



The Masonic News



Electa Chapter #8

Michael Lagueux

Our meeting for November was wonderful. Worthy Matron Denise Lagueux opened the Chapter in regular form and introductions were made of dignitaries in the room. We had several members on the sidelines and the chairs were filled. We were fortunate enough to have Worthy Grand Matron Laurie Seig present and there was an air of anticipation in the room as she was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. When a meeting begins like this, how could it not be special? To merely say that Electa has some incredible people as members would be a glaring understatement and before the night was out just how many we have would be very evident.

it takes a team to make things happen, not just an individual. She was interviewed on Channel 8 News and is a very strong advocate for caregivers. Her award is pictured and she has a written certificate that goes along with it. Isn't it special that her award is in the form of a star? Congratulations Suzy, your determination to help and tenacity to get done what needs done sets you apart as an achiever of great things.



A few examples of those who were recognized for their accomplishments were:

Sister Suzy Campbell was recognized for being awarded the Adult Health Promotion 2022 Volunteer of the Year at the Older Adult Health Promotion Luncheon held October 14th, 2022. Her Nomination was read and mentioned that she had met with the Governor of Nebraska, Pete Ricketts, to share her efforts for helping caregivers. She shared that

We were also blessed to have Sister Beth Benson present to introduce as Grand Adah for Grand Eastern Star. Sister Beth will not admit it, but she always does far and away more than her duties would of necessity demand. As Worthy Patron Mike, and Worthy Matron Denise, we are very blessed to have her as a participating member of Electa.

When WGM Laurie Seig asked to approach the east we knew something special was up. She brought two large envelopes with her to the east and announced that two of our members were to be Grand Representatives for Nebraska. The first presentation was to Sister Kaylene Martin who will be the Grand Representative to Maryland in Nebraska. Sister Ilah Anderson was then named as the Grand Representative to Washington in Nebraska. Both of these women are wonderful choices and will do a great job representing Nebraska at the Grand level.

Also present was PP Bruce Anderson who is a Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander (Honorary) in Grand York Rite in Nebraska. PP Bruce is also the current Grand Governor of the York Rite College.

Another dignitary present was Brother Adam Thayer who is the current Commander of Mt Moriah Commandry #4 in Lincoln, Grand Conductor of the Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska, and Grand Sentinel in Grand Royal Arch Masons in Nebraska. Brother Adam is also the Editor in Chief of the Masonic News. He is a very versatile and an indispensable member of the Masonic communication network in Nebraska.

We had several other dignitaries present, but column space and submission deadlines will need to keep them in our hearts and out of print for this month...all of you know who you are and we love you for what you do. If I were to name all of those who are so necessary to the success of the Chapter, I would have to print the entire member roster!

I would like to thank each and every one of you who have contributed to the blue barrel program for the Food Bank in Lincoln and the surrounding area. Your generosity has ensured that many in our

communities have had the basic necessities of life. Please, don't stop now as we approach the Holidays, the need will be even greater considering our current economic situation nationwide. After all, isn't one of our basic tenants to feed the hungry? Thank you so much for the response we have had over the last few years.

Each night I ask God to bless those who belong to the various bodies of the Masonic Family for the good works they do, and I am always assured that He does by what I see and hear of happening because of our Brothers and Sisters. This is no accident or act of happenstance...this is the people of God doing God's work for those who need Him at those times in their lives when they need the assurance of a divine and benevolent Deity. Thank you for your help, your service, and your belief that individuals can make a difference. Until next we meet, may God bless and keep you in his loving embrace.



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We **Masons** are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with others opposing or competitive ideas and yet **respect each other as Brothers.**

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Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen

Elections were held during the November business meeting. Officers for the following year are:
Worshipful Master David Bloomquist
Senior Warden Greg Prosocki
Junior Warden Eric Miller
Treasurer Carl Plants
Secretary Adam Thayer

Congratulations to the 2023 officers, we, your brethren, wish you a successful year in your posts.



November is the month when we recognize our veterans. We held our annual memorial ceremony at the Temple in conjunction with our awards dinner. The Attebery Award went to B. Eric Miller for his advancement in learning ritual. B. Don Frank was the honored Mason for our annual Veterans Memorial Ceremony and is Lodge 54's Mason of the year.



Four brothers were presented with a new award, the Past Masters Award:
Eric Miller received his coin from W.B Matt Zier.
Greg Prosocki received his coin from W.B. Carl Plants
Don Frank received his coin from W.B.Mike Lagueux
John Hansen received his coin from W.B Joe Huskey.

Members of Electa were recognized for their continual support of masons who work Saturday morning for the upkeep and maintenance of the Temple. These ladies are at the Temple every working Saturday providing a nourishing meal to the workers.

One of the "things" we did not discuss, and is typically not discussed, is suicide. There are 22 veterans a day who complete suicide. This number, as well as all suicides are unacceptable. Suicide rates are high in children. 1 in 4 school age children have thought about suicide. I am not an authority on suicide or suicide prevention so a lot of this information I have copied directly from suggested sites about prevention. This is an important topic so I have included the sites where you can go and read more at your leisure. We all need to be more aware as you never know when you could save a life.

988 is the number for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline, and option #1 is the suicide prevention hotline number specific for veterans. You can call, text, or chat988, or visit suicidepreventionlifeline.org

The suicide prevention hotline has over 200 crisis centers staffed by trained volunteers. They had

2,565,402 calls in 2021. For every one person who completes suicide annually 316 persons seriously consider suicide, but do not complete the act.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report (2019), the suicide rate among Veterans is 1.5 times greater than the non-Veteran population ages 18+, with over 6,000 Veterans dying by suicide each year. Despite accounting for just 7.9% of the population, Veterans account for 13.5% of all suicide deaths in the United States.

Warning Signs of a mental health crisis:

- Cleaning a souvenir weapon
- Visiting graveyards
- Obsession with news coverage of the war, or the military channel
- Wearing uniform off duty
- Being overprotective of children
- Standing guard of the house, obsessively locking doors and windows
- Stopping or hoarding medication
- Hoarding alcohol
- Defensive speech: "You wouldn't understand"
- Avoiding eye contact

Suicide warning signs

- Talk, If a person talks about:
- Killing themselves
- Feeling hopeless
- Having no reason to live
- Being a burden to others
- Feeling trapped
- Unbearable pain

Mood, People who are considering suicide often display one or more of the following moods:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Loss of interest
- Irritability
- Humiliation

Agitation
Rage

Behavior, Behaviors that may signal risk, especially if related to a painful event, loss, or change:

- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching online for materials or means
- Withdrawing from activities
- Isolating from family and friends
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Visiting or calling people to say goodbye
- Giving away prized possessions
- Aggression
- Fatigue

Mission 22 is a worthwhile organization whose programs help Veterans living with post traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma. They provide free, long-term programs for Veterans that focus on growth and healing. They are at Mission22.org

Other sites to visit are:
afsp.org is the site for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.
veteran-crisisline.net is operated by the VA.
988lifeline.org is a site for suicide prevention.

Pay attention to people around you. If someone needs help, then don't be shy about helping them.



Masonic Youth Leadership Conference

Karan Birdsall



Nebraska Masonic Youth, prospective members, adult advisors and leaders of their sponsoring bodies gathered together for the "The Power is Yours" 7th Triennial Nebraska Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney on October 8 and 9. The conference originally scheduled for 2020 had been postponed twice due to the impacts of Covid making it five years since the youth of DeMolay, Job's and Rainbow had been able to meet for a conference.



Saturday morning began with the youth leaders from each of the Nebraska Masonic Youth groups sharing their energy and excitement for the arrival of the weekend. MW Alex Straatmann Grand Master brought greetings and welcomed the attenders to Kearney. Keynote address of David Flood from Long Island, New York encouraged and engaged youth with a "call to action"....to reach, to respect, and to do. Flood stressed that we must look on the inside not our appearances, daily offer respect and gratitude, and to look around to never let anyone eat alone.



Saturday afternoon attenders were divided into three small

groups and each attended a rotation of the three break out sessions. These rotations included hands on service in Kearney in our fight against hunger with attenders purchasing groceries and personal care items at Kearney's HyVee and then delivering to the Community Action Partnership food bank and preparing the items for distribution. Also included in the break out sessions was presenter Karen Bramman of Council Bluffs whose message of awareness of your surroundings and your relationships encouraged attenders to be better prepared to defend themselves from hurtful situations. Third rotation was presented by the Masonic Youth Leaders and addressed use of social media in promoting our organizations.



Following the evening meal, our Masonic Family Portrait presentation included some history and current information about each organization in our Nebraska Masonic Family. Organizational leaders dressed in their regalia represented each organization and then posed for the family portrait. Matt Markey, Omaha, provided lively hypnotic entertainment. Participants from the audience demonstrated the power of hypnosis and provided great entertainment for all. The evening ended with a dance with music and entertainment engaging all attenders.

Sunday morning's "send off" session took a flexible change of plans when the keynote speaker's arrival was

delayed. Youth leaders, Worthy Patron Wayne Andreasen, Tangier Shrine's Bryan Deming, and Past Grand Patron Alvin Benemerito each shared a five minute power packed message of the power we each have within us.



The next MYLC will be in 2025, returning to the triennial rotation. Special thank you to all who support the promotion and production of this conference. Our youth benefit from the presentations, encouragement and fellowship it provides. Each conference features service and again engaged a War Against Hunger. Partnered with the 2022 Masonic Youth Leadership Conference was the "WAR ON HUNGER" project to fight hunger in Nebraska. The MYLC on October 8-9 in Kearney provided an opportunity for our attenders and supporters to collect food donations, collect monetary donations, and reach out in hands on service. Individuals and groups could support food banks and organizations in their local areas and before the conference. Individuals and groups could bring donations of food, personal care items and monetary donations to the conference which would then be donated to the central Nebraska food bank in Kearney (Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska). Individuals and groups attending the conference also shopped at HyVee and delivered food and personal care items to

the food bank warehouse. Hands on service at the warehouse allowed the conference participants to become familiar with the process and facilitation of food distribution, stocking, and warehousing. The conference also made a financial donation to Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska for their food bank needs and acquisitions.



To sum up our impact: 6 Job's Daughter's Bethels, 6 Nebraska Rainbow Assemblies, and 3 DeMolay chapters and their members, supporters and sponsoring bodies participated in the challenge and project. The Masonic Youth Foundation, Grand Chapter of OES, Grand Bethel and Rainbow Grand Assembly and additional chapters and lodges also supported the project.



When all donations are totaled we believe that more than 10,000 meals will be facilitated for distribution, as well as personal care items. Almost 3 ton of food was donated across our state with 2500 pounds remaining in

Kearney for distribution throughout central Nebraska.



In competition we recognize Bethel #5 Lincoln with the largest donation. Plainview Assembly #34 IORG and Lincoln Chapter DeMolay made the largest contributions for our other youth groups. Thank you to all who participated. Together we make a difference and impact the needs of Nebraskans.



North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

MASTER'S DEGREE
October was a busy month at North Star Lodge. A Lodge of Master Masons was called and opened for the Purpose of raising Bro. John Helter to the Degree of a Master Mason on October 24th. WB Dennis Mundt Conferred the First Section and WB Bruce Watkins conferred the Second Section. The usual suspects from North Star filled the other chairs with WB Tom Anderson of College View Lodge delivering the Second Section Lecture.

EA DEGREE
A Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons was Called on October 19 for the purpose of conferring the Degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason on

Mr. Jeff Cochran. I was out ill and neglected to get the Trestle Board to list the players.

BUSINESS MEETING
Dinner for the November Business Meeting was served by Bro. Allen Plucknett. Fried chicken and cheesy potatoes were served. Usual business was conducted, bills were paid, and correspondence was read including the preposterous recommended Grand Lodge Bylaw Changes. I think several of the proposed changes adopted the same twisted logic as used in Washington DC. Hopefully common sense will prevail. The education subject was the notorious Leo Taxil. He was certainly a creative prevaricator. I'm thinking many

in congress took lessons from him.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023
Elected Master, Bro. Adam English. To the West, WB David Sierks. To the South, WB Dennis Mundt. Re elected as Secretary, WB Steve Wetzels, Treasure, Bro. Allen Plucknett, and WB Paul Carpenter as Trustee.

A Table Lodge will be opened at 6:30 P.M. on December 21st. A pork shoulder will be smoked and furnished by the lodge. The other food will be a covered dish. So please bring a potato, veg, or desert. WB Dennis will be both the vintner and sommelier.

HUMOR
Six retired Irishmen were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment when Paddy Murphy loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest, and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing standing up. Michael O'Connor looks around and asks, 'Oh, me boys, someone's got to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?' They draw straws. Paul Gallagher picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

'Discreet??? I'm the most discreet Irishman you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me.'

Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs. Murphy answers and asks what he wants. Gallagher declares, 'Your husband just lost \$500 and is afraid to come home.' 'Tell him to drop dead!', says Murphy's wife. 'I'll go tell him.', says Gallagher.

TILL NEXT MONTH



Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! May your day be filled with family, friends, and good health. It is a time of year for reflection and gratitude. In this season of thankfulness, I would like to use the words of Walter Rauschenbusch: "O God, we thank Thee for this universe, our great home; for its vastness and its riches, and for the manifoldness of the life which teems upon it and of which we are a part. We praise Thee for the arching sky and the blessed winds, for the driving clouds and the constellations on high. We praise Thee for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills, for the trees, and for the grass under our feet. We thank Thee for our senses by which we can see the splendor of the morning, and hear the jubilant songs of love, and smell the breath of the harvest. Grant us, we pray Thee, a heart wide open to all this joy and beauty and save our souls from being so steeped in care or so darkened by passion that we pass heedless and unseeing when even the

thornbush by the wayside is aflame with the glory of God."

This is just a reminder for all our readers---we will not be having a monthly Creamed Chicken Dinner in the month of December. This allows all of our faithful workers within our chapter a day off during the holiday season. We will, however, plan on a January monthly dinner for everyone. Mark your calendars for January 14 now and come and join us.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at the home of Mike and Maxine Buchardt on December 11 at 6 p.m. Our hosts will supply the turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy. All members are encouraged to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. We will be sharing this party with Ceresco Chapter #198. We will be collecting mittens, hats, scarves, etc. for the Childrens Home instead of exchanging gifts.

Also, we have moved our Annual Roast Beef

Dinner from the fall to February 19, 2023. Martha Washington Officers will be selling tickets to this dinner and we encourage everyone to come for a delicious roast beef dinner, complete with homemade pies. Contact any officer or call Betty Kirby (402-450-9137) for reservations. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are priced at \$12.50. This is a bargain, considering the price increases which we have all experienced lately. This is our Chapter's only actual fund-raising project and proceeds are used for our charitable giving. Please support us by purchasing your tickets early. We will close reservations on February 12.

We will be having a closed Installation of Officers on January 14 at noon. Officers elected for the 2023 year are as follows: Worthy Matron, Sis. Shellie Smith PM; Worthy Patron, Bro. David Sierks PP; Associate Matron, Sis. Sue Hedges PM; Associate Patron, Bro. Mark Poston PP;

Secretary, Sis. Betty Kirby PGM; Treasurer, Bro. Mike Buchardt PP; Conductress, Sis. Julie Fowler PM; Associate Conductress, Sis. Sue Bell PM; Trustee, Sis. Jeanine Bryceson PGM; and Temple Board Representatives, Sis. Shellie Smith, Sue Hedges, Jeanne Krenk and Bonnie Sierks. Thanks to all the officers who have accepted their role in the upcoming year.

Sis. Maxine Buchardt is home recuperating from a broken hip and is getting along quite well, although she wishes healing was faster! Bro. David Sierks is still non-weight bearing on his ankle, but hasn't slowed down very much on his scooter. Sis. Shellie Smith was involved in a car accident and is very grateful that she escaped without injury other than a bruised sternum from the airbag. She will be spending Thanksgiving taking care of her husband Rocky as he will have had knee replacement surgery the day prior to Thanksgiving.

Our Worthy Matron Sis. Julie Fowler has regaled us with stories and histories of various candies throughout the year. This month she gave the history of Tootsie Rolls and Tootsie Pops and shared some trivia regarding both, such as Tootsie Rolls were a candy regularly included in WWII ration packets because they do not melt. And the University of Michigan and Purdue University both had studies to determine how many "licks" it took to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop. Believe it or not, they did not come up with the same number....typical study!

Happy birthday to the following members: Sis. Jeanne Krenk (Nov. 1), Bro. Dennis Siekman (Nov. 9), and Bro. David Sierks (Nov. 16).

And here's a riddle that you can tell the kids and adults around the Thanksgiving table: If the Pilgrims were alive today, what would they be famous for? Answer: Their Age! Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

Lincoln Lodge 19 has been busy this last month. One of our newest members took all three degrees in a very short period of time. He also has been coming regularly to the meetings and has taken an active part in those meetings.

Brother Cameron Ramsey took his Master Mason degree on October 18 with the following officers conferring. W. B. Wes Folsom conferred the degree in the first section with Bro. Dave Nolte in the West and Bro. Grant Latimer in the South. WB Mark Roper was Senior Deacon. The second section was conferred with Bro. Dave Nolte as King Solomon and MWB Reg Kuhn in the West and WB Mark Roper as Senior Deacon.

The questions were asked by Bro. Dave Nolte and answered by MWB Dave Watts. The second section lecture was given by MWB Reg Kuhn and the third section lecture by MWB Dave Watts. All parts were delivered in a very good form.

During the month of October the Lodge gathered to have the annual proficiency exam. The Lodge has been practicing for this examination and it showed. After exhibiting our work we were pleased to be informed that we were again given proficiency status in all three degrees for the 88th year. Well done and congratulations.

November also found our Lodge electing the 2023 officers. The

following brothers will be leading our Lodge in 2023.

Worshipful Master David Nolte
Senior Warden Grant Latimer
Junior Warden WB Mark Roper
Secretary/Treasurer MWB Reg Kuhn
(We have found out that the office of Secretary/Treasurer should be two offices and this will be corrected at the next election.)

I have been pleased to fill the position of secretary/treasurer for the past several years and it had been a pleasure to interact the the Officers and Brothers of the Lodge. It will also be a pleasure to sit on the sidelines for a change and listen. Thanks to everyone for

your cooperation and service to the Lodge. Installation has not been set as of this report.

One last item. I have sent out dues notices and several have responded. Thank you all. A reminder to those who haven't sent dues in we need the dues to continue our work as Master Masons of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. I have also been informed that the actual dues cards will not be sent out from Grand Lodge until the end of November. I have been keeping track of those who have paid and I will send you your card as soon as I have them.

Lincoln Lodge No. 19 was pleased to present a 50 year pin to Charles Heinke, on November 10, 2022. His grand

daughter Kaley Humphrey was present to pin his medal on. Brother Charles was Initiated - Morningside #0615, Sioux City, IA, January 8, 1972, Passed September 15, 1972 and raised December 15, 1972. He affiliated with Lincoln Lodge 19 December 6, 1977.

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Second Saturday of Each Month

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
\$12.00 per person

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Lincoln Assembly #6

Tiffany Westerholt



Fall is here and holidays aren't far away! The girls of Lincoln Assembly #6 I.O.R.G have been super busy. It's been a while since we last shared our adventures so allow me to catch you up on all we've been doing. In September the Lincoln Assembly girls assisted Athena Assembly #24 with their Installation of Officers. While there we found and stole the old traveling bear named Barney. He is now a resident of Lincoln. The girls had fun at a campfire where they played outdoor Jenga, ate s'mores and sang camp songs. We also welcomed our new Rainbow pledges, Gemma and Piper Mason. But we'll share more about that in a moment.

made lots of friends and learned a few things in there too.



For our second meeting of the month we decided to have a fun Halloween party. We had snacks, wore costumes (again!), played games such as wrap the mummy (but really just our Addisyn), a saran wrap game, and we decorated pumpkin cookies.



On October 22 we joined other Masonic youth for a campfire night at Roca Berry Farms. The girls had fun at Roca Berry during the day with the zip line, a train ride, games and activities. They ate hot dogs, chips and s'mores around the campfire. Then it turned dark and night brought lots of scary creatures. The girls gave the psychopath a try and the haunted hayrack ride. It was a scary blast.



Before we knew it, October arrived and we decided to have a Spooky good season. Our first meeting of the month the girls wore their Halloween costumes with the pledges and we got to have a pizza party. On October 8th and 9th we attended the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference in Kearney. We packed so much into such a short time. There were guest speakers, breakout sessions led by youth leaders, grocery shopping on a budget to donate food to the Food Bank, had a hypnotist hypnotize several youth, and we ended the night with a dance. The girls had a blast,



On October 28th we had a booth at the Sesostris Halloween party where we brought our Witch's Pitch game and handed out little toys. It was great to see all the kids who came with their costumes and the girls themselves had fun going around to play the games. In our booth we tried to have a fog machine create a cool "potion" effect in our big cauldron. However, solution got into the machine and it made it smokey instead and it kept going straight up into the air. So alas that night we



did not have our "witch potion". We packed up our "Witch's" booth and the very next day we drove to Omaha for the Tangier Shrine Trunk or Treat. Mother Advisor Tiffany cleaned the fog machine and our car was deemed the "coolest" for the smoke that would come out of it. Success! The girls had a blast getting even more candy than they already had, enjoyed root beer floats, and handed out candy to more adorable kids in costumes. If you thought we were done....Nope! The next day we drove to Bellevue and enjoyed a Halloween party with Athena Assembly. There were more games, snacks, scary decorations and a photo booth. Right after the Halloween party we drove back to Lincoln to have another Trunk or Treat at American Lutheran Church. Mother Advisor is happy to report the fog machine worked again and the "potion" was a big hit. Whew. It was a busy month!



As we head into November we have several fun things coming up. We will have Grand Cross of Color, we will be helping with initiations, and we will be having a Friendsgiving. We can't wait to share all of that with you. We always love to have adult participation. If you've ever thought of helping with a youth group, consider Lincoln Assembly Rainbow. The girls

would love to have you hang out with us.

As mentioned earlier, Lincoln Assembly now has a Pledge group. What is a pledge group you ask? Well, it's where girls from the ages of 5-10 can enjoy many of the fun, learning, service activities and get to see what Rainbow is all about. If you know a girl who might be interested, let us know at lincolnassembly6@gmail.com. They meet the first Tuesday of every month, they have their own meetings and fun activities planned. We'd love to have you check us out. As always, if you're interested in what we're up to, email us so we can invite you. Until next time!



Starcraft Chapter #307

Bridget Anderson

Our November meeting took place on Nov 2. We had a very sparse crowd!

Sis Terri opened the meeting and then turned the gavel over to Bro Denny for election of officers. The following were elected to serve for 2023:
 WM Terri Sherman
 WP Dennis Brydl

AM Julie Fowler
 AP Jim Banister
 Secretary Cora Redwine
 Treasurer Bev Ryba
 Conductress Bridget Anderson
 Associate Conductress Kristen Swisher
 Trustee Terri Sherman

We didn't have much business to conduct as Sis Cora was out ill. Hope you

are feeling better Sis Cora! Starcraft Chapter is saddened to report the deaths of 2 of our Sisters. Sis Shirley Marks and Sis Dorothy Tice. Both of these ladies will be missed. Several members performed the Star Service for Sis Shirley.

November birthdays were

read and include the following:
 11 Sis Ileen Smith
 13 Sis Marlene Robinson
 16 Sis Bridget Anderson
 18 Sis Nita Babcock
 Sis Bridget and Sis Ileen were duly serenaded at the meeting!

After the meeting closed, we retired to the lower level for pie and ice cream

provided by Sis Terri!

The members of Starcraft wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen



October for Liberty was another active month with our Fall BBQ and a baby celebration for Brother Nathanael Gable and his Lady Samantha.



Thursday, October 20th was our Fall BBQ and as usual the food was amazing. Along with raising over \$900 there were a lot of happy faces enjoying the smoked ribs and chicken. A huge thanks to all the Brothers that helped organize and run the event.

With the BBQs this year we've tried to incorporate another fundraiser. With the Spring BBQ we finished our gun raffle and drew the winning name. For the Fall BBQ we organized a silent auction. There were numerous gift baskets and quilts for attendees to bid on. For our first shot at a silent auction we raised over

\$450. This is a great start towards the funds we will use to purchase Christmas gifts for the children at the Masonic Eastern Star Children's Home.

Each year we have continued to build on the gifts for the children at the Children's Home. The first year we filled one car, last year we filled two cars and this year our goal is to try and fill three cars. Director Ron Giesselmann and his staff do an amazing job helping the kids learn life skills, compete in 4H projects and give them a stable environment to grow.

If you would like to learn more about the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children check out their website at meshc.org.



We had an opportunity to celebrate with a Brother and his Lady as they are expecting a daughter in December. The 27th of October Liberty hosted a baby celebration for Brother Nathanael Gabel

and his Lady Samantha. There was lots of food, fun conversation and opening gifts for the expecting couple. It is exciting for the couple to grow together and instill Masonic values for their growing family.



Soon we will be celebrating the accomplishments of Brother Keith Plummer as he completed all the components for the Titanium Trowel award. Now we are just waiting to make it official and present him with his award. What an amazing year for Brother Plummer as he got involved in Blue Lodge and contributed towards degree work, fixing up the Masonic Temple and assisting with our numerous fundraiser. It is exciting to have another active member to help us grow.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while we would be excited to see you. If you have questions about the Titanium Trowel Award contact a Lodge Officer. We would be glad to help you work toward achieving

an award for actively participating in this amazing Lodge and Fraternity.

At the November business meeting we voted on our new elected Officers for the 2023 year. It is exciting to announce your newly elected officers for 2023 for Liberty Lodge will be WB Andy Seachord as Worshipful Master, WB Lance Neeman as Senior Warden, WB Tom Lagerstrom as Junior Warden, WB Lynn Friesen as Treasurer and WB Mark Rossignol as Secretary.

We look forward to the amazing things Andy has planned for 2023.

As we close out the year come join us at the December business meeting, December 1st and our annual Christmas party, December 8th. It would be great to see you.



Bethel #5

Lauren P.

Bethel #5 has kept busy the past couple of months! On October 5th, 7 of our members attended Starcraft Chapter #307's meeting and performed the living cross for them.



A few days later on October 8th & 9th, we attended MYLC where we got to hang out with our friends in Rainbow and DeMolay. We also got the award for most food donated, and we would like to thank those chapters who helped us to achieve that!! It was a fun time had by all!

We wrapped up October on the 22nd (which was national make a difference day!) when some of us went out to Emerald to do our highway pickup, and the 23rd when we had our prospect party! As always with the fall pickup, some of our orange bags had to be turned into pumpkins, and we had tons of fun decorating real pumpkins the next day with our prospective members!



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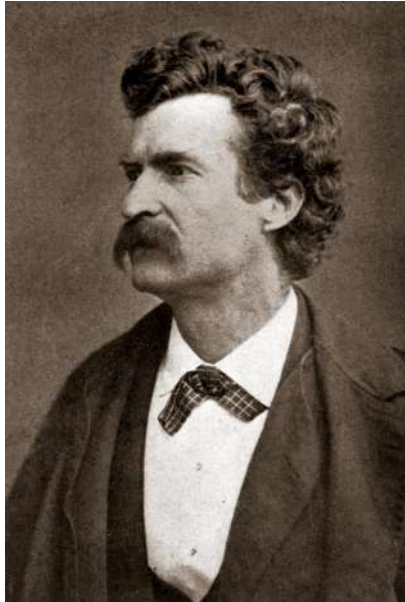
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East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

Mark your calendars! November 19, 2022 the Steer Creek Band will perform at East Lincoln 210. There will be whiskey, steaks, and cigars for a \$20 suggested donation. We hope you'll join us!



On a recent visit to Hannibal, Missouri, I had the pleasure of meeting St. John's Lodge #87's Worshipful Master Jeff Williams. St John's #87 is a fairly active lodge that was chartered in 1839. During this visit, I learned that Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) was a Mason! As a middle-school English teacher and author, I found this especially interesting. Samuel Clemens was initiated as an EA at Polar Star Lodge #79 in St. Louis in 1861 while he worked as a riverboat pilot. Later in life, as he traveled the world giving lectures from everywhere from Canada to India, he often made Masonic friendships in whatever country he visited. I enjoyed visiting with WM Williams in Hannibal and made a donation to their lodge. Once I knew Clemens was a Mason, I wanted to see if he made any allusions to the craft

during his illustrious career. There aren't many, but here are two:

In his 1869 novel *Innocents Abroad*, Twain writes in chapter 23 "...and in a spirit of thankfulness which is entirely unaccountable, considering the slim foundation there was for it, he praised his Maker that he was as he was, and went on enjoying his little life just the same as if he really had been deliberately designed and erected by the great Architect of the Universe."

And there's another he apparently made in New York in November 1900. While having dinner at the Lotus Club in November 1900 Twain made a speech in which he stated, "...the grip and word that lift a man up and make him glad to be alive." How uplifting is that? Like Twain, I encourage you to make Masonic friendships during your travels within the US and abroad.





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