

# Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

## May 2015

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Stated meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

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## Words From The East

Last month was a busy month for us and I don't foresee us slowing down anytime soon...

As you may remember, I challenged the officers at the beginning of the year to contact another area Lodge and set up a visit. In response to that challenge our Senior Steward, Adam Cejka and several other brethren traveled to Wahoo and attended their monthly business meeting. One of the benefits of being a Mason is the ability to travel and visit other Lodges. If you haven't done so I strongly recommend it. Where else can you be in a room full of strangers and be treated like a brother?

At April's business meeting we had our monthly discussion about a broken urinal, read some correspondents, talked about new and old business, and spent a bunch of money. A comment was made at the end of the meeting by a visiting brother regarding the type of pro and con discussions that we had during the meeting. He said that it was refreshing to hear brothers in Lodge communicating with each other. It was just another reminder for me how special our Lodge is and how important it is for us to continue down the path that we are on. Our Lodge is a place where a brother can truly

meet another brother on the level and have his voice heard, his opinion valued, and his feelings considered.

Over the next three months we are scheduled to initiate, pass, and raise three candidates, so feel free to stop in and participate.

On Tuesday June 2, we will be holding something we are calling the "Past Master's Challenge". This was an idea pitched to me by two of our past masters and I love it. It will be a social event designed to spark interest in our friends and family members. Brothers will be asked to commit to invite friends and family members that they feel would be a good candidate for Masonry.

On Saturday June 13, will be our first fundraiser of the year. Our annual Lodge BBQ will be held in the lower level of the Lodge and I am looking for volunteers to help set up, cook, or just converse. I am also looking for the name and contact information for the "RIVERSLAW" guy. There will be more details in the June Trestle Board but you should start spreading the word now.



Bill Young  
Worshipful Master

## Words From The West

In past trestleboard offerings, I have discussed lessons that Masonry teaches that are not overt. These often come from what many would consider a "throwaway" symbol or part of ritual, and what I will discuss this month is another such item. Such messages truly show how much one can learn from what could be thought of as rote memorization if one invests a modicum of thought.

A phrase that is frequently encountered is "knowingly and wittingly," both within Masonry and in everyday life. It most commonly is used in reference to an error that one makes and implies that the offender not only was aware that their action (or inaction) was contrary to laws, morals, decency, etc., but the decision to violate those precepts was deliberate and made of the individual's own free will. In other words, if a person errs and does so "knowingly and wittingly" it means that he or she knew that their behavior was wrong and willfully chose to act in said manner irrespective of that fact. The phrase also implies the converse, namely that if one does something out of the bounds of rules, laws, and morals and did so out of ignorance, coercion, or handicap, the

degree of guilt is markedly reduced and it is not the result of a lack of conscience or moral center.

Think back on your day. How many times do you believe another person acted incorrectly, particularly to you? The person that cut in line at the store, interrupted your break at work, made you wait a little too long at a stop light once it turned green—it is likely that these actions irritated you. How dare they do that to you? These insults are particularly egregious as the offenders should "know better." Not only did the person who did not accelerate immediately at the stop light know that you were behind them (knowingly), but they made a conscious choice to not care about the three second delay it caused you (wittingly). That (expletive) person ahead of you is stupid, immoral, rude...

Turn the tables. Also examining today, how many times were you the offender in a similar situation. It is almost certain that you were, even if you were not aware of it. Even if you did know that you negatively impacted someone else's life, there was likely a reason. I ran that

## Words From The West continued

red light because I was late for a doctor's appointment that I could not miss. I didn't hold the door open for that elderly man because I was mentally preparing for the tough conversation I needed to have with my coworker. I may have erred, but I either did not know that I did (unknowingly) or it was the result of what was going on with me at the time; I would ordinarily never do, or not do, that (unwittingly).

Therein is the rub. This is a logical fallacy that behavioral scientists call fundamental attribution bias, which states that when others make mistakes it is because of flaws in their characters or morals but when you make a mistake it is simply the result of your circumstances. In essence, this gets back to the often used phrase mentioned so many times in this article. To put it another way, when everyone else in the world does something that is injurious to you in some way the action

was premeditated, a choice, made by someone who had insight into how it hurt you. They were "knowing and witting." But if one of your behaviors was similarly hurtful to someone else, it really was not your fault. The more one begins to dissect each negative interaction in his or her life, it becomes clear that many of the issues result from one party falling victim to this bias.

The challenge I make to each of you that read this is this: as you go through your day tomorrow and someone does something that irritates you, stop to think if their behavior was done knowingly and/or wittingly. It may make you somewhat less quick to pass judgment on others and perhaps begin understand their actions a little better.



Geoffrey Talmon  
Senior Warden

## From the desk of the Secretary/Recorder

Four Grands' down and only Supreme and Central States left.... but May is clear, I will be making all my meetings, and that starts the summer concert season...the 1st Nebraska plays on the 30th and Plattsmouth Community Band plays on the 25th...

The Shrine Band now has a float so they will be in most of the parades around the area.

We now have a trailer for a float, Bro. Brad announced that we had the invite for one parade, should be LaVista, it will be good to see the PMF represented in our local parades, we should think about Gretna as well as Ralston, LaVista and Papillion.

I can stop worrying about Lodge dues and concentrate on York Rite, those members should look for their dun notices by mid-month.

To those not in the appendant bodies Larry Zwart has stepped down as Treasurer of the Council of Cryptic Masons for health reasons, I have picked up those duties for the next couple years as well as Recorder of the body...Larry needs your prayers.

Speaking of York Rite, installation for the two chapters and the council will be on the afternoon of the 9th, I can't tell you if it is at Benson or here, but look for the announcement, we have lodge members active in all three bodies.

I wish to thank WB Jonathan Paz and B Dennis Newman for covering me during my absence this past month for Grand Amaranth of Missouri. It also was a family reunion for the birth of my grandson (announcement elsewhere in this trestle board) only two of the family didn't make it, so the whole trip was well worth it.



Carl Highman, Secretary/Recorder  
Papillion #39, Florence #61, Mt Calvary #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.

- 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.

If you have a request please contact the team at [OddJobsTeam@outlook.com](mailto:OddJobsTeam@outlook.com) or call the Lodge.





## York Rite Festival

On Saturday February 28th we held a Royal Arch Festival where 11 candidates received the four degrees of Royal Arch masonry. In attendance were candidates for both Florence Chapter #61 and Omaha Chapter #1, as well as candidates from the Plattsmouth chapter of RAM. Thirty or more Companions from around the Omaha area, and even some folks from Iowa chapters, showed up to put on the impressive degree work for these new candidates.

When I originally went through the degrees of Royal Arch masonry I found that each one seemed to be even more impressive than the one before. And by the end of the fourth degree, the Royal Arch Degree, I thought that must be the pinnacle. There was so much information, so many important lessons, and so many revelations, that I was pretty sure it couldn't get much better than that. Little did I know that the best was yet to come, and I would guess that our 11 candidates this time felt much the same as I did when I went through those degrees.

On Saturday March 28th we held the second half of the York Rite degrees, the two degrees of the Council of Cryptic Masons and the three Commandery orders. Ten candidates (pictured below) participated in this exciting day of York Rite degree work. And at least 30 people from around the metro got together to put on this festival. In attendance was the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska, as well as many of the line officers from the Nebraska Grand Commandery (many of whom helped confer the Commandery orders). Also visiting was the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights

Templar of Iowa. I had the opportunity to chat with both visiting Grand Commanders afterwards and they both seemed very happy with the ritual work they saw.

When I originally went through my degrees and orders of Council and Commandery I was completely blown away. The degrees and orders of Council and Commandery seemed to continue the path of each subsequent degree being even more impressive than the last. If a new candidate finishes the Commandery orders without being extremely impressed and motivated to start his journey in York Rite masonry I would be completely flabbergasted.

In my relatively short time in masonry I have seen a lot of amazing degrees and rituals. All of them have been moving and meaningful. But the York Rite degrees hold a special place in my heart as the ones that have been the most influential and moving to me. If you are a Master Mason who has thought about the York Rite, I highly encourage you to talk to any York Rite mason. If you still haven't experienced York Rite masonry, you are missing out on some truly wonderful degrees. Maybe it's time to think about joining the York Rite? The next Royal Arch Festival is in September, and I would love to see many of you there!



Daniel Marr  
Captain of the Host  
Florence Chapter #61 RAM



## Papillion Chapter # 114 OES

You never know where, when or why you might gain a new Eastern Star friend. Let me tell you about some friendships that would never have happened had it not been for a blood clot.

Henry and Vanette own a farm near Loma, Montana. In March of 2012, they came to Nebraska to attend a National Farmers Union convention held at the Convention Center in La Vista. While they were there, Henry suffered a blood clot that began in his leg and moved to his lung. He was rushed to Midlands Hospital and placed in the Intensive Care Unit. Realizing they were strangers to the area, a chaplain at Midlands asked Vanette if he could connect her with a local church. In an ensuing visit, the pastor of a local Methodist church learned that Vanette was also a member of Eastern Star. The pastor passed that information on to Bev Higgins, a member of her congregation whom she knew belonged to Eastern Star. Bev involved Phyllis Cain and Jerrie Wilcox and all 3 were able to visit with Vanette. Learning that she crocheted, they located some yarn, a crochet hook and some patterns and Vanette made hats for her granddaughters instead of just sitting while she kept Henry company in ICU. Bev helped out by doing some laundry for Vanette.

Henry improved and was moved to the regular patient floor but definitely not cleared to travel. They were farmers and it was March and eventually Vanette had to go home and organize some help with the spring farm work. The local Star gals continued to make visits to Henry when they could. All together he spent 32 days in



the hospital and 14 days at Papillion Manor before he was cleared to fly home and Vanette returned to escort him home.

Then in June of 2014 Jerrie was making plans to attend Montana Grand Chapter in Helena. Connections seemed impossible so she contacted Vanette for advice. That ended with Vanette meeting Jerrie's plane and giving her a tour of that part of Montana before depositing her in Helena.

Early this spring Bev received a call from Vanette. She and Henry were on an extensive trip and planned to be in Papillion for a day in mid-March. Arrangements to meet were made and the 5 friends enjoyed a lunch and a 2 hour visit about many things before they parted, vowing to keep in touch.

So be alert and on the look-out – you never know what might happen and give you a chance to make a new Eastern Star friend from anywhere in the world.



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## Crusade Chapter Order of DeMolay

May 30th is a fifth Saturday and we would like to see a gathering of boys (and either or both parents) for the formation of a club for those boys, with the goal of eventually reactivating the Chapter. Contact Dad Paul Kenyon, Dad AJ Johnson, Dad Jeffrey Coleman or me if you would like to bring your son, nephew, or grandson to this event.

Both WB Jonathan Paz and B Joe Christiansen have offered to help but have not their training yet, but will as soon as we can get started. We will need at least 1 adult for every 7 boys with a minimum of 2 adults regardless of number of boys, or the activity.

We have one boy still active, Dad Johnson is attempting to get four from Omaha Chapter and, if we

can bring in four eligible boys (age 13 to 21), the shift from club to active Chapter can be quit swift, depending on the desire of the boys.

When fully up and running the meetings will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays with the 5th Saturdays remaining as an informal or fun day, the advisors meetings are still scheduled on the 1st Wednesday.

Note to the Advisors: we will require a rewrite of the by-laws, they are old enough to be a member on their own right. The 6th will be the official meeting night (7 PM), let me know if you can't make it.



Carl Highman  
Chairman

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOB'S DAUGHTERS!!!

Job's Daughters International Bethel #1 is celebrating it's 94th birthday! The first initiation of Job's Daughters was held at the Omaha Masonic Temple on May 6th, 1921.

The Order of Job's Daughters was founded in Omaha, NE by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. The authority to proceed with this organization was jointly granted in 1920 by Most Worshipful J. B. Fradenburg, the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna J. Davis, and the Worth Grand Patron, Mr. James E. Bednar of the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star of Nebraska. Mother Mick was also the first Matron of Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter, Order of the Easter Star.

Our organization was named 'Job's Daughters' after the three daughters of Job in the bible. The organization was founded on the 15th verse of the 42nd Chapter of the Book of Job: "In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their bretheren."

The purpose of the Order is to band together young girls with a Masonic relationship for character building

through moral and spiritual development by teaching a greater reverence for God, loyalty to the Flag and the Country for which it stands.

The ritual of the Order is designed to teach young girls that throughout their lives they will face many trials and tribulations, and will experience adversities of many kinds, but if faith prevails, the ultimate result will be the eventual restoration of all that is good and worthwhile.

Job's Daughters Bethel #1 has met in several Masonic Temples over the past 94 years but is now proud to call the Papillion Masonic Center it's home. We appreciate the support of Papillion Lodge #39 and all the other organizations that meet in this building.

*-Information taken from the Job's Daughters International website.*

[www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org](http://www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org)



Elizabeth Grazier  
Bethel Guardian, Bethel #1 Job's Daughters

## THE SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

Before we gear up for the summer month, I thought I'd share a little more about The Social Order of the Beauceant. Who we are, what we do, and why we exist are some of our best-kept secrets. I hope to enlighten everyone with a few interesting details.

We are the wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of Knight Templars. We are the only ladies fraternal order whose eligibility is determined by membership in the Commandery.

What do we do. We support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The monies raised are primarily used for research in Pediatric Ophthalmology. I'm proud to say that The Social Order of the Beauceant has donated over 3 million dollars since 1957, and our own Assembly, Omaha #91 contributed over \$1600 last year.

Why we exist is the easy one. We exist to "cultivate the spirit of love for and loyalty to our God, the Order of Knights Templar and each other. We are a social order as our name implies. Our business meetings are short, our Ritual Work impressive, and our only fundraiser is a Card Party held each year in October.

One more thing, in case you've wondered, the Beauceant is the standard of the Knights Templar. The Beauceant consisted of a black section above a white one. The word comes from "balzaus", a 2 colored flag borne before the Knights of the 12th or 13th Century as they rode into Jerusalem.



Isobel Taylor  
Worthy President

### Past Master's Challenge Night

On Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> we'll be having the Past Master's Challenge night! Join us for fun and games, starting at 7:00pm. Family is invited.



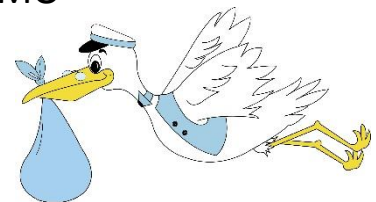
## May 2015 Calendar

| Sunday                               | Monday                          | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                                   |
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|                                      |                                 |  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>12p – SOOB<br>Lunch<br>1p – SOOB<br>Meeting<br>6:30p – Mt<br>Cav #1 -Dinner<br>7:30p – Mt<br>Cav#1 meet | <b>2</b><br>8a – Coffee On<br>The Square   |
| <b>3</b><br>2p - Job's<br>Daughters  | <b>4</b><br>7p –<br>Templecraft | <b>5</b><br>7p Papillion<br>#39 EA Degree  | <b>6</b><br>7p - DeMolay   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>7:30p – Adah<br>OES Business<br>Meeting   | <b>9</b><br>2 - Royal Arch<br>Installation |
| <b>10</b><br>2p - Job's<br>Daughters | <b>11</b>                       | <b>12</b><br>6:30 – Papio<br>#39 Dinner<br>7p - Papillion<br>#39 Business<br>Meeting | <b>13</b><br>6:30p – Royal<br>Arch dinner<br>7:30p –<br>Florence<br>Chapter #61<br>RAM Meeting | <b>14</b><br>7:30p –<br>Papillion #114<br>OES Business<br>Meeting | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>                                  |
| <b>17</b><br>2p - Job's<br>Daughters | <b>18</b>                       | <b>19</b><br>7p Papillion<br>#39 EA Degree   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>                                  |
| <b>24</b><br>2p - Job's<br>Daughters | <b>25</b>                       | <b>26</b><br>7p Papillion<br>#39 EA Degree   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>                                  |
| <b>31</b><br>2p - Job's<br>Daughters |                                 |  |  |   |   |  |

### Announcements

Grandparents Yvonne and Carl Highman  
announce the birth of their third grandson

**Aric Nathaniel Highman**  
12:33 PM 4/13/2015 at Columbia, MO  
21.5 inches, 8.48 lbs.



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