

Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

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Words from the East

On November 24th, 2014 I held a meeting with the Brothers that I intended on putting in my line of Officers for my year. At that meeting I laid out my expectations for them and spoke about my goals for the ensuing year. I would like to share some of that with you.

Each Officer was tasked with planning a community outreach project for the Lodge to participate in. My only stipulation was that I asked that it be something that the individual Officer is passionate about. Each one of the Officers is also responsible for planning a social event for the Lodge to participate in. I explained to them that this could be anything from bowling to paintball to coin collecting. I told them that I didn't care as long as it is something that the Officer is passionate about. Each Officer will be assigned to a committee and will (buckle your seatbelts) actually participate on that committee. I also asked each Officer to pick another Blue Lodge in the area that they could act as a liaison or point of contact for. They are to schedule a time at some point throughout the year that we can go visit "their" Lodge.

I am pleased to say that most of the Officers have accepted these expectations and have already begun their tasks.

Also, the incoming stewards also thought it would be a great idea to have a meal prior to Degrees and our monthly business meetings. That is something that we will start this month. We will have food downstairs at 6:30pm prior to our business meeting.

I have already scheduled the Lodge BBQ, the Pancake feed, the 3rd Annual Blue Lodge Ball, and there are many more events and activities coming.

Brethren, I am tired of "ideas" and I have conveyed that to my incoming group of Officers. Let's not talk about it, let's be about it. If there is something you want to do then flesh it out, have a date in mind, and let's do it. No more ideas.

On the level my brothers, I am both extremely excited and tremendously terrified about this upcoming year. If half of the Officers complete their tasks and half of the Lodge supports them it will be incredible. If nobody does anything, we will continue on as we have in the past. I can't do it alone. I won't do it alone.

See you in Lodge.



Bill Young
Worshipful Master



From the desk of the Secretary/Recorder

January, dues are officially due....Lodge officers must pay 2015 by January 3, RAM and CM officers must pay 2015 by May 2.

All Lodge members should pay by April 30.

All York Rite members should pay by October 31.

Keys: Most groups should only have 3 keys. If any Secretary/Recorder has more than one spare, I need it back. There are 49 outside door keys outstanding way too many, the outgoing Master threatened to change the locks each group needs to account for their keys by name and number.

Now that I'm done with the official business, what a busy time, installations by the bucket full, I've been to three in December (Commandery, Beauceant and JOBS).

I will have to go to three in January and will try to catch another three just for the heck of it. There are friends going in as Secretary or Master or Warden or Patron with no chance of making them all, it's overwhelming.

But it is a new start, building off what has gone before, always an exciting time.

We will start the year with three Master Mason degrees and an Entered Apprentice. And that doesn't count the few we have that have hesitated in their travels, we could have an additional two Master Mason degrees and a Fellow Craft...I actually enjoy sending off multipage monthlies to Grand Lodge at times other than April, and don't mind reading new petitions.

Congratulations to Bill Young, Master Elect; Jerrie Willcox Worthy Matron Elect, Margaret McCall Worthy Matron Elect, Jeffrey Coleman Installed Commander, Isobel Taylor Installed President, and Taylor Knipp Installed Honored Queen, may you all have as successful a term as you have planned.



Carl Highman, Secretary/Recorder

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OMAHA ASSEMBLY #91 SOOB

Happy New Year,

As the recently installed president of Omaha Assembly #91, I hope to establish a rapport with the Masonic Bodies meeting at Papillion. Therefore, I am beginning with a brief article about our Order.

The Social Order of the Beauceant was founded in Denver, Colorado, February 20th, 1890. It was suggested that the wives and widows of Knights Templar assist with their twenty-fifth annual Triennial Conclave to be held in Denver in 1902. The Templars needed help entertaining the thousands of Sir Knights and their ladies attending the Conclave.

The SOOB (Some of Our Business) Society was established, and the ladies set about earning money to be used to assist their Sir Knights with the Conclave. They were able to earn twenty-five hundred dollars, and donate one thousand of that to the Triennial Committee. This left about fifteen- hundred dollars which was sufficient to fund all the expenses of the Ladies Headquarters during the Conclave. Their actions garnered very favorable

consideration from the Templars, as this Triennial surpassed any previous ones.

SOOB means Social Order of the Beauceant and is open to ladies who are the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters or granddaughters of Knights Templar who are or were members in good standing, at the time of their death of a legally constituted Commandery of Knights Templar.

Our organization supports the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We have one business meeting a month. It is held on the 1st Friday of the month, except in July and August. We also have one Social Day each month on the 3rd. Friday. We go to lunch at a restaurant selected by the hostesses for that month. Our Social time is very important to us, and we enjoy spending time together.

We invite any of the ladies reading this who are interested in our Order to speak with one of our members.



Fraternally,
Isobel Taylor
Worthy President

Job's Daughters

Job's Daughters Bethel #1's members and adults would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! It looks like it is going to be an exciting year at the Papillion Masonic Center. Bethel #1 is growing!! We initiated two new members in December and it look like we will initiate at least two more in February. Please look for information on a meeting honoring our Masonic and Eastern Star families. We would love for you to attend one of our meetings. The girls will be selling Valentine Cookies during January. These are 'big' chocolate chip cookies that can be personalized and delivered on Valentine's Day. We may even offer some other varieties of cookies. If you don't see one of our members to order please contact me for more information.



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Laughter On The Level

by Martin Faulks

A group of Masons are sitting around the festive board. One pipes up saying:

"I once visited a Lodge in Yorkshire that all wore tricorne hats."

"That's nothing," say another Brother, "I visited a Lodge in Cambridge that all wore special Masonic suits."

"I can beat that," said one old Brother, "I visited a military Masonic Lodge that met in a submarine. The Tyler had to wear a frog suit."

A gentleman is walking his dog through his local park when he notices a rather frantic and disorganized football match taking place on the park's football pitch.

"What's going on?" he asks a spectator who is watching from the sidelines.

The other replies: "It's a match between the Masons and the Odd Fellows."

"What's the score?" asks the first man.

"I don't know," says the spectator, "it's a secret."

The 1878 Templar Crusade

In the spring of 1878, a group of Knights Templar prepared for a Crusade. This was not a troop of warriors of God travelling afar to wage war to liberate the Promised Land. This was a Commandery of Knights Templar of the Freemason variety who were about to undertake a Crusade of friendship and goodwill.

Allegheny Commandery #35 of Allegheny Pennsylvania had done this before. The first Crusade of Allegheny #35 was conducted in 1871 when they travelled from Pennsylvania to England. After several years of planning the Allegheny Commandery was preparing for their second Crusade, and this one was planned to be even more extensive than the first. This massive undertaking happened long before planes, cars, and high speed transportation. Each member paid \$500 for the voyage, a significant amount at the time. The trip included travel by boat, train, wagon, and at some points by horseback.

They had communicated ahead of time with the Grand Commanderies of all of the jurisdictions that they were about to travel through. Arrangements were made with several local Commanderies to receive the Crusaders in full uniform, and parades were planned in some of the cities featuring the Crusaders from Allegheny and the Templars from the local city.

Their first destination in Europe was the Lodge of Ireland #1. They enjoyed food and fellowship with the Brothers in each stop as they travelled from Ireland, through England, down into France, Switzerland, and then down through Italy. They set sail before July 4th, 1878 and they returned in early October of that same year.

I stumbled upon this story in an old book title "Crusading with Knights Templar" written by David W. Semple. The book includes copies of letters from the various Commanderies, and then detailed accounts of the entire trip. The book is a fascinating account of an amazing journey. This must have been the adventure of a lifetime for these Masons.

If you are interested in reading more about this incredible journey, you can find the book for free in Google Books (<http://books.google.com/>), just search for the book by title and author.



Daniel Marr
Junior Steward

Papillion O.E.S. #114

Decorating the “Angel Christmas Tree” in the Blue Room on the second floor of The Nebraska Masonic Home has become a tradition to some members of Papillion Chapter. In 2003, when The Home celebrated its 100th anniversary, a call went out for groups who would be willing to furnish a tree and decorations for one of the day rooms in The Home, to be on display during the holiday anniversary celebration.

At that time, Papillion Chapter had an active, busy craft group that met on Wednesday evenings and worked on various crafts. The most successful of these projects was their mop angel. This angel started with an ordinary string floor mop and the finished product was approximately 27 inches tall with a wing span of about 18 inches. The first ones were “Christmas angels” decorated with green holly with its red berries and accented with red ribbon. However the angels became so popular that soon they were being decorated with other colors and customers could order a color to match their personal décor. The group learned where to buy mops in bulk and estimate that over the years they assembled around 500 of these mop angels. Naturally, by that time, the group was known as the Papillion Chapter Angelmakers.

To get back to The Masonic Home and their 100th anniversary; when the call went out for help in decorating The Home that centennial year, the Angelmakers proved they could make more than mop angels. They purchased a large tree and hand made at least 200 ornaments, all angels, but over 20 different kinds of angels. That tree ended up in the “blue room” on second floor, one of the most highly visible spots in the building.

When the celebration was over, the staff at The Home stored those angel ornaments and the next year the Angelmakers were invited to come and again decorate their tree. This continues to happen every year. For the two years The Home was undergoing construction and the “blue room” was not available, the angel tree proudly stood on first floor near the main entrance to the building.



With the construction finished, the “angel tree” was back in the “blue room” this year. All of these years The Home has faithfully stored away these ornaments. And for the past several years, a resident of The Home has carefully unpacked and sorted all these ornaments on a long table, ready to be put on the tree.

This year, 7 Papillion Chapter members went to Plattsmouth on December 4th and decorated the tree. They were assisted by a couple of our members who now reside in The Home and then the whole group enjoyed lunch together. The Angelmaker group no longer meets regularly and while some of the decorators this year were original members of the group, some were not. May these newcomers help us keep this tradition alive for years to come.



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Adah Chapter #52, OES

Installation of officers is January 9th and is closed, so only Eastern Star members are invited, for one thing it is Sister Margaret McCall 5th time as Worthy Matron and my 4th time as Worthy Patron but along with a couple tried and true activities, a couple of new ones and then we may resurrect one that has fallen by the wayside we will try to keep things moving and alive.

We have two new members in this past two years and, while we really need four per year, it still is great to have new blood on the floor...welcome Erin and Dan Marr.

For those that don't know, Erin, besides taking an active

roll in the meetings, is Adah's representative on the Temple craft, and Dan, to be installed in lodge and OES Chapter, is already an officer in Royal Arch Chapter and the Commandery line, AND is the editor of this trestleboard...

The saying is "you get out of (fill in the blank) what you put into it."

I've found that to be true as are the Marrs, it is great working with both of them.



Carl Highman
Worthy Patron elect

Papillion Lodge 39, Birthdays, Papillion Lodge #39 Calendar

Jan 2015 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 2pm - Job's	29	30 9:30am - SOOB 7pm - Papillion	31	1	2 12pm - Beauceant ? 1pm - Beauceant ? 6:30pm - Mt. ? 7:30pm - Mt. ?	3 8am - Coffee on th ? 5pm - Installation
4 2pm - Job's 6pm - Papillion	5 7pm - Templecraft	6 7pm - Papillion	7 7pm - DeMolay	8 7:30pm - Papillion ?	9 7:30pm - Adah ?	10 2pm - Papillion
11 2pm - Job's	12	13 7pm - Papillion ?	14 11am - Papillion Red 6:30pm - Florence ? 7:30pm - Florence ?	15	16	17 2pm - Miloma Lodge
18 2pm - Job's	19	20 7pm - Papillion	21	22	23	24
25 2pm - Job's	26	27 7pm - Papillion	28	29	30 6:30pm - Mt. ? 7:30pm - Mt. ?	31

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