



The Masonic News



Letter From The President

John Hansen

I felt it was necessary to give everyone an update on the situation of our paper. Since the below statistics were originally published in April of this year, just about everything has gotten worse. The price of everything has gone up significantly, and that includes postage. We will continue to look at where we are financially, and make appropriate decisions to secure the future of our paper. I expect we may have no choice but to be completely online before the fourth quarter.

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 donations which have helped and they are greatly appreciated. Our printer is very generous to us, and is printing the paper for almost nothing. In the past, both Adam (editor-in-chief) and Sue (business manager) have waived their salaries to help. Advertising is down for a variety of reasons.

The cost of delivering the paper for one year to one person is approximately \$10. Each subscriber is only being charged \$6 through their member organization. In the past some organizations have threatened to drop the paper if there was an increase in the amount of

a subscription, which has made us hesitant to discuss price increases to offset the cost increases.

We have made the newspaper available online, and this has helped immensely, however there are members who have no access to the internet, or for any number of other reasons would lose their connection to Masonry in Lincoln if the publication were electronic only.

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 paper. 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 the collective brain power we have, that we cannot find viable solutions. You need to talk among yourselves, try to find the solutions, and communicate your ideas to the Board - the sooner the better.

If a medical analogy will help in understanding the seriousness of the problem: 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.

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

The Chapter met on a hot and humid evening on July 7 and the business of the Chapter was dispensed in a timely manner by our Worthy Matron, Sis. Julie Fowler. Sis. Janice Nitz gave a very interesting report on her experiences as a chaperon at the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. Her son Barrett was the recipient of

our scholarship this year and she reported that he had a wonderful time at the camp also.

The Second Saturday dinner was discussed. The menu was to include pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and watermelon. Remember to mark your calendars for the Second Saturday and join us for fun and fellowship. We serve between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.. Next month's menu includes taste sandwiches, salad, tater tots, and baked beans. Please plan on attending!

By the time you are reading this, the District V visitation will already have occurred at the Havelock Masonic Center on July 9 with a luncheon catered by Raising Canes and a meeting following. I would like to report that we had attendance of about 70 people and a great time was had by everyone. The day concluded with attendance at the Salt

Dogs baseball game that evening, where the Service and Therapy Dog Committee, Domesti-Pups, and Javelan were all represented, so the evening really went "to the dogs". A special thanks to all the District V Worthy Matrons for their support of this day of fellowship!

July birthdays of our chapter members include: Roger Warnke (13); Pam Lindholm (16), Jan Schneider and Tawnya Arnold (18), Phil Fischer (22), Diana Johnson (26), Helen Blom and Laura Chytka (29). We wish all those sisters and brothers a blessed and very happy birthday.

The Chapter extends sympathy to the family of Sis. Janice Pearl Ossenkop who passed away on June 8.

We hope everyone had a safe and happy Independence Day celebration. Remember to stay out of the heat and

enjoy a wonderful summer!

The WGM Sis. Laurie Sieg reminded everyone at the District V visitation that just a small act of kindness may mean the world to a recipient of that act; and in closing I would like to share the following thought by an unknown author: "In the present day of rush and drive, there is serious danger of giving way to the temptation that we have not time to devote to the little duties of being thoughtful and kind. Not everyone who needs a cup of cold water is calling out to the world. The little pauses we make by the way are not wasted time. A word of sympathy, some little act that shows a friendly interest, may help the next hour to move more lightly and swiftly. And it is one of the most beautiful compensations in this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

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Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

After a busy May, it was going to be tough for June to top the same activity level.

June was a relatively reserved month which gave us a chance to catch our breath and work on planning the second half of the year.

With the pending Master Mason degree for Micah Mullins, several weeks were spent practicing the Master Mason degree. We are ready to give Brother Mullins a great experience as he is raised to the sublime degree of a Master

Mason.

During the July business meeting, we were able to hear Brother Nathanael Gabel complete his FC full form proficiency which is another opportunity for Liberty to complete a Master Mason degree. It has been exciting to see the progress from Micah and Nathanael and to see how they have been encouraging each other in this process.

The July calendar is filling up fast with a couple of Master Mason degrees. It is an exciting

time for Liberty to raise a couple of new Master Masons.

During our July business meeting we read another petition and look forward to hearing from the investigation committee at the August business meeting to vote on another potential candidate.

Recently we were informed of a Brother that is dealing with sickness and distress. Brother Ken Rouch was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. As a Lodge we sent Brother

Rouch a card letting him know we are thinking of him and praying for him and his family. Please keep Brother Rouch in your thoughts and prayers as he is dealing with the next steps in fighting this disease.

If you are dealing with sickness and distress please let us know so we can help if we can or at least be able to pray for you.

Another month and we will have several pictures in the next issue of our Master Mason degrees.

P.S. An update on our several Brothers working on their Titanium Trowel awards. Another couple months and they should have all the requirements met. Great job Brothers in getting involved and active in Lodge. Thank you for getting reactivated and helping us live the tenets of Masonry of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love as we raise a couple new Brothers.

North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

PHOTO: Brother C. Arlen Beam 70 yr award presentation Sun Jun 26th at his home. Presented by WM Steven Flader on the left, Brother Beam, and on the right WB Dennis Mundt Chaplain. Brother Beam is also the current Jordan Medal holder of North Star Lodge No. 227.

The July Business Meeting dinner consisted of Val's pizza and salad and potato salad brought in by WB Keith Brocksmith. Always good camaraderie and conversation.

The Business Meeting was opened in the Entered Apprentice Degree at 7:30 with prayer. Our Masonic

Education was prepared by WM Steven Flader consisting of the Masons who signed the Declaration of Independence. There were 9 who were present for the signing. Several more may have involved in the ratification but may have left for home before the final document was signed August 2, 1776. Those were Ben

Franklin; William Ellery; John Hancock; Joseph Hewes; William Hooper; Robert Treat Paine; Richard Stockton; George Walton; and William Whipple. It is hard to realize the danger signing this important document placed these men in. Basically, they had a big bullseye on their backs.

Judge serving the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Till next month!



Business was conducted, bills were paid, and two petitions were read and assigned to committees. Also discussed was the presentation of the 70-year pin to our Bronze Jordan Medal holder, C. Arlen Beam. Presenting the pin and certificate at his home were WM Steven Flader, WB Dennis Mundt and WM Steve Wetzel. Bro. Beam had a long and distinguished carrier in the field of law culminating with an appointment as a Senior

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

Lincoln Lodge No. 19 has not had any degree work during this last month but we will in the near future.

FUNDRAISING DINNER

I do want to inform all brothers that on August 12, Lodge No. 19 will be having a fundraising dinner to help support the F Street Community Center. We did this several years ago and raised enough funds to feed 80 kids per day for a month. It does take a good share of money.

The dinner will cost \$30.00 per person with most of the money going to the center. Brothers can also send in donations to help support this event. We will also have several year pins presented at this dinner. Will Folsom, a Past Master of Lodge 19, is heading up this event and for further

questions and information he can be reached at 402-525-4428 or wwfolsom@gmail.com. The dinner will be proceeded with a Cocktail Hour at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Please purchase tickets by August 1st. This will be at our Masonic Temple at 1635 L Street. We hope to see many of you at this event.

HIRAM ABIF

As has been my custom in previous issues I have included some education about Masonry. This issue I want to look at a person that we refer to many times. I looked up Hiram Abif and found several interesting articles. I have reprinted one for your education.

Hiram Abif, a skilled artisan, endowed with understanding.

Martin Luther introduced the character of Hiram Abif to the popular imagination when he translated the Bible into German. Luther transliterated three Hebrew letters in 2 Chronicles 2:13 to form the name, Abif, rather than translating them as in the Latin Vulgate, "misi ergo tibi virum prudentem et scientissimum Hiram patrem meum".

Hiram Abif is described as the son of a woman of daughters of Dan ("Dan shall judge his people" blessing from Jacob in Genesis 49:16) and his father was a man of Tyre. He was skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen and in crimson. He was sent to King Solomon by Hiram, King of Tyre before the building of the Temple at

Jerusalem commenced.

Anne Boleyn persuaded King Henry VIII to order that every church in the realm should have a Bible translated into English, chained to a bookstand for public reading. These printed Bibles were based on translations of William Tyndale and Martin Luther and the legend of Hiram Abif was born. The English Cathedral's in which these Bibles were placed were often constructed over many decades under the supervision of successive Architects, who were often buried there. In the popular imagination, King Solomon's Temple resembled an English Church and was the expected burial place of Hiram Abif, its principal Architect.

The bronze pillars at the entrance of King Solomon's Temple were cast by Hiram, a widow's son from the tribe of Naphtali (Naphtali's blessing from his father called him "a running deer" Genesis 49:21). His father was a man of Tyre. If the Hiram, who cast the bronze pillars, was the son of Hiram Abif, then his father died before he arrived in Jerusalem after the completion of the building of the temple.

The Temple at Jerusalem resembled the traditional Phoenician design: an outer hallway, a central court, an inner holy of holies, and two pillars outside the front entrance. Excavations of the 13th century BC temple at Hazor and the 9th century one at Tell Tainat show this pattern, as well as the Phoenician temple at Cadiz, that was still standing during the first century AD.

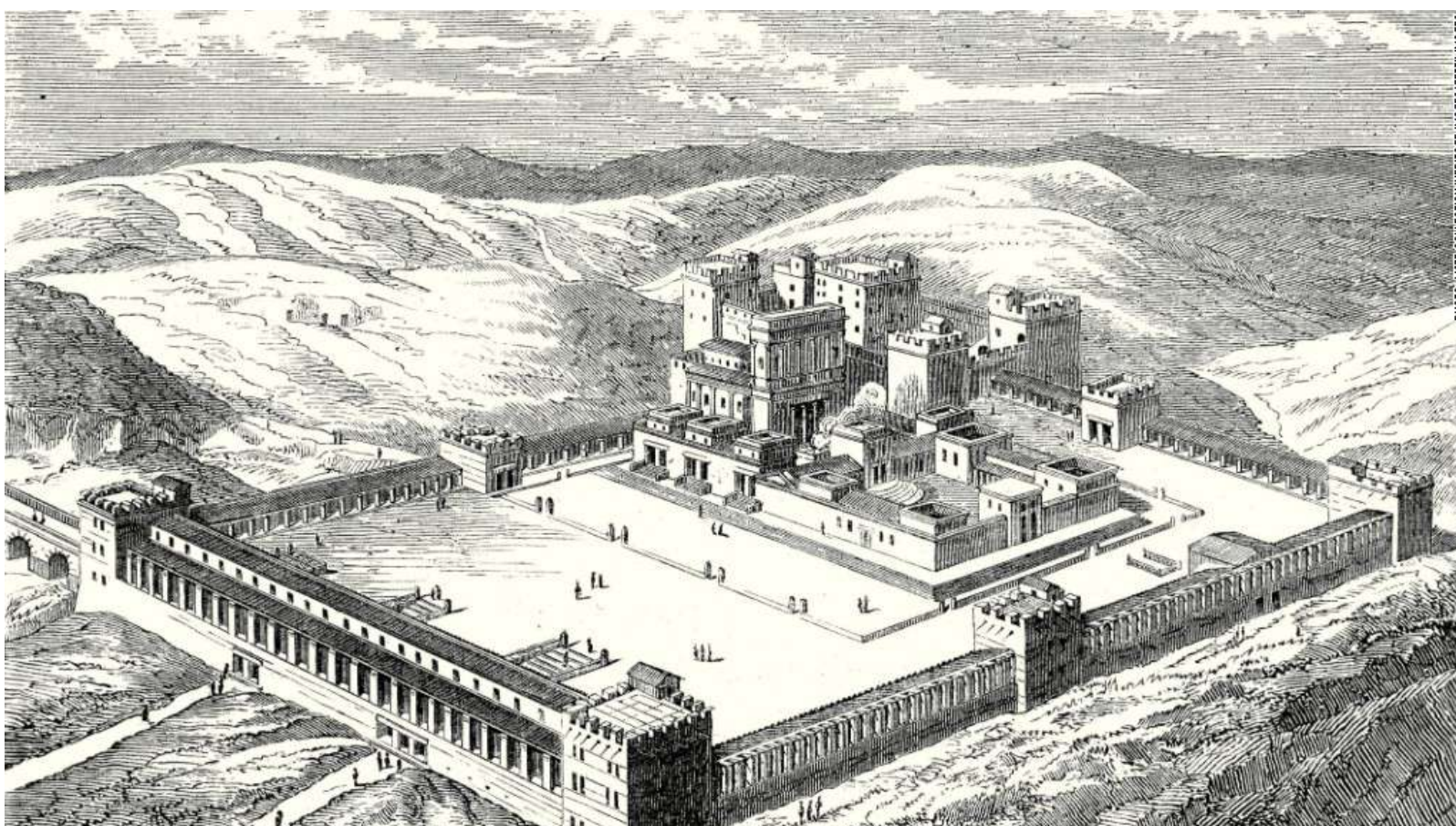


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Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

Electa's regular monthly business meeting was held on July 2nd. Our regular order of business was held for an announcement by Worthy Grand Matron Lorie Sieg and Past Worthy Grand Matron, and current Grand Secretary Jan Thoman. They were there to complete the consolidation of Columbia Chapter #275 into Electa #8. Some of Columbia's members were present and we were very glad to have them with us as new members of Electa. We are hoping to have more as the heat of the summer dissipates and travel is easier. It is never easy to close a Chapter where people have gone most of their lives, but we hope both of the chapters who have recently decided to consolidate with Electa will see that they are very welcome and join us for new friends, more fun, and a progressive, stable Chapter they can grow with. Welcome to you one and all.

During our opening several people were introduced, including the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Secretary. All were welcomed and given the accolades they

deserve. It was wonderful to see so many people on the sidelines and all the chairs filled.

Our Blue Barrel Project is moving along well and supplying those within our community and the surrounding area with the basic human necessities they need. This month we are focusing on pasta, however any donations of non-perishable foods are very welcome. Our barrels have been emptied at least monthly to help feed those less fortunate and we thank you for your generosity.

Recently Bethel #5 had their installation and many of our Chapter's members were there to watch as the new Honored Queen took her place for the ensuing year. The picture of the Honored Queen was taken by PM Brenda Collins as the new leadership of this youth organization was taking her oath of office. It was a great day and all went well. The new Bethel Guardian, Cora Redwine was on hand and will be joining The Associate Bethel Guardian, Greg Prosowski in leading the Bethel into the

future. The Fraternal organizations in the building are glad to help and look forward to the girl's presence there.

During the meeting Worthy Matron Denise talked about what our members saw as their "Spirit Animals"...what aspects of one of the animals in the wild they most closely associate with. She gave the example of hers being a bunny, and had her stuffed (toy) bunny "Byron" there to show everyone. Byron is her persona in being gentle, easy to talk to, and a loving spirit. Worthy Patron Mike also has his Spirit Animal there... The Tasmanian devil. It seems that the Tasmanian devil is a little impetuous, sometimes a little difficult to control, and always looking for a good time. Hardly any of the "qualities" of the Worthy Patron, but a really good looking guy anyway! She encouraged our members to bring a toy animal or a picture of their Spirit Animal to our next meeting so we can begin to get to know the real personalities of our members. Have some fun with this, that's what it's supposed to be.

We would also like to thank each of you who have participated in our fundraiser this year so far. The "NO" liver and onions dinner has been fairly successful to date. Just to remind you, this is a fundraiser that you can participate in even if, especially if, you don't like liver and onions! All you need to do is send in the amount you would spend if you went out for a delicious dinner of liver and onions! Pretty simple really; you don't have to get dressed up, go out, and eat something you don't like! For those of you who do like this fare, it

can be found every other Tuesday at Stauffer's Café just South of highway 2 on 48th Street here in Lincoln. I hope to see some of you there with me for this wonderful meal...but there is always the alternate way of feeding the proverbial kitty. Please make check payable to: Electa #8, and put Liver and Onions in the memo section so our Secretary knows what the check is for. You may mail it to: Electa Chapter #8, 1635 L Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

The Worthy Matron wanted me to remind you that our next meeting in August will be at 2:00 PM and the meeting in September will be at 7:30 PM. We meet on the first Saturday of each month to have our Business Meeting and hope to see you all there.

Often times anymore it seems that we cannot turn on the television, radio or any media without being bombarded with some sort of terrible tragedy, senseless abuse of power by elected officials, or an altercation resulting in loss of life. It weighs heavily on those who are sensitive to these kinds of situations that seem to be so contrary to what most of us have been brought up to believe in. Every time I get to the point of feeling like our world is on the edge of destruction I always find something that reassures me we will come out of these contentious times better for having gone through them.

I watched a young couple the other day at the self-serve line in the grocery store who were agonizing over how they would pay for the

groceries they had just gotten. It seems they had under-estimated what the food they needed for this week would cost and were having trouble trying to figure out what they could put back and still buy gas and make it through the week. The older gentleman ahead of me "reached down on the floor and picked up" a twenty dollar bill and handed it to them telling them they must have dropped it. The price of their groceries was \$43.69 and all they had was a twenty and a ten to pay for them. With tears in the young wife's eyes she thanked the older man and they paid for their groceries, and offered the change back to the man. He refused it and told them they may find some money to help someone else someday too. After they had collected their groceries and left he quietly checked out and also left. I wondered how many people would have done that, and must believe that those who belong to our Fraternities and Orders would most certainly do this without fanfare and in most instances as quietly as possible. The Good Samaritan in this case also wore an old gold and red setting ring on his right hand, the square and compass conspicuously present.

Until next we meet, may God bless and keep you.



Twenty Years

Bill Hosler

As a child, my mother used to say, "Time flies once you turn twenty-one." At the time it was hard for me to believe considering every minute I spent in my classroom felt like an eternity. But as with most things I have experienced in life she was exactly right. With the age of majority far behind me in my rearview mirror, it seems it was every memory of an event that comes through my mind can be now measured in decades instead of just a couple of months like it feels.

One thing I can remember my mother talking about all those years ago has led me on a journey of a lifetime I never expected to be on. As a child, I can remember several of my parent's friends would visit the house and they would all sit at the table drink coffee and pass the time of the day. One thing I saw is several of them wore rings. Some were just wedding bands which I knew the significance of these, but others wore a gold ring with a funny logo on it.

I asked my mother why they wore those rings and what did they mean. She said "They are Masons. You got to be rich to join that group." She then said, "Your Great Uncle Don was a thirty-second degree Mason!" The way she explained Don's rank in the Masons you could tell it meant something to her. The admiration in her voice and the look in her eyes made it clear being a thirty second degree Mason was quite an achievement in her mind. I decided if there was any way I could become a Mason I would do it. If for nothing more than to make my mother proud. As things go, time marches on and life keeps moving on. Years after this conversation in 1991 my mother succumbed to cancer unexpectedly. She never had the opportunity to see me join.

Fast forward eleven years and I was talking with a friend's father who I knew was a Mason. The talk brought up the promise to my Mom and my unfinished business. I decided I needed to investigate the process further. The internet was still in its infancy in 2002 and after a Yahoo! (Yeah it was Yahoo back then) search I found only one in my lodge had a website. I visited the website and in the photos section of the site, I saw the photograph of two men I had been friends with and coworkers many years before. That sealed it. I had to join that lodge! (Or at least try to).

I'm not sure if it was pure dumb luck or by the design of the Grand Architect of the Universe but two nights later, I was walking into a restaurant and as I was walking in one of the men was walking out! We

greeted each other and before He could leave, or I lost the nerve I blurted "I am asking for a petition to become a Mason" (I did know enough that I had to ask to join.) He followed me back in and we exchanged numbers and agreed to get together. Easter Sunday, I visited his house, and over breakfast, I filled out my petition. After what seemed like an eternity, I received word from my friend my petition had been accepted. I was given a date to show up at the downtown Masonic temple in June 2002.

That night in June was an unusually warm night. I was greeted as I walked through the unairconditioned temple and shown into a small windowless room. The heat was unbearable. I wasn't sure at that point the bead of sweat I felt run down my back was from the temperature of my terror and feat of the unknown which was about to come.

As the Brethren prepared me for the ceremony. It had been a few years since the lodge had had a new candidate so they couldn't remember the differences in preparing a candidate for the Entered Apprentice degree and one who was being passed to a Fellowcraft. After a few minutes, it was like they flipped a coin. I guess they figured they had a 50-50 chance of getting it right. After the ceremony began as I entered the lodge room and was stopped as I felt a group of hands pulling off my shoe and rearranging the regalia I was wearing. You could hear the muffled swear words as they went about their work.

The rest of the night is pretty much a blur. All I remember is walking around a quiet room, with only the sounds of overhead fans and the occasional sound of a bang that startled me. At some point, I remember my eyes adjusting to the light and someone giving me my glasses. Once it was over a was reconducted to that small hot box of a room and told to wait there until I was summoned. Once I was able to reenter the lodge room, I was able to admire the room's beauty. As I was placed in a chair on the West side of the altar and the show that was being performed especially for me was to begin.

I was in awe of the parade of my friends who I now discovered to be Brothers begin to recite things from memory. Watching these Brothers performing the ritual kind of scared me a bit. Self-doubt in my own abilities brought on the fear that I would never have the ability to commit things like this to memory. "I am going to make a

terrible Mason". I thought to myself. (Something a lot of Brethren still would agree with until this very day.)

Once it was all over, I was given a small gray pamphlet having a bunch of symbols. "This is the EA lecture you just saw. Study it. Someday you will be reciting it. The secretary said. The little sarcastic man inside me laughed as I nervously reached out for the book. With that, the lodge went dark, and wouldn't meet again until September. During that break, I studied that book until I knew both the questions and answers inside and out.

When the cooler breezes of September rolled around my next degree date was scheduled. I came into the lodge, and I was asked to perform the work I learned to another EA for a friend who was coming in. I was asked whether I wanted to "Pitch or catch". "Catch," I said with a tremendous amount of apprehension down in the pit of my stomach.

After it was over, I was shocked at how well I did. It wasn't letter-perfect like I was striving for, but it was pretty close. Everyone cheered and I got a lot of pats on the back that night. My friend leaned over and whispered into my ear. "Now you have gone and done it. Once again your big brain has gotten you into trouble."

Once I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 15, 2002. I became very active within the lodge. I had never thought about being a lodge officer but somehow on my first meeting as a Master Mason, I sat in the Junior Stewards chair. I started to protest; I had no clue what to do. "Just stand up when the Senior Steward stands and grab that stick next to you. You will be fine. Thus started my journey to the East several years later.

Some of the best times I have had as an adult was spending time with the Brethren of that lodge in the bar of the Mizpah Shrine Center. We would all sit around telling jokes and laughing over dinner. Eventually, the local Scottish Rite Valley would close their meeting and come in and join us. The entire room was filled with laughter and many nights it was so much fun it was hard to say goodnight. Like the toast in English lodges goes "So happy to meet. So sorry to part." It's hard to believe so many of those Brethren have laid down their working tools and advance to the Grand Lodge above. Sometimes I feel like they are still with me because the memory of those

days still lives in my heart. There isn't a day I don't think about them and smile.

One thing that has troubled me through the years is the constant beating of the drum with the mantra "Freemasonry is dying." On my first visit to my future lodge as a petitioner, I attended a wonderful dinner of Hoosier-style beef and noodles with the lodge celebrating the visit of our sister lodge who made the journey from London Ontario Canada. During that visit, an elderly Past Master who through the years I learned to love came up to me and said "I don't know why the #\$\$&^ you are joining Masonry. It is going to be dead in five years." Needless to say, I was taken aback by this statement. In my mind, I decided if it was really dying, I would ride it out until the end.

Since then, I have seen many people trying to write the Craft's obituary. Each one of them was dead wrong about their prediction. I have come to believe such declarations are akin to some wacky preacher trying to tell us the world will end in three days. In fact, I believe Masonry is much stronger than it was when I joined.

When I joined there were things many of us said were holding Masonry back, such as lodges only being allowed to meet on the Master Mason degree, lack of Masonic education in lodges, and dues at bargain-basement prices. So many things were holding me back from succeeding. Many of these things were spelled out in a paper written by several of my fellow Knights of the North which became known to the world as "Laudable pursuit".

Since then, many of these issues have been rectified and we have more men who are joining, and many progressive lodges are thriving. National and international events such as the various Masoniccons have been great successes. Add to that independent Masonic magazines and podcasts get the Brethren thinking and discussing Masonic topics in their own

lodes and virtually over the internet. The best part is these are just the tip of the iceberg. Add to these the various Zoom meetings of Brethren have helped strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood when you can't physically make it to lodge. Sure, we still have a long way to go but I am totally impressed and very pleased with the advancement that has taken in such a short time. In my mind only one thing can slow or stop advancement. That is us.

Sadly, over the years I have seen many good, dedicated Brethren who have quit the Craft in disgust and a feeling of hopelessness because we still completely turned around American Freemasonry. I get it. In the age of microwaved Salisbury steak and green dinners some feel we aren't achieving our goals fast enough, so they quit. I'm not the sharpest knife in the drawer but I see this is our major problem.

Each Brother who throws his hand up in the air and takes his apron and goes home is one less worker in the quarry. One less mentor for a new Brother, one less vote at the grand lodge we could use to make changes. One less Masonic leader who could someday be able to make Masonry better. If you think about how many Brothers, Each set of lost set hands impedes us from furthering the designs we have on our trestle boards and is depriving us of the talents we need to succeed. I encourage you to help bring these men back to the door of the lodge and make them a part of our future success.

It has been a great twenty years. I can't wait to see how we had grown in the next twenty years. Thank you all for what you do and thank you all for your Brotherhood.

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East Lodge #210

Joel Green



Worshipful Brothers Mark Reece and Joel Green, along with Brother Nathan Abshire attended a community event in June called "Taste of 27th Street." These brethren, their friends, and family members had a chance to visit the businesses neighboring their lodge building. They also sampled the various cuisines found on North 27th: Vietnamese, Mexican, vegan/raw, and a new coffee shop! Pictured above are the 210 brethren and their wives with the owners of Bloom Coffee Shop.



WB Joel Green welcomed Bro Adrian Martinez of Katy Masonic Lodge, No. 1439 in Katy, TX to Robber's Cave recently.

Bro Martinez enjoyed his tour of the tunnels and kindly gifted a beautiful coin to him from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas, Brad Billings. (Right)



Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen

It is safe to say we meet on most Friday evenings. Feel free to stop in and visit and/or participate in the meeting. Do not worry about any passwords you may have forgotten, one of the brothers will be happy to help.

Fellowcraft Degrees for Brother James Ray, were on June 10th, 2022 and Brother Raoul Ochoa on June 17th, 2022. Please congratulate these men when you see them.

July 15 is an EA Degree.

July 22 is degree practice.

August 5 is regular business meeting,

August 12 is degree practice.

August 26 is degree practice.

Michael Williams will be presented with the Entered Apprentice Degree on Friday July 15th. Any member wishing to attend is welcome to come and participate.



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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.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota 2022

Mandan, North Dakota, is the town I'm living in now and where the Blue Lodge is located where I'm a Dual Member, Past Master, and current Lodge Secretary. June 17-18 held the Grand Lodge of North Dakota's 133rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in Mandan. At the Baymont Inn & Suites by Wyndam in Mandan was where the Grand Lodge was held with the exception of Saturday afternoon's Installation of Officers for their next term which was held at our own Mandan Masonic Center just a mile away.

The Thursday before Grand Lodge, there is usually a Golf Tournament and Shooting Clays, then the Grand Master's Picnic. The Picnic is for Grand Lodge officers and visiting dignitaries and is usually an

informal picnic. However, Most Worshipful Danny Haugen, Grand Master 2021-2022 and a Plural Member of our Mandan Lodge #8, decided to host the back patio room of Bennigan's, an American Irish chain you may have stumbled across in your travels.

Friday morning included the 4th Quarterly Meetings of the Grand Lodge Committees, followed by Masonic Education in the afternoon. Vesper Service is always a good reminder and memorial to those Masons who have gone to that House Not Made With Hands since the previous Annual Communication. The evening closed out the day with the Grand Master's Banquet.

Saturday, included the Annual Communication business, proposal voting, and elections. The elected 134th Grand Lodge of North Dakota officers were installed at Mandan Masonic Center, then the Saturday Installation Banquet closed the evening. For Grand Lodge officers and committee members, Sunday breakfast as invited by the new Grand Master is a treat while completing the year's schedule of Quarterly Meetings and main calendar activities.

As Junior Grand Deacon, for 2021-2022, one of the duties is to open and close the formal sessions of Grand Lodge Annual Communication... Yes, Grand Lodge of North Dakota has the Grand Lodge officers open and close, while in other Jurisdictions the hosting

Lodge may open and close formally. Wasn't too bad for not doing that part very often, and I'm sure most didn't even notice the Nebraska ritual coming into play in North Dakota territory...

As I was running for one of the elected Grand Lodge Committees for their next 5 year term, I wasn't worried about being appointed as a Grand Lodge officer this year in order to focus more on those duties. I was elected to the Policy and General Purposes Committee for the next 5 years. I'm excited to dive deep into the Grand Lodge business and happenings!

Congratulations to MW Rick Wightman who's our new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Our Junior Past Grand Master, Danny Haugen, was appointed and installed as our Grand Secretary, with the immediate past Grand Secretary, MW Lon Kvasager, PGM, as Assistant Grand Secretary.

The only one photo that I have is one at our hospitality room with, from left to right, MW Danny Haugen (PGM & Grand Secretary, ND), MW Ethan Seaberg (PGM, MN), MW Tony Krall (GM, ND), RW Fred Kitko (JGW & Grand Lecturer, ND), MW Lon Kvasager (PGM & Assistant Grand Secretary, ND), WB Tyler Hall (Committeeman, ND), RW Keith Reiersen (Grand Secretary, MN).

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



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