



# The Masonic News



## Letter From The President

**John Hansen**

The annual meeting was held February 27 at 5:30PM. Sue Stroud has previously submitted her resignation as Business Manager for the paper. As of this time no one has come forward to replace her. We would like someone to volunteer by the June meeting so they have time to be trained by Sue. She has agreed to stay on this year.

Adam Thayer submitted his retirement as Editor-In-Chief, effective February 2024. We are seeking a talented (and timely) individual to be trained by Adam before February.

We discussed several ideas about how the Masonic News will look in the future. Representatives from each of the Masonic News' subscribing entities agreed to take these ideas back to

their organizations for their members to discuss. We will meet again June 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM for further discussion and hopefully resolution on proposed changes.

Among the potential changes discussed are:  
Increasing the subscription cost from \$6 to \$10 per person per year.  
Begin publishing the Masonic News electronically only.

Change the publishing cycle to every other month.  
Hold fund raisers.  
Increase the amount of advertising.  
Decrease the size of publication from 8 pages to 4.  
Discuss these and any other ideas at your meetings and bring them to the June meeting, so we may continue to publish our Masonic News into the future.

## North Star Lodge #227

**Bob Tooker**

### SOME THOUGHTS

I saw an interesting statistic that 95 percent of all electric vehicles are still on the road...the other 5 percent made it home to charge.

As a child, I had an imaginary friend. Now thanks to face-book I have thousands.

Whatever you do give 100%, unless you are donating blood.

If stupidity was a disability, I know some people who would get monthly checks.

You can marry more in a minute than you can earn in a lifetime!  
Having a poor father is not your fault - but having a poor father-in-law, well...

If you are offended by what I say. Imagine what I hold back!

### MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

The March Business Meeting dinner table was spread by WB Steve Wetzel consisting of fried yard bird and the trimmings. Business Meeting was opened at 7:30 with prayer. Normal business was conducted, bills were paid and correspondence was read. The Lodge voted to sponsor one band member to attend the marching band camp in conjunction with the

Shrine Bowl, later this summer. The monthly education subject was the "Transition to Speculative Masonry."

On a more serious note, WB Steven Flader was admitted to Brian East for some serious medical issues. We wish him a speedy recovery. If you plan to visit, call first because at the time, visitation was not encouraged.

WB Curt Wolbert, Grand Tyler stopped by for a visit.

### MASONIC NEWS

WB Steve Wetzel and I attended the annual Masonic News Meeting. The financial situation is grim. Several lodges in town do not participate any longer. Membership numbers are down, as is advertising. Postage and printing are the biggest expenses. The editor and business manager are entitled to receive a monthly

stipend but have not taken their wages in order to preserve the existing funds. Don't know many people that would be that generous. There are also several donors that take up the slack when needed. The short term solution may be providing only 6 printed copies per year and an 'on line' copy every month. This might be implemented next year. The printed copy might likely be completely dropped at some point in the future. It is therefore important that you furnish the Lodge Secretary with your email address to receive the News in the future if the printed copy is finally discontinued.

Enough for now....

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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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## Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

March certainly came in like a little lamb, so no one can get too optimistic about an early spring since, from old lore, the month will leave like a lion. Our Chapter has again had a very successful Roast Beef Dinner in February. Special thanks to all who attended our annual event. Another exciting event for that evening's meeting was the acceptance of two petitions for degrees! And lastly, we are happy to report that Barrett Nitz will be the recipient of our High School Scholarship. Barrett is the son of Sis. Janice and Mike Nitz and grandson of Sis. Shirley Boardman. Barrett is planning on attending North Dakota State University.

On March 4, our chapter joined with Ceresco Chapter #198 for a joint School of Instruction with Sister Gloria Guern, Associate Grand Conductress. Sis. Gloria was delightful as an District Grand Supervisor and all in attendance had a very informative and productive day. Thank you, Sis. Gloria.

Since March is the month of St. Patrick's day, we would be remiss by not remembering this very special day. I would like to share with you some of Ireland's folklore; the leprechaun is a type of

mischievous and comical fairy. There are a few facts about this mystical character and where the legends originated from that may surprise you. The modern-day depiction of a St Patrick's day Leprechaun is often described as a bearded, little old man about three feet tall, dressed in green, with shiny buckled shoes, a hat and maybe smoking a pipe. However, early Irish folklore surprisingly describes Leprechauns as men who wore red outfits and tri-cornered hats.

Irish novelist Samuel Lover describes Leprechauns as such in his 1831 work 'Legends and Stories of Ireland'. In the "The Element Encyclopaedia of Magical Creatures," by John and Caitlin Matthews, the legend of the leprechauns can be traced back to the eighth-century with tales of water spirits called "luchorpán," meaning small body.

Some researchers claim that the name leprechaun derived from the Gaelic 'leath bhrogan,' meaning shoemaker, which is said to be a Leprechaun's main vocation. Leprechauns have been associated with the tap-tapping of a tiny cobblers hammer, driving nails into

shoes, that announces they are near.

In his collection of Irish fairy and folk tales, W.B. Yeats offered an 18th-century poem by William Allingham titled "The Leprechaun; Or, Fairy Shoemaker" which describes the sound: "Lay your ear close to the hill. Do you not catch the tiny clamour, Busy click of an elfin hammer, Voice of the Leprechaun singing shrill, As he merrily plies his trade?"

This designation also fits in well with the traditional folkloric division of labor among fairies. Shoemaking must be a lucrative business in the fairy world since each leprechaun is said to have a pot of gold hidden at the end of a rainbow and there are still people who go looking for this hidden treasure!

According to Irish legends, if you happen to capture a Leprechaun, you can barter his freedom for his treasure and he will grant you three wishes provided you let him go. Dealing with leprechauns can be a very tricky proposition. Folklorist Carol Rose offers a prime example of leprechaun trickery in her encyclopedia "Spirits, Fairies, Leprechauns, and Goblins". It concerns "a man who

managed to get a leprechaun to show him the bush in the field where his treasure was located. Having no spade, the man marked the tree with one of his red garters, then kindly released the sprite and went for a spade. Returning almost instantly he found that every one of the numerous trees in the field sported a red garter!"

Lucky the Leprechaun has been the mascot of the breakfast cereal Lucky Charms since 1964, is probably the best-known fairy of his type. Originally he was named L.C. Leprechaun and was also known as Sir Charms. The 1959 Disney movie "Darby O'Gill and the Little People" starring Sean Connery also influenced how many people think of the little people. Though the legend of the Leprechaun is well over a thousand years old, there was a 'sighting' as recently as 1989 by a pub landlord called P.J O'Hare in Carlingford, County Louth. O'Hare claims that he heard screams from a well and found the remains and clothing of a Leprechaun which is on display in his pub! The town now has an annual Leprechaun hunt though the object of the game is to find plastic versions of the fabled creature.

Did you know that Leprechauns are actually a protected species under EU law? Carlingford's Sliabh Foy Loop trail is officially protected land for the 236 Leprechauns that apparently live in Ireland. A local lobbyist group in Carlingford, managed to convince the EU that the area should be protected and now it is under the European Habitats Directive.

Leprechauns stand out as a figure of morality whose fables warn against the folly of trying to get rich quick, take what's not rightfully yours or interfere with wee folk and other magical creatures. In tales where humans catch a Leprechaun, they are easily outsmarted by the magical creature that often uses a person's greed against him.

Belief in leprechauns and other fairies was once widespread on the Emerald Isle, and real or not they will arouse a constant source of interest and delight us for centuries more.

## Bethel #63

Grace W

them being in our Bee Hive.

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

Follow us on Instagram @jdi\_bethel63 and Facebook @Bethel 63 Lincoln, NE. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

As always, Jobie love, Grace W.

Scottish Rite. Our own member Sarah W gave up the title of Lincoln Chapter Sweetheart to another one of our members Alyssa C.

On February 24th, we celebrated our Bethel birthday. It was our Bethel's 69th birthday. We rented a movie theater and watched "Girls Just Want to Have Fun". We had pizza and ate lots of popcorn. We all enjoyed watching the movie and spending time together.

On March 2nd, we had a Bee Ceremony. We added 3 Jobie-to-bees to our Bethel bee hive. Our new Jobie-to-bees are Avery, Regan, and Savannah. We are very excited and look forward to



On February 11th, some of our members attended the DeMolay Sweetheart Ball. We had a great time dancing the night away at the Omaha



# Lincoln Assembly #6

**Karan Birdsall**

Welcome to the Family!

Nebraska IORG has implemented a state-wide pledge program. The Pledges and their parents are invited to this Grand Assembly Session where they will take part in traditional Grand Assembly events. In addition there will be special events and opportunities for the pledges and their families to share Rainbow love and service. If you are interested in the pledge program of Lincoln Assembly #6: contact Pledge Mom Robyn Mason (robynkt@gmail.com). Nebraska Rainbow welcomes pledge participants from ages 5-10. Events and fellowship in the local assemblies are scheduled each month.

Friday evening will feature a Fiesta, program, skits, entertainment, presentations and awards followed by a S'mores Social on the terrace of the hotel.

The Informal Opening is also open to all attendees. The afternoon session begins at 1:00pm Saturday followed by the formal banquet (reservations required). The Saturday evening closed session includes the Ceremony of Initiation, Majority Service, Rose Lecture and the Cavalcade of Flags. Active Rainbow members, Majority Rainbow Members, parents, guardians, grand parents and Master Masons and Eastern Star members in good standing are welcome to attend.

Sunday morning's closed business session completes presentations and the term of the Stand Tall Grand Family as they retire their jewels and we transition into the new Grand Assembly year with the reveal and Installation of the 2023-2024 Grand Officers, Grand Representatives and Grand Executive Board beginning at 1:30pm Sunday.

Especially designed for our Distinguished Guests and visitors will be a Silent Auction (open FRI and SAT), Majority Showcase of Vendors, Rainbow Shoppe, and a Grand Worthy Advisors' Quilt

display. Masters of the Grand Cross of Color are invited to the ceremony and bread breaking on Saturday morning. An event and lunch for those who are not Grand Cross members will begin at 9am Saturday.

If you would like additional details and information please contact Karan Birdsall, Supreme Deputy (kmtbirdsall@windstream.net) or utilize our QR code, website or social media handles. Registration and reservations are handled by Kerri Straub (kerri@nebraskarainbowgirls.com). Deadline for lodging is May 15th. Deadline for registrations and meals is May 22.

It takes many hands and hearts to generate this event for our youth. A special thank you to all of our Rainbow Ambassadors and Emissaries, Mother Advisors, Pledge Moms, board members and parents for their ongoing dedication and hard work. If you are interested in supporting Nebraska Rainbow with your financial gifts or hands on involvement, please contact Karan Birdsall, Supreme Deputy (kmtbirdsall@windstream.net) or utilize our QR code, website or social media handles.



As you are making your summer travel plans and selecting where you will go and what you will do I extend a special invitation for you to visit the STAND TALL 2023 Session of Nebraska Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Grand Assembly will be Friday June 9 - Sunday June 11 in the Marriott Riverfront Hotel and Marriott Center in South Sioux City, Nebraska.



The 2022-2023 Stand Tall Grand Officers are eager to share this Grand Assembly Session with you with their great plans, events, and fellowship! We hope to see you there!

The Grand Assembly Session is collaborating with Nebraska Grand Chapter OES and welcoming attendees of the FIVE STATE GATHERING of OES (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota and Nebraska). Not only will the STAND TALL welcome these supportive dignitaries, we are also inviting Rainbow members from these jurisdictions and North Dakota and Colorado to participate in the Sessions.

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**RSVP DEADLINES**

Including lodging: 5/15/23  
Meals and registration only: 5/22/23



We are excited to welcome Mrs. Kay Letterman, Supreme Worthy Advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls to this session. We also anticipate General Grand Chapter Officers of OES. We invite you to be a part of this great crowd and join us in support of our Masonic Youth.

Connect with Nebraska IORG at:



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~ Rainbow Gets Girls Ready for Life ~

## Lancaster Lodge #54

John Hansen

The following brothers have birthdays coming up, or had them recently, so if you see them make sure to wish them a happy birthday.

March Birthdays: Larry Austin, Ernest Barney, Patrick Barrett, Kurt Beckenhauer, Luke Bergmeier, John Bereden, William Dedick, Joe Husky, David Jelinek, Robert Kloch, Michael Kunkel, Robert McQuistan, Joshua Mietz, Michael Munson, Steven Murphy, Russell Reno, Reuben Rieke, Kendal Sieg, Adam Thayer.

April Birthdays: David Bloomquist, Roger Dehning, Tim Hartman, Dennis Hyman, Robert Klein, Michael Martinson, Hayes Ngotel, Theodore Paulson, Carl Plants,

Michael Wellensiek.

March 24, FC Practice  
 March 31, FC Practice  
 April 7, Business Meeting  
 April 14, Possible proficiency for EA and FC  
 April 28, Lecture night, more information later



PM Turner Cox was presented with his Past Masters Apron, during the regular business meeting.

MASONIC MYTH VS FACT:

Myth, a symbolic narrative, usually of unknown origin and at least partly traditional, that relates to actual events and that is especially associated with religious belief. Some of the popular Masonic myths which I just googled seemed laughable on the surface, but then there is the rest of the story.

MYTH: Freemasonry is an evil organization which seeks to, or does, control the world. FACT: There is no one organization which governs all masonry. There is a Grand Lodge of Nebraska which governs us. Many states have several Grand Lodges and not all would be recognized as regular.

Nebraska has two as does Iowa and South Dakota, Kansas about 11, while Colorado has 5.

MYTH: The Founding Fathers were all Masons. FACT: No, only seven. They are Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison.

MYTH: Freemasons worship the devil. FACT: No, a supreme being and most of us call God.

MYTH: Freemasons are invitation only. FACT: Throughout Masonry, at every step, the candidate asks to join and continue learning.

MYTH: Freemasonry is a religion. FACT: No, in fact discussions of religion and politics is forbidden in

lodge. Masons are obligated to practice brotherly love, mutual assistance, secrecy, equality, and trust between each other.



## Liberty Lodge #300

Nathanael Gabel

“Brothers, Worshipfuls, Most Worshipfuls.. lend me your hearing-aides!!”

Another eventful month has flown by as we travel into March, dealing with the annoyance of this weather, wishing the warmth of spring would just get here already!! I personally just made a round trip to the Shriners Hospital in St. Paul MN, for baby Astrid Trinity’s appointment, pushing forward in the extreme cold and some how avoiding the winter weather storm that was about to take way in St. Paul, potentially keeping us there another night!!

March 2nd we had our business meeting, in which we conducted business for the purpose of business!!! Beforehand we enjoyed a well prepared, homemade lasagna, by our J.S. Brother Micah Mullins and his wonderful lady Jess Mullins.



“DON’T GET ME WRONG BROTHER. I’M GLAD YOU’RE HERE. JUST TRY NOT TO BE SO OBVIOUS AS TO WHY YOU ARE HERE”

to have voted in a new candidate and are looking forward to his first degree!!



We are happy to announce that we have several returning members who we are “happy to meet again.” After several years away from Masonry, we look forward to putting our Trowels to use in spreading our cement with returning Brothers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 6th – Meeting w/ dinner @ 6pm
- April 13th – Table Lodge 6pm
- April 22nd – Spring Game
- May TBD – BBQ

BLAST FROM THE PAST... EVENTS!!!

Several of us attended the George Washington B-Day dinner hosted by Cotner Lodge #297 with WM Gary Olsen... and what a great dinner it

was! Perfectly decorated with edible symbolism, such as: pineapple, oranges, salt & pepper grains and with a rich history of education behind each!



We recently had the baby shower for our WM Andy Seachord and his lady Brooke. We had an excellent spread of food and snacks prepared for us by Brother Bryan Grove’s lady Brittany Grove.



Great fellowship and great music, equals an amazing time with Brothers and family!!



Please feel free to visit Liberty Lodge as we continue to bring great times and fellowship to Masonry!!



Along with a Cesar salad, we ate Cannoli’s and some tea. Brother Mark Rossignol was happy to lend a tossing hand!



Excitingly, we are happy

## Electa Chapter #8

**Michael Lagueux**



One of the aspects of the Masonic Fraternity that I have always loved is the ability to receive as much light and knowledge as you can absorb, and the appendant bodies are no different. Initial instruction and explanation of different aspects of degree work has always been interesting, pairing Schools of Instruction and self-study with mentorship tends to strengthen and accentuate the learning. Often I have heard the axiom that we do not know what we do not know, and to a certain point that may be true. There is, however, always some part that strikes a chord with folks that makes them want to learn it. For the rest of us, there are parts that must be learned and relearned in order to maintain a certain level of proficiency for the offices we hold.

What does all this mean to us? Each year the Grand Lodge, Grand Star, Grand York Rite, and so on have classes to make sure we know we are imparting true light and knowledge to those we have placed in positions of authority within the bodies of Masonry. Therefore, in the early parts of each year, formal training and retraining is conducted by those who know the ritual of that body. Hence we have, in OES, the Supervisor's visit to each Chapter.

This year, we were fortunate to have District Grand Supervisor Gloria Guern visit Electa #8 in February for a day of instruction, and making sure the Chapter had the necessary knowledge to conduct the work of the Chapter in the correct manner. The day began very early and a good deal of the necessary attention to detail was completed before lunch, and we had time for discussion and meeting new friends and a few old(er) ones as well.

There was an abundance of members present, and the day progressed smoothly and in good

order. Special thanks to those who took the places of individuals who were unable to be there due to other obligations.

The day would not be complete until a mock initiation was conducted and thanks to Worthy Matron Brenda and Worthy Patron Don it went very well. No get together of this significance would be complete without a picture session, so, pictured is Worthy Matron Brenda Frank Collins, Worthy Patron Don Frank, and District Grand Supervisor Gloria Guern.

During the business meeting a number of things were brought up, including new petitions and assignments of investigating committee members. We continue to grow in numbers of new members keeping our Secretary very busy, but happily so.

Also discussed was the projects of the Chapter; the STAR DOGS contributions,

Blue Barrel contributions, and the many other things that keep a Chapter active and vibrant. A special thanks to those who contribute to the program through the Food Bank of Lincoln, which is directly responsible for keeping less fortunate people in our Nebraska communities able to have the necessary items for health and welfare.

We also wish health and recuperation to those who have been ill or injured during our recent past. Some are recovering from planned medical issues such as brief hospitalizations, some from environmental (ice and snow) mishaps, and some from the pressures that life in general throws at us. As you go through

these difficult times you must remember that if the Lord brings you to it, He will also bring you through it. Faith is a powerful force.

The month of March does not promise to slow down for Electa, and we hope you will be able to visit and take in some of the things that will be going on. Until next month we wish you good health, and God's many Blessings.



## Myrtle Chapter #94

**Brenda Frank-Collins**

The season of Lent is upon us, and we look towards Spring and Eastertide. We have seen His star in the East, and now we live the "rest of the story." Our Eastern Star Family has many reasons for joy this time of year: birthdays, anniversaries, Easter, Spring coming soon as bushes and plants start to show signs of new life, just like the Easter Story.

In February, we celebrated many birthdays, and the mile-stone anniversaries of Bro. Bert & Sis. Barb Chatfield's 70th in January,, and Bro. Bob & Sis. Phyllis Foreman's 60th in February.

April showers bring May flowers, but it seems to be happening in March instead. March also brings fellowship, food and fun to Myrtle Chapter members and friends. We split the Supervisor's School of Instruction into 2 sessions: 1 on Feb 27th, and now part 2 on March 14th, and

are refreshed and polished for the rest of the year. Huge THANK YOU to our District Grand Supervisor, Gloria Gehr, Grand Assoc. Conductress.

Myrtle Chapter is receptive to the idea of an online calendar for the entire building. This is a way that all who meet and use the building will know the events and meetings of North Star Lodge, Myrtle Chapter/OES, and Bethel #27. Details for maintaining this calendar are still being discussed and decided. What a wonderful way for all to communicate the building use of all our groups!

Prayers and concerns for Connie Wier who had hip replacement on Feb 20, and Brenda Frank-Collins who also had hip replacement on Feb 27. Ron Wier continues to improve from his transplant, and has returned part-time to his job. May they continue to

heal and be held in the caring hands of God.

It is with sadness that we tell the passing of Sister Dayle Prenosil on March 2, 2023. Memorial service was held on March 9, 2023. The sympathies of the chapter were extended to her family.

Here are our upcoming events. Mark your calendars, and plan to attend:  
 March 14, Stated Meeting at 7:30pm. Gathering at 6:30, for the 2023 officers. (We will Exemplify the Degrees as Part 2 of the Supervisor's School of Instruction.)  
 April 11, Stated Meeting at 7:30pm, Grand Chapter information/discussion  
 Grand Chapter, May 9-11, 2023, Kearney, NE, Younes Convention Center

Our March & April Dine-Out Dinner Fundraisers are:  
 March – No Dine-Out scheduled at this time.

April 25, RUNZA, at 48th & "O" Street, Time yet to be determined.

Let's celebrate our members' March & April birthdays and anniversaries:  
 March 5 – Alex Titsworth  
 March 15 – Jim Wier  
 March 19 – Rachel Williamson  
 April 5 – Sally Comer  
 April 13 – Robin & Greg Mason's Anniversary  
 April 14 – Cherity Helter  
 April 22 – Katheryn Wild  
 April 24 – Greg Mason  
 April 30 – Karen Westover  
 May all your days be Special Days! Star Love, ...until we meet again.....

If you have any updates or information changes, please contact Secretary Emily Schoenleber at: emilyschoenleber@gmail.com, or Worthy Matron Deb Kendle at: dmkendle@gmail.com



## Bethel #5

Elizabeth P

At Bethel 5 we have had a Valentine's Day prospect party on February 11th. At the prospect party we played a lot of games and did many fun activities. We each made a heart shaped pizza for our lunch.



On March 4th, some girls helped Bethel 27 with their initiation. After the initiation they had snacks like popcorn and cake.



On March 5th, we had a go to church Sunday at Calvary Community Church. Afterwards, we went to Pizza Ranch for lunch.

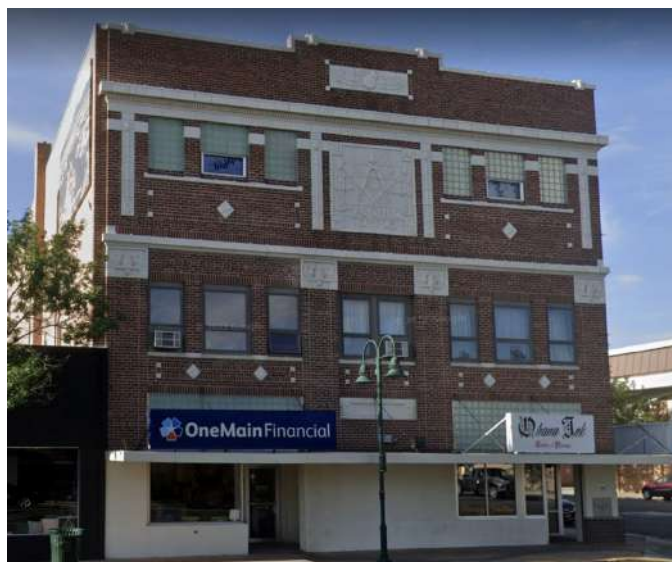


Coming up we have an Italian Feast on March 25th at 6pm. If you don't want to cook, come down and let us prepare a meal for you. All proceeds of our Italian Night Dinner, will go to the HIKE Fund. Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment Fund.



## East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green



While relaxing in Wind River country recently, WB Adam Holle paid a visit Riverton, Wyoming's, Masonic Temple. The impressive lodge on 401 East Main Street opened March 1, 1919, and interestingly, the Bankers' Realty and Investments Co. of Omaha, Nebraska was the building contractor, and R.P. Lewis of Omaha was the architect!

## Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Laurie Sieg



Many of our Rainbows of Kindness Grand Family were able to attend the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Annual Communications in Kearney. As Worthy Grand Matron, I was honored to represent the Grand Chapter of Nebraska and bring greeting to those attending. I took that opportunity to remind all Masonic Family members that when they attend a Masonic event, they are in the right place at the right time. Our service to humanity is always the right thing to do.



In March we will be attending the Grand York Rite Banquet, Daughters of the Nile installation and the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Last summer the Rainbows of Kindness Grand Family and Tuscan Chapter #35, Kearney hosted the Grand Family of Kansas, Past Grand Matron and Patrons from both jurisdictions and other members for the Kansas/Nebraska Reunion. Both Grand Families exemplified the degrees. It

was a very special weekend because, due to the pandemic, it was the first reunion since 2019.

Our District Grand Supervisors are traveling our state visiting our Chapter so instruct our members in our ritualistic work. Traditionally our Associate Grand Conductress is the DGS assigned to the Lincoln and Ceresco Chapters and this year that is Sister Gloria Guern.

Remember that our Grand Chapter session is rapidly approaching, Registration must be in by April 12, 2023.



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## THE JEWELS OF A FELLOWCRAFT

The jewels of a Fellowcraft: attentive ear, instructive tongue, and faithful breast.

In learning and education, we must listen if the work is to be properly transmitted from generation to generation. The life of Freemasonry depends on ears that are attentive.

An instructive tongue is necessary in order that knowledge be conveyed accurately. But the tongue teaches more than ritual. It informs Masons of the great truths and symbolism in Masonry. That makes good men better men.

The faithful breast is the repository for those few secrets entrusted to you as you progress through the three degrees in Masonry. It is also the repository of those ideals you should display in life and pass on to your Brethren, that they may learn and grow to be better men.

As a Fellowcraft, you are symbolically and Masonically a builder.

You have been given the tools to build - your square, level and plumb.

You were taught the value of work.

You know the importance of acquiring knowledge. It is in sharing this knowledge that will make you richer and a builder in the sight of God.

You are now the perfect ashlar that the Supreme Architect of the Universe is using to build your spiritual temple - that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. May you truly earn your Fellowcraft wages.

## THE CABLE-TOW

The length of the Cable-Tow is frequently referred to in the language of Freemasonry, but many of the new Brothers do not understand its meaning. Formerly, a Cable-Tow was deemed to be the distance one could travel in an hour,

which was assumed to be about three miles. In Prince Hall Masonry, it is any reasonable distance from which a summons may be answered, health and business permitting. Each Mason is bound to all other Masons by a tie as long and as strong as he himself determines his ability will permit.

## ENLIGHTENMENT

As in the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Fellowcraft undergoes what is called enlightenment. The appearance of light after darkness symbolizes the quest after truth, knowledge, and wisdom, and symbolizes birth or initiation.

Darkness is the symbol of ignorance and evil, and as such, is something that needs to be overcome by the light of education and the promotion of what is morally good.

## THE WORKING TOOLS

Once again the candidate is presented with the Working Tools, the tools he needs in order to continue to improve and shape his own life and those of others.

## THE SQUARE

The square, as a working tool, proves right angles. On receiving light, you found the Square to hold another meaning - virtue. Virtue should guide you in all your transactions with your fellow man. Virtue dwells in a man's heart. He may hide his actions from man, but he cannot hide them from God. When you "act upon the Square" with a man, you are giving him an honest deal, a square deal.

## THE PLUMB

The plumb, as a working tool, tests perpendiculars. If a wall isn't vertical, it will not stand long. If a Mason doesn't lead an upright life, he will not enhance the fraternity in his community. Such a man will be of no use to his fellow man. The plumb stands for righteousness - an upright life before God and man. It

is the standard in which we test morality. By understanding this symbol, a Mason can put into use, the meaning of all of the Working Tools.

## THE LEVEL

As a working tool, the level proves horizontals. As speculative Masons, we use it to symbolize equality. Equality of all men in the sight of God was practiced by Freemasons long before it was noted elsewhere. All Masons meet upon the level of equality - they are Brother and all have the same Parent.

Equality has never meant equality of skills or abilities. Freemasons are all individuals. Individuality has built nations, communities, and businesses. Individuality can bring about good and bad, greatness and failure. Our individuality is dependent on the teachings we absorb in our youth.

## THE MIDDLE CHAMBER

Fellowcrafts assembled on the evening of the sixth day of the week, and those who were entitled to the wages of a Fellowcraft were invested with certain signs, tokens, and a word, which enabled them to pass the inner and outer guards, and to enter the Middle Chamber. If they did not have proper identification, they did not get into the Middle Chamber to receive wages. In modern Freemasonry, the Middle Chamber is the symbolic place of reward. In Masonic mythology this was thought of as the place where the Fellowcraft met to receive wages for their labors on the Temple of Solomon.



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