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Mike Lagueux, President

The bi-annual meeting of the Masonic News board of directors has taken place, and it is my pleasure to accept the position of President for the ensuing year. Over the last two years, the Masonic News has continued to move forward with initiatives to improve the quality and content of your paper. Our Editor, Adam Thayer, has produced an excellent product every month for the last two years using the articles sent him from those members of your organizations reporting on both what has been happening and what is to come. If you have not seen your Chapter or Lodge in the Masonic News lately, you should contact the head of your organization and see who is supposed to be reporting for you (and, if needed, volunteer to begin

reporting).

The paper is always strictly a Masonic product. We are looking at initiatives to bring new advertisers to the paper to help defray the rising cost of printing and distributing, however it is important that you know that we only accept advertisers who we believe represent the Masonic Family's interests.

Currently the subscription cost of the Masonic News is only \$6 per person per year, and individual subscriptions are available for individuals who do not belong to a subscribing body. Of course, we would love to be able to support dissemination of the activity in these non-subscribing Lodges and Chapters as well, and are happy to visit your next business meeting to discuss how The Masonic News can best serve your members. The Masonic News continues to be the most reliable and cost-effective means of communicating directly to your membership on a monthly basis, and we would be pleased to explain the benefits directly to your membership.

We would like to welcome Liberty Lodge #300 to The Masonic News family; it is our honor to be working with you again!

If there is anything you can think of that would make our publication better for your organization, please do not hesitate to contact us with your ideas. My contact information, as well as the contact information for the news staff, are listed on the Trestleboard (see Page 7).

I hope you will enjoy the product that we collaboratively produce and I look forward to serving all of your needs in this coming year.

God Bless you,
Mike Lagueux – President
Masonic News Board of
Directors

Martha Washington #153

Betty Kirby



As you can see by the picture, many of our attendees of the March meeting were decked out in attire that would have made St. Patrick proud to have been a member! We welcomed Sis. Jeanine Bryceson, PGM, as our newest affiliated member of Martha Washington. We are so happy to have her in our Chapter. Welcome, Sis. Jeanine.

Everyone was disappointed when Father/Mother Winter moved in and forced us to cancel our annual George and Martha Washington Banquet in February. We are hoping to have another event later in the year to celebrate our Masonic Brothers at the Havelock Masonic Center. However, it was noted that there is still a lot of evidence piled high at the side of the parking lot as proof of the wisdom that was shown in canceling the event!

We are looking forward to the visit of our District Grand Supervisor, Sis. Tracey Heffner on March 16. All of the officers are polishing up their work as we prepare for this fun day. Everyone is to bring a sandwich to share for lunch that day. It will be accompanied by vegetable beef soup and cookies and brownies. Even if you are not an officer, please come and share the day with us. School of Instruction begins at 9 a.m. and concludes by 2 p.m.

Also, remember our **SECOND SATURDAY** for our monthly dinners served between 4:30 and 7 pm. We are nearing the end of the season for our creamed chicken, hot roast beef sandwiches, or homemade bunzas. April will be our last such dinner. Fish Fries will start in the month of May.

March birthdays of members include: Charlotte Contatore (1), Ayla Wilhite (4), Wanda Fisher (17), John Kirby (19), Bryan Bingham (27), Troy Tuhey (28), and Maxine Buchardt (31). Best wishes to all.

In May, we will be celebrating and honoring our 50-year members and also awarding our new Imhoff Award recipient.

In closing, we must have an Irish Blessing:

*May you live a long life,
Full of gladness and health;
With a pocket full of gold,
the least of your wealth.
May your dreams you hold dearest,
Be those which come true,
The kindness you spread,
Keep returning to you.*

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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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Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux (photos courtesy Brenda Frank-Collins)

As one of the largest financial contributors to the renovations that have been taking place at 1635 L Street's Masonic Temple, Electa #8 OES would like to invite you to the Temple Foundation's annual meeting on March 24th to see what has been happening. Refreshments will be served and tours of the renovated areas will take place. The doors will open at 3 PM and we hope you can come and enjoy what has been going on for our membership.

l's have been dotted and the T's crossed at the Grand Chapter level and we are down to conducting the business of the Chapter.



We continue to welcome new members to our Chapter and they are quickly becoming fast friends while learning the traditions and procedures of the organization. It is amazing to see all the new members arriving early to socialize with everyone before the meetings. With the revitalization of the membership the Chapter's seeing a new sense of belonging which seems to have begun a few years ago

and continues to reach new heights.

On March 16th Electa will hold its annual Charter Day celebration. This is open to all members and promises to be a very special event. The pictures, books, and history of the Chapter will be out for people to look through and see where the organization has been, where it is now, and where we hope to go in the future. Business casual dress is requested for the event and refreshments will be served.

One of the events that takes place each year took place after having been rescheduled due to yet another show event...the Past Matrons and Patrons dinner. The event was held at Florio's Italian restaurant on South 13th Street here in Lincoln with a very good attendance. It was wonderful to see so many of the people who have served the Chapter together once again. The

night was good, the food was excellent, and the conversation lively.



The next big event in the life of Eastern Star in Nebraska is Grand Chapter. It seems like there is a lot of time before this event, but really it is only about two months. So much to do, so little time for the officers to prepare.

We would like to remind you that the Blue Barrel is still at the Temple and accepting donations for the needy of Lincoln. This has been a very hard winter for those less fortunate in our community and every donation helps. Please consider giving to

continue this worthwhile project.

Congratulations to Beth Benson for receiving the KUDOS award from the UNL Board Of Regents for her work as the Security Coordinator for Business and Finance and as a key leader for UNL's emergency management operations!

Finally, with the snow and cold temperatures we have been encountering we hope you have had significant time to spend with your family. Nature sometimes gives us a break from our busy lives whether we want it or not. If you have a break like we have had from our "normal" schedules I hope you will have had some quality time with those you love and are closest to you.

Until we talk again next month: May God Bless you and keep you safe.

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

It is almost the middle of March and we still have a lot of snow on the ground and cold and windy temperatures. Spring is supposed to be here, but she must be a snail this year. I am sure that it will be warm again soon. Cold weather has not dampened Lincoln Lodge 19 and our activity. By the time you read this news we will have initiated two more Entered Apprentice Masons and we have more waiting. We also have several who are ready to take the next step to becoming Fellowcraft masons and one who will be taking his Master's degree by the end of March.

This month when we confer the Entered Apprentice degree it will be a unique event. When we planned the night, we only had two candidates. At Grand Lodge I was approached by a good Brother from Superior, Nebraska about having their candidate come up and join us to take his degree. I asked

our Master and he said we could. Shortly after that, Superior had another candidate; that would make four Entered Apprentice degrees in one night! Quite a task. WM Folsom asked Liberty Lodge 300 if they could help. They were agreeable. On March 12, with the help of Liberty Lodge 300, Superior Lodge 130 and Lodge 19, we will confer four Entered Apprentice degrees. Not only will Lodge 19 be adding two new masons, but Superior Lodge 130 will also be adding two new masons. This is great to see three Lodges combine to increase membership and share fellowship. I know I am excited. I will let you know more about the night next month. Now is the time to come back to lodge and share in this growth and excitement.

I want to close with an article written by a member of Lodge 19, which is just as true today as when it was first

published.

"All the priceless things we possess have come to us free—our life and mind, our dreams and hopes and ambitions—our love of family and friends and country—our appreciation of beauty and country—our appreciation of beauty and brotherhood, our joy of accomplishment. Yes, these were given us free to develop to the best of our ability depending upon our determination and our firmness of purpose and direction. The things we pay for can be replaced, if we are given the time and opportunity, but we cannot replace life, nor can we buy the things we are given free.

"We as Masons know that the measure of a man lies within him, not in the riches he possesses around him. It is not the number of beautiful things he possesses that makes him happy but the degree to which he is open to beauty and the happiness he

can communicate to others. The size of a man's library is no index to the measure of his learning, but what he understands of what is in his books and the good use he makes of his learning.

"If within our comparatively small worlds of influence and living, we sometimes wonder about how significant brotherhood is after all, we should take a good look at it from a universal point of view. It is the spirit of brotherhood that taught man the meaning of humanity and charity and love and goodness; of mercy and truth and justice. It taught man, under the Fatherhood of God, the process of arriving at what is right—the process that teaches us that through love we learn what is good and through good we learn what is right. It taught man the importance of life and freedom. Man has learned that wherever liberty exists, 'Freedom' is not a political or economic word. It is a

'spiritual' word.

"Is it any wonder that Masonry is so dedicated, so unswervingly devoted to freedom? Is it any wonder that the very heart of Masonic philosophy emphasizes all these qualities that make life abundant and good and free? ... We pay for them in self-respect, devotion to the best in life, and appreciation for it."
 —Elsworth F. DuTeau, Grand Orator, 1959

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Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

National Memorial.

April 28th, 1788 – Alexandria Lodge No. 22 received their Virginia charter and George Washington was the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

September 18th, 1793 – The cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol is laid by three Masonic Lodges, Potomac Lodge No. 9, Federal Lodge No. 15 and Alexandria Lodge No. 22 with President Washington presiding as the “Acting Master” of the ceremony.

December 14th, 1799 – Washington is called to the Celestial Grand Lodge at age 67. And for 47 years, a brother of the Craft

Thank you to everyone that attended and to Senior Steward, Bryan Grove and Junior Steward, Jason Nielson (Chewie), for your work creating a magnificent feast.

Sunday, February 17th was PM Tom Lagerstrom's first ritual study for individual proficiency



school. Eight Brothers from several Lincoln Lodges attended the first study group. The ritual elements covered were the obligations for all three degrees with the discussion topic revolving around “What makes a man a Mason?”

Our Craft is so much more than memorizing and reciting words. What truly makes us different? Why were the obligations written as they were? What is the historical reference to their meaning and how can we apply it today? To truly understand our Craft and help educate future Masons, Tom delves into a deeper understanding of our ritual work. Join us Sunday, March 24th from 2-4 pm at the Masonic Temple, 1635 L Street for

the second meeting to review all three degrees Q&A and discuss “How do I know you to be a Mason?” If you can't make it March 24th join us Sunday, April 28th.

Are you interested in some friendly Masonic competition? How is your Masonic trivia? Liberty Lodge is hosting a Masonic trivia night, Thursday, March 21st. Come join us from 6:15 – 7 for some pizza and from 7 to 8:30 for some Masonic trivia.



Table Lodge: A festive occasion of fellowship to celebrate our Craft. Thursday, February 21st, Liberty Lodge No. 300 hosted a Table Lodge on a scale we have not seen in years. Forty-five Brothers from several Lodges including Lancaster No. 54, Thistle No. 61, East Lincoln No. 220, Hickman No. 256, Cotner No. 297, Liberty No. 300, College View No. 320 and Bellevue No. 325 joined together for an evening of fellowship, reverence and celebration of Brother George Washington's Birthday.

The Ceremony of the Seven Toasts was completed with a few additional toasts. Reflecting on the Toasts there is a reverence to our Fraternity unlike any other. It is not surprising the Trowel is the working tool of the Master Mason, spreading the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection to unite us into one sacred band.

Brother Jake Hedden proposed a toast to our Brother George Washington and gave a

time line of several Masonic events throughout his life. Here are just a few:

Nov 4th, 1752 – Washington is initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason in the Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, VA.

March 3rd, 1753 – Washington is passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Mason in the Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, VA.

August 4th, 1753 – Washington is raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in the Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, VA.

March 23rd, 1782 – Washington receives a letter with an embroidered silk Masonic apron from Elkanah Watson and Francis Corentin Cossoul. The apron was given to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in Alexandria, VA in 1812 by Lawrence Lewis, Washington's nephew and remains in the lodge's vault in the George Washington Masonic



Columbia Chapter #275

Kaylene Martin

Columbia Chapter was happy to welcome Associate Grand Matron Sister Karan Birdsall and her husband and Grand Companion Brother Tim Birdsall. Sister Karan announced to the Chapter the appointment of P. M. Sister Dyana Burton to be Grand Martha for the 2019-2020 session. The installation of the new officers will be Thurs. May 16th at 5:00. P.M. Sister Kaylene Martin will be her Grand Companion. Congratulations Sister Dyana.

JOYS
P. P. Brother Donald Dissmeyer received an

award which was presented by US Citizenship and Immigration Service Director in Washington D. C. for work performance. Brother Donald was unable to attend due to his deployment.

CONGRATULATIONS!
We were glad to see W. P. John Quinn back at his post in the East.

ILLNESS
Sister Jody Showen had major surgery and is now home recuperating. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sister Kristi Thornburg Guardian of Bethel 63 announce the annual Fiesta Feed will be held on April 27th from 5:30 to 7:00 at 16th and L.

March Birthdays: Happy Birthday to:
21st Lorie Dodge
29th Scott Dodge

Dues are due for 2019
Send to Kaylene Martin
401 South 84th 68510

New Masonic Temple Preservation Foundation

All members of the Masonic bodies meeting at 1635 L St. are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the New Masonic Temple Preservation Foundation on Sunday, March 24th, starting at 3 p.m.

Besides conducting the business of the annual meeting, refreshments and a celebration of progress on maintaining our beautiful building will be held. Come hear about all the work that has been completed totaling more than \$90,000, as well as plans for additional work in the future.

A progress report on work currently being completed on the building also will be presented. Information about the third-floor library, which will open soon, and other exciting developments to better serve our members, our Masonic bodies and our building will be announced.

As a reminder, anyone who has donated to the Foundation is a voting member of the Board.

Cordially,

Russ Reno
PGM

Lincoln Assembly #6 Rainbow Girls

Oklahoma was definitely where the wind was “sweeping down the plains” last weekend as Nebraska Rainbow girls, including Lincoln Assembly #6, traveled to visit their Supreme Temple. For their spring trip, they decided to go see where Rainbow was born and tour McAlister, Oklahoma, the home of Reverend Mark W. Sexton. Leaving on a Friday morning, the girls traveled the 8 hour drive and got to eat dinner at a Braum’s restaurant, a popular chain in the area and very much like a Runza to Nebraskans.



On Saturday we toured the Rainbow Supreme Temple, a building funded by Rainbow girls for Rainbow girls and built in 1951. The building’s goal was to provide a memorial and an archive for all those who made the order possible. The girls had a lot of fun seeing all the rooms and the history of Rainbow. There were glass cases filled with artifacts from around the world and so many timeless artifacts such as some of the first rituals, the crowns, and

jewels that girls had worn.



The temple is designed to feel like a home and many rooms were comfortable and inviting. The best part was an assembly room just for Rainbow. With plush rainbow carpet, a bedazzled altar cloth (the girls really want to do this to their altar cloths) and a recorder desk in the shape of Nebraska that was donated to the Supreme Temple by Nebraska Grand Assembly in honor of Mrs. Ola M. Scheurich, who was Supreme Inspector in Nebraska, the room was exciting and perfect.



The girls did a ritualistic opening and closing because how could we resist?!



Tiffany Westerholt

To continue the tale of the day, the girls ate Subway lunch boxes in the temple’s kitchen and got to experience a blast from the past as the kitchen still featured the original 1951 décor and appliances that still worked! In fact, around the building were several working artifacts from history such as an original water fountain that still worked, in all its large glory and a cement elevator with doors you had to open and close yourself! The girls really got a kick out of going up and down as you could see the movement up and down floors. Don’t forget your cell phone...just in case you needed to call for assistance!



After touring this amazing and historic building, the girls decided to go see the resting place of Mr. Sexton. In the cemetery, there is a Rainbow Memorial and gazebo with a walk way lined

with bricks purchased by Rainbow assemblies around the world. We found several from Nebraska, including Betty Garwood’s, and lots from previous Nebraska Assemblies. It was so amazing to see how assemblies all come together to create something beautiful and meaningful! Finally we walked up and visited the grave site of Mr. Sexton and his family.



His grave was already decorated with a rose and next to him were two women who were inspirational and necessary to the birth of Rainbow, his wives. Finishing up the tour, the girls visited the house where Mr. Sexton lived but were very courteous as it is privately owned.

The girls continued the traveling fun as we had dinner at a restaurant named Compass where we had various types of pizza and Italian food. The original plan was to go bowling, but the alley was full and other activities were not working. So being

resourceful, the girls found an outdoor mini-golf, (did I mention it was 72 degrees that day?!), and so the girls played golf. The girls found it adventurous with sand pits and balls going into the water which they had to fish out. That concluded the activities for our day in McAlister. Returning home on Sunday, after a quick devotional in the hotel room, we made it back home.



So our weekend was full of fun and laughter as well as getting to learn and experience Rainbow throughout history. Lincoln Assembly #6 has more plans coming up but we’ll share those next month. Until then if you ever want to join us, be sure to check out our website: lincolnassembly.org or just email our Mother Advisor and she can share what we’re up to. All of the photos from our trip will be on our website so be sure to check them out. We hope to see you all soon!

DeMolay Lincoln Chapter

Stephanie Bless, Advisor

It is Spring Break for the DeMolay. MC Kolyn Beard and his officers are ready to get active with their Masonic family. Looking for some fun? Join us on game night the 4th Wednesday 7-8:30 at the Scottish Rite. We could be watching movies, playing board games, having a Sock Ball fight or the favorite Hide and Seek. Our term calendar includes an overnight camping trip, a night by the lake and of course Round Up and Conclave.

Please join us for our Civic Service Project: a Sock Ball Fight March 24 7-830 at the Scottish Rite. \$3 or a package of socks (to be donated to the City Mission) as the entrance fee.

Pictured are our newest members TJ Watts and Mason Chesnut



Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

Lancaster Lodge held our monthly business meeting on March 1st, and had a great turnout of our spouses as well, due to a new program WM John (and his lady Karen) have started, where there is an educational topic for the ladies to discuss while we labor in the quarries. This month, the discussion was on bone broth; watch your mailbox for information regarding upcoming programs.

In addition, the officers have been working

overtime to prepare for our annual lodge proficiency examinations; we will be ready to put our best foot forward to our new custodian, once he has been assigned! If you are free on Friday night, stop by and see the great progress being made at honing our degree work! We hope to see you again very soon!

Bethel #5

Lauren P.

On February 28, our very own Serenity performed in her school's play, Beauty and the Beast. She did a very good job, and it was an amazing performance for everyone there.

Bethel #5 is still selling Country Meats Smoked Pork Sticks for \$1 a stick! They are very good, and come in many flavors. This fundraiser supports our girls' personal accounts, to help defray the cost of Grand Bethel in June and other events. Contact any member or council member of Bethel #5 to purchase some!

Founders Week was March 3rd through the 9th. Members had the opportunity to post on

social media with a different picture every day. Some of our themes were: Initiation or earliest Job's picture, H.I.K.E. or volunteer event, someone you admire in Job's, and your favorite Job's memory. It is a fun time to look back on some memories as you try to find pictures for this! You can keep up with our events on Facebook at Bethel #5, Lincoln, NE JDI.

Lauren - Guide, GBR, and PHQ to Bethel #5



Bethel #5 attended Go-to-Church Sunday on March 3rd. We went to Heritage Presbyterian Church. It was a very fun service full of singing, and our Honored Queen, Katrina, spoke in front of the church about Job's Daughters. We had six members, one prospect, and two Jobie-to-Bees in attendance. After the service, we went to

The Eatery and enjoyed lunch. It was a fun time had by all who attended.



Bethel #27

Marissa R.

Greetings from Bethel 27!

Bethel 27 loves to keep busy and stay active despite the weather. We have been working hard at teaching proficiency. The girls have been hosting practices that allow the older girls to refresh their memory and assist the newer girls in learning their parts. Bethel 27 now has 18 active girls which is fun and exciting! Not to mention a great example of how hard the girls and council have been working to grow and strengthen the Bethel.

We are excited to journey to Spring Workshop March 23-24 in Papillion Nebraska. Kalyn, a

sixth grader at Bennett Elementary, is super excited to meet lots of fellow Jobies from other bethels around the state!

The fabulous ladies of Bethel 27 have been busy planning a pancake feed on March 30, from 9am-12pm. It's a fundraiser for HIKE, and we're thrilled to be helping this organization. The feed will be held at the Masonic Temple and the cost will be \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$3 for children 5 and under. We would love to see you there!

Make sure to mark your calendars for April 6th as we will be having a family game day at 3 pm at North

Star Lodge. Our girls can be really competitive so games like UNO and Monopoly are sure to be fun. We will also be hosting a movie night fundraiser at the Joyo theater later that same night. The movie shown will be The Lion King in

anticipation of the remake coming out in July, making it the perfect time to watch the original. Tickets for the movie are \$7, so bring your friends for a fun and nostalgic evening! Our Masonic Family is extremely important to us and we would love to see

all of our friends and family there.

Jobie love!



East Lincoln #210

Joel Green



East Lincoln 210 held a well-attended Ladies at the Table Lodge Thursday, March 7. Members and their ladies, along

with prospective candidates all enjoyed dinner and several toasts.

The lodge also held a business meeting on March 7. Three petitions were reported on and voted favorably, and another three petitions were read.

WB Scott Dodge reported that Bro Carl Medley's wife Brenda is recovering miraculously from a liver transplant. WB Tom Michaelson reported that WB James Michaelson is suffering from a very bad cold.



Grand Lodge Bookstore

The Grand Lodge Education Committee is excited to announce the opening of the Grand Lodge Masonic Book store!

Since 2000 when MWB James F. Brown challenged the Education Committee to come with with a list of books to recommend for Masonic Education, the Committee has sought out the best books for Masonic Education and released the list to the Craft each year.

Now, you can buy any of these books through our new web page and the Grand Lodge will receive a

small commission on each sale from Amazon!

And it's not just books! You can buy just about anything from Amazon by using the "Go to Amazon" link on the bookstore page and the Grand Lodge will receive a small commission! All proceeds from book and other Amazon sales will be directed to the general Grand Lodge budget.

Use the Book Store link on the Grand Lodge of Nebraska home page (www.glnb.org) to see the new store!

Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt

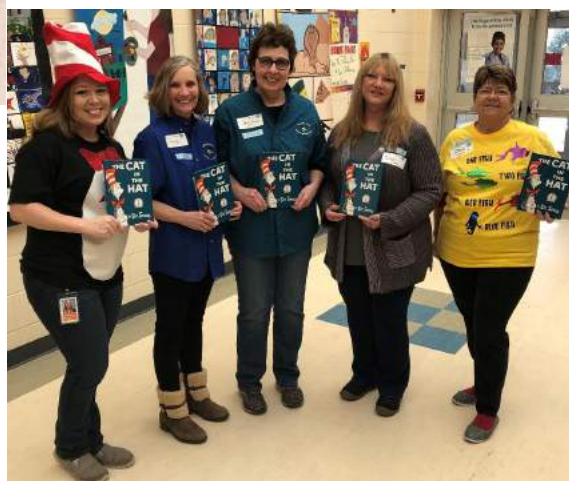
We don't know about you, but Temple Chapter #271 is ready for Spring! We had planned to have our school of Instruction in February, but a snow storm has made us change our plans and now our School of Instruction will be April 6th.

However, the cold did not stop Temple chapter members from volunteering with United Way on March 1st for Read Across America Week. To honor the birthday of Dr. Seuss, which was on March 2nd, we read the book: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish to first graders at Campbell Elementary School. Some of us dressed up as Dr. Seuss characters and we even found Cat in the Hat!

After reading we did a painting activity with celery! We ended the day by making sure every kid got their own book of One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. We learned that many kids don't have their own books, so helping them build their own library is so important.

Finally, Temple Chapter had its March Stated meeting on March 4th. We discussed our upcoming Spring Tea which now has the date of April 28th, more information to come at a later date. We have lots of planning to do, as April, May and June will be packed full of fun and activities. We hope you plan to join us.

If you ever want to see what we are doing, check out our website: templechapter.org.



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 NMTPF Annual Meeting, 1635 L St, 3:00 PM
 Sock Ball Fight, Scottish Rite, 7:00 PM
 Corned Beef & Cabbage, 4641 Cooper Ave, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
 Thurs. Apr 4 - Sat. Apr 6: Grand York Rite Session, Columbus
 Sat. Apr 6: Bethel #27 showing The Lion King @ The Joyo, \$7 per person
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 Sun. Apr 14: Spaghetti Feed, 1635 L St, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, \$5 per person
 Sat. Apr 27: Bethel #63 FIESTA Feed for HIKE, 1635 L St, 5:30 to 7:00 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.

Spring???

"In the Bleak Midwinter..." isn't a song we would

typically hear in March. Neither would watching "It's a Wonderful Life." But, what a weird, extremely cold, monster snow, and long winter we've had here in the Midwest... The never ending frozen tundra and snowy paradise. What lessons are we supposed to learn from all this? Is this a test of tolerance and stamina, or strength and conditioning, or the influence of climate change, or the symbolic real-life morals that Mother Nature is attempting to get into our brains?

What are some esoteric philosophy we could discuss about this? Icicles in a water's frozen, still, hardened state; let's melt our lives and not be stuck in suspension. The sliding on

the pavement while trying to get to where we go, so make sure you hold on to that car door to keep your balance. The blizzards of snow and drifts with wind chills nearing the crazy must be symbolic of something very profound.

By the time you read this, I am hopeful that the temps will be over 40, and the snow won't be accumulating, and the rain won't turn to ice overnight, and the spring will be upon us with the beauty of regrowth, blooming, green, softball, baseball, shorts, light jackets, Spring Husker Football, and rainbows.

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



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