



The Masonic News



Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

Have you been back at lodge lately? It's not a rhetorical question, and it's (hopefully) not a difficult question. If you haven't been to lodge yet this year, you're not only wasting your dues payment (unless you haven't paid your dues yet, in which case you should get in touch with the secretary ASAP), but you're missing out on a lot of fun with your brothers! If you aren't a member of Lancaster Lodge and just happen to be reading this because it's on the front page, the same question applies – I can guarantee you that your lodge brothers miss you, no matter what lodge you belong to!

fantastic presentation from Brother Eric Miller that covered both the symbolism of the Masonic Orb (which are rare enough that many members of the lodge had not seen one in person) and some fascinating anecdotes from his time as a Freemason. If you missed it, try to find some time to sit and talk to Eric, as it was definitely an interesting mini-lecture. Brother Turner has done an excellent job so far this year arranging education for the lodge, and it has been wonderful to have this back as part of our monthly business.

repeat that: WE JUST COMPLETED OUR 100TH YEAR OF CONTINUAL PROFICIENCY! Of course, since our first year of proficiency isn't counted (we were part of the trial program), we are actually at 101 years... A huge thank you to W.B. Graham House, our new custodian, who has not only labored significantly to help us as well as brothers throughout the country to improve their ritual work, but set the tone for how the lodge should look at proficiency moving forward. We're definitely looking forward to working with you more moving into future years!

everyone in the Masonic family on April 18th at the lodge, and hope to see you all there! Please let WM Matt know ASAP if you plan to attend!

Later this month, we'll be camping with the boys from DeMolay. If you would like to join in, contact WM Matt and he can provide you with all of the details.

Looking ahead, next month we'll be holding a table lodge on May 21st, followed by our annual Past Master's ceremony on May 28th.

We hope to see you all at lodge soon!

At our business meeting this month, we heard a

We just completed our 100th year of continual proficiency. Let me

Coming up, we're holding a picnic for

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft Chapter #307 met for their regular April meeting on the 7th. It was rainy outside but inside we enjoyed each others company. Worthy Matron Sis. Bridget Anderson and Worthy Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl welcomed us to the meeting.

We selected Olivia Clancy as our high school scholarship winner. She attends Southeast High School and will be attending the University of Nebraska here in Lincoln to study Biology.

We reported that a couple of us will be attending Grand Chapter in May.

Good and Welfare: Sis. Marcia Michaelson - the main external contraction off her foot recently but she still has a long way to go. Sis.

Kristen Swisher is still recovering nicely from her foot surgery and can put weight on it now. Bro. Jim Banister is feeling much better after his fall on the ice. Sis. Bridgett had eye surgery and is healing nicely. Sis. Bridgett and Sister Kristen's dad is finally home after breaking his leg in 3 places. Sis Terri rolled her ankle so is in a boot just like Sis. Kristen. Not a good fashion statement. Sis. Ruth Beach is now in a memory unit. Sis. Joann stated that they would be holding a memorial service in Kansas for PP Bro Steve Haase on May 15. Sis. Dottie Tice fell and broke her hip and is at Southlake for rehab.

Good news: Sis. Ilene Smith has a new Granddaughter; Emelyn Smith. Sis. Kristen said her daughter Hailey Anderson will be initiated

into Jobs in late April. She stated that Hailey is very excited We were excited to learn that almost everyone in attendance has had at least one Covid vaccination. We can see refreshments in our future.

We headed out with take home treats provided by Sis. Cora Redwine in honor of her birthday. Happy spring to all our Sisters and Brothers.

May Birthdays

May 3 Peg Genoways
May 12 Jean Baker
May 18 Rochelle Epp
May 20 Angela Dasher
May 21 Williamette Shafer
May 23 Leoda Webb
May 24 Leona Copley
May 25 Tammy Fastenau
May 31 Marilyn Sievers

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Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

CORNERSTONE

In contrast to the sacrifices and superstitions of ancient times, Freemasons in their ceremonies have made the cornerstone a symbol of the individual Mason and the sacrifices of labor and time necessary to build a moral and Masonic edifice. Today we hollow out the cornerstones, placing small objects inside, like coins, photographs, newspapers, or a list of those who erected the building; it's wholly up to the committee in charge's imagination. This tradition includes a subtle nod to its origin; in Freemasonry, he who hunts for the symbol behind the symbol will find from the cornerstone the need of sacrifice in time, effort, and thought at the beginning of every effort and of one's Masonic journey. Every Mason must make these sacrifices if they choose to play an integral part in bettering themselves and the lives of those in their communities.

The cornerstone also symbolizes sturdiness, morality, and truth. At his first initiation, the Mason is

tasked with erecting a spiritual temple in his heart, drawing symbolic parallels to the strong, trusty cornerstone; without which, a building (symbolically, the Mason's mind and heart) cannot stand. In ceremony, the Entered Apprentice is typically placed in the north-east corner of the Lodge as a figurative cornerstone; this signifies the unity of the North (darkness), and the East (light). The initiate learns and understands the necessity of integrity, stability of conduct, of truthfulness and uprightness of character, and of purity and holiness of life. He is also charged with maintaining all these virtues. These characteristics are all associated with the strength and durability of the physical cornerstone. It is customary for Masons to lay the cornerstones of public buildings through ceremony – traditionally with the stone placed in the northeast corner of the foundation.

Physical cornerstones used in ceremonies in which Masons are erecting buildings traditionally show the

date, the name of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, and the Masonic emblem. Cornerstones have been part of the construction or dedication of many federal buildings and seats of state government since the beginnings of our country. Bro. Benjamin Franklin, while Grand Master of Pennsylvania, established the tradition beginning with the cornerstone laying of the state house in Philadelphia, and Bro. George Washington laid the cornerstone of our nation's Capital building. Today, Freemasons around the country are proud to carry on the tradition that our forefathers began centuries ago. We are also proud to uphold truth and the moral characteristics associated with the cornerstone and understand the necessary sacrifices we must make to better our lives and communities. Such sacrifices in pursuit of character and truth are necessary to live into the promise of its symbolism in our degrees.

Over the last couple of months, I have been unable to write an article

for the Masonic News for a couple of reasons. First, on February 23 I was out to South Pointe to get a haircut and when I got out of my car I slipped on a patch of ice and fell fracturing my ankle in three places. A passerby was kind enough to call 911 and they took me to Bryan West. After surgery I was there for 5 days and then transferred to Old Cheney Rehab Center for further therapy and after three weeks, I was finally discharged to home for home therapy. Needless to say, I was almost two months behind on minutes and other duties and with only one foot to stand on it has taken time to get back. I am still on one foot so to say and trying to get back to duties. I want to thank all who have sent get well wishes, they really mean a lot.

Lincoln Lodge 19 has been in a planning mode the last couple of weeks. We have a full slate of officers and they have been meeting to get our degrees in line and plan for the rest of the year.

We have lost two of our brothers who have moved to the state of Florida.

Both were excellent brothers and we had hopes to have them in the East in the future. Maybe it is the cold Nebraska weather. We do wish them luck as they continue their Masonic journeys in Florida.

We want to welcome Brother David Strang, who has transferred his membership from Alliance to Lincoln No. 19. We are anxious to get better acquainted!

We have several brothers that will need degrees in the near future so if we call for help with the degrees please give a yes to the part.

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green



DRIVE UP FISH FRY DINNER

George Washington 250
Martha Washington 153
4430 N. 70th St.

Second Saturday of
Every Month May - Sept
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$12.00 per person - Drive up
and HONK YOUR HORN!
Choice of 2 sides: fried
potatoes, baked beans and/or
coleslaw



East Lincoln 210 hosted the 2021 School of Instruction on March 27.
Photo credit WB Jeff Buhrman

George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of April 6, 2021 with several members present. Worshipful Master John Kirby welcomed everyone and conducted all of the Lodge business in a timely manner!

Roofing Bids Requested
The roof on the Havelock Masonic Temple is in need of some repairs at this time. The Temple Board is actively seeking bids for the work. If anyone knows of a roofing company that would be interested in providing a bid for the necessary work, please have them contact Worshipful Master John Kirby (phone number is listed in the Trestle Board).

Drive-Thru Fish Fries Are Coming!!
Mark your calendars for the Second Saturday of the Month for the return of the Annual Fish Fry Dinner at the Havelock Masonic Center, 4430 N. 70th Street, Lincoln, NE. The first dinner will begin on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For \$12.00, you will receive a generous portion of Batter-fried Alaskan Pollock, and your choice of 2 sides (Fried Potatoes, Baked Beans or Coleslaw) Additional sides are \$1.00 each!

So how does this work? All you have to do is drive-up and someone will come right to your car, take your order and bring out your food! You don't have to leave your car, you don't have to dress-up and you don't have to

make a reservation!!! It doesn't get easier than that! Plan now to enjoy a delicious Fish Dinner on the second Saturday from May through September! Looking forward to seeing all of you at our Fish Fry!!

Masonic Record of Past Master Troy Timothy Tuhey
Worshipful Brother Troy Timothy Tuhey was born on March 28, 1965 and departed this life on March 27, 2021. WB Troy was initiated into George Washington Lodge #250 on April 6, 1988. On April 13, 1988, he was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 20, 1988. WB Troy was a Past Master of George Washington Lodge #250 in 2010 and 2011 and held numerous other offices through the years. He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Lydia Tuhey and sister Tory. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 2, 2021 at Zion Church PCA in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sympathies from the Brethren of George Washington Lodge #250 are extended to the family and friends of our departed Brother. He will be missed by his Brethren as he attended many Lodge functions and activities over the years and was dedicated to the Craft.

George Washington Trivia
Did you know that George Washington was an animal lover? Washington wasn't just America's first

President, he was also its first mule breeder. Recognizing the value of the mule for farmers, Washington is believed to be responsible for creating the mule stock that powered American agriculture in the South for generations. And mules weren't the only animals he bred. In addition to many varieties of birds, Washington kept many canine breeds at Mount Vernon, including Dalmatians, English foxhounds, French hounds, Greyhounds, Italian Greyhounds, Mastiffs, Newfoundland dogs, Pointers, Spaniels and

Terriers. Washington was a huge dog lover and gave some of his dogs endearing names like Sweet Lips, Venus, Trulove, Taster, Tippler, Drunkard and Madame Moose.

Closing Thought
On April 30th, we will celebrate Arbor Day. Nebraskans share a collective pride in being the home of the first Arbor Day and the Arbor Day Foundation that supports tree-planting efforts throughout our nation and all over the world. In closing, here is some.....

Advice From A Tree
Stand tall and proud
Sink your roots into the earth
Be content with your natural beauty
Go out on a limb
Drink plenty of water
Remember your roots
Enjoy the view!

By Ilan Shamir

Liberty Lodge #300

Jacob Hedden



LIBERTY LODGE NO. 300

1635 L STREET

BBQ

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH
4:00PM—8:00 PM

\$ 20 FULL RACK OF RIBS & 2 SIDES, 2 ROLLS

\$ 12 1/2 RACK OF RIBS & 2 SIDES, 1 ROLL

\$ 8 DINNER PLATE (1/3 RACK OF RIBS OR CHICKEN) & 1 SIDE, 1 ROLL

EAT
IN
OR



TAKE
TO
GO

Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt



Spring is here and we are so excited!

The members of Temple Chapter #271 met for their regular meeting on April 5th. Worthy Matron Carolyn Plants opened with remarks about how she is continuing to find new service members and first responders to give the military coins to and how many are so thankful to get them. She had a student who served in the Navy and she presented her with a coin and her student was excited to add it to her collection. Many members have reported stories of how they have given coins to friends and family they know who have served in the military or first responders such as a friend who worked directly with covid patients. We are thanking them for their service and sharing our coins to add to their collections as well as sharing about the Masonic family.

As mentioned in last months article, WM Carolyn proposed a plan to send care packages to military members deployed

and first responders at home. The officers and members of Temple Chapter brought and put together many boxes filled with items from home that Worthy Patron Mike Lagueux will help get sent to members deployed. The boxes were filled with goodies such as protein bars, nuts, hygiene products, socks, games, and so much more along with a letter from our WM and WP and maybe a few thank you notes too. After we each mentioned what we had packed our boxes with and shared how neat it was to put together these care packages, the members went over Grand Chapters resolutions to be voted upon in May and reminded everyone that each member gets a vote.

WM Carolyn asked members to reach out to their calling tree and request photos and information from our 50-year members to be included in a video presented at Grand Chapter. Sister Tiffany Westerholt is putting the video together and requested that in addition to at least one

photo of 50-year members to also include information such as initiation dates, if they were Worthy Matrons or Patrons with dates, and any other information they want to share. Additionally, we don't need just one photo, if anyone had photos to share of Eastern Star throughout the years those would also be welcome. It would be nice to see photos of Eastern Star over the last 50 years to see how it has changed and grown. A reminder that photos can be emailed to neoes50year@gmail.com, sent by facebook or text.

As the meeting wrapped up, WP Mike spoke about how he doesn't like to give speeches but he likes to tell stories and told us a funny story. As always it was nice to see members, talk and wait for the time when we can have refreshments after the meeting.

North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

The March Business Meeting was opened in the Entered Apprentice Degree with prayer at 7:30. Masonic Education was presented by WB Steven Flader and the subject being a Point Within a Circle. This is referenced and explained in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Normal Lodge Business was conducted and the bills were paid. The Lodge financial audit was

presented and read into the minutes and approved.

WM Bruce announced that a rehearsal in the EA Degree will be held April 21 @ 7:00 p.m. We want to keep our unbroken chain of Lodge Proficiency. WM Bruce also proclaimed the Business Meeting dinners will reconvene with the May Business Meeting. Always a pleasurable hour of

camaraderie and mirth.

I hope you all are getting your covid shots. Many of us vets received our shots from the VA. I have to say, the efficiency and ease of said shots was impressive. In my mind, it was the most efficient pseudo military medical evolution I have ever been involved with since my draft physical taken in 1966. Of course, politicians

never waste a good crisis. Our so-called infectious disease specialist we see on TV every day has flipped and flopped his opinions more times than a Kiwanis Club pancake feed. I think he is getting more than his allotted 15 minutes of fame.

I am sorry to report the recent passing of WB Gerald (Hoot) Gibson. We will publish his Masonic Trestle Board

next month. We wish to extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

I have ranted enough for now. Till next month!

Grand Chapter Order Of The Eastern Star

Karan Birdsall

communications, efforts to raise funds, and donating to our projects we have continued to make a difference in the lives of our members and those with who we cross paths. We have been faithful and are now poised to step forward into a new normal. We look forward to sharing success stories, words of encouragement, and opportunities to increase our effectiveness. Stay tuned for exciting events and new opportunities as conditions allow for gatherings and in-person events.

Thank you for the ongoing dedication and determination that leads you to invest in your chapters and the value of membership for our members. Thank you for how you have encouraged each other in challenging and uncertain times of this global pandemic. Thank you for supporting our efforts and for each

courtesy you have afforded us. It has been our privilege to serve you.

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Grand Officers as they will be installed and lead with great energy and caring spirits. The best is yet to come. Our paws-ibilities are endless!



As May draws near, final preparations are underway for the 2021 Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. We hope that you feel comfortable joining us for the Tuesday May 11 and Wednesday May 12 sessions at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. Gathering together will not look like our traditional Grand

Chapter Sessions yet we anticipate our fellowship, the ability to transact our business and our ability to move forward into a new Grand Chapter year will be noteworthy.

Even during the pandemic our chapters and members have been engaged in serving within our chapters and communities. Through



Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Hoping everyone had a blessed Easter and are now having a joyful spring. In case you need a little extra boost, our Worthy Patron, Andy Martin, has shared the following holidays in April that you can celebrate: April 6 - Wear your PJ's to Work Day; April 23, National Cake Day; April 30 - Adopt a Shelter Pet Day. So enjoy your April!

We will be having our last Creamed Chicken/ Hot Roast Beef Dinner on April 10. And then we will begin our Fish Fry in the month of May. We will continue to do this as a Drive-Up dinner. You will have your choice of two sides, either potatoes with onions, baked beans, or cole slaw. If you really need all three, the extra side will come at a cost of

\$1.00. So mark your calendars now for every **SECOND SATURDAY** for a yummy meal. We serve between 4:30 and 7 p.m. Cost of the Fish Fry dinner will be \$12.00 per person.

The highlight of our meeting this month was the presentation of a 50-year pin to Bro. R. Dennis Siekman. Dennis was originally scheduled to get his pin last April, but due to the COVID pandemic, it was impossible for us to get this done. It was such a pleasure to have his sister, Sis. Kathy Dalby, also a 50-year member, present him with the pin. Dennis' other sister, Sis. Kristy Williams was also present for this occasion and her pictures are below. Thanks, Kristy.

The Temple Board is presently looking for a firm or a person who can help with fixing a leak in our roof. Most companies that the board has already contacted are very busy or don't want to do such a small job. If you, as a reader, know anyone who might be interested, please contact John Kirby (jkirby9900@gmail.com).

We mourn the loss of Bro. Troy Tuhey who passed away on March 27. He will be missed. Prayers for healing are extended to Sis. Shirley Boardman who had surgery on April 1 to remove the hardware in her ankle that has bothered her since she broke her ankle last year. Sis. Laura Chytka's 8-year old son Tyler had emergency surgery for appendicitis and is recovering nicely. Our thoughts are with Sis. Marolyn Robson who is back at Gateway Vista trying to gain strength back after a bout of bad health.

Happy Birthday wishes are extended to Sis. Kathy Dalby (April 5), Bro. Mark Heilman (April 5), and Doris Cornelson (April 10).



In closing, I would like to share a few thoughts on Life's Little Lessons. "Life is like a classroom. All around us there are lessons to be learned, truths to be examined, and problems to be solved. It can be a very interesting journey if we are alert and ready to absorb life's little lessons.

1. Most of the things we worry about never happen.
2. Optimists live longer than pessimists. Work hard at being an optimist.
3. Every great achievement was once considered impossible.
4. If there were no problems, there would be no opportunities.

5. It doesn't cost anything to be nice.
6. The important thing is not what others think of me, but what I think of me.
7. Whenever we decide something in kindness, it is usually the right decision.
8. Regardless of color or age, we all need about the same amount of love."



Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

At our April meeting WM Iliah Anderson brought us all Easter Eggs for the fun side of Easter. Chocolate in plastic eggs reminds me of the times when my kids were growing up and we would take great care to have them out before they woke up. I always liked to see the wonder in their faces and the joy in their voices as they ran around and found them in our yard. It is important to have these memories as we go through the seasons of our lives... they keep us young, and our Worthy Matron ensures we know that. Thank you. She also informed us that WP Bruce was recovering well from his surgery for a slip on the ice earlier this year and may be at our meeting next month. We all look forward to that. This meeting was a busy one due primarily to some housekeeping business within the Chapter. The budget was approved, several necessary chores were attended to, and all was finished in good time. Although short on members, we had a great time and were able to relax a bit with friends we haven't seen for some time

now. Many of us have had our COVID shots and feel somewhat more comfortable in the company of others.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners for 2021. Miss. Gwen Leuschen who is a 2021 graduate of Palmyra Jr-Sr High School and the daughter of Heather and Adam Leuschen. And Miss. Maggie Thatcher, the daughter of Jane and Koby Thatcher and a 2021 graduate of Beatrice High School.

Both young ladies are very active in school, home, religious, and community activities expressing high hopes for their futures during and after college. Their primary goals as they head out to more advanced study is to be able to fund their future education and these scholarships will assist them with that. Having read their information submitted with the scholarship request it is evident they have a solid background (National Honor Society) going into their programs of study.

The Officers and members of Electa are



very happy to be able to assist these young women with their hopes and dreams, and wish them both the best of luck during the coming years with their lofty goals.

Congratulations also go to Sister Joyce Veach for completing her OES Individual Proficiency. Worthy Patron Don Frank was very happy to be able to present her

certificate to her at our April meeting. This is her first, of many things she may be involved in as an Eastern Star member, and this achievement indicates her ability and enthusiasm to learn and grow in our organization.

Our Courtesy Chair, Sister Susan Franson, would like you to continue to keep some of our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go through difficult times in their lives. Her monthly report included sending cards of encouragement to Elfreda and William Cole as well as a get well card to PM Bridget Anderson for a procedure she had recently. Also please keep WP Bruce Anderson in your thoughts as he continues to heal at home from a fall earlier this year on the ice. We are glad to hear

that he is improving every day and hope to see him as soon as his health will allow.

I'm sure there is something that I have forgotten to report, but "old timer's disease" has been with me as I try to write lately and I can't for the life of me remember what it might be. Alas, I have stalled as long as I can about sending my submission for this month in the fear my editor will suffer a massive coronary when I get it in this early; but I may have to take the chance. Until next month, I wish you good health, happy thoughts, and God's Blessing.



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 1st Wed.
 Covered-dish dinner 6:15 p.m.
 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Lincoln Council 4 Cryptic Masons

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 Covered-dish dinner 6:15 p.m.
 Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 Business meeting 7:00 p.m.

Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite Temple

332 S. Centennial Mall 435-2144
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 Bruce Wood, Gen. Sec.
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 3rd Wed. Bus. Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: As bodies are beginning to re-open under various restrictions, we are not reporting events yet as they are changing rapidly. 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, Lincoln Valley Scottish Rite, all York Rite chapters, councils and Commanderies, all chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Order Of The Eastern Star of Nebraska, Job's Daughters (Zoom meetings only)

Current status unknown: 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.

Remembering the Rite... As I sit down this evening to type up the meeting minutes of our latest Scottish Rite Valley meeting, I reflect on the April's Masonic Week, as I like to call it. Not only do we have El Zagal Shrine Oilers Unit meeting on the 1st Mondays (where I am currently pro tempore for recording secretary) as well as a DeMolay Advisory Council meetings, and Mandan Lodge #8 meeting (as Lodge Secretary) on 1st Tuesdays, and on 1st Wednesdays for Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite (Valley Secretary), but also the 2nd Thursdays for Robert E. Asker Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center for Children (RiteCare-Bismarck)'s Board of Director's meeting (as Vice President) and Queen Esther Chapter #9 (located in Mandan, but I host the Zoom meetings as we aren't meeting in person quite yet) is held this same week in April of 2021. But you all who are



faithful readers of this newspaper know, the busier the better for me (where else would I get the ideas for these articles?).

As mentioned briefly above, "...I reflect..." Especially on Wednesday, April 7, where we celebrated our Remembrance Observance with excerpts from our Feast of Paschal Lamb ceremony. We only had 5 Departed Brothers in our Valley over the past year since our last Remembrance Observance. That is significantly less than the previous few years of members I had to say by name. Previous years, we've had between 10-20 members depart from our presence here on Earth to that building, a house not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens. That is significant for a Valley with only 110-120 on its membership roles. But ANY Departed Brothers is too much! Hence I reflect...

I've included a photograph herein of our Wise Master, Carl, with his cast looking on, and myself reading the names of the departed brethren and performing the extinguishing and relighting of the lights during the ceremony.

We then concluded with our regular stated meeting of Bismarck Valley

Scottish Rite. We received the VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Project) Achievement Award for 2020. Here is the picture of the new 2020-year sticker on our VMAP Plaque along with Dale Sandstrom, Bismarck Valley Personal Representative (left); Danny Haugen, Venerable Master (right); and Scharazard "Mac" Gray, Commander & VMAP Chair (kneeling at center).

Again I reflect... Reflect on the remembrance and memories of our Departed Brothers as well as the joys of engaging the members of our Valley through the enrollment of VMAP. I reflect...

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



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