



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.



~ Nebraska Lodge to Host 'One Day Degree'

October 28, 2006 ~

NOTICE:



Schedule for the Month of November 2006

Business Meeting - Election of Officers 2007

Back Row(s) L-R: Dathe BENISSAN-MESSAN - Senior Deacon; Yoni MENSAH - Senior Steward; David Ramsey - Marshal;
This November business meeting will feature our traditional Chili Feed along with our historically
served New England style clam chowder. Come join the festivities!

Bottom Row L-R: W.: Pepper Aasgaard , Treasurer; W.: John B. Holzhey, Senior Warden; Gregory Wells - Worshipful Master;

November 06th Regular Communications 7:30pm ~ Election ~ Chili Feed 7:30pm.

November 13th Entered Apprentice 2 candidates 7:00pm

November 20th Fellow Craft Degree 2 candidates 7:00pm

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

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

Schedule for the Month of October 2006

October 02nd Regular Communications

October 09th Entered Apprentice 2 candidates 7:00pm

October 16th Fellow Craft Degree 2 candidates 7:00pm

October 23th Master Mason Degree 2 candidates 6:30pm

October 28th ~ Nebraska Hosts One Day Degree 7:30 am SRMC

October 30st ~ No Meeting ~ Happy Halloween!

Schedule for the Month of July ~ August 2006

July 01st Regular Communications 7:30pm

During the months of July and August we will meet on

Mondays at 7:00 pm

for proficiency practice,

No degrees are planned during the summer months.

August 01st Regular Communications 7:30pm

Schedule for the Month of June 2006

June 03rd Lodge Visitation: [Mizpah Lodge #302](#)

1124 S 48th St, Omaha, NE 68106

Dinner: 6:30 PM

June 08th Farewell Party for Dave Bean '[CLICK](#)' for [Directions](#)

177711 Industrial Road, Omaha, NE 68106

Dinner: 6:00 PM

June 08th Regular Communications

June 15th Entered Apprentice Degree/Practice Pending 7:00pm

June 22th Fellow Craft Degree Pending/Practice 7:00pm

June 28th Master Mason Degree Pending/Practice 7:00pm

Schedule for the Month of May 2006

May 01st Regular Communications 7:30pm

May 08th Entered Apprentice 2 candidates 7:00pm

May 22th Master Mason Degree 2 candidates 6:30pm

May 29th Holiday No Lodge!

Schedule for the Month of April 2006

April 03th Regular Communications 7:30pm

April 10th Entered Apprentice 2 candidates 7:00pm

April 17th Fellow Craft Degree 2 candidates 7:00pm

April 24th Master Mason Degree 2 candidates 6:30pm

Schedule for the Month of March 2006

March 06th Regular Communications 7:30pm

March 13th Entered Apprentice 2 candidates 7:00pm

March 20th Fellow Craft Degree 2 candidates 7:00pm

March 28th Master Mason Degree 2 candidates 6:30pm



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 February 2006

February 06th Regular Communications 7:30pm
February 13th Entered Apprentice 2 candidates 7:00pm
February 20th Fellow Craft Degree 2 candidates 7:00pm
February 28th Master Mason Degree 2 candidates 6:30pm

Schedule for the Month of January 2006

January 02th Happy Holidays ~ No Lodge!.
January 09th Regular Communications 7:30pm
January 14th Installation of Officers WOMT 2:00pm.
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

Our lodge started 2006 with three Entered Apprentice candidates!
Brother Keith Neisler presided over a Multi-Candidate degree his very first conferral!

Worshipful Greg Wells complemented his new officers for putting on a wonderful degree
with special thank to Keith Neisler, Junior Warden and Dathé BENISSAN-MESSAN, Senior Deacon.



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.

Schedule for the Month of December 2005

December 05th Regular Communications 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.



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 Holloween!

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



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

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



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!



Brother Yoni Mensah
Visited from the
Grand Jurisdiction of TOGO

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](#)

Congratulations:

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



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



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

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 Edie, 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.



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

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.

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