stated periods.
Brother Vance moved that the secretary send a check for \$5.00 to the Grand Matron and a note of appreciation for her work here.
The Secretary reported that the official amendments to the Grand Chapter law had been received.
The chapter closed in form.

August 5, 1918
Meeting for Business.
The chapter opened in form. All officers were present.
A circular letter from the war relief committee of the Grand Chapter asking for an assessment of \$.25 per member was read.
The chapter voted to make this assessment.

September 2, 1918
Business Meeting.
The chapter opened in form. All officers were present.
The memorium from the Grand Officers for Past Patron Brother William S. Rowe was read and placed on file.
Communications from Sister Rawlings thanking the chapter for flowers and from Sister Spellman announcing the district school of instruction were read.
The secretary announced that Brother J. W. Martin was now in the Army Training School at the State Farm.
We had with us a Past Grand Matron from Texas who spoke to the chapter.
Chapter closed in form.

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

Lincoln Lodge 19 has slowed down a bit this summer, but the effort to be active and continue our Masonic traditions has not. We have three brothers that will receive their Fellowcraft degree soon and four more men that have petitioned and are awaiting the Entered Apprentice degree. As you can see we are still very active. We need every member to attend and reactivate their Masonic knowledge.

You can put on your calendars October 23 as we will be again celebrating our 150 year history with a Table Lodge. More information will be coming.

I found the following article in the Grand Lodge of Vermont's website and I thought it brought a good message to all Brothers.

When your Husband or Father is a Mason

In our fast-paced world, where pressures on time become greater and greater, there are all too-few times when fathers can share quality time with their sons.

You probably have memories of those moments of sharing when the pace of living was a bit slower. Perhaps your father taught you to drive, or

hunt, or fish. Maybe you have a memory of a spring afternoon when the two of you went out into the yard and threw a baseball back and forth or a little league game where you were on a team he helped to coach. As boys grow into men, unfortunately the sharing opportunities grow even more rare.

As a young adult, you move out of the family home, establish a life and family of your own. There are fewer and fewer chances to share things with your father. Differences in age and changing times mean communication sometimes grow even more difficult. But there's one thing you can always share with your father, no matter how much time or how many miles may separate you. Freemasonry

At the turn of the century, almost every man's father was a Mason. As was his father before him. And his before that. This tradition can be traced all the way back to the Middle Ages.

It was only natural; every man wanted to pass his wisdom, his knowledge, his experience, his good reputation on to his son. And Masonry was one of his most treasured experiences. It was easier back then. We all lived in the same house, or at least in the same town.

Leaving town for a new job was an uncommon opportunity. The family was closer. Fewer things got in the way of family traditions. As the pace of life has quickened and families have moved apart, centuries-old traditions have been stretched, often to the breaking point.

If your father is a Mason, he may not have talked much with you about the Fraternity. Many fathers are not sure what they can say, or how to say it. If you ask, you will probably find that not only your father but also your grandfather and your uncles are or were Freemasons. So why didn't they ask you to join?

One thing is for sure, not because they don't want to share their love of the fraternity with you or that they weren't very, very hopeful you would join. The practice of not speaking about Freemasonry is really more tradition than any attempt to keep anyone from learning about Freemasonry. Masons once treated Masonry as a secret society - it was the popular thing to do. The Secrets were simply ritualistic, of course, but it did mean that a man had to learn about Masonry by growing up with it.

But it's a rare Mason who does not hope in his heart

that his sons will join the Craft.

You see, there's a special bonding among Masons -- a special feeling which comes from having shared the same deeply moving experiences, honoring the same ideals of truth and charity and brotherly love. It's a good feeling, and when that feeling is added to those which naturally exist between father and son -- well, those of us who have been there can tell you there's nothing like it! And that's true of Masons who move from one town to another and for those who don't visit a lodge for years at a time. Masonry isn't something which happens in the lodge -- it happens in the heart.

That's why the tradition of joining Freemasonry runs so strongly in millions of families. Unfortunately, in these modern times, there's often a time or communications gap between father and sons that's hard to bridge. Many fathers find it hard to be with and to talk to their sons, much as they would like to. Freemasonry bridges that gap by bringing fathers and sons together in the Fraternity and through shared experiences and shared values.

A family's involvement in Freemasonry can go beyond the father-to-son relationship.

There are Masonic youth organizations for the children including opportunities for both boys and girls. These organizations offer Masonic values designed to support the strong family values parents should have already instilled in their children. They offer special programs that focus on the needs of youth including social, athletic and self-awareness programs. There are organizations for adult women including Eastern Star - a world class organization for women to which Masons may also be members. But Freemasonry is foremost a fraternity for men. As a result, every father hopes the day will come when he will stand with his son just as his father stood with him as he was welcomed into the Craft. Talk to your father about becoming a Mason. Ask him what the Fraternity has meant to him and what you will be able to give and get by belonging and being active in Freemasonry. He'll be happy to get you a petition. Or surprise him; find another Mason, submit the petition, and then let your father know what night you're to receive the First Degree.

Grand Lodge of Vermont.

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green



WB Green visited the Johannisloge Freiherr vom Stein in Bielefeld while visiting Düsseldorf, Cologne, Munich, the Bavarian Alps, Dresden, Berlin, and Sylt throughout a 3,500 KM road trip over two weeks in June (Green was a student ambassador in Germany nearly 20 years ago). Green had been invited to meet a member of North Rhine-Westphalian Parliament and brought with him several Masonic gifts from various lodges in the United States.

beer. Dirk and Guido took WB Green to the top of a tower that the lodge owns and rents to university students at a low rate.



From the top of the tower, they explained how German national circles disseminated blame toward Jews, Jesuits, and Freemasons for losing World War I, and although the brothers fought hard against this propaganda, lodges were seized and closed. However, the lodge in Bielefeld succeeded in depriving their assets to the Nazi State by transferring to charitable foundations so they could remain indirectly Masonic. Once World War II ended, Masonic life began again, but only sociable meetings were allowed. Freiherr vom Stein met in the basement of prominent Jewish textile business owner Mr. Katz, and they still meet here today, now known as the Lessinghaus. WB Green toured the Lessinghaus and found it intriguing that it was actually the British government that approved the founding of the Bielefeld lodge in 1947. What an incredible trip and an amazing Masonic connection spanning the Atlantic!



Brothers Dirk and Guido chaperoned WB Green around the city and to dinner at the Brauhaus where they dined on pork knuckle, sauerkraut, and

210 held their annual cookout on the 3rd of July. The event was well-attended and fun was had by all. Thanks to all who pitched in food and fireworks!



WB Green presented Brother Ben Murphy Jr. his Master Mason's apron and diploma, Brother Bob Philipps received his Master Mason's diploma as well, and WB Don Albrecht gave an excellent presentation entitled The Path Forward.

EDITORS NOTE: After WB Green sent me this article, I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge and observing their Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft proficiencies with their Grand Custodian, and would like to congratulate them all on work that was very well done! Within just the opening, it was obvious that the brethren of East Lincoln Lodge #210 have a great respect and love for the ritual work. Any brother who is seeking inspiration for their ritual should arrange to visit these brothers for a degree.



George Washington Lodge #250

John Kirby

Greetings once again from the brethren of George Washington Lodge.

As always, we dutifully carried out our Monthly Business meeting which starts with a guy type dinner which was fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and cole slaw. We then opened in form and

finished up in Harmony.

But as I looked out and around the Lodge Hall at my Brothers who where doing their work faithfully I asked myself the question "why do we do this month after month, year after year and always in the order of eat, pay the bills, record the minutes then go home?" The answer came as I recalled a story that was given to me by a wonderful friend and Eastern Star Sister. This story was written by a Rev. John Campbell-Nelson and talked about that very question of "why do we do this?" and was

answered "Because it's worth it. If we don't do this, how will we know we are family? If we don't come together to work and eat and tell stories, we will all just go our own ways, and that will be the end of us." He said this to his church followers. But to us Master Masons, if we didn't do this how would the Craft carry out our work of bringing light to others, more light to ourselves and how would we support our wonderful charities? Keep coming Brothers.

And don't forget to attend our next All You Can Eat Fish Fry the second

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 Sat. Aug 25 - Aug 26: Grand Lodge CHIP Event at the Nebraska State Fair

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.

Tyler da Tyler

It seems that for every Blue Lodge I've been a member of, I have served as Tyler for the Lodge at least once. Yeah, yeah, I can hear it all now – and trust me, I've heard it plenty of times including this weekend – “That's Tyler the Tyler.” ...Ok, got that out of your system? Wait for it...Wait for it...Ok, good; now moving on...

Why did I mention about the Tyler? Good question. But since I'm not sure of any Brother whose first name was “Master,” “Junior Warden,” “Senior Warden,” or any other Lodge officer title down the Line, I would think I have that privilege to stall some more. ;)



We had held our 129th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota on June 14-16,



2018, at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota. This year, I represented my Dual Lodge, Mandan Lodge #8 in Mandan, ND, not only for the first year as Past Master, but also as my first year serving the Lodge as Lodge Secretary. I can't remember the Annual Communication rules in Nebraska or Minnesota, but North Dakota a Master or either Warden can represent the Lodge or have a proxy in their place; but a Lodge Secretary, as an important part of Lodge's business and communication with Grand Lodge is not allowed to have a Brother proxy for him.

The 2018-2019 Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota is Most Worshipful Dale Sandstrom (PM, Lewis & Clark Lodge #132 in Bismarck, ND). MW Dale is a retired ND Supreme Court Justice, Past Grand Master of DeMolay (Sr DeMolay and was a Past Master Councilor and State Master Councilor, and served as EO in ND), Personal Representative to SGIG in ND (33o Honorary), a great orator, and a wonderful Brother, friend, and mentor. Among his appointments, he appointed yours truly as Grand Tyler. I was officially installed as a North Dakota Grand Lodge Officer on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 4:00 PM, at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks, ND. Very humbling and willing to serve Grand Lodge in that

capacity. I understand that it's not the first nor last time a Tyler is made a Grand Tyler – we have one in our Grand Lodge of Nebraska, after all – but just had to keep the place jumping with some humor and irony. I bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. I truly hope our Masonic Family in Nebraska, and within the Lincoln area through this news outlet, is found well and strive for quality, strong, and active membership. I do miss the Grand Lodge of Nebraska's Annual Communications, and I hope to come down and visit my home Lodge brethren and everyone I am able to go see at some point soon. Lots of stories in between, but more articles yet to come...Thanks for listening.

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