



# The Masonic News



## Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

By the time you receive your next Masonic News in your mailbox or your email inbox, Liberty Lodge No. 300 should be certified proficient in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees. We've been working hard the past couple months on the degrees and look forward to receiving our proficiency, although, it is amazing that all the practice can't quite prepare you for the nerves of performing the degrees in front of a Grand Custodian.

During the April proficiency class, WB Tom Lagerstrom shared the importance of "What brings degree work to life and conveys meaning" by exploring ritual work as a form of performance art. Before class Tom shared a couple of articles on this topic. Here is just one small excerpt from one of those articles.

PC: Well, I think that what went on in those lodge spaces was, and what continues to go on,

has a lot to do with the feelings that Masons develop for each other. CN: Feelings – not something most people think of in relation to the Masons. But maybe, just maybe, one of the reasons that Freemasonry has been so long-lasting and influential has something to do with feelings - the attachment and sense of brotherhood that members feel. And maybe those emotions can be traced back to theater, to the rituals that cause such strong emotions.

What an amazing honor for our Craft to perform for new candidates. If you would like to read more from the articles Tom shared you can find them at <https://artsci.wustl.edu/ampersand/performing-emotion-freemasons-and-theater-ritual> and <http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/ritual-masons.html>. The next class will be Sunday, May 19th from 2 – 4pm at the Masonic Temple

on 16th & L St. The raffle tickets have arrived. Liberty is raffling a Glock 19, survival knife and \$50 gift card. You might be thinking I have a Glock, why would I want another. This isn't an ordinary Glock or survival knife. Both have been cerakoted with the American Flag. A fitting celebration to our liberty. You can purchase tickets from a Liberty Lodge member. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

Come out to lodge in the morning on Thursday, July 4th and help us celebrate. We will be hosting a breakfast casserole competition and will have a short ceremony re-obligating members. This is an important date to our lodge, the date we received our charter over 100 years ago, and we look forward to sharing the morning with you.

Masonic Night at the ballpark is Friday, June 7th. The game starts at 7:05pm. Bring your

family, a friend and enjoy a night of baseball. The Lincoln Saltdogs will be hosting the Texas Airhogs. Tickets are \$10 and include a \$5 voucher for concessions or merchandise. Contact Junior Warden, Justin Williamson ([deputywilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:deputywilliamson@gmail.com)), or Worshipful Master, Lance Neeman ([Igneeman@aol.com](mailto:Igneeman@aol.com)), to reserve your tickets.

The 23rd of May will be our first annual five-course wine and appetizer pairing. We look forward to sharing how the event turned out in the next issue.

Lastly we are saddened by the loss of another Lodge Brother, Edgar L. Schwaninger, April 14th. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, November 19th, 1970. What an honor to have him on our roll for close to 50 years.

## George Washington Lodge #250

Keith Chambers



On Tuesday April 24, 2019 WM Keith Chambers visited Lebanon Lodge #3 in Lincoln NE. WM Victor Young Presided. Also visiting Lebanon Lodge was MWGM Henry D. Atkinson, 33° (PHA). The visit was for the purpose of providing Masonic education and discuss the upcoming 100 year anniversary of Prince Hall Masons in Nebraska. The event will be in July 2019 in Omaha and all Freemasons are welcome to attend; more information will be coming soon!

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## Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Preceding our regular stated meeting on May 2, the members met in the Colonial Room for ice cream and cake provided by Sis. Sue Hedges, our Associate Matron. The special occasion was honoring our 50-year members. The Worthy Matron, Sis. Shellie Smith, presented each of the three lovely sisters with an orchid corsage. Later, in our stated meeting, each of them was formally introduced and asked to share some of their early remembrances of their membership in the order. Then the Worthy Matron recalled some of her own memories, such as the officers always wearing long white formals, the endless introductions at Installation ceremonies, the overflowing crowds at friendship nights and special meetings, the engraved invitations and napkins that were essential for a "good" year and many other traditions that were considered necessities! The Secretary also read some minutes from a meeting of Martha Washington that were of that era.....and everyone had a great time reminiscing with each other and also appreciating the fact that things have changed and have become far less demanding than it was 50 years ago.

Our first Fish Fry will be held on May 11. Mark your calendars for the **SECOND SATURDAY** of each month between May and September and be sure to come to the Havelock Masonic

Center at 4430 N. 70th for our all-you-can-eat fish fries. The menu consists of fish, fried potatoes with onions, baked beans, and cole slaw. Tea and coffee are provided. Soft drinks and desserts are available for a minimal charge. Come join us for some great food and also some great fellowship!

Sis. Barbara Smith is now living in Central City with her family. We wish her the best and our prayers are with her. Sis. Marolyn Robson has moved to Gateway Vista and we are thinking about her as she recovers from her recent illness. Our sympathies are with Alpha Chapter in the passing of Bro. Gus Scalero. Many of our brothers remember Bro. Gus who was Grand Custodian Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of NE.

May Day baskets were provided by the Worthy Matron at the conclusion of the meeting and she read a light-hearted history of "May Day" baskets.

We are all looking forward to Grand Chapter held on May 14-16 in Kearney, NE. By the time you are reading this, we will have a new corps of officers. We wish them the best in the upcoming year and hope that the year will be filled with successes.

Also, be sure to reserve the date of August 3 on your calendars for the upcoming District V Event! Details are coming soon!

On Sunday, May 5, our Worthy Matron Sis. Michelle Smith, Associate Matron Sis. Sue Hedges, Secretary, Sis. Betty Kirby, Treasurer, Bro. Mike Buchardt, and Marshal, Sis. Maxine Buchardt had the honor of presenting Sis. Donna Cave with the Imhoff Award for Martha Washington Chapter #153.

Sis. Donna was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star on April 21, 1949, at the age of 25 years. She was recommended for membership- by Frances Evans and Bertha Pinkerton. Her investigating Committee was composed of Sis. Dorothy Fisher, Ethelwynn Easton and Bro. B. H. Barrett. Her father was Perry Evans, a member of George Washington Lodge #250, as was her late husband, Otis W. (Bill) Cave Jr.

Sis. Donna Cave was also presented with her 70-year membership pin on May 5. She has been a constant loyal member of Martha Washington Chapter for that entire period. She served as Organist and also as Marshal and has been a faithful supporter of our Chapters activities throughout her 70-year tenure. Congratulations to Sis. Donna for this outstanding achievement. We wish her continued blessings as she enjoys this honor as our Imhoff Award holder.



WM Sis. Shellie Smith and WP Bro. John Kirby present Tyler Adams with a scholarship from Martha Washington Chapter #153.



Fifty-year members that were honored at the June stated meeting were Sis. Jean and of Ceresco Chapter #198, Sis. Maxine Buchardt, and Sis. Ardelle Boardman.



Sis. Donna Cave receiving her 70 year pin and Imhoff Award.

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# Northstar Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

At the May Business Meeting, WM Dan Chesnut presented our newly raised Master Masons their Lambskins. Those presented were Bro's. Lenny Hernoud, Brad Sipp and Henery Sipp.

WB James Weir was presented his 50 year pin at Ladies Night. I don't have all of his information but if memory serves me, he was raised in the Lodge in Central City in June in 1969. Congrats!

With Memorial day coming up, buy a poppy when they go on sale May 24th. Memorial Day also reminds me of my Grandfather, E.J. Cook who served with the 356th Infantry Regiment in WW-I. The message contained in the following poem by Maj. John McCrae should never be forgotten.

In Flanders Field  
Maj. John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



# Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



It's interesting to watch the Worthy Matrons and Patrons take a deep breath at this time of year as the pace of their office starts to relax and slowly transition to a less demanding regime. HAAAAA! GOTCHA!!! Next week is Grand Chapter and everyone suddenly realizes that

the pace at the state level has now increased with the coming together of all the Chapters choosing a new slate of officers for Grand Eastern Star to represent our state. The pomp and circumstance which will be the norm for most of next week will soon pass, all the officers will return back to their Chapters with renewed hope for the future of the organization.

Once again, thank all of you who contribute to the barrel project in the Temple at 1635 L St. With your generosity the Food Bank has been able to meet more of the

needs of those less fortunate. For the last few years this project of Electa #8 has greatly enhanced the Food Bank's ability to reach out to more people living in Nebraska to provide both emergency and sustainment meals to people who would have nothing. This is only possible with your help and contributions to the barrel project and your help is greatly appreciated.

Despite all of her duties as Worthy Matron, Worthy Matron Brenda has instituted a beautification program at 1635 L St. in conjunction with the Building Temple

Board. She has begun planting hearty flowering plants in the circles around the trees on the North and East side of the building. The plants she has chosen require minimal care and add to the emphasis of the stone building and well-groomed property. Volunteers are the life blood of many of the projects that take place

in and around this beautiful building and many of Electa's members are regulars on the roles of those who give of their time and talents. Thank you all.

Until next month, God bless and keep you.

(Photos courtesy of Brenda Collins)



# Starcraft Chapter #307

Bridget Anderson

Prior to our May meeting, the Masons of Craftsmen Lodge served us a delicious meal. We are hoping to reciprocate in the future! Thank you to the Brothers who prepared and served.

Our May meeting highlights included an update on the baskets we will be donating for the Grand Chapter Silent Auction. We put 2 baskets together following our meeting!

Sisters Teri, Bridget, Ileen, and Cora will be attending Grand Chapter and will report on the activities at our June Meeting. We were also informed that the Rainbow Girls will be collecting shoes for their upcoming service project. Sis Teri offered to bring any donations with her to Grand Chapter.

Our Annual Charter Day celebration will take place right before

our June meeting with a pot luck. Please come and join us starting around 6pm.

Congratulations to Sis JoAnn and Bro LeRoy Rosenthal on their grandson's recent graduation from the Naval Acacadamy. He will be soon stationed in Hawaii – lucky guy!!

Brother Denny gave us a history of May Day – since our meeting was on May 1. He gave us

the meaning of the distress calls (May Day!) SOS and Pan Pan.

Sis Teri educated us on snails. Did you know that no snail can live without its shell?

Our meeting was closed and we all retired to the lower level to work on our Grand Chapter baskets!!

**FISH FRY DINNER**

George Washington 250  
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## College View Lodge #320

Paul Hadley

### HURRAY FOR SUCCESSFUL CLEAN UP DAY

Ten volunteers gathered Saturday, April 20, to spruce up the College View Temple building and grounds. WBs Chuck Burk, Doug Johnson, Byron Van Patten and Curt Wolbert and Brothers Scott Buck, Sean Bush, James Charbonneau, Ray Denton and David Johnson assisted in thoroughly cleaning the interior, including steam cleaning the carpet, and they power washed the exterior of the building and storage shed. WM Curt and the brethren especially thank Chloe Wolbert "for helping her dad out by cleaning those tight window wells that none of the older guys can fit into anymore!"

### LODGE GATHERS FOR SPECIAL DINNER

This year's Past Masters Dinner was April 20, at

Hillcrest County Club. Members and their spouses enjoyed an evening of friendship and informality. We hope you will include the dinner in your plans for next spring, too.



### WE'RE A TRAVELING LODGE

Seven members of College View Lodge #320 and a guest traveled to Columbus May 2 to meet up with members of Lebanon Lodge #323 so that we could open our regular meeting with WB Donald Schaufelberger in attendance.

Since 2014, we've taken our Charter to Columbus. How come? WB Schaufelberger – who's a member of both lodges – is our Bronze Jordan Medal holder as the oldest

member of College View Lodge #320, but he's not able to easily make the trip from his home in Columbus to Lincoln for meetings. He remains an important influence in the life of our lodge, and we look forward to sharing fellowship with WB Schaufelberger whenever possible. We appreciate Lebanon Lodge #323 and WB Wayne Jacobsen for supporting us in what's become an annual adventure.

Did I mention we like to travel? WB Curt Wolbert scheduled our July 3 business meeting to be held at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. Watch the College View #320 Facebook page for updates!



### JUNE 14-15 GARAGE SALE PROMISES BARGAINS GALORE

Our Friday and Saturday, June 14-15, garage sale will support our building improvement project and help us earn a Lodge Revitalization Grant from Grand Lodge. We have a staging area in the College View Temple basement for collecting items for this sale. The garage sale is planned for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15 – we will be seeking help to set up for the garage sale and serve during the event – and of course all are welcome to browse the merchandise in search of bargains and smart buys. Please consider items to donate! WM Curt Wolbert volunteered to pick up your goods, such as furniture or items in boxes, in his pickup truck if you need transportation.



### BRETHREN RAISE CHARBONNEAU

On April 10, College View Lodge raised Brother James Charbonneau to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. WB Tom Anderson conferred the degree as Worshipful Master. The brethren appreciate the participation of WB Earl Robinett of George Washington Lodge #250, who served as Secretary, WB Jim Michaelson of East Lincoln Lodge #210, who served as Tyler and presented the second lecture, and of RWB Bruce Watkins of Liberty Lodge #300, who gave the Q&A lecture with WM Curt Wolbert, presented the third lecture and issued the Charge.

## Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

### Time to Energize Masonry

"What is a man without energy? Nothing. Nothing at all." —Mark Twain

Our initial focus for our public awareness campaign requires imagination, open-mindedness, and discipline—the discipline to say "Yes." Put aside old habits of saying simply, "Ah, that's been tried." Or "Yes, but..." Cast off negativism. Turn the objection around to a challenge. Encourage and reward open and positive communication throughout each stage of change.

Share ideas and ask yourself to take ownership of transforming the identity of Masonry through each and every action, regardless of how small. Make it the fraternity that you want—brother by brother, lodge by lodge.

- Make the commitment now for the future

Our Task Force enthusiastically offers this report and our support to help move Masonry into the 21st century, upholding the honor of membership and the joy of a Masonic way of life. It's about time for us to take the concept of Masonry off the shelf

and put the values of Masonry into action. As we go forward moving Masonry into the 21st century by improving our lodges, personal Masonic skills, and community visibility, there will come a time when financial investments will be needed to support continued growth and public awareness.

Through this progress report, the MIC has shared with you our vision about Freemasonry. We felt it was absolutely critical that we examine our fraternity's past in order to properly understand our current needs. This was only the

first step.

- Call to action

Now, we must move forward both individually and fraternally. We encourage you to think carefully about how you invest your time, which is everyone's most valuable asset, and we ask that you use your time on programs and actions that are uniquely Masonic. As we work together, we must ask each other how a program, a meeting, or an event improves and demonstrates our experience of being a Mason. We have not a moment to lose.

## Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

On May 3rd, we met for our monthly business meeting. We balloted on and approved a new member, and will be holding his EA Degree on June 14th. Be sure to add it to your calendar, and come down to support our new brother on his journey!

Significant progress has been made on replacing the framing for the lodge charter, and the new frame should be on display by the next business meeting. Stop by and see it, as it is truly a work of art.

We continue to raise funds for the Masonic-Veterans Partnership, so be certain

to help us support this important charity effort that we have undertaken.

On May 10th, Lancaster 54 held and passed their annual proficiencies for both the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees. Congratulations to all brothers involved!

Just a quick reminder that Past Master's dinner is coming on May 24th; if you haven't sent your RSVP to WB Kory, be sure to do so as soon as you can so that he can accurately order dinner for us. This is an event that has been a long standing tradition to remember those who have served our lodge in the

past but are no longer with us, and we hope to see you there!



Lancaster 54 brothers celebrate a night at the symphony!



# East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green



After the Grand Lodge of Nebraska granted a request for a charter move, East Lincoln 210 will be holding their June meeting in Pioneers Park near the

Pioneers Park Pillars. Just how did these columns end up in Lincoln? According to atlasobscura.com, back in 1908 “the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C. was undergoing some much-needed renovations on its east colonnade. While much of the Treasury is built in granite, this earlier section was sandstone, a porous material that’s easy to work with but not very strong. [...] Moreover, deterioration of the soft stone led to pieces of the

entablature falling [from the building.]” Thirty of the old sandstone columns were painstakingly detached from the building in the summer of 1908 and set aside for some further use. In 1916, Commissioner of the District Excise Board, Cotter T. Bride, paid to have four of the columns shipped to Lincoln in honor of Nebraska politician William Jennings Bryan. Then the city parks department and the junior League of Lincoln joined for a bicentennial project

and relocated the four pillars that used to stand at the north entrance of Antelope Park. They have been standing in Pioneers Park since 1975.

On a more solemn note, East Lincoln 210 lost two brothers recently: Eugene Anthes passed March 18, 2019 and Dayle Johnson passed on April 17, 2019. Brother Dayle attended country school and graduated from Waverly High School before attending UNL. He was National Sales Manager

for Vita Craft Corp. until his retirement and then worked for Images II. Brother Dayle will be greatly missed, not only for his jokes, but for his wonderful greetings.

(Photo courtesy of publicart.org)

# Columbia Chapter #275

Kaylene Martin

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Columbia Chapter is celebrating the 100th year of existence. The Charter was signed on May 15, 1919 by Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carrie Spellman; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Oliver Mickey; and Grand Secretary, Sister Rose M. Owens.

The first Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron were Sister Bertha Aydelott and Brother Arthur Bailey. There were a total of 34

members, and these names appear on the Charter. Since it was the close of World War I, the patriotism that was foremost in the minds and hearts of all, prompted the name “COLUMBIA” for this new Chapter. The number 275 was given by the Grand Chapter as the 275th Chapter to be Constituted in the State of Nebraska.

The meetings were held in the Cotner Lodge Hall on Cotner Blvd. for many years. Then in February

1957 the Charter was moved to the new Temple at 1542 North 65th St. Columbia has enjoyed belonging to the Masonic family of Cotner Lodge #297 and Job’s Daughter’s Bethel #63.

Even though our numbers may have dwindled, we look forward to the future when we can show the Light of the Star we have followed for so long.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sister Dyana and Glenn

Burton welcomed a baby boy Liam into the world on April 13th. Liam weighted in at 6lb. 9oz. and is 19 inches long. After several days in neonatal he was released to go home. We send congratulations! Grandparents are Sister Trudi and Brother Kevin Thornburg.

Sister Nancy and Brother Darrel Weers celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Congratulations.

Brother Donald Dissmeyer

received his degree from the Military University graduating Sigma Cum Laude. Donald is now deployed overseas and the Chapter is sending a care package of goodies to share with his crew. Congrats Donald.

Birthdays

16th Norma Cummings  
28th Jerry Ronhovde  
31st Louise Kiner

# Bethel #5

Lauren P.

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!

On April 27th, we cleaned out the bushes that surround the parking lot of the Masonic Temple. Some helpers used their creativity to re-purpose some tools so that we could work more efficiently!

On April 28th, our beehive grew! We welcomed McKenna and Hailey and we hope they have a great time preparing to become a Job’s Daughter!

On May 4th, we did our part to help clean Nebraska roads by doing

our trash pickup. It was a fun event and we enjoyed DQ afterwards.

Lauren P. also helped with her school's spring play production, A Night of Comedies! It was successful and fun!

We are also gearing up to Let our Dreams Set Sail at Grand Bethel this June! Members are very excited for competitions, but sad to see Bethel #5's PBG Cora, PABG Greg, and the rest of the Grand Family's year come to a close. It's been a great year for all!





## Grand Chapter OES

Betty Kirby

### "SERVICE DOGS BECOME PRIMARY CHARITY FOR ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR"

At the General Grand Chapter Session in 2015, the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star passed a resolution that made Service Dogs the primary charity of the Order. At the 2015 General Grand Chapter, a committee of six people was established to lay the groundwork of how this new charitable cause would be incorporated into the Order's existing charities and fundraising. For the next three years this committee of six people established guidelines and suggested parameters which all of the Grand Chapters and the subordinate chapters would use to establish

their own Service and Therapy Dog Committees and charitable efforts. This program was introduced at the 2018 General Grand Chapter last November when the MWGM Marianne Shenefeld and MWGP Henry Martin were installed. It was at that time that our new General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Sis. Judy Wehrbein, was appointed as a representative of the General Grand Chapter Service Dogs Committee.

Although we continue to support all of our other Eastern Star charities such as the Children's Home, the Masonic Home, ESTARL, and various other charities, this new endeavor is quickly moving to the forefront of our

fundraising efforts. Here in Nebraska Grand Chapter, a special Service Dog Committee was appointed in 2017 by PGM Anita Sohm and PGP Jim Taylor; that committee created the foundation upon which the current committee operates. In 2018, by vote of the Grand Chapter members, a Service and Therapy Dog Standing Committee was established here in Nebraska. This standing committee consists of five OES members of which the senior-most is the Chairperson for that year. The current committee consists of Sis. Lorrie Bryant, Nan Rix, Diane Larsen, Melinda Brage, and Betty Kirby. Our former Chairpersons have been Sis. Paula Beezley and Beth Benson who gave

tirelessly to see that this committee became all that it was intended to be.

The Nebraska Service and Therapy Dog Committee is very excited to be partnering with the 2019-20 Worthy Grand Matron, Sis. Karan Birdsall, and Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. Bruce Baker in their Special Project, "Paws up for the STAR DOGS". And, in that very same vein, the 2019-20 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Constellation 7 (commonly known as District V) are excited about an upcoming event on August 3 when we are partnering with the Salt Dogs for a night where we all "get off the porch and run with the big dogs" in support of this project. Look for

our posters and flyers advertising this event in the upcoming issues of this publication! Ask any Worthy Matron here in Lincoln about the project! Offer your time and talents to her to make this a "howling" success! We invite and encourage all Masonic bodies and all of our Youth Groups to come and show support for this project and, just as importantly, to show our community all the good things that our Order and the Masonic family accomplishes.

Remember.....mark your calendars right now and reserve August 3 for "STAR DOGS" at 7:05 for the first pitch at the Salt Dog Stadium complex. (More information can be obtained from your Worthy Matrons or from the website [SaltDogs.com/OES](http://SaltDogs.com/OES) )

## Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt

"My idea of good company is the company of clever, well-informed people who have a great deal of conversation; that is what I call good company." -Persuasion by Jane Austen.

This sentiment rings so true as Temple Chapter #271 was blessed and is so thankful to everyone who came and helped us enjoy our Spring tea on April 28th. We had a banquet of finger foods and tea options while listening to wonderful music by Hillbilly Hal, and we got to socialize and spend time with friends and family some we haven't even seen in a while. It was such an amazing day and we just can't thank you all enough. It was such a

blast we might have one next year!

But time flies when you're having fun and we're just getting started! Temple Chapter is getting ready and prepared for Grand Chapter. We're so excited to see the Grand Officers do their work and to enjoy a Legacy of Service with Worthy Grand Matron Candi Martin and Worthy Grand Patron Harold Terry. Grand Chapter is always a three-day whirlwind adventure that we look forward to. So as we pack our cars, I'll end by saying we'll see you in Kearney!



Twice the trouble: PM Dona Hurst and PWGM Carol Hudkins



Cuteness Overload: Rich and Donna Bales



PM Melinda Brage and PM Lorrie Bryan welcome PM Mary Lou Dempsey to the tea



Pictured here is PM Pam Raecke and PP Bill Raecke



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 Fri. Jul 12 - Sun. Jul 14: DeMolay Conclave, Hastings

## 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.

Celestial Lodge Above

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” - Albert Pike

It seems too often in the past few years especially that Brothers and Sisters are falling to that Final Shore. Taking that moment to remember our passed Masonic & DeMolay Brothers, Eastern Star Sisters & Brothers, Job's Daughter's and Rainbow for Girls' Sisters, inclusive of our other appendant bodies of course, promises to be a somber moment to say the least.



Reflection of our Masonic prayers...especially the ending prayer for Nebraska's Closing Rites and the Graveside Prayer in our Rituals. Masonic Memorial Services & Eastern Star Memorial Services were seen way too many times in Nebraska, Minnesota, and North Dakota in late. Calls during the busy times of Shrine Circus of a fallen Nobel wanting Masonic Memorial Services planned and performed. Friends of many years leaving the Terrestrial Globe to find their place on the Celestial Globe; laying down their Working Tools for the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

The sprig of Acacia or evergreen provides that their Spirit lives on forever. We wear white gloves and aprons in token of our solemn remembrance. We celebrate the Lives they had with us, the immortal gifts they shared with us and the world which will live on for eternity, the family and friends they left behind, and those family and friends they go to see again in the next Lodge.

Last month, most Scottish Rite Valleys celebrated the Feast of the Paschal Lamb with a Remembrance Observance of Brethren passed to that House, not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens.

“As you celebrate the Season, whether it be Maundy Thursday/Easter, or

the Jewish Passover, or other religion's similar communal meal / remembrance / resurrection, we enjoy this meal together to celebrate the lives of our Fallen Brethren and take a moment to memorialize their Friendship, Brotherly Love, and Service.” – Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite's 2019 Remembrance Observance invitation excerpt.

Farewell, Good and Faithful Servant, until we meet again in that Celestial Lodge above...When we too are Called from Labor...

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



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