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Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen



DUES ARE DUE

Dues for all Nebraska Masonic Lodges for 2022 are due Jan. 1. Send payment to your Lodge Secretary. Members with unpaid dues are delinquent as of December 31. Suspension by Grand Lodge comes April 30. Suspension in Blue Lodge also means suspension in Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine. Look at your dues card. If it does not say 2022, send payment today to your Secretary. Eastern Star dues are also due Jan. 1. Send dues to your Chapter Secretary. Unpaid members will become delinquent Oct. 1, with suspension Dec. 31.

As per our tradition, WM Matt Zier turned the business meeting over to WM elect Turner Cox as the January business meeting moved from old business to new business. The traditional January supper of chili and oyster stew was eaten with gusto. Well, at least there were no left overs.

Lodge Installation was January 9 in the large lodge room. Installing officers were: Installing Master, WB Shane Rhian; Installing Marshal, WB Steve Green; Installing Secretary, WB Adam Thayer; and Installing Chaplain, WB Mark Rossignol.

The installed officers for Lancaster Lodge 54 for 2022 are: Worshipful Master, WB Turner Cox; Senior Warden, WB David Bloomquist; Junior Warden, WB Greg Prosocki; Treasurer, WB Carl Plants; Secretary, WB Adam Thayer; Chaplain, WB Michael Lagueux; Senior Deacon, Bro Eric Miller; Junior Deacon, WB Joe Huskey; Senior Steward, Bro John Hansen; Junior Steward, Bro Neil O'Connor; Marshall M.W., Bro Russ Reno; and Tyler, WB Matt

Zier. Congratulations to all the new officers!

So now moving on to something which may prove useful in life. On the back of the One Dollar Bill, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

In the left-hand circle, there is a pyramid. The face is lighted and the west side is dark. Our country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the western part of our continent. The pyramid is uncapped, signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone there is the all-seeing eye, an ancient

symbol for divinity. It was Brother Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God could do anything.

The Latin phrase above the pyramid, Annuit Coeptis means God has favored our undertaking. The phrase below the pyramid, Novus Ordo Seclorum means a new order has begun. The Roman numerals on the base of the pyramid, MDCCLXXVI, is 1776.

I hope this bit of trivia will help you in any trivia contest you may have. More next month.

Just a reminder: the next business meeting is February 11, 2022; this is the second Friday due to Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.



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George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of December 7, 2021 with several members present. Worshipful Master John Kirby welcomed everyone and conducted the Lodge business in a timely manner! We were so happy to have several visiting Brethren this evening and enjoyed getting to know them better during our Social Time!

10:00 a.m., followed by a light lunch. After the Lodge Installation, we will begin preparing for our monthly Creamed Chicken Dinner that begins at 4:30 p.m. We will certainly have a great time with our activities that day!

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 third dinner will be history but there are many more to come! Save the date of Saturday, January 8th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For \$10.00, you can have your choice of a Creamed Chicken Dinner or a Hot Roast Beef

Sandwich. Each meal includes Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Celery and Carrot Sticks and a small dessert!

So how does this work? All you have to do is drive-up and someone will come right to your car, take your order and bring out your food! You don't have to leave your car, you don't have to dress-up and you don't have to make a reservation!!! It doesn't get easier than that! Plan now to enjoy these delicious Winter Meals on the second Saturday from October through April! Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next Winter Meal!

Our George Washington

Trivia for this month takes a look at how Christmas was celebrated at George Washington's home of Mount Vernon. In the 18th century, George Washington celebrated Christmas with his family. While it may not have been as flashy as it is today with all of the decorations and gifts, the theme of spending time with family and friends and taking a break from the hustle and bustle of working life has remained the same. As written in George Washington's diaries, the family occasionally attended Pohick Church on Christmas Day over the years. Instead of celebrating on a single day, the Washington family celebrated the holiday

season beginning on Christmas Eve and lasting 12 days until Epiphany on January 6th. Although gifts were not typically a tradition for a colonial Christmas, often the greatest gift was the homecoming of Washington from the battlefield. Close friends and relatives visited during this time and enjoyed a bounty of food and drink together.

In closing, let us reflect on the coming new year: "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day"...Edith Lovejoy Pierce. Happy New Year!

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

With this cold weather and then warm weather that we have been having I started thinking about the early beginnings of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. On the 22nd day of February of 1868 there appeared a notice that all Masons in good standing would be meeting to discuss the formation of a new Lodge in Lincoln. They met on March 6, 1868 at 1:00 pm. There were a goodly number of men at this first meeting

and on May 12 of 1868 the first meeting of Lincoln Lodge UD was held in the upper room of what was know as Lahr's Hardware Store on North 10th with 8 men in attendance. Later, on June 25, 1868 the dispensation was granted for Lincoln Lodge No. 19 to become a Lodge. There were 15 men named on the original Charter. Thus we became the first Masonic Lodge in Lincoln.

We have just had several day of low or below zero days. And in the summer it sometimes gets above 100 degrees. We have heating systems to keep us warm in the winter and air conditioners to keep us cool in the summer. Can you imagine meeting in the upper floors of a building without a furnace or air conditioning? Our forefathers were indeed a hardy bunch of 15 men in those days.

track of. Many Lodges throughout the state have either become extinct or have merged for various reasons.

We need the support of all our current members to bring in new men to learn the philosophy, purpose and ideals of Masonry and have our Lodge grow. On the 13th of January we will install a new slate of officers to lead us into a new year. Support these men and let's get Lincoln Lodge 19 back to a growing and active Lodge. We currently have two brothers who will need to take their Masters degree, and 9 who will be taking their Fellowcraft, not to mention two who have petitioned to join our Lodge.

I want to close with a statement by a former member from 1918, Charles D. Traphagen.

"Masonry is a philosophical and moral

institution and so all-embracing in its scope that all men of every race and creed may receive its degrees and become beneficiaries of its teachings. Masonry teaches and inculcates liberty of thought and conscience, toleration and consideration of all its initiates, making and recognizing no distinction. Masonry teaches that truth which makes us, free. It proclaims that right of the individual to freedom of thought, speech and life and seeks to resist intolerance in thought of action. Masonry has ever been and always will be in the vanguard of the army of progress, and a potent factor in the direction the democratization of mankind."

Needless to say the Lodge has continued to prosper for over 150 years. There have been ups and downs. From 1919 to 1928 we had a total of almost 1,200 members. I am glad that I was not secretary during those years! That is a large number of men to keep track of. Currently we have 110 on the rolls. These men came from all walks of life, from one who once ran for president of the United States to truck drivers to journeymen. It is indeed a number to keep



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Bethel #63

Alyssa Cowan

Job's Daughters has been a part of my life for the past eight years. I started this journey at nine years old as a Jobie-to-Bee. Bethel 63 has been my home for what feels like ages, and I am sad that this journey as a daughter will end sooner than I wish. I have three years left until I am 20, the age of majority for this organization. I feel as though three years is not enough for what I wish to accomplish.

The second Grand Session I attended, I was selected as a Grand Bethel Representative. There seemed to be so many girls it was almost overwhelming to see so many faces. After that first year, I knew I wanted to be something big for our organization. I wanted to do something big. I stared at the three state officers in absolute awe. They were so remarkable, so talented, so smart, and powerful. I would never have the capabilities to be one of the Big Three.

The preceding year I was selected again as a Grand Bethel Representative. And although it had much to offer, being a Grand Bethel Representative wasn't enough for me. I strived for more. So the next year I competed to be a Spirit Ambassador. I was selected for this position and spent that year going to my respective Bethels and socializing. I became more comfortable with talking to women of higher status in the Order. Instead of these powerful beings, I was able to start to see them as actual women that I knew. I started to gain more confidence in my own abilities. In 2019 I competed for the Daughter H.I.K.E Coordinator position, and sadly was not selected. This gave me a year break from being a part of the state level, that I knew I was meant to be a part of. The following year, in 2020, I was selected as Grand Bethel Recorder. I was able to become closer to the Big Three since they were women I had come to know and be friends with in

the past years.

In 2021 I decided to take my big leap. I completed the requirements and had my name included for Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Nebraska, one of the said Big Three. I knew I needed to do more for this organization and I wanted to be more. This is where I felt I belonged. This is what I had been striving and searching for, for the past 7 years. During that Grand Session two other amazing women were competing for the same position. I had known them for quite some time and I was rooting for them both. Whatever I was given, I would be happy and make the most of it. I had a gut feeling this was the path for me. Even so, to my surprise my name was called. This is everything my life has led me to.

I wouldn't have been able to compete for this position without my girls from Bethel 63. Growing up in that Bethel, I had become

one of the leaders with a few of the older girls. I was able to watch them grow up, much like my predecessors did me. Being Grand Bethel Honored Queen to the state, and Honored Queen to my Bethel helped improve my leadership roles in both areas.

Now my Bethel has a new Honored Queen that is going to lead us to the future. While a few of the older women are moving on, going to college, or becoming more busy with other aspects in their world, I remain in my Bethel being as punctual as ever. Job's Daughters is where my life is. Where my home is. I will still be here for my Bethel and the state whenever they need other leaders' perspectives. I will remain until I know they are ready to move into the future themselves. To make sure my home, and my life are in good hands. This is soon where my experience as a youth leader will end, and I will become a Past. I will melt

back into the rest of our amazing women being a member, as I watch new leaders take up their new roles. For the next three years I will stay to help mold and form future Grand Bethel Honored Queens, future Miss Nebraska Job's Daughters, Miss Nebraska Congeniality, and future presidents even. This organization helped me grow into a great young woman. It is only fair that I am there to do the same with other Job's Daughters.

If you have a daughter or know of a girl in-between the ages of 8-20 that would be interested in learning more about this organization you can contact us at info@bethel63.org.

Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen



Last year, Liberty ended the year playing Santa for the children at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. For 2021 the goal was to try and increase what we gifted to the children, and we did it! Lodge Brothers and other donors contributed over \$2000 and filled two cars with gifts. With the generous donations we were able to provide gifts and help fund a 4H tree planting project for 2022. Thank you to everyone that contributed!



If you've never been to the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children you should pay them a visit. When we delivered the gifts, Ron Giesselmann and his wife gave us a tour

of the facilities. Wow, what an amazing facility! Ron and his team do a fantastic job helping provide the kids a structured environment to learn and grow. Their passion to provide kids with a place to belong is inspiring.

What are you doing Saturday, January 29th in the morning? We are planning our first Lodge renovation day. The members of the Masonic Temple Board do an awesome job maintaining our historic structure at 16th & L. We want to do our part as a patron of the building to help them keep the building as pristine as possible. On the 29th from 8am - 12pm we'll tackle a scraping, patching, priming and painting project. We'll start with the main corridor between the small and large Lodge rooms. Any help you can provide would be great. Planning ahead, our Lodge renovation day in February will be Saturday the 26th.

Don't forget to join us for our annual Table Lodge, Saturday, February 19th. This will be a truly

memorable event. Can we get over 50 Brothers to attend? We will also celebrate the birthday of one of our most celebrated members, President George Washington. Social will start at 6:00, with dinner at 6:30. After that get ready to fill your cannons for a fun night of toasts. Cost for the dinner is \$25. Please RSVP to Brother Lynn Friesen (email - lfriesen70@gmail.com or text - 402-314-6397) or Brother Lance Neeman (lgneeman@aol.com) by Thursday, February 10th.



North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

WB Dennis Mundt brewed up a huge kettle of veg beef soup for the January Fellowship Dinner. As always, you couldn't have just one bowl full of his soup. Always excellent and welcome. Normal business was conducted, bills were paid, and a petition was read and assigned to committee. Masonic Education was presented. The subject being: Temperance – Subduing Our Passions.

seen the beauty of good, and the ugliness of evil, and have recognized that the wrongdoer has a nature related to my own – not of the same blood or birth, but the same mind, and possessing a share of the divine. And so, none of them can hurt me. No one can implicate me in ugliness. Nor can I feel angry at my relative or hate him." Oddly this was written 2000 years ago by the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius. Sadly, this demonstrates that human nature, at its most base level, never changes. This illustrates a lesson we as Masons should take to mind.

"When you wake up in the morning, tell yourself: The people I deal with today will be meddling, ungrateful, arrogant, dishonest, jealous, and surly. They are like this because they can't tell good from evil. But I have

2022 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of the 2022 Officers of North Star Lodge will be held @ 2:00p.m. Sunday, January 16th. To be installed: WB Steven Flader as WM, Bro. Adam English as SW, WB Karel Capek as JW, Bro. Allen Plucknett as Treas. and WB Steve Wetzel as Sec. We wish them a successful term. We need to thank WB Bruce Watkins for his past two terms as WM.

NEVER MESS WITH OLD MEN, AS LIFE IN PRISON BECOMES LESS OF A DETERRENT

As George Phillips, an elderly gentleman from

Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in his shed stealing things. He phoned the police. The dispatcher asked, "is someone in your house?" George said, "no, but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me." Then the police dispatcher said, "All patrols are busy, you should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both; and my dogs are eating them right now" and he hung up. Within minutes, six police cars, the SWAT team, a helicopter, two fire trucks, paramedics and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!" Well so much for defunding the police.

Lincoln Assembly #6

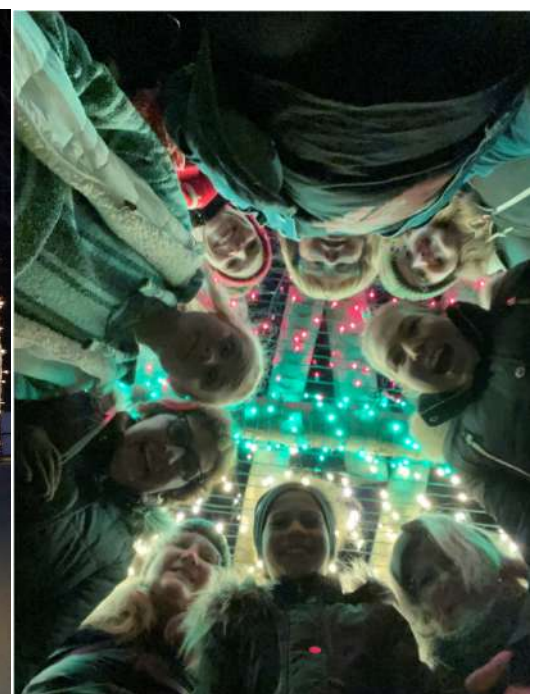
Tiffany Westerholt



Happy New Year Friends! The members of Lincoln Assembly #6 finished 2021 with a blast and we're ready for a new year. We attended a Christmas party hosted by Athena Assembly #24 in which we ate a lot of food, made gingerbread houses, made Christmas ornaments, had a gift game, and saw the lights of Bellevue with hot chocolate. It was a great time!



We had our Christmas meeting on December 21st. We played board games, had cookies and treats, and put together our mitten tree. Thank you to everyone who donated mittens. We originally were going to donate them to a school, but the mittens were a wide range of sizes so instead we donated them to the People's City Mission as they have a pre-school/day care program that needed mittens for younger kids, and we were able to get some gloves to adults who needed them. We ended the season on a positive note and gave thanks for our blessings.



For a fun activity, Lincoln Assembly girls and adults went to the Lincoln Zoo Lights. We saw the zoo lit up (it was so pretty!), ate smores, rode the train and had a wonderful time. The weather wasn't too cold, so we were super blessed and really had a good time walking around.



As we start 2022, we will be conscious of pandemic numbers and keep our health in mind. We have lots of new things planned and can't wait to share them with you. Again, if you're ever interested in learning about our activities, just let us know at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you all soon.



Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Well, if you were anywhere near 4430 N. 70th St. on Saturday, January 8, and thought there was a lot of activity there, you were certainly right!

The day started out with the Installation of the 2022 officers. We are so pleased that we have a full slate of officers for the new year! We want to send a big "thank you" to our Installing officers, GGCCM and PGM of NE, Bro. Gary Brhel, PGM Sis. Jerrie Wilcox, PGM Sis. Betty Garwood, and PM Sis.

Jeanne Krenk. Following the protocol of December 2021, the officers were installed at their stations in a beautiful ceremony. Newly elected Worthy Matron, Julie Fowler announced that her theme for the coming year will be J&J Sweet Treats. Her colors will be purple, silver and gold. Her scripture is 1 Cor. 13:8, "Love never fails". We are all so thankful to Sis. Sue Hedges and Bro. Andy Martin who have led the chapter through the past two difficult years due to the Covid epidemic. They led with

enthusiasm and grace and we thank them for their service as we look forward to a new year.

Following lunch in the Colonial Room, several of our members were treated to the Installation of the 2022 George Washington Lodge #250 A.F.A.M. officers at 1 p.m. Another lovely and meaningful ceremony. Thank you for inviting us.

After the lodge installation, it was back to work, as we then changed clothes and hosted our monthly Creamed Chicken/Hot Roast Beef Drive-Up Dinner until 7 p.m. It was a long day for many of us...but, as usual, it was filled with a lot of laughs, much friendship, and loads of love.

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to our January birthdays: Yvonne Nelson and Heith Fulmer (Jan. 8); Marolyn Marshall (Jan. 10) Sabrina Dahl (Jan.

12); Michelle Smith (Jan. 16); Judy Holtgrewe (Jan. 18) and Mark Poston (Jan. 27). Anniversaries to be celebrated in January include Bro. Mike and Sis. Maxine Buchardt (25 years) and Bro. David and Sis. Bonnie Sierks (26 years).

The 2021 Officers enjoyed a belated Christmas dinner celebration at the home of Mike and Maxine Buchardt on Jan. 2. Thanks so much for inviting us to share your lovely home with all the Christmas decorations. Dinner was wonderful.

We are proud to announce that Barrett Nitz, the son of Sis. Janice and Mike Nitz will be attending the Masonic All Star Marching Band Camp this summer with our Chapter's scholarship. We hope that Barrett has a lot of fun.

We are sending our "get well" wishes to Bro. Roger Warnke

and Mark Poston as they battle health issues. We miss them and are anxious for them to be feeling better and joining us again. And in the meantime, everyone stay healthy and safe during the Omicron outbreak!

If you haven't made it to our winter monthly Drive-Up dinners yet, we invite you to mark your calendars for the second Saturday of February, March, and April when we will still be serving. We look forward to seeing you!

Those pictured are the Installing Officers, P.M. Sis. Jeanne Krenk, Installing Organist; P.G.M., Sis. Jerrie Wilcox, Installing Chaplain; Worthy Matron, Sis. Julie Fowler; Worthy Patron, Bro. John Kirby; Installing Officer, GGCCM Bro. Gary Brhel; and PGM Sis. Betty Garwood, Installing Marshal.



Electa Chapter #8

Bruce Anderson

The winter chill is finally in the air, so I hope this finds you safe and warm and basking in the glow of another beautiful holiday season. Our chapter has much to be thankful for and it is because of members like you! Just a quick reminder that your dues are now due and should be paid very soon.

Our January stated meeting was Saturday, Jan. 8th at 2 p.m. We followed the 2021 protocol - short form, no marching, singing only if you feel comfortable doing so, wearing masks unless speaking. There was social time afterwards to honor our incoming officers. PM Sue Stroud and PM Brenda Collins provided a beautiful take-out treat bar in honor of the incoming Worthy Matron, Denise Lagueux and incoming Worthy Patron Mike Lagueux, accentuating their colors for the 2022 year which are Gold and Blue.

We invited members to finish out our "Heart-themed" year, by wearing something red, which gave a cheery look to our chapter room.

Introductions of members who hold positions as Grand Representatives and visiting Worthy Matrons and Patrons were made and they were given a hardy welcome to Electa and a word of thanks for their continued efforts to keep OES alive in Nebraska as they spread the love to other States and Chapters.. We voted on the request for Capitol Chapter No. 320 to

merge with Electa, and it was approved unanimously by the membership and will now be sent forward to Grand Chapter to finalize the merger. All the members of Electa are thrilled to have our Brothers and Sisters from Capital Chapter joining us and look forward to many new friendships and festivities yet to come.

PP Don Frank received his 50 year Lodge Membership Pin from Worshipful Master Matt Zier of Lancaster Lodge #54 recently and was congratulated on his many years of service to the Masonic Fraternity. Don is constantly active within the varied activities he serves such as the New Masonic Temple Association at 1635 L Street, Eastern Star and Lodge, as well as attending a Navy Breakfast for retired Navy members. PP Don Frank also is seen receiving the Master Builder Award from Worshipful Master Matt Zier at the same awards banquet where he received his 50 year pin.

Sadly we also draped our charter in memory of another Past Grand Matron and a very active member of Electa, Wilma Chestnut. Our sincerest sympathy went to Brother Adam Thayer on the recent loss of his grandfather. Loss of a loved one is always difficult, but doubly so during the Holidays when gathering as families is shadowed by these losses.

The featured donations for the Food Bank this month are

canned vegetables –We are trying to fill the table to overflowing! Worthy Matron Denise will continue to ask for your help in extending a helping hand to those less fortunate in our community and state during this year as well. She will also continue to support the "denim for dogs" initiative where if you attend our general meetings you may wear blue jeans (nice and no "fashion" holes please) for a contribution of \$5 for the OES STAR DOGS. If you do not know about this program, please ask any of our officers about it.

Worthy Matron Ilah and Worthy Patron Bruce read their activity letters for the year to the Chapter to be placed on file and it is difficult to figure out what more they could have squeezed in for this year especially considering doing it during a very contentious Pandemic time. Both received standing ovations for a job well done.

If you have any comments or questions, please call us 402-435-0974 or email job60@ix.netcom.com

I do hope you can come to some, or all of the meetings for the ensuing year. PM Denise and PP Mike have what will hopefully be a full year of activities planned.

Due to the uptick in the threat level of COVID we have decided to have a "closed" installation January 15, 2022 at 2 PM, to try to mitigate any possible exposure. We do hope we will be able to meet



in February as we have been the last couple months with friends in the Chapter room once again. If the CDC threat level is not in the red, please consider coming in February... we will be doing social distancing and other necessities to ensure the health and welfare of our members.

As always I encourage you, if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours! You never know how you may encourage someone's day by some small act of kindness even

through just a greeting.

Until we meet again:
May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back:
May the sun shine warm upon your face:
The rains fall softly upon your fields:
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

You just have to love the Irish! God bless you all.

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft did not meet on it's regular first Wednesday evening. We will instead be holding chapter on our Regular Third Wednesday night meeting time. We will be holding our regular meeting and closed installation of our 2022 officers. All members are invited. We will not be holding a reception afterwards.

Sister Terri Sherman and Brother Dennis Brydl are anxious to start their year so please make a point to attend a Starcraft meeting this year.

February Birthdays
February 5 Christopher Rosenthal
February 13 Mary Randolph
February 15 Judy Gonnerman
February 23 Julie Fowler

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green



Congratulations to East Lincoln 210's newly elected officers for 2022:

- WM Mark Reece
- SW Nathan Abshire
- JW Adam Homan
- Treas RJ Lipert
- Sec Jeff Buhrman
- Chap Monte Dietrick
- SD Karl Vierkant
- JD Joel Green
- SS Adam Holle
- JS Tysen Taylor
- Marshall Scott Dodge
- Tyler Bill Hayes

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska helped to pass Brothers Andy Palmquist and Lyman Garrison to Fellow Craft Masons, and also assisted in the raising of Brothers Karl Vierkant and Mark Becher to the sublime degrees of Master Masons!



WM Elect Mark Reece presents WB Tom Michaelson with an Appreciation Award for his devotion and leadership as secretary of the Lodge. Michaelson has been a member of 210 for 47 years.



WB Jeff Buhrman presents WB John Butler with 25 Year Proficiency card.



WB Jeff Buhrman presents WB Monte Dietrick his 25 Year Proficiency card.



Bethel #5

Grace M



what a surprise! Look who showed up to spend time with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The members of the Bethel had so much fun. But I think the Grinch had more fun. Hope he shows up again this year.



December is always a busy month with getting ready for Christmas, but Bethel 5 was able to squeeze in some fun. On December 11th, the Bethel went bowling after our regular meeting. We had one prospect and one Jobie to Bee prospect attend with us. We had so much fun, and some of us got a little crazy.

Two members of Bethel 27, Elena and Kaylyn, attended a meeting and brought the Traveling Gavel and presented it to the Bethel, to be used during our meetings. Now we are responsible to deliver the Traveling Gavel to another Bethel to use.

Bethel 5 will hold the installation of the new officers for the 2022 Spring term, on Saturday, January 22nd at 2:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to join us this day.



Saturday, December 18th, was our Fourth Annual Breakfast With Santa, at the Masonic Temple, 1635 L Street, from 8:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. We raised over \$700.00 for HIKE, and we thank everyone that came to help make this event a success. It was great to be able to host this breakfast this year, and we are looking forward to our Fifth Annual Breakfast this coming December. And



Bethel #5 Lincoln cordially invites you to attend the

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

LAUREN PROSOSKI
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- Sat, Jan 8: Martha Washington #153 (10:00 am)
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- Thur, Jan 13: Lincoln #19, Cotner #297 and Liberty #300 Joint Installation (6:30 pm)
- Sun, Jan 16: North Star #227 (2:00 pm)
- Sat, Jan 22: Bethel #5 (2:00 pm)

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.

New Year Reflections (2022)

As we enter the New Year, I'd like to take this moment and wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope it comes with a new aspect in the days to follow, especially since the last couple years seemed so slow and, at times, lonely due to the pandemic restrictions and quarantining. Cheers to good news, healthy relationships, hearty health, and may your connections in our Masonic groups continue to strengthen and grow.

I'm not one for New Year's Resolutions but do entertain the idea of New Year Reflections – reflecting on the previous year, and what might we want to think of differently; reflections on what this coming year might bring, and what/how we plan to perceive it.

For the work with my groups: I reflect on my Journey as secretary...

Only 5 secretarial positions in 2022 (Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite; Mandan Masonic Lodge # 8; El Zagal Shrine Oilers Unit; Queen Esther Chapter Order of Eastern Star; and newly elected as secretary in 2022 for the Bismarck-Mandan Chapter/Northern Lights Chorus in Land O'Lakes District of Barbershop Harmony Society). Similarly, I reflect upon my journey in my career & full-time job as a Construction Materials Testing (Civil) Engineer and my part-time job with my church as Technical Coordinator. I reflect on what was learned in Zoom meetings, in-person meetings, and hybrid meetings; I reflect on how I did and what I should do to improve on for the memberships; I reflect on this coming year for each group and better ways to serve.

Also, one good thing would be to reflect on ourselves – our own health, physical and mental, is important. As we race to get back into society and seeing each other again after the pandemic shutdowns, don't forget to reflect; even if it feels like we had way too much time to reflect while we seemed trapped, and sometimes maybe imprisoned, during the

shutdowns, reflecting is beneficial for us during quick times and slow times. I appreciate the catching up with great friends from this Masonic News reader base and your comments on my articles...I appreciate the Brothers locally where I am living in their support with my doctor's new recommended diet...I appreciate my friends and family in giving me constructive mentoring.

Therefore, I say New Year's Reflections trumps New Year's Resolutions any day! Beats having to promise yourself or others to do something during the new year until a few weeks in before you start something else, or back to your old habits – it doesn't feel like that solves any problems. But maybe, just maybe, by reflecting on those things, we can gradually better our thoughts, actions, and foundation for being a better you that you can be. Just my thoughts on the subject...Happy New Year Reflections!

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



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