

Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

March 2016



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Words From The South

In January we conferred two Fellow Craft Degrees. Brother Curtis Marr, an Entered Apprentice Mason, was duly prepared, brought forward, and passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on January 19, 2016.

Brother Abraham Garcia, an Entered Apprentice Mason, was duly prepared, brought forward, and passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on January 26, 2016.

In February we conferred one Fellow Craft and one Entered Apprentice Mason degree.

Brother David Gillis, an Entered Apprentice Mason, was duly prepared, brought forward, and passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on February 16, 2016.

Mr. Mike Demmon, a candidate for initiation was duly prepared, brought forward, and initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason in due and ancient form on February 20, 2016.

Special acknowledgments to W.B Jonathan Paz and Brother Curtis Marr. W.B Jonathan Paz performed the Lecture - Part III with no prior notification. His dedication to the fraternity is inspiring and greatly appreciated.

As a Fellowcraft Mason, Brother Curtis Marr made his debut as the Jr. Steward. His floor work was impressive and concise.

"Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort. "

- Carl H. Claudy



Robert Lewis
Junior Warden

From the desk of the Secretary/Recorder

Well, with nothing to do but lay around and recover, I can, at least, think about March.

It starts out with a bang, a Master Mason's degree, followed by me disappearing again for 1 to 10 days depending, while I'm on restricted duty, we will have a Commandery meeting, Templecraft, Lodge stated meeting, RAM stated meeting, Shrine stated meeting (or Papillion OES, I can't play tuba so I could pull off a rare visit), Adah OES stated meeting, KSA stated meeting then, I should be unrestricted, except for playing the tuba, I can't do that until April.

Looking at dues, March making the change from past due to over due...they have stopped coming in daily...but amazingly they do come in groups, I had three in one day last week, I will have only thirty to turn over to the membership committee...they are trying to not just be a collection agency and will be looking at working with education & posting, call people more often than just when we are trying to collect dues, but to invite you back to lodge, arrange rides for those that don't drive anymore, whether at night or at all. I wish them well.

I want to give a plug for the handy man team, if you had been at lodge at the last stated meeting you would have heard a very grateful thank you from a client of theirs, for timeliness, competency, and clean-up as well...

The year is looking good for membership, we are out of petitioners awaiting their EA, but we have 7 FC's, working on their proficiency to become MM's. We just did an EA on Saturday because the candidate works 3-11, that means there will be two more Saturday degrees...if you don't drive at night, this is an excellent opportunity to brush up on your ritual and join us, if you let JW Bob Lewis know, I'm sure he will be happy to hear from you, or just show up and watch, side liners are always welcome.

I can't think of anything more other than it sure feels strange doing this from home on a tablet instead of from my desk at the lodge from either the PC or laptop, but I look forward to this opportunity to speak out to my brothers.



A Carl Highman
Secretary/Recorder

PAPILLION CHAPTER #114 OES

Papillion Chapter has had a special relationship with The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth for many years. Among other things, our members have made annual visits, collected toiletry items for bingo prizes and decorated the "Angel" Christmas tree for their Blue Room each December. We now have another link in our relationship. Mary Vrbka, who assumed the position of Executive Director of The Home on January 1st is a member of our Chapter and has been since 2009.

Mary, who is a licensed nursing home administrator, joined the NMH staff in October 2004 as its Administrator. In that position she helped get The Home licensed as both an assisted living facility and as a nursing care facility. Maintaining the right to those licenses ensures employees and procedures meet all the regulations and codes established for elderly care. And to show what a good job is being done – when the Department of Health and Human Services made a routine compliance inspection in December of 2014, The Home received a zero-deficiency report for both nursing care and assisted living. In other words, the inspector couldn't find ANYTHING WRONG. The Board of Trustees, the staff and even the residents were pretty proud of that.

As Executive Director, Mary oversees 90 residents and 125 employees. The Home has 29 independent/assisted living apartments, 20 assisted living center private rooms, 58 nursing care beds and 14 Alzheimer's/dementia care rooms.

Mary has especially enjoyed her 11 years at NMH. "I love the atmosphere and the residents. I love their stories. I'm always learning something new from them. They have a lot to teach," she said. "I enjoy that I'm helping people. I'm making a difference with their families and with their last days in life. There is a lot of fear in growing older and some have no family members. I look at who I can help and who I can listen to."

Five members of Papillion Chapter plus one former member are residents of The Home at the present time. Come and see us. We'll be glad to show you what a great place it is to live.



Phyllis Cain, Reporter
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Social Order of the Beauceant

It was my honor and pleasure to represent the Supreme Order of the Beauceant at Grand Lodge in February. In my talk given to those in attendance at the public opening on Friday morning I expressed how we were proud to be an integral part of the Masonic family, who our membership is open to, and the fact that the Commandery's Knights Templar Eye Foundation was our official charity. I acknowledged that we have two assemblies in Nebraska: Omaha Assembly #91 and North Platte Assembly #177, asked all members to stand and thanked them for attending.

Our March meeting will be on Friday, March 5th with lunch at 12:00 noon and our meeting at 1:00 p.m. Please be sure to RSVP when called or emailed so we have an accurate count to give our caterer. Our March social day will be on Friday, March 19th at Olive Garden. Some of us were not able to attend the January social day at Olive Garden so we decided to go back there to one of our favorite restaurants.

With daylight savings time on March 13th and the beginning of Spring on March 20th, warmer weather is on the horizon. Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day on the 17th and Happy Easter on the 27th.



Fraternally,
Anita Sohm
Worthy President

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word

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

Mt. Calvary Commandery #1

Sir Knights,

At our last meeting, we stood for a minute of silence and prayer for 2 Knights that have passed through the gates of Heaven. One of the saddest duties of a Commander is presenting a Widows pin. This was harder than usual as I knew Doris Edwards, widow of Sir Knight Phil Edwards, for a long time. I presented the pin, along with Carl Highman, at the Memorial Service. There were close to 200 people at the service.

As most of you know, Mt. Calvary will be opening the Grand Commandery session for our own Grand Commander, Edward Nolte. I would like to have a strong presence at Grand Commandery from the Knights of Mt. Calvary. If you haven't already done so, please let either our Recorder or myself know if you will be there. If for some reason that any of our officers are unable to be

there, I may call on someone to take their place. If you need the information for the Grand York Rite Session on April 28-30, please contact Carl Highman, Secretary/Recorder. Also, Omaha Council will be opening the Grand Council for the Grand Illustrious Master Steve Barchus.

Our March Conclave will be March 4th. Dinner will be at 6:30 followed by the conclave at 7:30. At our April conclave, April 1st, we will practice opening for Grand Commandery along with the practicing the Arch of Steel. Please join us. We also are having an education moment at each meeting.



See you at the meeting
Dennis Newman
Commander

Florence Chapter #61 RAM

On Saturday March 5th, Companions from around the metro area will be coming together at Papillion Lodge to confer the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry.

Actually Ed Nolte and A.J. Johnson are always quick to point out that I should say that we'll come together to confer the final four Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry because the three Blue Lodge Degrees are the first three degrees of Royal Arch Masonry. So, let's not forget that important nuance. 😊

The degree work is particularly impressive because it is a collaboration of York Rite members from around the metro area. Most of the degree team is made up of members from Florence Chapter #61, but we also have Companions from Chapter #1, Plattsmouth, and even Council Bluffs who join us for a great day of fun and degree work.

Once again we have new Companions coming from around the metro area, and further west in Nebraska, to receive the Royal Arch Degrees. Next month I'll have some pictures to share. Stay tuned, more to come.



Daniel Marr
King, Florence Chapter #61

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!



Grand Lodge Annual Communication 2016

On February 4th – 6th, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska held its Annual Communication.



This was the first Annual Communication that I've attended, and I was extremely impressed. It was great to get together with Masons from around the state for fellowship and business.



Of course we wouldn't want to forget all of the great vendors of miscellaneous Masonic things. I'm the proud owner of two new Masonic books. If my lottery numbers would have worked out better, I'd also have a whole bunch of new shirts, ties, hats, emblems, and other craft goodies as well.

Papillion Lodge #39 was very well represented this year. In attendance from our Lodge was the Worshipful



Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Deacon (yours truly), and a handful of past masters.

Our own Ed Nolte led of group of National Sojourners in presenting the colors and then he gave his flag poem that is always a crowd favorite. It was a great beginning to the day.

And you might be wondering what Minions and Farrell's "Happy" might have to do with Annual Communication... I suppose that's a secret and you just would have had to have been there. ☺



Daniel Marr
Tresleboard Editor



Crusade Chapter

Almost nothing to report, the Advisor meeting went pretty much as expected contacts are being lined up and a prospect party, though that won't be the name used, will be in Mary or June...

We have authority to take in Squire eligible as well as DeMolay age boys.

"Fun nights" will have to be age appropriate for a joint activity with separate meetings for Squires and DeMolay, if either are using the rituals..

We also need to consider parents and a parents club view.

Are we closer to being active? I'd like to think so.



A Carl Highman
Board Chairman

From Laughter on the Level

by Marin Faulks

Three Past Masters were discussing what epitaphs they wanted carved on their tombstones when they died. The first said, "I want it to state that I served my Lodge well, put our finances in order and resolved all problems. It should also mention that it was I who implemented many of our social programmes."

The second said, "I want them to say that I raised more new Brothers than any Past Master we ever had. I raised the standard of our Ritual in the Lodge. They should say that I instituted community programmes and brought true Masonic ideals to our non-Masonic neighbors."

They both looked to the third Past Master and asked him what words he would like on his tombstone.

He said, "Look, he's moving!"

Be Heard!

What do Masons seem to like even more than getting together to eat green bean casserole? That's right, talking! In my short time in Masonry, I've found that most Masons seem to be rather chatty. Sometimes the conversation is light hearted and whimsical. Other times it can be extremely cerebral and thought-provoking. Yet, I rarely sit down in a group of masons and listen to silence. That's a good thing! Fellowship is one of the cornerstones of our Craft.

Here's your chance to be chatty in writing. We are always open for Trestleboard articles or quick "Letter to the Editor" submissions.

If you have a story to tell about what it was like in Masonry "back in the day", or perhaps you have some other wisdom that you'd like to share with the group, we'd love to hear from you. If you read something in the Trestleboard that needs a response, then send a "Letter to the Editor".

You can mail your letter to the lodge, or you can just email us at papio39.trestleboard@gmail.com. Either method works.



Daniel Marr
Trestleboard Editor

March 2016 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
 Tuesday	Mar 1st	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Master Mason Degree
 Friday	Mar 4th	Noon	Beauceant Luncheon
 Friday	Mar 4th	1:00 PM	Beauceant Meeting
 Friday	Mar 4th	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commander #1 Dinner
 Friday	Mar 4th	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commander #1 Meeting
 Saturday	Mar 5th	8:00 AM	York Rite Festival - RAM Degrees
PMF Saturday	Mar 5th	8:00 AM	COTS
 Sunday	Mar 6th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Mar 7th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
PMF Monday	Mar 7th	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	Mar 8th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Business Meeting
PMF Wednesday	Mar 9th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday	Mar 9th	6:45 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Pot Luck Dinner
 Wednesday	Mar 9th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting
 Thursday	Mar 10th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
 Friday	Mar 11th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Sunday	Mar 13th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Friendship Night/Honoring Masons and OES
 Monday	Mar 14th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Mar 15th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - P.P.D. (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
 Sunday	Mar 20th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Initiation
 Monday	Mar 21st	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Mar 22nd	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - Social Activity
 Sunday	Mar 27th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters (No Meeting Because of Easter)
 Monday	Mar 27th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Mar 29th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Education Activity

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)