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The Masonic News Board of Directors

Mike Lagueux

A very wise man once said, "The very definition of insanity is to keep doing what you have been doing and expect different results." The Board of Directors of the Masonic News have come to that realization, and the reality is we have been producing a product that costs \$1.35 and "selling" it for only \$0.50!!! While this is a true bargain for the customer, we cannot continue to rely on the generosity of a few kind donors to make up the difference for the many.

Thanks to an anonymous contributor, we currently have enough to fund the paper through the end of this year. In this day and age of fast services and individual entitlement, something like the Masonic News is not only a rarity, but a reminder of better, more abundant times.

Few things remain past a certain point...usually a milestone of 100 years is a very long time to endure in our disposable society. The Masonic News will be turning 100 years old next year, although at this point it is purely speculation as to whether we will be able to continue it in its present form or if we will be forced to stop publishing it and watch another of the things of that age disappear into obscurity.

When the Masonic News began it was little more than a small pamphlet, produced by and for the Masonic organizations, so members knew what was going on within our Fraternity. It was mostly funded by donations with a few advertisements thrown in as a secondary source of funding from Masons who were business owners within the community. It was not expected to do much more than inform the members on what was happening within our much larger membership at that time. Every Lodge, Eastern Star, and other appendant bodies had a correspondent, and it was a badge of honor to be able to write the articles for the paper. Now it seems to be a job pushed off to a committee where it may, or most likely, may not get done each month.

I don't want to become too long winded, but a little background doesn't hurt a prospective. We currently struggle to receive submissions from most Lodges, Star Chapters, or Youth Groups...I can hear the response to this already but no, this began before the current pandemic shut most of our groups down.

Did I mention that Youth Groups currently get their submissions, advertising, and newspaper for FREE?

Until recently we have been able to count on the participating Lodges to help us with keeping Youth Groups funded, but the truth is we are quickly losing that potential.

We have also struggled to keep member lodges participating, even at only 50 cents a copy for their members. Many began leaving when the paper went digital, because of the mentality of "why pay for something we can get for free!" True enough, but The Masonic News, continue to incur the expense of producing, publishing and web hosting for what they are in reality stealing. This is the reasoning behind the addition of watermarks on the online issue, and a password entry before it can be accessed. We don't like having that in place any more than our readers do, but the reality is it is the only way to "stem the bleeding."

To the Eastern Star Chapters out there...thank you. Not all of you are contributing articles, but you are at least contributing to offsetting the cost of us doing business. There is currently a Lodge who has an excellent correspondent, and only eight of its total membership who want the Masonic News. As most of you know we charge based

on what an organizations membership is at the beginning of the year...if you gain members during the year we do not charge extra for the additional member, even though it does cost extra to print.

In an ideal world, all of the Masonic bodies in the Lincoln area would not only be subscribed, but would be actively contributing content on a monthly basis. Not only would this keep our printing costs down, it would provide an even greater publication. If you belong to an organization that currently does not subscribe, or one that does subscribe but never submits articles, now is a great time to contact your leadership to find out why! Even better, now is the perfect time for you to take on submitting articles yourself; I can guarantee that our editor will be happy to work with you on any grammatical issues, and is always willing to offer suggestions for topics to write about as well.

As we look to our 100th year of publishing The Masonic News, it has been an honor to serve you, and we look forward to continuing to do so well into the future!

Do You Recognize This Man?

Adam Thayer



Cary O'Dell from the Library of Congress needs your assistance in identifying the individual in the attached photo. He began cataloging 1,000 "mystery" photos of unidentified individuals who were in the files of the Library, and the individual in the photo is one of the 48 remaining unidentified persons. The framed certificate reads "Sesostris Temple", linking him to Lincoln Freemasonry, which has prompted Mr. O'Dell to reach out to us for help.

"I think everyone deserves the dignity of identity," Mr. O'Dell said. "So that's what we're doing."

If you recognize the gentleman in the photo, please contact Cary O'Dell directly at codell@loc.gov or contact any of the directors for The Masonic News and we will pass your information along.

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Grand Order Of The Eastern Star

Karan Birdsall

Throughout the month of August, Eastern Star members have continued to enjoy Dilly Dally socials for being able to stay in touch with each other in low risk gatherings. Friendship Chapter #122, Hooper partnered their low risk social time with Root Beer floats “Friendship Floats” and gathered a car load of school supplies for our Masonic Eastern Star Children’s Home in Fremont.



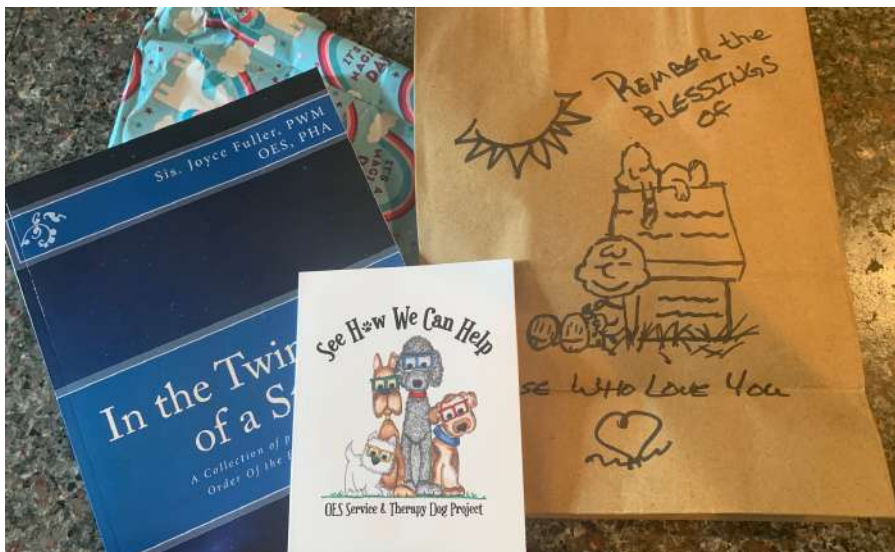
Myrtle Chapter #94 Worthy Matron Dehnia Bullerdiek and Worthy Patron Greg Mason delivered bags across the Lincoln area to members and friends.



Chapters and members are also responding to the challenge to “HANG ON”, with more than 2000 Blessing Bags to be delivered to members and friends. Pictured here is a Blessing Bag created by Carol Reade WM of AKSarBen Chapter #277 Omaha, delivered to an OES sister in Lincoln.



District Grand Supervisor Gloria Guern delivered Blessing Bags to her chapters across Nebraska. Pictured here she is delivering to Signet Chapter #55 North Platte. Welcoming her are Shannon and Grace Roberts. Shannon currently serves Nebraska Grand Chapter as Grand Adah.



Sisters Kelly Stahly District Grand Supervisor (132, 257) and Sarah Hobbie PM (1) make an extra special Blessings Bag delivery to Chuck Sohm (325).

All across Nebraska we are sharing blessings and joy with members and friends, What a great time it continues to be as we remind each other to “Hang On.”

Nebraska chapters continue to evaluate the public health conditions and needs of their individual communities and members determining how to keep risks at a minimum for their members and return to meetings as they are comfortable. Prayers continue for each chapter, all members and all of our Nebraska Masonic family as we chart our journeys with the presence of Covid-19. In Phase 1 our chapters meet with short form meetings. We patiently look forward to when we return to more time together for our ritual work and social gatherings.

Thank you to each one for their dedication, patience, and loving concern for each other.



Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

Wow, what a busy month we're already experiencing! At our monthly business meeting, WM Matt brought up how the idea we had months ago to pay off school lunches has spread to have national impact as other lodges have taken up the call. To further our support of local schools, he has formed a committee to work with one of our schools in a sponsorship roll, helping provide their students with the necessities for a good education.

The following week, we were finally able to hold our final lodge proficiency examination, and have passed our Master Mason

proficiency! I know it is a relief for WM Matt to finally be able to cross this off of the to-do list, and I hope he knows how appreciative we are for all of his hard work, and we all understand how abnormal this year has been! Congratulations to the officers and brethren of Lancaster Lodge for their continued dedication to performing excellent ritual work.

Coming up on September 25th, we will be holding our annual Past Master's memorial, as we were unable to hold it on our normal date due to Covid restrictions. This is one of my two favorite events of the

year, as it is our chance to remember the men who have served our lodge and helped shape us into who we are today. Unfortunately, due to ongoing restrictions, we will not be able to hold a dinner prior to the ceremony, although WM Matt has mentioned that there will be hors d'oeuvres for those who show up early.

On the lighter side, I have finally gotten used to the many interesting sounds our beautiful Temple makes during the day, and no longer check the elevators every time they cycle between floors. Having said that, you may find it amusing that during the recent rain storms, lightning

hit the state capitol building, and the resulting thunder was loud enough to make me jump out of my seat and yell out "Who's there?" before realizing what had happened!

I hope to see you all at the upcoming Past Master's memorial, and at our business meetings! It's hard to believe, but there are only three business

meetings left this year! As always, if you need transportation assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to either myself or WM Matt, and we will arrange it for you!

Until next month, take care of yourselves and your families, and always keep searching for more light.



Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Wow! It was so good to see some of the members of our Chapter at the September meeting. Following the protocol of the WGM and the Grand Master, this was the 2nd meeting we have had since the pandemic began. While we are missing those who couldn't attend or are not comfortable attending yet, we certainly understand and hope that soon we will have all of this behind us.

We have been able to deliver several "Hang On" bags to our members as a reminder that we are thinking of them during this difficult time. Unfortunately,

there are several more members whose residences are still under lockdown. Please know that we are thinking of you and wishing you the best. We also were able to contribute to the Rainbow Shoe Drive. Our Worthy Matron reported that Nebraska Rainbow was 7th in the nation for the number of shoes collected. Way to go, members in contributing to this successful event!

Congratulations to Sis. Shellie Smith who became a grandmother to Hope, born on April 10. David and Bonnie Sierks are proud great grandparents of a

little girl born in July and proud grandparents of a little boy, Simon, born in August.

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Sis. Donna Cave, our Imhoff Award holder, who passed away August 28. Sis. Donna was a 71-year member of the Order. Our sympathy also is extended to the family of Sis. Paula Beezley who lost her battle with cancer on July 2. Sis. Paula will have a memorial service at a later date. Our chapter also lost Sis. Bonnie Hartley who passed away on March 29 and Sister Mae Weideman who passed on March 24.

Be on the lookout for news regarding our Annual Roast Beef Dinner. While we cannot have the dinner in the usual fashion, we are discussing how to do a "Drive Through Pick Up" dinner. Look for more info to come.

September birthdays include: Rachel Duckett (6); Bill Nelson (16), Erin Davidson (21); and Bethel Adams (24). Wishing each of you a very Happy and safe birthday.

After the meeting was adjourned, everyone took a folding chair out to the parking lot to enjoy ice cream bars and ice cream sandwiches furnished by the Worthy

Matron. It was good to visit under the full Corn moon.

Hoping everyone will have a safe and healthy month. Our Order provides much needed support and friendship during these trying times. Be sure to reach out to a Sister or Brother if you need help or just someone to listen.

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Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

It is that time again to let you know what Lincoln Lodge No. 19 has been doing. August was a busy month with getting back into degree work. I reported we started two new men on their Masonic journey. I met with one of them the other day and with the help of the Entered Apprentice monitor he is already one third of the way through the complete questions and answers proficiency. I was duly impressed. I hope our other EA is progressing as well.

The rest of the month was filled with just

getting back in the groove. September and October will be time for our Lodge to do our yearly proficiency. With a few practices we should be ready to continue our streak of being in line with the degree work. The rest of the time we will again have candidates to relate the meaning and beauty of the Blue Lodge degrees.

I have not heard of any of our members with health problems or any awards. I did find a couple of short articles that I thought might be worth your time to read.

DUES-R-DUE
The Secretary's at his desk
The Master's in the East
The routine work of the Lodge
Excites them not the least.
But here's the picture not so good
The Treasurer's in tears
He just made up a list of all
The members in arrears.
You've overlooked your dues
That you were going to pay
So why not make a check now
And get it off TODAY

We will be having area meetings soon and questions are always in order. At one such meeting in another state the following took place.

STUMP THE PANEL
The education portion consisted of a panel of Grand Lodge officer's, who fielded questions on a variety of topics dealing with such items as ritual, floor work, history, customs and practices. The question was asked, 'Why are the candles placed in a triangular position at the altar?' The Grand Lecturer responded with a lengthy discussion of the

symbolism of "three" in Masonry. The Grand Chaplain pointed out that the triangle is man's earliest symbol for God.

M.W. Bro. Cedric Smith, who was then Grand Master, proved the symbolism of the Grand Master being the representative of WISDOM, when he explained the candlesticks place in any position other than a straight line would always form a triangle.

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

What a pleasant surprise to have brethren from other lodges join 210's September meeting! WB Kyle Beckner and visiting brethren made the journey from Bellevue Lodge 325 to present the Traveling Gavel to WB Adam Holle and his lodge. Furthermore, WB Bill Short attended the meeting with brethren from Cotner Lodge 297 too. Thank you to both lodges for joining us! For those of you unfamiliar with the gavel, according to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Traveling Gavel was presented as a gift to the Grand Lodge by the family of PGM James "Sonny" Eatmon in 2005. WB John Ferguson handcrafted the beautiful wood gavel and case in honor of his father-in-law, and is symbolic of the operative craft. Stay tuned to learn where WB Holle will decide to present the gavel next!



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Bethel #27

Marissa Roesler

Greetings from Bethel 27 - Lincoln!

We would be lying if we said the last few months have been easy, for many of us they haven't been. If you know anything about Bethel #27, you know that we are an incredibly outgoing and fun loving bunch. It's been hard for us to be apart from each other, but it'll be worth it in the end.

Over the last few months we've been meeting over zoom for both our regular meetings and fun

activities such as, Disney Trivia Night challenge, and Get to Know Your Bethel 27 Council Trivia Night.

We've also been continuing our "Art Six Feet Apart" Fundraiser, and although it's wrapped up for the season we were insanely proud to go out into our community and leave fun messages and pictures for everyone to enjoy. We're so grateful to have had many people reach out and let us decorate their driveways and windows.

On Friday, September 18th, 2020 all are welcome to join us via Zoom as we are having a Marvel's Cinematic Universe Trivia Night at 7p! Reach out to any member of Bethel 27 for more info and to join in on the fun!

We hope everyone is staying safe and finding new and fun ways to connect with their loved ones.

Jobie love, Bethel 27 - Lincoln



Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



ELECTA CHAPTER #8 RESPONSIBLE FOR DRIVE BY!!!

Stop! Now that I have your attention you can put away any bullet proof underwear and quit digging a shelter to protect yourself. What is happening is a drive by fooding to help support the Food Bank of Lincoln.

Due to the inability of people to gather during the current COVID concern, Electa has decided to make giving to our Food Bank blue barrel even easier. On October 17th from 10 AM to 1 PM we will have volunteers in the parking lot at 1635 L Street so that you can get some fresh air by driving down and giving them your donation to help the more vulnerable members of our community with non-perishable food donations, common health care items such

as tooth paste, soap, and cash donations will be accepted if going to the store right now is not for you. Remember all items must be new and still in the original packaging. You don't even have to get out of your car! Two donation stations will be set up to accept your donations; one at the north entrance to the parking lot and one on the west side entrance to the parking lot. The folks taking your donation will be COVID compliant using masks to assure your health, and those who will use your donation will be greatly thankful for your caring and support.

So, here is your chance to escape the house, feel the fresh air as it blows into your car, and make a difference in others' lives. Please come and help us out with whatever you can. Anything makes a difference to someone!

Due to an uptick in the number of COVID related cases in the Lincoln area, Electa

did not hold a meeting the month of September for the general membership. However, the officers of the organization are still busy taking care of our business that needs transacted.

Not having a meeting does not necessarily mean that Electa is doing nothing however. The volunteer workers at the Temple are being fed wonderful breakfast meals while they go about the business of restoring some parts of the building and just basic maintenance of the lawn and facilities. Without this kind of support, our building and grounds would be in terrible shape, and it is nice to know that Electa is one of the organizations supporting this effort.

Having said that, some of the pictures from last month that were published were from PM Brenda Collins. She took pictures of Matt Zier, Master of Lancaster Lodge #54, John Hansen, a hard working retired brother

from Lodge #19, Don Frank, Worthy Patron of Electa, and Joe Huskey, President of the Temple Board for the building. They were working on various projects for the building when Brenda came down to visit. These volunteers are what keep Masonry the organization it is, not because they have to do these things, but because they want to.

We want you to know that Worthy Matron Denise and Worthy Patron Don keep you in their thoughts and prayers as we go through this tempestuous ordeal and hope that this soon will be over. They know that after November much of the agony that is now plaguing our nation should subside with the elections being complete and then we can get back to just being concerned about the pandemic!

I hope you have enjoyed the "cooler" weather lately. I had a friend of mine complaining about how

terribly hot it was a week or so ago who told me yesterday when we had lunch together how much he would be glad when the weather warmed up a little! I guess we should be happy with what we have because sometimes our Heavenly Father does give us what we ask for!

Hopefully this month finds you, and your family and friends all well and healthy with the necessities for good living through the coming weeks, months and years. We will be meeting together again at some point, but until then try to keep a good outlook on what you have in your lives that helps you through difficult times such as this. Until next month I wish you good health and God's Blessing.

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft Chapter held its first regular meeting on September 2nd for the first time since March. It was wonderful to be able to get together again. 12 of our officers felt comfortable in attending. It was a short meeting, read & approved minutes and had a treasurer's report. We had a report from Bro. Dennis Brydl regarding the Masonic News telling us they are out of money and if things don't change there will probably be only 2 more issues. This is due to a combination of things: some lodges are not participating, some chapters not paying, membership is down so not as much money is coming in. Cost of printing and mailing A LOT of copies is going up. He encouraged the members to take the news electronically instead of by mail. That would really help.

him. Before the close of the meeting Bro. Dennis provided us with some old people humor. Made us laugh and realize how nice it was to be together again.

I will not catch up with all the birthdays since March, just let it be said that we hope you all had a wonderful day despite everything.

- October 2 Amy Johnson
- October 2 Marcia Michaelson
- October 3 James Scharon
- October 8 Ruth Beach
- October 8 Chris Gonnerman
- October 9 Dorothy Tice
- October 12 Art Sharp
- October 19 Don Jelinek
- October 21 Faye Nimic
- October 29 Linda Roe

The end of August we were able to get together in the parking lot for a Dilly Dally gathering. We all brought our chairs and sat in the parking lot social distanced. It was nice to see everyone. Dilly Bars were enjoyed by all.

You will see pictured one of our scholarship recipients: Kaylyn Johnson who will be attending Northwest Missouri State.

Good and Welfare: Sis. Ilene Smith sold her acreage and will be moving to town in September to Carriage Glen. She is excited to be in town for the winter. Kristen Swisher reported that her late husband, who was killed in action over in Iraq along with a few other military members that were lost while serving will be honored by the military in a competition that will be held over in Poland. We honored the September birthdays and Bro. Dennis Brydl was present for us to salute. It felt weird not to sing to



Scholarship recipient Kaylyn Johnson



Dennis Brydl, Jim and Doris Bannister



Ron Tillman, Ralph and Ruth Beach and Doris Foust

North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

Where did the month of August go? I guess time flies when you are having fun. So far, all North Star members have survived the scourge of China to the best of my knowledge. The September Business Meeting was attended by the normal stalwart members that make the Lodge function. What made the meeting special, I as acting Jr. Deacon heard a knock on the door after the Lodge was opened. I attended the alarm and who was

seeking admission? None other than WB Karel Capek who had blown in from Galveston TX. WB Karel was in the vicinity visiting family. A nice surprise. Normal business was conducted with the usual bills and correspondence. A petition for admission was read and the ballot cast returned positive. Therefore, we plan to conduct an Entered Apprentice degree on September 16th at 7:00 p.m. It would be nice to have members on the sidelines and help with

the degree. A practice will be held on the 9th at 7:00. That is about all I have to contribute that is fit to print or won't offend. Stay well. Stay positive and stay healthy. Till next month!

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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), Job's Daughters (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.

Musician's Paradise 2020

As you might recall from last months article, the 5th Degree of the Scottish Rite introduced the Funeral Rites for the Masonic experience. On Wednesday, September 2nd, the Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite conferred the 5th Degree. In this degree, there are two hymns that are played & sung: St Bernard Hymn (How Old Art Thou), and a Funeral Hymn.

One of our newest 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons stepped into a cast role, but also played the electronic organ in the Lodge Room, while my voice was mic'd up as I sang the hymns with his

accompaniment. Ritual work is so much more impressive with the musical elements.

The same Scottish Rite Mason playing the organ happens to be a musician and music teacher. He plays bagpipes and occasional fiddle with our Fez & Thistle bagpipes and drums band, as well as being a good mentor with our DeMolay Chapter. I originally thought we would use a recording for the music and mic it up in our Lodge Room set up for the degree, but since there was not any recordings available from other Valleys nor Scottish Rite Supreme Council, it worked out better than expected with live music.

I've been working with my church tech team with sound board and projection/live streaming opportunities. Doing this in addition to singing background vocals and playing congas helps me learn more about music systems, their sound, and being able to balance sound to the best mix possible. I bring this up for the simple point that music sound quality is important in any place for a good performance quality and enhanced experience in any of our Masonic or Appendant Bodies.

It's fun to play music

and sing with many groups, directors, teachers, and mentors over the years: From the various church and school choirs, praise bands, marching & community bands, Shrine Units, Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite Men's Chorus, Barbershop Chorus, to karaoke at the bar.

However we can find our musical niche or wherever we can listen to music, my hope is that you get out of it in a more deeper level and enhance your Masonic Journey, however you may go with it...

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



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