

Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

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Words From The East

As the incoming Worshipful Master, I want to take this opportunity to thank not only the lodge for giving me the honor serving in this capacity over the next year. As is said in the installation ceremony, a Master is elevated above his brethren for the year of his service, but is elevated BY them. I also have to sincerely thank W.B. Bill Young for his incredible leadership this last year. Not only did he set an incredible example and give me a great deal to live up to, he had a well thought out, practical agenda and accomplished a great deal. To everyone, please echo these sentiments yourself the next time you are in contact with him.

Almost immediately after the election, multiple people asked me what I was going to "do" during my year. The nice part about being in line for a time is that you have an opportunity to spend a great deal of time watching and thinking of my "platform." My goals for the year are actually quite simply said (but, as always, the devil is in the details). My three areas of focus for 2016 are education, engagement, and communication.

Increasing and strengthening Masonic education in and outside of lodge is my main goals, as you no doubt could have predicted if you have read my prior Trestleboard offerings. Learning about the history and philosophy of the Fraternity was the major reason I joined in the first place and I want to enhance this as much as possible, particularly for our newer brothers. I plan to have at least half of every business meeting center on education, through a combination of brothers sharing their experiences/research, guest speakers, and learning about lodge and Grand Lodge bylaws. In addition, among other programs and projects, there will be an education night at least once a quarter, informal events geared toward enriching the Masonic journey of brand new brothers.

Member engagement is my second task. My goal is to increase involvement in lodge activities by brothers that may not have regularly been to lodge recently. Through a refocusing of business meetings, the addition of educational offerings, monthly informal social events, and activities such as a table lodge and conducting a degree at the Plattsmouth Masonic Home, my goal is to reinvigorate the interest in and view of the lodge. We hope to also determine methods to assist members that have a difficult time making the journey to lodge events. Finally, it is my hope to plug newly-minted brothers into

particular lodge functions upon their raising, such as assignment to a committee or project.

Finally, none of this is effective without effective communication, within lodge and between the other parts of the Papillion Masonic Family. I plan to resuscitate Templecraft and make it a working body that plays an active role in planning lodge activities and improvements. I also will be tasking committees with personally reaching out to all members that have not been involved in lodge activities in a while.

The charges I have given my line officers are ambitious, but I can without hesitation say that the passion, experience, and talent that exist in those men and the lodge as a whole fills me with a great deal of enthusiasm. Stay tuned for exciting things in 2016.



Geoffrey Talmon
Worshipful Master

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!

Desk of the Secretary

Donations of Pianos and Organs, and for that matter large appliances...

This has come to a head just recently where an organ was donated, accepted by other than the lodge, and delivered, installed in the lodge room, with the other organ, which was a Worthy Matron's project of 1979, moved to the basement.

The problem comes more from communication...the newer instrument is a beautiful piece of furniture and what stops and keys work sound great, however it has sat idle for awhile and the lower manual does not function, that in itself is enough for it to be in the basement instead of the older instrument until it can be serviced.

It is also a home instrument and as such, has a truncated pedal board, which is very upsetting to the lodge organist who works with full manuals and pedals. The older organ is more what you would find at your local church and while it doesn't have the more modern auto rhythm settings and the like, it does have the broad range of stops, full manuals and pedals.

And we are having to pay for having them swapped and the one restored will need to be serviced as we have no idea how carefully it was uninstalled and moved.

In the past we have had donations of refrigerator,

freezers, computers, CRTs, printers and copiers (that's just what I know about), we have to look at what works, does that affect what we are trying to do, and do we have room for it. I have a very large multi-function (wireless printer-copier-fax), I am having to rearrange the office to fit it in, fortunately, we are in need of a replacement printer so we will be able to get rid of one that is not functioning to its original capacities. At least we bought it and no one is going to throw a guilt trip on us when we throw it away.

This is all complicated by the cost of the new equipment. Going back to the organs for a moment...it is not uncommon for a new one to cost several thousands, even for a home model, but when it comes to trying to sell them used you can barely get the cost of hauling them away, same with refrigerators and freezers, yet they still have a useful life if they are maintained. But donating a non-working appliance is a cost to the accepting body.

The last cause of concern is storage space, "we", the Papillion Masonic Family, have four organs, three pianos and an electronic keyboard...we really need to get rid of at least four instruments...I ask each body to look at that which is theirs, and present an opinion at Temple Craft.



Carl Highman
Secretary

Social Order of the Beauceant

Happy New Year!

As the newly installed Worthy President of Omaha Assembly #91, Social Order of the Beauceant, I would like to thank all those who have agreed to be officers and those who have accepted committee appointments for 2016. In addition, I would like to thank all those who participated and those who attended our installation in December. It was a beautiful day and a beautiful installation; my thanks again to the installing officers and Mt. Calvary Commandery for the presentation of the flag. My thanks also to Papillion Chapter #114, Order of the Eastern Star, who prepared delicious reception food and to Jerrie Wilcox for organizing it.

Since our first meeting date fell on the first of January, our meeting date was changed to Saturday, January 2nd. In February many of our members will be at Grand Lodge



so our February meeting will be on Friday, February 19th. Social days will be Friday, January 15th, and Friday, February 5th.



Fraternally,
Anita Sohm
Worthy President

PAPILLION CHAPTER #114

Papillion Chapter got the holiday season off to a good start with a Christmas party at the temple on December 6th. Members and guests were greeted by an 8-foot Santa and a lovely Christmas tree decorated with angel ornaments. About 30 people enjoyed a bountiful pot luck dinner.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50-year pin to Sister Darlene Hix. Sister Darlene was initiated into Enid Chapter #36 in Enid, Oklahoma on December 9, 1965. She transferred her membership to Alpha Chapter in Bellevue in 1977 and then moved it to Papillion Chapter in 1983. She has been one of our most active members since that time. She served as Worthy Matron in 1987, 1992 and 1995 and as our Secretary for a period of 7 years. Along the way, she has filled the office of all 5 Star Points and is currently serving as our Ruth. Darlene's husband, daughter and several granddaughters were present to see her receive the pin from Worthy Matron Jerrie Wilcox.

The evening concluded with those present playing



some Christmas-theme games and the singing of Christmas carols.

On December 3rd a few of our members traveled to the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth and decorated our "angel tree" which is on display in their Blue Room. This group enjoyed lunch at the home with some of our members who now make their home there.



Phyllis Cain, Reporter
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Mt Calvary Commandery #1

We had a great turnout for the December 4th meeting at which our Grand Commander, Edward Nolte, had his official visit. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.



Saturday, December 5th was the installation of officers for 2016. I would like to thank the officers for accepting their office. Our Installing Officers, Edward Nolte, John Parsons, Gary Bunnell and Jim Carlton did an excellent job. Our January meeting will be held on

Thursday, January 7th with a dinner at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7:30pm. Due to our regular day being a holiday, we had to change the date. I know that some of you have conflicts due to it being on a Thursday. Also, our February meeting will have to be changed to Friday, January 29th due to Grand Lodge. Please come out and support your new officers.



Dennis Newman
Commander

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word

Papillion Community Blood Drive
Papillion Masonic Center
January 13th 11:30 am-5:30 pm
Call 800-RedCross or go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment
Walk-ins are welcome!

December Templecraft Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

Display case - nothing new. Geoff will look into it at the Lodge meeting. (Funds)

The Beauseant closet will be moved to the upper floor on December 20th. Dan Marr, Anita Sohm, Isobel Taylor, and Dennis Newman will assist.

Air conditioner is not working. It is being serviced.

The Commandery closet is humid and musty. Hopefully when the air conditioner is working properly, the problem will be resolved.

Security Cameras: A committee has been assigned. The lights have been repaired.

NEW BUSINESS:

Geoff has a 5 year plan for Capitol Improvements.

#1- Electrical.

Geoff will appoint a committee of Past masters to work with the Finance Committee to provide a Professional Assessment of the financial status of the Lodge

New Copier. The copier must be moved to a more secure place in the building.

Rails on the steps leading to the East in the Lodge need to be tightened.

The gavel board on the east podium is broken.

Microphones: Corded microphones are a problem.

Update laptop and projector. Dennis was assigned to contact Plattsburgh Lodge to get a copy of their powerpoint.

Yard: Geoff will work on getting a committee to clean the yard. (especially to debris around the dumpster).

Organ: Jerrie said the Tilford Family has a fairly new organ which they are willing to donate to the lodge.

They know someone who is willing to move the current one to the lower level and place this one in the Lodge room. And possibly haul away the old pianos. Geoff will discuss this at the December Lodge meeting.

Grill: Apparently someone cooked something on the grill and made a mess. This was discussed in Lodge.

Your presence is requested at

The 119th Installation of Officers - Papillion Chapter #114 O&S Footprints in the Sand

Sunday, January 17, 2016 2:00 P.M.



Carol LeRoy, PM
Worthy Matron-elect

Allan Guern, PP
Worthy Patron-elect

Geraldine Wilcox, PGM
Worthy Matron

Dale Hix, PP
Worthy Patron

Papillion Masonic Lodge
84th and Centennial Road

Papillion Lodge #39 invites you to our Installation

Saturday January 9th @ 11 AM



Worshipful Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Secretary
Treasurer
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Tyler
Chaplain
Marshal

Geoffrey Talmon
Glenn Lewis
Bob Lewis
Carl Highman
Jonathan Paz
Daniel Marr
Adam Cejka
Nathan Rolofson
Scott Marsh
Paul Kenyon
Ken Kolodzie
Brian Brunton

Florence Chapter #61 Royal Arch Masons

If you're a Royal Arch Mason who hasn't been to Chapter in a while, I encourage you to come to a meeting sometime soon. We've seen some good growth lately, and there are probably some new faces that you haven't seen in Chapter before.

For those who enjoy helping with degree work, there's always room for folks to step in and get started (or to get restarted). The Royal Arch Degrees have several small parts, so you can get involved without taking on large parts.

If ritual work isn't your thing, that's not a problem. We'd still love to have you join us at meetings and fun events when you have time. Exciting things are happening in Royal Arch Masonry, and we're hoping to get some of our inactive members back into the Chapter with us!

I should also mention that we're always looking for new members. If you've thought about the York Rite, this is the perfect time to join. The York Rite Degrees are some of the most impressive Degrees in Masonry. If you're ready to continue your Masonic Journey, we'd love to see your petition. Our next Festival will be on March 5th. See any York Rite Mason for a petition.



Daniel Marr
Florence Chapter #61 RAM
King

Crusade Chapter DeMolay

Our DeMolay Chapter is rebuilding, and we're currently looking for new members. If you know young men from 14-21 who would be good candidate, we'd love to hear from you. Potential members just need a recommendation from 2 DeMolays, or 2 Masons (or one of each), or a Senior DeMolay who is a Mason.

Meetings will be every Monday at 7 PM, except for school snow days, holidays, etc. The first and the third Mondays will be stated meetings.

Parents are encouraged to participate either outside as a Parent's Club or within the meeting. All meetings have two adults, one must be an advisor and the other can be a parent or grandparent.

The cost is only \$55, which is the lifetime dues payment and the initial fee.

For more information please talk to Carl Highman, AJ Johnson, Paul Kenyon, Jeffery Coleman, Jonathan Paz, Chris Atteberry, McKenzie Atteberry, or the Master Councilor Eric Kenyon.

Potential travel events include Conclave in June, Round-up in April (Kearney), and Dad Land's Birthday in November (Kansas City).



Carl Highman
Chairman

January 2016 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
PMF Saturday	Jan 2nd	8:00 AM	COTS
 Saturday	Jan 2nd	Noon	Beouceant Luncheon
 Saturday	Jan 2nd	1:00 PM	Beouceant Meeting
PMF Monday	Jan 4th	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	Jan 4th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - PPD (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
 Wednesday	Jan 5th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Thursday	Jan 7th	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Dinner
 Thursday	Jan 7th	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Meeting (Moved because of Holiday)
 Friday	Jan 8th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Saturday	Jan 9th	11:00 AM	Papillion Lodge #39 Installation
 Sunday	Jan 10th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Tuesday	Jan 12th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Business Meeting
PMF Wednesday	Jan 13th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday	Jan 13th	6:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Pot Luck Dinner
 Wednesday	Jan 13th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting
 Thursday	Jan 14th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
 Sunday	Jan 17th	TBD	Job's Daughters (Council Meeting)
 Sunday	Jan 17th	2:00 PM	Papillion chapter #114 Installation
 Tuesday	Jan 19th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - PPD (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
 Saturday	Jan 23rd	5:00 PM ?	Aksarben OES Installation
 Sunday	Jan 24th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters (Parent's meeting after the business meeting)
 Tuesday	Jan 26th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Social Activity
 Wednesday	Jan 27th	6:00 PM	Pie Night at the Tangier Shrine hosted by Bethel #1
 Friday	Jan 29th	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Dinner
 Friday	Jan 29th	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 Meeting (Moved because of Annual Comm.)

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 patio39.trestleboard@gmail.com. Articles need to be submitted prior to the 19th of the month. Questions or comments contact Dan Marr (djm.patio39@outlook.com)