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 Lodge website: www.papillion39.com

Words From The East

Brethren, am I so proud of the effort that you all are putting in so far this year. We have laid out a plan, discussed that plan, and have begun to carry it out. As a Lodge, we would remain stagnant without your efforts, your dedication, and your commitment. Thank you.

One of the tasks that I asked our officers to do is to plan a social outing. They were to plan something that they like to do and we would go and share that experience with them. A few nights ago we traveled to a local pool hall and spent a few hours shooting pool. As I stood there waiting for my turn to miss the same pool ball I've missed the last three attempts I scanned the room and smiled. I listened as a one group of brothers discussed firearms while another group of brothers discussed which software system is better than another. I watched five-highs and knuckle bumps. I saw brothers prodding brothers as they were trying to shoot. I saw a group of guys that otherwise would have not been together on that night in that pool hall sharing those fried mushrooms had it not been for Masonry and more specifically our Lodge and I thought "How good it is for brethren to dwell together". I thought about all the things that I had to endure throughout my week and all the stress and all the ups and all the downs and at that moment in that pool hall none of it matter. We were on the level.

Some of you may see an outing as just an outing or a game of pool as just a game of pool but I assure you it is much more than that. Just like fishing with your kids is not just fishing and sitting around a fire pit with your closest friends is not just sitting around a fire pit.

We are all travelers. Each week we must navigate our way through accomplishment and disappointment. We traverse troublesome encounters with difficult people and experience amazing interactions with equally amazing people. Some of us walk through the desert every week because some of us have some real world problems.

Our Lodge is an oasis. Our Lodge is a place where you can come sit and drink and be yourself, a place where you are not a teacher or a student or an officer or a doctor or a mechanic or unemployed or divorced or fat or short or broke. Our Lodge is a place where you are someone's brother and at that moment that is all that matters.

Hope to see you soon...



Bill Young
Worshipful Master

Words From The West

For those of you that were at our installation, it is likely that you remember the Grand Master-elect saying a few words near the end of the ceremony remarking that, overall, we had a very young line of officers. Indeed, the Master, both wardens, and several other members of the line are below or barely 40, and each have had a relatively short Masonic career when compared to both past years and other lodges. He stated that there was great interest in what our year held.

This comment actually caused me to invest a great deal of thought in the current composition of our Lodge's leadership and its significance. My reflection has led me to come to several conclusions regarding the implications and possible

external perceptions that our comparative youth may engender.

Advantages

- **Greater connection with younger men--** it is a truism that there tends to be a different kind of personal relationship with individuals of similar ages. While the example of older brethren regularly serves as an aspirational, there is something more "real" in talking with how the tenets of the Fraternity impact the life of someone who is at an identical life stage. In addition, with greater penetration into a younger demographic, more potential good men seeking to be better are exposed to the merits of our brotherhood.

Words From The West (continued)

- **Fresh ideas**-- this is demonstrable from everything from the institution of a Facebook page as one of our primary mode of communication to beginning to use PayPal to allow for dues payment to the success of our Blue Lodge Ball to the diversity of community service projects that we are undertaking, I am always astounded at the creativity and thoughtfulness of my brethren. The new forms of fellowship that occur outside of the Lodge also speak to this.

- **Hunger for knowledge**-- as a rule (and not an exception), nearly all of our newly raised brethren have jumped in to learn as much as possible about degree work and the history of our institution. My favorite moments in or related to Lodge are when a young brother asks an older brother a question and the line of inquiry eventually ends in the latter saying "I don't know." This pushes everyone to learn more. I would wager to guess that the average age of attendees at our degree practices is quite a bit lower than 50 and a large number of those who come were raised in the last 3-4 years.

- **Young families**-- exemplifying this point, each of the pillars has small children. The injection of vigor into Lodge events has added a new, welcome dynamic to these gatherings. Gone are the days in which an event consisted of sedate coffee-drinking. It is now the norm that the back half of the dining room turns into a playzone. I am excited to see what DeMolay and Job's Daughters look like in a few years.

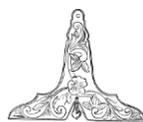
(Perceived) disadvantages

- **Lack of institutional knowledge**-- I have heard (during off the cuff conversations) that some of the newer members do not know enough about "how things are done around here" to effectively lead the Lodge. I have lost count of the number of times that an idea was raised and the response was, "we tried that 15 years ago and that didn't work." While it is true that understanding the political meanderings of operations and developing procedural savvy takes

time and experience, my contention is that it is through having leadership positions that one develops the knowledge the lack of who his occasionally maligned. This is also a place for the counsel and mentorship of wise learned brethren. Every strong organization can withstand reexamination of the status quo, occasional challenging of habits and long held views, and taking another run at initiatives that were previously less than successful.

- **Less perceived involvement**-- I have heard it said that many younger members are not as quick to get involved in appendant bodies or less frequently present at larger events. This can be true. It is my opinion that there is an important reason for this and gets back to what was said above. We are at a different life stage that many older Masons. Toddlers, basketball games, football games, less vacation time, additional schooling, being low man on the totem pole at work, spouses with careers... all of these contribute to us being somewhat more selective about our involvement. However, I have observed a "quality vs. quantity" phenomenon-- we may not have as wide engagement as older brethren, but I have observed a tendency for newer members be more deeply involved with that in which we do participate.

The above being said, I am certain that, when all is said and done, that have begun and will continue to serve as model of what an active, young lodge can do and be. In my assessment, we have the raw materials to excel-- the energy, ideas, and vigor of younger members who are passionate about the craft coupled with the legacy, experience, and knowledge of superb senior brethren. I say to all those interested-- keep your eyes on us



Geoffrey Talmon
Senior Warden

From The Desk of the Secretary/Recorder

Let's see, the third and final dues notice for lodge went out and the names were passed to the membership committee. I will point out the "we", the lodge, have not raised due since 2012, the increases have been the Grand Lodge per capita and assessments, in theory the assessments can be reversed, never seen it. Believe next year increase will be \$1.50...

York Rite will get their next letter in May, after the lodge suspensions, no sense in trying to get dues from a suspended Blue Lodge Mason.

The Lodge (or Chapter, or Council, or Commandery) cannot survive on Perpetual Life Memberships but it does make it easier on this office to ask for donations and announce and

support fund raisers than chase down slow payers.....

April will be an interesting month, I have two Grands to attend, one of three days with full day of travel on each end, the other of two days with only a partial day of travel before and after...much preferred. The office will only be closed 5 week days (and 2 Saturdays)

Keys: if you haven't got your new key and believe you need one, contact me by phone or email, we will arrange a meeting to get it for you.



Carl Highman
Secretary/Recorder AF&AM, RAM, KT

Job's Daughters

Thank you to all who attended the HIKE Pasta Dinner on March 7th – it was a huge success!!! We also would like to thank all the Masons and Eastern Star members who attended our special meeting on March 22nd. The girls really enjoy having people on the sidelines at our meetings and also having the opportunity to perform some of our special ceremonies. Many of our members and adults went to see the new movie 'Cinderella' on March 15th – fun was had by all! We are excited to attend our Spring Workshop this month at Camp Calvin Crest.

Bethel #1 would like to thank the members of Papillion #39 for the new pop machine downstairs. Not only will this give you more of a selection it will also free up some room in the refrigerator.



Elizabeth Grazier
Bethel Guardian, Bethel #1

Odd Jobs Team

The Odd Jobs Team is a group of Brothers who have volunteered to assist Masons and their spouses with simple Odd Jobs or tasks around the house that they cannot do on their own.

Some examples of Odd Job requests that could most likely be handled by the Odd Jobs Team include:

- Basic tasks around the yard such as mending a fence, repair a deck railing, or cleaning out the gutters.
- Simple household tasks such as fixing a loose stairway rail, changing a hard-to reach light bulb, or fixing a cabinet door.
- Other manual labor tasks that don't take extremely specialized knowledge or tools.

Unfortunately at this time we cannot offer assistance with reoccurring tasks, such as mowing or snow removal.

If you have a request, please contact the team at OddJobsTeam@outlook.com or call the Lodge. Once we receive your request we will reach out to the different volunteers on the Odd Jobs Team to try to match your task with one or more people on the team.

A member of the team will contact you to discuss the task and once we are sure that it's something that we can safely and properly do for you, we'll schedule a time to get things started!



PAPILLION CHAPTER #114 OES

March was a busy time for Papillion Chapter. At our regular meeting on March 12th the members voted to honor Sr. Chere' Schroeder for her over 20 years of service as our organist by awarding her the title of Organist Emeritis. She was presented with a certificate and a dozen roses as a token of appreciation.

Our members have always felt that everything could not be learned in one day so they work hard in the time before the District Supervisor's visit, learning the basics of their ritual work. That gives them a chance to "fine tune" during the official visit. Our supervisor, Sister Jean Smith, a member of Ceresco Chapter #198 made her official visit on March 14th and presented plenty of information to help us out. Several members worked the day before to see that we were served a delicious lasagna lunch, complete with green salad and garlic bread.

On March 17th, Papillion Lodge hosted a Masonic Memorial Service for Richard Doll and asked Papillion Chapter to be in charge of a soup and sandwich lunch after the service. More time in the kitchen for some of our members.

For several years, Papillion Chapter has been

responsible for keeping the temple clean in lieu of a cash payment each month for our use of the building. So the small faithful cleaning crew cleaned the building twice during the month.

Help is always needed for any project so if you can help in any way, please contact Worthy Matron Jerrie and let her know.

April also looks like a busy month. Don't forget that our annual Smorgasbord is being held on April 11th. A lot of help is needed to bake desserts, set up, serve and clean up. But please remember, all that work is of no avail if we don't have customers. So, please, encourage your friends, relatives, neighbors or even enemies to come and have dinner. Serving hours are 5 to 7 p.m., tickets are \$9.00 and will be available at the door. To members of other bodies of the Papillion Masonic Family, we would certainly welcome your support.

Sister Jerrie will be responding for the Metro Worthy Matrons at Narcissus Chapter in Benson on April 16th at 7:30 p.m. She would appreciate your support.



Phyllis Cain, Reporter
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NOTES FROM OMAHA ASSEMBLY #91

It is 41 degrees as I write this on a March morning. It is hard to remember that spring is still a week away, and Old Man Winter may not have left the area yet.

I am look forward to being at Grand York Rite in April. It is such an honor to wear my red, black and white and be introduced as the Worthy President of Omaha Assembly #91 SOOB.

We are having an Initiation May 1st. If anyone is interested in joining us, please call or email me.

We are collecting toiletries for the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home. These must be Full-size shaving cream, deodorant, lotions, tooth paste to name a few. Kleenex, (not the Bic \$1.00 ones) and toothbrushes are also useful. Those who wish to contribute the small travel size may bring them, and I will take them to Veteran's Hospital, where they are always glad to receive them.

Wishing each one of you a Happy Easter. Jesus Christ is risen today!



Isobel Taylor
Worthy President

Crusade Chapter, Order of DeMolay

For those that don't know, Crusade has 19 members with 1 active.

We have a two prong approach to bringing the Chapter to life

Dad AJ is trying to get Omaha Chapter turn loose their Sarpy County members and send them down here so we can have at least a minimal officer core to bring in the 3 or 4 boys that are suitably aged and inclination...

Dad Paul is talking up getting those same boys to form a club that will meet on the 5th Saturday, next one is May 30th, that will touch on the training, have

fun, ritual, have fun, and have elections and form up in true Chapter form when each bring in a friend and they decide to do so...

Don't know which will take place first, but I will support both and the boys as they come in, and, hopefully the new Dads will become active as well.

Maybe there will be a new Chairman, I've had the job for 8 years, and it is time to step back.



Carl Highman
Board Chairman

Papio #39 Pool Night

This year our WM Bill Young has assigned a month for each of our officers to plan a social event. Its purpose is to give everyone a peek into our lives outside of the lodge and for others to participate in an activity that the individual enjoys to partake in during their free time.

I remember first hearing about this during the upcoming officer's meeting in December. I didn't need to think twice about it; I already had my mind made up. I planned to take my brothers along with me for a night of fun and fellowship at Big John's Billiards.

Last February was the first time I attended the pool hall. I had played every now and then growing up, but never really played consistently. I began to visit Big John's more frequently and there was a time I was shooting a few games every night of the week. It became a hobby of mine that I thoroughly enjoyed. It was my way of clearing my head and winding down from the stress of the day.

The month of March was assigned to me and without hesitation I informed the fellowship of my event. I was excited to plan it and had an event created on the lodge's Facebook page to get an idea of a head count. The date was set, it was going to take place on March 17th.



It was St. Patrick's Day around 7:00 pm and I arrived anxiously waiting. I took a seat and checked the Facebook see who had said they would be attending. I was a little bummed out because only five people had said they were coming. I didn't let it bother me though because I knew it would be a good time regardless of the attendance.

Not much time went by and people began to show up. To my surprise it was a fantastic turnout. Nearly three times the amount that I was expecting showed up! We had three tables open with different games being played. We played 8 ball primarily and I got to introduce the rules of 9 ball to those who were unfamiliar with it.

I had a great time and I hope those who attended did as well. I thank all of you for coming out and appreciate you taking the time to enjoy one of my favorite hobbies with me

Brother Joe Christensen

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

My compliments on the article, "Words from Brother Joe Christiansen" which appeared in the March 2015 issue of the Papillion Trestleboard. While I am always interested to read the informative articles from each body in the Papillion Masonic Family telling us what's happening, and feed my calendar full of all the great events everyone has planned, Joe's article just made me smile. (And we all must remember to take time to smile!) I found it entertaining and relatable. (I loved the part: "I hadn't gotten my minimum weekly dose of Freemasonry." How true do we all find that?!?) As I read, I could see the scene played out in my mind and was quite amused. I also found in it, a meaningful message for all of us: that we should not let our fears limit the possibilities to grow our experiences and form stronger bonds with our brothers and sisters.

I hope I can look forward to seeing many more human interest stories in future issues, in addition to the wealth of informative articles we have grown to expect.

Sincerely,

Sister Erin Marr

Adah Chapter #52 OES, Papillion Chapter #114 OES,
Omaha Assembly #91 SOOB

Become A Mentor!

The Education Committee is looking for knowledgeable and available individuals who would be interested in mentoring newly obligated brethren. You must be available to help the brother in preparation for his proficiency as well as be able to answer any questions he may have about the degrees. Communication is important so don't be afraid to get to know someone new! If you have any questions feel free to contact the chair of the committee Jonathan Paz at 402-212-7861.



The American Red Cross

March storms forced the cancellation of more than 200 blood drives, resulting in nearly 7,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations. This shortfall follows more than 26,400 uncollected blood and platelet donations in February due to severe weather across 27 states.

Please donate and/or help us spread the word-

Papillion Community Blood Drive

Papillion Masonic Center

April 8th 11:30 am-5:30 pm

Call 800-RedCross or go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment

Walk ins are welcome!

"Laughter on the Level" by Martin Faulks

At the monthly Masonic Building Society meeting much discussion raged about the problem of mice in the Lodge building.

Of course several suggestions on how to be rid of them were offered

- set mouse-traps
- lay mouse poison
- call an exterminator
- buy a cat etc.

The building manager took all this advice under consideration and it was agreed that at the next

meeting he would make a report on his progress. Sure enough, at the next meeting he was questioned.

"Did you use my idea of a cat?"

"Did you use poison or traps?"

Finally, he said: "All the mice are gone."

Everyone wanted to know how he had accomplish such a feat.

"Well..." he said, "I initiated all the mice into my Lodge and I haven't seen one attend since!"

Mentors

The job of the Mentor is not only to teach and make certain the memorization of ritual. The job of a Mentor is to make the Ritual able to be understood, to enable the newly made Mason to become receptive to our teachings, and then, somewhere along the way, to be memorized. Without understanding, there is no substance. If any have ever heard a Brother in Lodge give a lecture, with his mouth firing out the words as a machine gun would, it does not take too long to understand two things.

1) That particular Mason has either lost the meaning of the Words contained in the lecture, and/or he never really understood the meanings and applications of the words in question. Instead, he is now just spitting them out as quickly as possible, as a memorized piece, so that he may have "participated" in that degree Work.

2) That particular Mason does not need to be a Mentor. In fact, someone should probably Mentor him. Indeed, at this point, and under this type of lens, it becomes apparent that memorization is NOT enough to claim to know the Work. Memorization is purely superficial. We want for our Masonic edifice to be sturdy, strong, and true; much more than a fascia of beautiful rhetoric.

The Mentor, and the Ritualist, should strive for their contributions to be memorized, AND conversational. The lectures, any and all lectures, if done properly, could - on their own - stand as examples of Masonic Education.

This is a small section of an article entitled "Mentors & Ashlars" written by Brother Jon Patrick Sage, published in the March 2015 issue of "The Working Tools" Magazine. Republished with permission.
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Please Join Us For a Bling Open House



Hosted By: Margaret McCall, Worthy Matron
Location: Papillion Masonic Center
Date/Time: Saturday April 18 at 2-5 pm

You can BLING your own clothing or accessories (cotton blend) if you want and Zing will add it for just the cost of the bling! (No fleece, velour, or velvet) We will also have an inventory of clothing available for purchase. Click the link to see the variety of styles available. www.blingbyzing.com/shirtoptions.html

If you have any questions, please email Amy at amyrolle@blingbyzing.com or call 402.709.9182. All items in stock will be pressed during the event as time allows. Items that need to be ordered will be delivered back to your hostess within about 2 weeks of the event date.

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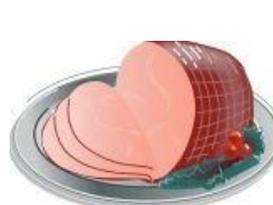
Spring is coming and you know what that means –



Blue skies and warmer days,
Green grass and flowers,
And the Papillion Chapter #114
Annual Smorgasbord!

Saturday April 11th, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Papillion Masonic Center

Serving ham, roast beef, meatballs, and all the trimmings!



Adults: \$9 Under 12: \$4
Tickets available at the door.

April 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7p - DeMolay	2	3 12p – SOOB Lunch 1p – SOOB Meeting 6:30p – Commandery Dinner 7:30p – Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Meeting	4 8a – Coffee On The Square
5 2p - Job's Daughters	6 Templecraft Meeting	7 7p - Papillion #39 visits Wahoo #102	8 6:30p – Royal Arch dinner 7:30p – Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting	9 7:30p – Papillion #114 OES	10 7:30p – Adah OES	11 8a – Papillion #114 OES Smorgasbord
12 2p - Job's Daughters	13	14 6:30 – Papio #39 Dinner 7p – Papio #39 Business Meeting	15	16	17	18 5p – RAM Steak Fry
19 2p - Job's Daughters	20	21 7p – Papio #39 Past Masters Challenge Night	22	23	24	25
26 2p - Job's Daughters	27	28 7p – Papillion #39 Master Mason Degree	29	30 10a SOOB Practice		

To submit an article to the Trestleboard, send to papio39.trestleboard@gmail.com. Articles need to be submitted prior to the 19th of the month. Questions or comments contact Dan Marr (djm.papio39@outlook.com)