



# The Masonic News



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## Northstar Lodge #227

**Bob Tooker**

A quick reminder, Ladies Night will be held Saturday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. with prime rib on the menu. There is no charge for members and their significant other and potential candidates and their significant other. There will be a nominal charge for other guests. An interesting program has been planned for the evening. Please leave your reservation on the Lodge phone answering machine so we know how many olives to buy.

The Business Meeting Dinner was prepared by Bro. Allen Plucknett. Sloppy Joes were served along with baked beans. There was nothing left but "hair teeth and eyeballs." The Lodge Audit was read and all of the beans were accounted for.

The 2019 Lodge Proficiency in the EA Degree was conducted on the 25th of March and all seemed to go well. FC Proficiency should be knocked out this month.

The following Masonic Records were a little late being published as the Secretary was just recently notified of their passing.

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### Masonic Record of Richard P. Garden

Brother Richard P. Garden was born April 2, 1935 in Norfolk, Nebraska and departed this life July 26, 2018. Brother Garden petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln, Nebraska Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for membership on March 4, 1959 and was elected on April 1, 1959. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on April 8, 1959, was Passed to the Degree

of a Fellowcraft Mason on May 20, 1959, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 24, 1959 in North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons Lincoln, Nebraska. Brother Garden received a 50 year membership award on November 9, 2015. Brother Garden will be greatly missed by his Friends and Brothers of North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M.

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### Masonic Record of Reynold Hugh Ristrom

Brother Reynold Hugh Ristrom was born December 27, 1921 in Minneapolis MN and departed this life April 20, 2018 in Tuscon AZ. Brother Ristrom petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln, Nebraska Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for membership on February 5, 1947 and

was elected to membership on March 5, 1947. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on March 10, 1947, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on May 21, 1947, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 25, 1947 in North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons Lincoln, Nebraska. Brother Ristrom received a 50 year membership award on January 1, 1997, 60 year February 8, 2010, and a 70 year April 26, 2017. Brother Ristrom will be greatly missed by his Friends and Brothers of North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M.

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Enough for now. Till next month.

### DUES ARE DUE

Dues for all Nebraska Masonic Lodges for 2019 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 2019, 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.

## Nebraska Flood and Damage Relief

Nebraska has experienced historic flooding in the eastern part of the state and devastating blizzards in central and western Nebraska with major loss of homes, farm and ranching assets and income in the month of March 2019. Many of our Nebraska Masonic family members have no doubt been affected by these catastrophic events and will need assistance to get back on their feet. Here's how you can help.

### DONATE FINANCIALLY

The Nebraska Masonic Relief Fund is collecting monetary donations that will be dispersed to Masonic family members affected by the floods and storms through an application process. If the donations exceed the needs of our Masonic family, the funds will be donated to other flood and storm relief efforts. Those

interested in making a financial donation to support relief efforts can do so by visiting [www.glna.org/relief.html](http://www.glna.org/relief.html). Donations can also be mailed to Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 301 N Cotner Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68505. Checks should be made payable to Grand Lodge Relief Fund, with flood/storm relief in the memo field. Thank you so much for your support of this relief effort.

### DONATE SUPPLIES

For over 100 years, the community of Fremont has been a trusty and supportive partner with the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children campus. The community of Fremont both Mason and non-Masonic has always been there for the home when needed.

Now it's our chance to give back to the community!

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children campus will be the headquarters for a group of Disaster Relief workers from AmeriCorps for the next 3 to 4 months starting March 27.

They will be housed in the Children's Home gym, however we need to provide shower facilities for them.

What we need: 2 portable showers or campers with showers that we can have for the 3 to 4 months the AmeriCorps workers will be in Fremont aiding in the relief and reconstruction efforts.

If you have a portable shower or camper that you can loan for any amount of time, to help out please contact us at: [campers@nebraskagrandle.org](mailto:campers@nebraskagrandle.org).

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## Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

We've all heard the saying "April showers bring May flowers." One, it is hard to believe it is April already and we are over a fourth of the way through the year. Two, it is a precursor to the growth we can see in the world around us and the anticipation of what is yet to come. The first quarter for Liberty Lodge has been a lot like that: steady rain preparing us for some exciting things occurring in May, June and July.

In March it was an honor for seven Liberty members to assist Lincoln Lodge No 19 and Superior Lodge No. 121 with an EA conferral. It is a testament to our Craft of how we band together to help each other grow.

March also brought a fun evening of fellowship and friendly Masonic trivia competition with Cotner

Lodge No. 297. Learning about our Craft through trivia provided a great opportunity for enhancing our knowledge. Not only did we learn some new insights about Masonry, we found out you don't mess with Cotner when it comes to competition.

Come join us Thursday, May 23rd for an evening of food, wine and Masonic fellowship. Liberty Lodge will be hosting a wine pairing event featuring 5 different wines, exclusively from James Arthur Vineyards. Each wine will be paired with a gourmet appetizer created with Masonic love. Cost is \$25 per person and seating is limited to 30, so get your RSVP's in early. Social starts at 6pm and the wine/food tasting at 6:30. You can RSVP to Ken Rouch via email at

kenrouch@msn.com or call him 402-440-0210.

Starting in May, Liberty Lodge will be selling gun raffle tickets. The raffle will be for a Glock 19, survival knife and \$50 gift card. This won't be an ordinary gun and survival knife. The gun and knife will be cerakoted with the American Flag. Tickets will be 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. There is a limit of 500 tickets so contact a Liberty Lodge member to get your raffle tickets before they run out. The drawing for the winning raffle ticket will be Thursday, July 4th which happens to be the same day Liberty Lodge received its charter over a hundred years ago.

Thursday, July 4th, Liberty Lodge will be hosting a breakfast casserole competition in the morning

and a time of fellowship for Lodge members to gather and reminisce about their experience at Lodge. The Lodge will also have a ceremony re-obligating members (more details to come in future issues of the Masonic News). This is a fun opportunity to gather and celebrate with your Fraternal Brothers on an important date for our Lodge. The event is open to all Lodges, and we look forward to you joining us.

Masonic Night at the ballpark, Friday, June 7th. The game starts at 7:05 PM. Bring your family, a friend and enjoy a night of baseball. The Lincoln Saltdogs will be hosting the Texas Airhogs. Tickets are \$10 and include a \$5 voucher for concessions or merchandise. Contact Junior Warden, Justin Williamson, or Worshipful

Master, Lance Neeman, to reserve your tickets.

Lastly we are saddened by the loss of another Lodge Brother, John K. "JB" Burt. JB passed on March 14th to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." JB was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on September 25th, 2010. He was also a member of the Sesostris Shrine and active in the Shrine Little Cars club.

There are exciting things happening at Liberty Lodge, and we look forward to you joining us.

## George Washington Lodge #250

Keith Chambers

This is a combined report for March and April 2019. The author has been thawed out and dug out from all of the winter wonderland that Nebraska has to offer.

The joint George Washington AF&AM and Martha Washington OES, George Washington's birthday celebration was canceled due to forecasted strong winter storm. To the amazement of everyone, this time, the weatherman was correct. There was snow, wind and cold temperatures, showing that the decision to cancel the dinner was a wise one.

### MARCH 2019

On Tuesday March 5, 2019, George Washington Lodge #250 held its regular communication at the Havelock Masonic Center at 4330 N 70th in

Lincoln. Fellowship began at 6:30 and was provided by SW John Kirby. Lodge was opened at 7:30 PM by Worshipful Master Keith Chambers. The acting tiler was the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bob Moninger. The minutes were read, the bills were paid. Correspondence was read and old business was attended to. There was no new business or petitions. The lodge was blessed by the presence of the Grand Master Bob Moninger, who made comments about the changes passed at the grand communication in Kearney. The meeting was closed in peace and harmony by Most Worshipful Grand Master Moninger.

### APRIL 2019

On Tuesday April 2, 2019, George Washington Lodge #250 held its regular

communication. Lodge was opened at 7:30 PM by Worshipful Master Keith Chambers. The minutes were read, the bills were paid. Correspondence was read and old business was attended to. There were no new petitions. Under New Business JW John Kirby proposed a scholarship for his grandson Tyler Adams. It was seconded and voted affirmatively for a \$125 scholarship that will be matched dollar for dollar from grand lodge

Under good of the order: Masonic Education was read to the lodge by Eric Bachenburg. Volunteers for the monthly fundraisers dinner were solicited. The April 13 meal will be a choice of Creamed Chicken, Hot Roast Beef or 2 Bunzas. The cost per meal is \$8.00 with Eastern Star selling deserts for \$.50. Carry out is

available. The public is welcome to this fundraiser and all Masonic Family members are invited to come visit and help support our lodge.

The month of May brings the first Fish Fry fundraiser for the lodge. Beginning May 11 the cost of the all you can eat fish dinner will be \$10 per adult. This includes fish, potatoes, coleslaw with with Eastern Star selling deserts for \$.50. Canned Colas are \$.50 each.



# Lincoln Lodge #19

**Bruce Anderson**

As the year progresses, we will have more degrees. Mark your calendars for Tuesday nights to come to Lodge and help with any part of the degrees.

“Masonry, Its Use and Purpose”  
by Albert J. Cornish

It is a pleasure to make my contribution to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Lodge No. 19. Many a pleasant hour have I spent within the Lodge, nor ever counted my time lost. Association with brothers who, you know, look with generous sympathy upon all of your frailties, whose eyes and manner toward you bespeak the fact that they find pleasure in exercising toward you those Masonic duties of friendship and help, is bound to be a joy and an inspiration to any man.

A most valuable part of Masonry is its traditions. It is an ancient order. It has always been active in its own affairs and active, when the occasion calls for it, in considering the general duties of men, either in their private relations or as citizens of the state. No doubt in its history it has made mistakes. But do we hear of them? Do you recall anything which Masonry has done as a body of which you are ashamed? It has never sought partial

ends. As an order it has seemed to realize that if ever it suffered itself to become devoted to selfish or private purposes, its day of usefulness would be ended. It has never violated those rules of charity which, beginning at home, extend to one's brothers and finally take in the whole world.

Since I joined this lodge it seems to me that its membership has come to be made up of younger men. I say to them they are welcome. I congratulate them upon their membership. They will earn the respect which one friend owes to another who tries to do his duty. What a thing it is to possess a friend. The poet says:

‘He gave to misery all he had,  
a tear,  
He gained from Heaven,  
‘twas all he wished, a friend.’

What possession in life is more substantial than friendship? Everything appears to us at times as vanity, until we get into the company of a true friend, one to whom we can unbosom ourselves, one who will be willing to help carry the burden or share in the joy. In such presence, we can think and declare ourselves in a way that we at once become committed to higher ideals. Selfishness (necessary in a way) is the bane of social life.

Through friendship we form resolutions to do good things and make ourselves useful. One naturally wishes to live equal to the good opinion of his valued friend. I pity the man who in his youth is unable to form friendships of that sort. He lives without the inspiration to that higher endeavor which builds up character and makes the individual powerful in the world.

This practice of charity and friendship, together with other immutable principles enjoined by Freemasonry, prepares us for the widest and fullest exercise of our activities. I have seen men who appeared to find, who did find, in Masonry their religion and their church. Live up to your duties as a member of this order and you will do your full duty toward yourself, toward others and toward the state. The organization will never seek for itself accumulation of wealth, temporal power or coercion in any form. It stands for those broad principles about which there cannot be and never has been any dispute, such as charity, freedom and justice. For these it ever stands, and the sentiment engendered has been an unmixed blessing to mankind. We stand for a common humanity, regarding all men as equal, each upon his merit.



Greetings from the land of “no snow just potholes”. I have continually said that our Lodge is alive and well and has been and will be doing degree work most of this year. We continue to grow in numbers. In February, we scheduled two of our brothers to begin their Masonic journey: Jason Bennett and William Kelly took their Entered Apprentice degree on March 12th. Yes, not on a Tuesday as one of them could not be there due to school issues.

At Grand Lodge, Brother Frank Borden, from the Superior Lodge stopped me and asked if Lodge 19 was doing any degree work, specifically the Entered Apprentice degree. He indicated that Superior had a candidate but did not have enough men to do the degree and wondered if he could bring his man to Lincoln. I asked our Master if we could add the Superior candidate. He agreed we could. About 1 week prior to the date Frank called me and asked if they

could add another candidate. This would give us four men to confer the degrees on. I again asked our Master. He said that that would be quite a task for us to do in one night. He then asked Liberty Lodge No. 300 if they could help. They said no problem. We were set to do four candidates in one night. As fate would have it, one of the men got sick the day before the degrees. We ended up doing three Entered Apprentice degrees on March 12. This is a great example of three Lodges coming together to help each other and also helping a struggling Lodge to get stronger. It was a great night!

It was also the first time our current Worshipful Master conferred an Entered Apprentice degree. Not only one degree but two! He did great and was an example to the rest of our officers that if he could learn a part they could also. Congratulations to WB Will Folsom. GREAT JOB.

## Lancaster Lodge #54

**Adam Thayer**



Lancaster Lodge #54 held their monthly business meeting on Friday, April 5th. Congratulations to Brother Matt for winning tickets to the upcoming Willa Cather play; WM John would like to remind everyone that tickets to various events are still being given away at the monthly business meeting, you just need to attend to be entered for a chance to win!

We received an update on the frame for our lodge charter: the frame has been completed (and looks beautiful) and we are just awaiting the final staining before we can mount the charter and have it back on display! Stay tuned for pictures; it truly is a work of art.

On March 23rd, members of Lancaster 54 assisted in the

School of Instruction held at Cotner Lodge. Everyone did well in their assigned positions; good job to Matt for conferring the Fellowcraft degree!

We continue to practice on Friday nights to prepare for our upcoming lodge proficiencies on May 10th; Brother Turner is contacting people now for lecture work, so if you see him call be sure to answer and volunteer!

The following weekend, beginning on May 17th, we

will be taking a lodge camping trip. Contact WB Kory for more details.

Don't forget that Past Master's dinner is coming up on May 24th; we hope to see you all there for this annual remembrance ceremony!

WM John has definitely called on us to be busy for the rest of the year, and we look forward to seeing you all at lodge for some good fun, good fellowship, and great Masonry.



From Left: WB Graham House (Deputy Grand Custodian), B Matt Zier, WM John Millington (Grand Senior Deacon), MWGM Robert Moninger, MWB Russ Reno, WB Carl Plants (Deputy Grand Custodian), WB Jim Carlton (Grand Senior Warden)

## Starcraft Chapter #307

**Bridget Anderson**

WM Sis Terri welcomed all to our April meeting. Sis Sharon Moeller, Grand Adah, was introduced and welcomed as our special guest for the evening.

Sis Terri went over our School of Instruction times and schedule for April 6.

Sis Bridget updated the Chapter on our Masonic Band Scholarship recipients. One of our students had been selected to attend Girls State, which is happening at the same time, and now will be unable to attend. Fortunately, one of her friends was able to attend and will take her scholarship.

Sis Bridget also made a motion to give our Eastern Star Scholarship to Grace Leuschen, a member of Bethel #5, who is a Senior at Palmyra High School.

Since our meeting falls next month on May 1, WM Terri would like to have a

May Day party. Come and see what we come up with!

Sis Sharon Moeller brought greetings from Grand Chapter and thanked the Chapter for allowing her to visit!

The April Birthdays were read and the Birthday song was sung to those in attendance

WP Bro Denny Brydl read some interesting facts and WN Sis Terri enlightened us with some information about Seashells in general.

**FISH FRY DINNER**

George	Washington	250
Martha	Washington	153

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## Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

There are some things that should make you want to shout them from the roof to everyone who will listen. These are the things that make lives worth living and everyone should know. You're thinking by now that I have gone off the deep end and wonder what has happened to make me ramble so and say nothing. Fair enough...let's talk wonderful news.

For over two years Electa # 8 has been making the lives of people in the Lincoln area just a little bit better by donating to the Food Bank through the Blue Barrel program. If you have any business that brings you by the Masonic Temple at 1635 L St. you have seen one of these barrels sitting in the hallway at the foot of the stairs, usually nearly full, and wondered what it was all about. It's about providing for the less fortunate in our communities who may not eat their next meal if it were not for the help they receive from the Food Bank through your donations. At our Charter day celebration we were privileged to have the Executive Director of the Food Bank, Scott Young, there to provide some information about the many programs he is working with to help relieve hunger and basic human needs of our area and

throughout the State. There are many children who would not have food on the weekends if it were not for the backpack programs in schools, other families who would not have a meal during the day if it were not for the food banks scattered throughout the city, and those in shelters trying to put their lives back together who are in need of basic needs for hygiene and personal care. It is with your help that people are receiving these gifts. Thank You. But, please continue to give to the barrel project. This is too important not to contribute to. Jesus admonished us to do this for the least of His children...shouldn't we.



As we prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, it is important during these weeks of Lent that we remember that the good news...all good news, should be shared. Recently I was at the annual session of Grand York Rite and heard of a wonderful breakthrough in science, and although I

write for Eastern Star this is so important it should be shouted from the rooftops. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation fully funded a third Research Hospital a couple years ago. Now there is one in Minnesota, one in Maryland, and one in Texas. That was exciting in itself, however that is not what the announcement was about. Some years ago our research hospital gave a grant to Dr. Lee, a pioneer in blindness research and genetics, and that contribution has yielded benefits. Due to Dr. Lee's efforts a stem cell has been able to be genetically modified for injection into a human eye. So what? Due to this breakthrough a child, born blind, has been able to see the light of day in our world for the very first time. That, my friends, is nothing short of miraculous. The possibility now exists for the blind to see...what wonderful news. Tell everyone you know, thank everyone you know who contributes to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation...and please remember to thank God for working through Dr. Lee in this effort on His behalf.

Finally, the elevator in the Temple recently broke down. The Temple Board immediately asked for bids to repair it but discovered the cost could be prohibitive for the near

future. Thanks to members of Electa and their generous contributions, the elevator is again working and in good shape for the future. These kinds of generosity seem to be the rule rather than the exception and have a lasting impact. Thank you to all who contributed to making this project a reality in less than three weeks' time.

Remember, we meet each first Saturday of every month and we would love to see you if you haven't been in Chapter for a while. Meet new friends, talk to old friends, and share the enthusiasm for progress the Chapter is experiencing. We have new members to welcome in the next few months and would really like your help in greeting them. Consider this your invitation to join us again. God Bless and keep you safe and healthy until we meet again.

Charter Day  
Beth Benson



Here are a few photos from Electa Chapter's Charter Day banquet which was held on March 16th. Having been organized on March 4,

1874 - Electa Chapter was celebrating its 145 anniversary.



We were pleased to have Scott Young, Director of the Food Bank of Lincoln as our featured speaker.

Electa Kensington  
Dona Hurst

We met at Stauffer's for lunch, when we could really enjoy the food without the work of planning, preparing, serving, then clean up. The eight of us filled our table and discussed our gifts in the last year, to: the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, the last two requests for funds; as well as the Masonic/Eastern Star Home for Children. Plans were made to attend the next City-Wide Kensington meeting hosted by Starcraft Chapter.

## Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Perhaps Spring is on its way, after all! It certainly looked that way at our April meeting. Business was dispensed very quickly by Worthy Matron Shellie Smith.

There are several upcoming events on our calendar that need to be shared with the Masonic News readers. First of all, the last winter dinner of the season will be April 13. Come for a yummy dinner

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of creamed chicken over homemade biscuits, a hot roast beef sandwich, or homemade bunzas. In May, we will begin our Fish Fries. Please mark your calendars for the SECOND SATURDAY of each month and attend these meals with lots of fellowship and good food.

We will be entertaining our 50-year members at the May meeting and hope to present a 70-year pin to Sis. Donna Cave. Sis. Donna is also our new Imhoff recipient. Refreshments will be served at 7 pm prior to our regular business meeting. Come and help us celebrate.

If you haven't purchased quilt raffle tickets yet for

the Service Dog project, please contact the Worthy Matron, Shellie Smith. Sis. Julie Fowler passed out plastic Easter eggs for everyone in attendance to fill with greenbacks or coins and reminded them to bring them back next month filled to support the Service Dog project.

We want to congratulate Sis. Kelsey Larsen on being named the Top Teller in her branch! What an honor. Sis. Barbara Smith has moved to Central City to be closer to her family as she continues her battle with cancer. Sis. Marolyn Robson continues to recover from her recent bout of illness. Bro. Troy Tuhey is in Lancaster Manor recovering from a

badly broken leg. Sis. Gail Lichtenberg, whom many of us know from her service on the Credential Committee at Grand Chapter passed away on April 1. Please keep all of these members and their

families in your prayers.

Our evening concluded with a lively social hour in the Colonial Room with refreshments provided by Sis. Shellie Smith. See attached picture!



# College View Lodge #320

Paul Hadley

## CHARBONNEAU PASSES TO FC DEGREE

College View Lodge passed Brother James Charbonneau to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on Feb. 27, 2019. WB Tom Anderson conferred the degree as Worshipful Master. The brethren appreciate the participation of WB Jim Michaelson of East Lincoln Lodge #210, who served as Senior Deacon and presented the Middle Chamber lecture, and of RWB Bruce Watkins of Liberty Lodge #300, who issued the Charge. It was planned to raise Brother Charbonneau to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on Wednesday, April 10.

## LODGE PROVES PROFICIENT

At the March 6 regular meeting, Deputy Grand Custodian Suman Vallabhbhai examined College View Lodge #320 in opening and closing in all three degrees and declared the brethren proficient.

## AWARD SALUTES WOLBERT

During the March 6 meeting, Brother Scott Gossett, representing the Leather for Leukemia organization, presented a "Thin Blue Line" leather key fob to WM Curtis Wolbert. These are made specifically to

honor police officers for their service.

## THREE ATTEND SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

WBs Thomas Anderson, Douglas Johnson and Byron Van Patten represented the lodge at a recent School of Instruction at Cotner Lodge #297. They reported points of emphasis regarding floor work which were brought up during the school, such as using the outside line of march when returning to the deacons' chairs.

## YOUTH RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

During the April 3 business meeting, lodge members approved funding a \$300 scholarship to allow a high school student to attend the five-day Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. This year's event is May 29-June 2 at the University of Nebraska in Kearney and is held in conjunction with the annual Shrine Bowl parade and football game.

Brethren also voted to provide \$125 academic scholarships to students attending local colleges and universities; such scholarships are matched by the Grand Lodge, so students receive \$250 each.

## LODGE CLEAN UP DAY APPROACHES

Brethren and friends are encouraged to help clean the College View Temple building. Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon – your help is needed with anything from dusting and light cleaning inside to yard work outside.

## JOIN US APRIL 20 FOR PAST MASTERS DINNER

This year's Past Masters Dinner is Saturday, April 20, at Hillcrest County Club. You don't have to be a PM to attend! Bring your spouse and other family members, friends and recruits interested in the Craft. The event is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

## WE SEEK REVITALIZATION GRANT

College View #320 is seeking to qualify for one of the \$1,000 Lodge Revitalization Grants from the Grand Lodge. We must raise at least \$1,000 for building improvement or refurbishment, which will be matched by the revitalization grant. One of several fundraising opportunities advanced by WM Curt Wolbert is a garage sale. (Please read on ...)

## HELP SUPPORT OUR GARAGE SALE

We're planning a June 14-15 garage sale to support our building improvement project and help us earn a Lodge Revitalization Grant from Grand Lodge. We will have a staging area in the College View Temple basement for collecting items for this sale. Please consider items to donate! WM Curt Wolbert volunteered to pick up your goods, such as furniture or items in boxes, in his pickup truck if you need transportation.

The garage sale is planned for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15 – we will be seeking help to set up for the garage sale and serve during the event – and of course all are welcome to browse the merchandise in search of bargains and smart buys.

## MARK YOUR MASONIC CALENDARS

College View Lodge will travel Wednesday, May 1, to Lebanon Lodge #323 in Columbus for its next regular meeting. This popular annual trip reunites us with our Bronze Jordan Medal holder Don Schaufelberger and friends at Lebanon Lodge. See our Facebook page for

details if you would like to carpool with our brethren to Columbus.

The June 5 business meeting will return to the College View Temple in Lincoln, with the usual opening at 7:30 p.m. In the mood for another trip? We will hold our July 3 business meeting at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont.



James Charbonneau (center) was passed to the Fellow Craft degree at College View Lodge #320 on Feb. 27 and was scheduled to be raised to Master Mason on April 10.



Scott Gossett (left), representing the Leather for Leukemia organization, presented a "Thin Blue Line" leather key fob to WM Curtis Wolbert to recognize his service as a police officer.

# East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

After a nice meal, East Lincoln 210 opened the business meeting in the EA degree for the first time in 127 years so that the newly initiated Entered Apprentices could attend. Brother Shawn Wilson proved up in the EA degree, committees reported, and upcoming events were discussed. 210 will have even more EA degrees soon as three petitioners were balloted on favorably to receive

their degrees in Masonry.

Acacia Fraternity will be using the lodge April 9th and 12th for initiations, 210 will be hosting 2019 Area Meeting April 17th, as well as the 2019 Proficiency Round Table on April 23. The lodge's scholarship committee is beginning to receive applications for their annual academic scholarship as well.

Unfortunately, it was announced that Brothers Willard Olson and Kenneth Rownd passed recently.

On a happier note, Brother RJ Lipert generously made it possible for WB Green's father, daughter, sister and nephews to all attend the Shrine Circus together. What a great time the Green family had and what a kind gesture!



WB Green's sister Jamie Schack of Hickman with Easton and Brooklyn.

## Temple Chapter #271

I would say that it looks like spring is here, but I'm not so sure that Nebraska would agree! Temple Chapter #271 met for our regular business meeting on Monday, April 1st, which also happened to be April Fool's day! While we wish we could tell you about all our shenanigans and pranks, the truth is that we were all very well behaved. Worthy Matron Tiffany Westerholt shared how Jane Austen has probably the longest standing prank at over 200 years, but you'll

have to ask her about it if you want to know.



On Saturday, April 6th, we finally had our School of Instruction along with Starcraft Chapter #307. We'd like to give a big thanks to our District Grand Supervisor, Tracy Hefner, as we all now feel more knowledgeable about Eastern Star traditions. It was a fun day filled with learning, practicing, food and friends. Also a big

Tiffany Westerholt

thank you to Starcraft Chapter #307 and Worthy Matron Terri Sherman for joining us and helping to make the day such a huge success.



Temple Chapter #271 is planning and getting ready for our upcoming Spring Tea, to which you are all invited! So please join us on Sunday, April 28th, from 2-4 pm at the

Scottish Rite Masonic Temple. There will be lots of tea, finger foods and Hillbilly Hal, who has graciously agreed to perform for us,

singing country songs. Tickets are \$10 or you can buy a table for \$72! We look forward to seeing you there!

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Lauren, our current Guide, competed at the FBLA State Leadership Conference with her schools FBLA chapter. She qualified for the National conference in San Antonio, Texas this summer and is very excited to attend!

As you can see, many of our members keep busy outside of Job's Daughters in things like: speech, archery, theater, Future Business Leaders of America, softball, track and field, and quite a few other things! Our Bethel likes to attend some of these events to support our sisters!



March also had our Spring Pilgrimage in store for us! 3 members went on the

Lauren P.

pilgrimage and we did some fun activities. We started by visiting the supreme office, UNO's Planetarium, supper at SpaghettiWorks, impromptu sales pitches for invented items, and to top it all off, church at Mother Mick's grave!



We also initiated Sara and Izzy on March 10th! We hope they enjoy Job's as much as all of us do. It is truly amazing to see our Bethel growing! Thank you to Bethels #15, #27, and #63 for helping us initiate them!

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# Lincoln Boys Choir

## LINCOLN BOYS CHOIR TO PERFORM SPRING MELODIES CONCERT MAY 10

The Lincoln Boys Choir will conclude this year's performance season with a concert on Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in O'Donnell Auditorium at the Vance D. Rogers Center for Fine Arts, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 50th and Huntington Streets.

Come hear the three choirs sing a variety of light classical, foreign language and folk music. Choir alumni will be invited onstage to sing with the combined choirs during the choir's traditional finale "River in Judea."

The Lincoln Boys Choir organization is comprised of three choirs of more than 100 boys, ages 8-18, selected by audition to perform in one of three groups. Concert Choir, under the direction of Kevin Scheele and

accompanied by Julie Schumacher, performed with the Omaha Symphonic Chorus and Omaha Symphony at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in December. Scheele will also lead Concert Choir at a tour performance in York, NE on May 4th. Cantare and Chorale choirs are both under the direction of Burton Schernikau and accompanied by Karen Karr Ammons. Chorale, composed of middle school singers, recently completed a tour of four Lincoln elementary schools.

The choirs have performed with the University of Nebraska Men's Choir, Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir, and Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra in the past. Touring has included: Kansas City, New York City, Chicago, Austria, Ireland, Czech Republic, and Italy where they sang at the Vatican.

In 2014, the Lincoln Boys Choir received the Richard Hay Arts

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Sun. Apr 28: Spring Tea with Temple Chapter, 332 Centennial Mall S, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Fri. May 10: Lincoln Boys Choir, 50th & Huntington St, 7:00 PM

Sat. May 11: 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/Onions, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Tea, or Water. Soda and Desserts are also Available - \$10 per person - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Thur. May 23: Liberty Lodge Wine Tasting, 1635 L St, 6:00 PM, see article for RSVP

Tues. May 28 - Sat. Jun 1: Masonic All Star Marching Band Camp, Kearney

Fri. Jun 14 - Sat. Jun 15: Masonic Garage Sale, 4641 Cooper Ave, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Tales From The North (Dakota)

Tyler T. Hall

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

### Scottish RiteCare Speech Therapy Center

Robert E. Asker Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center for Children in Bismarck, North Dakota, is our local RiteCare philanthropy for the Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite. I'm proud to be serving on the Board of Directors of this worthy cause for our area children. It's so fun to even go out to the community and engage with kids and their parents!

Last Halloween, there was a neighborhood Trunk-or-Treat event up at our secondary mall (named, Gateway Mall, which only the name reminds me of back home in Lincoln). I attended with our clinic pathologist (been with us since our founding 27 years ago this April), Cindy, with our Bismarck Shrine Clown, Silly Goose. I learned a lot in filling up balloons for Silly Goose to make balloon animals and swords.

At the beginning of April this year, the Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite decided to buy a vertical banner for the Center to use at conferences and events. Cindy along with myself and

my wife Kelli, and our current Board president, Don and his wife Fran, went to an area middle school for the Autism Awareness event, "Light It Up Blue." So much fun, and it was Don, Fran, and Kelli who blew up the balloons for Cindy and myself to make balloon dogs and balloon swords. Now, as many of you may know, I'm a middle child with my older brother having autism and cerebral palsy, and my younger sister has her PhD in Special Ed, so Autism Awareness is very special to me in my life... One young man around 10 years old started helping us making balloon animals we never even thought of – even a balloon helicopter.

We gave our information to the boy's aunt, and hopefully he'll be able to help some at our annual Bismarck Airport Fly-In Pancake Breakfast at the Bismarck Aero Center at the Bismarck Airport. Proceeds from this pancake breakfast, held this year on Sunday, September 8, goes towards the Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center for Children. We have several activities such as old cars brought in by the event's

main sponsors, El Zagal Shrine Dusters, old planes, helicopter and plane rides, Silly Goose making balloon animals, and Rainbow/DeMolay helping to bus tables.

As we go through our Masonic groups, we are inspired to give of our principal tenants and virtues. We do give back to the Craft and our Brothers & Sisters, but giving back to the community, especially to the children – our next generation, has some of the best feelings that we make a difference. Pictures may say a thousand words, but the photos herein don't do the justice of the experience of the great afternoon with the kids!

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



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