



# The Masonic News



## North Star Lodge #227

**Bob Tooker**

A Special Communication of North Star Lodge was called, August 9 in the EA Degree for the purpose of the initiation of Mr. Eric Lubker. The chairs were filled as follows: in the East, WB Bob Tooker, in the West WM Adam English, in the South and delivering the 2nd Section Lecture was WB David Sierks. WB Dan Chesnut as SD, SS, WB Keith Brocksmith, and Bro John Helder as JS. WB Bruce Watkins was acting as Chaplain, also delivering the 3rd Section Lecture and the Charge. WB Steven Flader and Bro. Lennie Hernoud guarded the gate.

asked by WB Evan Haydon and answered by WB Dan Chesnut. The Middle Chamber lecture was delivered by WM David Johnson of College View Lodge. The Letter G was offered by WB Paul Carpenter and the Charge was delivered by WB Bruce Watkins.

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Masonic Record of James McClatchey  
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Brother James McClatchey was born May 22, 1928, and departed this life March 14, 2023, at Omaha, Nebraska.

Brother McClatchy Petitioned North Star Lodge No. 227 Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for Membership on April 6, 1960. He was elected to membership on May 4, 1960. Brother McClatchey received his Entered Apprentice Degree on May 11, 1960 was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on June 15, 1960, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 28, 1960 in North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M. at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother McClatchey was presented with a 50-year pin December 16, 2010, and a 60-year pin March 6, 2020.

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

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Masonic Record of Leonard L. Tollett  
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Brother Leonard L. Tollett was born December 31, 1939, at Kermit, Texas and departed this life August 9, 2023, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother Tollett received his Entered Apprentice Degree on March 21, 1972, was Passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft Mason on November 20, 1973, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 29, 1974, in North Platte Lodge No. 32 A.F. & A.M. at North Platte, Nebraska.

Brother Tollett affiliated with North Star Lodge No. 227 A.F. & A.M. April 9, 1996, on a certificate of transfer.

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

### SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

The September festive board was spread by WM Adam English. Val's and salad were the fare. The meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30 in the EA Degree. The education subject was a listing of the 25 landmarks of Masonry as defined by Al Mackey. The usual business was conducted, bills paid, and correspondence read. A proposal from Grand Lodge for a possible bylaw change was reviewed. Never know the motives. I always wonder if it is another power grab.

That is about all the news I have for now. Till next month.

Another Special Communication was called on August 16 for the purpose of conducting the Fellowcraft Degree for Bro. Jeff Cochran an Entered Apprentice. In the East, WB David Sierks, in the West WM Adam English, and in the South WM Evan Haydon. WB Dan Chesnut as SD, SS, WB Keith Brocksmith, and Bro John Helder as JS. WB Bob Tooker offered up the adorations. Again, WB Steven Flader and Bro. Lennie Hernoud guarded the gate. Questions were

## Letter From The President

**John Hansen**

In four months there will be a meeting of the Masonic News. During this meeting there will be an election of officers for the paper. At this meeting the new business manager and editor will be starting in their new positions. Not one person has volunteered to fill either of these positions. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!! The sooner we find the right people the sooner they can start with their orientation. Please, someone give this your prayerful consideration and step forward.

September is suicide awareness month, this is a subject people don't want to talk about out of fear or maybe even ignorance. In the United States there are, on average, 132 suicides completed daily. Which comes to 48,180 per day. That's a lot of lives lost, too many. So with this awareness nudge I am enclosing phone numbers to call for help even when you're not sure, call someone. For those who doubt the numbers...well, you're wrong. You can get more information at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, they also accept volunteers.

1. 911 - local
2. 988 - national
3. 402-441-6000 Lincoln
4. 838255 Text Veterans
5. 800-799-4889 TTY Veterans
6. 1-800-273-8255. Veterans

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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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## Liberty Lodge #300

Nathanael Gabel

As Husker football is well in season, we look forward to housing your vehicles in our parking lot!!! Only this year we will also have the option to dine in for our fall BBQ Feast!!!

Yay, BBQ!!! This year we are going to do something a little different since it's game day. We are going to try a "drive-up-and-go order!" As always you have the option to park and dine in, however, for those with game day plans, drive up, order, and be off in less than 5 min!!!

Our business meeting yielded a positive vote for a new candidate, Connor Griffith, who petitioned last month after visiting the previous month and enjoying dinner with a tour of the temple building! Connor is excited to begin his journey in Masonry as he recently discovered his father was a Mason, through inheriting his Masonic objects. Connor had no idea his father was

involved in Masonry nor knew of its existence! We are excited to be a part of his Masonic journey!

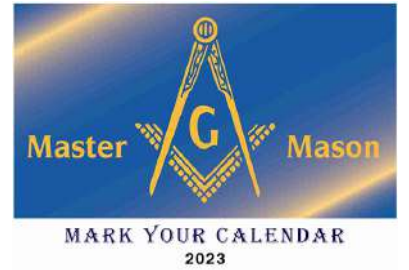
Recently I was reading a Reddit article titled "Missing the Light In Masonry." As I read, "I'm having doubts as a new MM, mostly about the concept of "light." I thought to myself, "How often does this happen?" As I continued to read this young man's concerns, he shared that he feels he may have missed the answer or "light" within the degree work. As he feels no one has told him what the "light" is and how disappointed he feels. As I scrolled through the responses, I noticed that most of the answers involved more reading and talking to Brothers. His concern allowed me to reflect on my own journey and low and behold an understanding not like others, of my own, appeared to help answer the issues at hand. As he was trying to

understand what it means to seek light, search for light, or discover light with no results/answer, I felt I had the perfect resolve/response to guide him back on his Masonic journey.

My initial response was this, "If you're disappointed because you're confused about the light and what it is to seek it.. Good news.. that's exactly where you need to be!!! As you said, you're supposed to seek the light, but you feel like you haven't received it.. that's fine. It just means you're at the right point to begin your journey as a Mason and find it! If you don't care to find something, you'll never seek it! If you lose your car keys and don't care, you'll never find them!! Granted, in Masonry we use a lot of physical symbols with metaphors and analogies, which is considered "light." We reference the Bible and it's teachings to help guide you to spiritual light.. but just remember the

"light" isn't always physical and it isn't always a lecture! Sometimes the light is the "light" bulb in your mind when you become aware of the meanings and connections within the degree work, with the Brothers of the lodge, and the family of Masonry and how you use it in your life to become a better person!! If you're into the education part of Blue Lodge, read through your MM book and go through the lectures of the 3 degrees. Start trying to understand what these lessons are trying to show. There's a lot of opportunity for you to apply these lessons in your day-to-day!! Eventually, the light in your eyes won't be the sun shining down on you!! Light in Masonry comes from within!!!" And wouldn't you know it... his response "This is the answer I was looking for!!!!" It's amazing how Brothers can help each other from across the globe!! Such a warm feeling when your guidance

assists in another Mason's journey when they are at a point of crossroads to either quit or continue!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
Sept. 14th- FC Lodge Proficiency.  
Sept. 16th- Fall BBQ Feast, 3pm-6pm with drive-through option!!  
Dine in or take it to go!  
Oct. TBD MM Lodge Proficiency.

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.



# Bethel #5

Diana Weers



Jobie Boot Camp

On August 12, the members of Bethel 5 gathered early in the morning for breakfast, trivia and a Jobie Boot Camp where we worked on floor work, ritual work, how to make a motion, setting up a Bethel room, music, and so much more!



State Officers & Grand Committees Virtual Retreat

On August 19, several of our daughters and a few adults attended a state online retreat with members from all across the state of Nebraska. We learned a lot about the grand projects and went into breakout groups to learn more about our state offices for the year.



Bethel 1 Installation

On August 20, two of our members, Grace M. & Sophie P. assisted Bethel 1 with their initiation ceremony in Omaha. It was so great to see five Bethels from the state of Nebraska helping with their initiation ceremony. The true meaning of sisterhood!



Job's Daughters Night at the Storm Chasers Game



On August 26, eighteen of our members and family members attended a state-wide Job's Daughters night at the Storm Chasers

game in Omaha. We had so much fun watching the game and watching the grand family girls on the big screen! Afterwards we met the Supreme Grand Guardian and took pictures with her!



Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser & Silent Auction

On August 27, Bethel 5 held their first Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser. Those in attendance were served yummy potatoes with lots of toppings to choose from, a side salad, and a delicious assortment of homemade desserts for a donation! We also held a silent auction where guests were able to bid on round wooden door signs that were designed and made by our very own members!

Daughters of the Nile Banquet

On September 8, eight daughters and four adults had the honor of serving the members of the Naphis Temple Daughters of the Nile at their banquet at Sesostris Shrine Center. It was great being asked as none of the eight members have ever served a dinner before. We all learned a lot of serving etiquette and had a lot of fun doing it.



Bethel Meeting & Council Installation

On September 9, we held our first Bethel meeting of the fall term. Serenity M. and Ella G. were installed as our Chaplain and 5th Messenger as they were unable to be installed during our Installation in July. We had several special guests in attendance including Past Grand Guardian Wauneta

Warwick who served as our Installing Officer and Brenda Frank-Collins who served as our Installing Musician for the Councils Installation. Another special guest was Grace W. our Nebraska Spirit Ambassador! Installed onto council are the following: Diana Weers as Bethel Guardian, Greg Prosocki as Associate Bethel Guardian, Cora Redwine as Guardian Secretary, LeRoy Rosenthal Jr. as Guardian Treasurer, Lauren Prosocki as Guardian Director of Epochs, and Joann Rosenthal as Promoter of Finance. Installed at a later date will be Jeanne Bonnet as our Custodian of Paraphernalia. We also kicked off our first ever youth vs. adult coin wars raising money for the Job's Daughters Scholarship and Loan Fund and the Grand Bethel Honored Queen's Project. Following the meeting we had a delicious nacho bar prepared by Tyler Weers and Sara Price with food items donated by our members. We also celebrated the September birthdays – Grace M. (9/9), Bailey N. (9/20) and Sara W. (9/27)



Bethel 5 "Luau Under the Stars" Grand Visitation

On September 9, following our Bethel meeting and nacho bar lunch we transformed the dining hall at the Masonic Temple into a beautiful tropical oasis under the stars complete with tiki faces, flowers, and palm trees! Special guests included our Grand Guardian, Kori, Grand Associate Guardian, Matt, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Grayce, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, Rem, Miss Nebraska Congeniality, Jenna, our Spirit Ambassador, Grace, and our Grand Deputy Tom! We learned about the Grand Family projects for the year, enjoyed delicious galaxy themed treats, enjoyed one another's company, and participated in craft and fun activities planned by our very own line officers!

Mark Your Calendars

September 23 – 10am Bethel Meeting & Jobie-to-Bee Ceremony @ the Masonic Temple  
 September 23 – 1-3pm Bowling Prospect Event @ Hollywood Bowl (see flyer)  
 October 7-8 – Fall Workshop @ Camp Carol Joy Holling  
 October 14 – 10am Bethel Meeting @ the Masonic Temple & 1pm Highway Cleanup near Emerald

October 15 – 10:30am Go-to-Church Sunday @ Heritage Presbyterian Church with Lunch afterwards @ Tico's  
 October 28 – 10am Bethel Meeting & 1pm Painting Prospect Event @ the Masonic Temple (look for a flyer in next month's Masonic News)  
 October 30 – Look for our booth at the Trick or Treat Event at the Sesostris Shrine

**BETHEL 5 BOWLING EVENT**  
**Saturday, September 23rd**  
**1:00-3:00pm**  
 Parkway Lanes  
 2555 S 48th Street  
 RSVP BG, Diana @ 402-304-1353 (leave a text message)  
 RSVP due by Sept. 20th  
 \$10/person (for bowling, shoe rental & pizza) | \$5/person (for pizza only)  
 Prospects welcome!  
 for more information about Job's Daughters visit [www.jobsgirlsinternational.com](http://www.jobsgirlsinternational.com)

**DQ** **ALIZZARD**  
**Bethel #5**  
 Job's Daughters International  
**DAIRY QUEEN DINE OUT**  
 Thursday, October 12  
 Stop by between 5:00-9:00pm  
 dine in, take out, or drive thru  
 Fallbrook location  
 950 Fallbrook Blvd.  
 Lincoln, NE

**BETHEL 5 youth vs adult COIN WARS**  
 Sept. 9-Dec. 16, 2023 held during our meetings!  
**RULES**  
 Gain points by adding pennies and bills to your designated container.  
 Lower the others total by adding silver coins to their container.  
 There will be two Winners: most points and most money  
 Quarter-subtract 25 points  
 Dime-subtract 10 points  
 Nickel-subtract 5 points  
 All proceeds will benefit the Job's Daughters Educational & Promotional Fund  
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# Lancaster Lodge #54

## John Hansen

a happy birthday.

Brothers birthdays in September:  
Earl Griffin, Robert Halvorsen, Wayne Schmidt, Jay Sinkule, Herschel Talley.

Brothers birthdays in October:  
Eric Bahm, Steven Blomgren, Donald Brouse, Turner Cox, William Cummins, Richard Hudson, Gary Hunt, Don Jelinek, Armin Jukovic, Richard Lagueux, Eric Miller, Neil O'Connor Ezekiel Pullen, Eric Schoenlieber, Arthur Sharp, Clayton Starr, Arthur Thompson, George Thompson, Donald Wilken.

Trestle Board  
September 22, Master Mason Degree for B. Steve DeVore.  
September 29, Practice first section Master  
October 6, Regular Business Meeting

All members of our lodge should have received a letter from our Secretary, WB 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.

Fall Area Meetings for our area is tentatively scheduled for October 11th at 7PM, at College View Lodge #320 (4641 Cooper Ave).

During our September business meeting we were educated by students from Brownell Talbot in Omaha about robots. One of the students of group is a daughter of our Junior Warden Eric Miller, who is a very proud father. These students build a new robot every year so should a problem set out by another organization as a game with a problem to solve. They compete locally, state, nationally and finally internationally. I'm not entirely clear, but as my memory serves they placed second internationally, 1,000 competitors at this level. The details they go into with documentation of all the details is mind boggling. They design their robot, purchase or manufacture all the parts. Having a conversation with these young people I found them polite, extremely knowledgeable in higher math, problem solving, engineering, manufacturing, and on and on. They write their own program too. I'm going to guess they are all Mensa level smart. Just so impressive. We all thank Eric for making this possible.



Brother Don Frank was presented with his 50 Year pin by WM David Blomquist. Brother Don was initiated September 10, 1969, Passed October 15, 1969, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason February 25, 1970. Brother Don is in regular attendance at lodge activities and lends his expertise during degree practice. He is active in Eastern Star. You will also find Brother Don at the Temple building on Saturday mornings helping maintain our beautiful building. He is a craftsman in many ways, always willing to teach and lend a helping hand, but more importantly, Don is a good friend.

With sadness we report the working tools of a Master Mason fell from the hands of Brother Philip Miller on August 9th. Brother Miller was initiated into Lancaster Lodge on September 11, 1970, Passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on October 16, 1970 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on November 27, 1970. Our brother was a Master Mason in good standing for 52 years, 8 months and 13 days.



Brother Cody Nelson was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on August 25.

Brothers Jimmy Ray and Raul Ochoa proved their proficiency in the degree of Master Mason during the regular business meeting.



Brother Terrence Savage proved proficiency in the Entered Apprentice degree, also during the regular business meeting.

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



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