



The Masonic News



North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

EA DEGREE

A special communication was called on May 18th by WM Stephen for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice degree on Mr John Helter. The First Section was presented by the usual suspects from North Star Lodge. The questions were asked by WB Evan Hayden and answered by WB Tom Anderson of College View Lodge. The Second Section Lecture was presented by WB David Sierks and WB Bruce Watkins delivering the Third Section Lecture and Charge. We welcome Bro John and hope he finds his Masonic Career fulfilling and rewarding.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Business Meeting fellowship dinner was

prepared by WB Paul Carpenter. Cains Chicken planks were served with homemade beans and potato salad. Thanks Paul! The normal business was quickly conducted, the bills were paid, and correspondence acted upon and closed with prayer. Not much more to report.

CORRECTION

Last month I mentioned my ancestor who served as a Grey Beard in the Civil War. I stated he was my great grandfather. He was my great great grandfather. He was my mother's great grandfather. I'm sure, no harm was done.

A LITTLE HUMOR

The good pastor of the First Tabernacle of The Holy Ruminatation Church

dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in aviator sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather flight jacket, and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?" The guy replies, "I'm Sven Johonsen, retired Northwest Airlines pilot from Minneapolis." Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom." The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff. Next, it's the good pastors turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am pastor Bob, pastor of the First Tabernacle of The Holy Ruminatation Church in Minneapolis for the last 50

years." Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the good pastor, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom." "Just a minute," says the good pastor. "That man was a pilot, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?" "I've devoted my life to spreading your word?" "Up here - we go by results," says Saint Peter. "When you preached - people slept. When he flew, people prayed."

Probably enough for now!

George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of June 7, 2022. W. M. David Sierks welcomed everyone; the Lodge business was conducted in a timely manner. We were very happy to welcome W. B. Jack Johnson, W. B. James Hunter and Bro. Marlin Krull from Comet Lodge #229 in Ceresco. These visiting Brethren are always so willing to help with our meeting: W. B. Jack served as our Chaplain this evening and Bro. Marlin served as Junior Deacon. It's always nice to enjoy fellowship and friendship with Comet Lodge #229!

Prior to the meeting, we enjoyed a lite supper together. Thank you to W. B. John Kirby and W. B. Mark Poston for providing our meal. We held our Lodge Proficiency this evening; we enjoyed having W. B. Jeffrey L. Buhrman, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Deputy Grand Custodian, and member of East Lincoln Lodge 210, provide his support and encouragement during this important event in our

Masonic year. We want to keep W. M. David Sierks's son in our thoughts and prayers. He is currently hospitalized with some health concerns. The Brethren all signed a card wishing him better days ahead.

On June 12th, the members of the Masonic Temple Board of Havelock met to do a few "projects" in our building and surrounding grounds. Several Brothers and Sisters from Geo. Washington Lodge #250, Comet Lodge #229 and Martha Washington Chapter #153 joined the fun and fellowship... it is rumored that some wonderful pizza might have been enjoyed, too!

Save The Date of July 9th when we will be having our next Community Meal from 4:30 - 7:00. We will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, and Watermelon as well as Coffee, Iced Tea, and Ice Water for \$12.00. This is a "Dine In" and/or "Drive Up" Meal. You can have a choice for the July meal! We will feature a choice of desserts for 50 cents each; pop will be

available for 50 cents. In addition, we will be offering some fun games to play for those that would like to stay and socialize!

Our George Washington Trivia for this month focuses on June 16, 1775. George Washington was appointed commander in chief of the Second Continental Congress. That same day, the Congress authorized the creation of the post of chief engineer for the army, in anticipation of upcoming battles with British forces. The engineers' worked to build fortifications, survey terrain and clear roads. What they didn't know was that this was the birth of the Army Corps of Engineers. They would later become instrumental in the development and completion of many sites in the nation's capital, supervising many of the public buildings in Washington, D. C. that we still enjoy to this day.

Our closing quote comes from Jean Hersey: "June is the gateway to summer". Wishing you all a memorable and relaxing summer!

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Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

May was a busy month at Liberty. We completed our FC proficiency and had our June business meeting at Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge library. Sadly, we also lost a Brother in May.

WB Maynard Sears dropped his working tools in May and passed to that undiscovered country from whom is born no traveler returns. He was over a 50 year member of Liberty. Keep his family in your prayers as they deal with the loss of a husband, father and grandfather.



At the BBQ we finished our gun raffle and picked the winning ticket. Brother Jay Sinkule had his ticket drawn for the Sig Sauer P365. With the raffle we were able to raise some additional funds for the Lodge. Thank you for everyone that sold and purchased tickets.

Keith Plummer completed his FC full Q&A proficiency. He did an amazing job and qualified to receive the Grand Masters FC proficiency coin.



On June 2nd, Liberty moved their charter and held their monthly business meeting at Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge library. What an amazing resource for Masonic history and memorabilia that is available for Brothers to read and view. MW Thomas Hauder was an amazing host and shared information about the numerous pieces in the library. We were also able to enjoy Brother Micah Mullins complete his FC full form Q&A proficiency. At the end of the meeting MW Thomas Hauder presented Brother Keith Plummer and Micah Mullins with their Grand Master FC full form proficiency coins.

In the coming weeks we look forward to Brother Nathanael Gabel completing his FC full form Q&A proficiency and completing a Master Mason degree.

Mark your calendars for an evening of fellowship at WB Andy Seachord's home on Thursday, June 30th for a backyard cookout. Bring your lawn chairs, drinks and a side dish or dessert. We'll kick things off at 6pm. Another opportunity to enjoy some amazing Brotherly fellowship and celebrate the Lodge accomplishments during the second quarter.



On May 21st we had our Spring BBQ. What an amazing, cool Spring day to get together. As things continued to open up following COVID it was going to be interesting to see how we did with so many graduations and other events the same day. We had a good turn out with over 67 orders placed that evening. Guests were entertained by the Steer Creek band and activities for the entire family to enjoy (coloring for kids, photo booth and more). Special thank you to Brother Andy Elliott for smoking the ribs and chicken and special thanks to Brothers from Cotner and Liberty for their help. We appreciate the hard work and planning from many of you. We'll be hosting another BBQ this Fall and look forward to seeing you.



We had a special guest at the BBQ, Brother Mike Masters and his family. At a young age he had a stroke and has spent several months recovering. Several Lodges (Cotner, Liberty, Lancaster and Craftsman) raised money to help his family with the numerous medical expenses he has incurred during his recovery. He was presented with a check for \$2200. Thank you to the several Lodges for contributing and helping a family and Brother in need.

In May we completed another year of Liberty being proficient in the Fellowcraft degree. That same evening Brother



Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen



This past month Lodge 54, as per our tradition, on the Friday before Memorial Day we dusted off our tuxes, had dinner with many guests and remembered and honored our Past Masters. 107 deceased Past Masters names were read and a white carnation was placed on the alter in their memory. Eight living Past Masters were present to conduct the ceremony. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all afterwards.



Fellowcraft Degrees for Brother James Ray will be on June 10th, 2022 and Brother Raoul Ochoa on June 17th, 2022. Since

you are reading this after the fact, congratulate them when you see them.

July business meeting is on the first.

Please come to the All Masonic Family Picnic on the 9th in the parking lot. It's hosted by Lodge 54. Bring food to share if you can, if you can't then bring yourself. See you there.

I don't know if any of you have noticed, but there are a lot of angry people in the world right now. I see it in just my day to day contacts, I'm not talking about the war or all the shootings and all the big ugly things. Just in day to day contacts. I recently was going to purchase two trays of sandwiches for a Friday evening meal. I went to pick up the food and discovered they had not started to make any of the order. In all honesty I was 75 minutes late picking up the order and was out of time. I was told they could start making

them in between the customers in line. I said no, forget it and left. I went across the road, placed an order and was out the door with all I needed in 15 minutes. I then got a phone call from the first shop and was told I should come back because they were almost done with the order. I again told them I didn't need it. I was then subjected to some name calling which I had not heard in years. Needless to say I will not darken their door again. Yes, there were words I wanted to use too, but I didn't.

The point I'm trying to make is now, more than ever, as Masons we need to behave and act as such. People watch people and some may know you as a Mason. By your behavior, set an example whereby one may choose to become a Mason because of the manner you behaved in a situation. You don't know who is watching.

Recently, my wife and I were driving down a road, on an island. We passed a couple about our age, walking in the opposite direction. We reached our turn around point and were headed back to the north end of the island. We came upon the same couple, they had not gone far. The man was limping and carrying a small rucksack. We stopped and offered them a ride which they happily accepted. Turns out they were from Nebraska. The Mrs is a nurse and we worked in the same hospital way back and he is a physician. We gained some good friends, just by making an offer. By no means am I saying to offer everyone a ride, it's just not safe.

Our youngest son was having a teaching moment with his two boys where he related the above story up to where we came upon the walkers a second time. He then asked "what do you think grandpa did?" The eight year old said "oh

that's easy, they picked them up, because that's what a Mason would do." They live in Oregon so we don't see them as much as we would like and I'm the only Mason he knows. So again, you never know who is watching.

From George Washington's manuscript, 'The Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation' 1. Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present. 48. Wherein you reprove another be unblameable yourself; for example is more prevalent than precepts. I will leave you with those two thoughts from Brother George to contemplate and draw your own conclusions.



East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

East Lincoln 210 held a terrific, well-attended event on Thursday, June 9. On the menu: steak, baked potato, Masonic Green Beans, Jello salad, coleslaw, corn, and more.

The Lodge was prepped! The lawn immaculately mowed by WB Ihde, the branches were tightly trimmed by Bro. VierKant, a meat-lovers paradise was prepped by WB

Dietrick, and the dining room orderly set by Bro. Abshire. With the propane tank full, the brethren of 210 enjoyed a selection of various cigars, scotch and bourbon outside on their lawn chairs while visiting with several guests.



Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

Lincoln Lodge No. 19 has been active. We had our usual Business meeting and then on the last day of May we passed a brother to the Degree of Fellowcraft Mason. Brother Cameron Ramsey passed his Entered Apprentice Proficiency with flying colors and we then set his Fellowcraft degree for May 31 and again it went very smooth. We look forward to him passing his Fellowcraft proficiency also with no problems. And we will again have a Masters degree to confer.

Our Business meeting was well attended and we have set a time in September to celebrate the chartering of the Lodge. I will have more at a later date. I do want to remind those Brothers who have not paid their 2022 or earlier dues we need them now. We are getting down to crunch time already. Fund raisers are hard to find in this day and age. Please pay your dues now. I will be mailing out second notices this month.

THE WAYFARING MAN

This word means a traveler, one who passes over the road — derived

from way or road, and the word fare, in its old meaning of to pass or go over. Bailey defines a wayfaring man as "one who is accustomed to travel over the roads." It is with this meaning frequently found in Scripture, as in Judges xix, 17: "And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city." Such a man, having perhaps just landed at Joppa, and on his way to the interior, would be most likely to meet near that city, and would be best enabled to give any information wanted as to

the condition of the shipping in the harbor, or in relation to any other matter connected with a passage.

The word "sea-faring man," sometimes ignorantly used in this place, is a monstrous corruption of the old term. Joppa, which was by Hebrews called Japho, and is now know as Jaffa, was and is a sea-port town and harbor on the coast of Palestine, about forty miles in "a westerly direction" (being about northwest) from Jerusalem. At the time

of the building of the Temple it was the only sea-port possessed by the Israelites, and was therefore the point through which all passage out of or into the country was effected.



Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

"Hello June" was the welcome used by our Worthy Matron, Sis. Julie Fowler, on opening our meeting this month. After holding Grand Chapter in May, this meeting was short and we had very little business to take care of. The highlight of the evening was having Steve Barchus, Executive Director of the Masonic Home, in Plattsmouth, give a presentation about the home, its staff, and admission standards that are currently being re-written.

We are also preparing for the June meal on the second Saturday. The menu for this month

includes chicken enchiladas, spanish rice, and tossed salad, along with homemade desserts. Mark your calendars and come join us on the second Saturday. In July, we will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, and watermelon. Remember, that our dining room is now open but we will also have drive-up service if you desire.

Our condolences go out to the families of P.G.M. Shar Coulter and P.G.P. Deloyt Young who served in the Grand East in 2014-2015. Sympathy is also extended to Sis. Shellie and Bro. Dustin Everett of Arbor Vitae Chapter on the death

of their daughter, Maddie. We continue to keep Bro. Roger Warnke and Sis. Bonnie Sierks in our prayers for continued healing. We also report that Bro. Andy Martin has had a severe hand injury.

One of our sisters, Janice Nitz, was unable to attend our meeting because she is chaperoning at the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp. Her son Barrett was the recipient of our Chapter's sponsorship for this year.

Our June birthdays include: Sis. Gwen Hurst (June 15), Bro. Mike Buchardt (21); Sis. Tara

McMaster (22); Sis. Sherin Harris (26); Bro. Dan Brunson (28); and Sis. Sue Bell (30).

Remember to register for the District V visitation on July 9. And be sure to come to the Salt Dogs Ballgame at 7:05 that evening for fun and fellowship with our Grand Officers and lots of Dogs!

June also celebrates Father's Day and we extend greetings to all fathers who are readers of the Masonic News. And remember to fly your flag on Flag Day this month.

NEBRASKA OES DISTRICT 5 GRAND VISIT *You're Invited!*

Saturday, July 9, 2022
11:30am | Social Gathering
12:00pm | Luncheon
Havelock Masonic Center
4430 North 70th Street
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RSVP by June 25

Lincoln Assembly #6

Tiffany Westerholt



Summer is here and the girls, being free of school, have been hitting the pool every day! However, we are excited that Grand Assembly is here!

As you read this we will have already held our 75th Annual Grand Assembly at the DoubleTree in Omaha. The girls have spent the last month hard at work putting together our scrapbook, decorating our brag board, and creating our name tags. We have been practicing our marching, fitting our dresses, and learning our parts. We can't wait to

share how our Grand Assembly went with you in July's edition of the Masonic News.



The girls want to remind you that we are still doing our Bugging Fundraiser so if you have someone you want to bug, let us know at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com and we'd be happy to share the bug love with them!

After Grand Assembly, the girls will start their Grand Travels and begin preparing for Supreme Assembly which is at the end of July into the beginning of August. We will have so much to share with you. If you ever want to join us in our adventures, email us. We'd be happy to add you to our email list. You are invited to attend any of our events and we'd love to have you. So hope to see you soon.



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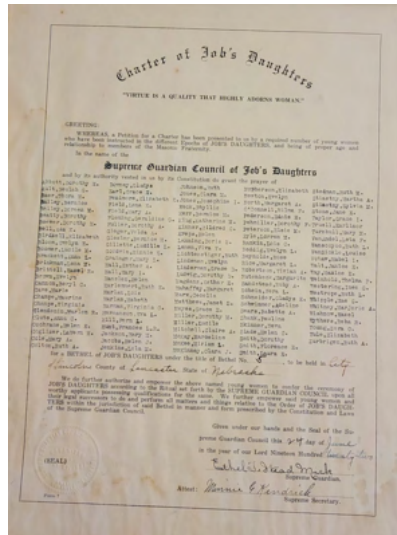
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Bethel #5

Kristen Swisher



May was busy for Bethel #5 as we did some community service projects and celebrated our 100th birthday. On March 14th, members from the Bethel gathered at our spot for our usual highway clean-up. We had great weather and did our part to beautify one section of Nebraska's highways. We enjoy our stretch of highway because we have some houses along the route and many times, they come out and say thank you to us, which makes it worthwhile.



Our charter for Bethel #5 included 123 names and is still displayed at every Bethel meeting. Bethel #5 was instituted on May 27th 1921 and chartered on June 24, 2022. The Bethel met at 236 So. 11th Street in Lincoln until September 9, 1935 when their new home at 1635 L Street was built.



In 1932, Bethel #5 had the honor of having the very first Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Ms. Margaret Lapp. The Bethel also helped to institute Bethel #27 in May of 1939. Bethel #5 has been committed to serving the community, even back in 1941 when members of Bethel #5 that were attending Lincoln High School spent over

161 hours wrapping bandages for the Red Cross. According to minute book notes from April 8 1947, Mrs. Bennett, a Past Bethel Guardian, said that Bethel #5 was the second largest Bethel in the US with a membership of 400. By May 1955, 93 members were in regular attendance at the meetings. Between 1972-1973, Bethel #5 was home to not only the Grand Bethel Honored Queen Ms. Linda Greenwald but also the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen Ms. Penny Barrett. In 1974, the Royal Purple Degree was awarded for the first time and 2 Council Members from Bethel #5 were among those receiving the award. Those two were Linda Greenwald and Paula Beezley. All in all, Bethel #5 has has the following honors:

- 7 Past Grand Guardians
- 9 Past Associate Grand Guardians
- 1 Past Supreme Bethel Honored Queen
- 4 Past Grand Bethel Honored Queens
- 2 Past Miss Nebraska Job's Daughters
- 2 Past Miss Nebraska Congenialities
- 5 Past Spirit Ambassadors
- 2 Past Daughter HIKE Coordinators
- 11 Degree of Royal Purple recipients
- 6 Past Lily of the Valley Recipients

Due to more and more activities available for young women, Job's Daughters membership has slowly declined and in 2007, Bethel #5 was on the verge of closing. In 2008, we were put under reorganization and it has been a slow climb back up that mountain. Bethel #5 has continued to grow steadily over the last 14 years and we continue to get stronger and stronger!

Also on May 28th, we celebrated our many Grand Bethel officers for this year. Bethel #5 is proud to be so well represented at Grand with our Miss Nebraska Congeniality Lauren, Grand Bethel Marshal Katrina, Grand Bethel Chaplain Sara and our Grand Bethel Representatives: Hailey, Elizabeth, Sophie, McKenna and Marie.



June 15-18 Bethel #5 will be heading to Grand

Bethel for our annual state meetings and competitions. We will be competing in team choir and team ritual as well as small team competitions Circle of Five and Capes & Crowns. We also have many members competing in individual ritual and music competitions and know they will do amazing and wish them all the best!

July 3rd & 4th Bethel #5 will once again have our fireworks tent! We are changing locations once more and hope this will become our permanent location! Make sure to come see us in The Meadows Shopping Center parking lot, in front of Urban Air on 70th & Van Dorn! We are partnering again with Wild Willy's fireworks and are expecting another banner year! This is a huge fundraiser for the Bethel so we really hope you will all come out and see us on July 3rd & 4th!

Temple Chapter #271

Tiffany Westerholt



It has been a very busy month for the officers and members of Temple Chapter #271. In May we attended Grand Chapter and had ourselves a blast. We hosted a banquet, sang a welcome song to our guests, setup for Installation and just worked together to have fun. The Oceans of Possibilities Grand Session was an amazing time of getting to see friends, have delicious meals, sit in session together and the best part was getting to love all the Service and Therapy Dogs that came to represent Star Dogs. Another special

part was the opportunity Sister Tiffany Westerholt had in being able to live stream the open parts of session to share with all our friends around the country the beauty that was our Grand Chapter.



On Thursday afternoon, Temple Chapter was honored and blessed that our own Laurie Sieg was installed as Worthy Grand Matron of Nebraska. Laurie is joined by brother Wayne Andreasen as Worthy Grand Patron. Their theme for the year is, "Rainbow of Kindness" with the motto, "In a world

where you can be anything, be Kind". Their project for the year is Star Dogs, a non-profit that can help raise funds to help provide service and therapy dogs.



A few days after Grand Chapter, Temple Chapter celebrated our Charter Day on May 16th. We joined together for a wonderful meal and watched videos of Temple Chapter. We awarded our scholarship recipient, Jared Ganshorn, with his scholarship and learned about his goal to get his electrical

engineering degree. We were grateful to have the attendance of Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Andreasen and his wife Sue, so grateful we made them honorary members of Temple Chapter #271. We also presented them with a check to help Brother Wayne and Sister Laurie's fundraising for their special project, Star Dogs. Finally we honored our 50 years members to thank them for all their years of service and dedication to our order: Brother Bill Raecke, Mary Lou Dempsey, and Nadine Bauer.

After celebrating our Charter Day, we instantly got busy as a chapter preparing for a Grand reception to honor Worthy Grand Matron Laurie and Sister Lorrie Bryant who

was appointed Grand Esther. Tables were decorated with lovely glass columns wrapped with rainbow gems, filled with blue gems and floating candles. Guests were able to partake of cake, with Laurie and Wayne's emblem on it, fruit, nuts with cheese and crackers while the Grand Officers held a reception line greeting everyone. The afternoon was full of hugs and greetings. While this past month has been busy, it's been such an honor and blessing. We look forward to the rest of the year.



Electa Chapter #8

Michael Lagueux



Prior to the meeting, Worthy Matron Denise met with and awarded our scholarship for this year to Ms. Mিকেle Divis daughter of Nancy and Don Divis and niece to Sister Susan Franson. Mিকেle will be attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion with the expectation of graduating as a lawyer in the EPA/environmental Law field.



She has high expectations for her future and it is our pleasure to try to see that some of her hopes come a little easier with this funding. Congratulations to Mিকেle and we wish her the very best with her future plans.

Our meeting began at 2:00 PM just as it was supposed to. Short form was used because of the heat in the

lodge room. Distinguished visitors were introduced, and the business of the Chapter was conducted in order. All of this would indicate just another business meeting had passed and while true in some sense, this meeting was different. It was wonderful to see visitors along the sidelines and all of the officers chairs filled. We are very glad to see some of our newest members coming to enjoy time together.

The blue barrel project was discussed and the hope is to fill it with juice (not frozen please) this month. While juice is the item of the month we will accept any non-perishable packaged foods as well as basic hygiene items. These things are hardly thought of in our lives, but fill a very missing area of those we contribute them to. Helping others is one of our major goals and what better way than making sure they have a clean environment and food for the day. As little as ten dollars' worth of food will help a family of four not be hungry for a day. With the economy the way it currently is, those in our communities depend on the generosity of people like you and I to make those ends meet for their families. Please give whatever you can...all donations are welcome.

Worthy Matron Denise has already started a fund raiser that has received several

donations! It's a Dinner of NO liver and onions. For those of you who do not like liver and onions this is the perfect fund raiser. You don't have to eat what you don't like, you don't have to get dressed up and go anywhere, the peas and mashed potatoes that go with it are not your last thing you have to eat, and lastly...no tipping! For the cost of a contribution you can get completely out of something you don't like to eat! Just mail your contribution to Electa Chapter #8, Liver and onions dinner, at 1635 L Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 and you are done! No pepto will be necessary, and your non dinner will help the Chapter this year. If, however, you do like liver and onions, Stauffer's Café on 48th Street has that very dish twice each month as their special for that day. Go early for lunch because it sells out fast!

The Temple Board has proposed buying a blue tooth sound system for the building and is currently asking for donations to help fund the cost. The entire system is expandable and allows anyone with a bluetooth hearing device (hearing aids will work) to access the system making it easier to hear in the building during meetings or presentations. The system is around \$15,000 and donations exceeding \$3,000 have already been gathered. The

size of the donation is immaterial, but the ease of using this system will be worth the money for us who already have hearing difficulties. Please consider donating. I have a friend who is famous for saying that "money is the root of all evil, so dig deeply into your pocket and get rid of all that evil you have in there."

We would like to congratulate our secretary, Beth Benson for being named as Grand Adah this year. She works very hard for our Order and is very deserving of this honor.

In these contentious times we are living in, I often wonder if people stop and give their fellow members what they truly need. Sometimes all that has to be is a smile or even a passing hello. Maybe we should try that and see if it changes anything for the people in such a hurry while being weighed down with the worries of the world. We can't ensure that the smile we give of the passing wave will help at all...but what if it helped that one person who was fighting the miseries of life alone the day you took the time for them. Might not hurt to try.

When we lived on an acreage, we had an old black sitter who was the most gentile and inquisitive dog I have ever seen. One day I was watching him sniff at a tree frog...the kind that has

suction cups on their feet to hold onto the sides of buildings and trees. As my dog got close to give him a good sniff the frog suddenly jumped on his nose, wrapped its feet around my dogs nose and the rodeo was on! My dog did everything in his power to try to shake the frog off every way he could think of but to no effect. After what seemed like an eternity to my dog the frog jumped off into the grass and hopped off leaving my dog wide eyed and shaken, and me laughing until tears ran down my cheeks. I'm sure there is some frog out there with a very small Stetson cowboy, ah, lab-frog hat and a very large belt buckle holding up his pants that says I went eight seconds on a sitter on it. God must have known I needed that laugh that day because it had been a very difficult time for me and now I could see light at the end of the rodeo. I gave my dog a treat that night and eased the trauma for him as much as possible and I think he finally forgave me for laughing at his frog problem.

I hope you can find something that cheers and sustains your soul today and that when we meet again God has helped you with any problem you may have had in our time apart.

God bless you all.

Starcraft Chapter #307

Bridget Anderson

Starcraft met for our regular meeting on June 1. WM Sis Terri opened with a message about the butterfly.

Business included a recap of Grand Chapter held in May, a report from Sis Bridget about our Scholarship recipient, Kennedy Shores, and reminders about the upcoming Area Visitation on July 9th. We were sorry to have to drape our Charter in memory of PGM Sis Sharlene Coulter.

Illness report – Sis Ileen Smith had knee replacement surgery and is doing well. We missed you!

Sis Marcia and Bro Tom Michaelson are doing ok, and they appreciate Sis Cora checking in each month.

Our June Birthdays include the following:

- 2 - Bro Jim Banister
- 4 - Sis Ruth Brissey
- 6 - Bro Michael Roe
- 15 - Sis Mary Ann Bede
- 18 - Bro Ron Tillman
- 23 - Sis Brenda Frank-Collins
- 26 - Sis Beth Birnstihl

And SINCERE APOLOGIES to Sis Marilyn Sievers, whose birthday was omitted for May. Belated wishes Sis Marilyn!!

Sis Julie Fowler provided the refreshments for after our meeting!

We look forward to hearing from Bro Denny about his Masonic Band Camp experience at our July meeting, as well as reports from Sis Kristen about Bethel #5's Grand Bethel visit and their Fireworks Stand!

Bethel #63

Kennedy Bahm

Hello Masonic Family! This is an advertisement for Bethel #63's annual Bellino Firework Stand fundraiser. This fundraiser is one of the two major fundraisers that Bethel #63 does to raise money for our Bethel. The money that comes from this fundraiser helps the Bethel pay for all of our bills, expenses for the year, Grand Bethel, fun activities, and many more very important things. Without this fundraiser Bethel #63 would not function. All of the members of Bethel #63 are very grateful for all of your support for this fundraiser.

Our Bellino Firework Stand will be in the Havelock Russ's Market Parking Lot, at 63rd and Havelock. We will be open the 3rd and 4th of July from 8am-11pm. All of the members of Bethel #63 love this fundraiser and know how important it is. We can't wait to see all of you there. And again, thank you.

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

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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.

I've included some photos with this article to show the Highland themed Table Lodge. One picture is Sherburne Lodge No. 95, another is with all the Eastern Star members at attendance, and one is the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and visiting Grand Lodge Officers. I also had to sneak in a shot of Kelli, Elizabeth, and I.

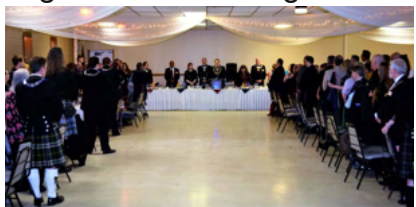


Hope you enjoy each month as we go on a trip together in search for that which may not have been too lost.

Highland Table Lodge:

As indicated in the above bio, I'm a proud member of the very active Masonic Lodge, Sherburne Lodge No. 95 in Osseo, Minnesota. Other than spending some time with the Lodge Brothers at the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in April, I haven't had a chance to go to Lodge events in years. On Saturday evening of May 21, Sherburne Lodge No. 95 hosted our annual Highland Table Lodge.

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



My wife, Kelli, and I made the voyage after my El Zagal Shrine Oilers unit in Bismarck, ND, hosted our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. We visited with some friends in Fargo, then went the rest of the way to visit my sister, Sarah, her husband, and my niece, Elizabeth, who just turned 2 earlier in the month. As Kelli went to dinner at Muddy Cow with some of her relatives from the Twin Cities, I had a great time with my Sherburne Lodge Brothers and seeing other friends such as some Masons and Eastern Star members from North Dakota, MW Tony Krall, and the food serving by the local DeMolay.



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