



The Masonic News



North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

65 YEAR MEMBER

A big shout out of CONGRATULATIONS to Bro Gilbert L. Thomas of Bloomington IN for 65 years of being a Master Mason. Bro. Thomas is a 3rd generation Mason as was his father, Bro. Wilber Thomas and his Grandfather Bro Thomas R. Hale. Unfortunately, the pin and certificate had to be mailed to him. What a milestone! Bro Thomas was raised, October 26, 1955 in North Star Lodge No. 227

On September 30, WM Bruce Watkins called a Special Meeting in the Entered Apprentice Degree for the purpose of conferring the degree of an Entered Apprentice on Mr. Nathan L. Novak. In the East, WM Bruce Watkins, in the West WB Dan Chesnut and WB Steven Flader in the

South. WB Bob Tooker conducted the candidate as SD with WB David Sierks as JD. WBs Keith Brocksmith and Evan Hayden were Sr and Jr Stewards respectively. Questions were asked by WB Hayden and answered by WB Tooker. The Second Section Lecture was delivered by WB David Sierks and the 3rd Section given by WM Bruce Watkins. The Charge was given by none other than WB Karl Capek. WB Dennis Mundt prayed for his wretched soul as Chaplain. As they say in Minnesota, a "little lunch" was provided.

The October Business Meeting was opened at 7:30 October 7th in the Entered Apprentice Degree for the purpose of paying the bills and wages if aught be due. Grand Lodge proposals

and changes were read. The canopy on the west side of the building is in dire need of repair and a proposal to repair was approved by those members in attendance. Attention to this "trifling defect" was delayed due to the water problem in early spring and the nasty virus that is circulating.

A motion was offered and approved to send a contribution to the family of police investigator Luis "Mario" Herrera who was murdered while assisting with serving an arrest warrant on a felon. The hat was also passed for his family and the generosity was overwhelming. Investigator Herrera and WB Steve Wetzel were patrol partners for a time and both worked the same shift as security at St Elizabeth Hospital.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and our gratitude for his 23 years of providing a safe place to live.

We are a little behind in our Lodge Certification but we slowly chipping away at it. We will have a practice October 14th at 7:00 p.m. and will do it for score on the 21st at 7:00. We really do need the installed officers to be there!

Last thing: the November Business Meeting means election of officers for 2021. You may want to be there lest you find yourself elected to a position you were not expecting.

Till next month, stay healthy and safe and remember to do your duty and VOTE!

Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt

As the warm weather changes to cooler temperatures and the leaves begin to fall, Temple Chapter #271 members gathered again for meetings and fellowship as we strive to hang on during these uncertain and turbulent times. We are blessed in each other and blessed to have friends such as yourselves. We hope everyone is staying safe and being well during this time.

In September and October, we met as a chapter and, despite the distance and masks, it was so good to finally see everyone. We had much business to discuss and things to figure out. One of those tasks was to figure out what to do since we aren't making noodles

this year. Well friends, we have a plan! We decided that instead of bringing noodles to you this year to warm your hearts, we would sell you some delicious coffee instead to keep you warm! That's right! From now until November 9th, Temple Chapter #271 members are selling bags of either whole beans or ground 12oz bags of coffee made by The Lincoln Coffee Roaster here in town. You can order your pick of Medium Blend, Dark Roast, or Decaf. The bags are only \$15 and make wonderful gifts. Buy some coffee to have so when we can break bread and have fellowships again, we can have coffee together! So want to know how you can buy coffee from us? Contact

any member of Temple Chapter #271 and we can set you up! Don't know anyone from Temple? No problem: email us at templechapter271@gmail.com, check us out on our Facebook page or you can go onto our website: www.templechapter.org and on our Coffee Roaster page there is a link that you can send in an order. We're so excited to share this opportunity with you and would love to hear from you on how many bags of coffee you want to buy. Don't forget to buy some to give to your friends and family!

We can't wait to see you all again and we send you our star love and friendship from a 6ft distance.

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Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

As I announced last month we will be having a drive-by fooding to help support the Food Bank of Lincoln. This will take place on October 17th from 10AM to 1 PM and stations will be set up in the parking lot at 1635 L Street for you to donate. All the people accepting the food will be COVID compliant (masks, sanitizer, etc.) as determined by the CDC and state and local regulations. All you will need to do is drive in. We will unload it from you vehicle, you do not have to get out, and we will thank you

for helping those who are suffering the most during these exceptional times we are experiencing. Nonperishable food items, personal hygiene items (must be new and in the package), baby items such as disposable diapers, shampoo, etc. will be welcomed. Since COVID moved into town, the amount of donations have dropped markedly and this will be a great chance to catch up. We currently have two blue barrels available, but we will never turn contributions away. Join us, please!

Due to an uptick in infection rates for COVID 19 in and around the Lincoln area, the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron decided to not have a meeting in October for the safety of all of our members. The officers are still busy getting the work of the Chapter completed, and hoping that the trend will be downward for next month. We will be choosing a new set of officers for the coming year, but are still uncertain what that process will look like. Rest assured the Chapter will continue

to move forward and conduct our business. It might look a little different, but we will adapt, improvise, and overcome to make it happen.

I received notice from the Masonic Temple Board President, Joe Huskey, who is very grateful to Electa #8 for the support the Chapter has given to the volunteer workers who maintain the building and grounds giving of their own time, and often treasure, to ensure the building is in good working order. Many initiatives to renovate and restore the structure and furnishings have been completed thanks in large part to the dedication and tenacity of these members of the board and the volunteers with special skills we depend on for help. The members of Electa who supply food for the workers and keep all of our spirits up during these trying times is something few know about, but many benefit from. The Board of Directors thanks all of you from the bottom of their hearts.

I remember President John Kennedy's speech in which he challenged the American public to give of their services and time. It was unusually powerful in one

particular part when he admonished all listening to, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." With this simple, yet powerful challenge we started on the road to send men to the surface of the moon and safely return them to earth. This is the vision we seem to be missing today in the contentious times in which we are currently living. While we are on the subject; PLEASE, exercise your RIGHT to vote if you haven't already.

If I had it in my power I would ask only one thing today...perform a random act of kindness to someone you do not know. Say hello to someone, ask them how their day is going. Can it hurt? Probably not. Can it help? Who knows, but isn't it worth the effort to try?

Until next month I wish you health and happiness. May the Lord bless and keep you, and grant you the peace of His presence in your life.



WHAT: Drive-by Food and Personal Item Drop-Off
WHERE: 1635 L Street parking lot
WHEN: Saturday, October 17th, 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

September was a busy month at Liberty - business meeting, EA & FC practice and proficiency, EA degree and a dark week for several Brothers to get healthy.

Thursday, September 10th, we had the privilege to host Worshipful Brother Graham House who critiqued our EA and FC degrees and approved us proficient for another year. Two down and one more to go to achieve proficiency for 70 years straight. By the time this issue is out we will be a week away from our last proficiency degree (MM).

After our EA/FC proficiency the work didn't stop there, we had our first EA degree in 2020, Thursday, September 17th. We are excited to announce we have added a new Brother to our Fraternity, Brother Jeff Maher. Besides initiating a new Brother, it was encouraging to have so many Brothers attend

and participate in roles to welcome Jeff. We look forward to mentoring him as he works through the degrees.

Lastly, we were dark for a week for several Brothers to get healthy. To maintain privacy the names will not be divulged, but there were a couple of Lodge Brothers that tested positive for Covid. The Lodge Brothers did their part to take the necessary precautions with Lodge being dark to get through the quarantine period and Brothers not attending the School of Instruction. Thankfully all the Brothers have recovered and are feeling much better.

As we are all aware there is a huge decision for Americans coming up in November. This will not be a political viewpoint of the upcoming events, but a reflection of the importance of what we learn through Masonry that helps us maintain

our sanity. During the EA degree for our new Brother, Jeff Maher, there were numerous points during the degree that hit home specific to pending events. Past Master Wade Kendle did an eloquent job of presenting the EA charge to our new Brother. How often have we read and considered what is being presented in the charge?

Hearing it presented and reading it later, there were several points that are extremely relevant. Instead of trying to paraphrase here are the direct words from the charge.

"No institution was ever raised on a better principle or more solid foundation; nor were ever more excellent rules and useful maxims laid down than are inculcated in the several Masonic lectures. The greatest and best of men, in all ages, have been encouragers and promoters of the art, and have never deemed it

derogatory to their dignity to level themselves with the Fraternity." Wow!! We can be proud to be a part of such a great organization that binds us together on a common ground even if our societal views are opposed.

"To your neighbor, in acting upon the square, and doing unto him as you wish he should do unto you." Do we think any different of those Brothers that have different views? Absolutely not! We consider them Brothers and would not think adversely of them as much as we would think adversely of ourselves.

"In the state, you are to be a quiet and peaceful subject, true to your government, and just to your country; you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the

country in which you live.....And for your country, my brother, and for that flag – never dream a dream but of serving her as she bids you, though the service carry you through a thousand hells. No matter what happens to you, no matter who flatters you or who abuses you, never look at another flag, never let a night pass but you pray God to bless that flag. Remember, my brother, that behind all these men you have to do with, behind officers and government, and people even, there is the Country Herself, your Country, and that you belong to Her as you belong to your own mother. Stand by her, by brother, as you would stand by your mother!" Again, WOW!!

It is exciting to be a part of a great group of men. We may not agree on many issues, but we stand together. Thank you to everyone that has made this Fraternity so great!

Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

Well, now that we're allowed back to work, WM Matt has wasted no time in getting us to work! Our first order of business was to finish out our proficiency examinations for 2020, and I am proud to say that we have now held continual proficiency for 99 years.

99 years! As I have mentioned in years past, we hold the distinction of being the only lodge in Nebraska to hold continual proficiency for one year longer than the proficiency program has existed; Lancaster Lodge was one of the lodges to volunteer as part of the pilot program to iron out how the proficiency examinations would be held, and we have not once let our lodge proficiency slip.

I did a bit of digging, and you may be interested to know these facts:

- 99 years ago, WB Joe Hickman was serving as Worshipful Master of Lancaster Lodge #54.

- In July of 1921, B Warren Harding signed the Knox-Porter Resolution, which declared the end of United States involvement in World War 1 (note that although peace had been declared in 1918, our involvement did not officially cease until the signing of this resolution). Formal peace was declared between the United States and Germany in August.

- Around the same time as the resolution, B William Howard Taft became the Chief

Justice of the United States.

- The first radio broadcast of a baseball game occurred in August, 1921. Seeing as many of us watch baseball on streaming internet services, I can only imagine what Harold Arlin (the first announcer) would think about our progress.

- In September, the first White Castle opened. White Castle went on to become the first fast-food chain. It continues to not be available in Nebraska, but we have Runza so I think we've won.

- Finally, in November, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was officially dedicated. It would be ten more years before construction was completed, making it the

recognizable structure we know today.

- In January of the following year, Betty White was born. This has nothing to do with our lodge, however it's so rare that I run into anything that is still relevant today and is also older than Betty White, so I feel it's important to point out.

After completing our proficiency, WM Matt was also able to squeeze in our annual Past Master's Remembrance Ceremony. This is a beautiful ceremony, and has always been one of my highlights for the year, and I am so happy that we were able to honor the men who have served as Worshipful Master of our lodge. If you missed it this year, we really do hope you'll

be able to come to future ceremonies; it's a unique ceremony that pays our respect to some amazing men.

Coming up, be sure to add to your calendar the Veteran's Memorial Ceremony on November 13th; this is quickly becoming a premier event for Lancaster Lodge, and I know that the officers have been working very hard to bring this event to you. Later in December, we will also be getting a head start on 2021 by holding our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft proficiency examinations; I know that WB Kory is always looking for people who want a part, so be sure to get in touch with him early!

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

It is October and time for fall colors, football (maybe), a host of activities and of course Halloween. This year has been one to remember with COVID, social distancing, canceled meetings, local, state, and national. It is hard to get back in the swing of things. Our Grand Master has been great in slowly getting us back into meetings and degree work.

October has been devoted to getting our Lodge Proficiency with many practices, so that we can do excellent degree work. Lodge 19 has done a couple of degrees and November will bring more as we have many candidates waiting for the degrees. November will also bring two very important events. Election of officers is primary. Worshipful Master Will has done an outstanding job for two years.

The other important event is dues. It is time to renew your dues for 2021. Without money coming in, the Lodge cannot function and gain new members. I urge all Brothers to send in dues as soon as you get the letter from the Secretary. I am sure that many of you saw the article on the back page of the Nebraska Mason. That gift was done by several of our Brothers to illustrate one of our tenets – Relief. It was not done with dues but with charity of heart.

Speaking of degrees and, of course, candidates for those degrees, I have noticed that the Brothers who have taken the Entered Apprentice degree

have been coming to our business meetings. This is great! They cannot vote but they can be active in the Lodge.

One Entered Apprentice that I had a chance to talk to is Joshua Brown. Joshua is a young man who works for our safety as a member of the Army National Guard. He is married and has four children, all girls. He is very enthusiastic about lodge and degree work. I worked with him about a week after his degree and he had already memorized about a third of the questions and answers for proficiency. I recently talked to David Nolte who had been working with him and Joshua is progressing fast. Good work. Part of this is because of the small ciphers that we gave him on the night of the Entered Apprentice. We have a couple more Brothers that are ready to prove up in the Entered Apprentice so that they can advance to the Fellowcraft degree.

Last month was the School of Instruction for the Lincoln area. Lincoln Lodge hosted this event, and we were pleased to show what we could do to open and close a lodge. Our Worshipful Master Will Folsom conferred the Entered Apprentice degree and did a very good job.

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International
By Teko A. Foly
General Grand Scribe

“Are you ready to resume labor? Are you making plans to resume labor as soon as the conditions

permit it? Companions, we all know that with the shut-down due to the pandemic, we may have lost some opportunity to grow or even just maintain our level of engagement to continue keeping our chapters and Grand Chapters active. Yes, the time to resume labor may not be tomorrow, but I submit that while we are in a shutdown mode, we are still obligated to plan ahead for such a time when we must re-open our doors for in-person meetings again. Let us all take this “down” time to map out the way we want to come out of this shutdown period. Our future success or challenges that may cause us grave membership and planning difficulties, really depends on what we should be doing right now to prepare for our next move, as soon as we get back on track. We may think that we are not there yet and we have a lot of time before we get there. But what if a month or few weeks from now, everything is ok again and we need to go back to labor in person? Are we ready? Are we planning accordingly? I sincerely hope that your answer to this question is YES we are working on it.”



Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Even though COVID has changed and altered so many parts of our lives, some things just have to "Stay the Course". For that reason, we decided at our October meeting that our Annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on November 8. The format will be a little different because it will strictly be a "Drive Up" dinner, with our members coming out to the car to confirm your reservations and then delivering your meals in a "To Go" box to your car-- without you ever leaving your car's safe zone. We will be serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to accommodate differing church schedules. As usual, we will be serving our traditional roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, salad, vegetable, and homemade pie. Please

help support our cause and charities by calling our Worthy Matron, Sue Hedges at 402-672-8603 to make your reservations. You can also email her at sue.hedges@neoes.org or suehedgesoes@yahoo.com to notify her of the number of reservations you wish to make and what time you wish to pick up your meals. The price will remain the same as last year, at \$12.00 per meal.

Our Temple board reported that they had met for a Clean-Up the Premises day in September. There will be another day of outside work on October 10 when the storage shed will be painted. Just show up at 9:30 and, hopefully, we will have the job accomplished in a short time.

Congratulations to Sis. Marolyn Robson who is Martha Washington's new Imhoff Award holder. Because of COVID, we cannot present her with her award in person at this time, but we will celebrate this accomplishment when restrictions are lifted. Sister Marolyn also will be sent her new 70-year membership pin. What an accomplishment! Congratulations to Sister Marolyn. Cards may be sent to her at the Masonic Home, 1300 Ave D, Plattsmouth, NE 68048.

Prayers for healing are being lifted for Sis. Sherin Harris who is recovering from thyroid surgery and radiation treatments. Prayers are also being sent to the family of Past Grand Matron Anita

Sohm whose memorial service will be held on October 10.

Sister Julie Fowler, our Associate Matron, announced that treats were available for everyone to take home after the meeting was closed. Birthday greetings are extended to Bro. Thom Johnson (Oct. 1), Sis. Shirley Boardman (Oct. 4); Sis. Betty Kirby (Oct. 15); and Bro. Eric Bachenberg (Oct. 25)

Remember, please contact our Worthy Matron to reserve your Drive-Up Dinner on November 8. Hope to see a lot of the Masonic News readers there that day!



Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Hello friends. Starcraft chapter decided due to the increase in Lincoln Covid numbers that we would not meet in October and are hoping November looks better.

Instead we delivered 'Hang In There' bags to some of our treasured members. They contained such items as chocolate, stuffed animal, crackers, pen, pad of paper, candy, etc. You see pictured Doris Foust and Ron Tillman who were happy to receive theirs.

Good and Welfare: For our members who have November birthdays we hope they have a special day.

November Birthdays
 November 11 Ileen Smith
 November 13 Marlene Robinson
 November 16 Bridget Anderson
 November 18 Nita Babcock



Bev Ryba, Terri Sherman and Bridget Anderson putting together our chapters Hang On Bags.



Ron Tillman and Doris Foust receiving their Hang On Bags.



Grand Order of the Eastern Star

As more of our Eastern Star chapters return to meeting, their communications and business are able to expand. It is good to be together, share our ritual, transact our chapter business and it is exciting to have chapters reading petitions and preparing to welcome new members. Prayers continue to flow for health, safety and for the cases of viral infection to diminish. Chapters are actively engaged in reaching out to their members, checking in and sharing loving kindness and encouragement inside and outside of our chapter rooms. The connections we enjoy as members are profound and bring significance to our lives. We continue to adapt to the challenges and changes around us as we move forward to a new normal. May we all stay strong, stay connected and daily live our obligation. Hang on! Stay the course! Keep doing it s'more!

Bags at the Grand Chapter Officer from Mike Donham PGP, and Bev Donham PGM from Trinity Chapter #299 in Omaha.



Acacia Chapter #39 of Hastings under the creative direction and facilitation of Worthy Matron Jill Woodward prepared these "Blessing Bags" that were delivered to their members.



Cyn Norman PGM also received the surprise of a "Blessing Bag" from the Donhams. Treats and best wishes encourage us to "Hang On" through the challenges of our current public health crisis and social distancing.



Home Chapter #189 of Plattsmouth gathered for a "Dilly Dally" ice cream social and shared low risk fellowship. Pictured here are Past Matrons Angi Miller and Darlene Brown, mom and daughter as they gather in the gazebo for the social time.



Across Nebraska Eastern Star chapters and members continue to respond to the challenge to "Hang ON" and reach out to surprise members and friends with a "Blessing Bag" filled with best wishes and treats. Pictured here is Grand Secretary Jan Thoman, PGM receiving Blessing

Karan Birdsall



Trinity Chapter #299 Omaha gathered at the West Omaha Masonic Center for a "Dilly Dally" social. Pictured is Worthy Patron Ranillo Perez enjoying his second ice cream treat.



Included in the group of 19 Trinity Chapter officers, members and 3 guests and pictured here are Pauline and John (PGM) Parsons.



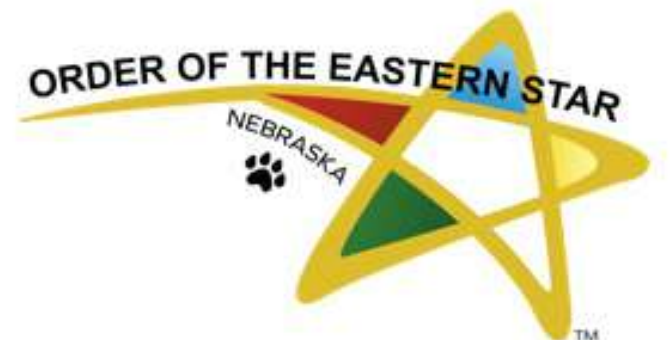
Sixteen members of Alpha Chapter #325 of Bellevue gathered in Washington Park to share ice cream treats and low risk fellowship on September 26th. Entertainment during the event was printed knock-knock jokes and the challenge to finish common sayings. Grand Chaplain Bill Raymond closed their time together by leading the Mizpeh Benediction.



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We share faith, hope, love.



We live charity, truth and loving kindness.

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 Business meeting 7:00 p.m.

Scottish Rite

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 Don Albrecht, Commander
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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, Job's Daughters (alternating Zoom meetings and in-person meetings)

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

Current status unknown: Scottish Rite, Shrine, all other 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.

The Work Never Ends

Some felt that 2020 brought us nothing but hardship and grief. Some felt alienated and alone through the pandemic and shut downs. Some are just not ready to venture out or acknowledge the local government's answers to all this...

Has it been all in the same year?! This all feels like it's been a longer year than any other in our lifetime. So surreal, so weird, so off...

What Masonry brings, in my humble opinion, is the sight that we matter, and we can still bring our gifts and services to the relief of our fellow Brethren, our families and Brethren's families, our neighbors, and our communities as a start.

We are still working. We're still working cautiously in the opening up of meetings, establishments, activities, Masonic groups. Starting to feel more normal? My point here is that we must never stop; and we haven't stopped...

Even without meetings and in-person activities, phone calls were made to those more vulnerable; Zoom meetings were happening to reconnect even with those out-of-state; delivering essential groceries and meds to our Brothers and their families who have been shut-in.

When everything goes back to "normal," why can't we continue these things? Aren't these things of visits, calls, helping with deliveries, Zoom gatherings (meetings and reconnections), a great thing to continue? Maybe this "new normal" will consist of our usual way of doing things PLUS adding the tech element as well as being more active in caring for our shut-in or out-of-state Brothers, Sisters, Widows & Orphans, their families, and our communities...

Sometimes its ok to embrace a little bit of change to enhance Masonic growth in ourselves without substituting any of the Rites and Rituals. Rites and Rituals are important, and we should absolutely adhere to it, but adding

the elements of what we are learning and had to adjust to during this pandemic era of 2020, we are just making a better Masonic experience and becoming better because of it.

Yes, 2020 has dealt its fire, but we don't have to be defined by it going forward, at least in the negative sense. We can actually USE it and let it HELP us gain more in our lives.

What have we learned from this year? Let's embrace it, and let it grow in our lives from those experiences. I'm in...Would you be in, my Brothers and Sisters?

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

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