



The Masonic News



Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

With many of our Brothers traveling, and August being a historically warm time, it was a slow month for Lodge 19. We did confer the Fellowcraft degree on two brothers. On August 20, WM Will Folsom conferred the Fellowcraft degrees upon Brothers Jason Bennett and William Kelly, with WB Kent Folsom in the West, Bro. Wes Bottorf in the South and WB Mark Roper as Senior Deacon. Both Brothers had demonstrated their proficiency in the Entered Apprentice degree earlier in the evening. The degree was performed very well. The Middle Chamber Lecture was given by WB David Watts.

YORK RITE COLLEGE

Many times, many of our Lodges through out the state from the large lodges in Lincoln, Omaha and other larger cities to the smaller lodges in smaller towns have trouble conferring degrees. They may have gotten men to say yes to joining the Masonic fraternity but find it hard to confer the degrees, thus we lose many good men from our fraternity.

I recently attended a meeting of the York Rite College of North America in Fremont. I have been a member for several years

and it was good to attend and welcome a new member. The York Rite Sovereign College of North America came into being in the City of Detroit, Michigan on January 6, 1957 to foster a spirit of cooperation and coordination among each of the Bodies of York Rite Masonry and to assist in worthy efforts to improve the ritualistic and dramatic presentation of degree work in the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery in Nebraska. The Sir Knights are ready and willing to assist any organization with these degrees. If a Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery is short a part (or even multiple parts), a call to a member or the one of the Past Governors is all it takes to help increase Masonic education. There are 167 Chartered Colleges throughout North America with two in Nebraska, one in the West and one in the East. Sir Knight Anthony (AJ) Johnson has information on those of our members who are available and willing to give a hand to any Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery with degree work. Give him a call at (402-679-6141) or e-mail tjark@cox.net. The York Rite Colleges of Nebraska stand ready to help advance Masonry throughout the state.

Disaster Relief Appeal

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APPEAL FOR RELIEF – BAHAMAS

The Bahamas have experienced an unprecedented amount of damage and destruction due to the two days that Hurricane Dorian battered the islands. While food, drinking water, and supplies are needed, the best way to assist them now is through your monetary donation.

The Bahamian Masonic leaders under the jurisdictions of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland have combined their efforts and requested the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSA) to issue this Disaster Relief Appeal. Donations can be made online at www.msana.com. When remitting by check, please clearly mark that you wish the funds to go to the Bahamas Disaster Relief Appeal. Please forward any donations you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brothers and their families in this stricken jurisdiction to MSA. Please make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 3905 National Drive, STE 280, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

Please remember, MSA deducts no part of your contribution for administrative expenses including charges by PayPal, bookkeeping, and cost of acknowledgment letters. Your entire gross donation will be sent to the affected jurisdiction.

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In Memoriam

Charles W. Amidon

120th Grand Master
1986

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska

Born
Omaha, Nebraska
June 5, 1925

Died
Omaha, Nebraska
September 7, 2019

As a mark of respect to our departed Most Worshipful brother, I do hereby order this Memorial read in each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction at the first Stated Communication after receiving the same, and that the Charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days.

Bob Hovinger
Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska



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Starcraft Chapter #307

Bridget Anderson

The August meeting found the members of Starcraft Chapter engaged in performing a Mock Initiation. We are anticipating doing a LIVE initiation within the next couple of months, so this was a good refresher for us! Special thanks to Sis Sue Stroud, Sue Hedges, and Martha Cabeles, and Bro Jim Banister for filling in!

We were saddened to learn about the death of Sis Doris Schreiner. Her family informed us that she had passed away in April of 2011.

Well wishes for Sis Shirley Marks, who is recovering from a fall resulting in 3 broken ribs! Hope you are on the mend, Sis Shirley!

WM Sis Terri once again thanked our substitutes for the evening. She then gave us some very interesting facts about Hermit Crabs. Did you know that they use Sea Snail shells and that most are nocturnal?

Our September meeting was preceded by a delicious leftover's meal by WM Sis Terri. We were pleased to serve the Masons of Craftsmen

Lodge the night before and we had left over lasagna – YUMMY! So rather than have it go to waste, we had a leftovers night!

We had no illness or deaths to report, so it made for a quick meeting.

WM Sis Terri closed the meeting with information on seashells and mollusks. Most of them open to the right (how can you tell?). In 2002, the oldest hermit crab fossil was found, estimated to be 130 million years old.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 9 Jim Heinke
- 14 Doris Faust, Dennis Brydl
- 17 Jeanne' Waegli
- 20 Martha Harrison
- 21 Victoria McKee
- 22 Marcia Malzer
- 26 Ortrude Snyder
- 27 Darlene Miltner
- 29 Gayleen Rose

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Amy Johnson, Marcia Michaelson
- 3 James Scharton
- 8 Ruth Beach, Chris Gonnerman
- 9 Dorothy Tice
- 12 Art Sharp
- 19 Don Jelinek
- 20 Linda Roe
- 21 Faye Nimic

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

"It is good to love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is done well." These words of Vincent van Gogh were presented to the members of Martha Washington Chapter #153 in the Worthy Matron, Sis. Shelley Smith's, opening remarks. If anyone is having trouble with the "Think of Three" challenge of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, this should be one of the Significant points about OES...it sums up a lot of what our beautiful Order should be about.

Preceding our business meeting, Chapter officers and members performed the Funeral Service and draped the Charter in memory of Sis. Barbara Smith. Her children were able to witness the beautiful and touching service; they were presented with the floral symbols at the close of the service. A special thank you to Sis. Tiffany Westerholt, W.M. Temple Chapter #271, who assisted with the Ceremony.

We are looking forward to several upcoming events.

First of all, we will be having a Service and Therapy Dog program prior to our October meeting at 6:45 pm on October 3. Members and visitors are invited to this program to learn more about all the things that Service and Therapy Dogs can do to enhance and enrich people's lives. Invitations are being sent out to Lincoln and surrounding area chapters. We would love to have you all come. This is going to be a "Denim for Dogs" night and you are encouraged to wear your denim to the meeting if you make a \$5.00 contribution to this project.

We will be changing our monthly Temple Board dinners in October to the Creamed Chicken/ Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches menu. Please come and enjoy a warm meal of real homemade comfort food with us on the SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL.

And then we have our Chapter's annual ROAST BEEF DINNER on October 20. We will be serving from 11 am to 1 pm that day. Tickets are \$12.00 and there will be no tickets sold at the

door. Please contact Sis. Paula Beezley (402) 489-4241 or Sis. Betty Kirby (402) 421-2502 if you need tickets. The menu will include Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls and HOME-MADE PIE from Sis. Paula Beezley's kitchen. Be sure to join us for this event. This is the only fundraiser that our Chapter has for the year, and ensures that we can help with our high school scholarships, our Masonic-All Star Marching Band scholarship, our support of the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children and the Plattsmouth Masonic Home.

Congratulations are in order for Bro. Mike Buchardt who will be receiving his thirty-third degree in the Scottish Rite in October. We are very proud of his accomplishment. We are also thrilled to have Bro. Mark Poston back home from his rehab in Grand Island VA Center. It was wonderful to see him back in his Sentinel spot for our meeting!

Our September birthdays include: Rachel Duckett on Sept. 6; Bill Nelson on Sept. 16; Erin Davidson on Sept. 21; Paula Beezley on Sept.

23 and Bethel Adams on Sept. 24. Happy Birthday to All.

Please come and join us for the several events listed above. We love to see visitors and friends! And in closing, I would like to share this reading:

"If You Come Across an Angel." Author Unknown

Every day, in the world around us, Real-life angels are doing very special things.

Real-life angels build bridges instead of walls. They don't play hide-and-seek with the truth, And they don't have hidden agendas.

They tend to be the only ones who understand What you're going through. If they sense that you're hurting, They do whatever they can to help you.

Real-Life angels understand difficulties And Always give the benefit of the doubt. They don't hold others up to the standards They can't live by

themselves.

Real-life angels are what "inner beauty" is all about. They take your hand in theirs whenever you Could use a little reassurance.

They walk beside you when you could do With a little guidance and direction in your life. And They support you In your attempts to do what is right.

Real-life angels add to your integrity. They make you feel like, You really are somebody who matters.

Then they quietly prove to you how beautiful And true that feeling really is. If you come across an angel like this, You are one of the luckiest people of all.

If someone in your life is like an angel to you, It's important to let them know. It's the nicest compliment you could ever give. In all the days of your life And in all the years that you live.

Grand Chapter OES

Karan Birdsall

Nebraska OES "Enduring Hope" Grand Family has been engaged in traveling across Nebraska visiting more than 39 chapters this past month to lend their hands in service and spread awareness of the Masonic Family and OES. Included in these Constellations were the August 3rd Star Dogs at the Salt Dogs baseball game in Lincoln and the August 10th Kool-Aid Days in Hastings. Together these two events allowed OES to connect with more than 10,000 attenders and spread awareness of our Masonic Family.

the ginger poodle in the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. These therapy dogs will bring added richness to the daily living of our residents. Pictured with this article is Opal who is eager to share great love, compassion and keep in confidence her conversations with residents.



While in Hastings, the Enduring Hope Grand Family also announced the placement of a third therapy dog. This dog will reside with the clinician of the Hastings Rite Care clinic and assist with providing services to their clients. Sadie will bring encouragement and comfort to the young patients of the clinic. The Grand Family has also attended and supported Rainbow Grand Assembly, Job's Grand Bethel, and DeMolay Conclave. At each youth gathering OES presented financial support, scholarships and challenged the Masonic youth to

"replace themselves" and reach out to three potential new members.



Beyond our borders, Nebraska OES has attended a five-state gathering in Sioux Falls, the Wyoming Grand Chapter Session in Cheyenne and the Kansas/Nebraska Exchange in Hastings and Clay Center, Kansas. By the time this reaches you the Iowa/Nebraska Exchange will have taken place in Council Bluffs and soon we will be on our way to Colorado Grand Chapter.

Over Labor Day weekend, the Grand Family participated in honoring and thanking first-responders in North Platte. The first-responders met Star Dog Charlie and learned about the paws-ibilities Eastern Star presents through sharing and placing these special dogs.

We are excited about the energy and enthusiasm surrounding the Star Dogs and the gifts the

dogs are sharing with our members and those beyond our membership. We invite you to get better acquainted with them by visiting the FACEBOOK PAGE - Nebraska Star Dogs. This is an open community page designed to show the world what these dogs are doing. We invited you to LIKE the page and follow the stories. Also, please consider inviting your Facebook friends to LIKE and follow the page. It is a great way for the general public to get acquainted with what we are doing as a Masonic Family.

Lincoln area Chapters are actively stepping out to offer opportunities for all of us to DINE OUT and support their fundraising. What a great opportunity for us to have a dinner we didn't have to cook, join in fellowship with each other, be visible in the community, and support fund raising for our Chapters.

We encourage you all to join the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star Facebook page and get announcements and reminders of these

opportunities all across Lincoln and the other events within our Chapters. A special invitation to our Masonic Brothers who are not yet members of the Order of the Eastern Star - please check out Eastern Star! We invite you to consider membership and join if you want to engage as a member. Our Chapters are listed here in this publication or feel free to reach out to the Nebraska Grand Chapter website (neoes.org). We would be honored to have our zeal, effectiveness, and fellowship increased by your participation as a member! There are few things in life more powerful than a positive push, a genuine smile, a word of optimism for these are the path to encouraging and nurturing hope. May enduring hope surround and empower you each day! With Great Expectations, WGM Karan and WGP Bruce



"Paws Up", the special project of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with the assistance and support of Nebraska Grand Chapter's Standing Committee for Service and Therapy Dogs has placed Arwen the German Shepherd in the Masonic Eastern Star Children's Home in Fremont and and Opal

Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

Could a year feel like it has gone any faster? We are down to the fourth quarter of the year, and there are several events still planned for the lodge.

By the time this article reaches your mailbox, we will have had our annual lodge BBQ fundraiser. Every year, we have fun over several months planning the food and decorations and getting ready for the big day. One more month and we'll be able to share more about the BBQ and the success of the Lodge's efforts to put together a fun and enjoyable event for friends, families and the community.

The votes are in and Liberty Lodge is excited to bring in two candidates for their EA degree, Thursday, September 26th. The Lodge has been working diligently on the degree work and is excited to welcome these men into the Craft. Help us provide a memorable experience for the candidates. We welcome anyone who is able to join us Thursday, September 26th at 6:15pm for dinner and 7pm for the EA degree.

When you hear the word "liberty" what are a few of the words that come to mind? Do you think of words like freedom or independence? One of

the groups that has a strong impact on helping us maintain our liberty is the military, and Liberty Lodge is working on a project to send care boxes to servicemen deployed overseas. Several of our own members are currently deployed overseas and we'll be sending them boxes along with a few others to help bring a little piece of home to those on the front lines. We encourage all the Lodges to consider doing the same. Do you have members in your Lodge that are serving? Think of what it would mean to them to receive a care box from their Lodge.

Get your calendar out and be sure to reserve some dates. The first is Thursday, October 10th for Ladies at the Table. Next is Thursday, November 14th for our annual Past Master's / Awards dinner and lastly to close out the year is the annual Lodge Christmas party, Thursday, December 12th. As the dates get closer be sure to check out our Lodge Facebook page for more information.

Three fourths of year has passed and we have enjoyed sharing it with you. We look forward to a strong finish for 2019.

CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER

George Washington	250
Martha Washington	153

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Mashed Potatoes, Veggies,
Coffee, Tea, or Water.*

College View Lodge #320

Paul Hadley



In the footsteps of my unknown mentor

When Masons from different lodges meet informally, a conversation centering on “Why did you join the Craft?” and “Were any others in your family Masons, too?” frequently ensues. In such cases, I say that my great grandfather is the only other Mason I know of among recent generations of my family, so it’s in recognition of him that I became interested in Masonry.

This Labor Day weekend, I had the distinct privilege to retrace some of the path he walked.

I was in Auburn, Indiana, to participate in an antique car show known as the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival. Great Grandpa Elmer “Jim” Sivits from Fort Wayne, according to family history, loved to fish in that area. So it’s possible I was traveling some of the same streets during the festival that he drove on in the early 1900s. But my journey to

understanding my Masonic roots took a more significant turn later during my vacation.



Earlier this summer Wanda Smith from the Grand Lodge of Indiana confirmed that 37-year-old Jim was raised Nov. 30, 1908 in Sol D. Bayless Lodge #359 of Fort Wayne. That organization, along with Wayne Lodge #25, built the majestic downtown Masonic Temple in the 1920s. David Williams, Past Master of Wayne Lodge, graciously escorted me throughout what’s today known as Freemason’s Hall. Three fraternal organizations continue to meet there, but it’s also rented for public functions. In its heyday, more than 2,000 guests could be accommodated for gatherings! I was able to walk through areas where Jim attended Lodge meetings and socialized in the billiards room, as well as the grand auditorium where his daughter (my mother’s mother) Gertrude Sivits Boegli played organ and piano, and was an officer of the Eastern Star.

My great grandfather also was very active in the Scottish Rite and was honored as a 33rd Degree member. (The Scottish Rite has since moved its headquarters to another area of Fort Wayne, and its

Cathedral that was linked to the Masonic Temple was demolished.)



As a memento of my visit, WB David presented me with a 1924 edition of the Bayless Lodge bylaws and membership roster — and Jim’s name is included in this booklet. I really appreciate WB David’s thoughtfulness.

After the tour, we attended an informal gathering of Concord Lodge #556 and the Eastern Star #386 in Spencerville, which was attended by Kenneth Roy Jr., Grand Master of the State of Indiana. Such enthusiasm and camaraderie! The meal was excellent, and the fellowship was superb, with a friendly vibe throughout.

The next day I returned to Fort Wayne to retrace some of the miles I had traveled during vacations as a child and later as a young adult. I was born in Fort Wayne but my stays there were limited to short visits to my grandparents in the 1950s and 1960s. (I never met Jim, who passed away long before.) I parked my car in my grandparents’ Forest Park neighborhood — Jim built a house next to his daughter and son-in-law on Alabama Avenue — and had fun rediscovering landmarks I’d seen

decades ago and visiting with the current homeowner to fill him in on some of the history of those side-by-side houses and the families who lived there.

What now? My sister and I are cataloging family possessions and genealogical records, and we’ve discovered more regalia and certificates related to Jim’s Masonic travels. This is great fun, but I’ll always remember this summer’s meaningful return to Fort Wayne.

Brothers meet in Plattsmouth

College View Lodge #320 held its September 4 business meeting at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. Six members and a guest made the trip and were joined by WB Warren Stenback — he’s a resident of the Masonic Home and Past Master of Rob Morris Lodge #46 of Kearney. Thanks to Executive Director Mary Russell and Administrative Assistant Chris Abbott for helping set this up.



The lodge got a big boost to its Food Bank barrel with a large donation of breakfast cereal from Sean Bush. Thanks, Brother Sean, for thinking of the lodge and its charity drive

for the Food Bank of Lincoln.

WM Curt Wolbert and the Temple Board announced several ongoing improvements to the facility. For example, new landscape mulch is being installed around the building. We’re using rubber pellets that are earth tone in color and made from recycled tires, so they’re both effective and environmentally friendly. We also welcomed a new addition to the lodge — a Craftsman 21 inch snow blower — which will help our snow removal team keep the walkways and driveway clear this winter.

In new business, the brethren approved a \$100 gift to the Masonic Home.

Members were reminded that Caid Bleess, Jack Hottell and Sehiy Horoskovskyy will be passed to the Fellow Craft Degree on September 11.

What’s next?

October 2 is “Bring a Brother to Lodge Night.” Please make every effort to attend — and to invite a brother or two who’s been missing from the lodge. WM Curt announced that there will be a Halloween “Trick or Treat” event for the neighborhood children, so watch the website for details on how you can help make this a success!

Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer



John Millington for making this fantastic evening possible!

By the time you read this, we will have made a pilgrimage to Kansas City to watch the Royals play as well. Look for photos next month!

In August, the brothers (and families) of Lancaster 54 went to the Saltdogs Stadium to enjoy some great fellowship and baseball! A fun time was had by all who attended, and a big thank you to WM

The brothers are getting geared up for our Master Mason lodge proficiency; the date should be announced soon, so if you would like to come watch (or, even better,

participate!) be sure to contact B. Turner at trntc@gmail.com to get all of the details! The more brothers in attendance, the better!

Just a reminder that our annual Veterans’ Day ceremony is coming up on November 8th; you are highly encouraged to join us for this unique opportunity to thank our veterans.

There is so much more to discuss, including the new officer aprons, the George Washington

Memorial, and of course some great education, but if you’d like to hear about all of that you need to come by in October for the business meeting! We’ll see you then!



You’re invited to a
**Cotner Temple
 Soup & Chili
 Supper**

The Cotner Masonic Family for an Evening of
 Soup, Chili and Fellowship!

Where: Cotner Temple 1542 N. 65th

When: Friday, November 8th

Time: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Cost: Adults - \$7.00
 Children (12 & under) - \$3.50

Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt



With summer ending and fall approaching (well at least we hope it approaches), it still feels like summer! Temple Chapter #271 decided to have a picnic with members, friends and family at Van Dorn park. A huge thanks goes out to our brothers Scott and Monte Dietrick as well as Don Jelinek as they took on the task of using a park grill to grill hamburgers, bratwurst and hotdogs.



The grill provided a bit of an adventure but the guys did it and the meat turned out great. We had vegetables, watermelons, as well as lots of other food and desserts.

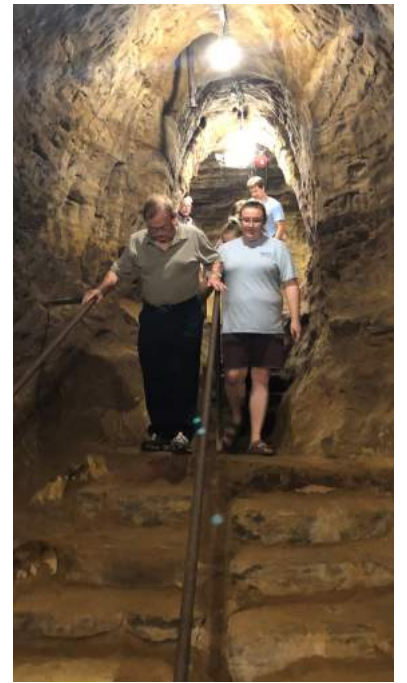


In addition to the picnic, we thought since we were within walking distance of Robber's Cave, we would schedule a tour with brother Joel Green, the author of the book, "Robber's Cave: Truth, legends, and recollections". Did you know there was a cave under the ground near 9th street and hwy 2?! Some of us didn't!

Arriving at the old Blue Blood distillery, Joel took us downstairs where we were greeted by a gate that was very reminiscent of a dungeon, but super neat. Turns out a distillery at the turn of the 19th century wanted a place where they could store their goods in a temperature-controlled environment and expanded a natural cave. Since then the cave has over a hundred years of history if not more, just waiting to be discovered. The walls are all completely covered with names, initials, symbols, and more. Areas of the cave had different roles over the years from a dancing area, a UNL fraternity initiation spot, to just a place kids snuck to when they wanted to have fun. Brother Joel showed us the whole cave and we got to experience it all. We had a blast! At the end, many of us purchased the book so that we could read more about the history the cave has to offer.



After our picnic, it was back to business. Temple Chapter is gearing up to make and sell our amazing, hand made with Star Love, oodles of noodles. For just \$7 a pound, you can purchase these noodles that go fabulously with chicken noodle soup, stroganoff, beef stew, and so much more. We sell our noodles for the months of September, October and November! If you would like to purchase noodles, you can contact a Temple Chapter member, let us know on our Facebook page, or visit our website at www.templechapter.org and click on the oodles of noodles site and send us a request. We can't wait to hear from you and share our amazing homemade noodles! Until next time.



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

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

East Lincoln 210 had a busy month of degree work in August! Karl Vierkant and David Conrad became Entered Apprentice Masons on August 26, Bro. Mark Reece received the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on August 19, and Bro. Shawn Wilson became East Lincoln 210's newest Master Mason on August 12. Bro Wilson also proved up on Sept 5. Congratulate these brethren when you have a chance!

Regarding sickness and distress: WB Scott Dietrick

recently had a second surgery and he continues to deal with a serious medical issue. Please keep the lodge's 2018 Mason of the Year in your thought and prayers.

Two new petitions were read at 210's September's business meeting, and the lodge is currently selling tickets for a gun raffle and a meat raffle. Purchase from a 210 member for your chance to win a Henry Rifle! (The proceeds will go toward the building renovation fund.)



Lincoln Assembly #6

Tiffany Westerholt

Well we know fall is coming because Pumpkin spice has arrived, and boy are the Rainbow girls excited! Yes about pumpkin spice!



Next, the girls volunteered to help the Masons with their CHIP event at the Nebraska State Fair held in Grand Island. They greeted families and helped kids through the process of putting together an identification kit that parents can keep in the event of an emergency. We even helped a chicken go through the process, just for fun! After helping out, the girls got to enjoy seeing the State Fair. They especially had fun visiting the baby animal barn and seeing the baby animals. We tried lots of fair food and overall spending time at the fair.



Even though school has started again, the girls are busy volunteering, having fun, and planning new events for next month. After attending the Order of Eastern Star Salt Dogs game, the girls joined Temple Chapter #271 with their family picnic and trip to Robbers cave. They enjoyed the grilled hamburgers at the picnic, ate almost all of the watermelon, and if there were cupcakes, well, they didn't last long either. The girls were super excited about the tour of the cave by Brother Joel Green. They explored the cave drawings and Worthy Advisor Karli Young might have even found a person she knew or two who had signed their name on the cave wall. PGWA Morgan, a huge fan of bats, especially enjoyed getting to tour an area of the cave where bats hibernate. The girls learned the history of the cave, the many uses it had and got to explore all it's crevices. It is an experience we definitely recommend!



Next month, the girls are planning to have a lock-in event at the Scottish Rite, visit a haunted house, make tie blankets to donate, and so much more. You're always welcome to join us or check us out at www.lincolnassembly.org.



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COMING EVENTS IN MASONRY

Wed. Sep 25: \$3 Burger Night, Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 Wed. Oct 2: Bring A Brother To Lodge, College View Lodge #320
 Thu. Oct 10: Ladies At The Table, Liberty Lodge #300, 1635 L St
 Sat. Oct 12: Creamed Chicken Dinner - George Washington Lodge and Martha Washington Chapter - 4430 N. 70th Street - 402-466-2482 - Creamed Chicken over Biscuits, or Homemade Bunzas, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Coffee, Tea, or Water. Pop and Desserts are also Available - \$7 per person - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM
 Fri. Oct 18: Scottish Rite KCCH Investiture, Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, 4:00 PM
 Sun. Oct 20: Roast Beef Dinner - Martha Washington Chapter - 4430 N. 70th Street - 402-489-4241 - Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Salad and Pie - \$12 per person - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Fri. Nov 8: Cotner Masonic Family Soup & Chili Supper, Cotner Temple, \$7 per adult, 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



Once again our member's generosity has exceeded all expectations. As has become usual, the blue barrel project has been filled to overflowing to help with basic human necessities for the less fortunate of Nebraska. This ongoing project by Electa has repeatedly helped to ease the hunger pangs for people of Nebraska, provided them with basic hygiene items, and allowed them their dignity in the process of helping. Thank you seems so inadequate, but it is what can be conveyed through print media. You do make a difference in the lives of people you do not know each day by filling the barrel and giving hope.

Another project members of Electa has thrown them into is the Grand Chapter's service dog program. I am pleased to report that the "tailgate party" that Electa hosted this past month was very successful. As a precursor to a Salt Dogs game there was the opportunity to enjoy good food,

good friends, and a very good idea. The money raised at the tailgate party and the baseball game was enough to purchase two new therapy/service dogs for the Grand Chapter's program. How important is this? Vitally so for those in need of the skills of these highly trained dogs... sometimes the difference between life and death itself. Your commitment to these projects is miraculous for those in need. Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Another of the really fun events coming up for Electa on October 20th is the annual chili cook-off. Entrants provide a crockpot of their favorite chili in the hopes of winning the coveted Golden Ladle after the judging of their chili. Of course there is a lot of fun and some great, and some ...questionable, chili to try. If you find your new favorite, or submit your old favorite, you must remember that everyone wins and has a great time doing it. If you are interested in entering this Master level chili contest, or just want to try something new, give it a try by entering or just eating something you may not have thought about before. To enter contact Sue Stroud at 402-560-5414 to enter your favorite cooker of mystery ingredients. Even if you don't do the cooking, show up to eat everyone else's...

Finally, tomorrow will be the 18th anniversary of the attacks in New York on the World Trade Center's twin towers. I vividly remember that day, but at a different time than almost everyone else. I was in Kuwait with approximately 150 other soldiers performing an infantry security mission when our country was attacked by cowards taking thousands of lives...not combatants, but innocent people going about their lives on this fateful day. We are now 18 years into the aftermath of those attacks with the memory of that day still hurtful in our minds for those old enough to remember. What I remember the most about when we were finally able to return to the US after the attacks were the flags displayed literally everywhere we looked. There was the welcome words of people thanking us for our service and sacrifice, and a feeling of patriotism that permeated every fabric of American life. For those of us who were serving during those nervous times, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. With the current contention between political parties in Washington right now I often do not watch news shows, but it is still a memory that brings a catch to my throat when I think of the many heartfelt wishes of the public during this earlier time of sorrow as well as renewal.

May God Bless and keep you as we face the coming challenges to our lives and society. Do not lose hope, keep faith in our country, and trust in those close to you. You cannot believe all is lost and still support the programs that matter so much for those in need.

You're Invited!
 Capitol Chapter #320
 & Electa Chapter #8

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 Masonic Temple
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