



# The Masonic News



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## Liberty Lodge #300

**Jake Hedden**

It has been several years since Liberty Lodge #300 last contributed to the Masonic News, and we are eager to join again to inform the Fraternity about the camaraderie, growth, and fundraising plans for our lodge! We would like to extend a warm invitation to everyone to join us throughout this exciting year!

After two years as Worshipful Master, the gavel for 2019 has been passed from PM Tom Lagerstrom to WM Lance Neeman. We give our warmest gratitude to Tom for his service, not only to Liberty Lodge #300, but to Freemasonry across Nebraska. Tom set the standard by bringing stability and an unparalleled depth to the

education of our Craft, helping explain our rituals and leading in group proficiencies. He continuously encouraged camaraderie amongst the Brethren to have open discussions, reminding us to always meet on the level, even when there are opposing opinions throughout the room. He left a huge hat to fill. Our sincerest thank you, Tom.

In just a few short months, WM Neeman has taken the gavel in stride and filled the hat admirably to build off of a successful 2018. He has encouraged Lodge members to get involved in activities to continue to promote camaraderie within our lodge, as well as help with other lodge events. In January, three Lodge members attended an EA degree at Cotner Lodge #297, with Liberty Lodge #300's JW Justin Williamson assisting in the Junior Warden position for the opening. Eight members from Liberty Lodge #300 attended the annual Scottish Rite Robert Burns Dinner and Celebration, sponsored by The Knights of Saint Andrew, and several members were in attendance at the Scottish Rite installation of 2019 officers.

WM Neeman and his officers, SW Dennis Hecht and JW Justin Williamson, along with Treasurer Ken Rouch, Secretary Brent Myers, Senior Steward Bryan Grove, and PM Lagerstrom attended the Annual Communication Meeting in Kearney. At the awards banquet, Liberty Lodge #300 received the Vitality Award and one of its members, SD Lynn Friesen, received the Artificer Award.

For those not familiar with the Artificer Award - what a great opportunity to engage new members. To receive the award, a new member has to complete a list of items within 14 months of their initiation into the Craft. It builds a great bond between the new member, their Lodge, and the Fraternity. We are incredibly proud of Bro. Lynn. Congratulations.

By the time this edition is printed, Liberty Lodge #300 will have had its first Table Lodge of the year (Thursday, February 21st). A grand celebration to our Craft, Brethren, and an opportunity to celebrate the birthday of one of our Nation's most renowned Brothers, George Washington. Senior Steward Bryan Grove and Junior Steward Jason Nielson (Chewie) created an amazing feast of prime

rib, herbed potatoes, and parmesan-almond green beans.



It is with heavy hearts we report the loss of one of our own, Bro. Roger B. Drucker. He passed on January 24th at the age of 73. He was a member of Liberty Lodge #300 since 1997, as well as a member of the Shrine, Scottish Rite, and Iron Nobles.

If you are interested in working on proficiency, PM Tom Lagerstrom will be hosting a proficiency class at the Masonic Temple, 1635 L Street. The class will be the third Sunday of each month from 2:00 - 4:00pm. All that is required is to show up.

2019 is going to be a great year for Liberty Lodge, and we look forward to sharing it with you!

## George Washington Lodge #250

**Keith Chambers**

On Tuesday February 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 Roger Warnke. Lodge was opened at 7:30 PM by Worshipful Master. The minutes were read, the bills were paid. Correspondence was

read and old business was attended to. There was no new business or petitions.

Under good of the order: Masonic Education was read to the lodge. Volunteers for the monthly fundraisers dinner were solicited. The February 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 meeting was closed in peace and harmony.

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### 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.

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## Starcraft Chapter #307

### Terri Sherman

**Installation**  
Installation of officers was held on Wednesday January 16 at Craftsman Lodge. Worthy Matron Cora Redman opened the meeting. The installing officers were: Sisters Carol Hudkins, Installing officer; Betty Kirby, Installing Marshal and Jeanne Krink, Installing Organist and Brother Roger Warnke, Installing Chaplain. Newly installed Worthy Matron Sister Terri Sherman and Worth Patron Brother Dennis Brydl enjoyed a wonderful installation.

Their theme for the year is 'Let Your dream Set Sail'. They promise that we will have a fun filled year.

**Regular Meeting**  
On a cold night in February Sis Terri & Bro. Dennis opened their first meeting of the year for Starcraft Chapter #307. We heard reports from the Secretary and Treasurer. And Bro. Dennis Brydl gave the report from the trustees.

We voted to give two band scholarships to the niece of Sis. Bridget Anderson;

Kaylyn Johnson and her friend Savanna Brakeman. Sis. Bridget had reported that her niece enjoyed it so much that she recruited her friend to attend with her this year. We are looking forward to having our school of instruction with Temple chapter this year.

We found out that Bro and Sis Leroy & Joann Rosenthal have a new grandson, Dallas. Kensington will start meeting again in March. Past Matrons will be

meeting at Doris Foust's on Feb 16th.

**Sickness and Distress**  
We reported that Sis. Bridget is doing well following some surgery. Before we closed the meeting we sang "Happy Birthday" to Sis. Julie Fowler. Sister Cora thanked the Protem Sis. Brenda Collins for serving as our Organist and Sis. Sue Hedges for serving as Assoc. Matron. Following the close of the

meeting Sis. Cora Redwine and Bro. Jim Bannister signed the Bible as Jr. Past Worthy Matron and Patron. Sis Terri & Bro. Dennis celebrated with a Valentines party downstairs following the meeting.



## College View Lodge #320

### Paul Hadley

Greetings! I've been appointed to again be your Masonic News correspondent. I'll do my best in the upcoming months to keep you apprised of what's going on at College View Lodge. This installment will serve to catch us up on the latest activities.

### WB WOLBERT RETURNS TO THE EAST

College View Lodge held its 92nd Annual Installation of Officers on Jan. 12 at its lodge building at 4641 Cooper Ave. Worshipful Brother Curtis Wolbert was installed as Worshipful Master. Other officers installed were: WB Jairo Cabeles as Treasurer, WB Douglas Johnson as Secretary, WB Paul Hadley as Chaplain, Brother Sean Bush as Senior Steward, Brother Marcus Pierson as Junior Steward, and WB Michael Berger as Tyler.

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Most Worshipful Brother Patrick Barger, was the Installing Master, with Right Worshipful Brother Bruce Watkins serving as the Installing Marshall,

Worshipful Brother Earl Robinett as the Installing Secretary, and Worshipful Brother Charles Burk as the Installing Chaplain.

Thanks to everyone who braved the winter storm warning to make this event happen!

### ORSHEK EARNS 60-YEAR PIN

Brother Robert "Bob" Orshek received his 60-Year pin Sept. 9 during a ceremony at his home. Worshipful Master Curtis Wolbert and WB Douglas Johnson presented the special pin and certificate recognizing this milestone in his Masonic life. Congratulations, Brother Bob!

### WB ANDERSON IS MASON OF THE YEAR

During the Nov. 7 business meeting, Worshipful Brother Thomas Anderson received College View Lodge's inaugural "Mason of the Year" award, which was presented by Worshipful Master Curtis Wolbert. Congratulations to WB Tom for a job well done!

### TRAVELING LODGE AT PLATTSMOUTH

College View Lodge held its Dec. 5 business meeting at The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. The Nebraska Masonic Home is a nonprofit continuing care retirement community (CCRC) that provides independent apartment living, assisted living, nursing care and Alzheimer's/dementia care for Free Masons and their wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters.

Thanks go out to WB Steven Barchus, Foundation Director, for allowing us to have our monthly meeting at their wonderful facility and for the service, support, and hospitality that he showed us that evening.

WB Curtis Wolbert notes that College View Lodge plans to continue its tradition of holding regular meetings at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, as well as at Columbus and Fremont.

### WELCOME, BROTHERS CHARBONNEAU, EVANS AND HEMMENDINGER

Our membership is growing! In addition to Master Masons who joined #320 in the past year, we have a trio of men who recently have begun their individual Masonic journeys.

Please join us in welcoming the newest Brothers:

James Charbonneau and Paul Hemmendinger were initiated into the Entered Apprentice degree on Nov. 28, 2018, and Harve Evans was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on Jan. 16, 2019.

### PROFICIENCY TESTS, DEGREE WORK AHEAD

Trestle Boards are being drawn up for conferring the Fellow Craft degree at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Brothers are urged to be at the lodge by 6:30 p.m. We will rehearse our roles and floor work at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20. We also will practice opening and closing in all three degrees in preparation for our annual

Proficiency Exam, which will be given as part of our meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6.



60 years in Masonry – Brother Bob Orshek shows his 60-year certificate to WB Douglas Johnson.



2019 leaders installed – Most Worshipful Brother Patrick Barger (fourth from left) was the Installing Officer on Jan. 12 when WB Curtis Wolbert (center) began a new term in the East at College View Lodge. Others participating included Right Worshipful Brother Bruce Watkins (second from left) as Installing Marshall, WB Earl Robinett (third from right) as Installing Secretary and WB Charles Burk (far right) as Installing Chaplain.

# Myrtle Chapter #94

**Deb Kendle**

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Myrtle Chapter held its Open Installation of Officers on January 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. There were 53 in attendance. Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, Grand Representatives, and other officers of other Masonic Bodies were all in attendance and introduced.



The installing officers for the afternoon were:

- Installing Officer - Bro. Don Frank, PP of Electa Chapter No 8
  - Installing Marshal - Sis Robyn Mason, PM of Myrtle Chapter No 94
  - Installing Chaplain - Bro. Wade Kendle, PP of Myrtle Chapter No 94
  - Installing Organist - Sis. Sue Stroud, PM of Electa Chapter No 8
- And special music was provided by Kaylin Gardner.



The 2019 Officers were installed, with the exception of Conductress and Chaplain who will be installed at a later date were:

- Worthy Matron - Sis Dehnia Bullerdiek, PM
- Worthy Patron - Bro Tom Anderson
- Associate Matron - Sis Jamie Janovec
- Associate Patron - Bro. Ross Janovec
- Secretary - Sis Deb Kendle, PM
- Treasurer - Sis Emily Schoenleber, PM
- \*Conductress - Sis. Jennifer Dierks
- Associate Conductress - Sis Marilyn Wallin
- \*Chaplain - Sis. Robyn Throckmorton
- Marshal - Sis. Stephanie Bless
- Adah - Sis. Belle Kendle
- Ruth - Sis Becky Bless
- Esther - Sis Marissa Roessler
- Martha - Sis Alex Titsworth
- Electa - Sis Laura Kilmer, PM
- Warder - Sis Jeanne Bonnett, PM
- Sentinel - Bro Bob Foreman, PP

Trustees are Allen Plucknett,

pp (2017 – 2019); Sis. Robyn Mason, PM, (2018 – 2020); and Sis. Jeanne Bonnett, PM, (2019 – 2021).



WM Dehnia thanked everyone for attending as well as her officers and shared her plans for 2019. Her emblem this year is Winnie the Pooh and Friends. Her flower is field flowers. The scripture WM Laura chose is "A sweet friendship refreshed the soul." (Proverbs 27:9). Martha and Chaplain are her honor stations and her colors are Pink, Gold and Purple. Her project this year will be The Alzheimer's Association. Her mottos are "As soon as I saw you, I knew a grand adventure was about to happen." "If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever" and "Doing nothing often leads to the best of something."



WM Dehnia also thanked her Installing Officers as well as she introduced her family members in attendance.

WP Tom also thanked everyone for coming and that this was all new for him. He had resisted for over 40 years and as his dad Bro. Doug Anderson would say, "Gotcha!"



Sis Dehnia presented the installing officers with a gift and thanked them for a beautiful job they did. PP Wade Kendle congratulated the officers on behalf of the Installing Officers and thanked WM Dehnia for inviting them in taking part in installing the officers of Myrtle Chapter and wished them a wonderful year.



Bro. Don Frank, WM's grandfather presented WM Dehnia with her gavel.



Bethel 27 performed the Living Cross. Worshipful Master Dan Chestnut read the narrative. WM Dehnia thanked the girls for the beautiful performance of the Living Cross. Each girl introduced herself and their titles.

WM Dehnia again thanked all for coming and WP Tom stated that there are refreshments outside.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next business meeting will be on February 12 at 7:30 pm. All are invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

WM Dehnia plans to have a Myrtle Chapter Coffee Corner every month and the first one is planned for March 2nd, 9:30 am at Meadowlark Coffee. Please feel free to join us for fellowship and fun.

March 12th at 7:30 pm is our second meeting for the 2019 year. We will be honoring Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

### BEST CHOICE LABELS

Keep saving those Best Choice Labels. You can turn in your labels on the bulletin board at the Masonic Temple, or to our Secretary, Deb Kendle.

### 2019 DUES CARDS ARE HERE!!!!

Great news!!! The 2019 dues cards are in. Here is your friendly reminder that you can pay your dues for the 2019 year. If you need to mail them in, please contact our Secretary Deb Kendle, 1400 North 64th Street, Lincoln, NE 68505. If you have any questions you can call her at 402-617-3991 or email her at dmkendle@gmail.com.

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# Temple Chapter #271

**Tiffany Westerholt**



A new year, with new offices, and new opportunities has begun! Despite blizzard conditions, Temple Chapter #271 held its annual Installation of Officers on January 12, 2019 at the Scottish Rite with new Worthy Matron Tiffany Westerholt and very experienced PGP Don Jelinek being installed. Installing Officers for the ceremony were Karan Birdsall, Associate Grand Matron, Mike Lagueux PP, Jeanne Krenk PM and Gary Brhel PGP. Worthy Matron Tiffany has for her icon, the 18th century author, Jane Austen and her theme is "If a book is well written, I always find it too short" a quote by Jane Austen herself. Her theme was evident all around as books graced every table, teapots were front and center, bonnets hung on chairs and at the east hung a silhouette of Jane. This year Temple Chapter has many plans including a spring tea in April, a charter day new era celebration in May, a dogs for dogs event this fall, a book drive in August, and much more. Worthy Matron Tiffany explained that her year would be devoted to education and spreading the love of reading. A very special moment occurred when Tiffany's grandmother, Evelyn Westerholt, a 50-year member of Arbor Vitae chapter #92 in Fremont was introduced. Tiffany hopes to continue the tradition and someday make it to 50 years herself. The installation concluded with refreshments of cookies, cucumber sandwiches, and flavors of hot tea were provided. All in all, it was an extremely special day.

Temple Chapter #271 had its standard business meeting on February 4th. A breadline was held before the meeting in which, chili, hotdogs, chips, salad and cinnamon

rolls were served. The Breadline is welcome to anyone and any funds collected are raised for Associate Grand Matron Karan Birdsall for her upcoming year. For more information on upcoming Breadlines, follow our Facebook page as we will post when they are and what will be served. Our meeting was held at 7:30pm and many reports were read and much was discussed. Temple Chapter will have its school of instruction on February 23rd. Our next business meeting will be March 4th at 7:30pm and we'd love to see you there. Until then stay warm as Nebraska isn't sure what kind of weather it wants to have!



**CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER**  
George Washington 250  
Martha Washington 153  
4430 N. 70th St.  
Second Saturday of Every Month Oct - April  
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
\$8.00 per person  
Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, Creamed Chicken over Biscuits, or Homemade Bunza's, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Coffee, Tea, or Water.

## Bethel 5

Lauren Prososki



Bethel #5's Installation of officers was held on Sunday, January 27th. Katrina K. was installed as Honored Queen for the ensuing term along with Gwen L. as Senior Princess, Faith P. as Junior Princess, Lauren P. as Guide, Belle K. as Marshal, Serenity M. as Chaplain, and Peyton P. as Junior Custodian. Carrying pieces and decor for the Installation were bowling themed.



We have a number of fun events planned for this term

including some bowling activities! Follow our Facebook page (Bethel #5, Lincoln, NE JDI) so you know when our events are! We are pleased to say that we have an Initiation scheduled in March, and we currently have 2 applications for membership. We are looking forward to a fun & active term!

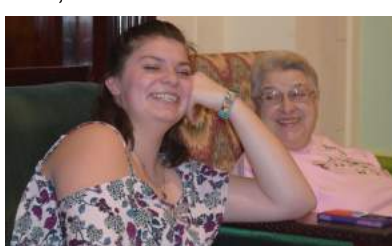


Throughout the term, Bethel #5 will be selling Country Meats Smoked Pork Snack Sticks! They are \$1 a stick, with the profits going towards the girls' personal accounts to help defray the costs of Grand Bethel in June and

other events. These snack sticks come in many different flavors, so contact any member of Bethel #5 to purchase some!



Lincoln Chapter DeMolay held their Sweetheart Ball on Saturday, February 2nd. Several members and prospects from Bethel #5 attended, and Lauren P. was a candidate for Lincoln Chapter Sweetheart along with Shelby C. from Bethel #27, and Brooke B. From



Bethel #63. We would like to congratulate Brooke on being crowned Lincoln Chapter Sweetheart! A fun time was had by all who attended!

Upcoming events: February 24th, Round 1 fun event

March 3rd, Go-to-Church Sunday at Heritage Presbyterian Church

March 3rd-10th, Founders Week

March 10th, Spaghetti Supper fundraiser 5-7 PM at the Masonic Temple (ticket prices TBA)

(Photos by Tom Anderson)



## Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson



The month of January has flown by and now is the time to get going in Lodge. Our new officers have been installed. The new Officers in Lincoln Lodge No. 19 are:

Worshipful Master  
Will Folsom  
Senior Warden  
Kent Folsom, P.M.  
Junior Warden  
Wes Bottorf  
Chaplain  
Richard Wyatt, P.M.  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Bruce Anderson, PM  
Senior Deacon  
Beau Ballard  
Junior Deacon  
Tyson McPhillips  
Senior Steward  
John Duling, P.M.  
Junior Steward  
Grant Latimer  
Tyler  
Ken Koop, P.M.

You will notice that many of these officers are first time in their office. This is a good change, we are progressing as a lodge.

The installing officers did a great job as usual:

Installing Master M.W. Patrick Barger, Grand Master

Installing Marshal M.W. Scott Krieger, PGM, Grand Custodian

Installing Secretary M.W. Reg Kuhn, PGM, Grand Secretary

Installing Chaplain R.W. Jim Carlton, P.M., Grand Junior Warden

This was the first installation that I have missed in many years. I happened to be in Wisconsin teaching a class in Marketing and Public Relations.

A new year is a time to refresh the Lodge and renew our commitment to the Lodge. I would hope that many of our Brothers will make a renewed effort to come back to Lodge. You don't have to be an officer but just being on the

sidelines gives us an incentive to be a better job in our office. Will Folsom our new Worshipful Master is primed and ready to get the Lodge active and revived. Don't worry about the signs and passes to get in, we will help you, just come and be a part of the lodge. I have included a trestle board. Come on down.

### TRESTLE BOARD

February, 2019

February 15  
Fri. 11:45, Lunch, Honest Abe's

February 20 Wed.  
6:00 EA Degree

February 28 Thurs.  
5:30 Beers, Code Brewing

March 5 Tue.  
7:30 PM Business Meet

March 12 Tue.  
6:00, EA Degree

Our top officers went to Grand Lodge the beginning of February and gained a lot of new ideas and have planned a great year. A couple of changes in our degree work include going back to the Questions and Answers as a proficiency in all degrees. Many of us did this when we came into the Lodge. The other change was that we now can open in any degree (although only Master Masons can vote).

## East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

Please keep Brother Carl Medley in your thoughts as he and his family persevere through a most difficult time.



After 210's dinner, the Secretary read three petitions, WM Jeff presented WB Joel Green his Past Master's Apron and pin, brief case, portfolio, and even a copy of "Our Ritual" by Worshipful Brothers Francis E. White, Tom Hauder, Ray V. Denslow, and Russ Reno. WM Buhrman also installed Junior Steward Mark Fitzsimmons. Brother RJ Lipert displayed an antique seal from Decatur Lodge #7 that was donated by Bro. Bob Philipps. Lastly, there will be a Ladies at the Table at East Lincoln 210 on Thursday, March 7, 2019.



East Lincoln 210 installed their 2019 officers with WB Monte Dietrick as Installing Master and WB James Michaelson as Installing Marshal. WM Jeff Buhrman is looking forward to another active year in 2019!



## Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



ANNNNNND THEY'RE OFFFFF!!! The first formal meeting is out of the gate followed closely by presentation of the first budget reading; coming on strong is the supervisor's visit, and closing the gap is new member mentorship...along the side rail and moving up is the February meeting, the January installation is out of the picture and fading fast, at the half-way point is ordered confusion, with chaos now neck and neck! There are so many variables in this race that it is difficult initially to tell who is winning and who is trying to place in the field. Every year about this time the influx of new life into Chapters and Lodges seems like the beginnings of a great race...The installations that take most of January, the pomp and ceremony associated with that is seemingly endless and

leaves wonderful memories in the minds of those leaving positions of responsibility and cautious anticipation in those just beginning "their" year.

Now starts the business of governing, leading, and establishing the new regimes. The countless details, the ensuring those new to their positions have adequate information and mentorship to perform to standard, and being able to ensure that the Grand representatives who will soon be visiting also know they "have it down."

Worthy Matron Brenda is very busy reaching out to other chapters through visitations and finishing the details of the upcoming visit of the district supervisor. She is also working to ensure that the barrel program for the Lincoln area less fortunate people continues to make its welcome presence known. This program was very successful last year and is already producing excellent results early this year. If you meet in, or visit, the Masonic Temple at 1635 L Street, please bring something related to boxed food, health care products, or other non-perishable, or paper products and leave them at the barrel.

If this is more successful than we think it can be, you will provide the less fortunate of Lincoln with a meal or hygiene items necessity to basic human needs they would not be able to have ordinarily. Don't stop giving now...make a difference for someone less fortunate than yourself.



By the time you are reading this, March will be quickly moving in on us and the tempo of the organization will still show no signs of slowing..."what was it that was supposed to be done last month that I missed" will be the nagging question right before the stated meeting. No worries, this happens every year in every Chapter and Lodge and we always survive and are able to do good things in both our organizations and the community at large. How is that even possible? Somehow out of the chaos all around us the correct items get put on the agendas,

people who have already served step forward to help with the administration of the necessary business, and we ultimately leave the positions elected or appointed with smiles knowing we have helped someone through the colossal effort of those who already know what needs accomplished during the appropriate times of the year. Will some things get forgotten? Yes. Will mistakes get made? Yes. But the health of the Chapter will be maintained by all those who work for it...and in the end it will be a great year, each and every time.

Take a breath Worthy Matron...all of you who are Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, and leaders of every kind. Rely on your members, most of them have been in leadership positions within their Lodges or Chapters and know something about the incredible insanity that is the beginning of a new year. But most of all; and this is for everyone who reads these rants, when the business of the moment becomes too much always remember there is help available to you that never fails. Give your most challenging situations and problems to God for a

moment...you may find clarity you never know was available to you.

Never forget that in the race to the November elections and the soul wrenching release that knowing your days of pressure, meetings, and details are close to being a fond memory...you have been an inspiration to someone, helping a person through a difficult time in their life in the madness exploding around you, and you may never know how much you helped. You're never alone in this endeavor, just as in the labyrinth walk through life, you are never alone even when no one else is around.

God bless you and provide you with His peace as we travel through this time of uncertainty.



This photo (courtesy of Beth Benson) was inadvertently left out of the January news; it shows Steven and Nancy Green receiving their 50 year pins. Congratulations!

## Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

As you can see, we had some Valentine fun after our meeting on February 7. Even though the night was bitterly cold outside, we had warm hearts and lots of good fellowship inside. Our Worthy Matron Pro Tem, Sis. Sue Hedges, conducted our business meeting in a very efficient manner. We are proud to be sponsoring a member of the Masonic All Star Marching Band this year, as well as a scholarship for a graduating senior.



Our school of instruction will be held on March 16 with Sis. Tracie Heffner as our District Grand Supervisor. School will run from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Examining Committee and the Bylaws Committee were appointed for our Chapter. Rosters are available to our chapter members; contact the Secretary.

The George and Martha Washington Banquet will be held on February 23 at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Sis. Michelle Smith for tickets (402-440-1397). The menu is meat loaf, cheesy potatoes, salad, vegetables, and cherry pie.

Everyone is invited to join us on the SECOND SATURDAY for our winter dinners. You have a choice of creamed chicken, bunnas, or a hot roast beef sandwich. We only have two more of these winter dinners before we begin our fish fries this spring.

Our Worthy Matron is not starting her year off too well as she was hospitalized for the February meeting with pancreatitis. Just as our Bro. Dave Sierks was returning back to work after a back injury, we have another Bro. Roger Warnke, who has injured his back. Something about those falls that just aren't very good to our Brothers. Bro. Mike and Sis.

Maxine Buchardt will be leaving for Tucson to watch their granddaughter perform at the University of Arizona. Sis. Betty and Bro. John Kirby will be flying to Palm Beach for a week in the sun. Our concerns and prayers continue for Sis. Barbara Smith and Paula Beezley.

February Birthdays are: Arlayne Orthengren (14); Elbert Marshall (15); Kristi Williams, Albert Fisher and Kelsey Larsen (21); Julie Fowler (23) and Janice Nitz (27). Happy birthday to all and best wishes for another wonderful year!

## Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

The officers (and some brethren) from Lancaster 54 attended a very successful Annual Communication this year, and came back refreshed and ready to get back to work as Freemasons!

We met on February 8th for our monthly regular communication, and for the first time since the early 1800's, our lodge was able to open our business meeting in the Entered Apprentice degree. The timing was perfect, as we had one in attendance for our meeting! If you are between degrees currently, we would love to see you at our regular business meetings on the first Friday of the month; dinner starts at 6, and the meeting opens at 7. Don't worry if you don't remember the signs and words; there are plenty of brothers around who would love to mentor you! (As an aside, if you've been a member for years and haven't been back in a while, we'd love to see you as well!)

After the business meeting, a large group met in the lounge for some Masonic education and discussion; topics covered included ritual from the EA degree and some practical applications in our daily lives. If you didn't stick around for the discussion, you truly missed out on one of the best education discussions that 54 has had in years! Thank you to WM John for providing this venue, and we are all looking forward to doing it again in a few months!

Over the next few weeks, we will be practicing the EA degree in anticipation of our upcoming proficiency examination. In addition, at our March business meeting, WM John has arranged for a ladies program to take place during the meeting; contact him directly for RSVP information so he can obtain an accurate head-count for dinner.

## Bethel 27

Elena Watts



Bethel 27 just had our Installation of Officers. Our new line is:  
 Alex Titsworth: Honored Queen  
 Jenna Helter: Senior Princess  
 Elena Watts: Junior Princess  
 Cori Montague: Guide  
 Larissa Myers: Marshal

Our Bethel has expanded and we now have a full Bethel and will hopefully be initiating more soon. We performed our Living Cross at several installations during January for Electa Chapter, North Star Lodge, and Myrtle Chapter. On February 17th we had a Friendship meeting where

we invited other Masonic Organizations and our theme for the afternoon was Friendship Across the Galaxy. Star Wars and Star Trek fans came and both lived, celebrated, and worked harmoniously. We are also having a fundraiser/fun event on February 23rd we will be going to a Stars hockey game. Tickets are still available and we would love it if you could come, if you want to purchase tickets the link is on our Facebook event or you could contact our Bethel Guardian.

Jobie Love,  
 Elena Watts, JP



## Columbia Chapter #275

Kaylene Martin

Columbia Chapter met on a very chilly and snowy evening. The Brothers of the Chapter served us a delicious meal at 6:00 before the meeting.

### ANNIVERSARY

W. Matron Trudi and P.P. Kevin Thornburg are celebrating 31 years of marriage on February 6th. We wish them many more years together. Congratulations!

### JOYS

P.M. Dyana Burton proudly announced daughter Brooke Beard was crowned DeMolay Sweetheart of Lincoln Chapter DeMolay. Son Kolyn Beard will be

installed as Master Councilor of Lincoln Chapter of DeMolay on Feb. 17th. Congratulations to both!

Sister Susan Campbell was vacationing in Mexico. Enjoyed the sunshine!

### ILLNESS

W. Patron John Quinn has been having some health issues. Please keep him in your prayers. Hope you get well soon!!

Dues are due for 2019

## Lincoln DeMolay

Stephanie Bleess



Time flies when you're having fun. Lincoln chapter has been very busy this last term. PMC Ryan Binge rallied the boys to get to know their Masonic family. We had fun making cookies with Bethel 27, Battling Bethel 63 at trivia, and helping Bethel 5 install their officers. The boys attended the Shrine Circus, Shrine parade and bowl game, and loved helping with the Halloween party. Lincoln Chapter has been helping their Star friends during this Installation season any way they can. We are excited to announce Brook Beard (Bethel 63) was crowned sweetheart the first weekend of February, the next weekend we joined OMA/Fremont to crown their two sweethearts. On the 17th Kolyn Beard became our new Master Councilor with hopes of continuing where PMC Ryan left off. The chapter is hoping to once again earn their MC a PMC-MSA and get more active. We invite everyone to join us for meetings the 2nd Wednesday and game night on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

## Capitol Chapter #320

Cindee Atwood



## Rainbow Girls

Tiffany Westerholt

With the installation of Officers complete for Lincoln Assembly #6, the girls are getting ready for a new year! The girls have started the year with service by helping serve at Temple Chapter #271 O.E.S Installation of Officers on January 12th. They served hot tea, coffee and cookies for Worthy Matron Tiffany Westerholt and Worthy Patron Don Jelinek. The girls had some fun as they attended the Lincoln Chapter DeMolay Sweetheart dance on February 2nd. They got their groove on and congratulated the new chapter sweetheart. The next day, they headed out to

Weeping Water #5 to help out with their initiation of two new girls. They plan to go to Omaha on February 9th for the Omaha sweetheart dance and then they will help out at Benson Diana #2 initiation. The girls are keeping busy and are planning for a spring trip coming up in March with Grand Worthy Advisor Morgan Chandler. They continue to gather clothes for the GWA project and are planning a spring fundraiser to help with Grand in June. Our next business meeting will be February 19th at 7pm and we would love to see you there!



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## 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.

### Grand Lodge 2019

The day before was blistery... -45 Degrees (yes, you read that right - Fahrenheit, negative, and before wind chill). The most direct route, US Hwy 83, proved to have some scattered ice according to the North Dakota 511 travel map. Our North Dakota Grand Master, MW Dale Sandstrom, my wife, Kelli Michaels Hall, and I still decided to venture down south and go from an ambient temperature of -8 to 52 Degrees, a whole 60 degree climb (plus or minus for poetic license). We took a little alternative route heading west before heading south for better roads, but we still managed to make it in approximately 9-1/2 hours and in plenty of time before the Grand Master Banquet festivities. What a tropical vacation treat to be in above 50 degree and sunny weather as well as enjoying the fellowship and catching up with my Brothers from

Nebraska. Unfortunately, we had to leave Saturday afternoon prior to Grand Lodge Installation of Officers due to incoming inclement weather starting Sunday morning across North Dakota - Well, at least we got a Runza before heading home.

Thanks to everyone for the warm welcome to our North Dakota delegation! It was great to see everyone from our Masonic Youth, to by my own Blue Lodge Brothers of North Star Lodge No. 227 whom I had a wonderful time reconnecting with, to the Scottish Rite Brethren of Nebraska and some of whom I've seen at the Scottish Rite Workshops last year in Omaha, to the York Rite Brethren whom I still vividly remember the experience of going through the degrees with my dad, to the Shrine dignitaries, to other Grand Jurisdictions visiting as well, and to my own Grand Lodge of Nebraska Grand Master and officers.

Masonic Education has always been a great basis for our Masonic Journey. Exploring our history and roots have always been a wonderful way to staple ourselves in the tenants of our Orders... DeMolay State Officers did an awesome job representing and presenting their Awards! Good to see activity in our Masonic Youth groups! I've also heard the exploratory talks about incorporating a Masonic All-Star Marching Band in our North Dakota Shrine Bowl

Game – so it was great to see a booth for them.

Meetings and presentations went pretty quick and easy; the Ladies were well taken care of; music was wonderful; fellowship and Brotherhood was amazing – It's been 17 years since I been to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska's Annual Communication (last time in 2002 as Junior Warden of North Star Lodge No. 227), so it was nice to come back while being on the Officer Line for the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Special thank you to Michelle and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska office for making this possible! Also, a great thanks to my friend and Brother, MW Dale Sandstrom, for agreeing to make the trip down and experiencing my roots. Lastly, and of course most importantly, thanks to my wife, Kelli, for allowing me to go and for joining us.

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



WB Tyler Hall and his wife, Kelli Michaels Hall, at Grand Lodge of Nebraska's Membership Banquet.



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