



# The Masonic News



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## Letter From The President

**John Hansen**

Hi, I'm John Hansen and I am the newly elected President of the Masonic News. I was first made a Freemason in 1988. I am currently a member of Lancaster Lodge #54 and the York Rite bodies in Lincoln. You can find me most Saturday mornings at the downtown Masonic Temple, helping with the maintenance of the building.

Julie Fowler has been elected as vice-president, while Adam Thayer and Sue Stroud will remain as Editor and Business Manager, respectively.

I would like to thank Dennis Brydl, past-President and Mike Lagueux, past vice-president for their leadership and hard work over the past several years.

To be perfectly blunt, the Masonic News is in trouble, serious trouble. This is not a new problem. This is ongoing and is now a big problem. The projected budget for 2022 is -\$6,760. Last year the budget deficit was -\$2,720.

We have had some donations which have helped greatly offset the deficit, and they are appreciated. Our printer is very generous towards us and is printing the paper for almost nothing. In the past, both Adam and Sue have waived their salaries to help.

The cost of delivering the paper for one year to one person is \$10. Each person is being charged \$6 thru their member organization, while at the same time advertising is down for all forms of

media.

In the past, some organizations have threatened to drop the paper if there was an increase in the cost of a subscription. We have made the newspaper available online and this has helped immensely, but there are many members who have no access to the internet who, for a number of physical reasons, limited resources, etc would lose their connection to Masonry in Lincoln.

We have 18 months to figure out how to keep our paper alive, how is the paper going to change and change it must or the paper dies.

Each organization has a representative on the newspaper board. Each of your organizations must have

a discussion and come up with some ideas of what are acceptable changes. I refuse to believe that, with all of that collective brain power we have, we won't find solutions. You need to talk among yourselves try to find the solution and communicate your ideas to the Board. The sooner the better.

If a medical analogy will help in understanding the seriousness of the problem then: The patient (Masonic News) has had a heart attack and we are doing CPR. We are waiting for help from the team to help with the resuscitation of the patient, otherwise we will lose them.

We have until October 2023, please help.

## Martha Washington Chapter #153

**Betty Kirby**

Another month has gone! Where do the days go? While we are all enjoying the spring-like weather and living the "good life", we must pause and remember those who are homeless and seeking refuge in Ukraine. Prayers should be raised to our Almighty that this senseless war may cease soon.

On March 26, we were pleased to host our District Grand Supervisor and Associate Grand Conductress, Sis. Sheli Rice. It was a wonderful day as we shared the school of

instruction with Ceresco Chapter #198 and had all the chairs filled for the occasion. As always, there was more to be learned, even though many of us could be considered as "Old Salts" Thank you very much, Sis. Sheli for a very informative day. We will continue to strive for excellence in our work.

Our April meeting was rather sparsely attended because many of us had other obligations. Thank you to Sis. Sue Stroud and Sis. Terri Sherman for acting as Organist and Chaplain pro tems for the evening. We appreciate your willingness to step in and hope that we can reciprocate at some other time. As usual, our Worthy Matron, Sis. Julie Fowler, conducted the meeting in an orderly and concise way and concluded the evening with her history and facts of the Jelly Bean, keeping with her theme of "Sweet Treats". FYI.....there are over 16 billion Jelly Beans produced each year. Blue jelly beans were introduced with a blueberry flavor when Ronald Reagan was president.

Martha Washington chapter was notified that it was one of ten "Beloved" Chapters during the two years of PGM Sis. Karan Birdsall and PGP Bro. Bruce Baker's term of

office. Donations have been made in honor of those chapters designated as "Beloved" chapters. Thank you very much for this honor, Sis. Karan and Bro. Bruce. And thanks to our Past Matron, Sis. Sue Hedges, who guided our chapter through the difficult years of the pandemic.

Unfortunately, the Chapter was informed that the Temple Board has decided to temporarily give up their monthly Fish Fries this summer due to the exorbitant increase in fish and oil prices. It was their consensus that the Temple Board could not provide this type of dinner at a reasonable cost for those who attend our dinners. However, they have come up with a unique and, hopefully, wonderful way to continue our monthly dinners. They will be serving a complete homemade Bunzas meal in the month of May and the good news is that they will OPEN THE DINING AREA for all who attend.

Celebrating this opening in May, they will not only serve the Bunza dinner, but they will have a "game night" for those who choose to stay for fun and an evening of socializing. If you prefer not to dine in, they will offer "to go" dinners as well. Stay tuned and check our monthly

articles to see what the next month's menu will be since they will be changing monthly! Mark your calendar now for May 14 (the Saturday after Grand Chapter) and come out for an evening of good food and fun.

In closing, may the Easter season bring you God's rich blessing.

This is the spirit of Eastertide; Faith in the things we cannot see, For there is much that God must hide Away from the eyes of you and me.

Just as we know the flowers of spring Follow the winter's snow and cold, So does the resurrection bring Hope and joy and peace untold.

As springtime sets her golden seal Upon the earth and makes it new So may this Eastertide reveal The greatest joys of life to you. Author Unknown

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## George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of April 5, 2022.

W. B. John Kirby was in the East for this evening and welcomed everyone; the Lodge business was conducted in a timely manner. We were very happy to welcome W. B. Jack Johnson and Bro. Marlin Krull from Comet Lodge #229 in Ceresco. Both of these Brethren were so willing to help with our meeting: W. B. Jack served as our Junior Warden and Bro. Marlin served as Junior Deacon. It's always nice to enjoy fellowship and friendship with Comet Lodge #229!

**Important Information**  
Regarding our Monthly Community Meals: It is with deep regret that we will not be able to sustain our Annual Fish Fries for 2022. The rapidly rising costs of raw fish and cooking oil has made these meals too costly to prepare as we try to keep the costs of our meals as low as we possibly can.

Save The Date of May 14th!! After a lengthy discussion by our Masonic Temple Board, we are happy to announce that we will have a Community Meal on May 14th from 4:30 – 7:00. We will be serving a Homemade Bunza Meal (Includes TWO Bunzas), Tator Tots, Celery and Carrots, Coffee, Iced Tea, and Ice Water for \$12.00. This is a "Dine In" and/or "Drive Up" Meal. You can have a choice beginning in May!! We will be returning to our 50 cent Dessert Bar and Pop will be available for 50 cents. In addition, we will be offering some fun games to play for those that would like to stay and socialize!

So how this all 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!!! If you want to park your car and come inside for some great fellowship, we welcome you!! You can make the

choice that works the best for your family!

We will continue to have a Community Meal on the Second Saturday of every month from 4:30 – 7:00 but the menu is going to change each month!! The food will be delicious and offer a variety of wonderful meals. Continue to read the Masonic News where we'll share our menu for the next month!!

George Washington Trivia: Did you know that George Washington accepted the call to serve as President on April 16, 1789. He was able to celebrate Easter with his family and friends just a few days prior to leaving for New York and his Inauguration Ceremony. After Washington departed, Martha Washington wrote to her nephew and shared these words: "I am truly sorry to tell that the General is gone to New York...when, or whether he will ever come home again God only knows. I think it was much too late for him to get into public life again, but it was not to be avoided...Our family will

be deranged as I must soon follow him." Both George and Martha may have wished that it were possible to decline the call to public service, but America was very grateful that the Washingtons accepted the call to duty one more time.

In closing, we reflect on the words of William Shakespeare: "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." Wishing everyone a Happy Spring and Happy Easter!

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Masonic Record of Daniel D. Kahler Sr.

It is with great sorrow to share that we recently lost one of our Brothers. Brother Daniel D. Kahler, Sr. petitioned George Washington Lodge #250 A. F. & A. M. for membership on September 21, 1992 and was elected to receive the degrees on December 12, 1992. Brother Kahler received his Entered Apprentice Degree on March 9, 1993, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on April 20, 1993 and Raised to the

Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 11, 1993 in George Washington Lodge #250, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Brother Kahler was born on August 29, 1943 and passed from this life on March 5, 2022. He faithfully attended many Lodge functions and became a Perpetual Member in 2003. Brother Kahler was a Veteran of the United States Army and the United States Air Force, completing twenty-one years of service to his country. Following his military service career, he worked for the Veterans Administration for twenty-five years.

George Washington Lodge #250 would like to express our appreciation to W. B. Bruce Watkins for assisting with the Masonic Memorial Service for our departed Brother. Brother Kahler will be greatly missed by his Masonic Brethren, Family and Friends. We express our heartfelt sympathy to his family in this time of sorrow.

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## North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

LODGE PROFFICIENCY

WM Stephen Flader called a Special Communication March 30th for the purpose of conducting a proficiency examination in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degree. I won't list the participants, as the usual suspects filled the stations. We gutted it out and were successful. "No hill for a stepper!" Now to finish the Master's examination.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

WB Steve Wetzel had Bro. Glen Durham smoke a turkey we had in the

freezer for the April Business Meeting Dinner. WB Steve prepared traditional Thanksgiving meal in April. Turkey, stuffing, mashed taters, gravy, dinner rolls. I guess we didn't have anything with cranberries, but that is ok. Enjoyed by all. Usual business was conducted including a 25% raise in wages for the board of trustees. A petition for membership was read and assigned to committee. The annual Lodge financial audit was read and approved. We want to congratulate our Senior Warden, Bro Adam English

as he will graduate from the UNL College of Architecture with his master's degree next month. Quite an accomplishment!

"CAN'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT" (AND NOT A STONES TUNE)

A 54-year-old woman suffered a heart attack while jogging and was rushed to the hospital and emergency heart surgery was performed. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing face of

God, she asked "Is my time up? God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, an augmentation, and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. After her last procedure and subsequent recovery, she was released from the hospital.

While crossing the street on her way home, she was tragically hit by an ambulance and died at the scene. Arriving in front of "Great White Throne", she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?" God replied: "I didn't recognize you!"

Till Next Month.



# Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

I had the strangest feeling when I walked into the Chapter room at the beginning of our business meeting...there were lots of people there! But not just any people, these were dressed alike and had official name badges! I immediately went through my mind to see if I could think of anything I might have done or not done, something I may have said or not said...couldn't think of a thing. But yet, here they were, Grand Warder – Sister Gloria Guern, her Grand Companion – Brother Allan Guern both of Chapter #114, Grand Esther – Sister Sarah Hobbie of Chapter #1, and Grand Electa – Sister Elizabeth Charbonneau of Chapters #6, #229, and #325. Also there was Sister Kathy Berger, a recent member of Electa #8, but a long-time member of Capitol Chapter. I seemed to remember she had held a position in Grand Star too. After a momentary pause to consider what was going on I put on my best smile and wandered into the room almost fully convinced that whatever

this was, it most likely wasn't about me. As the meeting went on we were all thrilled to know that this visit was to welcome a new member to the Grand Star line from our Chapter! So, CONGRATULATIONS TO... I can't tell you! I have made a promise not to reveal who it is until after Grand meets. So, stay tuned for some good news next month!

We also received a report on the Blue Barrel project to help the Food Bank in and around Lincoln Nebraska. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile project to help others with less access to the basic necessities of life. Truly, you are the difference between eating and not eating for some of the folks in our community every day of the year.

So far Electa members have donated over \$2,350.00 toward the purchase of Bluetooth sound systems for the Small and Large Lodge rooms. This is fantastic! The entire system will cost around \$15,000.00 and will

greatly enhance those of us who by age alone or the effects of a lifetime of loud noise are having difficulty hearing what is being said in the Lodge rooms. And since this system is expandable it can be used in other areas of the building without having to buy a whole new system. For more information on the system and its capabilities feel free to contact Sue Stroud; she has some ready-made information sheets, or come to one of the New Masonic Temple Board meetings and ask our IT Director, Adam Thayer. The Temple Board meets the second Tuesday of each month and is open to all.

Recently it was my honor to provide the Masonic Funeral Service for Brother Mack Nickell, a 65 year member of Lancaster Lodge #54 and long standing member of Electa #8. Mack had a lot of character, and could be quite a character at times, which immediately endeared him to me. I remember coming to Chapter once and talked to



Mack for quite a while before the meeting began. The Worthy Matron, Dona Hurst, had decided to shake things up a bit and everyone got to draw their places for this meeting as we walked in the door. Mack and I just happened to draw Adah and Ruth! We were asked if we wanted to get more traditional "male" roles and Mack just looked up with a smile on his face and gleam in his eye and said, "No!" This kind of left some of our members a little nervous, but I will tell you, it was one of the best meetings I have ever been to. I know I will never forget it. I hope that each

of you have the good fortune to have a Mack Nickel in your life at some point because it is one of the best experiences you will ever have.

Until next month when I can tell you the good news I have for you I want you to remember that when you are truly alone with your thoughts, it will be easier to hear that voice which guides all of us in difficult times, in good times, and in every eventuality. I wish for you peace, health, and prosperity. Mostly I ask God to watch over all of you and keep you safe. God bless you.

# Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson



For several issues I have talked about the Lodge getting active and we need members to come to the activities. March was a good start. On the 29th of March we Initiated two new Entered Apprentice Masons. Cameron Ramsey and Ali Jabber were in attendance to take the first step of Entered Apprentice Masons. We had decided to initiate two men at a single meeting. All went well except for the slide show for the third section

lecture. Somehow the projector just did not want to work. We eventually got it to project and it worked well. One interesting item about the evening was that Ali Jabber was born in Iraq. He has been in Nebraska for the past 6 years and his Holy book is not the Holy Bible. We solved the problem by having his Holy book on the altar along with the Holy Bible. He has informed us that he plans to buy a set of his books and donate them to the Lodge.

I am sure that both of these men will make a fine addition to our Lodge.

The degrees were conferred by Will Folsom, PM with Richard Wyatt, PM in the west and David Gates, PM in the South. The Questions were asked by David Nolte and answered by Billy Johnson. It was a great night.

Cameron and Ali are the two center men pictured. And yes Iraq does have

Masonry.

As I have done in previous issues I want to enclose a small bit of education. This month I want to talk about the Trestle-Board. Again this comes from a book by Mackey.

"To every Mason, whatever may be his peculiar religious creed, the revelation of the Deity which is recognized by his religion becomes his trestle board. Thus, the trestle-board of the Jewish Mason is the Old testament; of the Christian, the Old and the New; of the Mohammedan, the Koran. But as no operative mason can work without a trestle-board, where the designs and instruction of his master for his conduct in the building on which he is engaged may be delineated, so no speculative mason can labor truly and profitably

in the great work of life without a trestle-board which may contain the delineation of the designs and will of his Eternal Master. And thus it is that, as the atheist acknowledges no such Master, and can therefore have no such trestle-board, he is not permitted to unite with us in our "moral, spiritual, and masonic" labor. And this is really the reason of law which forbids the initiation of atheists."



# Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

Where has time gone? Can you believe one quarter of the year has passed us by? We've had a great first quarter at Liberty. We started the year in January with an installation for three Lodges – Liberty #300, Lincoln #19 and Cotner #297. February brought a festive dinner to celebrate Brother George Washington's birthday. Brothers have assisted the Masonic Temple Board with painting projects to maintain the Masonic Temple. We completed our Lodge EA proficiency, and we initiated two Entered Apprentice Masons. All of this happened by the end of February.

Thank you to all the Brothers that have come out and assisted. It is amazing how a coat of paint can make such a huge difference in the appearance of the building. If you would like to help, come join us for our May Lodge Renovation Day on Saturday, May 7th. We start at 8am and go to about 12pm. Come for an hour or two or all four.



Can you imagine how much an EA could learn from a 50-year member? Our two EA's had an opportunity to meet with WB Bob Foreman for an evening and learn about his Masonic journey. It was a great evening of education, reflection and fellowship. WB Foreman had a lot of great wisdom to pass on to our EA's - after three and half hours I think he was just getting warmed up! What an amazing experience.



Learning was a part of Brother Keith Plummer's journey in March. Brother Plummer took it

upon himself to learn the full form EA Q&A. In front of his Lodge Brothers and a Grand Lodge Custodian Brother Plummer completed his full form EA Q&A proficiency and received the Grand Lodge coin for his efforts. He is now working on the FC Q&A and will soon receive another Grand Lodge coin. Congratulations, Brother, for your fine work and dedication.

Brother Plummer is also one of three Brothers working to receive their Titanium Trowel award. Brother Doug Terry and Brother Randy Meier have also been working to complete the numerous tasks to receive the Titanium Trowel award. It has been exciting to see their progress and engagement.

Our EA's are doing an amazing job with their work on the full form EA Q&A and are ready to pass to the FC degree. Come join us, Thursday, April 28th at 6:30pm as we pass these young men through the FC degree. It would be

amazing to have another full Lodge room to encourage these young men in their Masonic journey.

Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendars to join us for our semi-annual Lodge BBQ fundraiser, Saturday, May 21st from 4pm – 8pm. Along with some amazing BBQ ribs, there will be a live band, photo booth, games and we will be drawing the winning raffle ticket for our gun raffle. If you would like to purchase gun raffle tickets before then contact one of our Lodge Officers.



Our painting projects to help the Masonic Temple Board freshen up the building continue on a monthly basis. In March we finished painting the second floor hallway - no more loose paint falling from the ceiling. Next we are working to prime and paint one of the large rooms on the third floor. After our work day on Saturday, April 9th we should have the room primed and ready for its final color. Then we'll turn our attention to an upstairs bathroom.

## Bethel #63

Aislynn

Hello! My name is Aislynn, and I have been in Bethel 63 for two and a half years. Since day one all the members have been there for me. Job's has changed my life by making new friendships and making me laugh so much. I remember being 10 years old and so nervous to start this new chapter in my life, but everyone made me feel so

welcomed and special. Job's Daughters to me isn't just a place about talking about business and events, it's a place about friendships, bonding time, laughing, joking, having fun, and so much more. Grand Bethel was so scary to me the first year but the special moments made it so fun. That's why I love Job's Daughters.

## BBQ Fundraiser and Fun Night

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST 4:00PM-8:00PM

Live Music - Steer Creek Band  
Games Photo Booth  
Gun Raffle Drawing

\$25 FULL RACK OF RIBS & 2 SIDES, 2 ROLLS  
\$15 1/2 RACK OF RIBS & 2 SIDES, 1 ROLL  
\$10 DINNER PLATE w/1 SIDE, 1 ROLL  
(1/3 RACK OF RIBS OR 1/4 CHICKEN)



LIBERTY LODGE #300  
1635 L ST





# Lancaster Lodge #54

## John Hansen

Our next meeting is April 22 to practice the Master Mason degree. On the 29th we will be practicing the Fellow Craft degree. The next business meeting is May 6. We are scheduled to meet every Friday in May. The big upcoming event that is always fun is Past Masters Remembrance on May 27th. So come one come all.

At our last business meeting Brothers Raul Ochoa and Jimmy Ray demonstrated proficiency in the Entered Apprentice degree with the assistance of Worshipful Brother Matt Zier. We will be performing a Fellowcraft degree soon, so give us a call if you want to be part of this activity.

Earlier this month I was contacted by Brother Mike who asked if I could assist with a funeral of a brother mason. I had nothing going on so I course I said I would. I arrived at the

funeral home and met Brothers Mike and Steve. We discussed our parts and waited. I listened to people tell stories about our deceased brother. I watched as members of the masonic community enter the building.

We went into the sanctuary and sat behind the pall bearers. Sitting quietly, watching photographs slide past on the screen in the front of the room. Listening to the preacher regale us with stories and giving assurances of life ever after. I was beginning to miss this man who I never knew. Wishing, perhaps I could have know him or maybe wanted to know him. He seemed like a fun guy, and certainly was a great Master Mason.

Mack Eldon Nickell; December 16, 1929 - March 27, 2020. A member of Lancaster Lodge 54 for 65 years and Eastern Star, Electa Chapter. Brother

Mack was initiated on May 11, 1956, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on June 22, 1956, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason of September 28, 1956.

Mack, the story about you taking a trip thru Kansas on your Indian motorcycle, now that was a good story! Almost as good as the one Mike told about the two of you at a Star meeting... Brother Mack, you are missed by your many friends and family. Our condolences to your family.



April 7 - 9 was the Grand York Rite annual meeting and I only bring it up here because several members of our Lodge were installed as state officers. Grand Chapter Royal Arch

Masons: Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain Companion Mike Lagueux, Eminent Grand Master of the Second Veil is Carl Plants, Eminent Grand Sentinel Adam Thayer.

is Companion Joe Huskey. Grand Commandery Knights Templar: Eminent Grand Prelate is Sir Knight Mike Lagueux, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer Sir Knight Joe Huskey.

Congratulations to all our Brothers, we wish you well in the upcoming year.

Note from B. Eric Miller: Thank you brethren for your support of our robotics team! We have just finished the U.S. Open in Council Bluffs, and are preparing for the World Open in May!



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons: Most Illustrious Grand Master is Companion Michael D. Lagueux, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council is Companion Adam Thayer, Illustrious Grand Sentinel



# Lincoln Assembly #6

## Tiffany Westerholt



Happy Spring everyone! The members of Lincoln Assembly #6 Rainbow Girls had a super busy but fun March. On March 5th, the girls went bowling at Sunvalley Lanes. We were joined by our board members and our Rainbow pledges. It was great time as this was the first time many of the girls had ever been bowling. There was good food, cupcakes and lots of laughing as after the bumpers came up the girls started beating the adults! From March 18-20 we had a Rainbow Weekend!



soon got into the chants, the cheering and enjoyed watching the Lincoln Starz win against the Des Moines Buccaneers. It also happened to be Dogs Night so we got to pet and meets lots of great Dogs.



The next night, Saturday, the girls attended the Demolay Sweetheart Dance. They got to show their moves on the dance floor and rocked the glowing jewelry.



To round up our Rainbow weekend, on Sunday we had our Installation of Officers. Rochelle Folsom was installed as Worthy Advisor. Her theme for her term is: Encanto: Don't forget we represent the magic of women. Her mascot is Mirabel from Encanto and her emblem is the Candle. Her service

projects are hosting a book drive for an elementary school and supporting Cedars. We will be doing a big drive closer to the Holiday season, but until then, Rochelle is selling Rainbow Candles for \$12 to help fund her service projects.



To finish up our month of March, Rochelle and I then attended the Installation of Officers for Athena Assembly #24. We brought our Lincoln greetings and enjoyed the fun games during the reception.

We are bringing back our Bugging Fundraiser! Starting now through August, for just \$20, we'll bug someone for you! We will happily swarm your friends and family with bugs for a few days and then collect them to take them to another house. You can sign up for bugging on our website: lincolnassembly.org or you can email us. This fundraiser will help the

girls attend Grand Assembly and any remaining funds will help with Supreme Assembly at the end of the summer.

We have lots of fun things planned for this year and we have Grand Assembly and Supreme Assembly coming up. If you're ever interested in joining us, we'd love to have you. Just let us know you want news by emailing us at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com.



We attended the Starz Hockey Game on the Friday night. Another first for many of the girls we



## Bethel #5

Sophia

Bethel #5 has been busy this past month with a lot of different activities.



On Friday, the 25th, seven of the Bethel members served a dinner held by Lancaster Lodge #54, and we were able to participate and have dinner with them. The daughters had a great time and look forward to another event with them!

The next day, March 26th, Bethel #5 held initiation for our newest member, Whitney. We were also assisted by Bethels 27 and 63, and we appreciate their help, and hope that our Bethel can keep growing.



On March 12th, the Bethel held a St. Patrick's Day Prospect Party, with 6 prospects attending. Everyone had a great time!

Sunday, March 13th, the Bethel had Go To Church Sunday, at Honored Queen Lauren's church in Raymond, where they performed the Closing Cross while singing and signing Nearer My God to Thee. After the service we had pizza at Raymono's on Highway 79 and Mill Road. We may have discovered the best breadsticks in the county!



April 2nd was Spring Workshop in Hastings, and Bethel #5 had 4 girls in attendance. They learned about promotion of the order, had tacos for lunch, and fresh baked cookies for their snack!



Over Spring Break, some of the daughters got to help paint our new changing room. The room is now a vibrant color of purple!



## Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt

Greetings from the Officers and members of Temple Chapter #271. A new year has begun and we apologize for not having articles submitted earlier. We would love to update you with our news!



In January we held our Installation of Officers and Worthy Matron Jean Cray and Worthy Patron Monte Dietrick were brought back to the East. Their theme this year is "You've Got a Friend in Me" which refers to Dogs. As our Worthy Matron says, "Dogs are the best friends anyone can have". Every meeting we'll get to learn about the different dog breeds and our efforts this year will be to raise funds for the Service and Therapy Dogs. WM Jean and WP Monte are also honoring the organist station as we recognize and appreciate all the organists who provide beautiful music and keep us in time.

One of the first duties WM Jean did this year was presenting member Margaret Spray (member pictured) with her 50-year member pin. WM Jean, PM Cindy Kehling and PM Melinda Brage were all there to present the pin and talk about all the years of service Margaret has had in Eastern Star. Presenting pins is one of the best activities of being a Worthy Matron. Temple is fortunate to have many long time members, including Leah Greenwalt, Past Matron of Temple, who just celebrated her 102th birthday and is doing amazing.

We look forward to many fun activities this year as we will have lots of great things to do at Grand Chapter, we have our Charter Day coming up in May and we will be attending the Salt Dogs event coming up. We hope to see you all there!





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# Tales From The North (Dakota)

Tyler T. Hall

Greetings from Bismarck/ Mandan, North Dakota, from Brother Tyler, a perpetual member of North Star Lodge No. 227 in Lincoln, Nebraska, and dual member of Sherburne Lodge No. 95 in Osseo, Minnesota, and 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.



Most Worshipful Tony R. Krall  
Grand Master 2022 - 2023  
Grand Lodge AF & AM of Minnesota

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, April 7-9:

As we travel back to North Dakota from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in St Cloud, I reminisce on the weekend and seeing some Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and DeMolay friends that I haven't seen in years.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Rolf Widstrand in Minnesota hosted a great 169th Annual Communication. Thursday was the Grand Master's Banquet for Distinguished Guests, Grand Master's Banquet on Friday night, and the Past Master's Banquet with traditional toasts on Saturday night, as hosted by MW Rolf. He held them short and sweet, about an hour each including the

time for dinner; and was fun. It was enjoyable with the humor of MW Brother Rolf, and not big on huge speeches.

Brother Theodore Roosevelt came in from Medora, North Dakota, for our Minnesota Charities Saturday morning breakfast presentation. There was 3 breakout sessions in which I attended the Grand View session (both Minnesota and North Dakota utilize Grand View as their member portal), Lodge Secretaries (more specific Grand View with Secretaries; so it'll be good to bring some things back to my North Dakota Lodge as Secretary and to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota to assist in other Secretaries utilize the Grand View database more fully), and Metrowest Area (where my Minnesota Lodge of Sherburne Lodge #95 is located).



On Saturday, my good friend and Brother, Tony Krall, got installed as Grand Master. I first met MW Tony when I first moved to the Twin Cities after college in 2002, as he was the Executive Officer for Minnesota DeMolay at the time, and I served as one of his State Advisors. He is currently also the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Minnesota for Scottish Rite, and Past Potentate of Zuhrah Shrine (2012).



Lastly, I share with you some photos of our trip. We had 7 Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of North



Dakota with a couple other North Dakota Brothers joining us; banquet table of Sherburne Lodge #95; introducing me as Junior Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge of North Dakota as one of the visiting distinguished guests; Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and myself; the Grand Piper with the area's Shrine bagpipes and drums band ready to escort in the Grand Line for the Friday night Grand Master's Banquet; and the official photo of MW Tony R. Krall.

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



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