



The Masonic News



North Star Lodge #227

Bob Tooker

A DYING BREED

This will be the last article from North Star Lodge published in the Lincoln Masonic News. It was determined at the November News Meeting, since no one stepped up to take the editor and business manager positions and the fact many of the area lodges no longer support the publication it was time to "tap out." It's a sad fact, times are a changing, and the printed news medium is on the outs. Look at the local paper. We used to have a morning and evening publication. Now it is printed once a day and out of town at that. The news is a day old, and the paper is mostly ads. With not even enough pages to wrap fish. Our old Masonic News rag had a good 102-year run. It survived the great depression, previous business managers who embezzled funds and managers that couldn't manage. After all, we are members of the Masonic Family, and everyone is honest and virtuous. However, we are a microcosm of society in general. With good and

unfortunately, not so good. The News corporation will be closed out by the end of the year. As has been said previously, the News has been propped up by several generous benefactors which we owe a debt of gratitude. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Bro Adam Thayer as the editor and Sis Sue Stroud who was the business manager. Thank You!

PRIVILEGE

I don't remember who asked me to be the correspondent from North Star, and I don't remember how long I have been writing the monthly column. It doesn't really matter, as I'm putting this last installment together, the compliments from my Lodge and members of other Lodges in the area were enough. I have tried to spice up my offerings with humor as reporting business meeting goings-on's and who poured the tea are not that interesting. I'm sure some have had their feelings hurt and if so, it wasn't fatal and you did survive. It was my privilege to be correspondent for North Star Lodge.

TABLE LODGE

North Star will honor the Winter Solstice on Wednesday December 20 @ 6:30. Smoked prime rib will be the featured protein with attendees bringing a side or desert. Fire water and non-fire water will be furnished to celebrate our toasts. This is open to all Lodge members and their Masonic guests.

Masonic Record of Mark W. Poston

Worshipful Brother Mark W. Poston was born January 27, 1956, and departed this life November 29, 2023, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Worshipful Brother Poston petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M. for membership on December 7, 2005. He was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry January 4, 2006. Worshipful Brother Poston received his Entered Apprentice Degree on January 25, 2006, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on February 8, 2006, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 22, 2006, in North Star Lodge No. 227, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Worshipful Brother Poston served various offices as well as Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge in 2010. He was presented with the Grand Master's leadership award in 2011. He was affiliated as a plural member of George Washington Lodge No. 250 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

FINAL THOUGHTS

"What ever you do, give 100%, unless you are donating blood."

"Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation; 'maybe next time' isn't the correct response."

"The distinctive sound of a racking shotgun can act as a natural stool softener."

"If you are lucky, you can have a life they make movies about."

"Crime should be a very hazardous profession with a very short life expectancy, not a career with perks and benefits."

"We don't have a WELCOME mat at our front door because we aren't liars."

"Admit nothing, even on your death bed. You may suddenly get better."

"I would like to apologize to anyone I have not yet offended. Please be patient. I will get to you shortly."

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Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen

In 2024 Lancaster Lodge will be 150 years old. You will need to be on Grand View or Face Book or both to stay informed about what is going on in your lodge. This is the last issue of The Masonic News. After 102 years of informing the Lincoln Masonic families of what is going on they have been forced to close.

Dues are due. You should have received your notice, if not, let Adam know.

All members of our lodge should have received a letter from our Secretary, Adam Thayer, regarding new software, "Grand View", from our Grand Lodge. Please follow the directions on the letter and get signed up. The overall goal is to keep members better informed of upcoming events as well as increase communication by e-mail. Please get signed up. Two features have been added to for all members; one is access to the entire

library of Short Talk Bulletins, and the second is a Grand Lodge Recognition tile for use when traveling to foreign jurisdictions.

Trestle Board:
January 5 - Business Meeting.
January 7 - Installation of new officers.

Brothers birthdays in December:
Frederick Bliss,
Mark Clinton, Phillip Gilson, Louis Hurst, Kent Millington, Glenn Morrison, Arlen Olmsted, Gary Steffens, Frederic Swihart, Philip Lehman, Jason Wood, Kris Luft, Michael Williams.

Brothers birthdays in January:
Michael Beard, William Butterfield, Glenn Chase, Ronald Colin, William Fuller, William Goff, Gary Haun, William Hoakanson, James Huff, Gregory Luft, George McCabe, Don Lowry, Jeff Munford, David Olson, Bruce Wood, John Hansen.

Proficiency certification for Lancaster 54 has

once again been obtained. Every year since 1921 when the program was instituted in Nebraska.

Since this is the last issue, I have been struggling with something inspiring to write about our lodge or masonry. Inspiration has failed. I found nothing of great substance which will stay with you forever.

But, I reviewed many of our publications. Read articles by many of our brothers. I viewed pictures of lodge members and activities over the years. The articles told what was happening within the lodge membership. Mostly good and some sad. I saw pictures of men I know and I could say "wow" that's what he looked like with hair! Or something along those lines. I saw names move up the line to become master of the lodge. There were things I have forgotten or never knew.

I'm not sure I knew

our lodge in November 2019 was recognized as members of the Society of Washington Lodges at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. We were the first to gain this recognition in Nebraska. Pretty nice honor.

This past year Brother Don Frank was given his 50 year pin.

The 9 o'clock toast! Where ever you are in the world tonight, at 9 o'clock PM, raise a glass and toast your brothers who are doing the same thing. This is a tradition going back hundreds of years which is coming back. If you look this up on facebook you will see the face of our Brother Neil Leyde! Thanks Neil.

As many of you know, I have visited a particular island in the Bahamas and have developed many friendships among the brothers of the local lodge. When I passed through Customs I was greeted by 5

brothers who welcomed me back to the island. I was so flattered by their warm welcome. The three weeks I was there, there was never a brother who would not offer to help when I asked for it.

Our membership may be low; however, the brotherhood is strong and I believe our fraternity is alive and will continue to work with strong men. Friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Remember to come to lodge, we miss you.

Bethel #5

Diana Weers

Thank you!
Bethel 5 would like to give a huge thank you to the Masonic News and all who have put their time and dedication into it for so many years and for giving the Bethel a place to share our events with the readers.

Bethel Meeting & Elections
On November 11th, we held a regular business meeting at the Masonic Temple. During our meeting, we held our line officer elections. Congratulations to our newly elected officers: Honored Queen Elect – Sophie, Senior Princess Elect – Elizabeth, Junior Princess Elect – Sara W., Guide Elect – McKenna, Marshal Elect – Audrey. We sang Happy Birthday to the November Birthdays which included Abigail (11/1) and Sophie (11/8). We celebrated members' anniversaries as well, which included Audrey and Bailey (both have been members for 2 years)!

Family Potluck Dinner
After our meeting on November 11th, we held our annual Thanksgiving family potluck dinner. We had a large turnout of family and friends and enjoyed delicious food.



Sleepover Event
Following our potluck on November 11th and overnight into the morning of the 12th, we held a prospective sleepover event at the Masonic Temple. The large lodge room turned into our sleeping quarters for the evening, with the adults sleeping in the parlor/library on the first floor. We began the evening by watching Frozen 2 on a projected screen and enjoyed lots of snacks. Then we played a toilet paper game where we made beautiful clothing out of it. We also played a marshmallow game, made presentations on the projected screen in groups, played sardines, and made bracelets. The Guardian is happy to report that all the daughters were asleep by 1 am (or at least resting quietly). The next morning the girls were up and ready for a delicious breakfast provided by some of our members' parents! Everything was delicious.



Veteran's Parade & Card Making
Later in the afternoon after the sleepover on November 12th, we gathered back downtown for hot cocoa and to watch the Veteran's Day parade near the State Capitol. We loved seeing one of our very own Job's marching in her school's band and a younger brother and dad of one of our members marching with their cub scout group. When the parade was done, we headed back to the Masonic Temple to write 160 cards to Veterans for Christmas! And then we raked the leaves out of the bushes surrounding the parking lot!



November Jobie Universe-ity
On the evening of November 14th, several of our members joined the Miss Nebraska Job's Daughters online on Zoom to learn about planning their terms once they become Honored Queen. Lots of great information was shared!



Bethel Meeting & Friendship Meeting
On November 18th we held a Bethel meeting and Friendship ceremony at the Masonic Temple. We were joined by several special guests, including members from the Sesostris Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, the Nebraska Grand Guardian, and our Spirit Ambassador!



Ratatouille at the Joyo Theatre
After our meeting, we headed over to the historic Joyo Theatre in Havelock on November 18th. We had rented the whole theater, and we watched Ratatouille. It was so much fun!



Electa Chapter OES Thanksgiving Potluck
On the evening of November 18th, we headed back to the Masonic Temple to join the members of Electa Chapter 8 OES for their All Masonic Thanksgiving potluck. The food was amazing, and the company was great. The girls loved the coloring pages and puzzle pages!

Festival of Trees Volunteering
On November 22nd, several of our members helped at the Sesostris Shrine Festival of Trees Fundraiser. We helped at Prancer's Pond and at the Storybook Corner. We had so much fun volunteering and looking at all the gorgeously decorated trees! The Mistletoe Café was delicious, and we loved visiting with Santa!



Afternoon at Santa's Workshop
On the afternoon of November 25th, we were back at the Masonic Temple to put up two very large trees with all the decorations in the dining hall. We also wrapped boxes to go under the trees. We put together Santa treat bags and made homemade cookie mix and pancake mix jars for our Breakfast in Whoville. Daughters got to make homemade ornaments to add to the Christmas trees as well!

Bethel Meeting
We held a regular business meeting and mock initiation ceremony on December 9th. We sang Happy Birthday to our December birthdays which included Mylah (12/1), Diana (12/5) and Elizabeth (12/18). We also celebrated the anniversaries of members which included Abigail (1 year), Diana (29 years), Elizabeth (4 years) and Sophie (4 years).

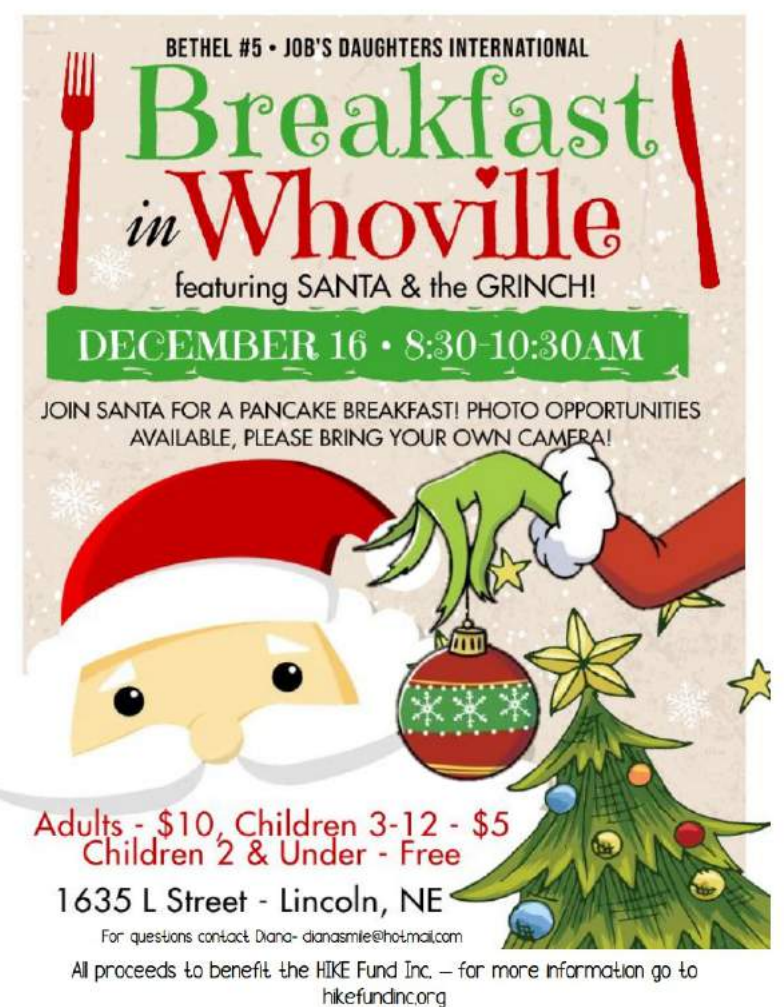


Bell Ringing

Later that afternoon on December 9th, we headed to Gateway Mall to ring bells near the indoor JC Penney entrance. We had lots of people stop by and donate! It was so much fun, and we enjoyed watching all the mall walkers as they made their rounds near us!

Mark Your Calendars
December 16 – Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast for our Breakfast in Whoville featuring Santa and the Grinch (and other special guests) fundraiser from 8:30am-11:30am. All proceeds go to support the HIKE Fund Inc. (for more info on HIKE go to www.thehikefund.org) \$10/ Adults, \$5/ages 5-12, free/ ages 2 & under. Visit with Santa Claus, get a kid's book from Mrs. Claus, visit our coloring table or our photo booth area! We will also be selling pancake & cookie jar mixes. Proceeds from the jar mix fundraiser goes to helping our members attend local, state and international Job's activities.

January 14th – You are invited to join the members of Bethel #5's at our Installation of Officers at 2:00pm at The Masonic Temple, 1635 L Street. Reception following. The theme is Star Wars!



Myrtle Chapter #94

Brenda Frank-Collins

As I think about what this article will be, I must confess....it feels a bit sad. I would like to take this opportunity to THANK the Masonic News Editor(s) and Staff now, and over the years, for bringing all of us the Masonic News. Your dedication, and a love for communication has been greatly appreciated!!! For a while now, it has been discussed how the publication can continue, should it continue, or if it will need to cease publication. The time has come for the ultimate decision....to stop publication in any form. It is with a heavy heart to let you know that this December issue is the Final Edition.

For Myrtle Chapter, and the other organizations, will need to formulate a different means of

communication with all its members. Not all have email, or use Texts, so.....in the wake of this decision, Myrtle will need to develop a way to keep connected, and our members informed.

Here is the calendar information that will help as we start 2024.....

December 25th, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! May you all have a wonderful holiday!!
December 29th: DUES are DUE for 2024, and you may pay 2023 dues, too, if you have not yet. \$20 each year.

Please mail them to Secretary Emily, or you may also pay them through PayPal: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalmy/prof> They are DUE to the Secretary before December 31, 2023, so she can record them. Additionally, all 2024 officers must pay 2024 dues

to be installed. January 1st, 2024, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome 2024!!
January 9th, Stated Meeting, 7:30pm, North Star Lodge, 2023 Year-End Reports.
January 27th, 2024, Installation of 2024 Officers, 2:00pm at North Star Lodge.

Newly elected officers: WM: Jennifer Dierks PM, WP: Greg Mason PP, AM: Marilyn Wallin, AP: Tom Anderson PP, Secretary: Emily Schoenleber PM, Treasurer: Becky Bleess, Cond: Belle Kendle, AC: Rachel Williamson. Please join us as we begin a new year!

Our Stated Meetings for the Chapter are: 2nd Tuesdays of each Month, 7:30pm, North Star Lodge.

Let's celebrate our members'

December & January birthdays and anniversaries:
Dec 9 - Jennifer Dierks
Dec 13 – Carol McKibbin
Dec 16 – Connie & Jim Weir Anniversary (56 yrs)
Dec 23 – Bert Chatfield
Dec 27 – Linda Livingston
Dec 27 – Lisa Myers
Dec 27 – Dan Chesnut
Dec 28 – Bette & Bill Cummins (55yrs)
Jan 4 -- Brent Myers (50)
Jan 7 -- Justin Williamson
Jan 18 – Barb & Bert Chatfield (72 yrs)
Jan 27 –Phyllis Foreman (85)

May all your days be Special Days!

Open Installation: Jan 27, 2024, 2:00pm North Star Lodge Bldg.

It has been my honor to compose articles to keep all our Myrtle members updated and future events to look forward to. Please let the WM or Secretary know if you have concerns of keeping informed in the future.

Star Love,...until we meet again.....

If you have any updates or information changes, please contact Secretary Emily Schoenleber at: emilyschoenleber@gmail.com, or 2024 Worthy Matron Jennifer Dierks at: jennifer.dierks7@gmail.com

East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

Members of East Lincoln 210 met on Thursday, December 8, 2023 for business and fellowship. East Lincoln hosted a school of instruction in the FC degree in December, and the lodge elected its officers for 2024 in November. Congratulations to Brother Adam Homan for accepting the

position of Worshipful Master! Brother Homan has worked diligently to rise through the chairs at East Lincoln 210 and he will undoubtedly excel as Worshipful Master of the lodge. 210's installation of officers will take place January 6, 2024 at 1:00 PM and will be open to the public:

WM – Adam Homan
SW – Karl Vierkant
Treasurer – Mark Reece
Secretary – Jeff Buhrman
Chaplain – Monte Dietrick

With that said, an enormous thank you must go to WB Mark Reece for serving as 210's Worshipful Master for the past two years! The fellowship, live

music, whiskey, cigars, gun raffles, and steak nights will be remembered fondly.

Lastly, please keep Nebraska's Grand Orator and 210 member Jeff Buhrman's mother in your thoughts as she battles health issues.

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

Our Chapter has been saddened this past month with the death of two of our treasured brothers, Bro. Mark Poston and Bro. Earl Robinett. Bro. Mark passed away on November 29 and Bro. Earl passed away on Nov. 30. Services for each were held on Monday, December 4. We will greatly miss both of these brothers.

The Installation of the 2024 Officers will be held on January 6, 2024 at 11 a.m., followed by a light

lunch. After the luncheon, the officers of the George Washington Lodge #250 will be installed.

The Service and Therapy Dog Committee will be raffling off a quilt at Grand Chapter in May, the quilt having been donated by Bob and Marilyn Carhart. If you would like raffle tickets, please contact Sis. Shellie Smith.

We are also sad to have to say Good Bye to the Masonic News. Anyone who has an email address

and has not yet reported that address to Betty Kirby, Chapter Secretary, please do so immediately (bkirby9137@gmail.com) because emails will be the main source of information for our chapter, due to high costs of postage.

Our prayers are being lifted for those who are mourning the deaths of Bro. Mark and Bro. Earl. And prayers of healing are being raised for Sis. Jeanine Bryceson, Julie Fowler, and PGM Jerrie Wilcox. Many of our

members have had bouts of the nasty respiratory virus that seems to be circulating. Congratulations to Sis. Bonnie and Bro. David Sierks on the birth of their great-granddaughter.

And so, it is appropriate for this article to close with the Mizpah benediction: May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other.

Starcraft Chapter #307

Terri Sherman

December 6th Starcraft met for its regular monthly meeting. Worthy Matron Sis. Terri Sherman and Worthy Patron Bro. Dennis Brydl opened the meeting.

At our November meeting we held our elections for 2024:

Worthy Matron Bridgett Anderson
Worthy Patron Dennis Brydl
Assoc. Matron

Kristen Swisher
Conductress Terri Sherman
Assoc
Conductress Julie Fowler
Secretary Cora Redwine
Treasurer Bev Ryba

Sisters Bridgett Anderson and Joann Rosenthal are recovering from knee replacement surgery. Sis Julie Fowler had a slight heart episode. Is better now.

Sis. Cora Redwine's granddaughter Grace, Honored Queen of Bethel 5, came before the meeting and give us a talk about her Honored Queen Project this term, The Foster Care Closet, as well as her projects for HIKE.

We celebrated the birthday of Sis. Bev who was in attendance at the meeting. We retired to the

dining room to share Christmas cookies that the members brought.

We are sorry that this will be the last issue of the Masonic News but understand the dilemma of no one stepping up to do the editing and managing. Starcraft thanks those that have served on the board, the editors and others that have been putting this paper out for

the chapters in Lincoln. We will find a new way of communicating.

Starcraft sends warm holiday wishes to everyone!

Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...” or so goes the Dickens quote in A Tale of Two Cities. That still applies today. This will be my last article for the Masonic News, not because I’m tired of writing, but because the paper can no longer sustain itself in today’s economy. When we start looking for why something fails, often we look at the human element; the writers, the editor, the staff...and to some extent, that is the natural progression. Not this time...we can certainly look at what we term progress, or the advent of modernization. We cannot keep a printed medium going forward if it does not have a significant backing or reader interest. We have run out of time and money and will realize that to its fullest extent when this last publishing is complete.

Stroud, who has the remarkable ability to keep all the balls in the air while trying to kick start the legacy generator that powered that life support antique we call print media. Finally to the editor, Adam Thayer. You are a knowledgeable, and progressive Brother who always kept the submitters held to a higher standard... and a very good friend who would always ask, “Are you sure you want me to print this as it is written?” Only a couple times did I not heed his good and timely council and most of the time either capitulated and rewrote, or deleted some heat of the moment literary indiscretion. Thank you all for the great work you have done with a very difficult task.



I know, I’m supposed to be writing about what we have done and what we are going to do in Electa. Okay, our last meeting opened in form. We recognized all of the dignitaries in the room, we conducted the business of the Chapter, and we mourned the passing of two truly great Masons, Brother, Earl Robinett and Brother Mark Poston.



As I write this, there are several people I have known that should be recognized and applauded for their tenacity over the last few years trying to keep the patient alive while on life support from very generous benefactors. First would be the one who was at the helm when the Titanic went down; Brother John Hansen. You were the one who realized that this machine in the background was flat lining more frequently than could be put off and made the ultimate, painful, and final decision to pull the plug thus ending a long and difficult dying process. Sue

Earl was born December 30, 1929 and passed from this life to life eternal on November 30, 2023. No higher compliment can be given than when we say he truly was a good man, one who served his country in the Navy, served his community, his God, and his fellow Brothers and Sisters. We will miss him and always keep him in our hearts and his family in our prayers. Fair winds and following seas good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of our Lord.

We must also say farewell to another great Mason, who was not in our Chapter, but was very

active in the Masonic Family, Brother Mark Poston. Mark was the President of the Masonic News for some years and did a great job at taking care of the intricacies of that position. He also served his country in the US Air Force, was a person who could always be counted on to do the hard right thing in the face of the easy wrong thing... he was a good man! He too served his community, his family, and his God. Aim High Brother, the Master awaits your presence among the other great architects in God’s Heaven.

I have enjoyed the last 20+ years of contributing articles to the Masonic News and will miss the writing...sometimes! I may also finish that book I have been encouraged to complete for years now, too. I want to thank those of you who would call, email, write, or text me when I didn’t get an article out, once...just to ask if everything was alright. It is, I assure you. I will miss all of you and think of you often as we go forward with whatever comes next. I know some of you read this because Adam would always get calls when I would put something in like the picture of a fox with no explanation, pictures of my puppies, or just a phrase in the middle of an article that you would stop, only for a moment, and say, “what.” I still smile about those and always will. I wish you all the best: good health, long life, and God’s Grace in your lives. Farewell my friends.



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Reflections of The Masonic News

Adam Thayer

I have put off writing this article for quite a while, hoping that we would not need it. Even now, hours before I prepare the final print files for this, our final issue, I find myself glancing at my phone, hoping for a last-minute reprieve email from the President of the Board, but fear that none is coming.

The Masonic News first began publication in 1921 with the simple premise of serving the members of the Lincoln Masonic Family by keeping them apprised of news, event and education happening in and around the city. Over the years, it has faced a shifting community, changes in format and availability, rapid shifts in technology, growth and recessions, and through every obstacle has continued to proudly serve our readers.

All working tools have a useful lifespan, and The Masonic News, as a tool for mass communication to the greater Masonic community, has reached the end of its usefulness. Instant communication via new tools such as GrandView, email, text messaging and Facebook have risen to replace the functions that once could only be provided in a mailed publication. Where once we could be fulfilled by a monthly retrospective of events, we now can rightly demand more up-to-date information, and there is no feasible way for a niche newspaper to fulfill this demand.

When discussions of shutting down The Masonic News first shifted from theoretical to a serious possibility, the President of the Board approached me with a simple question: if we do close the newspaper, would I be willing to write its obituary? As a writer, of course I would be happy to have the chance to write anything, so I agreed, assuming we would have another miracle and this would never see print. I did not fully think through the meaning of his request, because if I had, I probably

would have told him no, and used less savory words to do so.

Thankfully, as Editor-In-Chief for the final issue, I can do literally anything I want in my final article without fear of reprisal, and if I choose to, I could say "Potato. Stairwell. Fruit Bat." Does it make sense? No, of course not, but it's not like John can fire me at this point, so I choose to go out with a smile.

Instead, I will tell you, the person reading this what an absolute honor it has been for the hundreds of men and women who have made this publication possible for the past 102 years to serve you. On a personal level, being your Editor-In-Chief for the past ten years has been a highlight of my life, and an experience that I will look back on with pride for the rest of my years. While there have been many challenges and frustrations, holding the print copy each month has been immensely rewarding and something I will treasure forever.

While this is the end of The Masonic News as an official publication, it is far from the end of Freemasonry in Lincoln, and I encourage each of the lodges, chapters, bethels, conclaves and other organizations in the region to take advantage of the new tools they have been provided, to increase communication with each other regarding upcoming events, celebrations of new members, mourning the mutual loss of existing members, and strengthening the bonds that unite us in this unique experience that is Freemasonry. And if your secretary does not want to use these new tools? REPLACE THEM! Believe me, speaking as a secretary, you do not want to let us decide how to run your group!

To the bodies and board members that made up the membership of The Masonic News, thank you. You have made a positive impact on the Masonic

Family in Lincoln over many years, and this impact cannot be applauded enough.

To the individuals who have supported The Masonic News through their time, expertise, advice and donations, I cannot overstate how greatly I have appreciated you. While I will not embarrass you by naming you here, please know that I see what you have done, and words alone can never repay you.

To the correspondents whose submissions made up the bulk of The Masonic News, I thank you for your unwavering effort to bring quality content to our readers, your friendship as we worked tirelessly to produce the best publication possible, and your patience and understanding when content had to be cut for editorial or spacing reasons. I will miss our monthly interactions and frequent laughter, although as we can now be completely honest, I can say I won't miss some of your blatant disregard for grammar, spelling, punctuation and utter disdain for publication deadlines!

Finally, to our readers, thank you for reading along with us for over 100 years. Your feedback and enjoyment has made it a joy to publish for you, and has made a sometimes demanding job feel easy.

Dear brethren of the mystic tie, the night is waning fast, Our work is done, our feast is o'er, this toast must be the last. Good night to all, once more good night, again that farewell strain, Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

For the staff, board, and correspondents of The Masonic News, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,
Adam Thayer
Editor-In-Chief (retired)



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