



The Masonic News



Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

Lincoln Lodge No. 19 has been busy preparing for our annual proficiency examinations. We have a lot of new members in new offices, so it has been not only great to see new faces but also a time of learning for many members.

We are also preparing to celebrate our 150th anniversary of existence. We will have plenty of pictures in the next issue of The Masonic News. In looking over the past 150 years a lot has changed, and surprisingly a lot has not changed. The article below was not written in 2018 but very well could have been. Look at the date at the end of the article.

“These are critical years in so many respects for Masonry and just what may happen is going to be of the greatest significance. Masonry, throughout its history, has met many challenges. Never once was there any question in the minds of the leaders, as to our ultimate strength in overcoming every obstacle put in the way. The faith and the indomitable will to rise above all antagonists and all the forces that might, by their nature, impede or even destroy Masonic power for good are still in our possession. The question is: Do we have the wisdom and

understanding and the desire to exercise them when we are again called upon to do so?

All of us are fully aware of the cataclysmic forces confronting our free world and more particularly our free institutions. The Masonic Fraternity has it within its power to make a notable contribution to the final solution of many of the problems that have come to plague humanity in these times. To do so is not only to justify our own existence, as such, but to justify the high and noble purposes for which we have always stood—faith in God and our fellowman, brotherly love one for the other, and the immortality of the human soul. These are the positives of our being and must never be sacrificed for a single moment. We are called upon in this generation as never before to stand up and be counted for that which is right.

A nationally recognized newspaper editor, composer, and speaker, Richard G. Capen, of the Copley newspapers in La Jolla, California has frequently spoken forthrightly on the theme, “Watch Out America!” Every word he has spoken should be taken to heart by every American and, most of all, by every member of the Order of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. His words are a challenge that we must accept. We quote a few:

1. “Today there is an uneasiness in America. Our problems range from South East Asia to inflation—from declining morality to increased reliance on government for personal security Our cities are burdened by greed, hate, violence, apathy, and lawlessness.

2. “Many Americans have drifted away from self-reliance, believing that, for every problem there must

exist a political solution Established authority is scorned, whether it be a policeman, our Constitution, or the Word of God.

3. “Only a few weeks ago, the National Crime Commission issued a disturbing report which pointed out that crime increased 58 percent in the past seven years—six times as fast as our population rate.

4. “Crime, apathy, moral decay. Don’t these trends tell us something? Shouldn’t we be concerned? Shouldn’t each of us be demanding, “Watch Out America!”? Watch out we’re in trouble! I think so.”

Those who say we are confronted by the four “C’s”—change, crime, corruption, and communism, are saying to us as Masons that there must be a renewed dedication, a renewed Americanism in the finest sense of the word. As Masons we are peculiarly fitted and prepared for such a challenge. We are—and are supposed to be, true citizens “worthy and well-qualified, duly and truly prepared” to accept the responsibilities of right citizenship and thus, true to our vows, ready to take positive action.

While there are some evidences of a rebirth in family life, willingness to work harder, a stronger religious faith, and an increased measure of charitable giving, there still remains much unfinished business for the Masonic Fraternity.

The only hope, we are constrained to believe, to preserve our finest heritage of the “American Way of Life” lies in the hands of every member of our Masonic Fraternity. We must accept the supreme challenge born in the hearts of our pioneer

Masons of 1868. It was alive then and it can be alive today, one hundred years later. Even as they, so must we, respect and defend these three essentials: first, our religious and constitutional heritage; second, the strength of our economic system; and, third, the sound principle that America is great today—not because of what our government has done for us, its citizens, but rather what we have done for ourselves.

Let this become our watchword: that we revitalize the message of Masonry for our times and our necessities; re-dedicate ourselves to individual service in the cause for which Masonry has, itself, been dedicated; and devote ourselves and our material resources to the building of the Masonic Fraternity as a positive force for righteousness, truth, and honor among men everywhere.

Let Masonry neither die nor “silently fade away.” Let it live and re-echo its age-long mission of truth, peace, and harmony.

1968—A Time of Challenge
This appeared in the 100 year history of Lincoln Lodge No. 19

DUES ARE PAST DUE!!!

Dues for all Nebraska Masonic Lodges for 2018 were due Jan. 1. Send payment to your Lodge Secretary. Members with unpaid dues have been suspended by Grand Lodge on 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, contact your Secretary today.

Eastern Star dues were 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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Myrtle Chapter #94

Jamie Janovec



Greetings Masonic Family!

Getting to know your members: VIP Member of the Month!

Happy May and Happy Grand Chapter month! It has been very busy as Chapters are preparing to attend Grand Chapter May 8-10th. Our Worthy Matron Sister Laura Kilmer, PM will be attending Grand Chapter as well as an appearance from our Treasurer, Sister Emily Schoenleber, PM. We look forward to hearing their reports at the next regular business meeting on June 12th at 7:30pm.

This month's VIP is Tiffany Edelmaier. Tiffany, along with Courtney and Kevin joined a year ago and we are very happy to have them. Tiffany is currently the fifth point of the Star, Electa. Tiffany is also Guardian Treasurer for Bethel 27. She is looking forward to learning more about Star and is enjoying the fellowship that comes after the meeting closes for the evening. Her birthday is also this month! Happy Birthday Sister Tiffany!

Myrtle had their regular business meeting on May 1, 2018 at 7:30pm. As the first spring storm of the season loomed above us, we discussed our potential Fireworks Stand Fundraiser and caught up with other members. Refreshments were provided by Sister Liz Sawyer and Sister Bette Cummings.

Next month we will be highlighting a special member that has given back to the Masonic Community in so many ways. The feature will highlight past involvement as well as future involvement with the Masonic Community. Stay tuned for the next issue!

Have a beautiful May Day!

George Washington Lodge #94

John Kirby

Greetings once again from George Washington Lodge. As "The Duke" used to say "Saddle up, you're burning Day Light". Well with one rap of the gavel WM Andy Martin had us saddled up for another business meeting. Business was handled in short time, charities remembered, bills were paid, committee reports made and lodge closed in harmony. Then comes the fun part in writing about our evening. As with several lodges in our town, the brothers join at 6:30

pm every first Saturday and after a prayer we dive into a real guys type food! This month Brother Keith Chambers served a great meal of fried chicken, potatoes and gravy. I tried to suggest that Keith become a permanent provider of food at our meetings but failed.

Seriously, that time from 6:30 until the gavel falls at 7:30 is a wonderful time of comradeship. Our Lodge is blessed with men who have experienced a great many

changes in our town of Lincoln and relate many great stories. These stories bring back so many memories and is interesting to all. I wish more brothers could attend.

REMEMBER!!!! ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRIES start May 12 and run every second Saturday through September! We serve 4:30 to 7:00 a great meal with great friends. Please see our ad in "The Masonic News". Bring your friends and see you there!

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

WB Joel Green presented East Lincoln 210's Bronze Jordan Medal to Bro. Harold Hetherington on a beautiful day at the Legacy. WB's Monte Dietrick, Bill Hayes, and LeRoy Rosenthal attended as well. Bro. Hetherington was very grateful as he stated, "I hold many memories and friendships from my time with the lodge. I will cherish this medal for the rest of my time. Thank you for coming to my home to present me with this medal."



Senior Warden Jeff Buhrman became East Lincoln 210's most recent perpetual member, and WM Green presented Bro. Bob Philipps his Master Mason's apron at the lodge's May business meeting.

210's Scholarship Committee selected two winners: Sophie Breikreutz and Mason Pierce. Breikreutz graduated from Raymond Central with a 3.96 and will be headed to Colorado State University to study political science. While at Raymond Central, she was involved in the National Honor Society, speech, Spanish Club, FBLA,

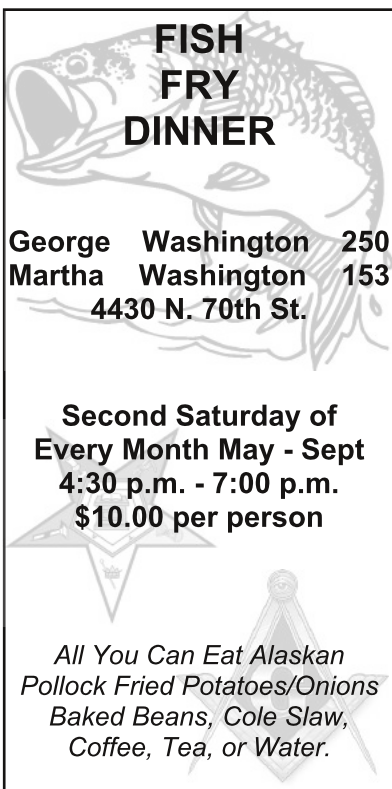
volleyball, and mock trial. Pierce graduated from Lincoln High School 50/595 in his class. While at Lincoln High, his extracurricular activities included marching band, tennis, bowling, NHRT, and math club. He wants to become an architectural engineer. WB Green was invited to Breikreutz's graduation party in Davey, Nebraska, which he gladly accepted in order to present Breikreutz her beautiful scholarship plaque.



East Lincoln 210 continues to embrace MW Dennis Rix's Masonic Passport program. After WB Green visited Mizpah and Shiloh lodges, he visited Papillion, Oliver, Mercer, and Cotner lodges as well. SW Jeff Buhrman visited Rob Morris in Kearney, too!



WB Green enjoyed meeting and visiting with the brethren from Cotner Lodge 297 while attending their spaghetti feed, and he'd like to thank WB Mark Rossignol for donating a pin and coin to WB Green to take with him on his trip to Germany this summer to meet members of a German lodge, as well as a member of parliament.

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Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



Sometimes it is very difficult to endure the gambit of emotions we get hit with from month to month. The incredible mountain top experiences coupled with the deep sorrow and sadness that we can experience at any given time can take a toll on our mental and physical beings and leave us asking...why is this happening to me? The one thing we can always count on is our relationship with God who has promised us that He will not bring you to something, without providing you with the strength to see you through it. I have to admit there have been times when the pain of loss has been so raw it is almost unbearable and I have found myself wondering how "this" could happen. It is at these times I find myself drawing on something from deep inside that helps...FAITH. Faith that I have to believe that God has a reason and a plan, faith that we can endure the pain without losing our humanity, and faith to bring us back to this life to finish what God has set before us.

Because of your help the Chapter was able to help less fortunate members of our community through your contributions to the Blue Barrel for food and basic life necessities at the Temple this past month. The goal was peanut butter and jelly and thanks to your generosity over 28 pounds were collected and distributed. Thank you so very much. The upcoming focuses will be cereal in May, and juice in June.

In April, WM Sue held an open loaded potato bar supper for the Masonic Brothers associated with the Temple at 1635 L

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Street. That alone should have been able to attract a good sized attendance, and it did, but there was more to the invitation than just food. There was also a program demonstrating the capabilities of the Domestic Pups organization who trains and supplies Therapy and Service dogs to those in our communities. Mary was the primary presenter and she brought Taylor the service dog who stole the show with his abilities to assist people in need of medical help. Their mission is "to improve the quality of life for persons with special needs through the assistance of animals, and to promote awareness through education." After watching the demonstration and listening to the program I fail to see why any organization who professes help for others would not support them in their efforts. Thank you Worthy Matron and Patron for an excellent time and great food.



Congratulations to our 2018 scholarship award winner, Alexandra Titsworth from Lincoln High School. With a GPA of 3.924, and a desire to attend the University of Nebraska – Lincoln to begin the long and difficult road to becoming a Physician or Biomedical Researcher, it is with great pleasure we extend a monetary hand in making her journey a little less taxing by our contribution to her studies. If you need something to help lift your spirits you have to look no

further than those young people we have applying to our scholarship program to realize we are indeed influencing the best and brightest with our efforts.

Special congratulations to PM Denise Lagueux who has accepted a Call to serve the Zion United Church of Christ in Talmage, Nebraska as that churches Pastor. PM Denise was a Registered Nurse and Nurse Educator, as well as Hospice nurse for over 36 years before deciding her next direction in life would lead her to serve others in another realm...Ministry. She will start her new path in life in June and is very excited about the prospect of helping others through service to God. Living her faith is nothing new for her and we wish her the best in her ministry.



It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of Sister Susan Schauer, Daughter of Sister Mary and Brother Mack Nickell. Electa #8 would like to extend our most heartfelt condolences to Mack and Mary. In your time of loss, take comfort that your child is now with The Father, safe and with no cares or worries. As you go about your day take a few moments to keep these wonderful people in your thoughts and prayers.

I know I have forgotten something that has happened, but I just can't think of what it could be. So, until next month, may God keep you in His loving embrace, and give you His peace in all your difficult times, as you give Him your Thanks for the gifts we receive.

Lancaster Lodge #54

Turner Cox

This month, Lancaster 54 held their business meeting at the usual time, where we discussed some of our newer members and how they are progressing. From the reports, they seem to be moving along quite smoothly.

On April 27th we held Bro. Neil O'Connor's Fellowcraft Degree, and we cannot wait to see him continue to progress to the 3rd Degree because he will be a valuable member to the Lodge.

WM Kory Johnson also brought up the idea of a dinner at Blue Blood Brewing Co. and a tour of Robbers Cave with the

ladies which will be further discussed next month; for more information contact WM Kory Johnson.

Upcoming activities include: the Past Masters Dinner on May 25th (social time at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6 and the ceremony at 7pm), June 1st is our regular business meeting and on November 17th we're going to a Saltdogs baseball game.

There was also a moment of silence for some Brothers who have recently passed, Bro. Ervin W. Vosta, Bro. Donald F. Huffman, Bro. Delmar Whitefoot, and Bro. Robert J. Roth.



Martha Washington #153

Betty Kirby

Members of Martha Washington Chapter #153 met at on May 3 at 7:30 pm. Our Worthy Matron proceeded to handle the business meeting efficiently and soon we had all the business of the month handled.

We will be having a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm proceeding our June meeting. We will be honoring our scholarship recipients and our newest 50-year member, Sis. Kathy Dalby. Plan on attending this meeting, if at all possible! We love to have visitors!

We are busy planning for our Temple Board's first Fish Fry of the season. Thanks to all who volunteered their help. The days are a big undertaking for our little Chapter and we encourage all who can to come and enjoy the yummy fish dinner. Your participation is much appreciated. We are trying to get more advertising done for these fish fry dinners...so tell your friends and family!

We were saddened to lose Vicky Edwards on April 22. For many years, Vicky volunteered at the Masonic Marching Band Camp as a night chaperone. We will miss her. Bro. Mark Heilman is recovering from recent knee replacement surgery. Sis. Eleanor Krenk is back in

Nebraska and staying with her daughter in Columbus. We are anxious to see her again! Sis. Kelsey Larsen is hoping to complete her last physical therapy test on her knee this month. Sis. Lorette Hedges is recovering from a broken hip.

By the time you are reading this, Grand Chapter will be over. However, we have many of our members participating: Sis. Pam Lindholm, Assistant Grand Warder; Bro. John Kirby, Assistant Grand Sentinel; Sis. Julie Fowler, Grand Representative; Sis. Kelsey Larsen, Grand Representative and escort to the Canadian flag; Sis. Shelley Smith, American Flag bearer; Sis. Paula Beezley, Service and Therapy Dog Special Committee, and Sis. Betty Kirby, GGCCM and Jurisprudence Committee.

A delicious lunch was provided by Sis. Paula Beezley at the close of our meeting.

And lastly, here is a little food for thought for the coming month: If you don't try new things, you won't learn new things and if you wait until retirement to really start living, you've waited too long!

Order Of The Eastern Star

I'M GOING TO TELL YOU A MASONIC SECRET!!!

The secret to success when holding a Grand Communication has to go to Nebraska's Order of the Eastern Star. But, wait...don't ALL Grand Communications associated with Masonry have a successful session? Yes, but with varying degrees of success and lasting impression. This is where the OES excels...in planning, setup, and execution!

Take at least 6 months of intense planning, look for a location that is as central to your target audience as possible, invite everyone, and make everyone feel like they are an indispensable part of the event. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a recipe for success. If you follow these simple steps you cannot materially err, and you will have a very successful event.



Start with the Location: in this case the Younes Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska. Kearney is almost perfectly located midway between the west and east ends of the state. The convention center itself has enough physical room for any amount of exhibits, walking distance to at least four major hotels and several more in close proximity, a huge amount of parking space, and enough people at each location devoted to the service industry to make any wish come true for travelers to events at their location. This in itself is a huge advantage to organizations holding events there, but there is more.

As you walk into the convention center, there are desks and tables specifically arranged to make information dissemination as easy and quick as possible, allowing event volunteers to process attendees quickly,

allowing them to move on to the areas set up just inside the center for fund raising, information, and meeting friends.



In the case of Grand Eastern Star, as you walk in there are tables that extend down the entire corridor on both sides, filled with items donated for a silent auction. The amount and quality of the items donated, and enthusiasm of those donating these items is immediately apparent, and they almost all match the theme of the Grand Communication; in this case, God Bless the USA. Many of the items are either handmade or arranged by hands that are no stranger to taking ordinary items and making them extraordinary.

One very fine example of this was a cedar chest that was crafted and donated by AJ Johnson. The room was filled with items that displayed the craftsmanship of artists, and would provide valuable funding for service projects old and new.



On the right as you came in the center were displays and information from the many associated organizations and affiliations. There were representatives from the Nebraska Masonic Home, The Masonic / Eastern Star Home for Children, Service Dog organizations, First Responder support, Masonic Youth organizations, and affiliated organizations too numerous to mention. All of these organizations brought their A-game to this event and information flowed freely.

Beyond these displays were the vendors of all

items Masonic. Jewelry, cloths, and accessories of all kinds lay down the remaining hallway, again on both sides of the ample hallway. If you were looking for something to add to your collection, it could either be found here or easily ordered and shipped directly to your house. All of this reminded me of the State Fair when I was a kid, with a serious undertone. Not all here was glitz and frivolity however; there was serious work that had to take place!



Some of that serious work began almost immediately as committee meetings and planning sessions began for the new Grand Line of Officers, but by no stretch of the imagination was this a detraction from what the current Masonic Family had to complete. Introductions of the current Grand Family had to be made, and Past Grand Patron James F. Brown accomplished this in his usual manner, with grace and presence. This year had been challenging for The Worthy Grand Matron and Patron due to illness, but in true fashion, as a family should, they were assisted in every way by the line officers who truly supported them through difficult times. Being able to have Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Taylor present was wonderful and the love for them both was evident from every Grand Officer, Past and present in attendance.



At the Membership Banquet that night the theme of the event was evident in dress and deportment of everyone present. Ed Nolte, President-elect of National Sojourners Inc., International presented a toast to the flag in the uniform of a Colonial military General. It was moving and he received a standing ovation for his presentation. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, introductions were given and the Blessing of the meal was given by Denise Lagueux, Worthy Matron of Temple Chapter #271 and Pastor of Talmage, Ne. UCC Church. The meal was nothing less than delicious and plentiful and served with efficiency and skill by the staff of the conference center. The benediction was given by Peggy Hitchcock, Worthy Matron of Bethany Chapter #113.



After the banquet came the informal opening with greeting brought by the Mayor of Kearney, Stanley Clouse; Sales Manager for Kearney Tourism and Convention Sarah Focke; and Mr. Paul Younes, Owner and Executive Director of the Convention Center. Following introductions, the flags of the United States, Canada, Nebraska, and various other organizations were presented by distinguished guests. Festivities continued far into the night, allowing old friends to reconnect and new friends to establish lasting relationships for future meetings.

Did I tell you...this was only the first day! The next two days would see many new introductions and activities filling days with more information from not

only Nebraska, but Iowa, Oklahoma, the Dakotas, and many more states. Information from all Masonic organizations and affiliations flowed and thanks from service organizations OES supports brought information on the health and progress of their organization.

As the session came to a finish, the energy never declined. The 2017-2018 officers did everything in their power to make the transmission of responsibility to the incoming officers smooth and seamless. The assurance of moving forward with the many responsibilities of the organization is unquestionable and lasting. PGM Anita and PGP Jim can rest assured the Grand OES of Nebraska is in good hands and the decisions made during their year will continue to see that through the coming year and far into the future.

Finally, best wishes to the new Grand Officers, especially Worthy Grand Matron Candace Martin and Worthy Grand Patron Harold Terry as they begin their year as heads of the Grand OES Family of Nebraska. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend the Grand Session of Nebraska OES next year; it will leave you with a lasting and very positive association with this great organization who does so much for so many. Oh, if you want to know how to do a get-together in Grand fashion...contact OES! Until next year, God Bless and keep you.



2019 Grand Chapter Report



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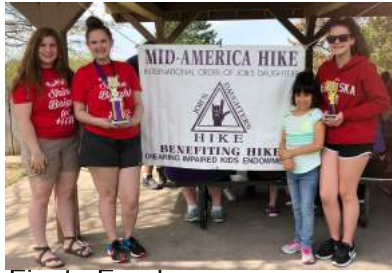
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By

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska

Bethel #63

Kristi Thornburg



Fiesta Feed
Holy guacamole! THANK YOU to everyone who attended and/or supported our 4th Annual Fiesta Feed for HIKE on Saturday, April 28. We are excited to share that we raised \$3,443 for the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund! We would also like to give a shout out to businesses that donated to our Fiesta Feed: 48 Bowl, A Novel Idea, Amazing Pizza Machine, Beauty First, Bloom Where You're Planted, BSERemodel and Living Doors Real Estate, Casey's, Chili's, Escape Room, Freddy's, From Nebraska Gift Shop, Goodcents, James Arthur Vineyard, Lauritzen Gardens, Lazlo's, Lincoln Children's Zoo, Linpepco, Lincoln Stars, Lost in Fun, Mellow Mushroom, Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha Storm Chasers, Raising Canes, Rose Theatre, Runza, Sam's Club, Scheel's, Skate Daze, Slattery Vintage Estates, Slim Chickens, Sun Valley Lanes, The Mark, Tico's, U-Stop (Whitehead Oil), William's Cleaners, and Yankee Candle. Thank you to our members, their families, and our council members for all that you did to make this event successful! And lastly, a special THANK YOU to all of our guests for supporting our 4th Annual Fiesta Feed for HIKE! We hope everyone had a "red hot" time and will join us again next year!

Spring Game
Members, parents, and council members of Bethel 63 ran our Pepsi cooler at the Spring Game on Saturday, April 21. Thank you to Kristin, Brooke, Alyssa, Maddie, Emily, Trudi, Kevin, and Terre for volunteering your time!

Member of Honor
Bethel 63 performed the Member of Honor Ceremony for Rhonda and Robert Sanford at our regular meeting on Thursday, April 19. Thank you Robert and Rhonda for being so supportive of Bethel 63 over the past 10+ years!

Mentor Program
Bethel 63 implemented a "Big/Little" mentor program in April. Our Executive Bethel Guardian Council planned a surprise reveal which our members loved! Each family had the same pair of fuzzy socks. We divided our members into their respective age groups and handed out the socks in separate rooms. We had them enter the room all at the same time to find their sisters that had the same pair of socks! The mentor program was implemented so our daughters could build stronger relationships in the Bethel which will help retain members and give our younger members an experienced Job's Daughter to guide them throughout their years in JDI.



Fun Activities
Bethel 63 has had a FUN and BUSY term! Thank you to all of our guests who attended our Grand Family Reception on Saturday, April 7. We had a great time celebrating Miss Nebraska Congeniality Kristin along with other members in our Bethel that are a part of the Grand Family! Our favorite activity from April was doing a progressive dinner with a TWIST! We had appetizers at Granite City, our main course at Panera, and dessert at Applebee's! Our bellies were full and our wallets were empty...but we have a GREAT time!

Elections
Members of Bethel 63 held their election of officers at our regular meeting on Thursday, May 3. Congratulations to Honored Queen-Elect Maddie, Senior Princess-Elect Sarah, Junior Princess-Elect Alyssa, Guide-Elect Cyndi, and Marshal-Elect Brooke! We are going to have a great term!

Mid-America HIKE
Bethel 63 attended Mid-America HIKE at Mahoney State Park on Saturday, May 5. Our Bethel won "Most Money Raised by a Bethel" for the second year in a row and Katie received an award for "Most Money Raised by a Daughter"! Way to go, Bethel 63!!

Installation
Please join Bethel 63 for our Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 16 at 3:00 P.M!



Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

It was a rainy night when we met May 2nd for our regular meeting of Starcraft Chapter. Sis Cora Redwine and Bro. Jim Banister opened the meeting. The room was filled with flowered clothes to celebrate May.

Groups
Kensington met May 1st for a May Day Salad Luncheon and enjoyable friendships.

Sickness and Distress
Sis. Ingrid Hansen has been dealing with back issues and Darlene Miltner is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Good News
We are planning a Charter Day dinner to be held on

July 8th. We will have a report from our student that we sponsored at Masonic Band Camp. Members will be called.

And before we all went down to refreshments, Sis Cora told us about a famous person that everyone from Nebraska knows; Johnny Carson. Who doesn't know him? Johnny Carson was born in Corning, Iowa, and moved to Norfolk at age 8. He bought a magic book at age 12 and debuted as "The Great Carsoni" at age 14 and was paid \$3 a show. Carson joined the United States Navy on June 8, 1943. Taking advantage of the educational opportunities from the Navy, Carson

attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He majored in journalism with the intention of becoming a comedy writer. Instead, he switched his major to speech and drama a few months later, because he wanted to become a radio performer. Carson's college thesis, titled "How to Write Comedian Jokes", was a compilation of taped skits and jokes from popular radio shows with Carson explaining the comedic technique in a voice-over. It allowed him to graduate in three years. Carson graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio and Speech with a minor in Physics in 1949 and began his broadcasting career in 1950 at WOW and

television in Omaha, Nebraska. NBC finally convinced Carson to sign with The Tonight Show by early February 1962 and the rest was history.

We ended the evening with wonderful refreshments provided by Bev Ryba including little May basket nut cups.

June Birthdays
June 2 Jim Bannister
June 4 Ruth Brissey
May 6 Michael Roe
May 7 Evelyn Rauch
May 13 Jerry Ann Sharp
May 15 Mary Ann Bede
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May 25 Alberta Connerley
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COMING EVENTS IN MASONRY

Sun. May 20: Lincoln Lodge #19 Rededication, 3:00 PM
 Mon. May 28: Memorial Day
 Tues. May 29 - Sat. Jun 2: Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp, Kearney
 Sat. Jun 2: Nebraska Shrine Bowl, Kearney, 9:00 AM
 Fri. Jun 8 - Sun. Jun 10: Rainbow Grand Assembly, Doane College, Crete
 Sat. Jun 9: Fish Fry Dinner - George Washington Lodge and Martha Washington Chapter - 4430 N. 70th Street - 402-466-2482 - All You Can Eat Alaskan Pollock, Fried Potatoes/Onion, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Tea, or Water. Soda and Desserts are also available - \$10 per person - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM
 Sat. Jun 16: Bethel 63 Installation of Officers, 3:00 PM
 Wed. Jun 20 - Sat. Jun 23: Job's Daughters Grand Session, Lincoln
 Sun. Jul 8: Charter Day Celebration, Starcraft Chapter #307

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 WORKSHOPS 2018

This year's Scottish Rite Workshops landed close to home. The morning after our stated meeting on Wednesday, April 4, I set out for Omaha for a good weekend of fellowship and learning at a Leadership Conference with Scottish Rite Masons from around the region.

It wasn't until I got there that I realized that my hotel was within the same block as the Scottish Rite Center. Wow has that place changed since I've been there for DeMolay functions prior to moving out of Lincoln in 2002! It was great sharing a moment with our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronald Seale, 33rd Degree, reminiscing about each of our days in DeMolay and parts in the DeMolay Degree when we stopped on stage in the theater during our tour of Omaha's Scottish Rite Center.

On Friday and Saturday, I carpoled over to the Workshop hotel with the General Secretary, John, and an old DeMolay buddy and Nebraska's Orient Development Director, Micah. Great fellowship and gaining some good incites for my Valley Secretary position in Bismarck Valley in North Dakota.

Old friends from Nebraska, including Lincoln and my Chapter Dad when I joined DeMolay and now Lincoln Valley's Scottish Rite Secretary, Bruce Wood. It was also great to catch up

with the Scottish Rite Valley that I first joined, Minneapolis Valley, along with Minnesota's Deputy, Tony Krall, who was Executive Officer of DeMolay in Minnesota in the early 2000's where I worked on Minnesota's state jurisdiction. New friends emerged from all over, including the staff of the Supreme Council in D.C.

Brotherhood, friendships, fellowship was had by all, but there was some great and informative sessions for leadership and enhancing our Valley's VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Project) where we engage new members, seasoned members, public relations, our philanthropy in the Speech Therapy Clinics for Children. I took a lot out of it, and my notes on my Samsung Note 8 are still in Tyler-coded handwritten form. I really enjoyed the breakout session with Valley Secretaries and Personal Representatives, as well as the breakout sessions with similar-sized Valleys.

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



Photo Courtesy of Micah Evans, 33o. Tyler Hall, 32o KCCH, Valley Secretary, Bismarck Valley (North Dakota); Wesley Wingfield, 32o KCCH, Executive Secretary, Kansas City Valley (Missouri); Angus Scott Wright, 33o, Omaha Valley's traveling ambassador.

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