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The Masonic News Board of Directors

Denny Brydl

There is an old adage that you should not preach to the choir, it being supposed that they are already paying attention and typically are not the folks you need to reach. That being said, I would like to talk a few minutes with the readership of the Masonic News.

Over our many years of publication, the Masonic News has been serving the needs of the Masonic community as much as we possibly have been able. At times there have been some hiccups which have arisen, especially during the early days of the pandemic. The officers who make decisions for the publication have had to forgo our semiannual Board of Directors meetings to discuss the state of the paper and strategize the future of the publication. The officers have had some very difficult decisions to make to best continue to serve the readership, while remaining in the positions they were elected into for longer than intended, as no elections could be held. I get it, COVID, right?

When we decided to resume in-person meetings earlier this year, we were

counting on having a good turnout of members and subscribers, who would help guide us in making those decisions to take us into the future.

Unfortunately, what we experienced on February 28, 2022 was something less than what we had hoped for...besides the officers and the publication staff, we had two voting members in attendance; one correspondent and one Lodge Master. We did not have a quorum, and so could not move forward with the business of the organization.

What happened? We weren't sure and that is why are contacting you directly, the readers of the Masonic News. Each of you who read this have a correspondent and director who should come and participate or send someone in their stead.

Did you know the Masonic News turned 100 years old in 2021? One of our biggest concerns is that an entity of this age has to continue to evolve to continue existence. Currently, if it were not for some very generous benefactors, and a staff

who have forgone salary for their long hours of work, the paper would not continue to tell the stories of the Nebraska Masonic family, and would have gone extinct like most paper format news media today.

It currently costs over \$10 per year for each issue we publish to be printed, stamped, and mailed to our subscribers. When you stop to consider the amount to time put into it and the money necessary to just do these tasks, you're getting quite a deal for your money; we are only charging your organization \$6.00 per year! Suffice it to say, you're getting a really good deal. But we cannot continue to depend on the generosity of the few who do contribute monetarily when we need funding assistance.

By now you're probably thinking, "He's going to hit us up for money, and we're already struggling to make ends meet." While we definitely won't say no to your donation, what we would like more than that is to have a quorum at our next meeting (March 28th,

5:30 PM, 1635 L Street) so we can discuss some ideas we may have to keep cost down and still serve the Masonic community.

So, contact your correspondent (their names are at the top of the articles they write), and contact your Worshipful Master or Worthy Matron, and please encourage them to come to the next meeting of the Board of Directors (March 28th, 5:30 PM, 1635 L Street) so we do not have to make decisions in the dark. The heads of those bodies are printed in the back WITH their telephone numbers!

The meetings are open to all, and we encourage you to participate. And if you truly do not know who the Head of your Masonic Body is...you have been away much too long! You pay your dues, get the most out of your money!

Just a reminder, in case you missed it, the next meeting of The Masonic News' Board of Directors is March 28th at 5:30 PM, in the lounge at 1635 L Street.

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

We were able to open in regular form at our March meeting.....This is the first time in two years that we were able to hear the full opening. Hurray! Being the month of March, the Worthy Matron opened with an Irish Blessing and the Worthy Patron gave some little-known facts regarding St. Patrick's Day.

Plans were made for the March 12 Winter dinner. We are going to once again open our doors to the public; however, if you would like drive-up service, we will be happy to accommodate you. Rest assured, that we will do everything possible to be sure that the dining area is sanitized for your safety. Serving starts at 4:30 and ends at 7:00 p.m. Please

come and enjoy the meal.

Plans were also made for the joint school of instruction with Ceresco Chapter #198 on March 26 with Sis. Sheli Rice, Associate Grand Conductress, as our District Grand Supervisor. All members are invited to attend.

We are pleased to announce that Caleb Malousek is the recipient of our high school scholarship. Caleb is the son of Sis. Ginger Malousek and grandson of Sis. Pam Lindholm. Caleb is graduating from Wahoo High this spring.

Congratulations to Sis. Liz Wilhite on the birth of her great-grandson this month.

Our prayers and well wishes are being sent to Sis. Bonnie Sierks, who is recovering from hip surgery and Sis. Shellie Smith, who recently had spinal surgery.

We were treated to a wonderful program by Past Grand Matron, Sis. Carol Hudkins on agriculture, specifically Nebraska agriculture, and the important role it plays not only in our state, but in our national economy. Thank you so much, Sister Carol and Brother Larry!

We all enjoyed refreshments and visiting in the Colonial Room after the meeting. Again, it was so good to return back to "normal".

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Bethel #5

Sophia P

On March 6th members of Bethel 5 traveled to Nebraska City to help Bethel 14 initiate their new member Makenzie. It was a lot of fun to help another bethel grow.

Before the meeting was over, for remarks, Honored Queen Abbie of Bethel 14 was passed the Traveling Gavel from Bethel 5 Honored Queen, Lauren.

When the initiation was over Bethel 14 had a small reception with lots of good treats.

After our next meeting we will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Prospect Event and hope that we have a lot of prospects attend.



On February 12th, Bethel 5 held their regular meeting and had a Valentine's Day party afterwards. We decorated cookies, played some fun games, and handed out valentines.



Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

This last month has been a busy month for everybody in the Lodge, with Grand Lodge being at the first of the month and many items discussed and our new officers learning new tasks and planning for the new year.

One of the newest items is a "Study Hall" for those brothers preparing for their proficiency in the various degrees. Our Worshipful Master has asked several of the proficient Brothers to come to the lodge one hour before our regular business meeting and work with those who need help with the proficiency in any degree or just to refresh their memory in a degree. It has been attended successfully by several Brothers. We hope this will start more members on their journey through the degrees.

Another addition has been an education session at each Business Meeting. Past Grand Master Reg Kuhn has presented this section of the meeting the last two months and

has been very well versed. His first session was on Why Lodges are Called Blue Lodges. At one time they were actually called Red Lodges.

His second presentation was on how the Ritual was developed and conceived over the years. Again very interesting. I also have found some differences in different states that I have visited. For example Colorado has eleven "further mores" in their Masters obligation.

I sure am looking forward to each month's presentations. It is also a good reason to come to Lodge to learn more about the Masonic organization.

I have the sad news from David Neff that his daughter has passed away. Our sympathies to him and his family.

While I was at Grand Lodge, I got a package for three of our members who are due to receive year pins this year. This adds to several who we have not been able to

present because of the COVID pandemic. We hope to get this up to date soon.

All you Past Masters of the Lodge be listening for a call to perform a Master's degree soon. We hope to present a degree where all the parts are taken by Past Master's and preferably Past Worshipful Masters. Be ready.

I happened to be looking for some interesting information about the Masonic order and pulled a book out of my personal library at home – "Manual of the Lodge" by Albert Mackey, published in 1867. It shows that education of Masonry has always been written. I won't begin to copy the complete article but, what I will cover is very interesting and gives a little history of our degree work. This section was entitled "The Rite of Circumambulation."

"The Rite of Circumambulation, derived from the Latin verb 'circumambulare,'

to walk around anything, is the name given to that observance in all the religious ceremonies of antiquity which consisted in a procession around an altar of some other sacred object.

Thus, in Greece, the priest and the people, when engaged in their sacrificial rites, always walked three times around the altar while sing a sacred hymn. Macrobius tells us that this ceremony had reference to the motion of the heavenly bodies, which, according to the ancient poets and philosophers, produced a harmonious sound, inaudible to mortal ears, which was called 'the music of the spheres.'"

"Much stress was laid by the ancients of the necessity of keeping the altar on the right hand of the persons moving around because it was in this way only that apparent motion of the sun from east to west could be initiated."

"The Lodge represents the world: the three principal officers

represent the sun in his three principal positions – rising, at meridian, and at setting. The circumambulation, therefore, alludes to the apparent course of the solar orb, through these points, around the world. This is with us its astronomical symbolism. But its intellectual symbolism is, that the circumambulation and the obstructions at various point refer to the labors and difficulties of the student in his progress from intellectual darkness or ignorance to intellectual light or TRUTH.

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

89th Year of Proficiency
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 passed their Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft proficiencies for the 89th year in a row. The officers of 210 wish to thank each of you who were on the trestleboard and came together to put on our ritual for our Deputy Grand Custodian. It was a very cold evening and members of 210 came in from as far away as Omaha to do their part. Valentino's Pizza was provided by JW Adam Homan.

Now we are practicing for our Master Mason proficiency on March 24, 2022.



A Distillery Talk was held on March 10, 2022 at 210. We hosted the Master Distiller from Side Show Spirits here in Lincoln for a Distillery Talk and liquor tasting event. We had snacks and non-alcoholic drinks as well. There was

plenty of fellowship and learning. Side Show Spirits is the only legal Distillery in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sickness and Distress

WB James Michaelson was in the hospital for rehabilitation. He is at CHI Healthcare in Schuyler, Nebraska. Chaplain Monte and WM Mark visited WB James on February 15, 2022. He was in great spirits and working hard to rehab his leg, and has since returned home!

Upcoming Events

March 24, 2022 Master Mason Proficiency
April 7, 2022, 6:30 potluck dinner with Business Meeting to follow at 7:30 pm.
May 5, 2022, 6:30 potluck dinner with Business Meeting to follow at 7:30 pm.
May 14, 2022, 3:00 pm, BBQ at Liberty No. 300 with Steer Creek Band playing.



Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux

Working to preserve something in your life that you have become familiar with, devoted a great deal of your life to, and has become a part of who you are is a very hard thing when it comes to an end. Along with that there will be sadness, and a sense of loss, probably even some tears and remorse. This was probably some of the feelings during Electa #8 business meeting this past weekend when Capital Chapter officially relinquished their Charter and became members of Electa. This kind of anguish is never easy, and often comes at a high emotional price.

Secretary Jan Thoman who merged the two Chapters into one. There was some sadness at losing an Eastern Star Chapter, but there was also some relief that now there would be new friendships and a rekindling of old friendships to come.



I can tell you without hesitation that Electa is happy and excited to have these new members in our ranks together with their ideas, and past which will brighten, once again, the chain of friendship. We look forward to having new members in officer positions within the Chapter, new initiatives

(ummmm, taco fundraisers!) and fresh outlooks in our midst. WELCOME to Electa, and we hope you feel as at home here as we are thrilled to have you with us.

This was the first month we have had refreshments together after our meeting in a very long time and it was wonderful. To be able to see each other in a social setting and share stories once again was refreshing and relaxing. New friendships were began, old friends were once again present, and if not "normal" certainly better than it has been for a very long time. The theme for this gathering seemed to be Dr. Seuss because the tables were all decorated with memorabilia from this beloved childhood writer. There were statues, and books, top hats and hoops. And probably even a fish

or two, one fish red, the other blue!

Since this was a business meeting, there had to be business transacted for the government of the Chapter... and I am sure that happened. Reminders of our efforts to support the STAR DOGS project through Grand Chapter, reminders to contribute to the good being done through the Blue Barrel project for the FOOD BANK, and even reminders of how close Grand Chapter is now and the excitement of that coming up. Truth be told, I was too busy talking to people and hearing what they had to say and how their life has been going... I will probably need to

listen more closely next month to figure it all out.

By the way...Grand Chapter is getting close and our Supervisor's visit has been set for the 19th of this month! To make this a more productive visit we will be "sharing" her visit and look forward to an event-filled day. We hope you can join us.

Until next month I wish you good health and for God to keep you in his loving embrace. God bless you all.



Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen

Spring is on our doorstep, and with this change of season comes the increase of needed help to maintain the Temple building. If anyone wants to help with mowing the lawn, trimming hedges etc, please show up any Saturday morning, no experience necessary.

I watched a man on You Tube tell his sad story about why you should not become a Mason. He tells his story that he became a Mason because Masons have secret words and signs. that are used by attorneys and judges, and

are passed between each other during trials and other legal procedures. This is all done to show or take advantage of being a Mason. He became very upset when he was not taught all these secrets, so he left the fraternity.

The guy then joined the Knights of Columbus for the same reason, and then left for the same reason. Now he goes online to tell people not to join either organization, because he was not taught all the secrets he felt entitled to.

Maybe this guy's unreasonable expectations are not so far off of what other men have felt when they join our organization. Why do brothers drop out or just disappear and are never seen in Lodge again? So why are you a Mason? If you are not actively coming to Lodge, why not? If you have forgotten any of the passwords, we would be more than happy to help you. Just come visit Lodge again. Please, you are missed.

Here is when our Lodge is meeting in the near future:

March 25 is a fun, joint meeting with young men from De Molay and our Lodge set up in a Table Lodge format. Serving pizza, should be fun.
April 1 is the regular business meeting, no joke.
April 8 is practice for Master Mason degree.
April 22 is another practice for Master Mason.
April 29 is a practice for the Fellowcraft degree.

Any brother wanting to show up and help or just watch, you are most welcome!

George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of March 1, 2022 with several members present. It was good to welcome W. M. David Sierks to his first meeting of the new Lodge year. We were encouraged to learn that his wife Bonnie is recovering nicely from her recent surgery so that he was able to attend the meeting. W. M. Dave welcomed everyone and conducted the Lodge business in a timely manner! We also welcomed W. B. Jack Johnson of Comet Lodge #229 in Ceresco. W. B. Jack was so kind to offer to be our Chaplain Pro-Tem for the evening. It was nice to all gather together in Masonic fellowship and friendship.

W. B. Mark Poston and W. B. John Kirby reported on the 2022 Annual

Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Nebraska that was held in Kearney during the month of February. They shared information on the business that was conducted as well as the names of the new Grand Lodge Officers.

The Brethren of George Washington Lodge #250 are sending their best wishes to W. B. Earl Robinett on his recent fall. We were so happy to learn that W. B. Earl is doing well and is up and about. In W. B. Earl's own words: "I'm just a tough old bird!"

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 sixth dinner will be history but there are many

more to come! Save the date of Saturday, April 9th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For \$10.00, you can have your choice of a Creamed Chicken Dinner or a Hot Roast Beef Sandwich. Each meal includes Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Celery and Carrot Sticks and a small dessert!

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

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Fish Fries will begin on Saturday, May 14th. Are you getting hungry for some Alaskan Polluck, Fried Potatoes and Onions, Baked Beans as well as Homemade Cole Slaw and Tartar Sauce? Looking forward to seeing many of you at our 2022 Fish Fries...the second Saturday of each month from May through September.

George Washington Trivia: Did you know that George Washington was regarded at the "Father of American Agriculture"? Washington was primarily a tobacco farmer but eventually he diversified into growing wheat, corn, carrots, cabbage, and a variety of other crops. He was very scientific in his approach to farming and determined what would grow the best in his Mount Vernon soil

based on the results of his crops. He was a firm believer in the value of compost to enrich the soil. He also experimented with a 7-year crop rotation plan and encouraged other farmers to enrich their soils instead of wearing them out. It was always his belief that agriculture was the first and most important occupation of the new Nation and a way for America to establish itself in the world.

In closing, Spring, 2022 is just around the corner. Here are some words from Tara Killen... "Spring is a time of new beginnings, new possibilities...What quality would you like to grow this Spring?"

Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen



February was a busy month for Liberty. We had our regular business meeting, another Lodge renovation day, the George Washington dinner and a dual EA degree.

Saturday, February 26th we added some color to the second floor hallway renovation project. As part of our Lodge Renovation initiative in 2022 we worked on scraping, priming and painting the second floor hallway. WB Dennis Hecht, WB Jeff Axelson (from Cotner) and Lynn Friesen came out and finished painting three of the walls and ceiling. Only one more wall to go! Thank you to everyone that has helped as we continue to assist the Masonic Temple Board with projects around the building. Our next Renovation Day will be Saturday, March 19th.

An incredible evening was had by all on Saturday, February 19th to celebrate Brother George

Washington's Birthday. Twenty nine Brothers and Ladies enjoyed an amazing meal of prime rib prepared by our own Bob Kruse. Following dinner we learned about the George Washington Masonic Memorial from WB Brian Goninan. After that, the evening was spent sharing toasts by candlelight. Why not experience a Ladies at the Table and toast, as so many Brothers and Ladies have done in the past, without electricity? It was an amazing experience.



We finished the month by initiating two new EA's, Nathanael Gabel and Micah Mullins, on Thursday, February 24th. There were 22 Brothers in attendance from Liberty, Cotner #297, Hickman #256, Lancaster #54 and Western Star #02. It was an honor and privilege to have WB Mike Gray present the second lecture, WB Andy Lagerstrom present the third lecture and WB Adam Thayer present the charge and Masonic etiquette. It was an amazing experience for the candidates.

After the degree one of the candidates commented how amazing it was to see so many Brothers present for the degree. We look forward to mentoring these new EA's and helping them grow in their Masonic journey.

There are several things happening over the next couple months to keep on your radar. At the March business meeting raffle tickets for our gun raffle were distributed. It would be awesome if we could sell all 500 of the tickets. Contact any of your Lodge officers if you would like to purchase tickets. The tickets will be on sale through mid-May with the grand finale/drawing at our annual BBQ. Mark your calendars, Saturday, May 14th for our Spring BBQ. This will be a great family and community event.



Lincoln Assembly #6



The girls of Lincoln Assembly #6 have been busy having fun and making plans! In February we went ice skating at the ice box. This was the first time some had ever tried ice skating and it was an adventure. It may have taken some time, but eventually all were skating around the rink and trying out new tricks. We were in good company with many families enjoying the open skating opportunities and many future hockey players were practicing.

more fun as girls got bumpers and adults ran the risk of gutter balls. It definitely upped the competition! Our fun for this month is not over. Coming up in a few days we plan to go to a Stars Hockey game on Friday, March 18th and then Saturday March 19th we'll be attending the Demolay Sweetheart ball. Finally on Sunday, March 20, will be our Installation of Officers. Worthy Advisor-Elect Rochelle invites you to come and join us as we will install officers at 3pm at the Scottish Rite and then will have refreshments following. We'd love to see you there!



Then on March 5 the girls, adults and pledges went to Sun Valley Lanes and had a great time bowling. After getting the hang of the game the first round, the second game was even



This year will continue to be a busy year for the members of Lincoln Assembly. It is the 100th birthday of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and Supreme Assembly will be held in Oklahoma, where our order was founded. It

Tiffany Westerholt is a wonderful opportunity, and the girls are working hard to make that trip. With that in mind we will have a few fundraising opportunities if you're interested in helping the girls go to Supreme. First, we will be bringing back our Rainbow Bugging! Starting in April, for just \$20 we would be happy to bug someone for you! Let us know at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com or contact us at lincolnassembly.org. We have some other activities coming up and we'll share some more details with you soon. As always, anyone is welcome to join us in our events and we'd love to see you. We hope you all stay warm until spring!



Let us know who to bug at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com



Bethel #63

Halen

Job's Daughters Bethel #63 has many different events to raise money for the Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment (HIKE) we meet twice a month, sometimes more. Last year we participated in the Czech Days parade in Wilber. We volunteer at different places such as highway trash clean up, we have a stand at the Husker football games, and a breakfast. Once a year we participate in competitions at Grand Bethel where we compete in memorization

and floor work. We also get to stay the night with our Bethel. At the Bethel meetings, we play games such as Jenga and other team building activities.

I enjoy being a Job's Daughter because everyone is super nice and I enjoy spending time with my Bethel Friends. Each Job's member gets to hold a role in each meeting, for instance, the Honored Queen's role is to not show favoritism and be a good role model to the

members. My favorite part when I joined was to go to Grand and the sleepovers that we might have.

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

Freemasons In The News

NEW CATERING PROVIDER COMING TO NEBRASKA UNIONS

Starting July 1, 2022, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will welcome a new catering provider to the Nebraska Unions. University Catering Services (UCS) under the leadership of Dave Annis, Director of Dining, Executive Chef Wahadi

Allen, and Catering Manager Brandie Schroeder, will transition to the Nebraska Unions exclusive catering partner.

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CREAMED CHICKEN DINNER

George	Washington	250
Martha	Washington	153

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North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

A special communication of North Star Lodge was called March 16th for the purpose of conducting the EA Degree for Mr. William Ent. In the East, WB Dennis Mundt, the West, Bob Tooker, and in the South, WB Karel Capek. As SD, WB Steve Wetzel, and WB Paul Carpenter as JD. Sr and Jr Stewards were covered by WB's Keith Brocksmith and Bruce Watkins respectively. Praying for the candidate's safe passage was WM Steven Flader and WB David Sierks guarding

our flanks. Questions were asked by WB Evan Haydon, with the answers given by WB Dan Chesnut. The Second Section Lecture was presented by WB David Sierks and WB Bruce Watkins delivering the 3rd Section Lecture and the Charge.

The Masonic Funeral Oration for WB Charles Adams was delivered by WB Bruce Watkins, with WM Steven Flader as Chaplain and WB Steve Wetzel as Secretary. WB Adams' Masonic Trestle Board was published in last

month's news. The March Business Meeting Fellowship Dinner consisted of leftovers warmed up by WB Steve Wetzel. We always have good meals, so it stands to reason the leftovers were also excellent. The normal business was conducted, bills were paid, and a reasonable time was by all. Bro. Steven Tobiassen was examined as to his proficiency in the Masters Degree and was found to be proficient.

Praying for OI Paddy "Anyone with 'needs' to be prayed over, come forward, to the front near the altar," the preacher says. Paddy gets in line, and when it's his turn, the preacher asks: "Paddy, what do you want me to pray about for you?" Paddy replies: "preacher, I need you to pray for help with my hearing." The preacher puts one finger in Paddy's ear, and he places the other hand on top of Paddy's head and prays and prays and prays, he prays a blue

streak for Paddy, and the whole congregation joined in amens and praises to the Almighty with enthusiasm. After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands, stands back and asks, "Paddy, how is you're hearing now?" Paddy says, "I don't know, Reverend, it ain't until next Wednesday."

Keep citizens of Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers. Till next month.

Job's Daughters Grand Bethel

Kennedy

HIKE Easter Fundraiser

Hello, my name is Kennedy. I'm one of the HIKE coordinators for Nebraska Job's Daughters. HIKE coordinators work closely with each other, as well as the HIKE committee which includes the MNJD (Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter) Haylea. We work in promoting and raising money for The HIKE Fund which stands for Hearing, Improvement, Kids, Endowment, Fund. The money we raise will help low-income kids between the ages of 0-20 and their families get what they need to hear better. If you didn't know already, HIKE is Job's Daughters International philanthropic project. As an order, Nebraska has raised \$11,211.89 so far this year. Virginia is ahead of us by only a few hundred dollars!

I'm about to start a new fund raiser for Easter called Egg Your Yard. Customers can purchase already filled easter eggs that I will hide in their front yards and the eggs will be ready to be found on Easter morning (or Saturday morning if preferred over Sunday). If you know anyone in the Lincoln area that may be interested and would like to know more information about 'Egg Your Yard' you can contact me at kjbahm07@gmail.com. Orders can be submitted with this google form <https://forms.gle/NS6si6LQP5Z59Jzp7>.

If you want to learn more about HIKE or what the HIKE committee does you can contact me or visit <https://thehikefund.org/>.

As a HIKE coordinator I've raised about \$1,100 for HIKE, my goal is to raise \$2,500.

100% of your money goes to HIKE

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JOB'S DAUGHTERS
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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.

New Spring, New Life, New Busy...

As we inch towards Spring, we can feel that it can't come quick enough. It's still over 20 degrees colder in temps in North Dakota – two states north of the home state of Nebraska – with some freezing rain and snow still passing the time until true Spring. But weather is improving, getting warmer, sun shining, even though erratic ups and downs.

As we slowly, with the usual hiccups of the back-and-forth or up-and-down of the weather, roll into the next Season, we also roll into the heavy Spring-Forward Season of our Masonic Bodies:

Our Bismarck-Mandan area Masonic Lodges

are heading into Spring this March by starting the Masonic Journey with the Entered Apprentice Degree. Further, our Eastern Star Chapters are starting back up with Stated Meetings here in March; with officially a couple of months off with the traditional "dark" months, but had a Zoom gathering in January, and a joint Mandan (Queen Esther Chapter #9) and Bismarck (Bismarck Chapter #11) Game Night with Zoom option to join us. Bismarck Valley Scottish Rite is continuing our obligatory degrees for the Spring 2022 Class of candidates/Scottish Rite Masons. Our area Shriners helped out the El Zagal Shrine Dusters Unit with their first annual Car Show earlier this March which was the first Bismarck Car Show in over 25 years. The Bismarck-Mandan Shrine Circus will be here April 8-9 after the pandemic shut us down for 2 years. My El Zagal Shrine Oilers is planning our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament this May.

In addition to Masonic Bodies being busy again in March, my professional work is getting busy too... Not to mention that construction is starting back up as the weather improves, my company was acquired by another firm in order to obtain our Bismarck, Fargo, and Grand Forks offices. I actually have worked for this firm in Dickinson for 2 years

prior to being hired almost 6 years ago to open and run their new Bismarck office. It's definitely a new Spring in the professional life. Plus in my part-time Technical Coordinator job, my church is in the works of implementing our technology improvements for our in-person and live streaming services.

As indicated in the January 2022 article of "Travels from the North (Dakota)" in this "The Masonic News," I am now the secretary of Northern Lights Chorus/Bismarck-Mandan Chapter of the Bismarck Harmony Society. As we continue just after the Christmas Chorus Season as well as Singing Valentines on February 14th, we now look to some new songs to harmonize with in our repertoire. The Spring, like our music, feels fresh!

With every aspect of our lives, it seems this Year and Season is no different: New Spring, New Life, New Busy...

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

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