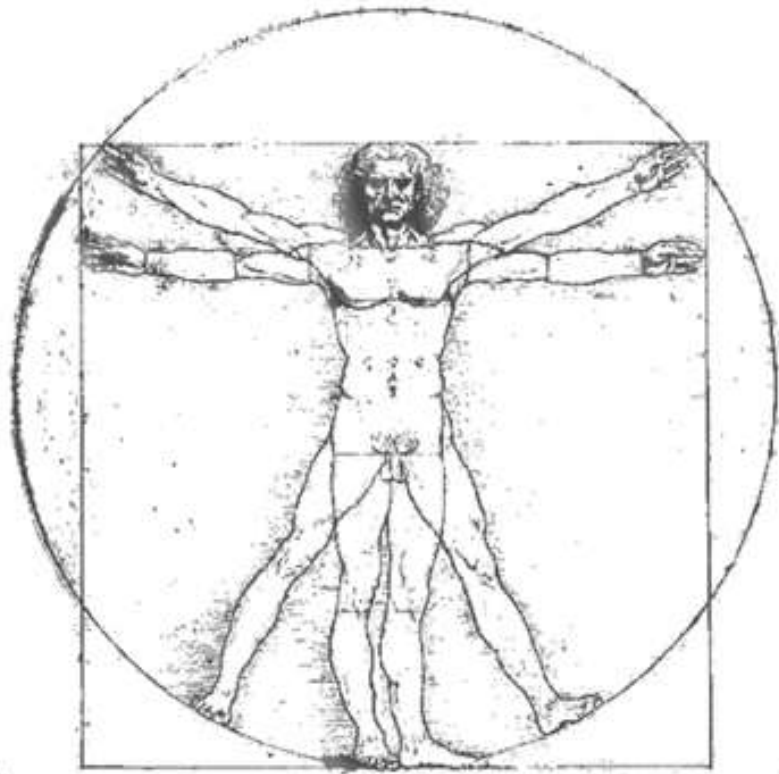




Three Lodges Look to Consolidate

For a Better Masonic Experience



Three Lincoln lodges are pursuing consolidation in an innovative move to provide a more fulfilling Masonic experience for their members and to show a possible path to make Masonic lodges stronger.

East Lincoln No. 210, Cotner No. 297 and Liberty No. 300 agree that combining their resources will reduce concerns about membership, participation, finances and upkeep of their buildings.

In the past, lodges that consolidated were faced with extinction. In addition, after consolidating, their members were relegated to the sidelines.

The approach of the three lodges is different. None are confronted with extinction and they each have more than 100 members. With equal input from each lodge, they will work together to focus on the Masonic growth of their members.

The 15 members of the new lodge – five from each lodge –

decided to name it Vitruvian Lodge based on Leonardo da Vinci's 1490 drawing of the perfectly-proportioned man. Da Vinci's art was inspired by Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, a Roman architect and engineer, who wrote a book about the perfect proportions of temple architecture and man. Appropriately, da Vinci's drawing is titled Vitruvian Man.

The organizing members of the lodge consider the artwork a fitting representation of the purpose of their consolidation and the new lodge. That is, seeking to give brothers opportunities to pursue self-improvement through a more satisfying Masonic experience.

Current plans of Vitruvian Lodge are to meet at the Masonic Temple at 16th and L streets. With the sale of the other two lodge buildings, the new lodge will start with an improved financial base. Additionally, as the largest lodge in the

state with over 400 members, Vitruvian Lodge's annual income will provide adequate financial support for their efforts.

Brothers from each lodge soon will develop long-term plans focusing on leadership, finances, membership recruitment and retention, Masonic education, ritual work, communication, social activities, fundraising, and service to the community and fraternity.

If all proceeds as planned, Vitruvian Lodge will be constituted after Annual Communication in February 2022. The three lodges would then vote to consolidate, which could be completed within three months.



Brothers petitioning the Grand Lodge to operate Vitruvian Lodge under dispensation include (left), W.B. Jeff Buhrman, W.B. Dennis Hecht, B. Gary Olsen, W.B. Joel Green, W.B. Lance Neeman, B. Lynn Friesen, WB. Justin Williamson, W.B. Jeff Axelson, W.B. Tom Lagerstrom, W.B. Bill Short, W.B. Don Albrecht and M.W.B. Russ Reno. Not pictured are B. Mark Reece and B. Adam Homan.

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Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt



Temple Chapter officers and members have been busy having fun and trying to stay cool. In July we had a fun Dilly Dally Evening where we gathered and enjoyed Dilly Bars. We got to see members we haven't seen in a while and catch up. At the end of July, Temple Chapter attended our Port of Call, with the 2021-2022 Grand Officers and had a great time at the Order of Eastern Star Salt

Dogs event. Lunch was a delicious affair and there were several skits and presentations by the Grand Chapter Officers. At the Salt Dogs game there were several organizations represented; in regards to service and therapy dogs our own Star Dogs of Nebraska. The Salt Dogs played a great game and won the night. It was a great time.

Temple Chapter held our stated meeting on August 2nd. Worthy Matron Carolyn Plants opened with a first responder story by Pastor Steven and Worthy Patron Mike



Lagueux opened by talking about getting old. Several of our members



were awarded Beloved Member & Paws Up awards from Grand Chapter: Sisters Marilyn Jepson, Cindy Kehling, Melinda Brage, Lorrie Bryant and Laurie Sieg. We're so proud of them and all they've accomplished. Sister Tiffany Westerholt spoke about the General Grand Chapter marketing Seminar that was held in July and gave pointers on several key issues. She's willing to share



what she's learned and hopes to tell other chapters. Temple Chapter also plans to have a family picnic in August which is a tradition for us. We hope to have a great time. Our meeting was closed with thoughts of where summer went as it seemed to fly by fast. Our next stated meeting will be September 13th, as Labor Day is the first Monday.

Temple Chapter is blessed to have so many active and loving members. We are proud of all the hard work our officers and members do for our Order. Therefore,

it is with pride that we get to share the honor two of our members have recently received. On August 7, 2021, PGP Carl Plants and Worthy Patron Mike Lagueux were inducted into the Knights of York Cross of Honor. This is an honorary organization within the York Rite and it is so well deserved. Congratulations to both of them for all their hard work and dedication.



North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

Dinner for the August Business Meeting consisted of hot dogs, tater salad, slaw and pasta salad. It was simple and easy. Since I was the cook, simple and easy worked for me. The Business Meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30 in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Bills were paid, correspondence was read, and two EA Candidates proved up in that Degree. The candidates were Bros. Steven Tobiassen and Nate Novak. Masonic Education consisted of discussing the painting *Wanderer Above the Sea Of Fog* by the German

Romantic artist Caspar David Friedrich. It has been considered one of the masterpieces of Romanticism and one of its most representative works. Although it is an interesting painting, you couldn't prove it by me. The picture is composed with the viewer facing the main figures back and is known as Ruckenfigur. The scenery the figure is viewing is a composition of various mountain views from around Germany.

Fellowcraft Degree A Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred August 16 at 7:00 p.m. with Bros.

Tobiassen and Novak being the guests of honor.

Boudreaux & Band-Aids Dat's pronounced boodro, (for all y'all not familiar wit Sout Louisiana) Boudreaux staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Thibodeaux (tib-ã-do). He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Clotile. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the newel post, his body swung around,

and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful. Managing not to yell, Boudreaux sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place, he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed. In the morning, Boudreaux woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Clotile

staring at him from across the room. She says, "You was drunk again last night wasn't ya Boudreaux?" Boudreaux said, "Mon Cheri, why you say such a mean 'ting?" "Well," Clotile said, "it could be da open front door, it could be da broken glass at da bottom of da stairs, it could be de drops of blood trailing thru da house, it could be you bloodshot eyes, but mostly..... it's all dose Band-Aids stuck on the downstairs mirror."

Till Next Month!

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

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 northeast 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.

On May 11 we conferred the Masters degree on Billy Johnson a fellowcraft. Billy had been waiting for a while and was excited to finally receive the degree. Past Master Will Folsom conferred the degree assisted by MWB Reg Kuhn in the West and Bro. David Nolte in the South. WM Wes Bottorf was Senior Deacon for the First Section.

PM Virgil Meints was King Solomon and many Brothers took other parts. The lecturers were done by B David Nolte asking the questions and WM Wes Bottorf answering. The second second lecture was given by MWB Reg Kuhn with PM Paul Kenyon reciting the third section lecture. The degree was done very well.

Our summer is almost over but it is not leaving without its' final blast. Heat just makes all of us tired and sometimes a little tense. It is good that someone invented air conditioning. Lincoln Lodge has been practicing for our annual proficiency. It takes a lot of Brothers to commit to this achievement. I hope that all the officers have been working on their parts.

This brings me to another issue. When a brother is asked to be a lodge officer there are a lot of items to consider. If a Brother traditionally starts his offices in the Lodge he starts in the Junior Stewards office. This is a time to observe the offices in the Lodge and what they mean and what they entail. It also should mean a commitment to coming to Lodge every time the Lodge meets, not just when it is convenient. Yes, there are times when that is

impossible, but when you assume the office commitment it is a commitment to be in your place on Lodge nights. It is also a commitment to learn the ritual parts and begin to learn the degree parts not only for your office but for other parts of a degree.

I recently went to a business meeting for another Masonic appendant body only about half of the "installed" officers were in attendance. There were a lot of subs. There was discussion about if a person is asked to take an office will he attend meetings and if not don't propose him for an office. We talk about our organization dwindling in members, perhaps it relates to our leaders not fulfilling their commitment.

I have also seen many cases where, at election time we just say, move everybody up one chair. This is good if all of the officers are doing their job, but if someone is lacking in the energy to do their job why pat them on the back and move them up?

I just need to get off my soapbox. We have plenty of members who want to do the work but are never asked. One other thing and then I will quit. We take in a new member, and we need to put that new member to work immediately to get them involved.

Lincoln Lodge 19 is planning a couple of activities to wrap up the year so stay tuned to e-mails and the news.

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft Chapter #307 met for their regular June meeting on August 4th. Worthy Matron Sis. Bridget Anderson and Worthy Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl welcomed everyone to the meeting.

We are saddened that both our Past Matron and Kensington clubs have disbanded. Just not enough people interested in attending. We had reports from the Grand Chapter Visitation that was in July. Sis Bridget was in charge of ordering the Chicken from Raising Canes. She reported there was one piece of chicken left. Raising Canes was kind enough to add their special bread for the event

at no charge. Everyone said they enjoyed the day with a few also attending the baseball game. Sister Brenda said she was pleased with the group that sang, made up of OES men. All chapters from the district were represented.

Sickness and Distress Sis's Ruth Beach and Doris Bannister are both in new housing. Sis. Ruth in South Lake Village and Sis. Doris is at High Plains Alzheimer's Special Care Center. Both are doing well in their new locations. Sis. Bridget is doing well after surgery. She stated her father has his boot off and can drive again. Sis. Marsha Michaelson is

getting better every day. Bro. Ron Tillman is reportedly feeling better.

It was reported that Nita Babcock's grandson is in his last year of residency. He had received an OES scholarship to attend college which was very much appreciated.

Sis. Kristen Swisher reported that Bethel 5 just had a ceremony to welcome 3 new Jobbies to be. She also mentioned that the Past Honored Queen was selected Nebraska Miss Congeniality and is in Hampton Virginia at Supreme Session.

Before we left Sis. Cora provided treats. An enjoyable evening was had by all of us

September Birthdays

September 9 Jim Heinke
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September 17 Jeanne Waegli
September 21 Victoria McKee
September 22 Marcia Malzer
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Electa Chapter #8

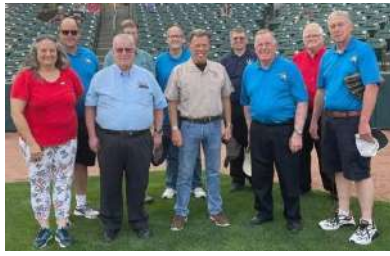
Mike Lagueux

THEY'RE HERE!!! GET YOURS TODAY! Maybe a little dramatic, but all of us here at Electa want those of you who are our Brothers and Sisters to be sure to send in your dues. The new 2022 dues cards are available to be mailed out, or handed to you if you make our meeting. Currently there are only 26 people who have not paid their 2022 dues and we need you to stay with us as members and friends. Your dues become delinquent after October 1st and we encourage you to send in your 2021 dues if you have not done so and also your 2022 dues as soon as possible. Annual dues are only \$20, and if you have difficulty paying them let our awesome secretary know so we can make arrangements to keep you in our STAR family. Send them to: Beth Benson at 2019 Harwood Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502-2728 and we will send you a brand new member card... including your Secretary's signature for your viewing pleasure! Do it today folks, you won't regret it! And, thank you in advance for your support.

At our August 7, 2021 stated meeting we still opened in short form; there was no marching, singing, or "official" social time after the meeting...however the Star Point chairs were set out and being used for their intended purpose! Another step forward for us as we slowly emerge from the oppressive umbrella of the pandemic. Even though there is an upward trend of infection mostly from unvaccinated folks, we continue to move forward toward a new dawn in our ability to carefully work together to defeat this plight in our world. We honored educators in all realms of service and were pleasantly surprised to see how many of our members have been, or are now helping to mentor others. In keeping with the theme of educators, WM Ilah gave each member at the meeting a "sack lunch" so we could go forth in style while staving off any hunger we may have with the goodies inside.

PM Tiffany Westerholt discussed briefly with us some of the information she has picked up at some of the leadership conferences she has recently attended.

There is a great deal of marketing being discussed for the future of Eastern Star and she only touched on it due to the length of time we had available. If you can corner her as she goes about her 1001 differing projects she is associated with, ask her about some of the proposed changes and material coming out of these sessions. The small amount we were able to discuss is very interesting and is well worth your time to hear. Hopefully she might be able to put together a time when it can be discussed at length.



Many of our members attended the Salt Dog baseball game and were even involved in singing the National Anthem before the start of the Game. STAR members in the picture are: Back row, Cecil Smith, Grand Warder, PP Tom Anderson, PP Wade Kendle, and WP Bruce Anderson. The front row included; Director, PM Brenda Frank-Collins, Brother John Duling, PP Bill Reynolds, AGP Wayne

Andreason, and WGP David Wetrosky. A great time was had by all and the money raised to help the STAR DOGS fund was very much appreciated.

We are still supporting the Lincoln Food Bank to help relieve the stress on members of our city and state who cannot afford the necessities of life. The blue barrel in the hallway at the Masonic Temple is a repository for any items you may want to donate to help others help themselves. This month we are asking for item such as, baby or toddler items, food such as canned meat, or basic hygiene products such as tooth brushes/tooth paste, etc. All items should be new and in the factory wrapping please. If you haven't contributed, please consider doing so. This is a very basic outreach project to help those less fortunate than we are.

Our Courtesy Chair sent several cards to our members this past month. Get well cards were sent to PM Corkey Herbster, PP Rich Bales, and Doug Johnson who suffered a stroke and is currently in the hospital

recovering. A thinking of you card was sent to Sister Gale George whose husband is undergoing treatment for an illness. PM Denise Lagueux received a sympathy card for the loss of her very dear cousin, Vera. A sympathy card was also sent to the family of Sister Lucy McCall. Sister Lucy's funeral was on July 30, 2021 and a memorial service was conducted by Electa #8 members. From left to right in the picture are: Sister Susie Dunn, Sister Susan Franson, PM Brenda Frank-Collins, PM Denise Lagueux, PM Martha Cabeles, PM Sharon Yockers, WP Bruce Anderson, and WM Ilah Anderson. We also draped our charter for the loss of one of our Past Grand Matrons at our regular business meeting in August.

As you can see we have experienced the elation of seeing new and old friends, lived through the lows of loss within our STAR family,

and delighted in the ability to help others through outreach and comforting words and deeds this past month. We are still praying for healing and intervention in the lives of some who are going through difficult times and difficult situations. Expectation is always a double edged sword, sometimes we receive that for which we sought, and sometimes we do not. This is that game we play called life. We can change some of it for ourselves and others by our participation and caring, we can ease some aspects of it through our everyday interactions with others. However, we must trust that overall our Heavenly Father decides what is best for our lives and the lives of those we care about. Believe in that and you will never error for a lack of understanding of His presence in our lives. Until next we talk again, may God in His mercy Bless and Keep you safe and healthy.



Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer



Congratulations to Brother Jimmy Ray on receiving his Entered Apprentice degree. The officers and brothers of Lancaster Lodge #54 look forward to working with you over the coming months to prepare you to receive the Fellowcraft degree!

Lincoln Assembly #6

Tiffany Westerholt



niece and Jemma and Piper Mason. With the help of Grand Worthy Advisor Kaydi as a bee, we “spread kindness” around and made honey. After a lunch of chicken strips and chips the girls went dress shopping and said Yes to the Grand Dress!

are thinking of planning some fun events with either cooking or painting and then in October we are attending the Masonic Youth Conference the weekend of October 16th and 17th. If you want to know about our activities and join our mailing list, just email us at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com and we'll keep you in the loop!



The Rainbow Girls of Lincoln Assembly #6 have been busy bees! We've been on the road travelling and spreading our Bees around Lincoln. At the end of July the girls attended Weeping Water #5's Grand Visitation where they initiated 6 new rainbow girls! Then we came back to Lincoln to attend the OES Salt Dogs game where we had a great time eating hot dogs, dancing in our seats, rooting for the Salt Dogs and seeing all the organizations that support service and therapy dogs.



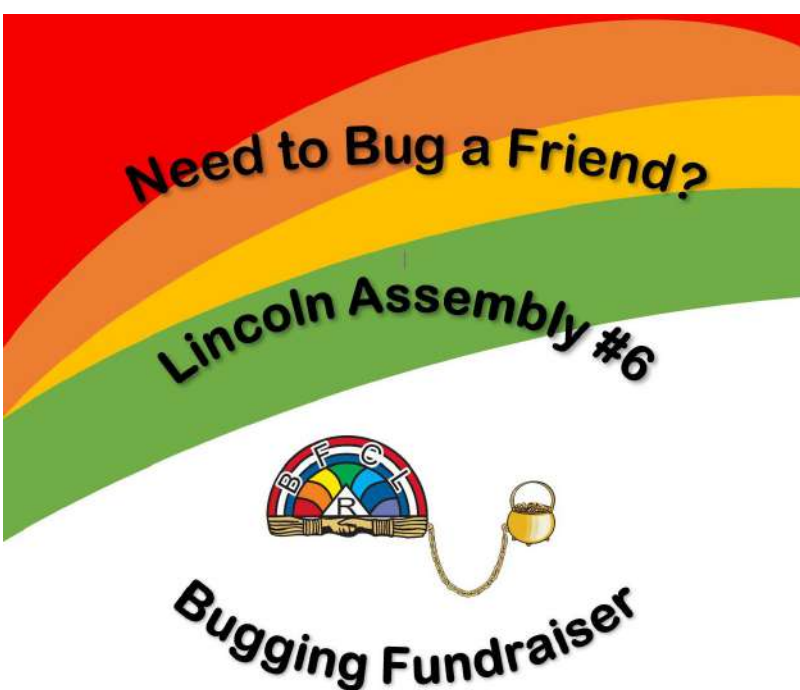
After all that, we weren't done! We've been bugging our friends and neighbors all around Lincoln! Those pesky bugs have been spreading the word about Rainbow and helping the girls raise funds for the Masonic Youth Conference this October! We will be extended our bugging opportunities through September as long as the weather holds. So if you thought you missed a chance to bug someone...you're in luck! Just let us know who to bug and we'd be happy to help. Check out our website: lincolnassembly.org for more information.



The next day we drove out to West Side #22 and Athena #24 Grand Visitation where we did another initiation and had fun with bee facts. Then on August 7th it was our Grand Visitation here in Lincoln. We did a Why Rainbow Ceremony that the girls of Lincoln Assembly wrote and presented it to Worthy Advisor Karli Young's



We've got lots of fun activities coming up! At the end of August if the State Fair happens, we look forward to helping at the CHIP event. We



Let us know who to bug at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com



OES Headquarters Tour

In July my family and I traveled to Washington D.C. It's a bucket list type of a trip where we wanted to see and visit all the memorials, museums, and things you just don't see around Nebraska (such as ruby red slippers and the hope diamond!). When I mentioned it to a friend, she told me that Washington D.C is also where the Order of Eastern Star Headquarters is located so I thought, let's go check it out. I have since learned that many of our members have gotten the opportunity to visit and see this extraordinary place, but for those of you who are like me and didn't even know it existed, let me share with you the wonder that I got to tour.



On New Hampshire Avenue sits a large sandstone structure that isn't quite square, not quite a rectangle nor triangle, but a uniquely shaped structure that started its history as a mansion built by Perry Belmont, started in 1906 and finished in 1909. I learned it was built on a plot of land that used to be a park-hence why it's not quite square or rectangle or symmetrical really, but it absolutely adds to the character of the place. It was a grand place for hosting (only two months out of the year) dignitaries, politicians and even royalty! The Prince of Wales at the time, Prince Edward but future King Edward VIII who abdicated, stayed at the Belmont mansion as well as the Emperor of Japan's delegation. It was put on the market in 1925, but Mr. Belmont being a Mason, sold it to General Grand Chapter for a discounted rate in 1935 with the stipulation that it be lived in which is why the Right Worthy Grand Secretary must live in the building. What wasn't really known at the time was how many

valuable and priceless antiques and gifts were left in the home and came with it. For me, that was the best part of the whole tour! From a handmade silk screen that was a gift from the Emperor of Japan to hand painted ceilings, Tiffany and porcelain collections along with original oil canvases; as someone who loves history, art and well...old things I was in heaven.



When I first got to the residence, I didn't know if I was in the right place. There were ornate gates around the doors! But upon entering the beautiful foyer, I saw the images of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand patron and knew I was in the right spot! Brother Larry Von Weigel greeted me, and I was blessed to be able to take the tour with sister Karen Tuttle and brother Dennis Tuttle of New Hampshire Grand Chapter. While I could regale you of stories of every room, I don't think this article has the time for that. Needless to say, there were beautiful salon rooms, tea rooms, ball rooms and dining rooms. A working elevator that was the first elevator to be installed in a home in D.C! Some of my favorite parts was the Louis XV Writing desk in the Library that was an original, a gorgeous star run that covered the reception room floor, the grand ball room with the gold leaf B. Steinway piano, a block of stone that was one of the original stones from the first white house, and a fourfold-teakwood screen that looked like a painting until you got up close and realized it's silk. I had a great time seeing all these treasures and even getting to touch some of them. After seeing all the grandeur, we then went down to the demure basement where the real

Tiffany Westerholt

work behind the Order of Eastern Star happens, which is where I got to meet the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Alma Bane. She was amazing and let us bug her during her day and chatted with us about star.



I'm really glad I got to tour and see this amazing place. It's an important piece of history and it holds items that aren't found anywhere else in the world. While I was touring this home, it was shocking to learn that despite someone living in it for decades, the mansion hasn't always had the best of care. Restoration efforts and corrections has taken a lot of time and efforts by members who are dedicated to it's success. That is why the Perry Belmont House Foundation was created. It's a non-profit foundation created to help preserve and maintain this impressive piece of history. I did not realize that my dues to the General Grand Chapter do not cover the costs for maintaining the headquarters. Additionally, any funds needed for the house are separate from the General Grand Chapter funds. The foundation hosts events, weddings, receptions and much more in an effort to cover the expenses but it needs help. So in sharing my experiences with you, I also wanted to share information about the Perry Belmont House Foundation as they are working hard to raise funds for important restorations and to keep this valuable treasure with the Order of Eastern Star. If you wanted to learn more, donate, or sponsor an item to restore you can visit: <http://www.ihbelmontevents.com> It has lots of information as well as a way we can help keep this asset vibrant and able to be shared with the world.



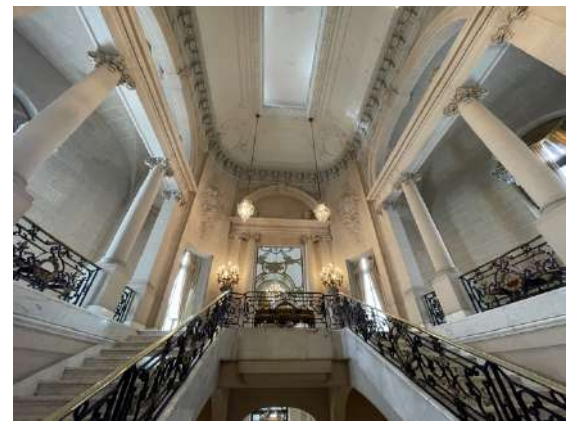
Tiffany Westerholt with the Right Worthy Grand Secretary Alma



Using the working elevator



Dennis Tuttle standing by a stone that was one of the original stones of the first white house.



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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.

Junior Grand Deacon 2021-22

Installed on June 12, 2021, I now serve in the appointed office of Junior Grand Deacon for the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, A.F. & A.M.

One of the main duties of the Deacon is to assist: The Junior Deacon assists the Senior Warden, and the Senior Deacon assists the Worshipful Master in the duties of those offices. Assisting in carrying messages from the Senior Warden in the West to the Junior Warden in the South, and elsewhere as directed by the Senior Warden is one of the primary duties of the Junior Deacon. Other duties would include

guarding and managing the inner door & the Tyler for a tiled Lodge. Visiting Brethren and guests to be introduced at the proper times is an important duty to any Lodge.

As with any Grand Lodge office, I have to think, what does this mean to be on the appointed Grand Lodge officer line other than opening and closing in full form at the Grand Lodge at Annual Communications? Grand Tyler started the Grand Lodge experience for me where I guarded the door during Annual Communications. The immediate previous two years I served as Senior Grand Steward, where I assisted the Junior Grand Warden in the refreshment time of the Grand Lodge; and any ceremonies needed by the Stewards. Now as Junior Grand Deacon, I serve as noted in the previous paragraph. In each though, I find myself assisting the Grand Lodge and Grand Masters in a unique roll as a subordinate Lodge Secretary. GrandView is the Grand Lodge of North Dakota database system for membership and Lodge information, Grand Lodge information, communications, forms, and dues/accounts entry. I love mentoring other Lodge Secretaries to fully utilize this new system that a Lodge is able to use...That's

how, outside of the official ceremonial opening/closing, a Tyler, Steward, or Deacon can serve the Grand Lodge and its members.

Not just opening and closing ritual form or during official ceremonies or initiations, but I argue that the duties of the Deacons can go beyond the doors of the tiled Blue Lodge. What can we do in our daily lives to manage our inner doors? How can we assist our mentors in their work (i.e. as represented by the Wardens and Master, or other mentors of our own journey beyond Freemasonry)? How can we assist in the introductions and meetings of new members or visitors to our Lodges or throughout our lives? Many will lead, many will follow, but the appointed will assist in the work necessary to make the world, or Lodge, go round.

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



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