

# Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

## March 2015

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## Words from the East

With February in the books I am pleased to say that all is going according to plan. That is, if broken dishwashers, surprise scheduling conflicts, and two and a half hour business meetings were the plan!

At February's regular communication I gave each committee a task that I needed them to complete and report on during our March meeting.

I asked our Membership committee, chaired by Worshipful Brother Patrick Berry, to formalize a Mentorship program to include a plan that will ensure that our newly initiated Brothers are paired with educated and energetic Brethren. Brethren, if you are interested in participating in a mentorship program or have input that you think would be valuable for such a program shoot me an email or stop by the Lodge on a Tuesday night.

Our Community Involvement committee, chaired by Brother Brad Harbin is currently working on an outreach opportunity for us at the Open Door Mission. This will be the first of several opportunities for us to get our hands dirty this year.

I asked the Education committee, chaired by Worshipful Brother Jonathan Paz, to begin work on a curriculum that will coincide with the packets that a brother gets as he progresses through the degrees.

The Public Relations committee, chaired by Brother Glenn Lewis, was tasked to prepare a press release for the Papillion Times and to get quotes for T-shirts that we're actually going to print.

The Lodge voted in February to change the locks on the building and to purchase a pop machine.

We read three petitions and have three others traveling through the degrees. I know that there are Brothers out there reading this right now that know a lecture but haven't given it in years. Well, now is the time. I want to see your face.

Brethren, do you understand how revolutionary it is to have an action plan and to actually carry out that plan? The feedback, compliments, and criticisms we are receiving is tremendous. I want us to be "the bar" for Masonic Lodges. I want people to hear what we are doing and then watch as they perform similar actions. I want people to talk about us. I want people to put down there cup of coffee and get after it. I want someone to write a book about us.

They say that if March comes in like a Lion then it will go out like a Lamb. Are we Lions or are we Lambs?



Bill Young  
Worshipful Master

## Words From The West

I am always amazed at the wisdom of learned brethren and how an off-the-cuff comment can have deep meaning to me, even if that was not the intention. During a recent time of fellowship, a past master remarked that we, as brothers of Papillion Lodge, are stewards of over 140 years of tradition (notwithstanding that of Fraternity itself). This represents an unbroken chain of local ritual, a brotherhood, a family, and a torch that has been passed since our state was less than 10 years old.

As someone who has been increasingly feeling the weight of the East, this initially caused me to feel even more than my baseline amount of angst and trepidation with regard to assuming more responsibility in the Lodge—what if I screw up this longstanding and incredible group by action or inaction? What if something that I do, however innocent or unwitting it is, irreparably damages our reputation, alienates members, or causes the reproach of the Grand Lodge? Surely the times in which I have been counseled about my faults by brethren are an indication of my lack of worth.

Upon reflection, the last statement is a just as much a balm as it is injurious. The reason that our Lodge has

endured is not because past leaders and officers have done everything right and no mistakes have ever been made throughout our history. It is because we are more together than we are alone. It is the brotherly love that we have for each other that reaches through the decades and is the true substance of that unbroken chain. While any one of us may make a mistake, brethren are there to help extending a hand or providing warning. Our Lodge is not the Master, Wardens, officers, committees, events, or even the building. It is us—our heritage, our shared desire to learn, be together, and help each other be more than we are. It is the knowledge that I have around 200 men that have my back and I theirs. It is understanding that if I stray out of bounds in any aspect of my life, I can trust a brother enough to know they will aid in my reparation. As long as we are there for each other, it is virtually impossible to destroy that which has been entrusted to us by our founders and elders.



Geoffrey Talmon  
Senior Warden

## Words from the South

Greetings from the South! It is a honor and pleasure to serve as the Junior Warden for 2015 and I am really excited about all of the great things we have going on this year down at Papillion Lodge #39. All of our officers and active brethren have been hard at work since November to put together an unforgettable year. We have several degrees on tap, we are hosting area Masons for the upcoming school of instruction, we will be having various social events on a monthly basis, more community involvement, our 3rd annual Blue Lodge Ball and all the traditional events we have grown to love. I encourage all of the brethren who haven't been around for a while to come join us and see what exciting changes we have going on. Why not get the most out of your annual dues and take an active part?

If Tuesday evenings don't work that is fine, we have committees that need more engagement and they meet independently. GET INVOLVED. BRING YOUR FAMILY. We are now having meals before our monthly meetings and degrees and we encourage brothers to bring their families along for dinner. If you don't think there is a role for you, we will make a role for you. THIS IS YOUR LODGE. Needless to say we will be working hard and playing hard this year. We have an eager group of line officers that are working to make this lodge the best it can be and we appreciate everyone's feedback as we are here to serve you. We are looking forward to carrying out our ideals that we value so much. So come on down to the lodge and spread the cement with us.



Glenn Lewis  
Junior Warden

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## From the desk of the Secretary/Recorder

March is an important date for Blue Lodge Masons. It is when the dues are past due... with delinquency and suspension only 61 days away. Fortunately there are less than 40 names to be read at the March meeting, to be handed to the membership committee. There may not be that many to contact, I've been averaging 1 dues being paid a day, the reality is nothing for 3 days then 3 or 4 at once.... the suspense of it all.... And the work available for us to do, MM's, EA's, more petitions to read, more investigations to take on, and more reports...I think I've said it before, I don't mind multi-page monthly reports, especially if it is because of degree work.

The office is still open Monday through Friday mornings and the coffee is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am not here Saturday mornings any more, if I'm open at all, it's in the afternoon.

If you see my car, drop in, I'll take a break.



Carl Highman, Secretary/Recorder  
#39 AF&AM, #61 RAM, #1 CM, #1 KT

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## Florence Chapter #61 RAM

I have been very lax in writing for the newsletter. I am sorry. The Year is flying by fast. We will be doing degree work on the 28 of February hope you can all make it.

My officers are all doing a great job. On March 21 is our Soup Supper \$8.00 for adults \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Mark your calendars for this. Also in March we will be electing new Offers.

## Adah Chapter #52 OES

Did I ever tell you I like quiet months?

March is a quiet month. February was the Supervisor visit (we did alright, I could have done better, but considering how little ritual I do anymore, not bad) April will have our fund raiser, and May will be Grand Chapter...

March, stated meeting only.



Lyle Nichols  
High Priest



Carl Highman PP  
Worthy Patron

## Papillion Chapter #114 OES

This month we are introducing Dale Hix, your 2015 Worthy Patron. You might say Brother Dale “married into” our masonic family. He and Sister Darlene were married in 1990. Darlene was already very involved in Eastern Star and Rainbow for Girls and Dale decided to apply for membership in the Masonic Lodge so they could make these things something they could do together. He became a member of Papillion Lodge and was initiated into Papillion Chapter #114 in 1990. It was a great deal for the Chapter as he has served in various offices and this year is his 5th term as Worthy Patron.

Dale was a school teacher for about 15 years, teaching all kinds of science in a private non-denominational school in Omaha. This job left him with some free time in the summer. His brother had started to build a house, apparently grew tired of the project, and offered to sell it to Dale. The offer was accepted and Dale spent many summers between 1991 and 2003 finishing up his house while they lived in the lower level.

Dale spent 24 years as a member of the National Guard. In that time he did several very brief tours of duty but in early 2004 he was called to serve in Iraq and spent a year there.

Dale and Darlene are members of Harrison Street Baptist Church and in 1993 they began a puppet ministry there. Their first stage was made by cutting an old door in half and putting a blanket over it and has grown to a sizable stage and a group of people who put on their puppet shows for many groups outside their church.

Dale’s National Guard experience enabled him to qualify as a security guard and at the present time he is employed by G4s Secure Solutions, serving as a security guard at the Google complex in Council Bluffs.

Obviously Brother Dale brings many talents and experiences to the office and looks forward to a great year as your Worthy Patron.



Phyllis Cain, Reporter  
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## Omaha Assembly #91 SOOB

Our Beauceant Assembly has been touched by several deaths this winter. Longtime and faithful members, Sisters Bessie Dick and Aletha Taff have passed out of the shadow and now live in the hearts of those left behind. We also lost the husband of one of our devoted member. Sir Knight Ron Clarke, husband of our Director of Music, Arlene Clarke, too has left his earthly responsibilities behind. For these, we grieve, and offer our sincere condolences to their loved ones.

We look forward to spring, and the coming of the warmer weather that brings the beautiful flowers and birds back to our gardens. Looking forward to March we will be back on schedule with our Stated Meeting on Friday, March

6th. Lunch is at noon, and our meeting begins promptly at 1 PM.

Our March Social Day is Friday, March 20th at the Pizza Ranch, 3010 S. 84th at 11 AM. If you haven’t attended for a while, please come and enjoy lunch and fellowship with your Beauceant sisters. If you are not a member and would like to explore membership in our order, please contact one of our members and we will gladly visit with you. You may be invited to lunch with us so we can get acquainted.



With Beauceant Love,  
Isobel Taylor  
Worthy President

## Job’s Daughters

Bethel #1 Job’s Daughters has recently finished their ‘Valentine Cookie’ fundraiser. We sold about 170 cookies! Many of the adults baked the cookies and the girls met on three occasions to decorate each and every cookie. Some were picked up but the majority had to be delivered by us. It is a very time consuming fundraiser but the money raised will be used by the members to attend our workshops and Grand Session. Thank you to everyone who purchased a cookie or made a donation.

The month of March brings our annual HIKE Dinner. We are joining up with Bethel #18 to serve a Pasta Dinner in Papillion on Saturday March 7th. Doors open at 4:30pm with dinner at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$5.00ea. There will be raffle baskets, silent auction and a dress auction.

Entertainment will be provided. Please join us and help us earn money for HIKE – Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund - whose purpose is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing loss between the ages of newborn and 20 years whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially.

We also are planning a meeting on March 22nd to honor our Masons and Eastern Star. Please join us at 2pm for this special meeting.



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## From "Laughter on the Level" by Martin Faulks

### The Working Tools of an E-Mason

They are the Mouse...The Keyboard ...and The Modem.

The Mouse is to move within the desktop, the Keyboard to input the date, and the Modem to publish the data to cyberspace. However, as we are not here assembled as Computer Nerds, but rather as Operative e-Masons, to us these tools are downloaded as vehicles of moral significance and to show us the meaning of e-Masonry. An thus we apply them:

The Mouse teaches us to keep within the bounds of the screen - a square upon which we must all meet.

The Keyboard is to show us that communication will lead us to a better understanding of each other and the rest of mankind.

And the Modem is to remind us that even when we are alone on the most remote part of the globe, we may meet and gain moral sustenance from each other and thus learn more of the wonderful works of the G.A.O.T.U.



### Rack 'em Up!

On Tuesday March 17th we will be traveling to Big John's Billiards for a social event and everyone is invited to come! It will take place at 7:00 pm and the address is 9819 M Street, Omaha, NE 68127. There is pool, pinball, darts, shuffleboard, as well as food and drink. The cost of pool will be covered. Come join us for a night of fun and fellowship!

## Words from Brother Joe Christiansen

"Behold the turtle. He only makes progress only when he sticks his neck out."

Recently I was fortunate to sit in on a degree conducted at a different lodge for the first time. Tuesday was dark for Papillion in preparation for 158th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and I hadn't gotten my minimum weekly dose of Freemasonry. A few weeks prior, we had attended the installation of officers at Cobia #631 in Council Bluffs. I had been in regular contact with their secretary since the installation and had been informed that there was a degree planned for that Tuesday we were off. I thought to myself, "Why not check it out? It will be a new experience for me." I notified my correspondent that they could expect me on that night.

The night was upon me and I was heading down the interstate not knowing what was in store. I arrived, made small talk with the members present, and then took my seat in the stands where I was expecting to be a spectator.

It was past time for the meeting to start and a few of the officers were not present. The last-minute roster adjustments began. Although spots were filling up, one chair remained vacant. As I began to feel all the eyes in the room look in my direction I sort of sunk deeper into my seat. I can be a very shy person. I have the tendency to stick to what I am comfortable with and used to doing. However, if someone ever asks for my help, I do everything in my power to assist them.

Despite my attempt of developing invisibility, I was soon approached by one of the members. He asked, "How well do you know degree work?" I was honest and replied,

"I've sat in on many practices. But when it comes to doing it live, I lack experience." He smiled and assured me that I would be fine and my brothers would help wherever I needed. I was nervous being put on the spot, but I was familiar with the anxiety that was being manifested by the fellowship. So I politely agreed to participate.

To my surprise, everything went fine. I joined them for refreshments afterward and everyone was in good spirits. It was a great feeling to have the support of everyone around me in a situation in which I felt uncomfortable.

I took a lot from this experience, but one thing most importantly: Nothing new is ever accomplished by dwelling in your comfort zone. Simple realization, I know. But for someone like me, it sometimes takes a friendly push to get out of it. The reasoning behind why we put up imaginary walls we're afraid to escape from I've found is usually based of an irrational fear. So I've challenged myself to try different things that make me feel uncomfortable. Because sometimes there's no need afraid of stepping into unknown territory.

- Brother Joe Christiansen

Shot Gun Raffle: We're raffling off a Stoeger Condor, field grade, over & under, 12 gauge with 28" barrels, screw in chokes IC and Mod included. Includes soft and hard side cases. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20...now through October or when all 400 tickets are sold, whichever comes 1st.

See any Royal Arch Mason for tickets!





## Newest Master Mason: Jay Doss

On Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> we held a Master Mason degree for Brother Jay Doss.

Brother Jay was born and raised in Council Bluffs. He has four awesome children. His daughter Chrisha is 10, and he has three sons, Caleb (8), Blake (4), and JJ (1.5). He and his wife Arin recently moved to Millard.

He works for the Douglas County Sherriff's office in the Court Services Bureau, and he is a certified Hand to Hand Combat Instructor for Douglas County. Studying Martial Arts is one of his passions and he runs a Martial Arts dojo in Council Bluffs. He also enjoys snowboarding and fishing, and just last week he took an ice fishing trip in Canada with several friends.

As he begins his journey in Masonry his primary goal is to learn as much as he can about the Craft, its history, and rituals. He is also looking forward to eventually getting involved in some degree ritual work.

### Blue Lodge Events:

We have several events scheduled over the next several weeks. If you haven't been to a Lodge event in a while, this is the time to get back into things. If you're one of the many folks who regularly attends, then keep up the great work. One way or another, we'd love to see you at some or all of these events.

Tuesday March 3 will be a Master Mason Degree

Saturday March 7 will be the Grand Lodge school for instruction at Papillion Lodge

Tuesday March 10 is our Business meeting

Tuesday March 17 will be our Big John's Billiards outing

Tuesday March 24 is the Grand Lodge Education Symposium

Tuesday March 31 will be a Fellow Craft Degree

Tuesday April 7 we are visiting Wahoo Lodge

Tuesday April 21 is the Past Master's Challenge Night (Bring a friend or two)

Tuesday April 28 is Past Master's night – Master Mason Degree

### Memorial Service:

On March 17<sup>th</sup> there will be Memorial service for Brother Richard Doll at 10 am at the Papillion Masonic Center. Brother Doll passed away in December. The family did not want a public notice for the memorial, Masons and Church only. Lunch will be served by Papillion Chapter #114 OES.

Brother Doll was Initiated an EA 10/9/1952, Passed to FC 11/20/1952, and Raised a Master Mason 12/20/1952. He affiliated from St. Johns Lodge #25 in 1958. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Shrine, and OES.

### Council Degrees & Commandery Orders:

From 7:45 am until approximately 3:30 pm on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Council Degrees and the Commandery Orders. This is the chance for Royal Arch Masons to advance within the York Rite. Cost is \$50 for Council or \$100 for both.



### HIKE Dinner:

Job's Daughter's HIKE Dinner will be held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 4:30 pm and dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. The tickets are \$5.00 each. There will be raffle baskets, a silent auction, and a dress auction.



Entertainment will be provided. Proceeds go to HIKE – Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund.

### March 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 2p - Job's Daughters	<b>2</b> 7p - Templecraft	<b>3</b> 7p – Papillion #39 Master Mason Degree	<b>4</b> 7p - DeMolay	<b>5</b> 7p – Papillion #114 OES Practice	<b>6</b> 12p – Beauceant Lunch 1p – Beauceant Meeting 6:30p – Commandery Dinner 7:30p – Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Meeting	<b>7</b> 8a – COTS 8:30a - Grand Lodge School for Instruction 5:30p – HIKE Dinner
<b>8</b> 2p - Job's Daughters	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 – Papio #39 Dinner 7p - Papillion #39 Business Meeting	<b>11</b> 6:30p – Royal Arch dinner 7:30p – Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:30p – Papillion #114 OES Business Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:30p – Adah OES Business Meeting	<b>14</b> 8a – Papillion #114 OES Supervisor Visit
<b>15</b> 2p - Job's Daughters	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10a – Richard Doll Memorial Service 7p – Big John's Billiards Social Event	<b>18</b> 7p – Papillion #114 OES Practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30p – RAM Soup Supper
<b>22</b> 2p - Job's Daughters Honoring Masons and OES	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7p – Grand Lodge Education Symposium	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:45a – Council Degrees and Commandery Orders
<b>29</b> 2p - Job's Daughters	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7p – Papillion #39 Fellow Craft Degree				

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