



The Masonic News



Electa Chapter #8

Michael Lagueux

Electa Chapter #8 met on November 6, 2021 to conduct our regular monthly business meeting. There was an air of almost giddiness as the realization that this night, at the end of it, there would be a new slate of officers set in place to carry on the business of our Chapter in the coming year. There was also some apprehension at the same thought. The officers this year have done a magnificent job of working through the trying times brought on by the challenges of the pandemic we are not quite free of yet. We have seen a side of humanity that challenged each by feelings of isolation and, well, social distancing... feelings we as a Society of Friends, Brothers, and Sisters have not had to experience in our lifetimes. It leaves us yearning for human companionship, while not actually being able to achieve it. I would like to tell you that the worst is over, but I can't, with any certainty, make that statement.

What I do know is that we are slowly becoming able to see friends who have been away too long returning to the sidelines,

the chairs, and the building...and I thank God for that.

Worthy Matron Ilah Anderson and Worthy Patron Bruce Anderson have done an excellent job of keeping our member's spirits up and our expectations of community alive. Thank you to both of you. The cards, communications, and snacks have been a ray of sunshine in the darkest of times during this ordeal have sustained a spirit of togetherness. The idea of "take-home" treats that our Worthy Matron instituted does not make up for the social separation we are feeling... but they are a wonderful way of communicating the care she has for the people of the Eastern Star Family she is responsible for.

Our instructions for this meeting were to wear something patriotic, even a uniform if we wanted to and had served in the military. I have to admit, I did wear Husker Red to support our football team, as did many others. I think it brightened the look of the Chapter room and lightened the mood of everyone present. Yes, I did know they lost...but not by much, right?

The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron asked last month to help fill the barrel that goes to the Food Bank, and many of you have. Thank you for your caring at this time of the year when many families are trying to figure out how they will manage during the holidays. Your out-pouring of generosity has indeed overflowed our barrel and provided many of the necessities of those less fortunate than we are. Please don't stop now; there are still many who are wondering if they

will be able to make it through this long holiday/winter season with the items they and their family need to survive. For many there is not much of a differentiation between surviving the winter and being on the streets. The picture I have included is of a person who was camped out on our parking lot who, due to mental illness and lack of funds will not go to the shelters available. Whether they make it through is sometimes dependent on your donations. Please consider continuing to donate to the Food Pantry, the Blue Barrel Projects, and the Salvation Army when you pass by the red kettles this year.



A card was sent to Brother Bill Short who is currently going through some medical issues. Communication in tough times is so important to those we care about and Bill is one of the best. We were also extremely glad to see Past Patron Doug Johnson in Chapter after a difficult time with health issues. Doug looks great and is in good spirits.

Just a reminder, we will be meeting at 2:00 PM during the winter months to make it easier during the possibility of inclement weather.

We lovingly draped our Charter in remembrance of Past Grand Matron, Carol DeMoss. She will be missed by many in Eastern Star and the

communities she served.

Elections were held and a new slate of officers were chosen. The new line of elected officers for the 2022 year are:

Worthy Matron Elect: PM Denise Lagueux
 Worthy Patron Elect: PP Michael Lagueux
 Associate Matron Elect: PM Brenda Frank-Collins
 Associate Patron Elect: PP Don Frank
 Conductress Elect: APM Martha Cabrillos
 Associate Conductress Elect: PM Sharon Yockers
 Secretary: PM Beth Benson
 Treasurer: PP Doug Johnson
 Trustee Elect: PM Ilah Anderson

In the opening of the Chapter there is a part that says the Worthy Matron chooses to open the Chapter in the spirit of Faith and Love. This is very fitting as the new officers will soon take their respective stations and places, and I believe our Heavenly Father watches over all of those in His care. We ask that He give comfort and rest to the officers and members who have just carried out the duties they agreed to undertake in this year of 2021, and sustain those who will be entering upon the duties of the coming year.

Enjoy the holidays and until next month I wish for you good health and the assurance that God will not bring you to something that He will not bring you through. God bless you all.

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Rainbow Grand Assembly

Karan Birdsall



Greetings to our Masonic Family in Lincoln! Nebraska Rainbow is celebrating its 75th Anniversary and eager to share opportunities for celebration, fellowship and service.

Saturday November 20th at the Scottish Rite in Sioux City a reception will kick off the celebrations and will be hosted from 2-5pm. We invite you to join the celebration. The event will begin at noon with a ceremony honoring the organizations within our Masonic Family, recognizing and celebrating our value.

The "Bee Kind" 2022 Grand Assembly session will be the culmination of

the anniversary celebrations. The 2022 Grand Assembly Session is flying to a new destination. We will return to the neighborhood of the first Grand Assembly Session of 1946 and convene in downtown Omaha, at the Downtown DoubleTree. Details and registration for the June 10-12 Session we be shared after the first of the year and we hope you will find events you choose to attend.



The International Order of Rainbow for Girls will celebrate its 100th Anniversary next summer at the Supreme Session in Oklahoma City. In

preparation for this milestone, each week a jurisdiction is featured on the social media sites of IORG. Nebraska has been featured from November 7-13 with videos, posts, and posters in international social media. These messages can be accessed by visiting "The International Order of Rainbow for Girls" Facebook and Instagram. You can also view them on "Nebraska IORG" Facebook and Instagram. We also invite you to visit

It's a Celebration!



75 years of Nebraska Rainbow

Please join us on November 20, 2021
Ceremony at 12 pm
Reception from 2-5 pm

Scottish Rite Building
801 Douglas Street
Sioux City, Iowa 51101

Enter Building on Douglas Street - Parking to the north

"Nebraska IORG" Snapchat and TikTok. We invite you to view and learn about the activities, relationships, acts of service and engagement of our Rainbow Girls and their assemblies.

Thank you to our Lodges, Chapters and Masonic family members for your support of Nebraska Rainbow! Together we will thrive. Please consider sharing our opportunities with families, daughters, granddaughters, and nieces around you. We know that as the diameter of our circle of membership grows, so does the value for each member and their impact in our communities. Currently Nebraska IORG is growing at 21.92% growth for the 2021 year. That means new



members and new families! We invite you to engage and take the journey with our Lincoln Assembly and Nebraska Grand Assembly. If you have any questions or desire to connect please reach out. Thank you!



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RAINBOW GETS GIRLS READY FOR LIFE

North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

LODGE PROFICIENCY
On October 18, a Special Communication was called for the purpose of conducting the 2021 Lodge Proficiency examination in the EA and FC Degrees. Our new Deputy Grand Custodian, WB Jeff Buhrman conducted said exam. I believe we were successful. WB Karel Capek provided a shrimp boil for a snack afterwards. We had regular boiled, and a batch of spiced shrimp made with "Slap Yo Mama" seasoning. The shrimp were fresh from the Gulf "o" Mexico. No dolphins or sea turtles were intentionally harmed during the shrimp harvest.

BUSINESS MEETING
The November Business Meeting Fellowship Hour meal was prepared by WB Karel Capek again. Texas Red, boiled shrimp, several types of sushi and pumpkin pie was served. One could get used to boiled shrimp on a regular basis. Masonic education was presented by WB Steven Flader. Mark Twain's allusions were the subject. Twain, AKA Samuel Clemens, has always been one of my favorite authors from childhood. His quotes are also favorites. Normal business was conducted, bills were read, approved, and paid. Just the normal minutia of running a Lodge. Election of officers

for 2022 was conducted and the following were elected or reelected: WM WB Steven Flader, SW Adam English, JW WB Karel Capek, Tres. Allen Plucknett, Sec. WB Steve Wetzel, Trustee WB Bob Tooker. I want to commend outgoing Master, WB Bruce Watkins for serving two consecutive terms. We have a Master's Degree scheduled for November 10, at 7:00 p.m. and a Table Lodge has been scheduled for December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

BIT O HUMOR
A shoutout to those that can remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the

password they created yesterday!

"Wifey, cranky because her husband was late coming home from work again, decided to leave him a note saying, "I've had enough and have left you ... don't bother coming after me." Then she hid under the bed to see his reaction. After a short while, the husband comes home, and she could hear him rummaging in the kitchen before he comes into the bedroom. She could see him walk towards the dresser and pick up and read the note. After a few minutes, he wrote something on it before picking up the phone and calling

someone. "She is finally gone...yeah I know, it's about time, I'm coming over. Get ready, we are going out to pass a good time...can't wait to see you." He grabbed his keys and walked out leaving the house. She heard his car drive off as she crawled from under the bed, seething with rage with tears in her eyes. She read the note he wrote. "I could see your feet! We are out of bread. Be back in 10 minutes." **TILL NEXT MONTH!**

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

It's that time of year when all secretaries get busy sending out dues notices and collecting dues, plus recording the elected new officers and helping to plan for installations and a new year of activities. Lincoln Lodge No. 19 is no different. I sent our dues notices about 3 weeks ago and have received a lot of returns. The Lodge will be financially ready to start 2022 in good shape. Our new officers will be planning their installation and future degree work. I know of one candidate to vote on in December and another petition to read along with those Brothers who are progressing through their degree work. It promises to be a busy year.



good time. Worshipful Master Wes Bottorff acted as Master of Ceremonies. Lynn Friesen and Andrew Loudon served as Senior and Junior Wardens.



Worshipful Master Wes Bottorff and his wife

50-YEAR PIN

The Table Lodge was a time for celebration, so Lincoln Lodge 19 decided it was a good time to present a 50 year pin. Worshipful Brother Virgil Meints was pleased to receive his pin marking 50 years of membership. He was raised to the degree of a Master Mason on December 18, 1971. He

has served Lincoln Lodge well. In 1976 he was Worshipful Master and again in 2006 & 7. He has served on many different committees and has been a helpful mentor to many brothers. I can remember Virgil giving the Charge when I took my first degree, and I was impressed with the words and how he delivered them. He has also played the part of King Solomon in many Masters degree and again has done an outstanding job. Congratulations Virgil!!!



REG KUHN AND VIRGIL MEINTS

I received notice of the death one of our long-time members, Brother Don Pritchett. Bro. Don lived in Texas and was born August 9, 1930, and died on January 20th of

this year at the age of 90. His daughter told me he always had fond memories of his time in the Lodge. The family and Don were sad that when they moved to Texas they somehow lost his apron. I have since sent his family a new apron to add to their memories along with his 70 year membership pin, card and certificate since I did not learn of his passing until I sent dues notices. Rest in peace Brother Don.



BROTHER DON PRITCHETT

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Earlier this month we conferred the degree of Entered Apprentice Mason on John Goza. Worshipful Master Will Folsom, PM conferred the degree assisted by Reg Kuhn MWGM in the West and Bruce Anderson, PM in the South, The Questions were asked by Brother Dave Nolte and answered by Brother Billy Johnson. I am sure that the new Entered Apprentice will make a fine addition to Lincoln Lodge 19.

We will have another Entered Apprentice degree to perform on November 23rd.

As you can see, we have been busy this month. If you have not been to Lodge now is a fine time to get reacquainted with the Brothers.



LADIES AT THE TABLE

November 9th Lodge 19 and Liberty Lodge No. 300 held a Ladies at the Table event that was well attended, and all had a

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

By the time this article is published, Martha Washington will have already served it's Annual Roast Beef Dinner on November 7. Our thanks to everyone who supported our chapter. All proceeds from this dinner go directly to our charity and projects. Again, our deepest thanks.

A reminder to everyone to come to our monthly drive-up Winter dinners, serving on the second Saturday of the month between 4:30 and 7 p.m. You can have your choice of Creamed Chicken or a Hot Roast Beef Sandwich dinner. Both are wonderful comfort foods for those cold winter nights. Please mark your calendars and come and pick up your dinner. A

great dinner for the same prices as a McDonalds drive-through...and much tastier food!

We welcome Ceresco Chapter #198 who will be using our building for their meetings in the near future, due to a mold problem in their own building in Ceresco.

Elected to serve Martha Washington Chapter for the 2022 year were: Sis. Julie Fowler, Worthy Matron; Bro. John Kirby, Worthy Patron; Sis. Shellie Smith, Associate Matron; Bro. David Sierks, Associate Patron; Sis. Betty Kirby, Secretary; Bro. Mike Buchardt, Treasurer; Sis. Sue Hedges, Conductress; Sis. Sue Bell, Associate Conductress; Sis. Sue Hedges, Trustee; and

Sis. Julie Fowler, Shellie Smith, Jeanne Krenk and Bro. John Kirby, Temple Board members. Tentative plans are being made for the Installation, dependent upon the directives of the WGM and WGP regarding COVID criteria.

Our sympathies are extended to the families of Sis. Ardelle Boardman, a 60-year member and Bro. Richard Baker, a 63-year member. Also of note was the passing of PGM, Sis. Carole DeMoss. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Brenda Wright; although she was not a member of our chapter, she and her husband George were always avid supporters of our chapter and the lodge activities.

Everyone is looking forward to our December meeting and everyone is encouraged to wear their holiday attire.

November birthday wishes are extended to: Sis. Jeanne Krenk (Nov. 1); Bro. Dennis Siekman (Nov. 9); Sis. Janice Ossenkop (Nov. 9); and Bro. David Sierks, (Nov. 16).

In closing, a thought for Thanksgiving, a thought for all, written by Clyde McGee:

Gratitude
For sunlit hours and
visions clear,
For all remembered
faces dear,
For comrades of a single
day,
Who sent us stronger on
our way,
For friends who shared

the year's long road
And bore with us the
common load,
For hours that levied
heavy tolls,
But brought us nearer to
our goals,
For insights won through
toil and tears,
We thank the Keeper of
our years.

CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER

George Washington		250
Martha Washington		153

4430 N. 70th St.

Second Saturday of
Every Month Oct - April
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$10.00 per person
*Hot Roast Beef Sandwich,
Creamed Chicken over
Biscuits, Mashed
Potatoes, Veggies,
Coffee, Tea, or Water.*

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

On November 3rd, Starcraft met for its regular meeting. Worthy Matron Sis. Bridget Anderson and Worthy Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl opened the meeting. We had a great group for the meeting.

The charter was draped in honor of Sis. Carole DeMoss. Sis Terri Sherman recalled fondly of when she lived in Lexington and two of Carole's children were classmates of hers. Sis Terri and Sis Cora assisted with the Eastern Star service at her funeral.

We were saddened at the loss of Sis. Doris

Bannister who passed on November 1st. She was our sideline cheerleader and her banter will be greatly missed by all. Over the years she held many offices including Martha 6 times and was treasurer for 4 years. We send condolences to our Bro. Jim Bannister.

Election of Officers:

Worthy Matron Terri Sherman
 Worthy Patron Dennis Brydl
 Assoc. Matron Bridgett Anderson
 Conductress Julie Fowler
 Secretary Ilene Smith
 Treasurer Bev Ryba

Trustee Cora Redwine We heard reports of our members that are unable to attend right now. Sis Ruth and Bro Ralph Beach are doing Ok. Bro Ralph reported that Sis Ruth reads the Masonic News every month, so we say "Hello!" to her. Marsha and Tom Michaelson just returned from their annual checkup at the Mayo Clinic. They are both doing well. Sis. Nita Babcock is well and reports that she and Sis Ilene do puzzles together every week.

Sis. Kristen announced that Bethel 5 Initiation is upcoming, and they have

2 to initiate. Kristen told us her son, Evan, will be going to Washington, D.C. in 2023 so is raising funds to make the trip. He is really excited about this since he is a history buff. Sis. Brenda Collins told us about a pancake feed on Nov 12th that her son and daughter in law will be having to assist with the cost of adoption.

We celebrated the birthdays of Sis. Ilene and Sis. Bridget who were at the meeting. As we headed out the door Sis. Terri provided take home treats.

December Birthdays

December 7 Bev Ryba
 December 13 Cathy Holloway
 December 16 Mary Kay Retzlaff
 December 20 Donna Pritchett
 December 22 Rita Imlay
 December 26 Carol Anderson

George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of November 2, 2021 with several members present. Worshipful Master John Kirby welcomed everyone and conducted the Lodge business in a timely manner! In honor of Veterans Day, the Veterans attending our meeting were asked to stand and be recognized for their faithful service to our country.

Election of Officers for the 2022 Masonic Lodge year were held. Congratulations to the following Elected Officers:

Worshipful Master Elect: WB David Sierks, PM
 Senior Warden-Elect: WB Mark Poston, PM
 Junior Warden-Elect: WB John Kirby, PM
 Secretary/Treasurer-Elect: WB Daniel Brunsen, PM

Representatives to the Havelock Masonic Temple Board:
 WB David Sierks, PM
 WB Mark Poston, PM
 WB Daniel Brunsen, PM

George Washington Lodge #250 extends their deepest sympathy to WB George Wright and his family in the passing of his wife, Brenda on

October 17, 2021. George and Brenda were united in marriage on June 5, 1965 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE. They were blessed with two sons and their families, Darren and wife Sue and Jason and wife Kendra, grandchildren Tim, Tyler, Jordan, Taylor and Jenna and great-grandchildren Theodore and Noah. Funeral Services for Brenda were held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at St. Marks United Methodist Church in Lincoln. May special memories of times shared together bring peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Mark your calendars for the Second Saturday of the Month for the Annual Winter Dinners at the Havelock Masonic Center, 4430 N. 70th Street, Lincoln, NE. As you read this, our second dinner will be history but there are many more to come! Save the date of Saturday, December 11th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For \$10.00, you can have your choice of a Creamed Chicken Dinner or a Hot Roast Beef Sandwich. Each meal includes Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Celery and Carrot Sticks and a small 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 these delicious Winter Meals on the second Saturday from October through April! Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next Winter Meal!

Our George Washington Trivia this month looks at George Washington, the Veteran. Many of you know that Veterans Day became a part of our American calendar in 1919, following the end of World War I. But many, many Novembers ago, right around this time in 1783, in Rocky Hill, New Jersey, just six years before he would serve as the first elected leader of this great nation, George Washington was bidding farewell to the Continental Army. Though George Washington personally identified himself as a citizen farmer and is remembered primarily as our nation's first president, he was also a

Veteran. He closed the chapter on military service to transition to a new life and new ways to serve his fellow citizens. George Washington spoke often of American unity and cohesion, knowing these are the hallmark traits of a public rallied around our service members. He was a Veteran, deeply and indelibly concerned with the welfare of his comrades long after they had left the field of battle. (Special thanks to the Disabled American Veterans {DAV} organization for this timely information)

In closing, let us take time to salute our Veterans on November 11th..."Every waving flag, hand-covered heart and deeply felt prayer asking God to bless America is a declaration of thanks to all those who have served. You've shown by example what it truly means to belong to the land of the free and the home of the brave".....Dayspring



Bethel #5

Grace M

On October 23rd we had a Bethel meeting and read two applications for membership. We're excited to welcome Audrey and Bailey in our Bethel on Saturday, November 13th. Following the meeting, the Bethel held a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of the Masonic Temple, from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. Since this was our first Trunk or Treat, we were very excited for what was in store for us. We had several Bethel and Council members decorate their trunk for the Trunk or Treat.

Grace is pictured with her Wizard of Oz themed trunk. Gwen had a Scooby Doo theme. Marie and Elizabeth and McKenna also had their trunks decorated. Kristen and Hailey did a Nightmare Before Christmas theme, Sophie and Greg did a Jurassic Park theme, Lauren did an Ocean theme, Deb also did a simple Halloween theme but also had balloons. Jeanne also had a trunk for candy, and although Rita didn't do a car, she had fun bean bag games. We really hope to be able to do the Trunk or Treat again next year! We did get pictures of all of the cars that were decorated, but didn't have room for all of them.

On the 29th of October, the Shrine hosted a Halloween Party. While the Job's Daughters COVID mandate kept us from being able to have a booth this year, some of the Bethel members were able to attend.

Mark your calendar now, for Bethel 5's annual Breakfast with Santa. We are so happy to be able to hold this event again. The event will be Saturday, December 18th, at the Masonic Temple, 1635 L Street, from 8:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. See the flyer for the breakfast, in this issue of the Masonic News. All proceeds of this breakfast will go directly to the H.I.K.E. Fund. H.I.K.E. stands for Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment. Funds raised by the Job's Daughters, helps with purchasing hearing equipment, and other necessary learning items. For tickets, please contact your favorite Bethel 5 member, or see the flyer for more information.



**Bethel #5's
4th Annual
Breakfast
with Santa**

**GET A PHOTO
WITH SANTA!**

**SAT, DECEMBER 18TH
TIME: 8:30-11:30AM
Masonic Temple
1635 L Street
Lincoln, NE 68508**

Adults - \$8
Children 3-12 - \$5
Children 2 & under - free

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Lancaster Lodge #54

Adam Thayer

Well. The year is definitely winding down, but we're not finished yet!

Like lodges all across the state, we held our elections this month. Congratulations to WM-Elect Turner Cox, as well as all of the brothers in his line. We're looking forward to seeing your plans for next year, and I know WM Matt is looking forward to being able to step out of the East and take a supporting role.

On November 12th, we will hold our annual Salute To American Veterans; this is one of our favorite events of the year, and this year we look forward to being able to have more people in lodge to join us than last year. This year, we were pleased to be able to honor W.B. Steve Green and learn a bit about his career.

WM Matt also held our annual awards ceremony dinner the same

evening, and handed out some fun and unique awards, including one left shoe! Congratulations to B. John Hansen on receiving Mason Of The Year, and B. Turner Cox for receiving the Keith E. Attebery Award for Ritualistic Excellence. I have witnessed firsthand how well deserved both of these awards are, and it's fantastic to see such well deserving brothers receive them.

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of the year (and dues season!) again. We are currently waiting on receiving the new dues cards for distribution; dues notices have been mailed, and you should be receiving yours soon if you aren't a perpetual member. Be sure to get them returned to me by year end, and I'll get your dues cards out as soon as they are received from Grand Lodge!

In this season, while we're all busy with families, charity work, and all so full we can barely move, don't forget to take a minute to check in with a brother you may not have heard from in a while. You never know what an impact you can make with a quick phone call.

Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt

"The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude." -Jeff Miller

Temple Chapter #271 held a regular business meeting Monday, November 1st. Worthy

Matron Carolyn Plants opened the meeting talking about Veteran's Day and how it became Veterans Day. Worthy Patron Mike Lagueux opened with a talk on optimism.

Temple Chapter is finishing up our coffee

orders for our Coffee Roaster Fundraiser. Orders are due by November 15th.

Elections were held and we will be excited to share new officers soon. Officers were reminded to continue to make care packages and deliver

them to service members and first responders.

Popcorn bags were brought as refreshments. The meeting was closed with remarks from WM Carolyn talking about Thanksgiving and WP Mike closed with Happy

Holidays.

Our next stated meeting will be December 6th and we would love to see you. We hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lincoln Assembly #6

Tiffany Westerholt

As the Holidays approach, the girls of Lincoln Assembly have been busy having fun. On October 16th we had our Bee Kind Fall Event at the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. The girls listened to a Guest Speaker, Brandon White and learned the good news that our Grand Assembly for 2022 will be moving from Doane College in Crete, NE to

Omaha, NE at the DoubleTree Hilton. They were super excited for this new change, and we hope you can all plan to join us in June 2022! Then the girls played games, painted pumpkins, and then placed those pumpkins at the different cottages for the Children of the home. We ended the day helping to plant the first tree for the new computer lab that will

soon be built. Snacks and refreshments were served to aid us on our journey home. It was a super fun day.

Did you know Nebraska Rainbow is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2022? Did you know the International Order of Rainbow for Girls is celebrating its 100th year in 2022? Now you do! By the time you read this article, our spotlight will

already be over, but for the first week in November, Nebraska got to be front and center for the Supreme Centennial social media take over. We shared videos, slides and photos all sharing what Nebraska Rainbow is like. If you would like to see these videos, they are available on all our Facebook pages. Nebraska will celebrate it's 75th anniversary on November 20th in South

Sioux starting at noon. All are welcome and we hope to see you there. The girls of Lincoln Assembly have more exciting events coming up so remember if you want to know about them, ask to be added to our mailing list. Just let us know at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com. We hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Bethel #63

Sarah Warwick

On October 14th, Bethel #63 had a majority Ceremony for Tiana Hudson, Katie Warwick, and Cyndi Wolbert. These three women spent their time in Job's Daughters in leadership positions at both the bethel and state levels, and volunteered their time on community service projects. We will miss these amazing women, but they are going to do amazing things in the world.

know are interested in attending please watch social media for links, and updates on COVID guidelines for attending events in-person!



In October, we helped clean up the highway with Blue River Lodge and Eastern Star. In addition during the month of October, the Bethel collected new or gently used books for a little library near the home of one of our members.

Please keep up with Bethel #63 on our Facebook page, Bethel 63 Lincoln, NE, and our Instagram page @jdi_bethel63. These pages will post our new elected officers and the date of our installation. If you or someone you



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COMING EVENTS IN MASONRY

EDITOR'S NOTE: As bodies are mainly reopened 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), DeMolay

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.

Technical Work

In the light of time, there seems to be a mesh between the aspects in ones life. My mentality and personality and mindset of life, for

example has incorporated aspects in my life including career, other work, church, politics, and Masonry. It's a mesh sometimes. The technology of Zoom as introduced by Scottish Rite, has helped in Blue Lodge, Eastern Star, barbershop chorus, work, etc.

Volunteering at my church for the tech team working Audio/ Visual for slides and sound booth, has helped me enhance the Scottish Rite stage for our Degrees and Feasts. Now I find myself having a part-time job as technical coordinator for my church. Things I've learned in my work and secretary positions for my Masonic groups has enhanced the coordinator aspect of the job with coordination, collaboration, and communication

needed; also the engineering of my career work and communication with contractors...

It's a circle of life, that's for sure! Think about how much each part of your life has shaped or enhanced other portions of your life. What did you learn or made your work easier or better once you took some ideas and mindsets from another portion of your life?

Eureka! Tools of the trade for the betterment of the whole!

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



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