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Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen



Thursday, January 13th, Liberty had the privilege and honor to participate in a three Lodge installation. For many years we've had a joint installation with Lincoln Lodge #19. This year we welcomed Cotner Lodge #297 to join in the festivities.

Trying to coordinate a three Lodge installation is a big endeavor, and our installing Officers did an amazing job. Many thanks to MWB Russ Reno, MWB Tom Hauder, and RW DGM Jon Millington for making this a terrific experience. Also, a huge thank you to Wes Bottorf, Master of Lincoln Lodge #19, and Gary Olsen, Master of Cotner Lodge #297, for collaborating with Liberty to draw together so many Brothers for this event.

Working together towards a common goal is a key objective for the New Year. Liberty is undertaking a monthly project throughout 2022 to assist in renovating the amazing Temple building. Saturday, January 29th, was our first Lodge Renovation day. The morning was spent scraping paint, priming and prepping the hallway on the second floor for its final coat of paint. Illustrious Sir, Keith Plummer of Liberty, WB Jeff Axelson from Cotner Lodge #297 and Lynn Friesen from Liberty spent the morning up and down ladders fixing the hallway and getting it ready for its final coats of paint.

Mark your calendars for our next Lodge Renovation Day - Saturday, February 26th. We will start at 8am and work until 12pm. Come for an hour or the entire time. We will be finishing the hallway with its coats of paint and moving on to a new project.

There are several exciting things planned for Liberty this Spring. We are working on the details for a gun raffle, starting to plan a BBQ in May and working on proficiency. We're looking forward to sharing with you the great fun (and photos) from our George Washington Birthday Dinner on Saturday, 2/19. By the time you read this news there is also a good chance we will have conferred two new EA's.



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Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Martha Washington Chapter met on Feb. 3 with the newly-installed 2022 officers. Plans were made for the annual George and Martha Washington Dinner to be held on February 20 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00. Call John Kirby (402-450-9137) or Mark Poston (402-450-7270) to make your reservations. Everyone is invited to attend this dinner, so bring your neighbors and friends. Bingo will be played after the dinner. This is a joint event between George Washington Lodge #250 and Martha Washington Chapter #153. We are so happy to be able to have this event again, after being canceled for the past two years, due to Covid 19.

We also continue to have our monthly Winter Dinners on the SECOND SATURDAY of each month. We continue to serve our creamed chicken over homemade biscuits or a hot roast beef sandwich. All with mashed potatoes, green beans, relishes and dessert. These dinners continue to be DRIVE-UP only. We are hoping that by the time our fish fries start in May, we may be able to open our doors again for the public and be able to eat inside and enjoy each other's fellowship, but it all depends on the Covid situation.

This winter has been very hard on several of our members and we wish all of them to return to good health very soon. Sis. Bonnie Sierks will be having hip surgery on February 14; Sis. Shellie Smith will be having spinal surgery on Feb. 18; Bro. Andy Martin is home recovering from pneumonia; Bro. Roger Warnke continues his

battle with cancer; and Sis. Laura's whole family has been ill with Covid 19. We keep all of them in our prayers.

Sis. Julie Fowler, our new Worthy Matron, ended our meeting with some light-hearted information regarding the Conversation Hearts that are so popular around Valentine's Day. Conversation Hearts were first manufactured in 1866 by the Necco Company and were known as "Motto Hearts". Annually, the Necco Candy Company produces 8 billion Conversation Hearts. There are 45 different sayings in each batch and 10 new sayings are introduced each year. Don't feel guilty about snacking on these delightful treats, as Julie reports that they are both fat-free and sodium-free! So, Happy Valentine's Day to all of you.

Lastly, I would like to share a version of the 13th Chapter of Corinthians, often known as the "Love" Chapter. This version was written by May S. Hilburn, and dedicated especially to the Order of the Eastern Star. Our own Worthy Matron, Sis. Julie, has

chosen 1 Cor. 13:9 as her guiding scripture for our chapter this year.

"Love never Faileth."

First Corinthians, Chapter 13: 1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not Love, I am become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. 2. And though I have the gift of making pretty speeches, and understand all the mysteries of the secret work of the Order, and though I can repeat word for word every charge in the ritual, and though I can take any part in the degree, and have not love in my heart for the Order, I am nothing. 3. And though I pay my dues in advance, and give of my money to help buy flowers for the sick or to help buy ice cream for the social hour, and have not love in my heart for my brother and sister members, my giving of my money profits me nothing. 4. And though I attend every meeting and know how to get action on any thing coming before the Chapter, and though I can work my way in correctly, and though I hold a dozen certificates of perfection and have not love in my heart for the work of our Order, it profits

me nothing. 5. Love suffereth long and is kind. Love does not criticize the members of the Order. Love is not puffed up. It is willing to serve and let someone else receive the praise. 6. Love doth not behave itself unseemly. Doth not criticize for the pleasure of criticism. Love seeks to serve for the good of all. Love doth not seek to run things with a high hand. But tries with gentleness and kindness to keep harmony. Love thinketh no evil of the members. Love doth not get its feelings hurt if, by chance, it is overlooked. 7. Love doth not repeat unkind words between members. Love rejoiceth not when a member doeth wrong. But love tries to find out the truth about the matter in order to be of help. 8. Love beareth all things for the good of the Order. Love hopeth all things for the good of the member. Love endureth all things that the Order and members may prosper. 9. Love never faileth. But whether there be social meetings they shall fail. Whether there be conversations they shall cease. Whether there be picnics and card parties, they shall vanish away. 10. For we know that only by

living our obligation and trying to do our duty by our Order can we fully realize what true Fellowship means. When we were a child in the Chapter and had to learn the meaning of true fraternity, a little at a time, we often spake as a child through ignorance and lack of judgment, but when after a length of years we became as grown members, we put away childish things. 11. Sometimes we see through a glass darkly because we have not caught the glory of the message. But back of every word in our ritual is a spiritual meaning that will illuminate even the darkest experience of human life. 12. We know in part some of the sorrows of our friends and neighbors, but only when we meet these same sorrows face to face shall we know as we are known. 13. And now abideth three links in our beloved Order. Faithfulness, Love and Loyalty. And Love is the connecting link. It gives strength to both the other links. Without the middle link of Love, Faithfulness and Loyalty would be helpless. For Love gives a glory to Life.

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Dottie Arent

Greetings to our Lincoln area members of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star.

Congratulations to all of the newly Installed Officers. May you enjoy a successful year full of new possibilities in your Chapters.

We would like to invite you to attend our "Oceans of Possibilities, Anchored in Faith" Grand Session at the Younes Center in

Kearney, Ne. It will be May 10th through the 12th. You will want to witness the Installation of the 2022 - 2023 Grand Officers on Thursday afternoon, May 12th.

If you would like to serve as an Assistant Grand Warder or Assistant Grand Sentinel please let Dottie know at povertyflat71@msn.com.

Dottie Arent, WGM & David Wetrosky, WGP



NEBRASKA GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker



the February Business Meeting social hour. Always enjoyed. Also enjoyed were the homemade chocolate cookies. The Business Meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30. Bills were paid, correspondence was read, and the monthly business was conducted. A ballot for a candidate was cast for the degrees of Masonry and was favorable. Masonic Education was an article discussing the parallels of the book War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy and Masonry. It was an interesting opinion.

Grand Lodge is this weekend in Kearney. There is an interesting bylaw change proposed by the Grand Master where he could summarily revoke the membership of any member for any reason without due process. It has the same aroma of the Grand Lodge handling of a situation a few years past where emotions and waning testosterone overrode due process. We as a fraternity are better than that. **(EDITOR'S NOTE: The resolution in discussion was not presented for voting, due**

to concerns from the Jurisprudence Committee.)

Masonic Record of Charles T. Adams

Worshipful Brother Charles T. Adams was born June 6, 1935 at Lincoln Nebraska and departed this life February 5, 2022 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Worshipful Brother Adams petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M. for membership on March 2, 1960. He was elected on April 6, 1960, and affiliated on May 10, 1960, on a certificate of transfer. Worshipful Brother Adams received his Entered Apprentice Degree on May 7, 1956, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on June 18, 1956, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on July 19, 1956 in East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Worshipful Brother Adams served as Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge in 1967. He was presented with a 50-year Membership Award October 12, 2006, a

60 year Membership Award April 29, 2017, and a 65 year Membership Award December 8, 2021.

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

WB Charles legacy to North Star Lodge includes Sons WB Charles K. Adams, Bro. R Gail Adams, and grandsons, Bro's. Jason and Aaron Adams all members Lodge 227.

Monthly Humor

The IRS returned my tax return to me after I apparently answered one of the questions incorrectly. In response to the question, "Do you have anyone dependent on you?" I wrote, "9.5 million illegal immigrants, 3.1 million crack heads, 5.2 million unemployable scroungers, 100,000 criminals in over 85 prisons plus 650+ idiots in Washington DC." The IRS stated the answer I gave was "Unacceptable!" I then wrote back, "Who did I leave out??"

Enough is enough!

We would like to offer our congratulations to WB David Sierks as he was installed as Master of George Washington Lodge #250. WB Bruce Watkins and I participated with the installation as Installing Master and Installing Marshal respectively. We wish David and his officers our best wishes.

Steven Flader was installed as Master for the ensuing Masonic Year. Bro. Adam English was installed as SW and WB Karel Capek as JW. WB's Keith Brocksmith and Bob Tooker as SD and JD respectively. Also reinstated, Treasurer, Bro. Allen Plucknett and WB Steve Wetzel as Secretary. WB Bruce Watkins was installed as Marshal.

(PHOTO: Top Row: WB Dennis Mundt - WB Bob Tooker - WB Bruce Watkins Front Row: WB Keith Brocksmith - WB Dan Chesnut - Bro Adam English - WM Steven Flader - WB Steve Wetzel)

Bro. Allen Plucknett brought up Val's pizza for

An open Installation of Officers for North Star Lodge #227 was held January 16th with WB Dan Chesnut as Installing Master, WB Bob Tooker as Installing Marshal, WB Curt Wolbert as Installing Chaplain and WB Tom Anderson as Installing Secretary. WB's Curt and Tom are members of College View Lodge. WB

Temple Chapter #271

Michael Lagueux

At our January 3, 2022 meeting Worthy Matron Carolyn and I closed out our last meeting of our year as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, thanking our officers and members for a very memorable year. Our observations of this year were put into our final end-of-year letters which we read to those at the meeting before turning them in to become part of the record of our time in the East. It seems as though the year flew by and we will miss seeing those who came to the meetings during our year.

Part of our theme this year was communication with our members, and I believe we did a pretty good job with calling, sending notes, and birthday wishes. We also tried to emphasize those who are first responders including the military, law enforcement, fire fighters, hospital personnel, pharmacy, grocery store

workers and anyone who has put their lives in jeopardy for all of us. These are the people who got up every day and went about the business of ensuring that we had what we needed should our days fall apart in the most contentious times during the Pandemic we are experiencing even now.

For those who have not attended a meeting you have missed a great time. There was snacks to go, which were always a treat. You missed some trivia about our flag and some of its history, and always the chance to see those members who ventured out just for some good human contact...seeing old friends and making new ones.

I have to admit that the Pandemic has been good for me in one respect...the amount of books on my to-read pile has decreased considerably! I love to read

and I have had significantly more time lately to do just that. I really like the novels by Tom Clancy and W.E.B. Griffin and good historical books are always welcome. I usually like to read "real" books, not those on my tablet or electronic media...real books, with real pages. There is just something about being able to turn a page, or not...whatever I decide. Friends, if you haven't read a good book lately I encourage you to do so. They can take you away for as long as you need and change your view of the current situation we are living - not always such a bad thing considering the news lately!

On January 10, 2022 Temple Chapter will install a new line of officers. The installation will be closed due to the up-tick of the COVID numbers, but Worthy Matron-elect Jean and Worthy Patron-elect

Monte will assume the East and begin what I hope for them will be a fantastic year of serving Temple Chapter's membership. I have no doubt they will be great in their new positions, again! As Worthy Matron Carolyn and I leave the east to new thoughts, and new leadership, we are assured the Chapter is in good hands.

There is an old Navy saying I would like to leave

you with, and it goes; fair winds and following seas. I leave you with this because that is what I wish for you in the coming year, the best you can achieve and the blessing of God in your lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Temple Chapter this past year and God bless and keep you all.

STAR Love,
Mike and Carolyn

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George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of February 1, 2022 with several members present. W. B. John Kirby, Past Master, welcomed everyone and conducted the Lodge business in a timely manner! It was good to gather together for the first meeting of the new Masonic year!

The Brethren are keeping W. B. David Sierks, Worshipful Master, and his wife, Bonnie, in their thoughts and prayers as Bonnie is having some physical challenges. We wish her a good recovery and better days ahead.

Installation of Officers for the new year was held on Saturday January 8, 2022. We congratulate the following Brethren that will serve for the 2022 Masonic year:

- Worshipful Master - W. B. David Sierks
- Senior Warden - W. B. Mark Poston
- Junior Warden - W. B. John Kirby
- Secretary-Treasurer - W. B. Daniel Brunsen
- Sr. Deacon - W. B. Eric Bachenberg
- Jr. Deacon - W. B. George Wright

Tyler - W. B. Earl Robinett Lodge Representatives to the Havelock Masonic Temple Board, Inc. will be: W. M. David Sierks, W. B. Mark Poston, W. B. Daniel Brunsen, and W. B. Earl Robinett. We want to say a big "thank you" to Past Master John Kirby and his 2021 Officers for leading our Lodge through another difficult year. We are so appreciative of the fine leadership that they provided to our Lodge.

The 2022 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Nebraska was held in Kearney, NE at the Younes Convention Center on February 3 through February 5, 2022. W. B. John Kirby and W. B. Mark Poston represented our Lodge by participating in the many interesting and informative events during the session. We want to congratulate Most Worshipful Grand Master Alexander F. Straatmann, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Nebraska and his 2022 Grand Lodge Officers. We wish them a successful year and safe travels as they provide leadership and guidance to our Nebraska Lodges.

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 fifth dinner will be history but there are many more to come! Save the date of Saturday, March 12th 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 does not 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!

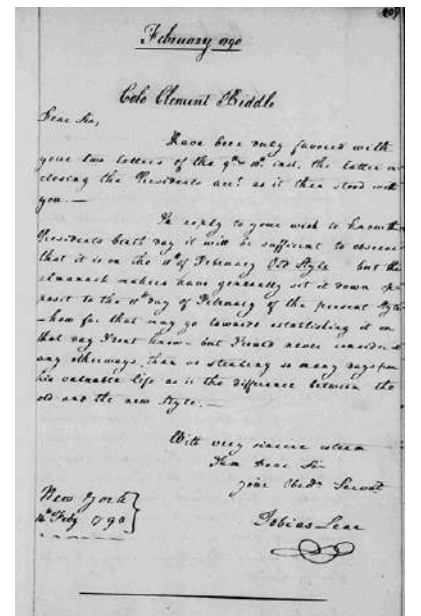
George Washington Trivia: Let us take a look at the

birth of George Washington this month. George Washington, the first President of the United States, was born on February 22, 1732. How do we really know when George Washington was born? Tobias Lear, Washington's secretary and close friend, gave the world a clue. Lear lived with George and Martha Washington at Mt. Vernon, and he helped the Revolutionary War General organize his papers. On February 14, 1790, Lear wrote that the President's "birth day" was on the 11th of February Old Style, referring to the Julian Calendar. Washington was born twenty years prior to the 1752 introduction of the Gregorian Calendar (intended to more accurately reflect a solar year). When the Julian Calendar was "corrected" to the Gregorian Calendar, February 11 became February 22. (Refer to the letter below written to Clement Biddle from Tobias Lear documenting this revelation) Washington was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. George Washington was a humble man who did not enjoy flashy celebrations. During his lifetime, Washington paid little attention to his

own birthday, and often "celebrated" it by responding to letters or attending to matters at Mount Vernon.

In closing, let us reflect on the February birthday of George Washington in his own words: "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

Tobias Lear to Clement Biddle, February 14, 1790. Image 207, Series 2, Letterbooks 1754-1799: Letterbook 16, Nov. 17, 1788 – Oct. 3, 1790. George Washington Papers. Manuscript Division



Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen

This month is an odd month as I have little masonic information to pass along. The Grand Lodge had their annual meeting last week and our Lodge does not have the monthly meeting until tomorrow night. I returned home yesterday from a family vacation and jet lag and I am not friends. All that being said, I can tell you two things with certainty, our next meeting is March 4 and when we meet, we eat.

So, back to the dollar bill from last month. On the back in big letters it says "IN GOD WE TRUST". As I wrote this it gave me pause to think about what this phrase means. I'll let you draw your own thoughts on what it means to you.

Looking at the right hand circle, you see the symbol of the United States.

Centered is the Bald Eagle, our national bird. The bald eagle was selected as a symbol of victory for two reasons: first, they are not afraid of storms as they are smart and strong enough to fly above storms; second, they wear no material crown. This was important because we had just broken away from the King of England. The shield is unsupported, symbolizing as a country we can stand alone. The white bar at the top of the shield signifies unity of the states. The eagle is holding a ribbon which reads E PLURIBUS UNUM, meaning "one from many". Above the eagle, you have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. The eagle holds in his talons an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will

never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

Notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle you will see that they are arranged as a Star of David. This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Hayim Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew, what he would like as a personal reward for his services to the Continental Army, Solomon said he wanted nothing for himself but that he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result. Few people know that it was Solomon who saved the Army through his financial contributions but died a pauper.

It is said the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is

almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this:

- 13 original colonies,
- 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence,
- 13 stripes on our flag,
- 13 steps on the Pyramid,
- 13 letters in, 'Annuit Coeptis,'
- 13 letters in 'E Pluribus Unum,'
- 13 stars above the Eagle,
- 13 bars on that shield,
- 13 leaves on the olive branch,
- 13 fruits, and if you look closely,
- 13 arrows

Until next month, remember you never know which person you meet is a mason. If they are not, well...

CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER

George Washington		250
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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.

Bethel #5

Sophia P - Marshal

On Saturday, January 22nd, Bethel #5 held their Installation of Officers. Unfortunately, Honored Queen Elect Lauren had to hold a closed installation due to COVID restrictions. But immediate family was invited to attend.

The officers were escorted in by their VIM (Very Important Men). The ceremony was nice with all of the elected officers, and many of the appointed officers installed.

The Installing Officers were:

Installing Officer - Gwen L
 Installing Guide - Deb K
 Installing Marshal - Belle K
 Installing Chaplain - Deb K
 Installing Recorder - Jeanne B
 Installing Senior Custodian - Deb W
 Installing Junior Custodian - Rochelle E
 Installing Musician - Heather L

The Bethel officers for the spring term are:

Honored Queen - Lauren P
 Senior Princess - Sara W

Junior Princess - Serenity M
 Guide - Grace M
 Marshal - Sophia P
 Chaplain - Marie S
 Librarian - Gwen L
 1st Messenger - Faith P
 2nd Messenger - Elizabeth P
 3rd Messenger - McKenna P
 4th Messenger - Bailey N
 5th Messenger - Katrina K
 Senior Custodian - Hailey N
 Junior Custodian - Audrey W
 Inner Guard - Jessica M

We ended the Installation performing the Closing Cross with Honored Queen, Senior and Junior Princesses signing Nearer My God to Thee.

Honored Queen Lauren is planning a lot of fun activities for this term. We are hoping to be able to hold these events once COVID restrictions loosen up.



Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft met on February 2nd for their regular scheduled meeting. Worthy Matron Sis. Terri Sherman and Worthy Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl welcomed everyone to the meeting.

We installed Sis. Bev Ryba Treasurer and Sis. Joanne Rosenthal, Warder. We voted to send a donation to the International Headquarters Committee this year.

We announced that our District Grand Supervisor will be Sheli Rice from Bellevue. We have not set a date yet but discussed wanting to hold it on the third Wednesday when we do set a date. This works better than a weekend for most of us.

We heard the treasurer's report and the trustees audit report. Our investments were very good to us last year.

It's always better to come out in the black for the year.

Under good of the order we noted that several members have tested positive for Covid but are doing Ok. No other illnesses were reported. We did report that Marilyn Bell passed away on December 10, 2021 at the age of 91. Sister Julie Fowler will be celebrating a birthday this month so we all wished her many

more.

Worthy Matron Sis Terri closed with this butterfly poem.

Happiness is like a butterfly.
 The more you chase it,
 The more it will elude you,
 But if you turn your attention to other things,
 It will come and sit softly on your shoulder.

On our way out for the evening, Sis. Bridgett

Anderson offered heart shaped sugar cookies.

March Birthdays

March 5 Dee Coad
 March 10 Betty Hotchkiss
 March 11 Janell Cain
 March 18 Janeen Petersen
 March 26 Barbara Frolich

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

Lincoln Lodge No. 19 has had its installation and I can announce all of our 2022 officers. Pictured below are those officers who were installed on January 13. The other officers will be installed at our next regular meeting. The officers of the Lodge are:

Cotner Lodge No. on January 13.



Worshipful Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19

- Worshipful Master - Wes Bottorf
- Senior Warden - David Nolte
- Junior Warden - Grant Latimer
- Secretary-Treasurer - Bruce Anderson
- Chaplain - Beau Ballard
- Senior Deacon - Billy Johnson
- Junior Deacon - Thomas Buescher
- Senior Steward - Neal Clayburn
- Tyler - Chad Klein

We have already hit the floor running and at our February Business meeting we read two new petitions and have several more Brothers that will be taking their Fellowcraft and Masters degree in upcoming months. This is a good time to get back to Lodge and get active.

Top Left Picture, L to R: Tom Buescher, Billy Johnson, Dave Nolte, Wes Bottorf, Grant Latimer and Beau Ballard

Three Lodges went together to have their Installation, Lincoln Lodge 19, Liberty Lodge 300 and

All of our activity takes money to perform and have other activities. I have sent out dues notices and a lot of our Brethern have responded, but many have not. Please send in your dues so I don't have to send out another reminder.



Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



HAPPY FEBRUARY from Worthy Matron Denise Lagueux and Worthy Patron Mike Lagueux! With elections past and installation of new officers almost done, we are well on the way to a New Year with a fresh outlook.

We would like to thank the officers of Electa from last year, especially Worthy Matron Ilah Anderson and Worthy Patron Bruce Anderson for always serving our Chapter with faith and zeal during some very trying times as we continue to endure the Pandemic still at the forefront of our thoughts. As we enter the third year of its existence among us we have more hope

through understanding of it, and what we can do to mitigate it. It has been wonderful seeing members beginning to return to the Chapter for our stated meetings.

During the first occasion we have been able to meet as new officers, we were able to install all but four of our officer line, and have been able to install two more at our first stated meeting. I believe we can call that progress in anyone's book! Worthy Matron Denise could not be at our first stated meeting and we would like to thank Associate Matron Brenda Frank Collins for filling in for her on short notice.

The first meeting went very well and we were able to get a lot of work for the Chapter completed. We only have a very few members who have not sent in their dues yet and that is very

much appreciated. If you're not sure if you have paid your dues yet just look to see if your card says 2022 on it. If not, please send your dues as soon as possible. If there is a problem please contact us and we can help resolve it for you.

At installation, Worthy Matron Denise and Worthy Patron Mike handed out cupcakes to all present. They were individually boxed and each had either a candy bone or a candy puppy paw footprint on it to remind all of you that one of our goals this year is contributing to the STAR DOGS program of Grand Chapter. There is a program going on called "Denim for Dogs" which allows members to wear nice looking blue jeans, in good repair please, to our stated meetings. It would mean giving \$5 to the STAR DOGS program, but what a worthy cause.

Please consider contributing even if you don't care for the denim look!

Later this year we will be having a fund raiser that you will either love to support, or possibly support out of a dislike of the offering! Soon you will be receiving correspondence from Worthy Matron Denise and Worthy Patron Mike with more details about this effort. While mostly for just good fun, I find it delicious! Just a small clue; Stauffer's Café serves it twice a month and I try not to miss it!

On March 19th we are planning to have our Supervisor's Visit and we are looking forward to it. We will still be practicing social distancing and masking during the visit, but the likelihood of having it in person this year brings new hope.

It's amazing how quickly

the first few weeks / months of a new Masonic year go by. We are already well into the second month of the year by the time you will have read this and Grand Chapter is fast approaching in May. We hope to see many of you there if you can make it. What we have heard so far would indicate it being a very good time.

I hope this article finds you all in good health and happy. Until next month, God bless and keep you in His loving embrace.



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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.

Scottish Rite – KCCH

Following the passing of our friend and Brother, Charles I. Ottem, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of North Dakota for Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, my good friend and Brother, Dale Sandstrom was appointed as Deputy to the Supreme Council in North Dakota; the first Deputy appointed from the Bismarck Valley (he's been our Valley

Personal Representative for Bismarck for many years). One of Charles's last big duties was to recommend and vote upon the recipients for the honorees for the Scottish Rite, including those Scottish Rite Masons to be invested with the rank and decoration of the Knights Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH).

Dale hosted our North Dakota investiture on Saturday, February 5, this year in Fargo. We had 13 KCCH inductees total in North Dakota. A couple couldn't make it due to health reasons and such, but we did add a courtesy investiture for a KCCH honoree from northeast Minnesota since he couldn't make it to Saint Paul, MN, with the rest of his class. We had one new KCCH from Bismarck Valley present, one who couldn't make it as he was recovering from a recent health concern, and our plural member, Most Worshipful Danny Haugen, Grand Master of Masons in North Dakota, was the exemplar/prime inductee for the class.

It was a fun afternoon and evening with the

ceremony and banquet. Great to see everyone again from across the state of North Dakota and also the Minnesota gang. Always the highlight, though, is the men's only breakfast the following morning where we have some great conversations. During the banquet and breakfast discussions, it was great to hear more about the history of the Orient of North Dakota in the Scottish Rite with past Deputies, SGIG's, and past Valley's.

We currently have 5 Valleys in the Orient of North Dakota: Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, and Langdon.

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



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