



# The Masonic News



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## George and Martha Washington Joint Installations

Betty Kirby

January 5, 2020 was a very busy day at the Havelock Masonic Center. Starting the day at 11:00 a.m. was the one-hundred seventeenth Installation of Officers for Martha Washington Chapter. The following were installed for 2020: Worthy Matron, Sis. Susan Hedges; Associate Matron, Sis. Julie Fowler; Associate Patron, Bro. John Kirby; Secretary, Sis. Betty Kirby; Treasurer, Bro. Mike Buchardt; Conductress, Sis.

Michelle Smith; Chaplain, Bro. Roger Warnke; Marshal, Sis. Maxine Buchardt; Adah, Sis. Glee Warnke; Esther, Sis. Pam Lindholm; Martha, PGM Sis. Jeanine Bryceson; and Sentinel, Bro. Mark Poston.

Illness, vacation, and holiday travel accounted for the following to be installed at a later date: Worthy Patron, Bro. Andy Martin; Associate Conductress, Sis. Paula Beezley; Organist, Sis. Jeanne Krenk; Electa, Sis. Kelsey Larsen; and Warder, Bro. David Sierks.

The Installing officers for the OES Installation were: PGM Sis. Betty Garwood, Installing Officer; PGM and Grand Sec., Sis. Jan Thoman, Installing Marshal; Bro. Kirk Brown, Installing Chaplain; and Sis. Brenda Frank-Collins, Installing Organist.

Over 50 Sisters and Brothers were in attendance for the lovely Installation Ceremony. Sis. Sue Hedges, our new Worthy Matron, is a very familiar face to most in Nebraska. Sis. Sue has served as Worthy Matron seven times in four different chapters here in Nebraska. We are most grateful for her accepting the position and look forward to a

great year. Sis. Sue's colors are starting as black and white and we look forward to adding a new color that is significant to the Masonic family each month.

Following the Closing Ode and the Mizpah benediction, everyone adjourned to the Colonial Room where we were lead in prayer by Bro. Roger Warnke and had a delicious lunch.

Immediately after lunch, we met again in the Lodge Room where the Grand Master of Masons, Most Worshipful Brother Robert Moninger presided as the Installing Officer for George Washington Lodge #250. Assisting him were: Mike Buchardt P.M., Installing Chaplain; Dennis Brydl, P.M., Installing Marshal; and Mark Poston P.M., Installing Secretary.

Installed for the 2020 Year for George Washington Lodge #250 were: Worshipful Master, Roger Warnke; Senior Warden, John Kirby, P.M.; Secretary/ Treasurer, Daniel Brunsen, P.M.; Chaplain, Mark Poston, P.M.; Senior Deacon, Eric Bachenberg, P.M.; and Earl Robinett, P.M., Tyler. Bro. George Wright, P.M., will be

installed as Junior Deacon at a later date.

W.M. Roger welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced his family that could be present that afternoon. Roger noted that not only were Masons and dignitaries from several lodges and Masonic bodies in attendance, but over 30 Eastern Star members from various chapters were in attendance.

The members of Martha Washington Chapter #153 OES and George Washington Lodge #250 AF&AM wish the newly installed officers all the best in the upcoming year and hope that both bodies have a very successful year.

These two bodies have done joint installations several times in previous years, and it was, once again, a very successful day for all and enjoyed by many visitors. We are so grateful for everyone who attended either or both of these installations.

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**DUES ARE DUE**

Dues for all Nebraska Masonic Lodges for 2020 are due Jan. 1. Send payment to your Lodge Secretary. Members with unpaid dues are delinquent as of December 31. Suspension by Grand Lodge comes April 30. Suspension in Blue Lodge also means suspension in Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Look at your dues card. If it does not say 2020, send payment today to your Secretary.

Eastern Star dues are also due Jan. 1. Send dues to your Chapter Secretary. Unpaid members will become delinquent Oct. 1, with suspension Dec. 31.



2020 Officers of Martha Washington Chapter #153



Worshipful Master Roger Warnke of George Washington Lodge #250 AF&AM with Nebraska Grand Master, Robert Moninger.

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## Bethel #63

### Kristi Thornburg

#### Member Spotlight!

Name: Cyndi  
Favorite Color: Periwinkle  
Favorite Movie: Blind Side  
Age she joined Job's Daughters: 10  
Favorite Office: Honored Queen  
Favorite thing about JDI: Meeting new members from across the state and around the world  
Favorite memory in JDI: Awards Night at Grand Session – cheering on and supporting all of her sisters that competed

#### SAVE THE DATES!

Bethel 63 will be hosting a reception for our members that are currently serving in the Grand Family and honoring Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter Katie! Please join us on Saturday, February 22 at Lanes n Games on East Campus at 1:00 – 3:00 to celebrate their achievements this year!

Mark your calendars for Bethel 63's SIXTH Annual Fiesta Feed for HIKE! Our Fiesta Feed will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Scottish Rite this year! You won't want to miss this special event!



#### Installation

Bethel 63 held their installation of officers on Sunday, December 29. Cyndi was installed as Honored Queen. Her theme for this term is Western and colors used were black and red. She has a fun term planned for our members – filled with meetings, fun activities, and of course – Grand practices! We look forward to having a lot of fun!

**Join us!**  
Is your daughter interested in developing leadership skills? Making new friends? Serving others? Please join us at one of our fun activities so we can share everything Job's Daughters has to offer with her! Our fun activities coming up are: Paint Yourself Silly, Laser Tag & DQ, Sweetheart Ball, and a Galentine's Day Party! Please reach out to our Bethel Guardian Kristi for more info!



## Electa Chapter #8

### Mike Lagueux

We have begun a new decade of a new millennium. The first years have brought new changes to the Chapters and Lodges as a new generation of Masters and Worthy Matrons have begun to make this new time in history theirs. The new technology of this time is slowly mixing with the old traditions of our organizations. These will hopefully help us to appreciate what those who piloted the Lodges and Chapters into this age have accomplished. We have the hopes and wishes for a lasting society that will seek out that which can be done for others, that which is the right thing to do.

decade for Electa #8 is beginning with new expectations, new hopes, new ideas, and, well, very "seasoned" officers to shepherd in these plans. New people to the Chapter are taking stations for the very first time, but they are relying on the experience of Worthy Matron Denise and Worthy Patron Don to help them learn their new jobs and those they will be assuming in the coming years. As a collective I think it is easy to say that "all is well with my soul" and we thank He who does all things well for these new, but experienced, leaders.

the past years and then start the planning for the new years; the new leaders, the next generation who will carry on the traditions of our organizations. Just like our past leaders have done.

the chapter during it's monthly business meeting. Ask about "chocolate devotion" which will be coming up this year and share a laugh or two with new friends and a few "seasoned" ones too.

The race to establish the New Year and its first busy months of meetings and requirements have begun. Enjoy the rush of it. Also remember our God is always watching over us. God Bless you all during this new time.

During our regular meeting of the Chapter WM Brenda and WP Doug were careful to cross the T's and dot the I's securing a great year for the Chapter. All of the business has been completed, all of the members have been represented well and with due diligence, and all is now ready for the new officers to begin this new decade.

During the annual reports our officers who are stepping give at that final meeting of their term there was a mixture of relief and sadness in leaving their offices. Worthy Matron Brenda thanked her officers for serving this past year, related what she had hoped to accomplish, and reflected on the Chapter's gains and losses during her term in the East.

This past year has taken a toll however. As I looked around the room at our last meeting I noticed a few more walkers and canes due to the infirmities of our members. Injuries and ailments seemed to define a hard fought year, but a spirit of resilience. It almost had the chorus of the twelve days of Christmas ringing in my ears...one injured back, two total knees, and so forth! The spirit is willing, but the flesh; well, it's recovering.

As we go into this new decade let us make it one of hope, healing, and remembrance, let us also embrace it with resilience of character and spirit. There is still much to be done and time will be kind to those who embrace it. Come to the installation of officers for the 2020 Chapter on January 18, 2020 and make them know you support them and our Chapter. On that topic, stop in on the first Saturday of the month and enjoy time with

What is funny about all this is that the more things change, the more they seem to remain the same! This new

Nostalgia is a wonderful thing, as long as we do not make the past our home of record. We give homage to

## Capitol Chapter #320

### Sue Stroud



Worthy Matron Cindee Atwood and Worthy Patron Jairo Cabeles present Sister Kathy Berger with her twenty-five year pin.  
Picture by Martha Cabeles.

# Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt



Happy New Year dear friends! We hope your holidays were Merry and Bright! Temple Chapter members have been spending time with their families and spreading good cheer. Since last we wrote, several holidays have happened and many things to report.

In December, Temple Chapter officers wanted to share the holiday spirit, so they went and brought cookies and friendship to some members who are not able to attend meetings. It was so wonderful to catch up and hear their amazing stories. On December 16th, Temple Chapter gathered for a Christmas party with a potluck dinner and gift card exchange. It was fun to exchange gift cards, see what people got and a Christmas trivia game was played.



In November, Temple Chapter Members gathered for our traditional in-gathering and we had a murderously good time! We gave thanks for friends as we shared good food with a potluck and had fun with a Jane Austen Murder Mystery. The Rainbow Girls joined us and it was a blast, especially as we learned who the murderer was, Mr. Bennet (aka Monte Dietrick)!



Temple started the New Year by wrapping up our service project of 2019. All year, members collected children's books, and on January 6th we brought those books to Clinton Elementary school where we laid them out for teachers to take.

Teachers all across the U.S. use their own funds to keep their classrooms stocked with books, so with Worthy Matron Tiffany's theme being about the love of reading, Temple Chapter decided to help! We donated over 300 books to teachers and even some students who were there. It really was an incredible experience especially as the kids were told they could pick books too. The joy and happiness was indescribable.



Our stated business meeting for January was concluded on January 6th also and we paid tribute to the members of Temple Chapter that have passed on. We look forward to our Worthy Matron-Elect and Worthy Patron-Elect, Cindy Kehling and Andy Seachord, as they plan to get installed Sunday January 12th at 4pm. The New Year looks bright and exciting and we can't wait to see what comes.



## Lincoln Assembly #6 Rainbow Girls

Tiffany Westerholt



The Rainbow Girls of Lincoln Assembly #6 have been busy having fun during the Holidays!



In November (can you remember that far back?!) the girls joined Temple Chapter #271 OES for their in-gathering and played a

Jane Austen Murder Mystery. It was a hoot; all the girls were book characters and got to read lines. They even partook of their favorite meal: KFC chicken!



To ring in the Christmas cheer, in December the girls rang bells for the Salvation Army. In years past we have run bells outside and sang Christmas carols, but this year we decided to

ring bells inside the comfy warmth of Gateway Mall. We had an assortment of bells to ring and while encouraging shoppers to donate to a worthy cause, tried to recreate the carol of the bells. Alas, it sounded more like reindeer gone crazy.

We wrapped up our year with our last business meeting in December and will meet again in January to start planning our next amazing adventure. So stay tuned to our articles and our website to see what we're up to. We have some trips coming up and lots of service and we hope to see you if

you come visit us! Until then, Happy New Year!



**CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER**

George	Washington	250
Martha	Washington	153

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Second Saturday of  
Every Month Oct - April  
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
\$8.00 per person  
*Hot Roast Beef Sandwich,  
Creamed Chicken over  
Biscuits, Mashed  
Potatoes, Veggies,  
Coffee, Tea, or Water.*

## Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

January has arrived and time for a new beginning in almost all lodges. New officers, new ideas and new plans for the year. It is also time for dues to be paid. Don't wait until the last minute and several prompts for your secretary before you pay annual dues.

I don't have a lot to report this time, but I did have a unique experience at the first of the year. On New Years day I got an e-mail that one of our members had passed away and the family wanted a Masonic Service on January 4th. Not much time to assemble a Funeral team. I thought that I had better look up the Brother and find out the facts on the Brother. When I did look I found that he was not a member of our lodge. I could not call Grand Lodge that day, so in turn I did not go any further.

The next day I did call Grand Lodge and we found out he was a 70-year member in a Lodge in Minnesota but lived in Lincoln. His lodge number was 9 and not 19 as ours is. The family still wanted the Masonic Funeral service. I decided as we were first contacted, we would put together the team and honor the request. I got

the information and created his record. I did not realize until the day of the funeral that this would be a Greek Orthodox funeral. It was a real experience at a different funeral. The church was very full and the team did very well. We had many good comments. Lesson: if you are asked, do not turn down the opportunity to give a Brother the Funeral Rites.

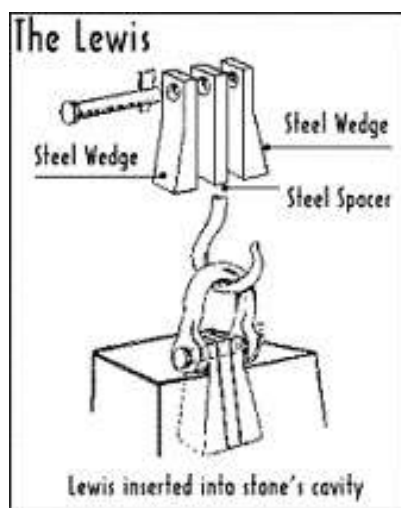
This Brother was a very prominent man in the Lincoln community. He was 100 years old with 70 Masonic years.

### Lewis Background and History

A lewis is a simple, but ingenious device employed by operative Masons to raise heavy blocks of stone into place during construction of stone buildings of the time. It consists of three metal parts: two wedge-shaped sidepieces, and a straight centerpiece, that fit together (tendon).

The Lewis is inserted into a specially prepared seating in the top of a stone, directly above its center of mass, and works by transferring the stone's weight into leverage on the seating of the Lewis device. A

dovetailed recess is cut into the top of the stone block (mortise). The two outer pieces of the Lewis device are inserted first and then spread by the insertion of an appropriate sized centerpiece. The three parts are then bolted together, a metal ring or shackle is attached, and the block is hoisted by hook, rope and pulley. By this means, the block is gripped securely and appropriately balanced. Once set in its place in the structure, the Lewis is removed leaving the upper surface smooth with no clamp or chains on the outside to interfere with the laying of the adjacent or next course of stones.



Our ancient operative brethren used this tool as early as the Roman era. Stones with the mortised cavity for the insertion of a Lewis have been found in England in Hadrian's Wall built c. 121-127 CE. Archaeologists have found further

evidence of its use by the Saxons in England in buildings constructed in the 7th century. The origin of the term 'Lewis' for this device is uncertain. Some authorities trace its etymology to the French levis from lever - to lift, hoist, raise; and louve - a sling, grip or claw for lifting stones.

Masonic historians conclude that the term came into use in the 18th century. The Lecture in the Second Degree published by William Preston in the 1780s contains a lengthy discourse on the Lewis.

A paragraph in a version of the Junior Warden's Lecture used in the United Grand Lodge of England dating from 1801 gives this instructive explanation: "The word Lewis denotes strength, and is here depicted by certain pieces of metal dovetailed into a stone, which forms a cramp, and enables the operative Mason to raise great weights to certain heights with little encumbrance, and to fix them in their proper places. Lewis, likewise denotes the son of a Mason; his duty is to bear the heat and burden of the day, from which his parents, by reason of their age,

ought to be exempt; to help them in time of need, and thereby render the close of their days happy and comfortable; his privilege for so doing is to be made a Mason before any other person however dignified."

### Honour thy father...

In the days of operative Masonry, it was a great source of pride when a son followed in his father's footsteps and was Entered as an Apprentice, his name 'entered' on the roll, and thereby admitted to the lodge. To study his father's skills and learn to use his father's tools were manifest expressions of the greatest honour and esteem a son could pay. It was common to carry on the tradition through several generations in the same family.

It is a heart-warming day when a young man first shows interest in Freemasonry and asks his father how he might become a Mason, and it is a proud day when that son, in the fullness of time, is admitted a member of his father's lodge by Initiation.

## Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

Well, it's the beginning of another busy year at Lancaster Lodge #54, and the officers are all gearing up to get busy! Congratulations to all of the new officers who were installed on January 12th.

On January 24th we will begin again to perform our ritual proficiency with the Entered Apprentice degree; it's always best when we

have a full house, so stop by and help fill the room!

The February business meeting will fall on Valentine's Day this year, and WM Matt has planned a special dinner for our spouses to thank them for coming to lodge. Please RSVP to WM Matt at 531-800-4650 or matthew.zier@gmail.com no later than January

31st so we can properly plan with the caterer and the florist.

Looking into the rest of the year, there are many exciting events coming up, including camping trips for the brothers, and many events for the whole family. You won't want to miss a thing, so be sure to drop by the business meetings to hear what great fun the officers have planned!

Finally, an appeal from your humble secretary: dues are now due, and if you haven't had a chance yet, please drop them in the mail, or even better stop by lodge and drop them off in person. Even more important, if you've moved, changed phones, or changed e-mails, please let me know at 402-314-6310 or adam.thayer@gmail.com

so I can update our contact information for you. We use that contact info to touch base throughout the year and let you know about upcoming events, so you want to be certain that we're reaching you at the correct location!

## College View Lodge #320

### Paul Hadley

#### Lodge officers begin '20 terms

David Johnson began his term in the East on January 11, when College View Lodge #320 installed its officers for 2020. He succeeds WB Curt Wolbert as Master of the Lodge.

Other officers for the coming year include:

WB Jairo Cabeles as Senior Warden, WB Garry Kassebaum as Junior Warden, WB Douglas Johnson as Secretary, WB Curt as Treasurer, WB Tom Anderson as Chaplain, Caid Bless as Senior Steward, Scott Buck as Senior Deacon, Sean Bush as Junior Deacon, WB Mike Berger as Tyler and WB Henry Schultz as Marshal.

#### We're upgrading kitchen furniture!

During the regular meeting of January 8, brethren

discussed several ongoing and future projects.

WB Curt Wolbert noted College View Lodge #320 accomplished many goals during 2019, such as meeting our recruiting target and passing the proficiency exam.

Some of the other highlights from the past year include holding Traveling Lodge meetings at Columbus and Plattsmouth, attending a cornerstone ceremony at Columbus, hosting an all-building BBQ on June 1, using proceeds from our garage sale to replace toilets at the Lodge, and making landscaping improvements and buying a new snow blower.

Almost \$6,000 was raised this fall from the sale of tools donated by the family of the late WB Don Schaufelberger. We are considering using these funds to replace the cabinetry in the Fellowship

Hall kitchen.

After the regular communication, a local cabinetmaker showed samples of materials and design elements to trustees and other interested members from College View. The lodge membership will discuss whether to accept this contractor's bid during our February 5 business meeting.

#### Hottell reaches Third Degree

On December 18, College View Lodge raised Brother Jack Hottell to the sublime degree of Master Mason. WB Tom Anderson conferred the degree as Worshipful Master, with WM Curt Wolbert as Senior Warden, WB Chuck Burk as Junior Warden, WB Paul Hadley as Chaplain, Brother David Johnson as Senior Deacon, RWB Bruce Watkins as Junior Deacon, Brother Sean



Bush as Senior Steward, Brother Caid Bless as Junior Steward, and WB Mike Berger as Tyler.

WB Tom and Brother Caid gave the Questions and Answers lecture — which also served at Caid's proof of proficiency in the Degree. WB Dave Sierks (North Star Lodge #227) gave the 2nd lecture, and RWB Bruce Watkins gave the 3rd lecture and issued the Charge.

Others present were WB Ron Epp, WB John Cramer (Cotner Lodge #297), and Brother Pat Carny (Hickman Lodge #256). We wish Brother Jack well as he begins his new career in Scottsbluff.

Brother Jack Hottell (front row center) is the newest Master Mason of College View Lodge #320. He was raised to the sublime degree during a December 18 ceremony.

## Liberty Lodge #300

### Lynn Friesen

2020 - the start of a new decade and new leadership for the year. We thank Past Worshipful Master, Lance Neeman, for all of his efforts to bring our Lodge together to have fun fellowshiping and encouraging each other as we grow in Masonry. 2019 saw an increase in attendance to many of our activities - a feat that Worshipful Master Dennis Hecht is looking to expand upon.

Another aspect of Lance's year that contributed greatly to the Lodge's success was his utilization

of numerous forms of communication to let Brothers know what was going on. There were emails, texts, Facebook posts and even the use of the Masonic News. Whatever the means, the word was spread, and Brothers heeded the call. In his first month, Worshipful Master, Dennis Hecht is continuing to keep Brothers informed through every means possible.

Looking up the definition of communication, I was amazed by the definition from the Merriam-Webster dictionary. Communication

is defined as the process by which information is exchanged between individuals through common system of symbols, signs or behavior and is also the exchange of information. Yes, we communicate events, activities and agendas, but as Masons we also communicate an ideal. I personally believe it is that ideal that binds us together and is exemplified through the use of all the working tools.

We are excited to share our Craft with our two EA's that are working hard on

their full proficiency and will be proving up in the next couple months. As they working on their proficiency, Worshipful Master Hecht is working with the Lodge to achieve another year of Lodge proficiency. By the end of January, we should be approved proficient in opening and closing.

Moving into February, our first major event of the year is scheduled: Thursday, February 27th, we will be holding our annual Table Lodge and celebrating George Washington's birthday.

What an honor celebrating our Craft and the life of one of our greatest members. Last year, 48 Brothers from six different lodges attended Table Lodge, which it would be great to exceed the 50 mark in 2020. Keep your eyes open for more information promoting the event.

2020 is going to be a great year and the start to an amazing decade. We are excited for you to join us.

## Columbia Chapter #275

### Kaylene Martin

#### FOUR GENERATIONS

With the initiation of Sister Brooke we now have four generations of the family that are members of Columbia Chapter.



From left to right: Sisters P.M Kaylene Martin, Gr. Grandmother, P.M. Trudi

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At a closed meeting Columbia Chapter installed the following officers with the assistance of Installing Officer P.M. Kaylene Martin, Installing Marshal P.M. Janice Janssen, and Installing Chaplain P.M. Kristi Thornburg.

W. Matron P.M Trudi Thornburg, W. Patron P.P. John Quinn, A. Matron P.M. Dyana Burton, A. Patron P.P. Donald Dissmeyer, Sec. P.M.

Kaylene Martin, Treas. Darrel Weers, Cond. P.M. Janice Janssen, A.Cond. P.M. Megan Thornburg, Chaplain P.P. Charles Cummings, Adah P.M. Nancy Weers, Ruth P.M. Susan Campbell, Esther P.M. Eleanor Miller, Electa P.M. Norma Cummings, Warder P.M. Kristi Thornburg, Sentinel P.P. Kevin Thornburg.

Congratulations and thank you for your continued support of Columbia Chapter.

Thornburg, Grandmother, P.M. Dyana Burton, Mother and Brooke Beard.

#### ENGAGEMENT

P. M. Megan Thornburg announced her engagement to Josh Barta. The wedding is scheduled for May of 2021. Congratulations Megan.

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

12th Judy Wilson

17th Nancy Weers



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## East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

The brethren of 210 enjoyed a covered dish dinner at 6:30 PM followed by January's business meeting. East Lincoln 210's magnificent lodge room is now brighter than ever thanks to WBs Jeff Buhrman and Scott

Dietrick, along with Bro. Mark Reece for all of the hours spent installing the new lighting.

The secretary read a petition for reinstatement, and WB Buhrman formed an investigation committee.

WB Joel Green gave a report on behalf of the scholarship committee and thanked WB Bill Hayes for the invite to the recent Scottish Rite Table Lodge.

The Grand Master's resolutions were discussed, WB Buhrman was thanked and applauded for a tremendous year as Master, and Master elect Adam Holle announced an installation walk through for January 16th

at 6:30 PM.

Lastly, WB Rick Harris lost his brother last month so please keep him in your thoughts.

## Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

**HAPPY NEW YEAR.** The regular meeting of Martha Washington Chapter was held on Jan. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone was welcomed by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Business was conducted in the usual orderly manner by our Worthy Matron.

Winter Dinners at the Havelock Masonic Center on the Second Saturday of each month. We serve creamed chicken over hot biscuits or a hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and relishes. Join us for an evening of fellowship. Serving between 4:30 and 7 p.m.

**BANQUET.** The date is set for the annual George and Martha Washington banquet on February 16 at 4:30. Please see an officer for the details.

the Specialty Hospital at Bryan West 7th floor where she will be for awhile; Brother David Sierks will be having sinus surgery Tuesday, January 7. Brother Troy Tuhey is still at the Lancaster Manor recuperating from a broken femur. Sis. Paula Beezley has a terrible cold and is staying away from crowds for awhile.

Marolyn Marshall (Jan 10); Sabrina Dahl (Jan 12); Michelle Smith (Jan 16); Judy Holtgrewe (Jan. 18); and Mark Poston (Jan. 27)

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To all the 2020 officers of surrounding chapters, we want to say "Thank you" for your service and Best Wishes for an Exciting and Beautiful year.

**SECOND SATURDAY.** Members and readers of the Masonic News are always invited to our

**GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON**

**ILLNESS:** Sis. Laura Chytka fell down steps on Dec. 31 and broke three bones in her ankle. She will have surgery to repair the break as soon as the swelling goes down. Sis. Ardelle Boardman is in

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Yvonne Nelson (Jan 8);

## Bethel #5

Kristen Swisher

Bethel #5 has been quite busy this term! We would like to congratulate Faith on a great term as Honored Queen. On Saturday, January 4th, we installed our next Honored Queen, Gwen and know she will have an amazing term as well and we are excited to see what she has in store for us. Her theme for her term is Broadway. Bethel #5 would also like to thank the members of Craftsman Lodge #314 and Starcraft Chapter #307 OES for allowing us to use their building for our Installation, we truly appreciate it!

We extend a very much anticipated welcome to Jess, Grace, Sophie and Elizabeth as they continue their Job's Daughters journey.



In October, we also had fun working a booth at the Shrine's annual Halloween party and got to pass out lots of treats to all those that came out. 2 days later, the Bethel held their own Halloween party and a fun-filled sleepover. A couple of our Council Members dressed up in inflatable dinosaur costumes in hopes of scaring the girls, but I think all we did was make them laugh until they cried! Either way, it was a night full of memories!

In November we were asked to perform the Living Cross for members of Starcraft Chapter #307 and as a thank you for supporting our HIKE Bakery fundraiser, we brought them pies after their meeting. We also held another event that might just become a new yearly tradition with our Bethel. We invited family members to come share a Thanksgiving potluck. We all went around the tables and said what we were thankful for. It was a wonderful event that we got to share with not only our own family members, but our Jobie family as well and for that I think we are all truly thankful for.



We didn't slow down in December at all. Bethel #5 held it's 3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 14th. This year we were joined by Star Dogs Louie and Charlie and their human companions. I would like to thank WGM Karan Birdsall for making that happen! I think everyone enjoyed

seeing them. We were able to raise \$500 for HIKE which is Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment. This non-profit organization helps to purchase hearing devices for children whose families would not otherwise be able to afford them and we were happy we could contribute. Thank you to anyone and everyone who came, shared or supported this event and don't worry if you missed out, it's only 11 more months until it happens again!

Bethel #5 would like to extend an invitation for you to come visit and sit in during one of our meetings. Anyone with proper Masonic Relation is welcome to attend. You would be very impressed with how the girls run the meetings. Yes, I said the



girls run the meetings. They learn how to organize, delegate, vote, and lead others just by holding their meetings. Our meetings are the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of every month (except July & August) at 10:00am at the Masonic Temple at 16th & L Street. If you would like more information, please contact Bethel Guardian Kristen.



One of the best things we did this past term was to grow our membership by welcoming 4 new members to our Bethel; 3 of the 4 were Jobie To Bees which means they started coming to activities when they turned 8 and continued to learn and meet new friends so they were more than excited to join when they turned 10!



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Sun. Feb 16: George & Martha Washington Banquet, George Washington Lodge 4:30 PM

Sat. Feb 22: Grand Bethel reception, East Campus, 1:00 PM

Pancake Breakfast - Capitol Chapter #320 - 46th & Cooper - \$6 All You Can Eat Pancakes and more - 8 AM

## 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.

### Masonic Tenets – Brotherly Love

Brotherly Love; Relief; and Truth...For three months, we'll take another look on the Tenets or Principles of Freemasonry and discuss what that means for our Masons, our Lodges, and appendant bodies. I encourage each of you to take these into account, research more about them, and discuss further, as there is never one answer for these topics.

This month we discuss the first of these three Tenets/Principles of Masonry and is that of Brotherly Love.

The strengths of our Fraternal Bounds is felt deeper than most. We teach in our Ceremonies and Degrees the ties that bind us together are stronger with the Masonic Ties we try to uphold in our own lives. We each have our own understanding of these lessons, but I just wanted to give you a couple of my thoughts to ponder on this:

For Masons, we have a strong bond together through our experiences in ritual and friendships we gain in our meetings and events. Yet, we may have a stronger bond to carry that "brotherly love" over to all of human kind. Family in the broad sense of the word wherein we are all living in this world..."Love your enemies as yourself." No matter who we are, we can strive to work together in peace and harmony.

As we share our Brotherly Love with the world around us, we are bonded in that friendship that feels stronger than a family brother where we'll share our relief of charity and truth of secrets.

Inviting that new member of DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, Order of Eastern Star, and Masonic Lodges & appendant bodies to your table at the Feast/Festive Board/Installation Reception, meet them and their spouses and kids. Get to know them and the bonds will strengthen tighter than you can imagine.

Again, don't stop with these ideas and thoughts. Feel free to have discussions on the esoteric, philosophy, different ways to interpret, and what this means to you. Remember that there isn't one final answer, but many truths to include in these topic discussions.

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

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