



The PIONEER

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New in town? Please visit us, we look forward to meeting any visiting Brother.

Grand Master's

Humanitarian Award Recipient

Harold J. Daub Jr. 33°

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Feeling a Little Rusty?

... need a Word???

Mark Parmenter Says Hello! from Flight Training

2nd Lieutenant Parmenter, USMC, is assigned to the VT-6 Shooters of Training Wing 5, NAS Whiting Field, FL. Brother Parmenter first solo flight was on January 17th in a T-34C Turbomenter. He has studied instrument, aerobatic, and formation flying, and is scheduled to complete Primary flight training around the 26th of May.



Results 2006 Officers:

Congratulations to:

Greg Wells, Master-elect
John Holzhey, Senior Warden-elect
Keith Neisler, Junior Warden-elect
Pepper Aasgaard, Treasurer-elect
Jack Duffield, Secretary-elect

Appointed Officers Announced:

David Bean, Chaplain ~ Brad Carne Chaplin
Dathé BENISSAN-MESSAN, Senior Deacon
John Brommer, Junior Deacon
Yoni Mensah, Senior Steward
Patrick McCormack, Junior Stewart
David Ramsey, Marshal
Brad Neithfelt, Tyler

Latest Lodge News:

(In chronological order)

Schedule for the Month of January 2006

January 02th Happy Holidays ~ No Lodge!.

January 09th Regular Communications 7:30pm ~ 7:30pm.

January 14th Installation of Officers WOMT 2:00pm.

Thank You!



Pepper Aasgaard, KCCH
with his best friend and wife Kim

January 16th Entered Apprentice 2 candidates 7:00pm
January 23th Fellow Craft Degree 2 candidates 7:00pm
January 30st Master Mason Degree 2 candidates 7:00pm

Schedule for the Month of December 2005

December 05th Regular Communications 7:30pm ~ 7:30pm.
December 12th Pending ~ Multiple Degree work 7:00pm
December 17th **Annual Officers Christmas Party 6:00pm.**
December 19th Practice Floorwork 7:00pm
December 26th Happy Holidays ~ No Lodge!

Schedule for the Month of November 2005

November 07th Regular Communications 7:30pm ~ Election ~ Chili Feed 7:30pm.
November 14th Fellow Craft Degree 7:00pm ~ Courtesy work for:
~ Covert Lodge #11 and Florence Lodge #281 ~
November 21st 25-30 Year Member Recognition Night 7:00pm
November 28th NOTICE:
Members are encouraged to help Florence Lodge
They have requested our assistance with a Master Mason degree.
The degree will be at the Benson Masonic Center
5903 Maple Street at 7:00pm.



W.:B.:Jack Duffield and W.:M.:Pepper Aasgaard presented
Br Wayne Hansen with his 50 Year pin November 8, 2005

Schedule for the Month of October 2005

October 01st Past Masters Dinner
October 03rd Regular Communications
October 08th 150th Year Calibrations and Banquet Scottish Rite Masonic Center 6:00pm.
October 10th Practice or Degree pending 7:00pm
October 17th ROEDER MORTUARY 7:00pm
October 24th ~ No Meeting ~
October 31st ~ No Meeting ~ Happy Halloween!



W.:B.:Jack Duffield and W.:M.:Pepper Aasgaard presented
Br Victor Logsdon with his 50 Year pin October 26, 2005

Schedule for the Month of September 2005

September 05th Regular Communications
September 12th Practice or Degree pending 7:00pm
September 19th ROEDER MORTUARY 7:00pm
September 26th Practice or Degree pending 7:00pm

Schedule for the Month of August 2005

August -1st Regular Communications
August -8th Special Committee meetings
August 15th 150th Year invitations mailing
August 22th Practice or Degree pending 7:00pm
August 29th Special Committee meetings

Brother **Yoni Mensah** and his father **R.:W.: Joseph Mensah** Visited from the Grand Jurisdiction of TOGO
Presented Worshipful Pepper Aasgaard with beautiful Heavy Ebony Gavel for our 150th Year Anniversary.





CAMPOUT 2005!

Standing L-R: Dathe BENISSAN-MESSAN -Senior Steward, and friend Lisa; Chris Martin, Tyler 2004; W.: Pepper Aasgaard -Worshipful Master; Seated L-R: Cecilia Holzey; Gregory Wells -Senior Warden; WB John Holzhey -Past Master; - Patrick McCormick Legal Counsel and Cook!; Kim Aasgaard, 'Liz' and Liz's Brother; All had a Wonderful campout with lot's of food prepared by chief McCormick!

Schedule for the Month of July 2005

July 04th National Holiday Closed

July 11th Regular Communications

July 16th One Day Degree Bellevue Lodge 327

July 25th Practice or Degree pending 7:00pm

Schedule for the Month of June 2005

June 06th Regular Communications

June 13th Entered Apprentice Degree one candidates 7:00pm

June 20th Fellow Craft Degree one candidatess 7:00pm

June 27th Master Mason Degree two candidates 7:00pm

Schedule for the Month of May 2005

May 02th Regular Communications

May 09th Entered Apprentice Degree one candidates 7:00pm

May 20th - 22nd Pioneer Campout with all the fixings!

May 23rd Fellow Craft Degree one candidatess 7:00pm

May 30th Dark for Holiday ~ Next Meeting June 6th 2005

Schedule for the Month of April 2005

April 04th Regular Communications

April 11th Entered Apprentice Degree one candidates 7:00pm

April 18th Fellow Craft Degree one candidatess 7:00pm

April 25th Master Mason Degree one candidates 7:00pm

Congratulations:

Brother Jeffery Welch become a Master Mason on March 28th 2005.

A special thanks goes to those visiting brotheren who helped with the degree. WB **Steve Barchus** of Mizpah Lodge #302, John Sheffield of Bellevue Lodge #325, Potentate **Thomas K. Brummett** of Covert Lodge 11, WB and Chief Rabban **John J. Wonder** of John J. Mercer Lodge 290, Brother **Al Burton** of Florence Lodge #281, numerous members and Past Masters from Nebraska Lodge.



Schedule for the Month of March 2005

March 07th Regular Communications

March 09th [Wednesday Entered Apprentice School of Instruction 7:00pm Covert #11](#)

March 14th Entered Apprentice Practice for proficiency 7:00pm

March 15th [Tuesday Fellowcraft School of Instruction 7:00pm Centennial #326](#)

March 21st Fellow Craft Practice for proficiency 7:00pm

March 23rd [Wednesday 1st Master Mason School of Instruction 7:00pm](#) Map: [Papillion Masonic Center](#)

March 28th Master Mason Practice for proficiency 7:00pm

March 29th [Tuesday 2nd Master Mason School of Instruction 7:00pm](#) Map: [John J. Mercer #290](#)



**Worshipful Brother
Geoffrey Donaldson
brings greeting
from Ireland
Grand Lodge 2003**

Congratulations:

Brother Sean Murta and Brother Jason Callaway on becoming Master Masons!



L-R: Curt Edic, 33° General Secretary Valley of Omaha; Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, 33° Grand Commander Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Masons W.M.; Pepper Aasgaard, 32°-
Worshipful Master; Philip A Lorenzen, 33° Past Grand Master; M.: W.: Ivan Vrtiska, 33° Grand Master



**Brother Yoni Mensah
Visited from the
Grand Jurisdiction of TOGO**

Scottish Rite Reunion held in Hastings Nebraska on March 19th, 2005

Nebraska Lodge had in attendance Pepper Aasgaard, 32° Master; Keith Neisler, 32° Senior Deacon; Curt Edic, 33° General Secretary and Philip A Lorenzen, 33° Past Grand Master and Chaplin for Nebraska Lodge #1. Nebraska lodge had eight candidates, however only three could make the trip. John Brommer, 32°; Chris Martin, 32° and Patrick McCormick, 32° all traveled to Hastings by bus provided by the Scottish Rite and enjoyed seeing wonderful work performed by the Valley of Hastings, the Valley of Omaha, the Grand Lodge Officers. The Spring Reunion in April here in Omaha we will have five candidates who were unable to attend this special Hastings Reunion.

Schedule for the Month of February 2005

February 07th Regular Communications

February 16th [Wednesday Entered Apprentice Degree 3 candidates 7:00pm](#)

February 21st Fellow Craft Degree 3 candidates 6:30pm

February 28th Master Mason Degree 3 candidates 6:30pm

Congratulations Brother Brad Niefeldt on becoming a Master Mason!

150th Year Public Installantion of Officers January 22, 2005



Back Row(s) L-R: W: Cary L. Manson -Treasurer -Recorder Tangier Shrine; John Brommer -Junior Steward, M: W: Philip A. Lorenzen, PGM -Chaplain; Dathe BENISSAN-MESSAN -Senior Steward; Reverend Bill Martin -Installing Chaplin; David Bean, Marshal; W: Curtis Edic, 33° General Secretary of the Omaha Valley of the Scottish Rite -Installing Marshal; Yoni MENSAH, Tyler,
Bottom Row L-R: R: W: Ivan Vrtiska - Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska; Keith Neisler -Senior Deacon; Gregory Wells -Senior Warden; W: Pepper Aasgaard -Worshipful Master; Sean Reed -Junior Warden; W: Jack Duffield, Secretary; W: Joseph M. Restivo -Installing Secretary; Yoni MENSAH -Tyler;
Not Pictured: Thad Freeman, Junior Deacon.

Officers and Appointed Officers

Master (Elect)..... W: Pepper Aasgaard
 Senior Warden (Elect)..... Greg Wells
 Junior Warden (Elect)..... Sean Reed
 Treasurer (Elect)..... W: Cary Mason
 Secretary (Elect)..... W: Jack Duffield

Appointed

Chaplain..... M: W: Philp A. Lorenzen
 Senior Deacon..... Keith Neisler
 Junior Deacon..... Thad Freeman
 Senior Steward..... Dathé BENISSAN-MESSAN
 Junior Steward..... John Brommer
 Marshal..... Dave Bean
 Tyler..... Yoni Mensah

Public Installation of Officers for 2005
West Omaha Masonic Center
January 22nd 2005 7:00pm
Deputy Grand Master
Ivan A. Vrtiska
Presiding



Thanks to all the Brothers who helped make it
 Our 20th Year Wedding Anniversary possible!
 Kim and Pepper Aasgaard

Happy New Year 2005!
Benson Golf Course 12-30-2004
Omaha NE 65° Sunny



Pepper Aasgaard, Brad Carne and Sean Murta

Brother Richard Gillies
Raised 12-15-2004 of
Lodge 518 St Andrew M.T.,
School Street, New Pitsligo
Scotland has made plans to visit our
Lodge on January 31st 2005

Schedule for the Month of January 2005

January 03rd Regular Communications

Br Michael Singleton of Rockford Lodge #469 in Rockford, TN visitor.

January 10th Entered Apprentice Degree 1 candidates 7:00pm

January 17th 7:00pm Installation practice all officers are requested to attend.

January 22nd 7:00pm West Omaha Masonic Center

Public Installation of Officers for 2005 Deputy Grand Master Ivan A. Vrtiska Presiding

January 24th Fellow Craft Degree 1 candidates 7:00pm

January 31st Master Mason Degree 1 candidates 7:00pm

Congratulations!

Brother Bradley A Carne and Brother Mark Penney on becoming Master Masons

Wednesday December 29th, 2004

We have two Master Mason Candidates and will have lodge with Covert Lodge 11.

Monday December 27th, 2004

Lodge will be dark, we will meet at Covert Lodge 11 on Wednesday the 29th.

Business Meeting - Special Election Junior Warden

This December we will have a special election for Junior Warden. The Election in November there was not a clear majority in the ballot, and by permission of the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska Les Seiler, we will ballot as such.

Business Meeting - Election of Officers 2005

This November business meeting will feature our traditional Chili Feed along with our historically served New England style clam chowder. Come join the festivities!

Please welcome Brother Charles A. Mueller our newest member! Brother Mueller was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 25th, 2004. We were honored to have several Grand Lodge officers in attendance and participated in the degree work. Among those in attendance were our Chaplin: Most Worshipful Philip A. Lorenzen, Deputy Grand Custodians: Worshipful Brother James E. Cornish and Worshipful Ronald D. Grass both of Tekamah Lodge #31, Tekamah, NE. Worshipful Ron Grass preformed the traveling charge indigenous to the lodges located in the Northeast area of our state. Also traveling from Lincoln Nebraska was Brother Bob Brommer Senior Warden of College View Lodge #320 who joined his son Brother John Brommer and his son-in-law Brother David Ramsay who were just raised last month.

**Election
Night
Chili Feed
Men Only
(After Election)**

It's Official, Our 150th Year of Masons in Nebraska Ceremonies begun!

Our lodge delegates traveled to the Grand Lodge of Illinois to re-enacting a request for dispensation as did our forefathers 150 years ago on October 9th 2004.

Brother David Miller Most Worshipful Grand Master Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, listened as Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Ivan A. Vrtiska, personal representative of the Grand Master of Nebraska reads our requests for dispensation written by Most Worshipful Phil A. Lorenzen PGM and signed by Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska Les Seiler. Worshipful

Pepper Aasgaard addressed the Grand Lodge and reported the current standings of Nebraska Lodge #184, which is now Nebraska Lodge #1 "Illinois their first son of Nebraska".

The Grand Master of Illinois was then presented a colorful booklet with the history of our lodge and was presented with a detailed copy of the original charter by Chris Marten our Tyler.



Pictured are Most Worshipful Grand Master David Miller of Illinois, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Ivan A. Vrtiska, Worshipful Pepper Aasgaard, Master of Nebraska Lodge #1, and Brother John Christopher Matin, Tyler.

Regular Communications Monday October 4th 2004

Worshipful Master Pepper Aasgaard presided.

150th Year of Masons in Nebraska will kick off with a reenactment of the 1854 request for special dispensation on October 9th, 2004. A delegation from Nebraska Lodge will attend the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Mr. Charles Mueller was favorably balloted upon. Mr. Mueller has optioned to receive the traditional degrees of ancient craft Masonry this October.

Schedule for the Month of October

October 11th Entered Apprentice Degree 1 candidates - 6:30pm

October 18th Fellow Craft Degree 1 candidates - 7:00pm

October 25th Master Mason Degree 1 candidates - 7:00pm

Please Welcome Our Newest Members! (September 2004)

Our congratulations go to Brothers, (Real Brother in-laws) John Brommer and David Ramsay who were raised to Master Masons on September 27th, 2004.

Brother **Bob Brommer** SeniorWarden of College View Lodge #320 in Lincoln participated in all degrees of his son and son-in-law. Those in attendance were Most Worshipful Past Grand Master **Phil Lorenzen**, Chaplin, Right Worshipful **Ivan A. Vrtiska**, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, Past Grand Custodian **Gus Scolaro** of Capitol Lodge #3, Worshipful **Jason Phelps**, Master of College View Lodge #320, Chief Rabban **Thomas K. Brummett** of Covert Lodge 11, WB and Assistant Rabban **John J. Wonder** of John J. Mercer Lodge 290, Brother **Al Burton** of Florence Lodge #281, numerous members and Past Masters from Nebraska Lodge. A beautiful memento of the degree was made by Brother **Sean Reed** our Senior Deacon. Refreshments were served with a special twist; a cake was made by the Grandmother of visiting Worshipful Master **Jason Phelps**. The famous "Master's" double chocolate cake had a special white icing square and compass designed on each piece!

Regular Communications Monday September 13th 2004

Worshipful Master Pepper Aasgaard motioned for a perpetual Memorial Fund to be established and named in honor of W:. Lyle F. Ward Past Master 1990., reviewed and passed unanimously.

Schedule for the Month of September

September 20th No Meeting, gathering local Past Masters

September 27th Master Mason Degree 2 candidates 6:30pm

Congratulations Brother Dathé BENISSAN-MESSAN!

Worshipful Pepper Aasgaard appointed Brother Dathé Tiler.

Brother Dathé is from of The Grand Jurisdiction of TOGO, WEST AFRICA. Brother BENISSAN-MESSAN became an affiliated member of Nebraska Lodge in Spring of 2004. Brother Dathé will fill the Tiler's position held by Brother Chris Martin* while he is absent. Brother Dathé is a medical student here in Omaha and in the short time he has been affiliated with our lodge has learned all the charges for all the degrees. If any visitor is in need an interpreter when visiting our lodge we are in luck, Brother Dathé is conversant in six languages.

*Brother Martin has taken a job which includes a great amount of travel, he is presently in Texas.



Brother David Bean, a Naval Officer stationed at Offutt AFB became an affiliated member of Nebraska Lodge #1 May of this year. Brother Bean has helped with our degree work as his schedule permits. Brother Bean is an affiliated member from Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 of the Grand Lodge of Virginia AF&AM.

Pictured: Brother Bean and his son Tucker.

Regular Communications Monday August 2nd 2004

Presiding at Worshipful Master's Request: *W:.Keith Winheim Past Master 1977*

Worshipful Master Pepper Aasgaard will at a Memorial Service for W:. Lyle F.Ward in Greenup, Illinois.

Schedule for the Month of August

August -9th Entered Apprentice Degree 2 candidates

August 16th Fellow Craft Degree 2 candidates - Lodge Opens 6:30pm

August 23th Master Mason Degree 3 candidates Lodge Opens 6:30pm

August 30th *To Be Announced*

Note from the Master . . . If you weren't there you missed one of the most delightful Master Mason's Degrees we have had in many years. Our Junior Steward Keith Neisler, not only learned the Second Ruffian role (in less than two days), soloed our Masonic funeral dirge then went on to give the Third Section Lecture!

Further, our Senior Deacon Brother Sean Reed, also learn the First Ruffian's role (in two days), then played the organ for the funeral dirge. Sean also took time to make a pamphlet of the degree participants. Each attendee received one of these wonderful mementos using early Masonic art and reproductions of old Masonic lithographs.

I am humbled and in total admiration of both these fine Masons.

Having a soloist, an organist and handing out historical mementoes truly added elegance and meaning to our degree ritual.

Regular Communications Monday July 12th 2004

Congratulations Lodge Officers on becoming Proficient Once Again!

Nebraska Lodge #1 is now a fully certified and proficient Lodge in all degrees!

Schedule for the Month of July

July 19th Fellow Craft Degree 3 candidates - Lodge Opens 6:30pm

July 24th [All Sitting Worshipful Master's Degree Tekamah #31](#)

July 26th Master Mason Degree 1 candidate Lodge Opens 7:00pm

Regular Communications Monday June 7th 2004

Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m.

Worshipful Brother Lyle F. Ward died Monday June 21st 2004

"CLICK" to see a Special Tribute to a Great Mason!

Schedule for the Month of June

June 14th Proficiency All Officers are requested to attend.

June 21st Fellow Craft Degree 3 candidates *Cancelled will be rescheduled*

June 26th Past Master's Dinner 6:00 pm

June 28th TBA- EA Degree or Master Mason Degree.

Regular Communications

Monday June 7th 2004

Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m.

Monday May 17th and 24th 2004

Lodge will open at 7:00 p.m. All Officers are required to attend for Proficiency

Monday May 10th

Lodge will open at 6:30 p.m. Two Entered Apprentice Candidates!

Regular Communications Monday May 3rd

Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. Merle Johnson of Wachovia Investments and Tom Brazer, our Finance Committee Chairman will summarize our financial status.

Monday April 19th and 26th 2004

Lodge will open at 7:00 p.m. Officers are requested to attend this practice for Fellow Craft proficiency. We have only a few weeks left until we are required to prove-up.

Monday April 12th 2004

We have five candidates for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Lodge will open at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all members to lend a helping hand.

Please come and enjoy the degrees with these fine men.

Saturday April 10th 2004

One Day Degree West Omaha Masonic Center

30 Candidates were raised, 10 Lodges were represented. Worshipful Master Pepper Aasgaard was King Solomon and also resided in the East during Fellow Craft Degree.

Regular Communications Monday April 5th 2004

We welcome our visiting Brothers tonight from the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia and other visiting members from Nebraska Lodges!

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