



# The Masonic News



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## College View Lodge #320

P.J. Hadley

Wow, can you believe that summer is almost on us already? This is the time of year that we tend to see the news slow down a little bit, as all of our subscribing bodies take it a bit easier, while the newspaper staff tends to get busy on projects that we've been putting off during the busier months. Since we have a bit of time and space here, I'd like to let you know about one of those projects: moving the location of our mail delivery.

As you may know, all of our mail is currently delivered to a post office box. While originally this was the most convenient location, we have recently begun centralizing all of our operations, and no longer need the extra expense or effort for mail that is sent to us. As such, we have discontinued usage of this box.

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I hope you have a fantastic summer! On behalf of the entire Masonic News staff, I am, fraternally yours,

Adam Thayer

No slowing down for 320! This spring has brought lots of activity to 4641 Cooper Avenue! As an example, brethren gathered at the College View Lodge building Sunday, June 2, for an informal gathering of friends and family. Almost 40 folks of all ages stopped by to enjoy BBQ and camaraderie. WM Curt and Shannon Wolbert provided hot dogs and burgers — and a good time was had by all!

Earlier this spring, decorative curbing was installed around the bushes and landscaping in front of the lodge and bordering plants on the north, west and south sides. It looks fantastic! Many thanks to WB Donald Schaufelberger and his wife, Norma, and to the brothers of Hickman Lodge No. 256. Their donations funded this project, as well as paid for landscaping rocks that will be used in the back driveway.

Speaking of raising funds, many families in our Masonic community provided items for the June 14-15 garage sale. Proceeds will support upkeep and maintenance of the building and go toward purchasing a new snow blower to keep the sidewalks and driveway clear next winter.

Help support the Food Bank of Lincoln by placing nonperishable food items, such as canned goods, in the blue barrel at the foot of the stairs. There's also a large "Change for the Troops" collection tin can in the lodge. Please consider donating any loose change you have with you -- these contributions will go to the Masonic Veterans Partnership (MVP) program of the Grand Lodge. MVP hopes to support shelters for veterans and to provide another vehicle for the Disabled American Veterans to take clients to the VA.

We continue to grow! Serhiy Horokhovskyy was slated to become an Entered Apprentice Mason on Wednesday, June 19, and investigating committees are meeting with two more candidates for membership to College View No. 320.

Did you know that College View Lodge, which met first at a local fire station, is 92 years young? In preparation for our centennial celebration in 2027, WB Doug Johnson is looking through old photos and membership records to organize the files and compile a history of No. 320. There are more than 500 member records so far — and we're sure Secretary Doug's research

will reveal many interesting anecdotes and achievements to be shared.

What's on the horizon? The regular meeting of the lodge was planned for Wednesday, July 3, at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. We've said before: We're a traveling lodge! As always, please check the website for updates regarding meeting plans. The master's gavel falls at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

Brethren are carpooling to Columbus Friday, August 2, to attend the cornerstone dedication ceremony for new police and fire department facilities in that fair city. We want to support WM Wayne Jacobsen and the brothers of Lebanon Lodge #323, who in recent years have graciously allowed us to meet in their building so that dual member Donald Schaufelberger -- our Bronze Jordan Medal holder -- can attend our regular meetings. We will leave Lincoln that morning and have lunch in Columbus before the 2:30 p.m. ceremonies.

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## Lincoln Lodge #19

### Bruce Anderson

The lodge has been busy last month and will continue during June.

Last month we conferred the Master Mason degree on Brother Chad Klein. MWB Reg Kuhn conferred the degree with WB Will Folsom in the West, WB Kent Folsom in the South and Bro. Beau Ballard as Senior Deacon. The lectures were then given WB Bruce Anderson asking the questions and answered by WB Virgil Meints the section lecture was delivered by MWB Reg Kuhn. The Third Section of the lecture was delivered by WB Bruce Watkins of Liberty Lodge No. 300 and the charge by WB Virgil Meints. The Second section of the degree was conferred by King Solomon – WB Virgil Meints as King Solomon. Bro. Klein has been attending almost every meeting since he started as an Entered Apprentice. Really has gotten involved. We even had him as Chaplain one evening.

We have 11 more candidates at various stages in the degrees. On June 18th we will have two brothers ready to take their Fellowcraft Degree, which will mean that they will be ready for their Master's

degree soon. We also have a petition to vote on next month.

I have added a list of what is coming up in June.

- June 18 - Fellowcraft Degree
- June 21 - Fellowship Lunch, Honest Abe's 11:45
- June 25 - Practice
- June 27 - Social Outing, 5:30, Local Micro Brew, at Kincade
- July 2 - Business Meeting

I have often wondered just what is Masonry, and why did I join. At that time you did not ask a man to join, he had to ask another Mason to join. I joined because I saw a good man who was a Mason and wanted to learn what made him so highly regarded. I came across an article that helps to explain what Masonry is all about and why many of us joined.

**What is Masonry and Why am I a Mason? by a Brother of Ojai Valley Lodge #551 American Federation – Le Droit Humain**

Both of these questions are lifetime research questions in their own rights, but when combined, they work together to help each of us understand why

we are Masons and how we can try to explain our choices to non-Masons when appropriate.

The first complexity to this subject is that Masonry provides several different "images" to the public eye depending on who is looking at Masonry. Masonry is a fraternal organization; Masonry is an organization that works toward personal and social improvement; Masonry is an organization that works to aid many charities; and Masonry is an organization that takes its "lessons" from practical science and geometry as well as "allegorical stories and dramas".

The answers to these questions then lead us toward an answer to the second part of the combined question, why am I a Mason? First and foremost, Masonry is a fraternal organization, a Brotherhood of members that try to live the concepts of Liberty, Equality, & Fraternity.

Masonry works for personal and social improvement within the individual and our society at large. Our emphasis is on personal improvement so that we, as people working on making

ourselves better, can share that improvement with our family, friends, and associates. We do not aim for "converting" others or "recruiting" more members. We aim for leading "by example" and presenting a public image that encourages others to want to ask "how come you are the way you are?" When we hear this question (or any version of it), we have the opportunity to explain how Masonry has helped us get to where and who we are. This will often lead the inquirer to seek further into Masonry and possibly to seek to join Masonry as well. In our Obedience at this time, we encourage individuals to push for the social improvement and changes via their own work as they progress on their personal path of self improvement.

This then is a small overview of what Masonry is and what it does. The depth of the individual's research into any item depends on the desires, capacities and focus of the individual. Masonry provides a framework to start this ongoing conversation as well as a safe environment to discuss and pursue these answers within the Fraternity.

This then brings me to the final item here, "why am I a Mason?". I will close with a very famous Presidential quote that truly embodies this idea, even though there is no record that this president was ever a Mason: "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man." Inaugural Address by John F. Kennedy – January 20th 1961.

Each Mason will have differing personal answers for this big question of "Why are you a Mason." This is a portion of that answer and a glimpse into the nature of Masonry. Freemasonry gives us a foundation, a superstructure to build upon, and lessons and allegories to prompt us to think. It, therefore, becomes our effort, our work, our ideas that allow us to become builders or "Masons."

## Northstar Lodge #227

### Bob Tooker

Square."

A "Ladies at the Table" pot luck dinner will be held at the Lodge @ 6:30 on June 22. Obviously a main course dish and whatever else is appropriate.

Practice for the Master's Degree Proficiency will be held at 7:00 p.m. June 12th & 26th. WM Dan wants to get this task completed ASAP.

A minor correction to last month's news. I mentioned my Grand Dad served in WWI with the 356th Infantry. It was the 355th. A trifling defect unless you were there. It has been an unusual spring with all the rain and flooding. I was at our farm South of Silver Creek the other day checking the corn. Our place was unaffected but there was standing water and evidence of water over the

roads in places I've never witnessed in my 71 years of breathing. My heart goes out to those dealing with the uncertainties regarding planting their crops.

That is about all I have this month.

**\$3 Burgers side & dessert**  
**5:00–7:00 pm**  
**Last Wednesday of every month except Nov & Dec**  
**SCOTTISH RITE**

The June Business Meeting dinner was prepared by Bro. Rush Storz. There was some left over smoked prime rib, along with twice baked spuds and a huge skillet of mac and cheese. The kid is a damn good cook and the word on the street, he is an up and coming lawyer. Normal business was conducted with WB Steven Flader imparting Masonic education regarding "Parting on the

# Temple Chapter #271

## Tiffany Westerholt

My dearest Sisters and Brothers! The past few weeks have been a whirlwind for Temple Chapter #271. Where do we begin?! We, like many other chapters, attended the beautiful and wonderful A Legacy of Service Grand Chapter Session. We saw friends, ate enjoyable meals together, and had fun during the sessions. Our Worthy Matron had the pleasure of being a grand page for the first time and she got to have fun marching on the Grand Chapter floor and partaking of the amazing formations. She could be seen skipping with a large lollipop and quoted the phrase, "Lollipop time" we hear. But our greatest pleasure and with much pride, was getting to watch our own sister Karan Birdsall being installed as Worthy Grand Matron. We've also had the fortune to get to know brother Bruce A. Baker who was installed along side Karan as Worthy Grand Patron. We know their year, Enduring Hope, will be incredible and we look forward to supporting them on their journey. Their special project of Paws Up will make such a great impact! And if we're really honest, we just can't wait to see Charlie and Louie. Another incredible and blessed event happened as well. Temple Chapter was honored and so excited when sister Laurie Sieg PM was elected as Grand Conductress. She has lovingly served our chapter for years and now she can share that loving service with the Nebraska Grand Chapter. Temple Chapter could not be more excited and ready to help her share her talents and dedication with everyone.

So after a week of Grand Chapter, we decided two days later to have our Charter Day on May 19th. We were so blessed to have many of the Grand Chapter family join us! We gathered and had either a fried chicken or roast beef dinner with the traditional masonic green beans! Rainbow girls from both Lincoln Assembly #6 and Weeping Water #5 helped serve and clean up. The officers were

treated to a video that was created for Temple Chapter's 100th year as well as a short video that was created to capture the current memories of the Temple Chapter's officers and good works. Both videos are currently available on our website at [www.templechapter.org](http://www.templechapter.org) if you wanted to view them. WGM Karan and WGP Bruce were presented with a gift from Temple Chapter to help them get their special project, Paws Up, started. Temple Chapter decided we liked Bruce and Susie Baker so much, we even made them honorary members! Earlier in the year, Temple Chapter decided to award two scholarships to two amazing recipients, and we were able to present Celisa Phillips with her scholarship. She is such a talented young woman. We were also fortunate enough to have a few of our 50-year members attend and we wanted to honor them with a poem that was read by the Worthy Matron and they were given gifts to honor their many years of service. It was such an amazing night.

During the week, WM Tiffany and Secretary Melinda Brage PM visited our sister Mary Jo Lahners and presented her with her and her husband Ron's 50 year member pins. We got to visit with her and show her our scrapbooks and hear about the amazing things Temple was doing in 1971. It was such an honor to be able to share this experience with her.

If you thought we were done, not quite! On Saturday June 1st, WGM Karan and WGP Bruce attended the shrine bowl parade and rode in style. There was also a star dogs float with an adorable red dog house, white picket fence, and friends with dogs inside to spread the word about star dogs. A football game was held that afternoon. It was hot, but lots of fun.

The next day, on June 2nd, Temple Chapter hosted a reception for the 2019-2020 Grand Chapter officers. The

Scottish Rite was decorated with glowing bottles, chocolate gracing the tables, and several types of cake decorated with stars, dog paws and flowers. A greeting line was held so that everyone could meet and greet the new officers. So many wonderful friends, family and star sisters and brothers attended. It was so great to meet everyone. WGM Karan and WGP Bruce were presented with gifts from Temple Chapter, an antique jewelry box recently engraved for sister Karan and theatre tickets for Bruce to let them know how proud we are of them and what they've already accomplished. The day was filled with friendship, fun and of course, cake.

A week later, nope, we're not tired yet! Temple Chapter officers attended Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for girls to support our sister, then Grand Worthy Advisor Morgan Chandler, as she held session and had a beautiful Grand Assembly. On Friday fun night, the Grand Chapter officers had a humorous and enlightening skit hopefully entitled, "How much is that doggie in the window?" Temple Chapter was so pleased to be able to host the ice cream social on Friday fun night as well. We provided ice cream bars, popsicles and juice to the girls as they danced outside and had water wars. We also had many officers attend the banquet dinner and sister Denise Lagueux PM gave Saturday nights benediction. Grand Assembly was full of fun, laughter, and making new friends.

Temple Chapter has been busy, but there's still more to come! We can't wait for some of our upcoming events and we look forward to sharing them with you. Don't forget to come see us if you're interested in going to a baseball game on Saturday August 3rd! We've got tickets! Until then, if you ever want to know what we're up to, check out our website or Facebook page. We'd love to see you!



WM Tiffany Westerholt and WP Don Jelinek presented Celisa Phillips with her scholarship



The WGM and WGP sharing about their year.



Temple was given a 101st year certificate by WGM Karan and WGP Bruce A. Baker.



Grand Pages getting ready for Lollipop time!



WM Tiffany taking a selfie with Melinda Brage PM and Mary Jo Lahners PM



Two Grand Pages having too much fun!



WM Tiffany Presenting Mary Jo Lahners PM with her 50 year member pin



WGM Karan in front of the cakes at the 2019-2020 Grand Officer Reception



Worthy Matron Tiffany Westerholt and her large lollipop



WGM Karan Birdsall, WGP Bruce A. Baker and WM Tiffany Westerholt and WP Don Jelinek sneaking a selfie during the greeting line.

# Liberty Lodge #300

## Lynn Friesen

Independence Day is such an important date for this country and its citizens. In the usual fashion it is celebrated with neighborhood gatherings, BBQ's, beer, pie, ice cream and fireworks. For many it is a day to party and celebrate our freedom. For Freemasons the date has even greater importance and impact. It is humbling to be a part of a fraternity with so many brothers that helped found this country. - a group of men who set the cornerstone for so many things we cherish.

For Liberty Lodge, the date also has a special meaning for us. It is the same date we received our charter over a hundred years ago. We would love for you to come out and celebrate with us, July 4th, at

8am for a breakfast casserole feast. Lodge members are encouraged to bring their favorite breakfast casserole to share with our guests, and at 9:30am there will be a re-obligation ceremony for lodge members.

The month of May was busy for our lodge. We completed our EA and FC proficiency, hosted an appetizer and wine tasting event and held a rusty trowel ceremony.

Thursday, May 23rd we held our appetizer and wine tasting event. It was our pleasure to host Grand Master Robert Moninger, his wife and 30 guests. Senior Steward, Bryan Grove, and lodge members created a magnificent 5 course food and wine pairing.

Everyone had a great time enjoying food, wine and meeting new friends.

For those brothers that hadn't been to lodge in a while, we hosted a rusty trowel ceremony on Thursday, May 30th. Nearly 30 brothers attended. What an encouraging time to meet new faces, reacquaint brothers with our traditions and fellowship.

Not only did we learn, host and fellowship within our lodge walls, we enjoyed a night out at the ballgame. Several lodge brothers from Liberty, Cotner and other local lodges attended a Saltdogs baseball game on Friday, June 7th.

PWM, Tom Lagerstrom had his fourth ritual class on

Sunday, May 19th with the focus on the EA degree. Time was spent focusing on the text, floor work and presentation of the EA degree. More importantly, discussion revolved around the question, "What is the first lesson a master should teach a young apprentice?" The fifth ritual class will be Sunday, June 23rd from 2 - 4pm.

Over the next month we'll be busy working on our MM degree work for our MM proficiency and planning events for the second half of the year. We have exciting plans for a number of events - our annual BBQ (save the date - Thursday, September 19th), a Ladies at the Table Dinner, Past Masters Dinner and other events that Worshipful Master

Lance Neeman has planned. We look forward to having guests join us as we fellowship throughout the year ahead.

**FISH FRY DINNER**

George Martha	Washington Washington	250 153
4430 N. 70th St.		
<b>Second Saturday of Every Month May - Sept</b> 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. <b>\$10.00 per person</b>		
<i>All You Can Eat Alaskan Pollock Fried Potatoes/Onions Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Tea, or Water.</i>		

# Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

June 01, 2019, during the discussion of the significant events of Grand Chapter the primary topic of discussion was the change in voting status for those attending in the future. Legislation was put forth, and passed, allowing anyone attending Grand in the future a vote. Not just the primary officers of the Chapters, but all attending. On the face this seems like an initiative to rally more participation at the Grand sessions. Some concerns that were raised were that smaller Chapters who submit prospective legislation may be out-voted by larger Chapters with no hope of their concern being addressed. The legislation passed and now begins the litmus test over the coming years on whether these concerns have any merit or not. Like all changes in institutional legislation, only time will tell.

summer months to assemble members to complete the degree work.



Once again, we would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the blue barrel project. The contributions for the past month have exceeded all expectations and many more people within our community are able to receive food and basic life resources to ease their situation in life at this time in their lives. You have given them hope by giving them a chance to supply their family with basic needs. You have given children a chance to eat food they would not ordinarily have over a weekend without your help. Again, thank you for giving this opportunity to people desperately in need of a chance, with dignity.

Today is June 06, 2019 as I write this and I have to admit my mind is not truly on the events of

the Grand Chapter session, or even the Chapter meeting. I know that important stuff has happened in both...but my mind continues to wander. Seventy-five years ago men and material were launched at the shores of France to attempt to stem the oppression of over half of the world. On this date the largest amphibious and airborne operation ever assembled had begun under less than perfect conditions. The men who took part in these operations had little to look forward to, but knew they had to make the commitment for the freedom of those back home.

Over 10,000 men died on those beaches that day and most are buried in the meadows just above those beaches. These men knew little of what was truly at stake during this operation, but they knew their part of it. Only a few knew what should, might, happen during the next few hours, weeks, or months...they needed to focus on being alive to see those times having already fought in so many campaigns prior to this. They knew the expectation of what would happen if they failed...they knew the consequences of failure. They knew the probability of losing their lives in these far-off

places...and they went anyway. The size of the operation, the expectations of the world at large, and the men themselves made the term that, "uncommon valor was a common virtue" ring true time and again.

My wife has an uncle who is buried below that now peaceful ground. He died for the people he was trying to liberate from a madman who was bent on domination of our world while suppressing those freedoms we enjoy today.

It's a little disturbing today that we see some of the days we should be honoring those men and women of "The Greatest Generation" as days to rest, relax and barbeque...often without even putting a flag out in their memory. Time relaxes the memories, makes people forget. Much like the days and months after 9-11-2001 when no matter where you turned there was a great patriotic outpouring. Flags flew in every direction, people stood a little taller, they were a part of something bigger and more profound...they were Americans, and no force of evil could defeat that perception.

The same feeling of our righteous might to help save the world existed seventy five years

ago. We, as Americans, knew what had to be done and sacrifices had to be made...the same as today. Around 1,000 veterans of that operation were in Normandy for this event highlighting their service. Many were in their mid-nineties or older...men of distinction who are leaving our ranks at an alarming rate having suffered through so much. Surely God was watching over them in those fateful days, and continues to watch over them. We have men and women in our armed forces today that still subscribe to the principles of freedom and sacrifice allowing no evil to invade our world.

When you see our veterans, thank them for their service...they appreciate it. Always remember that in our lives we have our Constitution to thank for the freedoms we have in our lives...but we have our military to enforce our freedoms when required. God bless you all and keep you safe.



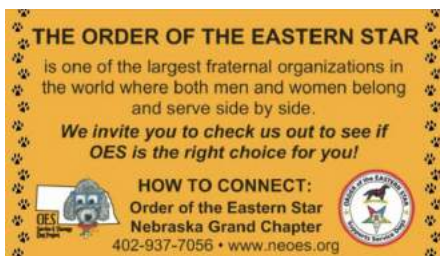
## Grand OES Report

Karan Birdsall



2019-2020 "Enduring Hope" Grand Chapter Officers were installed at the Younes Conference Center on May 16, 2019. Grand Officers are:

- Karan Birdsall, Temple #271 Lincoln, Worthy Grand Matron
- Bruce A. Baker, Acacia #39 Hastings, Worthy Grand Patron
- Dottie Arent, Bethany #113 Ainsworth, Associate Grand Matron
- David A. Wetrosky, Queen Esther #1 Nebraska City, Associate Grand Patron
- Jan Thoman, PGM, Vesper #9 Beatrice, Grand Secretary
- Karla Lawler, Ogallala #142, Grand Treasurer
- Laurie Sieg, Temple #271 Lincoln, Grand Conductress
- Linda Dubry, Dome Rock #215 Scottsbluff, Associate Grand Conductress
- William R. Raymond, Alpha #325 Bellevue, Grand Chaplain
- Kirk A. Brown, Arbor Vitae #92 Fremont, Grand Marshal
- Sharon McArdle, Trinity #299 Omaha, Grand Organist
- Shannon Roberts, Signet #55 North Platte, Grand Adah
- Lori Nerud, Sunflower #214 Mitchell, Grand Ruth
- Carrie Knapp, Ogallala #142 Ogallala, Grand Esther
- Dyana Burton, Columbia #275 Lincoln, Grand Martha
- Tina Mogensen, Elizabeth #250 Weeping Water, Grand Electa
- Sheli Rice, Alpha #325 Bellevue, Grand Warder
- L. Cecil Smith, Home #189 Plattsmouth, Grand Sentinel



The Order of the Eastern Star has selected Service and Therapy Dogs as their primary philanthropy. Nebraska Grand Chapter has embraced this focus and is dedicating its project efforts to encourage "PAWS UP" involvement by their chapters and members. The Star Dogs are eager to share their paws- i<vity and paws-ibilities all across Nebraska. At the installation of Grand Officers and kick-off of the new Grand Chapter year on May 16th in the Younes Center in Kearney, these efforts were made known through the announcement of the placement of therapy dogs in the Fremont Childrens Home and the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. All Masonic Family members are encouraged to join the Enduring Hope Grand Family as they visit Nebraska's Chapters and participate in Constellations where community involvement and the Star Dogs will be visible and encouraged.

The Lincoln Salt Dogs baseball team is hosting a STAR DOGS night on Saturday, August 3rd. Please join this special promotion and fundraising event for advancing the placements of our service and therapy dogs.

Star Dogs remind us all..... WAG MORE and BARK LESS!

## Martha Washington #153

Betty Kirby

Preceding our meeting on Thursday, June 6, we had the privilege of meeting Grace Van Engen and her mother Marcy. Grace was the recipient of our Masonic All-Star Marching Band scholarship. Grace is going to be a sophomore at Freeman Public Schools; four students from Freeman attended Band Camp this year. She was so thankful to have been able to play in a group this large (258 members) since her school's band only consists of 50 students. Although it was a lot of work and long days, she said that she definitely wants to attend again next year.

After the formal opening, our Worthy Matron shared several unknown facts about D-Day. For instance, the LCVP's (Landing Craft Vehicles, Personnel) were designed and manufactured by a native Nebraskan, Andrew Jackson Higgins. In 1940 the U.S. had no landing craft...by 1944, Higgins Industries had built more than 30,000 wooden LCVP's. The 82nd Airborne Group was code-named "The All Americans" for the D-Day Invasion. General Theodore Roosevelt, a son of President Teddy Roosevelt, spoke the famous words "Let's start the war from here." when he landed on Utah Beach. There were 6,603 casualties on June 6, 1944. May we always honor the legacy and freedoms afforded us by those brave young men.

The business of the Chapter was quickly dispensed with by the Worthy Matron, including a bylaw change.

By the time you read this, the second Fish Fry of the season will be over. If you haven't attended one of these for awhile, be sure to mark your calendars for the SECOND SATURDAY.

We have fish, fried potatoes with onions, baked beans, cole slaw and a drink all for only \$10.00. We only have five fish fries each year, so be sure to attend.

We also have set the date for our annual Roast Beef Dinner for October 20. Ask any officer of Martha Washington for a ticket and also mark your calendar for this yummy dinner with Paula Beezley's homemade pies!

Sister Barbara Smith entered Chapter Eternal on May 21. Her service was held on May 25. She will be greatly missed for her enthusiasm and zest for life. A memorial service will be held at our Chapter prior to the September meeting. Sister Erin Davidson lost her grandmother earlier in the year; her grandmother's memorial service was held last weekend. Our sympathies are extended to Sis. Erin and her family.

Sister Marolyn Robson is settling into the Assisted Living section of the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. We miss her attendance at our meetings, but are happy she is able to use our wonderful facility. Brother Troy Tuhey is still recuperating at Lancaster Manor from complications of a broken femur. Get well wishes are sent to him.

Be sure to purchase your Salt Dog tickets from any Worthy Matron in Lincoln. We are looking forward to a large crowd at the ballgame on August 3 where half of the ticket prices will be donated to the Star Dog project of the Grand Chapter. There will be a raffle with several great prizes, including a pair of tickets to the Nebraska-Northwestern football game. It will be a fun evening. Bring the whole family! What better way to celebrate summer?

# Lancaster Lodge #54

## Adam Thayer



On Friday, May 24th, the officers and brothers of Lancaster Lodge #54 met to hold our annual ceremony to honor our Past Masters. This event is always one of the highlights of the year, and we are so thankful to have the opportunity to share it with our brothers.



At our monthly business meeting, there was so much to cover that it seemed like the meeting flew by! A few notes that the Worshipful Master would like you to be aware of:

WM Millington has reserved a suite and 20 tickets for the Salt Dogs game on August 9th. Please let him know ASAP if you are interested in joining us. In addition, he is looking into holding a trip to watch the Kansas City Royals play on September 1. Contact him for more information.

Congratulations to B Turner Cox on winning this month's drawing: two tickets to an upcoming Salt Dogs game.



The charter has been reframed and returned to the lodge. The photo I have included does not do this work of art justice, you

really need to see it in person!



Congrats to MWB Russ Reno who was presented with a framed print of one of the beautiful Dolan murals.



Following the meeting, we met with WM Millington to discuss some interesting Masonic topics. As I've mentioned before, these are always a highlight of the business meetings, and if you are leaving as soon as the gavel drops you are missing out. This

month, we discussed what (in our opinions) creates a good Mason, and also discussed what effect technology has had on our lodges. One of the best take-aways from the meeting was the point that our question shouldn't be "how are we going to use technology in the lodge"; it should be "how do we use technology to get people to the lodge".

This barely scratches the surface of everything that was discussed this month, so if you haven't been back to your lodge in a while, you owe it to yourself to stop by and see what's been going on!



# Columbia Chapter #275

## CELEBRATION

At the June meeting members of Columbia Chapter and their families met for a celebration dinner to commemorate 100 years of the Chapter. We adjourned to hold our regular meeting and W.M. Trudi Thornburg shared with us the history of the Chapter.



## GRAND MARTHA

Sister Dyana Burton was installed as Grand Martha at Grand Chapter at the May session. We are pleased to have her representing Columbia Chapter. Her Grand Companion is Sister Kaylene Martin. Congratulations Sister Dyana!



## OES SCHOLARSHIP

It was determined that

## Kaylene Martin

there wasn't a Columbia Chapter member with a graduating senior so it was decided to give the scholarship this year to a deserving young girl from Ashland, Kayla Farber. Several of the Columbia members know Kayla and what an exemplary young person she is. Her plans are to attend Nebraska Christian College to pursue Next Generation Ministry and become a youth pastor. Kayla has given the children's sermon at her church a number of times and is a Leader in Training at the Ashland youth center. The scholarship was presented to Kayla at the Ashland UMC morning service on

May 12th by Sister Suzy Campbell.



## MASONIC AWARDS

Worthy Patron Bro. John Quinn was presented with his 70 year membership pin at the annual Past Masters and Widows dinner. To Bro. John congratulations and to our other Brothers who

received pins. They are Bro. Joe Williams, Bro. Darrel Weers, Bro. Frank Dougherty, Bro. Matt Campbell and Bro. Ralph Riemann for recognition from the Grand Lodge for his secretarial promptness. Sister Susan Campbell was presented with a pin for her son David Campbell. Bravo to these dedicated Masons and Eastern Star members.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

12th Eleanor Miller  
16th Charlie Cummings  
29th Ralph Riemann

# East Lincoln Lodge #210

## Joel Green

The Columns at Pioneers Park became the location for East Lincoln 210's June meeting. Brethren, along with several friends and family, attended a wonderful BBQ in the park. A major thank you goes to WBs Monte Dietrick, Scott Dietrick and Jeff Buhrman for planning and executing the event and contributing most of the food. Thanks to the other brethren who brought food as well. How pleasant to see brethren conversing around a grill;

young children chasing butterflies; laughing on the playground; and diving into slices of watermelon; all followed by 210's Masons conducting business around the same sandstone columns that Abraham Lincoln addressed the Union troops (albeit while they were still in Washington DC). Lastly, I am encouraged to report that East Lincoln 210 has four upcoming EA degrees on June 13th and 17th!



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# Lincoln Assembly #6

Tiffany Westerholt, Mother Advisor

Time flies when you're having fun, and that's what it has felt like this past month! Lincoln Assembly #6 was present at both Temple Chapter #271's Charter Day and the 2019-2020 Grand Chapter Officers Reception. Shrine Bowl was on June 1st and Grand Worthy Advisor Morgan rode in style with Miss Nebraska Rainbow Jocelyn Walz and the Rainbow Beau Ethan White. Rainbow girls walked the parade and handed out frisbees. Lunch was provided and then the girls attended a football game. It was hot but so much fun and GWA Morgan was introduced on the field.

Then Lincoln Assembly got ready for Grand Assembly! Grand Assembly was held on June 7th-June 9th in Crete, NE at Doane college. We were especially proud and excited to help Grand Worthy Advisor Morgan lead this grand session. We showed up early on Thursday and helped decorate the assembly room. Amazing cement eggs with glowing lights lined the assembly floor with ivy and lights entwined. The grand choir was turned into a phoenix nest and a light fury held session right in the middle of the grand east. Each assembly created a banner to show their accomplishments over the last year and those were proudly displayed lined up in the grand east. As you entered the Haddix Center, an impressive castle was there filled with dragons to take pictures with. It all fit GWA Morgan's theme of Find Your Inner Warrior.

Friday started Grand Assembly with practices, dinner and then fun night. The Grand Representatives started us off with parade of

states. We got to hear all about their states, fun facts and see great skits. The girls got to see the Order of Eastern Star Service Dogs committee share their presentation and watch a cool video. But the best part was having Louie and Charlie there to provide lots of love. The girls really enjoyed the dogs and the dogs really enjoyed the girls. The Grand Chapter officers put on a funny and creative skit and then the Grand Executive board showed how much they're suckers as Jennifer Borges created a candy shop. And we got to see our Supreme Inspector Betty Garwood in a super woman costume. A picture has been included to memorialize this awesome event! The girls had an ice cream social sponsored by Temple Chapter #271 and danced to music before having fun with water wars and soaking GWA Morgan. Grand Assembly was off to a fun start.

On Saturday morning Grand Cross added new members and shared a brunch. Abby Drebelbis made us proud as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Then Grand Assembly informally opened, and introductions were held. We had so many wonderful guests and friends. Three Grand Worthy Advisors from other Jurisdictions: Kansas, Missouri and Michigan attended and the Grand Confidential Observer and representative to Nebraska in California came. We were so blessed to be able to meet them. Then we had a beautiful banquet of Bourbon chicken, (with no real bourbon, we promise!) with cupcakes for dessert. On the tables were incredible displays of dragon eggs filled with lights and bamboo in

wood boxes and graced with lights. GWA Morgan was presented with her quilt in which all the grand officers created a quilt square and the artwork was truly incredible. The evening continued with an initiation of three new members. Followed by the majority service in which Morgan Chandler and Abby Drebelbis, both members of Lincoln Assembly #6, got their majority. The night concluded with the cavalcade of flags and we were super excited as our own Karli Young got to lead a line!

Sunday concluded Grand Assembly with business, awards and the retiring of jewels. While always a somber occasion, we look forward to the start of a new year. It was announced that Kylie Fees was the new Grand Worthy Advisor and she was installed. Her theme is Smile Always and she plans to help support the Happy Feet service project and will collect gently used shoes. Lincoln Assembly #6 had a blast at Grand Assembly and two of our members became Grand Representatives: Karli Young and Cambrie Elledge. We're so proud of them! We are excited for our new Grand Worthy Advisor and we look forward to starting a new year with Grand Travels. Our Grand visitation will be July 13th and we'd love to see you there! Check out our website: [www.lincolnassembly.org](http://www.lincolnassembly.org) for more information. See you soon!



OES Service Dog Committee giving a presentation



Supreme Inspector Betty Garwood in a Super Woman Costume



Grand Chapter Officers doing a skit



GWA Morgan after Water Wars



GWA Morgan with Louie and Charlie



GWA Morgan getting escorted to the grand east by sister drill leader Michaela Leighting



Karli Young and Cambrie Elledge doing Cavalcade of flags



GWA Morgan participating in Cavalcade of Flags



Nebraska Rainbow Girls



New Grand Worthy Advisor Kylie Fees with her 2019-2020 Grand Officers



## Starcraft Chapter #307

Bridget Anderson

Our June meeting began with a Celebration potluck dinner – Starcraft Chapter is 93 years old and still going strong!! During our meeting, Sis Terri Sherman, Illeen Smith, and Bridget Anderson reported on the business at Grand Chapter. Activities were discussed for our August 3rd Constellation with the Grand Family. It looks like an exciting day – make sure to watch the Masonic News for details!

We are moving our July 3rd meeting to July 10th as some of our members and officers will be out of town for the 4th of July holiday. If you would like to join us on the 10th, please come in your Masonic casual attire!!

Bro Denny Brydl reported on Band Camp. Our two scholarship recipients had a

great time – glad Kaylyn and Sydney could attend.

Sis Bridget will be having surgery on June 13 – we wish her well and a speedy recovery!

In closing, Bro Denny gave us some words of wisdom/interesting facts: "Tossing an apple in Ancient Greece was a proposal, catching the apple was an acceptance" "Strawberries and cashews are the only fruit where the seeds grow outside"

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 LeRoy Rosenthal, Jr. and Ricki Nelson
- 2 DeAnn Dilley
- 3 Hazel Arnold
- 9 Mary Louise Dutcher
- 10 Mary Louise Gillispie
- 13 Doris Bannister and Roger Warneke
- 17 Jean Taylor
- 21 Shirley Marks, Thelma Johnston, and Sherri Hiser
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 Sat. Jul 13: 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. Jul 18 - Sat. Jul 20: Prince Hall Annual Communication and 100th Anniversary, Omaha  
 Sat. Aug 3: Star Dogs fundraiser at Salt Dogs stadium, 7:05 PM, \$10

## 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.

### THE SAINTS JOHN'S DAYS



As we rush into the summer season with the vacations, pools/waterparks, amusement parks/carnivals, we come into a new reality of new seasons where it's no longer "April showers bring May flowers," but bring it over to "May snow showers and June storms

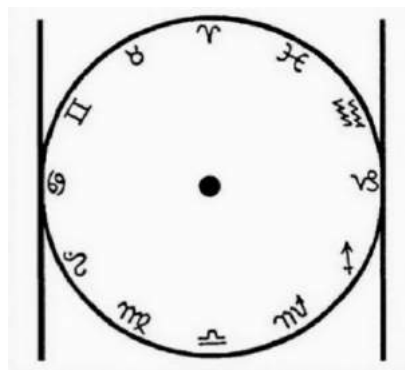
bring July blooms." As the seasons change, we as Masons remember our symbols during certain times of the year...Namely the Holy Saints John. Saint John the Evangelist marks the winter solstice on December 27 while Saint John the Baptist marks the summer solstice on June 24.

The Feast of St John's the Baptist is traditionally on June 24 where Masons celebrate the patron saint of stonemasons and carpenters in the continental Europe. It is said the earliest recorded Masonic celebration of St John the Baptist day was the institution of the Grand Lodge of England on June 24, 1717, and the installation of new Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Ireland on June 24, 1725.

In the same light, the Grand Session of Job's Daughters, Grand Assembly of Rainbow, and DeMolay State Conclave marks their installation of the new Grand/State Officers during the months of June and July. Some have 6-month terms where they may get installed around the Saints John's day in June/July and/or December/January. Where the time & light is longest at the summer solstice (Saint John the

Baptist) and where time/light is the shortest at the winter solstice (Saint John the Evangelist) lies in time (approx. June 24 and December 27, respectively), they mark the end of an era or term and the beginning of the next.

Moreover, we find the Masonic symbolism of the sun and signs of the Zodiac within the Scottish Rite's 25th Degree. The parallel lines are tangential to the circle of these signs where the intersecting points represent Cancer and Capricorn, two gates, the two solstices, and the two Saints John. As we represent the center point, remember the revolution of the seasons in our lives, and let it remind us twice a year to celebrate the meaning of the solstice and the Holy Saints John.



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

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