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Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

School is back in session, vacation gear is put away, and there is a nip of autumn in the morning air. What a wonderful time of year this is! A time to reflect on the summer's activities, a time to look forward to high school and college football games, and a time to get ready for a little hibernation coming in the winter months.

We held our September meeting according to the re-instituted Phase 2 guidelines issued by the WGM and WGP of NE. So sad that we have had to go backwards, but hopefully, it will all be worth it as we get a handle on the new variations of the virus. We are looking forward to doing the Ceremony of Initiation in October. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the evening with us, provided you are masked and

follow the guidelines. By the time you read this, we will already have had our last fish fry of the year...but that only means that those of you who love our creamed chicken/hot roast beef sandwich dinners won't have to wait much longer. OUR FIRST WINTER DINNER WILL BE SERVED OCTOBER 9. We will be serving between 4:30 and 7 p.m. We will continue the drive-up format for our winter dinners, where you just jump in the car, drive to the lodge at 4430 N. 70th, tap your horn, and someone will come out to take your order. All for only \$10.00 per person. You will have your choice of creamed chicken over homemade biscuits or a hot roast beef sandwich with mashed potatoes served with our famous green beans, relishes and a

little bite of dessert. Many of you will note the increase in price...but that is only a reflection of the increase in our grocery bills to cook this dinner for you.

Also, please mark your calendars for NOVEMBER 7. This will be the date that we will have our ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER. It will also be served as a Drive-Up Only dinner, serving between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. As usual, we will be serving roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, and home-made pie or desserts. This will all be for \$12.00. Proceeds from this dinner go to our charities throughout the year. So, please support this dinner. We will need you to make reservations and payment by NOVEMBER 1. Send your checks to our Worthy Matron, Sue

Hedges, 6401 Vine St., Apt. 175, Lincoln, NE 68504. You can email her at suehedgesoes@yahoo.com or Sue.hedges@neoes.org if you have any questions or need assistance. She can also be reached by calling 402-672-8603.

Again, we want to thank you all for your support of our monthly summer fish fries. We so enjoy doing this for our Masonic family. And remember, that anyone and everyone is invited to join us for some lovely meals coming up in the future.

Happy Fall, Everyone! Hope to see you soon!

Grand Master's Edict Reminder

Most Worshipful Grand Master James A. Carlton

In light of mask mandates recently renewed by Lincoln and Lancaster County, I would like to remind all lodges of the Grand Master's Edict that was issued on February 9, 2021, that still remains in effect.

February 9, 2021 - To all members of all Subordinate Lodges in Nebraska

Acting under my authority as Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, I do hereby decree that all Edicts issued by M.W. Ron Stites in 2020 are no longer in effect. This Edict concerning in-person gatherings is effective immediately until amended or the 2022 Grand Master is installed.

The passage of time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has shown rapidly changing governmental health mandates and guidelines are now focused on the pandemic conditions in individual municipalities or counties. I therefore delegate the decision to conduct in-person meetings of all types to each Worshipful Master.

Prior to ANY in-person gathering of your lodge, your obligations include:

- 1) Identify state, municipal, county, or federal governmental health directives which encompass your locality concerning indoor gatherings such as social distancing, masking, sanitizing, or related countermeasures.

Determine if your Lodge can comply with all directives. If you cannot, you are directed to inform your Lodge brethren no in-person gatherings shall occur.

- 2) If your Lodge can comply with ALL health governmental health directives described above, in-person gatherings may be conducted.



Fraternally yours,
James A. Carlton
Grand Master

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North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

The evening of August 16th, a Lodge of Fellowcraft Masons was opened for the purpose of passing Brothers Steven Tobiassen and Nathan Novak to that Degree. The players for Bro. Steven Tobiassen were as follows: In the East, WM Bruce Watkins. In the West, WB Steven Flader. In the South Bro. Adam English. WB Keith Brocksmith as Senior Deacon, WB Bob Tooker as Junior Deacon with Bro. Allen Plucknett as Sr. Steward and Bro. Lennie Hernond as Jr. Steward and WB Bob Tooker filling in as Chaplain.

B Nathan Novak's section had WB Bob Tooker as Master and WB Karl Capek as Chaplain. The balance of players were recycled from the first conferral with WM Bruce Watkins as JD. The Middle Chamber was delivered by WB Karl Capek, the Letter G by WB Paul Carpenter. Questions were asked by WB Evan Hayden and the answers by WB Dan Chesnut and the Charge was given by WM Bruce Watkins.

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

The Business Meeting dinner was prepared by WB Dennis Mundt. A meat, egg noodle,

veg. stew was served. It was outstanding! WB Dennis's wife whipped up two loaves of sweet breads. The meeting was opened as Master Masons at 7:30 with prayer. The Masonic Education was prepared by Grand Lodge and delivered by WB Steve Wetzel. The subject was "Solomon's perilous trip to the throne." Story is, he had 700 wives and 300 concubines. It is a mystery to me how he gained so much knowledge or had time to build a temple as the women in his life must have kept him busy. Normal business was conducted, and the bills were paid. Yours truly was presented his 50-year pin and certificate. Where did the time go?

In the photo, presentation was made by WM Bruce Watkins. Left to right in the photo W.B. Dennis Mundt, Tooker, and WM Bruce Watkins. Presentation was made during the Lodge Regular Communication on Sep 1, 2021.

STEVE & BOB'S BIG ADVENTURE

In August, WB Steve Wetzel and I traveled to Hannover KS to watch Union Pacific's newly overhauled steam engine of the 4-8-8-4 configuration,



Number 4014 affectionately known as Big Boy. The engine and accompanying train spent the night in Fairbury. The train was on a cross country tour ending in New Orleans. We found an excellent location to watch it come around a curve with a long uphill grade. Engineer Ed was working the old girl as she smoked and climbed the grade. A million pounds plus of steam engine and tenders thundering by was unforgettable. On top of that the whistle takes your breath away. It was a nostalgia trip for both of us.

MY EPIPHANY

The other morning, I was at the stoplight at 70th and Hwy 2 when

a rusty old Taurus pulled up to the light in the lane beside me. The car had a half burned American Flag duct taped to the trunk lid and profane sayings spray painted on the side of the car. Four punks were in the car spouting racist and antifa epitaphs. The car suddenly lurched through the red light when it was t-boned by a west bound Freightliner. The car was balled up like a wad of aluminum foil killing all four of the punks. As I sat there, I was thinking, "THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ME!" So, the next day, I went out and got a job as a semi-truck driver.

TILL next month!

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.

Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

Greetings from Worthy Matron Ilah, Worthy Patron Bruce and all the Officers and members of Electa Chapter #8! Our meeting was August 4th and yes, I am just now getting around to finishing this article and sending it to my Editor who I am sure is sitting there thinking..."now why don't he write," to use one of the best lines in the movie *Dances With Wolves* starring Kevin Costner. If you have never seen the movie I highly recommend it for your viewing pleasure...if you're cowboy inclined anyway! Ya know, there is something I was told to make sure that I told all of you about...wonder what it was? Stay tuned, I may get it yet!

This month our Worthy Matron, Ilah, is honoring all those "essential workers" we have out there who are trying to make your day better while serving the community. This time it's those workers sort of behind the scenes, the person who keeps the Kwiki Mart open and functioning so you can get gas for your car, or the postal workers who routinely deliver all the stuff you have been ordering on-line during these crazy times we have been living through. We all revere the police, firefighters, and hospital workers who are on the front lines of this pandemic we find ourselves in, but we seldom consider the workers who hand out our coffee or breakfast sandwich. You might wonder how really essential these people are, but I can tell you I have seen some folks who have not caffeinated themselves in the morning and the experience is...well, "better"...after their visit to the local coffee shop. Unlike our political representatives, these people care about our well-being and are there to ensure we all have what we need to function. Add to that the folks at the store who are lining the shelves with the necessities of our daily lives, and the pharmacist who is trying to calm you by telling you it is only a flea bite and not the bubonic plague, and I think we can appreciate the people who keep our country running by doing the things everyone needs

with little recognition. So, the next time you stop for gas, or a donut, or a newspaper...don't forget to thank that person behind the counter for their commitment to you that day. They are the folks who keep America great every day.

Worthy Matron Ilah continued the meeting by introducing all of the Grand Representatives to various other States and welcome them to our meeting. This is always a highlight, and we do appreciate the visitors and dignitaries who come to the meetings. I still have that nagging feeling that I am forgetting to tell you something...but, what?

Our Secretary, Beth Benson wanted me to remind you that we currently only have 27 people who have not paid their dues yet for this year. That's actually pretty good, but try to help Beth out and check your dues card from past year and see if it now says 2022 on it. If not, please send in your dues for this coming year before we forget again. Nope, as important as that message was it's still not what I was supposed to make sure you knew! I'll get it, just give me a little time.

Our Courtesy Chair reminded me that she has sent out get well cards to Donna Newell and Jairo Cabeles. We have also heard from PP Doug Johnson who is currently recovering at home and continues to be in our prayers. We hope all of you are doing much better soon. Thinking of you cards were sent to Gene Stake and Martha Cabeles as well. We would also like to congratulate Brenda Frank Collins and Cody Collins on celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this past month. As you can see from the picture, both are still smiling and the reception at the Masonic Temple was wonderful. Best wishes for your next 25 years.

I REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS!!! OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 2, 2021 AT 2 PM!!! Thank goodness I checked the pockets of my suit jacket! Come and join us, you may see a friend

you haven't seen in a very long time...or maybe make a new one.

Our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron have been bringing snack packs for us to take with us since we currently have not been able to have social time after the meetings. Please, for the sake of my blood sugar readings, come and get some snacks! You know I'll eat them and you could help with this!

Friends, we hear on the news all of the things that are going wrong in our world, and I do not want to trivialize that in any way. But if I could ask but one thing of you...do not make it worse in your world by focusing all of your energy on those news stories. Keep the young service men and women who lost their lives in the fiasco in Afghanistan in your thoughts and prayers. Our Heavenly Father is watching over them now for us and has welcomed them to His eternal kingdom. Keep their families in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days and months as they come to the horrible realization that their loved ones will not be with us in body any more. Remember their names and keep them alive in our memories. When they are thus remembered, they shall never die and will remain in our hearts forever. May they now Rest In Peace. Also take a moment to remember all those lost some long 20 years ago on 9-11-2001. That moment can be a quiet and thankful moment for those souls we lost to evil that day...and a remembrance within our hearts so they are never forgotten.

May God keep you all in His loving embrace now and forever.



Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft Chapter #307 met for their regular June meeting on September 1. Worthy Matron Sis. Bridget Anderson and Worthy Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl welcomed everyone to the meeting. We were happy to be able to meet even though it was a short meeting.

We draped the charter in honor of Sis. Virginia Jones PGM. Sis Ginny was a Home Economics teacher to our member Sis Dee Coad. She will be remembered fondly by all.

Our Past Matrons group disbanded and we closed that checking account. The \$193.85 that was left will be given to the Plattsmouth Gazebo fund.

Sickness and Distress

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bro. Don Pritchett in January. Bro. Don lived in Arizona. Sis. Joann Rosenthal will be having some surgery soon. Sis Kristen's kids all have had a virus (not covid) that is going around Beatrice. They are getting better but had to be

out of school for a bit. Sis. Marsha and Bro. Tom Michaelson are both on the mend. Sis. Amy Eidenmiller and her mother will be taking Amtrack to California later in September.

Before we left Sis. Bev provided Dilly Bars for everyone.

October Birthdays

- October 2 Amy Johnson
- October 2 Marcia Michaelson
- October 3 James Scharon
- October 8 Ruth Beach
- October 8 Chris Gonnerman
- October 9 Dorothy Tice
- October 12 Art Sharp
- October 19 Don Jelinek
- October 21 Faye Nimic
- October 29 Linda Roe

Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt



"Heroic Acts leave vivid scenes with the world in captive awe, watching scores of total strangers come to heed the call" -Unknown Author for 9/11 Memorial

The members of Temple Chapter #271 hope you all had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. We recently had a great time getting together for our annual family picnic. With good food, great weather, and most importantly amazing company,

we gathered at Antelope Park for a great time. We wish you all could have joined us. Our next stated meeting will be Monday, September 13th at 7:30pm. We will be going over some changes we have coming up as well as planning our fall activities. Be sure to watch for our Fall fundraiser, selling Coffee for the Coffee Roaster. Our coffee makes great holiday gifts and tastes great in the morning. More information to come

soon. We'll have more to report next month so until then, we hope everyone stays safe and healthy.



FEAST OF TISHRI

Scottish Rite Masonic Center
332 Centennial Mall South

The Feast of Tishri is celebrated during the Jewish festival of Sukkoth to commemorate the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

Speaker – The Rev Oscar Sinclair, Chair of The Lancaster County Faith Coalition

Sunday, October 17, 2021
5:30 p.m. Social Time
6:30 p.m. Dinner
RSVP by Wed, October 13 to
bwood@lincolnscothrite.org
or (402) 435-2144

Lincoln Assembly #6

Tiffany Westerholt

Hello Friends of Rainbow! The girls of Lincoln Assembly #6 have been busy! We finished up our bugging fundraiser, a BIG thank you to everyone who wanted to bug their friends. We had a blast helping and plan to bring bugging back next year.

our emails just let us know at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com. We hope to see you all soon!



At the end of August, the girls helped at the State Fair with the CHIP event sponsored by the Masons. As always, it was a great time helping register families through the process. We were especially thankful to have the presence of Charlie Baker, the therapy dog of Bruce and Susie Baker, whose loving nature warmed many a heart. After the CHIP event the girls got to see the Fair.

We have some fall activities coming up so be sure to watch our Facebook page, our website: lincolnassembly.org and as always if you want to be included in



Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

September has been a busy month for Lodge 19. We had been busy practicing for proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees. We now have had our Deputy Custodian watch us do those two degrees. I have not heard but I think we did well enough to pass. It was an interesting night as Patrick Barger, PGM was our Deputy and

he for the most part only corrected small errors as was very helpful to our brothers for our performing the degrees. We are now going to get ready for the Masters Degree proficiency.

On September 21 we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice degree on Mr. John Goza. We also just read another petition for membership. We

have several brothers who are in the wings waiting.

I want to make this edition of the news short. Just a couple of items. In November I will be sending out the annual dues notice. Our dues are still \$110.00. I know that there are several brothers who have yet to pay the 2021 dues. We need your support not only

monetarily but physically. If you are having trouble or know of a brother who needs help, please let me know.

Another date to keep on your calendar is November 16th. We plan to have a Table Lodge that night. I will have more information later.

September 11th Memorial

Adam Thayer, Editor-in-Chief

Good evening. While I cannot guarantee that, for you, it is evening while you read this, it is definitely evening for me as I write it, and so "Good Evening" feels appropriate. You can tell that a writer is lost for words when he or she begins arguing semantics with themselves.

Generally, The Masonic News has attempted to stay away from editorializing on current world events, and has gently (and occasionally less than gently) encouraged our correspondents to do so as well. However, on occasion, we will address our readers directly, as I will attempt to do so now.

I imagine my memory of September 11th, 2001 is similar to many others; I

was working at my first "real" job (non-profit fundraising), and started my day thinking about nothing more than contacting some of my higher-impact donors for a fall campaign that was beginning. When the first tower was hit, I was probably sorting through e-mails (which were still novel, but beginning to become average). Our boss came in to tell us that there was an air accident in New York (where we had a sister office), so if anyone we were calling had questions we could at least be aware of it.

Twenty minutes later, the CEO of our regional area walked in, locked the door, and brought us all in to the board room. Back then, that was the only room in the office that had a

television, and we spent the next few hours fiddling with the antenna to get the clearest picture of the news that we could.

At noon, we were sent home. Before we left, the CEO looked at us quietly and said "tomorrow, the world is going to need helpers, I want you to think of what we can do."

A lot of people I know have stories the same as that; others were either already deployed, or were deployed shortly after, and their stories are radically different. Across the board though, I bet that you can remember where you were, what you were doing, in memories so crystal clear that a certain smell can bring them right back to the forefront.

And yet, in a moment so strange that I swear it can't be real, I'm confronted with the fact that a number of our readers are too young to remember that day, and in fact SOME of our readers were not even alive yet to form those memories. I find myself feeling like my grandfather, trying to explain how he felt the day of the attacks on Pearl Harbor, and I really wish I could ask him how he explained it so easily, because I'm honestly struggling to explain it to my daughter.

I struggled with what to do with this page; I could easily pull some Masonic education articles to fill this space, and not mention this twentieth anniversary of the September 11th, 2001 attacks. I could fill it with photos, or lists of

names, or copy a beautiful speech that was given as a memorial. Instead, I have chosen to intentionally leave it blank, in tribute to those whose lives were cut short, forever incomplete.

To close, I will just restate what my former CEO said to me, a simple statement that I constantly strive to live by: tomorrow, the world is going to need helpers. Tonight, I want you to think of what you can do.

God bless,
Adam



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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.

Minnesota

Many might know my sister, Sarah. She received her Doctorate Degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and was a professor at Ashland University in Columbus, Ohio, until she found her current place of employment at University of Minnesota. She met her husband playing softball, and now my wife, Kelli, and I are looking forward to visiting my niece during Thanksgiving in November.

With that said, it'll be great to see family. Obviously not long enough to enjoy my Masonic family connections that weekend. I'm still a member of the Zuhrah Shrine Drum Corps in Minneapolis; even if it's only a "social membership" as it's hard to participate being out of state.

Also, I'm grateful to be a member of Sherburne Lodge #95 in Osseo, Minnesota, which is in the far northwest corner of the Twin Cities. When I first became a member of this Masonic Lodge, it was when I moved to Minnesota after college to Elk River, Minnesota. Sherburne Lodge was seated in Elk River, and since I've moved away had resettled themselves in Osseo. They are still very active in the Masonic Family and Community. I remember, for instance, repaving the parking lot and driveway of their building in Elk River with concrete using ourselves as workers. There always seems to be more than one story in the Grand Lodge of Minnesota's newspaper with activities from this Lodge.

Lastly, the Scottish Rite – Minneapolis Valley, is a very active Valley with a series of Degrees happening each Fall and Spring time. Twice a year, every Thursday night is Degree night where they do 1-3 degrees, depending on the length. Dinner before hand with a monthly meeting, and the men's choir rehearsing before the degrees begin. The last time I've seen most of the Scottish Rite brothers I came into the Scottish Rite with back in 2002 was at a Scottish Rite Workshop a few years ago in Omaha.

Through travels from Nebraska to North Dakota, Minnesota was found a great multitude of Masonic Family. That includes the times with the Minnesota State DeMolay Advisory Council and hence meeting with Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls. Hopefully I get to spend time with them, as well as come Home to Lincoln, Nebraska, and see you all again soon...

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

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