

Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

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Words from the Far North West

The anchor article, that all-important first article that most of you read first when you pick up the Trestleboard, was not submitted by the Worshipful Master this month. It wasn't submitted by the Senior Warden. It wasn't even written by the Junior Warden. That's right, ladies and gentlemen, the honor of authoring the primary article of the September Trestleboard falls to the Junior Steward. Oh Lord help us all!

No matter which masonic body earns the majority of your time, the concept of being there to help a brother or sister in need is universal throughout masonry. So, when I found that the deadline for submitting articles for the Trestleboard had passed and there still wasn't an article from any of the three pillars, I knew that it was time for me to step up and help out some Brothers in need.

As I sat in front of my keyboard, wondering what I should write that any mason would care to read... well, let's just say that the words weren't exactly jumping onto the page. After a short while I realized that there is a little something that I'd like to share. There was sort of a "Woah!" moment for me that happened a few years ago. It was actually one of several things that eventually lead me to join masonry. I thought I would share that.

Many of you know that I have been involved in genealogy research for a couple of decades now. I enjoy exploring my family roots, and my wife Erin and I have taken several trips to various cities and towns to do research in libraries, court houses, and historical societies. We've spent endless hours walking through cemeteries locating gravestones of great grandparents and other relatives. It's something that we both enjoy doing, and unfortunately there never seems to be enough time to do all of the traveling and research that we'd love to do.

We've made several trips to Sac City, IA. My maternal grandfather was born there, and many of my relatives lived there as far back as the pioneer days. So, many of the genealogy answers that I have been looking for can only be found there. Some things are available online and in local libraries. But the vast majority of data is still only available in original paper documents or on microfilm.

It was on one of these trips to Sac City that I found the information that lead to my "Woah!" moment. While researching at the Sac City Library, I found the obituary

of my 3rd Great Grandfather, Thomas Gerry. He was born in England, and was my first relative in my maternal line to immigrate to the USA.

I was very excited to find the obituary, because he died in 1889 and many times no obituary even exists for deaths that happened that long ago. So to find the obituary after long hours of looking through microfilm was extremely exciting. That obituary contained a wealth of information about how he died, where he was born, and all sort of information relevant to my genealogy research. But the most important part of the obituary was the part that I completely ignored the first several times that I read the obituary. Because it doesn't have anything to do with dates or places.

The obituary ended like this: "...He moved to Wis., afterward to Cedar Rapids in this state, and in 1865 to Sac County, where he has since resided, except that in 1888 he spent a while on the Pacific coast. Mr. Gerry was a man of good disposition, a kind neighbor, and a good citizen. He leaves a wife and six children, all grown, and will be very much missed by all who knew him."

I must have read that obituary a few dozen times before I realized the most important part of the whole thing. "Mr. Gerry was a man of good disposition, a kind neighbor, and a good citizen." What a wonderful thing to say about someone! I've literally read hundreds of obituaries, and rarely do I see something quite as neat as that.

"A man of good disposition", "a kind neighbor", and "a good citizen". Is there anyone that I would describe that way today? Yes, there are a few.

Isn't that what we strive for in Masonry?

Many of us fall short of that goal. I know that I fall very short of that goal more often than not. But I'm working on it. Maybe someday I'll get there?

So, in September, my Brothers in the three important chairs in our Lodge were not able to submit articles. It happens. We all get busy sometimes. And this month, my Brothers, I've got your back.

But next month, I am hoping to see some articles. ;)



Daniel Marr
Junior Steward

From the desk of the Secretary/Recorder

Where do I start, with day I had, with the month we are looking forward to, I already put in a separate piece about addresses...

September is the start of the year. For those groups that were dark or semi-dark during the summer, mirroring the school year, which, in turn, originally followed the agriculture...

The kids helped with the harvest then returned to school, that's why the vacation used to be later.

Where I grew up, with the crop being apples, school didn't begin before the middle of September because of how late the apples ripened. You picked berries, then went into the orchards, school was a relief.

The primary occupation for our forbearers were involved in agriculture, don't bother having a meeting during planting season or harvest, the town folk were all you had, or the railroaders, but you had to meet late in the evening, or be a daylight lodge, to catch them...

Anyway, everyone is back and we have a full slate scheduled.

I ask that each group look at their musical instruments (piano, organ and keyboard), to the best of my count we have two organs, three pianos and a keyboard. The two

in the lodge room are fine, unless we want to swap out the piano, the keyboard can go in the Commandery's closet, no problem there. One piano is all we need down stairs, that leaves a piano and an organ taking up space in the back closet downstairs, if they were to be sold it would 1) be extra funds for the group that owns it and 2) allow ample storage for a new group with minimal overlap. Please consider and let me know, I do have some contacts, however most organs are at give away prices right now.

We are talking about bringing in Boy Scout Troop 888, one of their needs is storage, there is talk of using the DeMolay closet, fine, might help to cross pollinate the groups, but the Boy Scouts meet down stairs and the DeMolay closet is upstairs, the 10 feet of floor space freed up by removal of the two instruments should be sufficient....another thought is swap either SOOB or KT for DeMolay, have the male youth downstairs and one of two adult groups won't have to go back and forth when setting up and tearing down....just some thoughts.



Carl Highman
Secretary/Recorder

PAPILLION CHAPTER # 114

Our community outreach project, Christmas in July, was held on July 9th. Our guests were the regular attendees of the Senior Centers in Papillion and La Vista. A big decorated Christmas tree, holiday table decorations and Christmas music created a holiday atmosphere for the 40 people from the La Vista Center and 30 from Papillion who attended. A meal of ham balls, cheesy potatoes, veggie & pasta salad and brownies and ice cream was served. Twenty six of our members took part, either as guests or kitchen cooks and helpers. Several games of bingo and the singing of Christmas carols completed the day's festivities.

On August 2nd, we held our annual Silver and Gold Tea, honoring long time members of the Order. There were 23 members and 2 visitors present. Those 23 members represented a total of 1,004 years of membership in the Order. Refreshments of fresh fruit and an assortment of cookies and bars was served.

Everyone enjoyed several games of "Eastern Star Bingo". Greetings from some out of town members were shared and group pictures were taken to conclude the afternoon.

Approximately 30 people attended the Papillion Masonic Family Pot Luck on Sunday evening, August 16th. The pot luck meal was delicious as always and the bottle auction raised \$200.00 to help pay for needed improvements to the speaker system in the Lodge/Chapter meeting room.

The annual visit of the Papillion Masonic family to the Plattsmouth Home had to be cancelled. It has been rescheduled for September 3rd so I hope you have made your reservation with Erin Marr for that event.



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Job's Daughters - Bethel #1

Bethel #1 is looking forward to a barrel of fun this term. We had a very successful experience at Grand Bethel this June, bringing home awards in individual Ritual, music, signing, arts & crafts and essay competitions. Five of our members were chosen as Grand Bethel Representatives. We were excited to see Past Bethel Guardian Elizabeth Grazier installed as Vice Grand Guardian and wish her well as she moves into her position leading Nebraska Job's Daughters.

The Bethel had a successful car wash in July, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the HIKE Fund to help provide assistive devices for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The car wash was just the first of many activities that Honored Queen Brianna Fischbach has planned for our Fall 2015 term...her mascot may be the monkey, but Brianna isn't monkeying around; under her leadership, Bethel #1 is in full swing!

Our Bethel participated in a strategic goal setting workshop and developed several key goals for the year, including to increase membership, attend Supreme Session 2016, to empower the girls to be effective leaders and to incorporate fun into all activities. Our Jobie 2 Bee program is back up and running; we had four prospective members attend our first J2B meeting, followed by a splash pad party at Seymour Smith Park. We finished the month of August by attending the Grand Family Retreat and Adult Workshop in Lincoln on August 22 and making fleece blankets for Project Linus after our meeting on August 23.

We are looking forward to several fun activities in September. We will be working on a special arts & crafts painting project with Past Grand Guardian Trudy Else after our Sept. 13 meeting. We are also planning a sleepover and box social. Our Grand Visitation will be Sept. 26 with Bethel #18 of Omaha. We will close out the month on Sept. 27 with a Friendship Meeting and Jobie 2 Bee Ceremony.

SAVE THE DATE: We invite you to join us in Oct. 11 for a special meeting honoring members of the Masonic Family.

We will hold Initiation on Oct. 25. If you know of a young lady between the ages of 10 and 20 who would be interested in learning more about Job's Daughters, please let us know! We would love to welcome her to our group!

Last, but not least, all of Nebraska Job's Daughters is celebrating the achievements of Sarah Leeper of Nebraska City Bethel #15 who was crowned Miss International Job's Daughter at Supreme Session this past month. This is a monumental honor and we could not be prouder of our sister Jobie! As Miss International, Sarah will travel to Canada, Brazil, the Philippines, Australia and every state in the U.S. where Job's Daughters has Bethels. We are looking forward to following her adventures and cheering her along the way.

As always, we invite all members of our Masonic Family to join us at our meetings. They are always more fun than a barrel of monkeys!



Kori Radloff
Bethel Guardian

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!



Social Order of the Beauceant

I can't believe I'm writing this for the September issue of the Papillion Trestleboard. Where has the summer gone? I suppose you who have children returning to school are doing your "happy dance." For the rest of us, I'll paraphrase the poet Shelley, and say, "If Fall is here, can Winter be far behind."

After a somewhat relaxing summer, Omaha Assembly #91 is gearing up for a very busy fall. September will find us planning for our one and only fundraiser. Our Card Party will be held at the Shrine Center on October 13th, from 10-2. We have a delicious salad lunch, raffles, crafts and a bake sale as well as just a really good time with friends. Men and women are invited to participate. You may play canasta, bridge or what ever you chose. \$7.00 donation.

Several of us will be flying to Houston the last of September for Supreme Beauceant. This is a wonderful

opportunity to connect with our Sisters from all over the country. Also, we have a School of Instruction, which is extremely well run and very informative. If you, as a member of our Assembly did not opt to attend this year, please consider doing so next year, when we just have to drive to Kansas.

Our officers are working on their parts so when the Supreme President comes November 21st, we will be at our best.

Several of our members or their families have experienced sickness or distress over the summer. We pray for their recovery, and that of all family members.



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Dues

All Members of the Papillion Masonic Family
Lodge, OES, York Rite, Beauceant

The collection starts, depending on the order, as early as next month. All of the Secretaries would appreciate updated:

USPS address
email address
phone numbers

Besides needing this information for our monthly reports, the costs of dues collection increases quickly if notices have to be sent multiple times because they get returned in addition phone numbers should indicate whether they are home, cell or work, and which number is preferred.

If you have discontinued your land line home phone, I know that is a piece of information I like to have.

I'm sure your secretary will thank you.



A Carl Highman, Sec/Rec
Lodge & York Rite

Fellow Craft Ritual Contest

On Saturday October 3, 2015, the Grand Lodge will be conducting the Fellow Craft Ritual Contest! It will be hosted by Lancaster Lodge #54 in Lincoln.

Last year Papillion Lodge participated in the Entered Apprentice Ritual Contest and we earned 2nd place. This year our goal is to take 1st place!

If you are a Brother in Papillion Lodge and you'd like to help us bring home 1st place, then break out your cypher and start practicing! And don't forget to sign up! The sign-up sheet is right outside the Lodge room. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, this could be the excuse that you've been needing to get back into the swing of things!

As the competition gets closer we'll be scheduling practices. We'd love to have you join us!

What is being judged?

- Accuracy of the spoken ritual.
- Accuracy of the floor work.
- Quality of the overall presentation of the degree.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

We would like to express thanks to you, the Papillion Community and all of your members at the Masonic Center that came to the blood drive for your commitment to the American Red Cross Blood Services. On behalf of the patients we serve, we thank you for holding your blood drive. Thank you for your support of the Red Cross mission in saving lives!

Below are your official numbers.

28 pints of whole blood collected. Great job! Your blood drive potentially saved 84 lives!

You know the difference your blood drive makes. By coordinating a blood drive, you are committed to supporting a valuable service to your community and the nation. On any given day, 38,000 pints of blood may be

required to meet the needs of patients throughout the United States. The Red Cross thanks you for the strong relationship we have in working together to ensure blood is available for patients in need across the nation.

We hope that your role with the Red Cross is as important to you as you are to the Red Cross. We encourage you to continue your work to provide opportunities for generous blood donors to share their gift of life with patients in need. The stability of our nation's blood supply is in the hands of thoughtful, dedicated volunteers like you, who understand that healthy people should give blood for patients in need.

Again, thank you for your efforts in coordinating a successful blood drive!

American Red Cross Blood Services

from "Laughter on the Level" by Martin Faulks

They say Freemasonry is universal but...

...If an Ephraimite applied to join, would he be able to progress beyond the First Degree?

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Q: How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Change it? Never! My grandfather donated that bulb to the Lodge!

...

A Brother had committed murder, and on arrival at the gallows he remonstrated with the hangman, declaring, "You cannot go through with this execution! I'm a Mason!"

The hangman replied, "I don't know anything about that. Step off with you left foot."

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word

Papillion Community Blood Drive
Papillion Masonic Center
September 9th 11:30 am-5:30 pm
Call 800-RedCross or go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment

Walk-ins are welcome!

Papillion Masonic Family Potluck

Hosted By Adah Chapter #52

Order of the Eastern Star

Sunday, September 13th at 5PM – 7PM

All members of the Papillion Masonic Family are invited to attend our annual Potluck Dinner. Adah Chapter is proud to present guest speaker, Joy Johnson, founder of two non-profits in Omaha. Centering Corporation is North America's oldest and largest bereavement resource center and Ted E. Bear Hollow, a center for grieving children. Since her retirement, Joy has written comedy mystery novels for seasoned women. The BOOB Girls: the Burned Out Old Broads at Table 12 are laugh-out-loud novels featuring four retired widows in a retirement community in Omaha, Nebraska.

Please join us with a potluck dish and be ready for some laugh-out-loud fun!



Brothers,

Early in his year, our Worshipful Master Bill Young challenged each officer with planning a community service event. Immediately, I envisioned helping a local Boy Scout camp with needed repairs. Within the week, I called the Mid-America Council and got the contact info for a camp Ranger in Bellevue, Jim Adams. I called him up and he liked the idea of our Lodge doing some work for him, so we planned to make it happen during the warmth of Spring or Summer.



Fast forward a few months to a warm Nebraska night at Wa-kon-da Boy Scout Camp. Although it has changed some since I camped there as a young Boy Scout myself, it remains an oasis of nature nestled amongst suburban life in the Omaha Metro area. I arrived early so Jim could show me around the immediate area and point out the things he wanted us to work on. Folks arrived shortly thereafter, I broke them into teams, and they hit the tasks with gusto.



Brothers had helped me promote the night via facebook, e-mail, and word of mouth: resulting in a wonderful turnout. One brother even brought his Boy Scout Troop to augment our work force. In total, we had about 15 Masons and about 20 Scouts & Scouters (for those of you that aren't familiar with Scouting: Scouts are youth, Scouters are adults). The persistent swarms of mosquitos made a strong showing, but they were unable to deter the volunteers. I saw smiles all around and instead of complaints, I often heard good-natured laughter.



A ton of work was conducted. We cleared Dodder (a parasitic vine) from three areas near a campsite. At the parking lot entrance: we dug a hole, inserted a post, and mounted a sign to it; nearby, a honeysuckle bush got a needed trimming. The lion's share of the work involved preserving many wood items around the camp with protective stain; they consisted of: the camp's namesake signs and associated supports, hand rails of an almost 40' stairway, about 50' of a two-section fence, approximately 15' of 6' privacy fencing, and at least 15 picnic tables! The task with the most impact: getting Jim's weed-eater running again and we even had time to make progress on repairing his portable generator.



As the organizer, I am proud of how our first Community Service night of 2015 went on Tuesday the 21st of July. The work done equated to roughly 80 man-hours of labor. Jim said he would've been hard-pressed to complete just one of the tasks we did, had he labored alone for a whole day. Several brothers summed it up when they commented, "This is why I joined Masonry". The cement of Masonry was spread, which was only made possible with all the help - I give a heartfelt thank you to all involved!



Yours in Masonry,
Adam Cejka
Senior Steward
Papillion Lodge #39

Band Shows

In the last month Erin and I have gone to a couple of different concerts for local bands. But I'm not talking about the guys in their ripped-up jeans screaming into the microphone and pretending like they know how to play an instrument because they learned a chord on the internet. I'm talking about a group of talented musicians and some wonderful music.



On Sunday August 8th the PAC Band played a selection of songs at the Sumtur Amphitheater. I knew that Carl Highman and Nathan Rolofson were in the band, so we packed up the family and headed to Sumtur to check things out.

Needless to say, when the conductor said that the band was made up of volunteers, that there was no try-outs and everyone who showed up was welcome to play, and that the group had only done four practices together... that didn't describe a group that I would expect to sound all that great.

But they were fantastic! I'm not expert or anything, but I'm pretty picky about my music. And I was thoroughly impressed. The show was great.

So, I asked Carl to provide some information about the PAC band, and his experience with it, for this article. And here is what he had to say.

"The PAC Band has been in existence since 1984 under the direction of Ken Molzer, the recipient of our Community Leadership Masonic Recognition Award 2008. It is open to any post-high school musician who enjoys to play. I joined the band in 2004 and Nathan joined in 2012. There are several other Masons and Eastern Stars within the band.

"The PAC Band has three major concerts (full band) Winter (usually with the Lions Spaghetti Feed) at P-LV High School, Papillion Days at Sumtur (Fathers' Day) and Summer at Sumtur (2nd Sunday in August) and three minor concerts (mini-PAC) the Duck Races at Papillion Days, the Papillion Parade, Arrows to Aerospace at Washington Park Bellevue (following the Bellevue Parade), then there is a Brass Choir that plays for the

Winter Festival at the Library the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Those are the fixed dates, there is also a flute quartet that will perform on request and there is some demand for the Brass Choir around the holidays."

On August 16th we went to the North Omaha campus of Metro community college to see the 1st Nebraska Volunteer Brass Band. When Erin heard that there was a band based on a Civil War era band, and that they played music from that era, I knew that we'd be going to see it. She loves that kind of thing. Luckily I do too, so it all works out.



I asked Carl to provide some info about that band, and here is what he said.

"The 1st Nebraska Volunteer Brass Band started this year in this reincarnation under the direction of Bill Hall, since there is a maximum of 16 musicians (to keep it in line with the 1861 band) there were auditions, when I couldn't make it on tuba, I offered my services on Bass Drum and was accepted. Other Masons in the band are Roger Dill and Dave Krecek. Concerts are generally at historical events and venues though we did go to Iowa to participate in a community band festival. We don't currently have a Sumtur date scheduled but it has been discussed and the previous 1st Nebraska Volunteer Infantry Band did play there several years ago."

If you are looking for a fun activity, some great music, and you'd like to throw a little support towards activities that some Brothers from the Lodge are participating in, then I would highly recommend checking out either of these two bands.

If you'd like to check them out online, the PAC Band has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PACBand) and so does the 1st Nebraska Volunteer Brass Band (www.facebook.com/1stNebraskaBand). You can also see what's coming up at Sumtur on their page (www.facebook.com/Sumtur).



Daniel Marr
Tresleboard Editor

September 2015 Calendar

	Day	Date	Time	Event
	Wednesday	9/2	7:00 PM	DeMolay
	Thursday	9/3	9:00 AM	SOOB Practice
PMF	Thursday	9/3	5:00 PM	Papillion Masonic Family visit to the Plattsmouth Masonic Home
	Friday	9/4	12:00 PM	SOOB Luncheon
	Friday	9/4	1:00 PM	SOOB Meeting
	Friday	9/4	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Dinner
	Friday	9/4	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Meeting
PMF	Saturday	9/5	8:00 AM	Coffee on the Square
	Tuesday	9/8	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 business meeting
PMF	Wednesday	9/9	11:00 AM	Papillion Red Cross Blood Drive
	Wednesday	9/9	6:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Dinner
	Wednesday	9/9	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting
	Thursday	9/10	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
	Friday	9/11	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
	Saturday	9/12	8:00 AM	Royal Arch Degrees
	Sunday	9/13	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Jobie 2 Bee Meeting - Fun activity following the meeting
	Sunday	9/13	5:00 PM	Adah Chapter Pot Luck
	Saturday	9/19	8:00 AM	Papillion OES Salad Luncheon
	Sunday	9/20	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
	Sunday	9/20	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Council Meeting at PMC
	Saturday	9/26	1:30 PM	Job's Daughters - Grand Visitation with Bethel #18 (location TBD)
	Sunday	9/27	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Friendship Meeting and Jobie 2 Bee Ceremony
	Tuesday	9/29	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 Special Presentation

Note: The information above is pulled from the Papillion Lodge Calendar, as well as information provided to me by the leaders of the various bodies. Please make sure that the Lodge has accurate information about your events, or email me directly, if you would like activities listed on this page.

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)