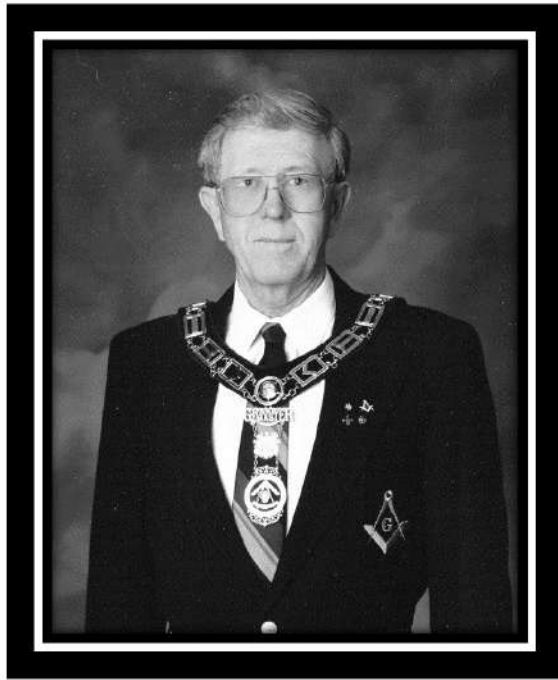




# The Masonic News



### In Memoriam

## Kenneth G. Fleming

131st Grand Master  
1997

Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska

**Born**  
Sidney, Nebraska  
July 14, 1931

**Died**  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska  
April 24, 2021

*As a mark of respect to our departed Most Worshipful brother, I do hereby order this Memorial read in each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction at the first Stated Communication after receiving the same, and that the Charter be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days.*

*James A. Carlton*  
Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska



## Grand Chapter Order Of The Eastern Star

### Betty Kirby

Get Ready for a Jam-Packed Day of Fun and Fellowship! The Lincoln O.E.S. Chapters, along with Ceresco Chapter, are hosting another Salt Dog Event on July 31, 2021, along with a traditional visitation of Grand Officers that afternoon.

We'll start the day off with the Oceans of Possibilities Grand Family at a Tailgate luncheon in the Havelock Masonic Center, 4430 N. 70th St., Lincoln. Registration and gathering starts at 11:30 with a luncheon at noon. Tickets are \$10.00 for the luncheon.

Following the fun-filled visitation, we will adjourn to the Lincoln Salt Dogs Stadium, where we will have a special night honoring the Masonic Family with proceeds going to the WGM and WGP's Special Project. The first pitch is thrown at 7:05 p.m. We have two sections reserved just for the Masonic Family....let's fill them in support of each other and the wonderful work of our service and therapy dogs.

You may purchase your Salt Dogs ticket (\$10.00) from a Lincoln area Worthy Matron or, if you prefer, go online at [saltdogs.com/OES2021](http://saltdogs.com/OES2021). You will then be instructed to the

"Will Call" window to pick up your tickets. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbors for an evening of Baseball, lots and lots of Furry Friends, and some good, old-fashioned Fun. Who knows? You might be the lucky one and catch that foul ball that you always wanted as a kid!

Tickets for both events can be purchased from Susan Hedges, 6401 Vine St, Apt. 175, Lincoln, NE 68505. Her email is [suehedgesoes@yahoo.com](mailto:suehedgesoes@yahoo.com) or her phone number is 402-672-8603. All tickets must be purchased before July 15.

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## North Star Lodge #227

### Bob Tooker

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
The Business meeting dinner was spread by WB Keith Brocksmith. Salad and pizza was the fare. The Business meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30. Masonic education presented by WB Steven Flader consisted of a lesson on the "sound of the gavel." Remembering when we hear the sound of the gavel is heard, something is being built. An additional session was presented regarding characters of the Old West who were Master Masons. The list is long and amusing. Business was conducted and the bills were paid. Sadly the following obituaries were read and published:

Apprentice Degree on May 20, 2008, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on June 17, 2008, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on July 15, 2008 in Bennet Lodge No. 94, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

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Masonic Record of Luther J. Frost  
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Brother Luther J. Frost was born February 25, 1937 in Alexandria, Louisiana and departed this life April 17, 2021 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother Frost Petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for Membership on September 6, 1967. He was elected to Membership on October 4, 1967. Brother Frost received his Entered Apprentice Degree on October 11, 1967, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on November 8, 1967, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on December 20, 1967 in North Star Lodge No.

227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska.

He held the Office of Senior Steward from 2003 to 2004.

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

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Masonic Record of Gerald N. Gibson  
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Worshipful Brother Gerald N. Gibson was born September 30, 1933 at Montour, Iowa and departed this life March 14, 2021 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Worshipful Brother Gibson petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M. for Membership on June 13, 1962. He was elected to membership on July 4, 1962. Worshipful Brother Gibson received his Entered Apprentice Degree on September 12, 1962, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on October 17, 1962, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 26, 1962 in North Star Lodge No. 227, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Worshipful Brother Gibson served as

Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge in 1986. He was presented with a 50 year Membership Award March 2012.

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

Remember this is the month we pause to remember the sacrifices made by those that served and died in service of our country. Those asleep for all eternity, having paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Sleep well my brothers!

Till next month.

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Masonic Record of Jeffrey Jay Butt  
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Brother Jeffrey Jay Butt was born August 5, 1949 at Central City, Nebraska and departed this life May 3, 2021 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother Butt was elected to North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for Membership by Affiliation as a dual/plural member on May 7, 2014. Brother Butt received his Entered



# Bethel #5

**Kristen Swisher**

Bethel #5 has been slowly getting back to normalcy with a few in person activities. We are still holding many meetings via Zoom, but we hope to be meeting in person more and more in the future, as our Supreme Guardian Council allows it. We want to take a minute to thank all the Supreme Guardian Council members, Grand Guardian Council members and our own Bethel #5 members for everything they have done to keep our members safe. As many other Masonic bodies have had to deal with changes, so has Job's Daughters and we feel that they have made things as possible as they can to allow us to keep meeting and sharing this order with the world in a safe manner.



On March 13th, we met in person for the first time since February of 2020. After shaking off some of the rust, the girls held their meeting as if no time had passed at all. The girls really missed seeing each other and it was a fun time had by all! Our Jobie To Bees also met during our business meeting and this would be the last Jobie To Bee meeting for 2 of them as they turned 10 and were Initiated into our Bethel in April. They got to try on a Bethel robe to see how they fit and had a lot of fun customizing letters of their first name. After our regular business meeting, we invited prospective members and their parents for a socially distant and safe ice cream sundae party. Individual ice cream cups were served, and different toppings portioned out in individual cups were available to customize each person's sundae. We had 3 young ladies join us for our event



and we brought our capes and crowns for them to try on, which is always a big hit!



years. Everyone played at least 1 - 18-hole course and a few brave souls played the other 18-hole course as well!



On April 25th, our PHQ Gwen held a personal recital at her home and a small group of us drove out to attend. Gwen is incredibly talented in many percussion instruments and she played 7 pieces for the small audience assembled on her front lawn. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed listening to Gwen share her talent with us. After, we gathered around the Bethel's new mascot Rusty the Cat for a group picture.

Bethel #5 is preparing for our Grand Bethel session in June. We have 4 young ladies that will be putting their names in for Grand Bethel offices, and we wish Sara, Katrina, Hailey, and Elizabeth luck on their selections. We also want to cheer on our very own PHQ and current Honored Queen Lauren as she runs for Miss Nebraska Job's Daughters this year. We are extremely proud of you Lauren and know you will represent Bethel #5 with poise, class, and leadership!

In July, Bethel #5 will also be manning their fireworks tent for the 3rd year in a row. Our location will be in the Sam's Club parking lot on North 27th Street & Ticonderoga Drive. We will have amazing deals and lots of great fireworks so please swing by and fill up your baskets this year at our fireworks tent! This is a major fundraiser for our Bethel, so we appreciate your business! Just look for the large Wild Willy's banner!

Bethel #5 was also asked by Queen Cathy Schultz to perform the Floral Cross for her Installation Ceremony on April 10th. One of our Jobie to Bees was Queen Cathy's granddaughter so we wanted to include them in the ceremony. Our 3 Jobie To Bees stood in the back with their headbands and sashes in the attitude of prayer. After the girls left the cross, the Jobie To Bees picked up the flowers and gave them to Honored Queen Lauren. She and Queen Cathy's 2 granddaughters presented the flowers to Cathy's mother on the sidelines. They did a wonderful job and received many compliments.

April 24th was a big day for Bethel #5! We welcomed 3 new members into our Bethel with some assistance from Mikya from Bethel #15 Fremont and Larissa from Bethel #27. We want to send a special shout out to those 2 girls for coming on their own to assist us, Thank you!!! Bethel #5 would like to welcome Marie, McKenna, and Hailey to our Bethel! We are excited to have you and your families with us!

After our Initiation, a group of us headed out to try our hand at Prehistoric Putt Putt. This fun activity was free for all members and family members that attended from the Bethel's hard work manning a fireworks tent the last 2

## George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of May 4, 2021 with many members present. Worshipful Master John Kirby welcomed everyone and conducted all of the Lodge business in a timely manner!

Roofing Repair Update: A company has been secured to begin the roofing repairs with the work to begin very soon.

Civil War Presentation Our Lodge was recently treated to an outstanding presentation by WB Eric Bachenberg. WB Eric dressed in period Civil War regalia and provided a very interesting program on the significant roles that our Masonic Brethren played during the Civil War. WB Eric provided detailed information concerning Civil War battles as well as

Masonic Brothers that played crucial roles in the Civil War conflict. This was a fascinating presentation and we want to thank WB Eric for his time and efforts to bring this information to us!

Volunteer "Thank You" We want to say "thank you" to the many Brothers of George Washington Lodge #250 and Sisters of Martha Washington Chapter #153 who dedicated their time and talents to another successful year of Creamed Chicken and Hot Roast Beef Sandwich dinners. This annual Fall/Winter event would not be possible without everyone working together!

Drive-Thru Fish Fries Are Here!! 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. As you read this, our first dinner will be history but there are many more to come! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 12th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For \$12.00, you will receive a generous portion (5 pieces) of Batter-fried Alaskan Pollock, and your choice of 2 sides (Fried Potatoes, Baked Beans or Coleslaw) Additional sides are \$1.00 each! Additional pieces of Fish (4 pieces) and Tartar Sauce will be available for \$3.00. Each meal includes a free dessert!!

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!!

George Washington Trivia The First President's formal schooling ended when he was 11 years old, after his father died. That event cut young George off from the opportunity to be educated abroad in England, a privilege that had been afforded to his older half-brothers. Washington's mother never remarried, forcing the adolescent to shoulder weighty burdens at a young age, as the oldest child of six from his father's second family. She taught him how to run a tobacco farm, and at the age of 16 he took his first job as a land surveyor. For the rest of his life, Washington

would be embarrassed by his stunted schooling.

Closing Thought As we approach Memorial Day and pay tribute to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice, to those that honorably served their country when duty called and to those that still remain vigilant in all corners of the world to keep us protected and safe, we salute you....you are the true patriots of our country and we are forever indebted for your service to the cause you have so humbly defended....

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it".....Unknown

## The Senior Deacon's Kung Fu

Ken JP Stuczynski

Attending the Altar reminds me of the tea ceremony, or at least it should. It should have a zen-like quality. Mind you, I don't use the word 'Zen' casually. In fact, it makes me flinch when people use it to simply mean calmness or heaven forbid buying it in the form of sand, stones, and a tiny rake. What I mean here is a quality of action with singular purpose and intention, as embodied in the mastery of such things as archery, or calligraphy, or the tea ceremony. One may call this state of mind "mushin" or "no-mind" in the sense of acting without conscious thought being in the way. The Chinese term associated with it is Wei Wu Wei ("action without action") or more simply Wu Wei.

A more familiar term is Kung Fu. Thanks to Bruce Lee, the West has given it a synonymity with Chinese Martial Arts. But that's not what it means. It more accurately means the quality of excellence from a long period of practice. You can have kung fu in martial arts – its most common usage – or you can have it in dancing, or driving, or accounting. Well, maybe not accounting. But the most impressive show of it for me was a young Russian skater in the Winter Olympics.

I don't remember the year or his name, but I will never forget what I saw. You could

tell that the other skaters had poured their hearts and souls into their routines. You could see the strained determination on their faces. It was obvious they were reaching for their highest possible performance, a peak of a culminated lifetime of effort. And then came this teen who blew them all away and took the gold. It looked as if he wasn't even trying — because he wasn't! There was only "do" or "do not" and he clearly did it. He made it look effortless, and that's not something you can fake, even less the harder you try.

So what does this have to do with the Senior Deacon's work? This could apply to any ritual, but the work at the Altar is its own unique ceremony, done by one person in a deliberate and respectful way. Unfortunately, every movement or pause is a potential distraction from the experience, even if Past Masters aren't prompting you unnecessarily. How can we tighten this experience so we are just "doing it" so that even our own concentration isn't a distraction from the experience? Based on my experience with these concepts in and out of martial arts, here is my advice.

Clear your mind. This is the simplest, yet hardest thing

to do in the world. Sometimes experience being in the "zone" when doing things like listening or playing music. We lose all track of time and the outside world. That is what we're going for here. If we simply ride along the steps of the ritual as if they are pulling us through them rather than pushing them ourselves, you'll start to experience this. Of course, that means you will have consciously practiced it, with effort, enough to where you don't need to consciously think about what you need to do. Slowly let go of the effort so that you move from trying to do it to just doing it. It's not a cliché to say you become one with the ritual at that point.

Establish a clear routine. Always do it the same, at least as is possible given room constraints, directives from the Worshipful Master, and different sizes of the altar and Volume of Sacred Law. If something is different, mentally go over how you will move your hands and place the objects beforehand so you are not figuring it out as you go. But most of the work should be familiar without thinking about it, such as where you will walk, how you will turn, and which hand will do what. This last one is more important than you may realize.

Work as if doing one

continuous action. This means you are ignoring time, and letting the actions themselves determine your pace. You have to relax to do this, starting with the mind, but getting your body used to relaxing as well. Do not rush anything, but do not pause more than necessary to reorient yourself for the next motion. Pause as long as you must, and no longer. It should look like you are wasting no time, and yet are not hurried or cutting the slightest corner.

Tune out all else. This goes along with clearing your mind but is more specific and practical. Decide that you will not pay attention to things outside the action of your ritual. Mind you, this is not the same as actively ignoring everything, which is not mentally possible. The very act of ignoring gives power to distraction. The trick is to simply focus on what you are doing without interest in anything else, and all else fades away.

Set your mental alarm clock. This sort of pre-hypnotic suggestion to yourself is virtually unknown to most people but still important. What you must do is agree with your subconscious that you will respond to the words of the Worshipful Master or if there is some danger present, such as a fire alarm. This is a sort of filter whereby you

can be confident to focus on your work fully while still having the ability to be aware of your extended surroundings on a subconscious level.

Release judgments. Don't keep a scorecard of how poor or well you did. Each experience of ritual is just what it is, nothing more. Afterward, you can evaluate to adjust your practice if needed. You can choose to be thankful for any otherwise "negative" occurrence as something you may learn from for future practice to prevent or deal with it better in the future. There is no point in being mad at yourself or embarrassed, even if someone else gives you flack. In the end, it is simply something you can look back upon as part of your journey to perfection. That is part of what Faith is all about — that whatever happens in life are necessary experiences.

The result of good ritual work is to eliminate distraction, within and without, for both you and your Lodge Brothers. It does not have to be memorable, only meaningful in a timeless now. And with the right mindset and practice, it can be just that.

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# Temple Chapter #271

## Mike Lagueux

Temple Chapter is open! On the third of May we met again and it is so refreshing to see more familiar faces coming back to us. Prior to the meeting we had somewhat of a celebration because both of our scholarship recipients and their parents were on hand to accept the funding we are so happy to provide them as they venture out into a new and exciting world at college.

majoring in Elementary Education.

This was an amazing honor for our Chapter, to be able to give both of these young women a boost toward their careers as educators for the young people they will influence after they complete their courses of study. Congratulations and best wishes from Temple Chapter 271.

Kent and Jamie are Grace's parents and Brent and Jamie Ailies are the parents of Makylee. Both sets of parents couldn't be more proud of their daughters and the future which is theirs to pursue.

It was hard to get started with the business of the Chapter after these presentations, but we did. During the initial business we completed reading the landmarks of Star Chapters; a requirement for all Chapters during the year. To prevent one person from reading all of them they were handed out to each member present and each was read in order and in time completing the requirement. Doing it this way also reminds each and every one of us that these are not something that others read, but that they are meant for each of us and should be read by all periodically.

Makylee is graduating from Lincoln Christian High School and is planning on attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, majoring in Elementary Education. Grace is graduating from North Star High School and will be attending Nebraska Wesleyan University also

One of our goals this year are to support First Responders, firefighters, police, and our military. Worthy Matron Carolyn has been distributing "challenge coins" to the members of Temple Chapter with the instruction that they should be given to members of these groups. After they are given to a deserving person the member can tell why they gave this coin to the person they did, and give us a little insight into their work. We are also sending "care packages" to deployed soldiers or units, members of the US Border Patrol, and anyone who may benefit from receiving something from a grateful organization.

WM Carolyn discussed briefly our Grand Visitation which is scheduled for July 31st, conditions allowing of course. There is also a need for members to seek food handler's permits so that when we are able to meet in larger groups and enjoy food or snacks it can be done assuring the safety and

security of all. Anyone interested may contact our Worthy Matron for further information on how to receive this permit.

There has been some discussion about having a "virtual" Charter Day this year to provide a safe, and fun time for all. WM Carolyn is working with PM Tiffany to see if this can be done in a way that even those who are homebound for whatever reason may join in. There has also been discussion about having a silent auction fundraiser and it sounds pretty exciting in concept. Since I don't want to give away all of the fun just yet, stay tuned for more information in coming issues of the Masonic News. Some of the items up for auction sound absolutely wonderful.

We were saddened to hear that PM Tiffany was not feeling the best due to having her second COVID injection, but even she thinks it is worth getting. I urge you to have the shots whenever they

become available. If not for yourself, how about for those more vulnerable than you.

Until we meet again next month, when hopefully Tiffany will be back for you to read, God Bless and keep you all.



# Lancaster Lodge #54

## Adam Thayer



Well, what a busy month it's been – and what a busy month is ahead!

Last month, the lodge was hopping with activity; in addition to taking

some of the DeMolay boys on a camping trip, we hosted our first annual Lincoln Area Masonic Family Picnic. It was very well attended, and the photos here don't do justice to the number of people who packed the parking lot. We look forward to even more attending next year, and offer our sincere thank you to everyone who attended.

Of course, no month is complete without a business meeting, and our meetings are always packed. This month, we presented a petition for investigation, and held a moment of silence for departed brethren, as well as presenting the custom education that Lancaster 54 has become known for.

Coming up this month, we will be holding a table lodge on May 21st, which are always fun to enjoy with our brothers! After that, on May 28th we will be holding our annual Past Masters

Remembrance Ceremony; we hope to see a large turnout and are looking forward to seeing you all there! The secretary has sent out email invitations to this; if you did not receive one, please contact him immediately to update your email address.

Next month, we will be teaming up with Electa Chapter #8 to host a card party, benefiting the Lincoln Food Bank. More information is available in the sidebar!

The brothers of Lancaster 54 continue to be busy about the building, doing projects for the Temple Board and making many necessary upgrades and improvements. If you're interested in helping out, you can contact WM Matt, or any member of the Temple Board, and they will be happy to find a place for your skills!

We've got so much going on right now, I'm sure I've forgotten to include something – all the more reason to be sure you are coming to the business meetings to keep up to date!



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potatoes, baked beans and/or  
coleslaw*

## Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft Chapter #307 met for their regular May meeting on the 5th. Worthy Matron Sis. Bridget Anderson and Worthy Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl welcomed us to the meeting.

We talked briefly about the upcoming District Grand Visitation that will be held on July 31st beginning with a meal at Martha

Washington and then we will attend the Salt Dogs baseball game that evening.

Starcraft is in charge of the meal and it will be catered by Raising Canes with all chapters providing bars or cookies. We will provide some gluten free bars.

Good and Welfare: Sis. Marcia Michaelson is getting along better every

day. Sis. Kristen Swisher's foot is healing well but now has a knee bothering her after wearing the boot for so long. Bro. Bruce Anderson, Sister Bridgett and Sister Kristen's dad had to go back in for surgery for an infection. Sis Terri has her boot off and is doing well. Prayers for Sis. Ruth Beach and Sis. Doris Banister. Sis. Dottie

Tice will be home soon from her hip surgery.

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

June Birthdays

June 2 Jim Bannister  
June 4 Ruth Brissey  
June 6 Michael Roe  
June 7 Evelyn Rauch  
June 15 Mary Ann Bede  
June 18 Ron Tillman  
June 25 Alberta Connerley  
June 26 Beth Birnstihl

## Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

Electa is springing up! Worthy Matron Ilah brought flowers and treats for everyone during our May Day meeting. We opened in form and quickly proceeded to the business for the night. so glad to see Sister Beth Benson back in her place as Secretary once again. Unfortunately Worthy Patron Bruce is still having problems with his injury from a fall on the ice earlier and was not able to be with us that evening. Other than missing our Worthy Patron, the evening was pleasant, and warm. A few members we have not seen in quite a while were in attendance and the evening seemed to fly by.

There was discussion about the upcoming Grand Chapter assembly in Kearney and some of the business that will be conducted there.

Sister Norma Cummings, (on your

left in the picture) APM, Grand Representative, Illinois in Nebraska and Sister Sharon Yockers, (on your right) PM, Grand Representative, Maine in Nebraska were in attendance and were introduced and given a hardy welcome. Also in attendance was Sister Suzy Campbell from Columbia Chapter. Sister Suzy serves as Ruth at Columbia Chapter and Sister Norma serves as Electa. It was wonderful to have them in attendance and be able to once again share smiles, laughter, and great stories together with visiting friends.

After the meeting several members met at Zesto's ice-cream shop on South Street for some refreshment and continued discussion among friends. The night was warm and the ice-cream was really good sitting out on the picnic benches. This is what social

organizations such as ours was formed for, and thankfully we are beginning to be able to do just that again... in moderation, and according to CDC guidelines concerning social distancing of course! Uggg, I kinda feel like an infomercial spokesman after that addendum!

We wish WP Bruce a speedy recovery and will be glad to see him back in the east, perhaps next month, God willing. Until next month, Good bless and keep you all in his loving embrace.



**Lancaster Lodge #54 & Electa Chapter #8  
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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.

## Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

By the time you are reading this, Grand Chapter will have been brought to a conclusion. It will be a different session, with only Nebraska members in attendance and everyone limited to their own "bubble". It was announced that Sis. Jeanne Krenk will be one of the past Grand Organists that will be playing on Tuesday night. Sis. Sue Hedges will be working with the Registration Committee, and Sis. Betty Kirby will be working the Star Dogs table. Congratulations to all the new Grand Officers for the 2021-2022 year. We wish you all success and a year filled with wonderful experiences, friendships, and much love.

We are looking forward to hosting the Grand Officer Visitation on July 31 at our own Martha Washington Chapter. Invitations will be sent out shortly; but we hope everyone will mark their calendars now for July 31. We will be having a luncheon and the traditional visitation. Following that, we will once again be going down to the Salt Dogs Ballgame as we did in 2019 before COVID hit. The first pitch being thrown out at 7:05 p.m. Please contact the WM for tickets to the ballgame and reservations for

the lunch. All proceeds from the ballgame will be going to the WGM and WGP's special project. Come and support our new grand family.

THE FISH FRIES HAVE BEGUN for the summer at our Chapter. Again, mark your calendars for the second Saturday from May-September. Come up to our parking lot, honk your horn, and we will have someone come out to take your order. We are serving the traditional fish with two sides of either potatoes, baked beans or cole slaw for only \$12.00. Extra sides and fish can also be purchased. A yummy way to end a hot, summer day! And you can come as you are!

The Temple Board reported that a contractor has been employed to resurface and repair our roof. A letter will be sent to all members of the lodge and chapter with explanation.

It is with a sad heart to report that Martha Washington has lost our Imhoff Award holder, Sister Marolyn Robson. Marolyn passed away May 2; her services were held in Plattsmouth on May 6. We will be draping the charter for Sis. Marolyn and Brother Troy Tuhey at the June meeting.

On a brighter note, the

Worthy Matron, Sue Hedges, announced the arrival of her great-niece, Maelee Paige, on April 27. Both baby and mom are doing fine.

Birthday wishes are extended to J.R. Krenk (May 2), Eldonna Bingham (May 8), Sue Hedges (May 9), and Cindy Thompson (May 22). Hope everyone has a great day. And hope all the Mothers in the Chapter had a wonderful Mother's Day.

In closing, here are the words of Abraham Lincoln: "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother....I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

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