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Words From The East

Brethren,

One of the lectures that I give talks about three principle rounds, faith, hope, and charity. With the holidays fast approaching I want to challenge all of you to focus on these three areas of your life.

When a gentleman comes to the lodge and submits a petition we ask him if he believes in a higher power. We ask him because it is the foundation of our commitment to each other. We ask, he says “yes” and then we move on. While I understand the reasoning behind not discussing ones religious beliefs in lodge I think that we are missing an opportunity to help nurture each other’s faith. My Masonic journey has strengthened my faith life tremendously. It complements the majority of the morals and values of my faith. It has taught me to seek answers and to look for a deeper meaning in the teaching of my faith. It has taught me that much like Masonry; you get out of faith what you put in to it. I’d like you to take a moment to reestablish a connection with whatever faith you subscribe to. Go to your place of worship, spend some time with your sacred volume, and practice your faith.

Hope is a dangerous thing if it is given without thought or consequence. There are plenty of false prophets making false promises without concern for their fellow man. We must set an example for the rest of the world. We must understand that our actions are more important than our words. We mustn’t give hope, we must be hope. We must remember our obligation, our promise, and our bond that we have with one another.

Lastly, I want you to think about how you can help another person this holiday season. Maybe you can buy someone a cup of coffee or provide groceries for someone less fortunate than you. Charity doesn’t have to be a huge monetary donation, it can be something small. Brethren, I don’t care what you do or how you do it, but I challenge you to do something. Do something for someone this holiday season. Be the example that we so desperately need in the world today.



Bill Young
Worshipful Master

Words from the West

As with my previous articles, I like to share items that I read that I feel have significance to our lives both within Lodge and without. I recently read an article on generational differences. It was a nice piece that discussed the four generations and their general outlooks on life. What was interesting to me, as I watch the interactions and frustrations at both work and Lodge when dealing with leadership, is that much of the discord that comes about between groups can be at least partially explained by these differences in preference, outlook, motivations, and expectations.

A quick disclaimer—“generation” is not equivalent to age, nor does it imply that every individual in the same era define themselves in similar ways. Outside influences (such as upbringing, personal experience, etc.) all play a large role in defining one’s “generation.”

The “silent generation” (b. 1925-45)—sometimes called “traditionalists,” people of this generation tend to have a respect for authority and discipline, with strong value placed on duty, frugality, and community. They often view advanced education as an aspirational goal.

Also, work and home life are often perceived as absolutely separate. These people are often motivated by an acknowledgement and respect for their experience, and can be viewed by other generations as too set in the old ways.

The “baby boomers” (b. 1946-65)-- often called the “me” generation, they value optimism and involvement. Education is a birthright. They tend to gravitate toward instant gratification and can be described as competitive, driven, and antiauthoritarian (sentiments likely due to “rebellious” against the views of their parents). These people do, however, still value the chain of command/hierarchy, often look for ways to leave a legacy or be seen as an asset to organizations in which they participate, and see work as how one defines oneself (rather than family, etc.). As such, it is important for boomers to know that they are personally valued and needed. Other generations can see them as narcissistic.

“Generation X” (b. 1966-1980)—as a whole, this group values autonomy, a small group of close friends, and personal growth. Education is a means to an end.

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To them, fun and informality are important in all groups, and work is viewed as a contractual arrangement. They also tend to be highly skeptical and questioning of processes, and feel that non-hierarchical, collaborative environments are the best. They also believe that work/family balance is a must. “Gen X’ers” like to be told, “the rules don’t matter, get results.” Others, particularly older generations, often view them as “slackers.”

“Millennials” (b. 1981-99)—this group has grown up in an age in which knowledge has always been instantly accessible and feel that age or experience should not preclude them from making an impact in whatever group they are a part of. Education is viewed as a costly investment (which, to them, may not be necessary to succeed based on popular role models). The capacity to give feedback, and see it acted upon, is important. They are used to interacting with large groups of people (often electronically) and have a social outlook. Work-life balance is a must, and many find fewer working hours more preferable to upward advancement or high pay. The older generations often view them as being worse than the Gen X’ers. Being told that they will get to interact with other talented people is a good motivator for this group.

I suggest that each of you to think about this the next time you have a frustrating encounter with someone from another generation. As someone who borders the latter two generations, I not infrequently find myself getting frustrated with the ambition displayed by my superior at work, or what I deem the “inflexibility” of an older Lodge member when discussing a new project. I have heard the aforementioned elder say that these “new guys” do not have the respect for the experience of their predecessors and care more about having fun than hard work.

The question that I have started asking myself (and challenge each of you to do) is before you snap to an assessment of an individual’s motivations in a particular difficult encounter, consider their generational perspective. If you wish to motivate someone in another age group, try approaching them using this information as a guide. This may make the harmony that we all strive for more easy to attain.



Geoffrey Talmon
Senior Warden

Masonic Home Donor Appreciation Dinner

On Sunday September 27th the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth held their 2015 Donor Appreciation Dinner. Each Lodge, Chapter, group or individual who makes a generous donation to the Masonic Home receives tickets to the dinner. This year the evening featured a wonderful dinner, good fellowship, and a fun game of Nebraska trivia.

Here are a couple of observations from the trivia game:

- 1) When the facilitator instructs the crowd to raise their hand if they know the answer, invariably three-quarters of the crowd is going to shout out the answer.
- 2) Apparently I know nothing about Nebraska, except the fact that Kearney is known as “The Gateway to the West”.

Next year, if your Lodge receives tickets and you have the opportunity to go, I highly recommend it. Or, better

yet, you might consider making a donation to the home as an individual if that is something that you’re in a position to do. It is a very nice dinner, and a chance to hear about the wonderful things that the Masonic Home is able to do with our donations.



Daniel Marr
Trestleboard Editor



Social Order of the Beauceant

It's a beautiful fall day and as I write this article, I cannot believe it is near the end of my term and the articles I am responsible for. It's been quite a year. We've lost some dear Sisters, and others who were Beauceant's strong supporters now find themselves in care centers. We miss all our Sisters who have passed away, or had dramatic changes in their health during this past year.

Six of us traveled to Houston where we had a wonderful time at Supreme Session. At the Wednesday School of Instruction, we learned some things we need to work on in our Assembly. We also became more acquainted with the 2017 Hostess Group, of which we are members. Our group is making plans for the 2017 Supreme Session which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We will need help accomplishing the tasks we have signed up to do, as well as, helping at the Session. Beauceant members should begin planning to attend this Session which runs from Sept. 25-28, 2017. Next year's Supreme Session will be in Topeka Kansas, September 19-23, 2016. This is an easy drive, so begin making your plans to attend.

Our Assembly held a very successful Card Party this past week. It is our only fundraiser, we depend on it as a source of income for the coming year. Thank you to all our members and friends who made this success possible.



November will be the busiest month yet. We will have a Meeting on the 6th, with Elections. On the 20th, is the Thank You Party, followed by our Supreme President's Visit on the 21st. We will be having lunch at 11:30, followed by a meeting and dinner. Our Sir Knights are invited to the Friday and Saturday meals.

My last meeting is December 4th. It has been truly an honor to serve Omaha Assembly #91 during the past year. Our Assembly will have excellent leadership next year, in the person of President-Elect, (Mrs Chuck) Anita Sohm. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mrs. Sohm and her Officers.



Isobel Taylor
Worthy President

York Rite Fall Festival



The Degrees and Orders of Omaha Council #1 Cryptic Masons, and Mt Calvary Commandery #1, were held on Saturday October 17th.

We had candidates from Plattsmouth, Scottsbluff, Lincoln and Omaha. In total we had 10 new Cryptic Masons receive the Council Degrees and 16 new Knights Templar receive the Commandery orders.

Congrats to the new members, and the degree teams, for a wonderful Fall Festival!

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.

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!

Job's Daughters

Bethel #1 continues to keep busy as we head into the last half of Honored Queen Brianna's Fischbach's term.

We were honored to have many members of our Masonic Family in attendance at our meeting honoring Masons and members of the Order of Eastern Star. It means so much to us to see you all on our sidelines. We hope to see you at our events in the future.

On Oct. 25, we welcomed two new members to our Bethel in a joint Initiation with Bethel #15 of Fremont. It was wonderful to have a full Bethel to perform the ceremony, thanks to Bethel #18 of Omaha and Bethel #15. We wish our new members all the best as they start their journey in Job's Daughters.



October has been a month of service for us. We walked in the Race for the Cure. Our girls were so inspired by this event that they wanted to do more and decided their multitude of pink flamingos could be put to good use for a worthy cause. The flamingos have been flocking throughout Omaha in a fundraiser for the Susan G. Koman Foundation, raising money for breast cancer research. We also hosted a teen Halloween dance to raise money for the Job's Daughters philanthropy, the HIKE Fund, which helps provide assistive listening devices



for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. We have helped serve at a few Eastern Star dinners, babysat at the Shrine Center and more. It is wonderful to be able to give back to our community and our Masonic Family!

As we look forward to November and December, we are excited to be helping with the reception fundraiser for Miss International Job's Daughter Sarah Leeper, Dec. 4-6. This event will bring people from throughout the Job's Daughters International community to Omaha as we celebrate Miss International and help her raise much-needed funds for her traveling expenses. The main event, a dinner and dance, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Westside Community Center. For information on the weekend's activities, please visit <https://mijdreception.splashthat.com/>.

Thank you, again, for your support of our Bethel! We are so proud to be a part of the Papillion Masonic Family!



Respectfully submitted,
Kori Radloff
Bethel Guardian

Papillion #39 – Pancake Feed



Saturday November 14th
8:00 am – 11:00am
\$5 per person / \$20 max for a family

Fellowcraft Competition



On Saturday October 3rd several brothers from Papillion Lodge #39 met at Lancaster Lodge in Lincoln for the 2015 Fellowcraft Competition. The team consisted of brothers in the following chairs:

Worshipful Master: Geoffrey Talmon
Senior Warden: Nolan McIntosh
Junior Warden: Chip Avant
Secretary: Carl Highman
Senior Deacon & 1st Section Lecture: Jonathan Paz
Junior Deacon: Nathan Rolofson
Senior Stewart: Bob Lewis
Junior Stewart: Daniel Marr
Tyler: Scott Marsh
Chaplain: Ken Kolodzie
Candidate: Joe Christiansen

When the scoring was done the Papillion brothers got second place. While second is normally pretty good, considering that only two teams participated this year it does lose some of its prestige.

The Papillion team should be very pleased with the quality ritual work displayed at the competition. We might have ended the day in second place, but everyone did a great job. There were no noticeable mistakes, and any candidate would have had a great experience with the performance of that degree.

I am proud that Papillion Lodge showed up and participated. It would have been even more exciting competing against several of the other Lodges around the state. I certainly understand the struggle to put together a complete degree team on a weekend. But, at the end of the day, I was disappointed that only two Lodges were able to compete in this fun and worthwhile Grand Lodge event. I am very hopeful that the G.L. decides to continue this tradition, and that we see much more involvement in the Master Mason competition in 2016.

Congrats to Lancaster Lodge #54 for winning the competition. It was a fun day of degree work, competition, and fellowship. What could be more awesome for a group of masons?

Next year's competition will be here before we know it. I'm looking forward to it.



Daniel Marr
Trestleboard Editor

November 2015 Calendar

	Day	Date	Time	Event
PMF	Monday	Nov 2nd	7:00 PM	Templecraft
	Wednesday	Nov 4th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
	Friday	Nov 6th	12:00 PM	Beauceant Luncheon
	Friday	Nov 6th	1:00 PM	Beauceant Meeting (Election of Officers)
	Friday	Nov 6th	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Dinner
	Friday	Nov 6th	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Meeting (Election of Officers)
	Saturday	Nov 7th	8:00 AM	COTS
	Sunday	Nov 8th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters (Election of Officers)
	Tuesday	Nov 10th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 Business Meeting (Election of Officers)
PMF	Wednesday	Nov 11th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
	Wednesday	Nov 11th	6:45 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Pot Luck Dinner
	Wednesday	Nov 11th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting
	Thursday	Nov 12th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
	Friday	Nov 13th	9:00 AM	Beauceant Practice
	Friday	Nov 13th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting (Election of Officers)
PMF	Saturday	Nov 14th	8:00 AM	Pancake Feed
	Sunday	Nov 15th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
	Saturday	Nov 21st	11:00 AM	Beauceant Supreme Visit
	Sunday	Nov 22nd	8:30 AM	Job's Daughters - Go To Church Sunday followed by christmas service project
	Sunday	Nov 22nd	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters

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.

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word

Papillion Community Blood Drive
 Papillion Masonic Center
 November 11th 11:30 am-5:30 pm
 Call 800-RedCross or go to www.redcrossblood.org to
 schedule your appointment
 Walk-ins are welcome!

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)