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Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Karan Birdsall



Spring always follows the winter! What a profound and welcome truth and as March surrounds us, we are eager for the warmer days of sunshine.

Thank you to all who facilitated and participated in our 2021 School of Instruction on February 20th and Secretary's Workshop on February 27th. The virtual format allowed chapters all across Nebraska to take part at the same time and hear from all of our District Grand Supervisors, Board of District Grand Supervisors, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Secretary. A notebook of instructions, information and communications has been created and distributed to each chapter. The notebook can also be accessed from the Grand Chapter website. We encourage all members to check it out for communications and information.

Plans continue to develop for the 2021 Enduring Hope Grand Chapter Session for Tuesday and

Wednesday May 11-12 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. If you are unable to attend in person please join us on Facebook live beginning at 9:30am on Tuesday May 11. Join the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star Facebook page to attend and view the sessions that can be shared virtually. Included in the live cast will be our flag ceremony, memorial hour, recognitions, presentations, and installation of the 2021-2022 Grand Officers.

If you are interested in attending and participating, information is available on the Grand Chapter website.... or contact the WGM @ kmtbirdsall@windstream.net. We hope the declining impact of the COVID-19 virus and increasing availability to vaccinations will bring us together in person more as the months go by. Prayers for the health, safety, comfort and joy of each of you. May we reach out in charity, truth and loving kindness!



Liberty Lodge #300

Jake Hedden

Fraternal Greetings to all from Liberty Lodge #300!

After an eventful Grand Lodge, Liberty returned back to Lincoln and began practicing for our 73rd consecutive year of full proficiency! We successfully completed our first proficiency exam in February and are feeling confident as we have some Brothers putting in the extra time and effort to study and learn their new roles. As always, our practice evenings are full of discussion and learning opportunities as we dive

into the ritual. Liberty extends a welcome invitation to anyone who wishes to participate. Watch the Liberty Lodge #300 Facebook for updated events and details.

As we continue to navigate (what is hopefully nearing the end) of the COVID-19 craziness, we would like to once again take this opportunity to thank WB Dennis Hecht for his graceful leadership through the year 2020. We appreciate all of his work in coordinating and

keeping members engaged in what was one of the most challenging years.

As always, we invite any Brethren to come share in the fellowship and education at Liberty Lodge #300 on Thursday evenings.

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George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

The Brethren of George Washington Lodge #250 met for their regular monthly meeting on March 2, 2021. We are meeting “in person” as per Edict #1 of James R. Carlton, Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska but continue to follow the Directed Health Mandates of the City of Lincoln by wearing our masks and practice social distancing. We were honored to have WB Brent Myers, Deputy Grand Custodian, attend our meeting and support our Proficiency efforts. It was good to see a great turnout and all business was conducted in a timely manner. We will soon be facing some roof repairs to our building...we are currently in the process of getting bids to move forward with this project.

Drive-Thru Dinners Continue!!

By the time you receive this communication, our second “Drive-Thru” Creamed Chicken and Hot Beef Sandwich Dinner will be history but don’t despair: Mark your

calendars for April 10, 2021 (the second Saturday of each month). These dinners feature a choice of a Creamed Chicken Dinner or Hot Roast Beef Sandwich. Sides are: Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots and Celery and Beef Gravy for the Roast Beef Sandwiches. The dinners are available at the Havelock Masonic Center/4430 N. 70th Street from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per meal.

If you are looking for a delicious hot meal and a night away from the kitchen, just Drive Up and Honk!! When you drive up and honk, someone will come to your car and take your order and payment. You will get your meal in a “to go” box and it will be brought right to your car! It doesn’t get easier than that! We look forward to seeing you at our next drive-thru dinner!

Fish Fries Are Coming In May!!

If you have enjoyed eating Fried Alaskan

Pollock, over the years, at our annual Summer Fish Fries, we are making plans to continue this time-honored tradition. More details will be coming next month but we are currently planning to hold our Fish Fries as “Drive-Thru” Dinners until more Covid restrictions are lifted. If you have been missing the taste of this wonderful Fish Dinner (Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fried Potatoes and our “secret” Tartar Sauce), you will want to start circling the second Saturday of every month through September as a reminder that it’s Fish Fry time at the Havelock Masonic Center! Looking forward to seeing all fish-lovers soon!

Shed Renovation

Many of you know that we have a storage shed behind our Lodge building that helps with the maintenance of the property. Sometimes that little shed just needs some tender-loving care. Some of the members of Geo. Washington Lodge #250 and Martha

Washington Chapter #153 turned out for a “Paint The Shed Day”. As you can see from the photos, the shed has a new coat of paint and a beautiful weather-vane to give the building that down-home feel. Thank you to so many that were involved in the shed restoration project; we will be able to make good use of it for many more years to come!

Thank you to WB Andy Martin for capturing the event in the attached photos.

George Washington Trivia

Washington led troops in numerous military engagements, but despite commanding several well-known victories, Washington lost more battles than he won during the Revolutionary War. In the French and Indian War, Washington had two horses shot out from under him and received four bullet holes in his coat as well as one in his hat. This perceived immunity to bullets led one Indian chief to

remark that some higher power must be guiding his life. During the Nation’s Bicentennial, Washington was posthumously promoted to General of the Armies of the United States, the highest rank in the U. S. military. A 2012 poll conducted in Great Britain ranked Washington, not Napoleon, as the British Empire’s greatest military adversary. Although he made some battlefield blunders, Washington provided the leadership that was required to hold the Continental Army together for the eight years it took to achieve victory.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this Irish Proverb: “A good friend is like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have.”



Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

It's hard to believe we're already in the thick of March! The lodge has been busy "behind the scenes" brushing up on all of our parts for our Master Mason proficiency (and in some cases learning new parts!). By the time this releases, we should have already completed another year of proficiency, and can start teaching our upcoming officers new parts for next year!

that everyone involved is looking forward to going!

This is also a great time to remind you that the All Masonic Family picnic will be held at the Masonic temple on 1635 L Street on April 18th; all Masonic-related organizations are invited to attend! Please let WM Matt know if you will be coming by April 14th, so that we know approximately how much meat to purchase.

Master's Remembrance Ceremony. We look forward to seeing you at these great events!

On March 6th we were finally able to go to the hockey game that WM Matt planned last year! A huge thank you to WM Matt for all of the extra work he has had to take on (and the flexibility required) due to the pandemic! Everyone who went had a fantastic time, even if the Stars weren't looking their best against the Lancers!

Looking forward to May, we have a table lodge planned, which are always a fun time, and close to the end of May we will have our Past

The lodge also continues to have regular camping trips with the brothers, and everyone who attends reports that it is a fantastic time! Due to some prior scheduled events, we have had to postpone our camping trip with the DeMolays until the weekend of April 22-25, however I know



Temple Chapter #271

Mike Lagueux

Temple Chapter opened its meeting for March with new initiatives to be proposed and work to be done. Our Worthy Matron proposed a plan to send "care" packages to members of the military (deployed) as well as first responders here at home. With the conflicts drawing down currently it is important that the men and women now serving in those faraway places be remembered and feel that their contribution to our safety here at home be recognized. Several people were asked to accomplish varying tasks to see how we could best do this and results will be discussed at our next meeting.

coming in less than two months now too. Temple Chapter will have at least one new member initiated at Grand Chapter, and there is the possibility of two new members being initiated during the same meeting. Even with the looming threat of COVID resurgence there is hope due to the immunizations our members are receiving and the general climate of moving forward with our lives. Concern is always a welcome ally, panic is an unreasonable surrender to the imagination. While we can be concerned and cautious, we can also begin living a life of modest re-energizing hope in the future.

me-not flower. In early 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became evident that freemasonry was in danger. In that same year, the "Grand Lodge of the Sun" (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges located in Bayreuth) realizing the grave dangers involved in being a Mason, adopted the little blue forget-me-not flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compass insignia normally worn on the lapel of Masons. It was felt the flower would provide Brethren a method of identification without possible recognition by the Nazi of their affiliation with the Fraternity. Basically, Freemasonry went undercover during those dark days of the Nazi rise to power. It was this tiny

blue flower that gave hope and recognition to countless brethren as they endured the ravages of the reign of Nazi power during those dark days of the ten year rise and fall of the regime. It also refused to allow the light of Masonry to be extinguished during those times of little hope.

A lapel pin was given to each of Temple Chapter's male members as a reminder that hope will never die when brothers are that closely aligned in the light. We learn from the past, to prevent repeating it in the future.

Hope should shine as brightly today as it has in ages past for us. We are on the precipice of great things as we emerge from the pandemic of 2019

and begin to once again feel the sun's bright rays warm on our faces. While it is true we have lost many souls to this monster that was unleashed upon our world, we can take solace in the fact that we are slowly beating it back with casualties that reach into the hundreds of thousands, not the hundreds of millions that might have been. In the last great pandemic almost 2/3rds of our world was decimated. My friends, it can always be worse. But we have our faith in God, and our faith is indeed...well founded. Until we again talk, walk in the light that our Lord provides us and fear not, for we are His children.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning Grand Chapter which is

The Worthy Patron discussed the Masonic implications of the forget-

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Martha Washington Chapter was able to meet on March 4 under the new Phase 2 Guidelines. Preceding the meeting, a memorial service was held for six sisters who passed away in 2020: Sisters Marie Rustemier, Mae Weideman, Bonnie Hartley, Paula Beezley, Donna Cave and Karen Gulbranson. The charter was draped in their memory after the lovely memorial service that was written by our Worthy Matron, Sis. Sue Hedges.

The Chapter is happy to announce that we will be sponsoring a high school scholarship for Maxwell Rathjen, the grandson of the late Sis. Barbara Smith. Max is graduating from Central City this spring and is planning on attending Wayne State College in the fall.

We were so happy to have the Worthy Grand Matron, Sis. Karen Birdsall, and the Grand Conductress, Sis. Laurie Sieg as our guests for the evening. Prior to the close of the meeting, Sis. Karen presented PGM Betty Kirby with a Grand Representative of Saskatchewan commission, a complete surprise to her. Several years ago, Bro. John was also a Grand Representative to this Canadian Province and was able to present Sis. Betty with her badge.

We had several members attend the virtual Zoom School of Instruction on February 20 and the Secretary/Treasurer's School of Instruction on February 27. We all agreed that this was a great way to present the material and liked the format.

Betty Kirby

We want to thank everyone for their support of our Drive-Up Creamed Chicken Dinner in February. Our attendance was very good and we are pleased to continue the dinners on the Second Saturday in March and April, serving from 4:30 through 7:00 p.m.. Come and enjoy a great meal. Just drive up, honk your horn, and someone will be out to take your order

for either a Creamed Chicken dinner or a Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Dinner. All for only \$8.00 and you may take it home and enjoy a meal that you haven't had to cook for yourself!

Happy Birthday Wishes are sent to Sis. Charlotte Contatore (March 1); Ayla Wilhite (4), Wanda Fisher (17), Maxine Buchardt (31) and Brothers John Kirby (19), Bryan

Bingham (28) and Troy Tuhey (28).

As we are now realizing the potential of controlling COVID virus, we urge everyone to stay safe, take the proper precautions, and get your vaccinations. We are so ready to enjoy each other's company again and hope that we will be able to do so soon.



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 examining the use of "Anno Lucis" as it applies to Speculative Masonry. The term is Latin for "The Year of Light." There is a belief the earth was created 4000 years before this point in time. I'm not going to discuss, prove or disprove the merits of this belief other than mention it was discussed. To arrive at the year Anno Lucis, you simply add 4000 to the present year. That being the case, this year is 6021 Anno Lucis. The minutes

were read and the bills were paid. The resolutions presented at Grand Lodge whether passed or rejected were discussed. One would think that of the 150 plus years since the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was created, we would have just about all the laws, rules and regulations we would need to govern this fraternity. Apparently not.

An application for the Grand Lodge Scholastic Scholarship was submitted by WB Dan Chesnut's daughter Shelby and approved by the Lodge. A matching amount plus some extra was also

approved. Shelby will be attending North West Missouri State in Maryville next fall. We wish her well. The girl is well grounded with a good work ethic and I believe her future success is forthcoming. A visit from our new Deputy Grand Custodian, WB Brent Meyers to talk about the format of the Schools of Instruction format. Our previous DGC, WB Carl Plants recently retired from that position.

The following passing of a Brother was just received by our secretary.

Masonic Record of Arthur L. Whisennand

Brother Arthur L. Whisennand was born May 15, 1928 at Colorado Springs, Colorado and departed this life November 17, 2019.

Brother Whisennand Petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for Membership on December 5, 1956. He was elected to Membership on January 2, 1957. Brother Whisennand received his Entered Apprentice Degree on January 16, 1957 was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason

on February 20, 1957, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 27, 1957 in North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother Whisennand was presented 50 and 60 year membership awards.

Brother Whisennand will be greatly missed by his Friends and Brothers of North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M.

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft Chapter #307 held their regular March meeting on the 3rd. It was a beautiful day. Worthy Matron Sis. Bridget Anderson and Worthy Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl welcomed us to the meeting. Sis. Cora read the report from the on-line Supervisor and Secretary school. Those that watched thought they were very good. And they will soon be available to be watched if anyone wants to view it.

Bro. Dennis Brydl reported that he will continue to be the president of the Masonic News. He said they have a wonderful board and

he thanked them for everything they are doing to keep this publication going. Julie Fowler will be our rep.

We will be sponsoring Colton Johnson, to attend the Masonic Band Camp. Bro. Dennis encouraged folks to help with the Band Camp if they can. He always goes as a hall monitor in the dorms.

Good and Welfare: Sis. Marcia Michaelson is home now and recovering from foot surgery. Sis. Kristen Swisher is still recovering from her foot surgery. Bro. Jim Banister attended the meeting and is feeling

much better after his fall on the ice. Sis Bridgett and Sister Kristen's dad fell on the ice and broke his leg in 3 places. It will be a long recovery for him. Sis Angie Dasher's husband Bobby has high blood pressure and other health problems so we will keep him in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

We headed out with take home treats provided by Sis. Bridgett and Sis. Julie. Happy spring to all our Sisters and Brothers.

April Birthdays

- April 7 Cora Redwine
- April 7 Dora Redwine
- April 9 Eldine Dove
- April 12 Joann Rosenthal
- April 18 Jere Ann Puckett
- April 22 Terri Sherman

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

East Lincoln 210 has several upcoming events in March:

-A lodge cleanup will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 PM

-A Round Table Practice is also being held Thursday, March 11, at 7:00 PM

-The 2021 School of Instruction will be hosted by East Lincoln 210 on Saturday, March 27 from 9:30 to noon, followed by a BBQ lunch from Famous Dave's! Bring a positive attitude and enjoy the new format.

Masonic Record of Bob Wunder

I am saddened to report that WB Bob Wunder passed in February. WB Bob was born in Marietta, Ohio, in 1937 to George and Audrey Wunder. Bob was a US Air Force Veteran who served in several places including Alaska and the Lincoln Air Force Base. While serving in Lincoln he met his future wife Janet Schleiger, and after his discharge they were married on July 26, 1959. They had one son Jeffrey, who later became Worshipful Master of East Lincoln 210.

WB Bob started work at Cengas and worked there for over 35 years. Janet passed away in 2007 and Bob later married Diane Becker. Bob's son, WB Jeff Wunder, recently passed on December

19, 2020. Bob was a lifetime Mason and over the years held many offices within East Lincoln 210. Most recently, you could find him at 210's annual Fourth of July cookouts.

WB Bob is survived by his wife Diane, Daughter-in-law Sherry Wunder, Brother Jerry, Sister Sharon (Miles) Farley. Step children are Jim (Laura) Otto, John (Joyce) Otto, and Jennifer Duty. Brother-in-law Ron (Susanne) Schleiger, Sister-in-law Judy (Gary) Minzel, grandchildren Haleigh, Hannah and Amber. Nieces and nephews.

(Most of this information was found in Feb 12, 2001 Lincoln Journal Star.)



Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

This year has been very difficult for Electa's members so far. Sister Susan Franson, our courtesy Chairman has sent get well cards to PP Rich and Donna Bales who were involved in a very serious automobile accident earlier this year and are still recovering. A get well card was sent to PM Kristen Swisher for an injury she sustained which needed surgery. A get well card was sent to PM Marian Walters, who is recovering from a fall. PM Susan Petzoldt received a get well card and WP Bruce Anderson received a get well card after a fall on some ice that damaged his leg which required surgery. Bruce is currently in rehab but is expected to go home soon to recover there. Thinking of you cards were sent to Shona

Klusman, and Kim and Mike Rauscher.

The meeting on the 6th of March also saw a dedication of memorial emblematic stars to be housed at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, Metcalf Funeral & Memorial Services, Roper & Sons Funeral Home, and Roper & Sons Funeral Home South. These have long been in the works for distribution to be displayed at memorials of Electa Chapter members.

PM Denise Lagueux gave her report to the Chapter for 2020. She thanked all of the officers who served with her and those who supported her during this trying time in the East due to the

pandemic. She wished all of the members good health and happiness as we continue to work through the difficulties of the time we are in. PP Don Frank also gave his end of the year report as Worthy Patron echoing many of the points PM Denise had said. PP Doug Johnson gave his report as Treasurer and Sue

Stroud gave the Secretary's report for Beth Benson who was not at the meeting. Their reports was accepted and placed on file with the Secretary.

The new officers of Electa want you to know that you are in their thoughts and prayers for this year and invite you to come to the

Chapter meetings when you feel comfortable to do so. Until next month, good health, much happiness and the Grace of God be with you in your lives. Photo credit by Matt Zier.



What Being A Mason Means To Me

John Hanson

In 1988 I asked my father-in-law a big question: "What does a guy have to do to become a Mason?" He smiled and said "I thought you'd never ask, I'll take care of it." I wasn't really sure what to expect. What I did know was the Masons I knew seemed to be happy in life, honest, and well respected. Being a nurse, I wanted to hang out with some men, I guess I needed some balance.

My father-in-law was in lodge every time I proved up. I think my membership made us closer. He passed away a few years after I was raised and I received a lot of support from our Lodge. All I needed to do was ask.

The Lodge was pretty active; there were social gatherings, Table Lodges, playing BINGO, fund raising. Taking part in and helping with Lodge business. Meeting and developing friendship with other men. Men who could be trusted.

I was a member of the Army Reserve and as luck would have it, there were Masons there too. We would sit around, without rank, discussing matters of importance to us, solve what we could and support each other.

Life took me away from the Lodge for a while. Since my return, I reunited with a few and met many new friends. In my travels I found Lodges change. Some are more friendly and active, others not so much. There is more to being

a Mason than going to a meeting, making a motion to pay the bills and then going home for the month. Honestly, men get bored pretty quickly if this is all a Lodge does, and they go elsewhere.

Men who seek out Masonry (you have to ask), who become active as Masons (continued to ask) were taught, we learned, and we teach others often by example. Men who come to Masonry, I think, are a cut above the guy who just sits at home and contributes nothing to society in any way.

I recently viewed a blurb on YouTube where a guy was revealing the secrets of Masonry. He was unhappy with Masonry and was being

interviewed by a priest. According to this man, Masons are mostly attorneys and they have secret signs which they pass back and forth to each other in court. Judges are mostly Masons too and recognize these signs. Judges therefore show favor to Masonic attorneys. He says the system is unfair and he was not accepted enough to learn these secrets. He left Masonry and joined the Knights of Columbus. His story there was the same, only a different organization. He is uninformed and unhappy.

A brother, who I met in the army, is black and from New York City. He was driving down a country road in a southern state, circa 1985, and got a flat tire. Never had a flat,

and wasn't exactly sure what to do, and discovered he didn't have all the tools he needed. He stood behind his car, faced traffic and gave the sign of an EA Mason. A car stopped and a white man got out. His first words were 'Brother, how can I help you?'

The kind of Mason I strive to be is the Mason from my second example, who stops on the highway to help a brother. Until the working tools fall from my hands, I want to associate with, instruct and learn from other Masons.

My suggestion is to find the right lodge, work, learn and instruct. A man should leave something of himself and do nothing which would lessen the fraternity.

COMING EVENTS IN MASONRY

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.

Senior Grand Steward

I have been serving as Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota for the last couple terms (June 2019-June 2021). As such, I would like to take a moment and share a few thoughts about the position of Steward.

How can we serve our Craft in physical as well as the philosophical nourishment we all need?

How can we serve through this pandemic during and after the affects of this past year

and when it is all over? I do not want to pretend that I have any of the answers to those questions, especially as we all must answer them for ourselves... Point being is to remember to try and be good stewards to our fellow Brothers and Sisters. In stewardship to others, we serve them in their journeys. As a Masonic Steward, the Junior and Senior Stewards assist in guiding our new candidates to begin their Masonic Journey; also, the Stewards assist the Junior Warden in the time of refreshment from our labor or work. You could say also that the Junior Steward is the understudy to the Senior Steward who serves as a supervisor under the direction of the Junior Warden.

It's been a hard ride this last year to fulfill the typical duties of a Steward, especially with shutdowns, closures, physically distancing, masks, edicts of no or limited work. We just adjust. Our Stewards can serve our members well in making sure everyone is safe and their needs are

met; check in with our members and friends who are homebound and see if they need anything; keep our candidates updated on the progress of opening our Lodges, Chapters, Assemblies, Bethels, Valleys, Councils, Commandries, and make sure they know we are still thinking about them and grateful for them for their patience. Invite our members, candidates, and prospects to an open Zoom informational meeting, gathering, or virtual Feasts.

Stewardship – Serving... Many ways to serve as Stewards, and it's not quite over yet...Keep on, my friends, until we meet again; in the meantime, keep nourished!

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



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