



The Masonic News



North Star Lodge #227

Steve Wetzel

Brethren,
Brother Allen Plucknett passed away last Sunday. Allen was one of our active members, and seldom missed a meeting. He currently was Lodge Treasurer. Visitation with family was held at Roper & Sons on Friday May 5th, and his funeral at the same location on Saturday May 6th.

Masonic Record of Allen Plucknett
Brother Allen C. Plucknett was born May 18, 1937 at Dewitt, Nebraska and

departed this life April 30, 2023 at Lincoln, Nebraska.
Brother Plucknett Petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for Membership March 7, 1973. He was elected to Membership on April 18, 1973. Brother Plucknett received his Entered Apprentice Degree on April 18, 1973, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on June 13, 1973, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 19, 1973 in North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M. at Lincoln, Nebraska. He completed his

Proficiency requirements as a Master Mason on November 14, 1973.
Brother Plucknett currently served as elected Treasurer of North Star Lodge No. 227 and has served in that capacity for many years.
He was presented with a 50 year award on April 5, 2023 by WM Adam English at the April Regular Communication.
Brother Plucknett will be greatly missed by his Friends and Brothers of North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M.

There will be practice sessions at the Lodge on May 8, 10, 15, and 17th 7:00 P.M. This will be a good time for our new Members to have help in learning, and we encourage our Entered Apprentice Masons to attend these practice sessions.
Lodge Proficiency Examination for the Master Mason degree will be held on Monday evening May 22nd 7:00 P.M.

Myrtle Chapter #94

Brenda Frank-Collins

It's Grand Chapter time in Kearney on May 9th thru 11th, 2023. We are proud to announce that Robyn Mason has been appointed as Grand Martha for the 2023-2024 year, by Nebraska's new Worthy Grand Matron Linda Dubry, and Worthy Grand Patron Cecil Smith. Congratulations sister Robyn! We know you will represent Myrtle with grace and pride!
Our outside OES sign is still in need of repair, and may be costly. If you wish further information, contact our Secretary, Sister Emily Schoenleber.

Continued prayers and concerns for Connie Wier, who is healing from an infection after her hip surgery. Brenda Frank-Collins is doing well after her surgery, and is back to doing her regular things, but in small doses. Continued prayers for the Kendle & Foreman family, as they travel the journey of healing. Thank you to Sister Jennifer Dierks PM for stepping in as WM, to keep the chapter going forward. We greatly appreciate your leadership, Sister Jenn!
Here are our upcoming events. Mark your calendars, and plan to attend:
• Grand Chapter, May 9-11, 2023, Kearney, NE, Younes Convention Center.
• June Stated Meeting...MOVED to: June 6th, due to Grand Bethel.
• June 3, 2023 Grand Officers Reception in Plattsmouth, NE.
• Job's Daughter's Grand Bethel, June 14-17, 2023 in Kearney, NE, Holiday Inn.
• Area 5 District Event for Grand Visitation...July 15, 2023. Lunch will cost \$15, and will be catered by Cane's Chicken, and the area-5 chapters' sides & desserts. Salt Dog's game ticket cost is \$10. For more information, contact Secretary Emily Schoenleber.

Members who wish to participate in group-singing of the Star Spangled Banner at the SaltDogs Baseball game, please contact: Brenda Frank-Collins (WM of Electa #8): electa8pm@windstream.net or text: 402-560-2317. She will mail you the version of the SSB we will sing to the start of the game.
Our May & June Dine-Out Fundraisers are:
• May 23 (Tuesday) -- Panera Bread, 6149 "O" Street, 4:00-8:00pm
• June -- none scheduled as of the writing of this article
Sad news for our chapter... I regret to inform you of the passing of brother Allen Plucknett, PP, a 49-year member, passed away on April 30th, 2023. Brother Allen proudly received his Masonic 50-year pin in April. Members of Myrtle attended the Visitation on Friday evening, and several members attended Allen's Celebration of Life on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Sympathy of the Chapter has been extended to his family & friends.
Let's celebrate our members' May & June birthdays and anniversaries:
• May 1 – Wauneta Warwick
• May 12 – Sister Janice Matzen (& spouse) 39th

Anniversary
• May 13 – Wade Kendle
• May 17 – Jamie & Ross Janovec's 9th Anniversary
• May 29 – Belle Kendle
• May 30 – Lisa & Brent Myers 25th Anniversary
• June 4 – Jeanne Bonnett
• June 4 – Charity & John Helter's 18th Anniversary
• June 12 – Bridgett Trumble
• June 16 – Robyn Mason
• June 20 – Ross Janovec
• June 20 – Caid Bleess
• June 23 – Brenda Frank-Collins
• June 28 – Linda & Ken Livingston's Anniversary
• June 29 – Leon Kilmer
May all your days be Shining Star Days! Star Love,...until we meet again.....
If you have any updates or information changes, please contact Secretary Emily Schoenleber at: emilyschoenleber@gmail.com



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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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Electa Chapter #8

Mike Lagueux



dedicated fifty years to something because they love what they are doing? Those are special people, and we in Electa know several of them...they are members of some distinction and well worth the

Generally if you have known someone for ten years, you can consider them a good friend if you seek their council or expertise. You see them as having "been around the block" a few times... they know their stuff. Or better yet, the heralded twenty years of service to a relationship, job, or significant part of one's life. Anything over that is considered a commitment of extreme proportions and is usually thought of as a "life" event or significant life event more or less making you a subject matter expert in some aspect of life. What about someone who has

time it takes to get to know them. Sister Suzy Campbell is one such person. On May 6, 2023 Sister Suzy was awarded her fifty year pin in recognition for serving in multiple offices within the local STAR Chapters as well as several positions within the Grand Star line. She put it very succinctly when she stated, "It has always been fun and I love the people." If your strong suit isn't math folks, that is half a century of service. That type of love and commitment takes time, perseverance, and dedication to a purpose

that isn't seen much in today's disposable society. Congratulations Suzy, we wish you many more years of doing exactly what you have become synonymous for... service to the Eastern Star and those you share this passion with. Worthy Patron Don Frank presented Sister Suzy with her pin and Certificate and the whole of the room voiced their approval with a standing ovation.

Of course there was that last minute excitement as many in the Chapter prepare to attend Grand Chapter in Kearney this year. The new line of Grand Officers are anticipating the new highs, and lows of service within the state and region as they are constantly on the move visiting and making decisions concerning the path of Eastern Star influence over the next twelve months of their term in office. We wish them the best as they deal with their official duties and responsibilities.

The Worthy Matron, Brenda Frank-Collins

reminded everyone of the combined picnic with Lancaster Lodge #54 on the 21st of May. Each person attending was asked to bring a covered dish. Lancaster #54 will be providing burgers, and hot dogs and a good time is expected to be had by all. We hope you can stop by and join us for fun and fellowship. That is at the Masonic Lodge at 1635 L Street here in Lincoln, Nebraska.

It is always difficult when someone who has made a significant impact on an organization passes away. At our May meeting we had to bid farewell to Past Grand Matron Jill Ramsey. The details of her life were read, and like all of those who leave us too early in life her accomplishments were many and numerous. It was with sincere reverence that we draped our Charter in her memory. Although gone

from this mortal coil she will remain in the many hearts she touched by her presence among us.

Many thanks for those who have stepped in this year to be substitutes during our meetings. Without your help and knowledge our business would not have gone off so flawlessly. If you can make it there will be an initiation for a new Brother among our Star family on the 20th of May. Hope to see many of you there.

Until next month we wish you good health and God's blessings.



Bethel #63

Mia O.

On April 20th, 2023, we had our elections meeting. We voted McKaylyn as Honored Queen, Aislynn as Senior Princess, Mylee as Junior Princess, Natalie as Guide, and Grace as Marshal. On April 25th, 27th, and May 2nd we had Grand

practices and have been working very hard on our parts. On May 7th, we had our Fiesta Feed and had lots of people attend. We had a silent auction and we were selling friendship bracelets. All of the money from the food ticket sales went to

HIKE. On May 18th we will be having Initiation and Outstallation.

As always, Jobie Love, Mia O.

If you have any girls between 8-20 that are interested in joining this

organization, please contact us at: info@bethel3.org

Sisters, Brothers & Friends

Come Join Us For Dinner and Games

Second Saturday of Each Month

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

Havelock Masonic Temple
4430 No. 70th St.

Martha Washington Chapter #153

Betty Kirby

By the time you are reading this article, the 2023 Grand Chapter of Nebraska session will have been completed. We want to commend the 2022-23 grand officers for a wonderful job leading our Order this past year, and we want to wish the new 2023-24 officers the best for a successful year.

We are happy to announce that our Chapter has a new 50-year member. Sis. Susan Hedges was presented her 50-year pin at our April meeting. It was at that same meeting that Sue was presented with her commission as Grand Representative of California in Nebraska. Congratulations, Sister Sue on both of these wonderful honors. We wish you safe travels and know that you will do an excellent job representing our Grand Chapter as Grand Representative. And, while we are on the subject of Sue, we want to be sure that all readers are invited to Sue's retirement party on May 31 from 1-4 p.m. at the Grand Chapter office, 301 N. Cotner Blvd., Lincoln. Sue has been a cheerful and dependable asset to our Grand Chapter throughout these past years as office

assistant. Thank you for your devotion to our Order.

We want to welcome Sister Pam Belgum into our chapter. Pam was initiated at the Grand Chapter "Rainbows of Kindness" session in Kearney, NE on May 10. We are so happy to have her join our ranks and can't wait to have her meet our chapter members. All of the officers of Martha Washington are looking forward to exemplifying the Ceremony of Initiation for another new candidate in June and two more candidates in July. We are so happy to welcome them. Please join us at our regular stated meetings to wish them the best.

This is also a reminder that we will be having our new Quarterly Dinner for the Temple Board on Sunday June 11. We will be serving between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. that day. Menu includes a pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, watermelon, baked beans and desserts. All this for only \$12.00. This is a great meal and you would be paying more if you went through a drive-thru for lunch, so please join us that day at the Havelock Masonic Center,

4430 N. 70th St. for fellowship and fun. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please contact any Lodge or Star officer for tickets or you can call 402-421-2502 (John Kirby) for reservations. We would like to know by June 1.

Congratulations are being sent to Ethan Harris (son of Sherin and Chris Harris) and Barrett Nitz (Son of Janice and Mike Nitz) on their high school graduations. Best wishes for the next steps in their life journeys.

Congratulations also are extended to Sis. Laura Chytka, who was crowned Queen of Naphis Temple #66, Daughters of the Nile, on April 16. Our best wishes to her and her officers for a successful year.

We are wishing continued healing

for Sister Janice Nitz who had a bad fall in her driveway several weeks ago and had to have surgeries on both her elbows. Also, we are wishing Bro. David Sierks relief from his foot and ankle surgeries. Sis. Betty Kirby is having a hard time keeping within her limitations from recent back surgery.

What is a Summer's Day Made Of? by Sara Fox

A sprinkle of sunshine, A clear blue sky
A fluffy white cloud, floating way up high.
Some soft green grass to tickle my feet,
A bed of bright flowers to smell so sweet.
A bucket to fill a paddling pool, to splash, have fun and keep me cool.
A flurry of bubbles that I can blow, a rope to skip, a ball to throw.
Sunglass, flip flops

and cold ice cream....A Summer's day is like a dream.



Bethel #5

Cora R.



On April 16th, Bethel's 5 and 63 performed the Living Cross at the Installation of the new Queen of Naphis Temple #66, Daughters of the Nile. Queen Laura Chytka is a Past Honored Queen and Majority Member of Bethel #62. After the installation, we went to the Shrine Center for a reception.

Sunday, May 6th, was the Lincoln Marathon. Members of Bethel 5 assisted Naphis Temple #66 with their water

station. It was fun, and we'd do it again. Pictured are Sara, Grace and Audrey. Elizabeth and McKenna joined us a little later. That evening, we went to the Fiesta for HIKE, sponsored by Bethel #63, at the Shrine Center.

We are working on competitions at Grand Bethel this June 14 – 17 in Kearney. All of the girls are doing team ritual and choir, plus each girl is doing at least one individual competition. Many are

doing arts and crafts this year. We have two girls, Whitney and Serenity, putting their name in for a Grand Bethel Officer, and two girls, Abbey and Ella, that put their name in to be a Grand Bethel Representatives. Audrey is running for Spirit Ambassador for the 2023-2024 Grand year, and Grace is hoping to be one of the Daughter HIKE Coordinators this next Grand year. We hope to come home with many awards.

Events coming up: May 13th we have a Mother Daughter Prospect Tea. Then we'll go upstairs for our regular meeting. We will be holding election of officers for the Fall term. Later this month, we'll be

performing the majority ceremony for three of our members, Gwen, Lauren and Katrina, and we'll also be celebrating the Bethel birthday.

Keep watching! We'll have more to report next month.



East Lincoln Lodge #210

Joel Green

East Lincoln 210 named Preston Pierce winner of the 2023 Academic Scholarship! Preston is a senior at Lincoln Northeast who holds a 4.327 GPA. As a member of the National Honor Society, Preston is also very active with extra curriculums: marching band drum major, Tri-M Honor Society, symphony orchestra, jazz band, a Pershing Pal mentor... the list goes on and on. Preston plans to major in music education and become a teacher. East Lincoln 210 is proud to honor such a hardworking and dedicated student!

Regarding sickness and distress, please keep WB Jerry Copely in your thoughts and prayers as he struggles with his health.

East Lincoln 210 would love for you to join us on June 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM for a night of live music and libations! A \$20 donation is recommended.

STEAK NIGHT! LIVE MUSIC & LIBATIONS

When

**JUNE 17, 2023
6:00 PM**

**EAST LINCOLN 210
2700 S STREET**

\$20 Recommended Donation

Liberty Lodge #300

Nathanael Gabel

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

May you be blessed with Health, Wealth, and Genuine Happiness for all the years to come.. Also, May the 4th be with you!!

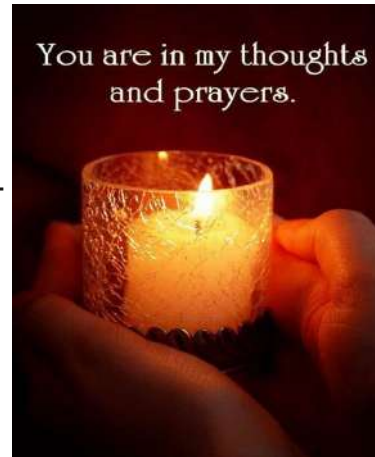


MARK YOUR CALENDARS
(May 13th – BBQ, 3pm) (June 1st – Business Meeting 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting)

MAY BIRTHDAYS
WB Dennis J. Hect
WB Wade R. Kendle
Walter W. Lane



HEALTH & WELL BEING
WB James Batten-
Lancaster Rehabilitation Center, located at 1001 South St, Lincoln Ne, 68502-Room 114B. To visit (and please do!) call his cell at 402-429-9293
Bob Foreman’s wife Phyllis
Wilmer Ohlendorf- Lung Cancer
Doug Terry- Health Issues,
WB Lynn Friesen’s father-in-law- moved into Memory Care
WB Wade Kendle is home and focusing on his health



Please feel free to visit Liberty Lodge, on the first Thursday of the month as we continue to bring great times and fellowship to Masonry!!! 1635 L St, Lincoln NE.

May the spring showers bring wonderful May flowers and beauty to your life!

As the weather heats up and we spend more time outdoors, please don’t forget to “Look Twice, Save A Life” You never know who is a Brother on 2 wheels enjoying their “8 hours” of refreshment with the joys of motorcycle riding!!

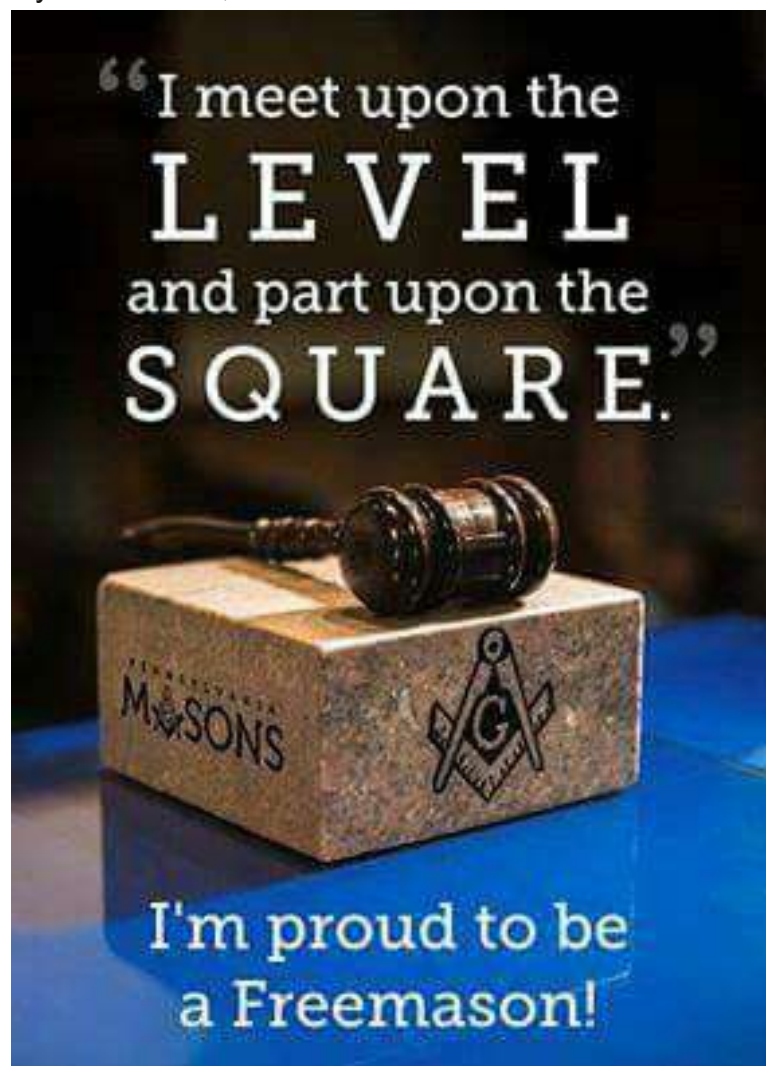


We had a dual EA degree for Sean Purdie and hosted the degree for Terrence Savage with Corinthian Lodge #83 out of Wayne, Ne. The Brethren enjoyed a nice dinner from Valentino’s while fighting any food coma and delivering an excellent EA degree!

BLAST FROM PAST EVENTS
Table Lodge- April 13th



EA Degree- April 20th



The Role of Freemasonry in Civility

Andre H. Faria, Jr., Senior Grand Warden of Rhode Island

One can imagine – and this story is probably more fact than fiction – that two strangers are in line at a coffee shop. At one point, they both notice the barista behind the counter fumble and almost drop a cup of coffee.

Of course, comments began to be exchanged by the two men about how disastrous it would have been if the cup had fallen on the counter and spilled and the resulting after affects of such a possible event. I imagine that this would cause each of them to chuckle and they begin exchanging pleasantries. Jokes fly back and forth and after a few minutes, it's almost as if they have known each other for a long time and have been friends forever.

Then something all too familiar happens to the two men; a random customer enters the coffee shop, but with a large hat on his head displaying the name of his favorite political candidate. One of the two men comments on how the man should remove that hat because it's offensive and begins pointing out what he feels to be all the alleged shortcomings of this candidate. Well, the other man upon hearing this commentary from the man who he thought was his new friend, began sensing his own blood pressure rising and starts slowly at first and

then with more passion defends the candidate on the man's hat.

Well, sadly, it's not too hard to imagine that the two men, who minutes earlier were strangers who had become friendly with each other, both left the coffee shop, going their separate ways never again to share a conversation about anything because one random person dared to walk in public with a name on his hat!

Freemasonry and the Civility Mosaic It's no wonder that Freemasonry in all its wisdom has determined that discussion about politics is not allowed in the lodge. But that has not prevented these and other volatile topics to emerge in other places where Freemasons gather, both in person and virtually.

The M.W. Past Grand Master of California, Brother Russ Charvonja, in his book *The Civility Mosaic*, shares that in his search for the definition of the word "civility," what he encountered was not a definition, but rather the words "see incivility." In other words, to define what civility is, one had to understand what it was not. I found that interesting. Have we all become so attached to our own way of thinking that we cannot understand that our way is not the only way? Are we tempted

to believe that our way is right, and any other way is wrong? And if we were to dig a little deeper, dare we admit that our own self-identity or sense of self-worth is in some way intricately tied up with what we believe to be the truth? While the relativity (or not) of truth is an interesting topic in and of itself, we can leave that for another time. The reality is that trying to understand what we each believe and perceive to be true will sometimes be disparate. At times, I think it's amazing that we can even agree upon anything at all! Unfortunately, differing opinions have somehow caused us to be polarized and the more passionate one is about a particular topic, the greater the canyon grows between another with a differing point of view.

Five Steps to Cultivate Civility M.W. Charvonja believes that five steps are necessary in order for civility to begin to take root in our lives and in society as a whole:

The first step is to acknowledge that we may have differences – and that this is OK. Just because someone thinks differently than we do does not necessarily make them our enemy. The second step - and this takes courage and grit – is to really try and understand why someone else

believes what they believe and thinks what they think. The third step is to genuinely tolerate someone else, even if you don't agree with them (M.W. Charvonja believes that it is at this point that a person begins the path to enlightenment.) The fourth step is to recognize that the goal is not to change another person, but rather to live with them and live with their perspectives. The fifth step is to appreciate the unique qualities in someone else so as to improve their situation, and he believes that this is true enlightenment. We Have the Tools to Make a Difference He believes that we as Freemasons have the unique opportunity to become beacons of civility in our world. We have the tools that are needed to live civilly in our society and to teach our society how to be civil.

The Entered Apprentice learns about the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. He also learns in that same degree that our most exalted tenets are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. If a Freemason truly embodies these virtues, then civility becomes as easy as the air we breathe, and a brother effortlessly becomes an example to others, no matter his station in life – anywhere on the planet.

Civility requires dialogue and mutual respect. Civility requires us to constantly be aware of, master and combat Freemasonry's Public Enemy No. 1: The male ego. In a world that supplies each of us our own personal soapbox through the use of social media and other venues, we would do well to step down from these places of virtual altitude. Instead, we could learn much from both virtually and figuratively, putting our arm around our brother or sister and just simply walk with them, really listen to them, and even though you may not agree with them about everything, never remove your arm from their shoulder.

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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.

Brother's birthdays in May:

Larry Bartels, Nathan Carlson, Alan Darr, Albin Doelzal, James Eldridge, Duane Eversoll, Dewey Foster, Don Frank, Don Haith, Verlin Hanson, Ben Leans, Jiri Lukas, Richard Mark, Edward Polochick, Michael Rausher, Larry Rennecker, Herbart Schroeder, John Sims, James Stoll, Emery Unlu, Joshua Vossler, Roland Wallick.

Brother's birthdays in June:

Kirk Bahn, Bruce Bailey, Larry Brage, Lyman Freeman, Don Gard, Ramon Green, Earl Hawley Kent Hemmerling, Harry Hill, Fred Liebers, Mike Mennella, Phillip Miller, Greg Proski, Chris Stokes.

Brother Michael Williams was raised as a Master Mason on April 28, 2023.

The Grand Lodge still has scholarships

available. Anyone interested should contact the Grand Lodge.

Masonry getting started in Nebraska is interesting if for no other reason as there isn't an exact date when, or even where, the first Masons had a meeting in Nebraska. Briefly, there was Lewis and Clark, both of whom were masons and probably some of their men may have been too, but there is no record of them having a meeting. Ft. Atkinson undoubtedly had masons among their members and possibly a military lodge could have existed, but there are no records. Then there are the wagon trains who were passing through, so who knows.

Nebraska became a territory in 1854 Nebraska-Kansas Territory was formed and there were masonic meetings in many communities. Remember the new territory covered a very large area, much larger than the existing state.

Officially, October 3, 1855, the Grand

Lodge of Illinois chartered Nebraska Lodge #184. Their first meeting was held in April 1855 in a trading post owned by Peter Sarpy.

On May 28, 1856 the Grand Lodge of Missouri chartered Giddings Lodge #156 in Nebraska City.

On June 3, 1857 the Grand Lodge of Iowa chartered Capitol Lodge #101 in Omaha.

These three Lodges would form the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.



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