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Grand Master's Edict #5 and GLNE Message

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ronald D. Stites

To: All members of all subordinate Masonic Lodges in Nebraska

Acting under my authority as Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, I hereby decree that Phase II of the resumption of lodge functions and activities will begin in Nebraska effective August 1, 2020. Compliance with the below Phase II Guidance, Directives, Ritual Exceptions are mandatory. This Edict will remain in effect until further notice.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Ronald D. Stites
Grand Master

Phase II: Nebraska Lodge Guidance, Directives, & Ritual Exceptions

Effective August 1, 2020

The following Guidance, Directives, and Ritual Exceptions have been developed for Phase II allowing Nebraska lodges to resume degree/ritual work during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The Guidance, Directives, and Ritual Exceptions will be updated when deemed appropriate.

Remain vigilant and monitor national, state, and local announcements of changes to restrictions and recommendations. While the Guidance, Directives, and Ritual Exceptions being provided covers a wide range of topics, it is impossible to address every situation lodges will face. When there is an absence of direction for unique circumstances, it is recommended that lodges refer to local restrictions, plan accordingly, and let common sense prevail.

All Phase I Guidance and Directives remain in place. In addition, certain Ritual Exceptions have been implemented to allow for the conferral of degrees and for proficiency examination. As these deal with specifics in the ritual, they cannot be reprinted here; please contact your Lodge Secretary, any Grand Lodge Custodian, or the Grand Lodge office for a copy of the exceptions.



To: All members of all subordinate Masonic Lodges in Nebraska

Subject: Anti-Masonic Literature

In the Grand Lodge Mailing #8 there was mention of anti-Masonic literature being left at lodges primarily in the Omaha area. In the past week, this literature has been delivered to lodges, Scottish Rite Valleys, and some churches in other parts of Nebraska as well as the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and The Nebraska Masonic Home. Additionally, there are unconfirmed reports of the literature being circulated in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The literature is primarily centered on the work of Albert Pike and his "Morals and Dogma" which was an esoteric philosophy. In Pike's words, "Morals and Dogma" provided a philosophical rationale for the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The lectures provided a backdrop for the degrees by giving lessons in comparative religion, history, and philosophy as understood and interpreted by Pike in the late 1800's. The claims made in the literature have been the source of anti-Masonic arguments for nearly 150 years.

The claims contained in the literature are taken out of context and are of the same nature as those used to attempt to discredit Masonry for 300 plus years of its modern existence. It is important to remember that no one person speaks for all of Freemasonry. Even Pike,

who in the preface to "Morals and Dogma" invited the reader to feel free to accept or reject anything written in the Book. The literature also discredits the King James Version of the Holy Bible by using the New Age Bible Versions of scripture.

It is recommended to avoid an escalation of events. If this happens at your lodge please do not respond to any return to sender that may be listed and do not engage with anyone that you may see leaving such materials. Also, if you are approached by anyone about the anti-Masonic claims, it is recommended to politely say you are not in a position to speak about the claims in the literature and refer them to the Grand Lodge website.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Ronald D. Stites
Grand Master



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Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

Welcome back to doing degree work again. Now that we have had our “vacation” it is time to get back to work in Masonry. I hope you have taken the time to refresh your memory work and are ready to hit the road running. If you are like me it seems a long time since we conferred a degree, even if it has only been a few months.

Over those few months we have gained several candidates and now we need to begin our new candidates on their Masonic journey. During the month of August, we will have at least two Entered Apprentice degrees to confer, and perhaps more. There are a few changes that we will have to do to cope with the COVID-19 health guidelines, but they will be easy and necessary.

During the next few months, we will have more new members to lead through the degrees of Masonry. I know of three more Entered Apprentice degrees and the new EA's will need the Fellowcraft degrees and then the Masters Degree. We also have a couple of Brothers who are ready for their Fellowcraft degree and at least one who is ready for a Masters Degree. All of these new degree members will need help in gaining their proficiency so that they can advance. What a good chance to not only refresh your Masonic work but meet

a new member!

Combine these degrees with the need to prepare for our Lodge proficiency in conferring degrees, throw in a fund raiser or two to keep the fires going in the Lodge and we have a very full plate. This will take more Brothers to help with the work. The work is not hard, and we have plenty of Brothers who are willing to help. Lincoln Lodge will be busy this fall, and we need your help.

I am sure that you have seen the article about the lunches that we provided for the F St. Community Center. This was indeed a pleasure to help a local charity. We hope to do more of this kind of brotherly love in the future. We want to thank those Brothers who contributed to this project. **(Editor's Note: We have included the article below in case you missed it!)**

We would like to know how you are during these stressful times. What have you been doing these past few months to stay safe and sane? Drop a note at the Masonic Temple or give it to a lodge member or give me a call- 402-435-0974.

Masons help feed kids at F Street Community Center

Jul 10, 2020
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Volunteers from Mercy City Church prepare "We Can Do This" meal kits at the F Street Community Center to feed kids in the neighborhood.



Members from Masons of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 donated the funds to ensure that 85 kids have meals for five weeks this summer. From left are Dave Nolte, Beau Ballard, Will Folsom, Chad Klein, Jason Bennett, Tom Buescher and John Hansen.

More than 85 local children in need will have their meals funded for five weeks this summer, thanks to a charitable donation of \$5,100 raised by Masons of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 and presented to the “We Can Do This” meals program.

The program, which partners with F Street Community Center, provides meals on weekends to kids living in the 12th and F streets neighborhood. Despite a pandemic, troubled economy

and a stop to critical school lunches until fall, the We Can Do This (WCDDT) program has continued to feed local kids over the summer.

Prior to the current COVID-19 outbreak, WCDDT worked with a team of volunteers to procure, prepare and serve weekend meals for up to 60 kids a day at F Street Community Center. In response to the current health crisis and the end of the school year, WCDDT started developing a plan to continue its weekend meal service as well as provide 85 kids facing food insecurity with a weekly seven-day supply of food.

In order to continue week by week, the program relies on local volunteers to sort and pack food, as well as funding and in-kind donations from the Lincoln community. That's where Lincoln Lodge No. 19 stepped in to help.

"We're really excited to help support the We Can Do This project," said Will Folsom, master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. "These days, there are more families than ever relying on those meals at the F Street Community Center. We wanted to do something to help continue the Masons' tradition of charitable relief and support in the community, so passing the hat around to help Lincoln kids seemed like a good place to start. It's an honor to

support Susan Brown and her team as they keep spreading love and hope in Lincoln."

According to Brown, the program's organizer, "Providing food for children is so much bigger than most people think it is. It was so scary to think about school needing to close because of a virus, but the fears that came with school closing go way beyond the virus for our families. Two meals a day being taken away from the kids is devastating. The funding the Masons have provided to support feeding these kids gives the parents one very important thing they don't have to worry about."

The F Street Community Center operates dozens of programs for youth and adults at 1225 F St. south of downtown Lincoln, and partnered early on with the We Can Do This program to allow operating from the Center. Those interested in donating, volunteering or learning more about the program can contact organizer Susan Brown at 402-570-4922, at wecandothis1224@gmail.com, or through the group's Facebook page.

To learn more about the Masons, visit the Grand Lodge of Nebraska's website at glne.org.

North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

The August 5th Business Meeting was the first meeting held by North Star Lodge since March 4th. It was good to see the 10 faithful souls that showed up and braved the unknown. I will say the politically correct “elbow bump” doesn't cut it. I still prefer the “certain friendly or brotherly grip” that we are all familiar with.

Normal business was conducted. WB Steven Flader provided the Masonic Education with the subject being, “Cement” or the

material that binds us to this Fraternity. It was good to see WB Dennis Mundt again in our midst. WB Dennis has been dealing with a knee replacement that went south. He is slowly making gains but adjusting. A petition for membership was read and a committee to investigate was appointed. That is certainly a good sign.

WM Bruce Watkins presented WB Steven Flader his 50-year membership pin and certificate. Congrats WB Steven! WB Steven was

raised March 17, 1970. That really doesn't seem that long ago.

No end is in sight for the Covid fiasco and the violence in the streets continues unabated. Sadly, the politicians in charge will not step up. Courage is not a virtue it appears. The founders of our country must be rolling in their graves at a high RPM. Regardless of your party affiliation, this action should not be allowed to continue.

Enough for this month.



College View Lodge #320



Masonic Record of Brother George Douglas

Brothers of College View Lodge #320 participated at the June 9 funeral for George R. "Banjo" Douglas in Lincoln. Brother Douglas died June 4 at age 89.

RWB Bruce Watkins officiated over the traditional Masonic funeral service, assisted by WM David Johnson, WB Tom Anderson and WB Curtis Wolbert. Brother George's family requested this additional farewell service because Masonry was an important part of their loved one's life.

This brother was born in Lincoln and graduated from College View High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and in 1954 married Shirley Ann

Pickering. Their 65-year union endured until her passing last year.

George was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1961 at College View Lodge #320. After retiring from a 30-year career as a firefighter, he enjoyed remodeling, woodworking and duplicating antique furniture — and he learned to play the banjo. He and Shirley loved traveling to Bluegrass Music Festivals, and he played his banjo with local groups and at nursing homes.

In 1991, he joined the Scottish Rite and the Sesostris Temple Clown Unit — "Banjo" became his clown persona — and he was voted Clown of the Year in 2005. He enjoyed entertaining children as "Banjo" during the Shrine Circus and at Shriners health screening clinics. According to his family, George often said, "If I can make a child smile, that makes my day."

P.J. Hadley



We're back!

After being apart for these many weeks due to COVID precautions, brethren were excited to again meet in person July 1. Although we wore masks, conducted our regular meeting as Entered Apprentice Masons to eliminate handshaking and kept an appropriate distance to prevent the possible spreading of coronavirus, it was fulfilling to gather as a body to conduct business and share comradeship. During the July 1 regular meeting, we draped the Lodge Charter in memory of Brother George Douglas.

We have new furniture! WB Curtis Wolbert noted his family donated his father-in-law's office desk, and Scott Buck helped him

move the beautiful furniture into the lodge to serve as the Treasurer's desk.

We were saddened to learn that 95-year-old Norma Schaufelberger of Columbus died recently. She was preceded in death by her husband, WB Don Schaufelberger, who was a past Bronze Jordan Medal holder and a big supporter of all things College View Lodge.

The Schaufelberger family made another gift in their parents' memory to help replace the cabinets and countertops in our Lodge kitchen.



Aug. 5 meeting includes show and tell

The new kitchen cabinets are here! Brethren enjoyed a tour of the new kitchen cabinets and counter tops, which recently were installed. WB Curtis Wolbert and wife Cindy

also donated a stove to the kitchen. Well done!

We hosted Lodge of Instruction sessions which were attended by Grand Master Ronald Stites and members of College View #320 and Cotner Lodge #297. WB Curtis also taught a seminar at Ainsworth earlier this summer.

We agreed to gather Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon for a Lodge clean up day.

Brothers also voted to meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 to practice for our proficiency examination, which will be conducted Wednesday, Sept. 2, during the regular meeting of the Lodge.



George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

As the month of August began, we were so happy that we could have our first Lodge meeting since March! WB Roger Warnke presided over our meeting and all of our business was conducted in a timely manner. With the appearance of Deputy Grand Custodian Carl Plants, we knew that it was time for our Lodge Proficiency and "inspection"! With nine brothers in attendance, we opened and closed in all three degrees with relative ease. Social distancing and masks were the norm for the evening! It was announced that we will be having a Memorial Service for our departed Brother Past Master Keith Wayne Chambers II on Friday, August 7, 2020 at the Lodge.

Masonic Record of Past Master Keith Wayne Chambers II

Worshipful Brother Keith was born on June 21, 1961 in Omaha, Nebraska and departed this life on April 7, 2020. WB Keith was initiated into Sojourners #483 Michigan F. & A. M. on June 10, 1999. On September 16, 1999, he was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 30, 1999. He was affiliated with George Washington Lodge #250 A. F. & A. M. on May 2, 2016. WB Keith also affiliated with Nishnabotany Lodge #153 Iowa A. F. & A. M. on May 12, 2018 where WB Keith had a family connection with this Lodge. He was Master of George Washington Lodge #250 in 2019.

Masonic Record of Brother Wilbur Weideman, Jr.

Brother Wilbur Weideman, Jr. was born on January 3, 1930 in Lincoln, Nebraska and departed this life on March 5, 2020. Brother Wilbur was initiated into George Washington Lodge #250 A. F. & A. M. on May 8, 1951. On June 12, 1951, he was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 30, 1951.

Sympathies from the Brethren of George Washington Lodge #250 were extended to the families of these departed Brothers. B. Weideman and WB Chambers will be greatly missed by their Brothers and friends.

George Washington Trivia!

Did you know that George Washington was a voracious letter-writer? Historical documents indicate that he penned anywhere from 18,000 to 20,000 letters in his lifetime. If you wrote one letter a day, it would take you between 50 and 55 years to write that many!

In closing.....our thoughts turn to the coming of Fall and so I leave you with these words from Hal Borland: "Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night; but thus he would never know the rhythms that are the heart of life."



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Eastern Star to consider whose door needs their encouragement and special touch of a HANG ON! We are eager to see and hear the creativity, sharing, and joy that this project will spread. ANDwatch your own door too.



Greetings to our Sisters and Brothers,

“The only real battle in life is between hanging on and letting go.”
Shannon L. Adler

out to other members and friends by hanging on their front door a Blessing Bag. You can ring the door and stay for a visit or ring the doorbell and run fast just like our May Day tradition.

Our best wishes for your good health, happiness and significance abound! Please stay in touch and continue to use a variety of communication tools to reach out to your members and beyond. May opportunities to love and serve be revealed to you as we continue to stay OES strong in the face of challenges.

As we enter the month of August, Bruce and I ask you to HANG ON! We pray you are focused on your health and well being so that you are able to reach out to those around you! It is a time for strength and tenacity as we recognize the presence of infection in our community. It is a time to keep moving forward while dealing with the challenges presenting themselves to us today.



Star love and with great expectations, Karan and Bruce



We suggest that together with OES we can HANG ON! We challenge our members to share hope, encouragement and loving care by reaching

More than 1200 bags have been shared with chapters across Nebraska to fill and then HANG ON! We hope that the contagious spirit of this simple act of service will continue to spread and impact many more. We encourage each



Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

It feels so good to be back! For many of us, who have been active about the lodge building on finishing up projects, upgrading the systems that keep the building running, and (in some cases) doing extensive renovation work, it seems like we've never left! I feel that most especially, as my temporary work from "home" office has been on the third floor of the Masonic Temple in downtown Lincoln. Now with lodges coming back in session, there are days that I will be in the Temple from 7:30 in the morning until well after 10:00 that night!

After our August business meeting, a big group of us stuck around to practice for the Master Mason Proficiency examination. With much discussion and contemplation, WM Matt has requested to move the date of our examination to Friday, September 11th, to give adequate time for preparation of the brothers. As always, we would love to have you there to help out! If you would like a part and have not yet received one, please contact WB Kory Johnson who will be happy to find a place for you!

Have you checked in with a brother lately? While I was preparing the files for this month's issue of The Masonic News, I noted with much sorrow that a frequent contributor and friend of the newspaper passed away last month. Unfortunately I, like many of you, only find out about the passing of a brother from this publication, and by the time I learn about it, it is much too late to attend their funeral ceremony.

Of course, there is an easy solution: check in with your brothers, especially the ones you don't see regularly! Easier said than done, I know, as I'm horrible

about checking in with my own friends and family, let alone with the over two hundred brethren of Lancaster Lodge #54. Instead, I'm going to try to just check in with a small handful each month, and see what progress can be made. If you're interested in joining me, let me know and I'll be happy to provide contact details for a list of members of the lodge. (And if you're not a member of Lancaster Lodge #54 and are reading this, I can absolutely guarantee you that your secretary will be overjoyed to provide the same for you!)

Well, my lunch break is over, so now I'm going to turn from my personal laptop back to my work laptop, and get back to it!

Until we meet again, keep yourselves safe and healthy, and I look forward to hearing from you as you have time!

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Sun: Closed

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

Scott L. Dietrick, 67, of Lincoln passed away on July 19, 2020. Born August 10, 1952 to Joseph and Wilma (Bertram) Dietrick in Lincoln, NE. He worked as a Stationary Engineer and Boiler Operator on the UNL East Campus Power Plant and for Goodyear. He was a member of First Christian Church serving as an Elder. United States Navy veteran who served on the USS Duluth an LPD6 and helped with the evacuation of Saigon. Member of American Legion Post #3, East Lincoln Masonic Lodge 210, and a past Master of Lodge 210, Scottish Rite Valley of Lincoln, Royal Arch Chapter 64, OES Temple Chapter 71, Sesostris Shrine. One of his greatest joys in life was working as a Road Runner with

the Shrine taking many children to the Minneapolis and St. Louis Hospitals.

Family members include, brothers, Roy (Irene) Dietrick, Dale (Ronda) Dietrick, Monte Dietrick; 4 nieces; great nieces and great nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Mary Jo Dietrick.

WB Dietrick's memorial service was held on July 23, 2020 at Roper & Sons South Lincoln Chapel. WB Wade Kendle (Chaplain) delivered the funeral oration beautifully, Joel Green (Master) and Adam Holle (Secretary) assisted with the Masonic service as well. WB Dietrick was then buried in Morrowville, KS. Memorial contributions may be directed towards First

Christian Church, 430 S 16th St, Lincoln, NE 68508, Sesostris Shrine, 1050 Saltillo Rd, Roca, NE 68430, or East Lincoln Lodge #210, 2700 'S' St. Lincoln, NE 68503.

PICTURED: WB Jeff Burham being presented his Past Master's Apron by WM Adam Holle on July 13, 2020



Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

Practice, Practice, Practice. That is the theme for the rest of the year. Brothers have been hard at work practicing for their degree proficiencies. Our date is set for our EA and FC proficiency: Thursday, September 10th.

appetite to the annual Liberty Lodge BBQ in October. The details are still being worked out how and when. As we continue to plan for this appetizing annual event there will be information posted on the lodge Facebook page.

Thank you everyone for all your efforts.

Thank you to Brent Myers and Justin Williamson for attending the school of instruction in Kearney in mid-July. Their attention to detail with the changes made to degree work to accommodate the current health concerns have been a valuable resource in our practices.

The exact date has yet to be determined, but be sure to bring your



Columbia Chapter #275

Kaylene Martin



support of the HIKE Fund over the last 6 years with the Fiesta Feed and other HIKE activities is unmatched. Raising over \$15,000 for HIKE. Sister Kristi has served as Guardian of Bethel #63 also a Past Honored Queen and a Past Matron of Columbia Chapter #275. Thank you for all you have accomplished.

Congratulations Sister Kristi Thornburg on being awarded the 2020 Adult Volunteer Service Award during the Supreme Session Virtual Opening! Your dedication, love and



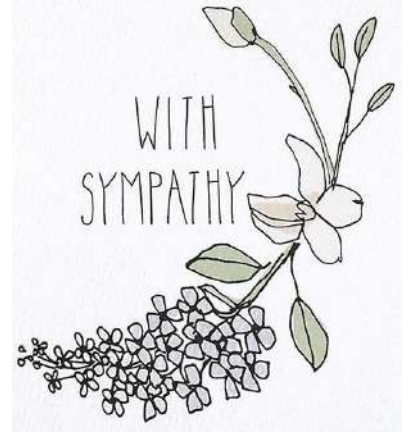
Past Patron Frank Dougherty

Past Patron Brother Frank Dougherty passed away on July 8, 2020. He served several terms as

Worthy Patron for Columbia Chapter. He was a 50 year member. The Chapter extends its sincere sympathy to his wife Sister Margaret and family.

In Sympathy

Columbia Chapter extends to Sister Norma and Brother Charlie and family our deepest sympathy in the passing of their daughter Julie Cummings Tallichet.



Electa Chapter #8

Michael Lagueux



On August 01, 2020, Electa Chapter #8 got its first look at what has become our "new normal" for this time in our history. This time our meeting was not the groups of friends congregating to talk and share what has been happening in our lives...it was a quorum; enough people to open and conduct the business of our Chapter we have not been able to in person for months now. We were careful to maintain "social distancing," we wore the mandated masks, we had hand sanitizer available and anti-bacterial wipes available for after to restore the areas touched to a clean and healthy situation.

It felt very strange seeing people I very much wanted to talk to and find out how their lives had been going the last few months, but there is always the question now of how close do we get, should we be masked to talk, what is the "new" expectations among friends? These questions are not just casual now...they are the consideration we

now face to keep those friends healthy, and ourselves too.

We did get a lot of things taken care of; the second reading and approval of the annual budget was completed. Bills were paid, and before we knew it we were closing for the night. Some of us went to have ice cream at Zesto's on South Street. The ice cream was as good as I remember it, the company was good and more relaxed, and for the briefest moment it was almost like the normal we once knew.

All too soon though we had eaten our treats, discussed friends we haven't seen in a while, drifted away to the places we had to go and things we had to do...getting back to the "new normal." I'm not sure how long our current situation will continue, but for that one brief moment we had what a friend of mine terms "the old days and old ways."

I often wonder as I travel these days what it will look like when we don't have to wear

masks, don't have to fear contact with others, and can have lunch with a friend for any number of good reasons. I have to admit, every now and then I am guilty of picking up lunch, usually tacos, and surprising a friend with it! We talk, we eat, and for that brief time we are just enjoying each other's company. I have toyed with the idea of putting random pictures I have taken on my travels in some of these articles, and may do just that. Can't hurt, right?

I guess what really concerns me right now is that the Big 10 has decided to not play this season!!! In Nebraska? Kinda seems like blasphemy doesn't it? Friends, we can get through this that is happening to our world right now. Have patience, have hope, and always have Faith. I hope I find you well and healthy this time next month and we will talk again. Until then, God protect you and keep you in His loving embrace.

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COMING EVENTS IN MASONRY

EDITOR'S NOTE: As we are just starting to re-open the various bodies in the Masonic Family, no events have been reported yet. Please contact the appropriate Masonic body leadership prior to attending any event or meeting to verify any restrictions in place.

Open with restrictions: All lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, all York Rite chapters and councils, all chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Order Of The Eastern Star of Nebraska

Not yet open: All York Rite commanderies (closed until further notice).

Current status unknown: Scottish Rite, Shrine, all youth groups.

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.

Scottish Rite 5th Degree

The 5th Degree within the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is entitled Perfect Master. As we aren't within a tyled Lodge of Perfection within a Scottish Rite Valley, we won't go into the ritual nor too much of the esoteric lessons we learned therein. I just wanted to bring it up as I had been thinking of this degree a lot lately...

For our education program at our Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite meeting this month, we discussed the 5th Degree through the Master Craftsman Group Study with slides. Then our Venerable Master divided up parts for next month's

meeting to put on the 5th Degree for the first time in many years. Most members of Bismarck Valley haven't even seen all the degrees, but only the 5 Obligatory Degrees of the Scottish Rite (4th & 14th in the Lodge of Perfection, 18th in the Chapter of the Knights of Rose Croix, 30th in the Council of Kadosh, and 32nd in the Consistory of the Royal Secret). A few of us have gone through it, like myself who went through all the degrees in Minneapolis Valley back in 2002, but it's good for those who have not to experience the other degrees to do so and those who have to again review.

Some of the main points of this degree talk about the Funeral Rites of our beloved Grand Master from the Symbolic Lodge. We are taught to plan for our legacy and for our families in the event of our untimely passing. Do we have a Living Will; do we know what will happen to our dependents; do we have a plan for our debts so they will be repaid and our families won't be indebted; do we have the documents set up for our estates so our wishes for the rest of our property and finances to go?

Another question to answer before one passes, that I haven't honestly thought too much about in relation to the 5th Degree lessons: Do we know

exactly what we want in our own "Funeral Rites"? I've always thought that I would write my Celebration of Life wishes with the scriptures, songs, hymns, special music, Masonic Memorial Service, and inspirational quotes within my own Funeral Service, but what am I waiting for? We never know when, right? My Brother I knew well from my Units in Sesostris Shrine and church choir, but was also a Scottish Rite Mason, did just that a few years before his passing just last month.

Many of you knew Arvid Barth. I was blessed to know him as many of you were as well. It was great to be able to view his Memorial Service livestreamed. As mentioned in the message, he did like to plan those things...And hence my remembrance of the lessons within 5th Degree in the Scottish Rite...

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

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