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Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen

We continue to meet on Friday evenings to prepare for our Master proficiency examination in November. So any master mason should feel free to drop in and help out.

Our next business meeting is October 7. Supper is served before the meeting, If you are hungry and unable to make any meeting, please come for the fellowship. At our last business meeting past master aprons were passed out to PM Adam Thayer and PM Matt Zier.

Mark your calendar now for October 28 to attend our meeting. We will be raising money for Childs Play. Come one, come all, and help raise some money for kids.

With sadness I report where on August 28, 2022 the working tools fell from PM Keith Marlin Garrison. Masonic services were held September 7, 2022.



Brother Keith was a member of Lancaster Lodge 54 since 1980 and was Master of our Lodge in 2002. Keith also belonged to Electa Chapter #8, O.E.S. and Temple Chapter #271, O.E.S. He served as organist for the Lodge and served as an Eastern Star grand organist.

Our heart felt sympathies go out to Keith's wife Wendy; daughter Suzann and Martin Langner; grandchildren Lea and Nathan Langner; niece Elizabeth and Paul Duffek; Nephew Matthew and Danielle Garrison; great neices and nephews.

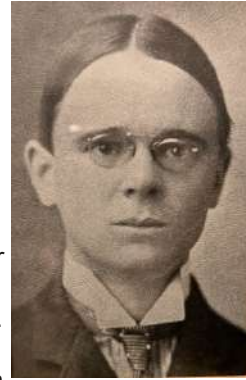


Did you know? According to Roberts Rule of Order, Masonic Edition; Prerogatives of the Worshipful Master: To give the casting vote in case of a tie, in addition to his own vote. This is

limited, however, to votes taken by voice or by upraised hands.

This lead me to Appendix D The Landmarks from Masonic Jurisprudence By Roscoe Pound. Hold on I know this name. My son went to Pound Middleschool, but what else? He was born in Lincoln on October 27, 1870, died June 30, 1964. What happened between these years, I think is amazing. A few of the highlights: Bachelor's degree in 1888, Masters in 1889. Studied law at Harvard in 1889 and was there for one year. He then came back to Nebraska and passed the Bar without a Law Degree. Brother Pound received the first PhD in Botany from UN in 1898.

From 1899 to 1907 he taught law at the UN school of Law. He was a member and Master of Lodge 54 in 1905. His accomplishments, just as footnotes, would fill a book! He was an amazing member of our fraternity.



North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

We lost one of our longtime members recently in with the loss of Bro. Duane Rex Butler. Bro. Duane was a fixture in the University Place Community as he operated a barber shop on the corner of 48th and St. Paul. I remember many a "clip" in his chair. I was thinking the other day, Bro. Duane retired almost as many years ago as I have worked in my professional career. If that makes any sense.

Masonic Record of Duane Rex Butler

Brother Duane Rex Butler was born May 9, 1928, and departed this life August 21, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Brother Butler petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M. for Membership on October 1, 1952. He was elected to membership on November 5, 1952. Brother Butler received his Entered Apprentice Degree on November 12, 1952, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on December 10, 1952, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 28, 1953, in North Star Lodge No. 227, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother Butler served as Tyler in 1990. He was presented with a 50-year Membership Award November 3, 2003, and a 60-year award May 1, 2013. He had 69 years of good standing membership.

Brother Butler will be greatly missed by his Friends and Brothers of North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M.

RECENT BUSINESS

On August 8th a Special Communication was called for

the purpose of conducting the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro John Helter. In the East, WB Harry Storz, the West Bro Adam English, the South WB Karel Capek. The Middle Chamber was delivered by WB Karel Capek, and the Letter G and Charge by WB Bruce Watkins. The Questions were asked by WB Evan Hayden and Answers by WB Dan Chesnut.

Another Special Communication was called on August 15th for the purpose of conducting the Entered Apprentice Degree for Jacob Scarp and Tim Barrientos. The following Past Masters conducted the Degree on both candidates: In the East, WB Dennis Mundt, the West WB Bob Tooker, in the South, WB Karel Capek. WB Steve Wetzal as SD, WB Evan Hayden asking the questions and WB Dan Chesnut delivering the answers with the Second Section delivered by WB Bruce Watkins and the 3rd Section delivered by WB Karel Capek. You must admire the dedication of WB Capek as he drove up from Port Lavaca TX to assist in this degree. Hell, we have members that wont drive across Lincoln to attend a meeting.

The September Business Meeting dinner was delivered by WB Bruce Watkins and sub sandwiches, slaw, potato salad

and homemade brownies were served. Business was conducted and another petition for membership was read and assigned to committee.

A LITTLE HUMOR

A steel company, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning against a wall. The room was full of workers, and he wanted to let them know that he meant business. He asked the guy, "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young man looked at him and said, "I make \$400 a week. Why?" The CEO said, "Wait right here." He walked back to his office, came back in two minutes, and handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and said, "Here's four weeks' pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back." Feeling pretty good about himself the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?" From across the room a voice said, "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

Till next month!

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Electa Chapter #8

Michael Lagueux



We were all very saddened to learn of the death of Past Patron Keith Garrison on August 28, 2022. Keith was a 27 year member of Electa Chapter #8, having been initiated on November 18, 1995, and served as Worthy Patron twice during his years there. He also was a member of Temple Chapter #271, and was a Past Master of Lancaster Lodge #54 AF&AM.

Keith's passion was in music and he was usually the person who everyone went to during initiations, and other events. It is difficult to believe that Keith had worked for the Department of Corrections for 26 years. His upbeat personality would not have seemed the type to work in such a depressing place for so long. I asked him once how he did it among so much depravity and sadness. His answer was so simple it was

almost like he was explaining to a child something that should have been easy to understand, because with a big smile he simply said... "I go home every day."

He served as Organist in 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008; Marshal in 2009, 2010 and 2015; Associate Patron in 1999 and 2011; Worthy Patron in 2000 and 2012; Electa Chapter No 8 Trustee in 2001, 2002, 2003 and Grand Organist for Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star in 2004.

A memorial service was held on September 7, 2022. All of the members and Officers of Electa Chapter #8 OES will miss Keith and send our sincerest condolences to his family during this difficult time.

Electa Chapter opened in Regular Form August 3, 2022 to conduct our business meeting for the month of August. Worthy Matron Denise was thrilled to see so many members in attendance, especially several of our new members. Distinguished Visitors and members were introduced and the meeting began in fine form. A new petition was balloted on and accepted for membership. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Again, the Blue Barrel campaign has been a tremendous success and is actually overflowing with needed supplies for the Food Bank of Lincoln. This program is so important to those of our community it touches who may not have the necessities they need if not for your generosity. Thank you so much for all your contributions both past and present. Please help keep this program going. It has been a very difficult year for those who are down on their luck, and frankly does not seem to be getting better due to the problems we are now facing with the economy. I urge you to contribute as much as you feel you are able to help those less fortunate among us. Non-perishable food items, hygiene items, and just the basics of life are needed and your response lets people know there are those out there who care and will help.



Worthy Matron Denise asked last month for members to think about what their "Spirit Animal" might be and bring a picture or stuffed toy which

describes what animal we may most closely associate with in our temperament, or actions. PP Don Frank brought the pictured bear with him! He said it wasn't his first choice, but he couldn't find the mule! I can see Don as a bear, gentle, inquisitive, and possible a picnic basket examiner! Worthy Matron Denise brought one of her favorite animal characters... Byron the bunny. Heart of gold, always willing to share life and love, and gentle to a fault. Worthy Patron Mike brought his Tasmanian devil... really, do we need to say more? All of the critters that graced the Chapter room were great, and seemed to have the person they represented well matched. What a great way to get to know people and have some fun too.

PP Don Frank gave the report from the Temple Board meeting and was thrilled to say that almost half of the funding necessary to install the blue tooth sound system has been raised. He was especially excited to tell us that the lion's share of the contributions so far has come from members of Electa. This system will allow anyone with compatible devices to use them to hear at meetings and if equipped with a microphone that is compatible to speak through the speakers at the meetings. Planning has already began

to try to have the funding prior to next year's installations so the new system may be used. This is especially good news for those of us who are hard of hearing since it will be available for both lodge rooms and is an expandable system so may be expanded to other areas of the building. Another wonderful project completion is the new air-conditioning units that have recently been installed and now cool both the large and small lodge rooms. These were bought using funds from the CI&R account of the Temple Board with no fund raising necessary.

I am very appreciative of the people we have using the building at 1635 L Street. Over the last few years a significant body of volunteers have formed to help with repair, restoration, and cleaning of the building as well as maintaining the structure and support systems of the building. Thank you all for your hard work and devotion to what we proudly call our building.

I see I have ran a bit long with my enthusiasm, hopefully the editor in chief will be sanguine in his ability to make my column fit into the paper! So, until next month I wish you all good health and God's many blessings.

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Where has the summer gone? It seems impossible that we are already gearing up for falling leaves, football, school activities, and cool weather.

We met on Sept. 1 at our regular time and the business of the chapter was dispensed with quickly by our Worthy Matron, Julie Fowler and Worthy Patron, John Kirby.

After some discussion, it was decided that the

Martha Washington Annual Roast Beef Dinner, which is usually held in the fall, will be deferred until February 2023 and will be held in conjunction with the George and Martha Washington Banquet. Details will follow in the next few weeks. This is a dinner that no one wants to miss and we will have the usual menu of roast beef, potatoes, salad, vegetables, and pie for dessert.

And news from the members of our Temple Board.....we will have the first Creamed Chicken, Hot Roast Beef sandwich dinner on October 8, the second Saturday of October. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending for a wonderful dinner. We know that a lot of people are looking forward to those dinners again. We will serve inside and also have "to-go" containers ready for anyone that wishes.

Bro. David Sierks will be having ankle surgery at the end of the month and will be non-weight bearing for 8-10 weeks. Sis. Kelsey Larsen will be having surgery soon. It was good to have Sis. Sue Hedges in attendance....she came back from Rainbow Supreme with a bout of Covid. She reported that congratulations are in order for PGM Betty Garwood who assumed the position of Faith at Rainbow Supreme. This means that Sis. Betty will

be Supreme Worthy Advisor in 2032 for Rainbow.

Happy Birthday wishes to the following members: Sis. Rachel Duckett (Sept. 6); Bill Nelson (Sept. 16); Erin Davidson (Sept. 21); and Bethel Adams (Sept. 24).

Wishing everyone a wonderful month of September!

A Load Too Heavy

Adam Thayer

No load is too heavy if there are enough brothers to help carry it. This is one of my core beliefs, and I am in hopes that soon you will share this sentiment as well.

When I first started thinking about this topic, I was in the middle of a Master Mason's degree. Our candidate had just had his fateful meeting with the third ruffian, and was on his emblematical final journey through the lodge. As we were carrying him, I thought to myself "If any of us tried to carry him alone, we would surely injure ourselves, but because there are enough of us to help, it's not that difficult."

It's a phenomenon we don't really discuss amongst ourselves very often. There we were, at the beginning of his Masonic career, showing our new brother in the most literal way possible that there would always be enough brothers around to carry him through the rough times in his life.

Less than a week later, I found myself carrying another brother into that same lodge room for his true final journey: our brother had passed, and we were requested to hold a Masonic funeral service for him in our lodge building. Again I thought "What a fitting tribute to such a fine man and Mason! This is only possible because there are enough brothers here who loved him so much that they came to help carry the load."

It was a perfect symbolic mirror; we once carried that brother at the beginning of his Masonic journey, and here we were again, carrying him on his final Masonic journey.

At the beginning and end of our Masonic journeys, there are enough brothers present to carry us, but what about in between? Are there enough brothers there to help carry us through the hazards and vicissitudes of life?

The question could, of course, be easily turned around: we carry our brothers at the beginning and end of THEIR Masonic

journeys, but what do we do to help them in between? Isn't it the time between that gives us the greatest chance for impact in their lives?

As I sat down to my keyboard, finally feeling ready to write out these ideas that had been running through my brain, I thought about our new brother, who has a great Masonic career ahead of him, and I thought about our departed brother, who had a fantastic Masonic life behind him, but most importantly I thought about these two fantastic quotes.

The first was from the great English poets The Hollies. Now, if you aren't familiar with The Hollies, they were a British band from the 1960's, and their big claim to fame is that Graham Nash started his music career with them. In their most popular song, they said:

"The road is long, with many a winding turns that leads us to who knows where. So on we go. He ain't heavy, he's my brother. His welfare is of my concern. No burden is he to bear. But I'm strong! Strong enough to carry him. He ain't heavy, he's my brother."

What a beautiful sentiment! Not only does it remind us that we're responsible to our brothers, but that it should be a joy to help each other out. The promise of Masonry is to make good men better, which means it should make us strong enough to carry our brother during his moments of weakness, and caring enough to want to.

Of course, this shouldn't be news to anyone who has learned their Master Mason obligation - we promise to help our brothers when they ask us for help, although I can't help but wonder how many of us, myself included, are too stubborn and proud to ask for help.

Gentlemen, our journeys are difficult, often painful, and there is no guarantee as to where they will lead us, except to that final, inevitable destination. If we

attempt to undertake these journeys alone, we will, without a doubt, utterly fail.

As Masons, we are obligated to help our brothers on that journey. Their welfare is of our concern. We're strong enough to help carry their load, so they don't have to carry it alone.

No load is too heavy, if there are enough brothers to help carry it.

This begs the question, then, who is my brother?

I've found, and discarded, many theories as to who is considered a brother. Is it only a man who is in good standing in a regularly recognized lodge? If so, that excludes Prince Hall Masons in six U.S. jurisdictions, as well as a number of early American Masons whose Grand Lodges did not conform to our idea of regular recognition. Even worse, it would exclude as Masons a man who could not, for whatever reason, afford to pay his dues. Does our duty to a brother really cease the moment he goes NPD? Expanding on that definition, then, is it only a man who is in good standing with ANY Masonic lodge? That presents difficulties too; it would include as Masons men who are in jurisdictions that my Grand Lodge doesn't recognize, but yours might. Can you imagine the nightmare of asking a brother to prove his proper Masonic affiliation while he's suffering and asking you for help?

In trying to define who exactly my brother is, I'm reminded of the parable of the Samaritan. In the Christian Scripture of Luke, Jesus was teaching about loving one's neighbor, when one man asked who his neighbor was. Now, very little context is given, but I can clearly picture this man looking hard for a loophole.

Jesus, being a fantastic salesman, replied by giving a story with three different examples, and asking which of the three had acted in the most neighborly fashion. The answer, of course, was the

one who stopped to help the stranger, regardless of what had happened in their past stations.

I cannot begin to assume to tell you who your brother is, but I would encourage you to think like the Samaritan and use the broadest definition available to you, regardless of regularity and recognition.

I have no doubt that I just lost some of you at that. "Why should I help a man who is a clandestine Mason? Doesn't that break my obligation?" Before the Jurisprudence Committee clamps down on me, let me explain.

You, as a human, have an obligation to humanity, as dictated by the Great Architect. In nearly every religion available to us, we are charged with a duty to make the world a better place for each other, to help and love one another, and in our Masonic degrees we are told that our Masonic obligations are never to interfere with those duties. In my home state of Nebraska, we are specifically told that Masonry should never interfere with our duty to God, our country, our neighbors, or ourselves. Extrapolating that, with what we've already discussed, I would posit that our duty to a man exists even when he is a clandestine Mason.

Have the lawyers put down their pitchforks? Good, then let's continue.

I mentioned earlier that I had two inspirations for this, and the second one is from 16th century poet-slash-cleric John Donne. In the grips of a life threatening illness, he wrote a series of meditations, or devotions. On the seventeenth day, while a fever was gripping his entire mind, he wrote:

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me,

because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

No Freemason is an island, which is to say that we are all dependent on others for our well being and growth. We are all a part of the greater whole which is Freemasonry. If one of us is lost, we are all diminished. Our world becomes a little bit colder, a little less filled with joy, when one of our own joins the celestial lodge.

All the more reason, then, to do all we can today to fill our lodges with the joy of fellowship! Who wants to stand at the funeral of one they loved and say "I could have helped him in his struggles, but I didn't because I was too busy"? Better by far to say "I gave my all for this brother, and he never doubted that he was loved."

I hope I've convinced you. I'm not naive enough to believe that one short paper (ok, short for me at least) will change the world, or even change Masonry. But I am naive enough to believe that making a small change within a small group of people will, given time, snowball, and change the world.

I'll leave you with this final thought, from the great philosopher Fred Rogers: "If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person." What are you leaving?



Liberty Lodge #300

Lynn Friesen

For Liberty the month of August was filled with numerous events to celebrate.

First, one of our newest MM's, Nathanael Gabel, traveled out of state and was able to participate in an EA degree at a Lodge in Lawson, OK. Nathanael found out real quick when traveling it is a good idea to have a current dues card or a letter from the Lodge vouching for him. There were many Brothers that made last minute phone calls to vouch for Nathanael so he could enjoy a degree out of state. What an amazing experience for a new Master Mason.

Nancy and have an evening of fellowship. Chuck has been active for many years, particularly the last several years as he was the designated Junior Deacon. Many Brothers commented Chuck was either a signer on their petition, was on their investigation committee or was a mentor. What an amazing legacy he has given to the Fraternity for Brothers to be able to pass along.

Nathanael Gabel and Micah Mullins, to work. Their challenge was to do the first section lecture EA Q&A, and they were up for the task. The requirement to complete the full form proficiency for their degrees was a huge benefit in them being able to participate in the degree



and be involved in giving the Q&A. It was amazing to see them give their performance to our newest EA.



A week later we followed that celebration with an initiation of another EA, Josh Philips. Again the turn-out of Brothers welcoming a new EA into the Fraternity was amazing. There were Brothers from five different Lodges represented to participate in the degree.

We were honored to have a Grand Lodge guest, Eric BenSalah, at the EA degree. He was so impressed with the performance he gave Nathanael Gabel an EA full form proficiency coin for his completing the answers. What an amazing evening to initiate a new Brother, see our newest Master Masons give the EA Q&A and another receive an EA full form proficiency coin.

For our September business meeting we celebrated at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. We

were prepared a phenomenal meal by the kitchen staff and Executive Director, April Johnston, gave us a tour of the facilities before our business meeting. What a gift to have a facility like the Nebraska Masonic Home to care for our Brothers and their widows. The evening brought another surprise with Brother Frank Rowe attending. It was great to meet a Brother we hadn't seen in a while and provide an opportunity for him to join us.



Over Labor Day weekend, WM Lynn Friesen had an opportunity to travel to Colorado to participate in his uncle's presentation of a 50 year pin. It was neat for Lynn to be able to hear stories from his uncle, and he even found out his uncle was a WM of a Lodge in Colorado in the early 90's.

We wouldn't have another month without something to celebrate in September. Thursday, September 22nd we will have a Ladies at the Table dinner. The cost

for the dinner will be \$15 per person and the money raised that evening will be donated to We Can Do This at the F Street Community Center food program to feed children at the F Street Community Center on the weekends. It would be awesome if we had over 30 Brothers and spouses attending. Please RSVP to one of your Lodge Officers by Tuesday, September 20th if you plan to attend.



The end of the year is coming fast and we have several events planned over the next couple months to round out the year. Watch your email and the Lodge Facebook page for more details. Look forward to seeing many of you during the coming months.

In August we learned a Brother, Chuck Holderby, and his wife were planning to move to Las Vegas, NV to be near their daughters. Moving will be a huge benefit for Chuck and Nancy allowing their daughters to be able to help them. As a send-off Lodge Brothers and their families got together to celebrate Chuck and

Jumping in and getting involved is a great way for new Brothers to be engaged, so we put our newest Master Masons,



Lincoln Lodge #19

Bruce Anderson

I am sitting here at my computer and hoping for rain. WOW it is starting. I am now back to typing Saturday morning—one inch in my gauge. We need it.

One of the tenants of Masonry is charity. A few year ago one of our Brothers went looking for a charity and found the "F" Street Community center here in Lincoln. He found out that they service many young people on a daily basis. At that time they fed 80 to 90 teens daily lunch six out of seven days a week. The Lodge decided to help out and sent out a simple letter asking for donations. That year in just a couple of weeks we had gotten over \$6,000.00 to help them. They said that the money would feed the kids for a month.

This summer one of our

Past Masters decided that we should help out again, but this time we would have a dinner and the proceeds would go help again. The letter was sent and we had 30 Master Masons and guests attend. (Yes we had green beans). After all was said and done we were able to present a check to the "F" Street Community for over \$2,600.00. Not as much but it will help them again to feed those children in need. Thank you Brothers for your Charity.



The check was presented to Susie Brown, the founder of the program

David Nolte, SW, Susie Brown, founder, Will Folsom PM



The Lodge used the occasion to present a 50 year pin to Brother Charles Heinke. Brother Heinke and his wife Patrice were at the dinner and MWB Red Kuhn was pleased to read the citation and have his wife pin the award on bro. Charles. Brother Charles took his Masters Degree December 15, 1972. After receiving his pin he thanked the Lodge

and made remarks.

Just a short reminder that the dues notices will be sent soon. Also there are still several brothers who owe for 2022. Please remit the 2022 dues soon.



George Washington Lodge #250

Mark Poston



the busy holiday season!
4430 N. 70th Street
Havelock Masonic
Temple

We look forward to seeing everyone in October!

Our George Washington Trivia for this month are from the words of Karin Abarbenel. "As we endure 9/11's mournful anniversary, many of us living in or near New York City can still recall feeling compelled to seek solace in places both strange and familiar. Soon after the Twin Towers fell, I found myself drawn to a quiet corner of Manhattan some 11 miles to the north--about as far away from Ground Zero as you can get and still be on the island. There, nestled in a peaceful garden, stands the oldest house in Manhattan and one of its best-kept secrets: the Morris-Jumel Mansion.

A tiny acorn in New York's vast forest of museums, this elegant, Palladian-style gem sits in hushed, aging splendor between 160th and 162nd streets in Washington Heights. Built in 1765 by a wealthy Tory who called his villa and estate, "Mount Morris," the museum is a 20-minute

subway ride from midtown, but seems worlds away, a quaint echo of the city's restless heart.

I hadn't visited the museum's well-worn halls since I was a schoolkid at nearby P.S. 128, but rediscovered it a few weeks before September 11. After the attack, I found myself compelled to return. Ironically, it wasn't just the mansion's peacefulness that attracted me, but also its stormy past. Not the past of its most notorious resident, Aaron Burr, in whose bedroom Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote part of his musical, "Hamilton." Nor the flashy fifty years of its longest occupant, Eliza Jumel, reputedly once the richest woman in America. No, it was an uninvited guest who drew me uptown.

"Yes, George Washington did sleep here," proudly proclaimed the museum's canvas tote bag. And it's true: Washington commandeered the Tory mansion for five weeks in September and October of 1776 as the British invaded New York, even then the commercial hub of America. During his stay

uptown Washington won his first victory. But he also endured crushing defeats--some of the lowest points in his command.

September of 2001 wasn't the first time New York was brutally assaulted. In September of 1776, an eerily similar set of events occurred: surprise enemy attacks, acts of extraordinary courage by ordinary citizens, and a devastating fire (likely set by patriots to impede the British), which raged across Lower Manhattan for days and reduced one-third of the city to ashes.

Washington's choice of the Morris mansion as his headquarters was no accident: It stands on one of highest points in Manhattan--so high, in fact, that Washington watched New York City burning from the estate's grounds on September 21, 1776. It was from this vantage point, 225 years later, that the museum's staff and a handful of French tourists watched the Twin Towers crumble."

In Closing, I leave you with these words from F. Scott Fitzgerald...." Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall".

George Washington Lodge #250 held their monthly meeting on the evening of September 6, 2022. W. M. David Sierks welcomed everyone; the Lodge business was conducted in a timely manner. The highlight of the evening happened when W. M. David Sierks ordered Senior Deacon W. B. Eric Bachenberg to conduct Tyler W. B. Earl Robinett to the East, whereupon the Worship Master gave W. B. Earl his Past Master's apron. All Brethren congratulated W. B. Earl as he exclaimed "Good! Now I'll have something to wear to all of the Lodges I visit!"

Comet Lodge Brethren from Ceresco. It was determined by our Temple Board that we will not have a September "Second Saturday" meal. We will all be cheering on the Huskers instead, but the "Second Saturday" meals are coming back in October and November. As the days are starting to get cooler, we will be returning to a favorite among our patrons, the Creamed Chicken/Biscuit Meal as well as the Hot Beef Sandwich Meal. The price is still \$12.00 for these delicious choices. Make your plans to join us on:

Following the meeting, a Masonic Trivia game was played which helped to sharpen our understanding of the Craft. We always enjoy the fellowship of our

October 8th from 4:30 – 7:00
November 12th from 4:30 – 7:00
December 10th: There will be NO "Second Saturday" meal due to

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

Starcraft met on August 3rd for their regular scheduled meeting. Worthy Matron Sis. Terri Sherman and Worth Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Brother Dennis Brydl reported that he enjoyed his time at Masonic Band Camp as a chaperon in the dorms. He said the band seems to get better each year. Every year he says its his last year. We'll see what he does next year.

We are excited to report that we initiated Georgiann and John Walker on August 17th. We hope they love OES as much as we do.

Sis Kristen reported that Bethel 5 had an initiation in August. Sis. Mary Louise Gillispie has a new grandson Benjamin. Sis Joann Rosenthal has two new grandchildren: Cleopatra and Scarlet. Sis. Brenda Frank Collins reported that her son Alex was married recently in a beautiful ceremony.

We mailed pins to two of our newest 50 year members: Mary Randolph and Patricia Gormley.

Before we adjourned the meeting we celebrated Dennis Brydl's September birthday. Following the meeting we enjoyed some yummy refreshments provided by Bev Ryba.

October Birthdays

October 2 Amy Johnson
October 2 Marcia Michaelson
October 8 Ruth Beach

October 8 Chris Gonnerman
October 9 Dorothy Tice
October 12 Art Sharp
October 19 Don Jelinek
October 21 Faye Nimic
October 29 Linda Roe



Bethel #5

Lauren Prososki

Jobs Daughters



On August 27th, our Bethel was very excited to initiate Ella and welcome her into our organization!

The very next day, some of our members attended a church service at HQ Sara's church and went out to Village Inn afterwards for brunch. The service was fun and the food was delicious!

I would also like to share one of the librarians competition entries that our very own Gwen submitted and got an award for at Grand Bethel this year!

Just before you take a step into the bethel room
Only seeing your sisters, and hearing the music play.
Before you sing and see your guardians,
Smiling is the only thing you can do.

Dancing like nobody's around, singing too loud
Acting goofy because you can
Under the supervision of your second family.
God looks down to see us with smiles on our faces
Hearing laughter in our voices.

This organization full of love, laughter, and food
Even though we won't be together forever
Real love and friendships were created, and
Stories I will tell for the rest of my life.



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Speaker – The Rev Leane Masters, Southern Heights Presbyterian Church

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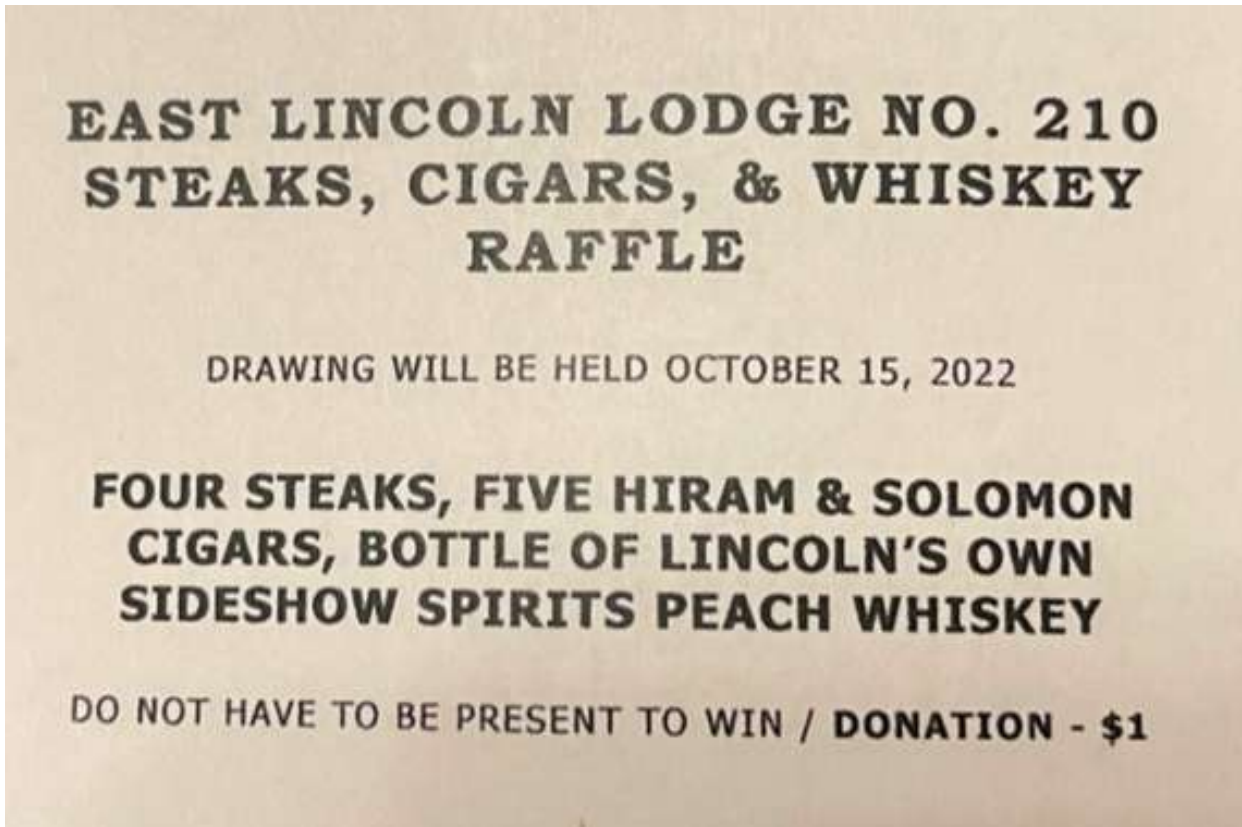
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Joel Green

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