

Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

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Words from the East

At its core, Masonry is an organization that functions through volunteerism. Every activity, the work of every officer and member during every meeting and in between, and every SINGLE THING that any Lodge or its members do for Masonry is rooted in the desire to give back in some way. The Fraternity provides an outlet to do so.

While preparing a presentation for another group, I came across a website that framed this better than ever I could and I wished to share it. I solicit you to read the whole thing:
<http://lotsahelpinghands.com/blog/volunteer-means/>.

“You do not volunteer for the pursuit of a monetary prize or recognition. You volunteer because the optimist inside you, perhaps the idealist, spies a glimmer of hope. You understand that you are helping. You see that your time is worth it. You believe that you are capable of inciting change and making progress.”

We are taught very early in our Masonic journey that the greatest tenet of our institution is charity, giving of ourselves. Charity is the one thing that we can do that extends beyond our own life and truly impacts others, and it is telling of our commitment to this ideal that every Masonic body has a flagship organization that they support. Many equate charity with monetary gifts. However, TIME is an equally (and in many instances more) important form of charity and the most valuable item that an individual can share with others. This is particularly true in this age of dual careers, overtime, hyperscheduling of family life, numerous conflicting responsibilities, and the need for personal downtime. It is this latter, often overlooked form of charity that is a defining characteristic of every Mason that I have ever encountered. In short, “charity” and “volunteering” are equivalent terms.

“Most of the time, to volunteer means that you are working side by side with others. This connects you to other human beings as you are working toward a common goal. When you volunteer, you are making connections. You are connected with the community. You are connected with the problem as well as the solution. You are connected to a process – a process in which you believe. Through your actions and involvement, you are benefitting others as well as yourself.”

Masonry is a community and our brotherhood, something that connects us. The currency of our connection is volunteering—be it the collaboration to work together to clean the lodge, handle the finances, or help a brother jumpstart his car, these are the “transactions” of our connection to each other. And these are all gifts.

Why this particular discussion this month? I have been privy to many conversations of late within and without the Lodge in which people have been critical of the quantity and/or quality of an individual’s volunteering. It behooves all Masons to reflect on the fact that all work that we do for the Fraternity is volunteer in nature and represents a form of charity-- a gift of a person’s time, talent, or material self. That work fundamentally emanates from a pure intention. Consider one’s own reaction if an individual expressed dissatisfaction with something that he or she did voluntarily, particularly if this commentary comes from a brother.



Geoffery 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.

- 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.



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!

Finances

The big discussion at lodge was about finances,, between the air conditioner (known capital expense) and the trestleboard (because of its success a progressively more expensive project), we had to dip into savings again, so the budget and finance committee will look at income, expenses and make recommendations...the last time there was a total of twenty-five dollar shift of income, that was declared negligible and was ignored. The time prior is where we had the significant increase in dues and rents.

The cost of everything is going up, and this same discussion is being held at other lodges and Temple Crafts as well. I did hear where one recommendation (at another lodge) was to raise dues and rents by 20% plus 5% a year, without cutoff...I'm sure that will be

debated down by some significant figure, but the point is, we are not alone.

You will note that the print copy of the trestle board is in black and white, and not quite the same quality as before, (no you are not having eye sight problems) It is being printed in ink saver mode and in gray scale as a money saving devise, it will cost 1/2 of color report quality.

We hope a solution will be decided in May so we may resume a quality product. For color copy, request the on-line version, there has be no change to that version.



A Carl Highman
Secretary & Trestleboard Publisher

From the Desk of the Secretary

Having been installed in a Grand Office in Missouri this past weekend got me to thinking just how many State and National Offices are held by the Papillion Masonic Family.

Jerrie Wilcox, John Parsons and Ed Nolte are National Officers

Ed Nolte, Jonathan Paz, Dennis Newman, Jeffrey Coleman, Jim Carlton, Ron Stites, Anita Sohm, Margaret McCall, AJ Johnson are the ones I can call off the top of my head that are Grand Officers and, when you get down to Grand Reps, Deputy Lecturers (name changes with the order), and committee members the numbers grow even further.

Grand York Rite at the end of April will have an increase, so this list will be out of date days after it is distributed.

The point is we, here at Papillion, Lodge, Chapter(s), Commandery, Assembly and, as I've written this I realize I've ignored the Bethel have a multitude of leaders, present and future, of the Masonic Orders, it is a group I happily join, and to those getting their first Grand Appointments on the 30th, welcome on board.



A Carl Highman
Secretary/Recorder

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word

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

Ride to Lodge

If any brother needs a ride to lodge on a given Tuesday night, please feel free to contact the secretary Carl Highman at the lodge phone number (402) 339-3205 and leave a message. The membership committee and the line officers can set you up with someone who will be willing to give you a ride back and forth to your home. Our desire is to help our brethren share in our masonic activities if

they wish to do so, but don't have a good means to get to the lodge at night. We would be glad to hear from you and help you out.



PAPILLION CHAPTER #114

In the last year or two, Papillion Chapter has had a couple of people show an interest in holding a particular star point office in the upcoming year because they had already held the office of 4 of the star points and they wanted to be able to say they had held all 5 of these offices.

This interest may have been sparked by one of our recent Worthy Matrons, who honored those who could claim that distinction at one of her meetings. Quite a few years ago a Worthy Grand Matron honored those who had held all 5 of these offices during her Grand Chapter session, but it has not been an ongoing affair.

Whether they have received recognition or not, women who have learned and performed all five of the star point initiation lectures must have a true understanding of the Order of the Eastern Star. All of our basic principles are illustrated in the lectures given by these 5 officers during an initiation ceremony.

At this point in time we have 6 members of our chapter who have, at one time or another, held all 5 star point offices. They are Hannelore Dorsey, Gloria Guern, Darlene Hix, Darlene McIntosh, Chere' Schroeder and Jerrie Wilcox. If I have missed anyone who is a member at the present time, please let me know.

I did find two members who have held 4 of the star point offices but circumstances make it unlikely either Phyllis Cain or Shirley Winemiller will ever fill the 5th office. So our list of those having held all 5 is not likely to grow in the near future.

This goal of serving as all 5 of these offices was reached in various ways and over quite a period of time. Hannelore, Darlene Hix and Jerrie have filled all 5 while members of Papillion Chapter. Gloria filled 4 of them for Papillion Chapter and then had the opportunity to be Grand Electa in Grand Chapter a few years ago. Chere' filled 3 of these offices years ago while a member of chapters in Geneva and Wood River and the last 2 in Papillion. Darlene McIntosh filled 3 of the offices in Adah Chapter, one in Papillion and is completing the 5th by serving as our Adah this year.

Since there is no ongoing official recognition of these people, and our list is not likely to grow soon, maybe Papillion Chapter could figure out a way to recognize these 6 ladies at the end of the year when the last one finishes her 5th office. How about it, Worthy Matron?



Phyllis Cain, Reporter
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Social Order of the Beauceant

April showers brought May flowers! What a beautiful time of the year! This month we celebrate May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. But, did you know May 6th is "No Diet Day"? Yeah! That's the day of our next meeting, so everyone come to lunch, forget about your diet, stay for the meeting and initiation. It would be wonderful to have a lot of sideliners to welcome our new Sister.

My thanks go out to Bev Pickering for getting us ready for our first initiation this year. Also, my thanks go to Bev and Erin Marr for setting the date and planning our picnic with Commandery. The date is July 16th at noon so mark your calendars! More details will be forthcoming. I know the picnic will be a lot of fun with Erin and Bev planning this. I'm sorry to say I will not be able to be at the picnic as I have a very full schedule this summer and am travelling every weekend.

My husband and I attended Grand York Rite in Kearney the last week in April. It was my honor to bring

greetings from Omaha Assembly #91. My talk included how we were proud to be an integral part of the Masonic family. I also mentioned who our membership was open to, and 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, and asked all members to stand and told the ladies in the audience if they would like to know more about Social Order of the Beauceant to talk to me or one of the ladies who stood.

For those who have internet, the registration forms for Supreme Assembly can be found at the Social Order of the Beauceant website. Everyone is invited to attend Supreme Assembly; we will have a meeting in June or July for those who are thinking of attending.



Fraternally,
Anita Sohm
Worthy President

Job's Daughters

April showers may bring May flowers, but for Job's Daughters Bethel #1, May means wrapping up Sarah's term as Honored Queen and getting ready for our Grand Session.

We have been very busy. During the month of April, in a period of four weeks, we performed three Initiations for three different Bethels, bringing in six new members to Job's Daughters. Our members welcomed two new Jobies to our own Bethel, then assisted the Bethels in Plattsmouth and Fremont with their Initiations.

We'd like to say thank you to everyone who attended our annual HIKE dinner and silent auction. Because of your support, children who are deaf or hard of hearing will receive the gift of sound -- they may hear their mother's voice for the first time or finally experience the joy of music. Whatever sound brings a smile to their face, know that you have changed their lives through your support of the HIKE Fund.

As I write this, our Bethel is getting ready to attend Job's Daughters state workshop at Camp Calvin Crest. During this event, we will also be a part of a promotional video being put together to help promote membership in Job's Daughters. We hope this will be a helpful tool that we can share with other members of the Masonic Family to encourage other girls to get involved in our organization.

We are also preparing to go to Grand Session in June. We have 11 girls planning to attend Grand Session. We

will be busy practicing our Ritual work, music and more for the various competitions at Grand. We are especially excited to support our Past Bethel Guardian Elizabeth Grazier who will be installed as Grand Guardian. Elizabeth and Karrie Nixon will also receive their Degree of Royal Purple while at Grand, and PHQ Taylor Knipp will be honored with the Lily of the Valley Award.



After Grand, we have a delegation of individuals planning to attend Supreme Session in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This will be the first trip to Supreme for most of our Bethel. It is not an inexpensive endeavor, so you will be seeing our girls out raising funds for the trip, and we hope we can count on your support.

We have tentatively planned our Installation for June 12, and we hope we will see you all there as we start a new Job's Daughters term.



In Jobie Love,
Kori Radloff
Bethel Guardian



DeMolay

Nothing to report

We still need someone to be member #1. There are others standing in line, but don't want to take that 1st step.

Advisor meeting is on the 4th Monday of the Month

New members and their parents are welcome - 7 PM.



A Carl Highman
Chairman

Florence Chapter #61, Royal Arch Masons
Papillion Masonic Center

STEAK FRY

(Steak, Baked Potato, vegetable, dessert)

Sunday, May 15, 2016

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Tickets - \$12.00

Children under 12

Hamburger or Cheeseburger w/ Fries

\$5.00

Mt. Calvary Commandery #1

April was a busy month for Mt. Calvary, on Saturday, April 2nd. we performed the Orders of Knight Templar. 10 new knights were knighted. On Saturday, April 9th, a one day festival was held in North Platte.



On Saturday, April 30th, Mt. Calvary opened the Grand Commandery Session in Kearney.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the festival on April 2nd and also who travelled to North Platte to put on the degrees of the Royal Arch and Council along with the orders of Knight Templar.

I would also like to thank everyone who performed the opening and the Arch of Steel on April 30th. Everyone did a great job.

Please put in your calendar the date of Saturday, July 16th. This is the date of the Beauceant/Mt. Calvary picnic. It will start at noon.



Dennis Newman
Commander

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Band

On April 6th the MEHC Band played at Papillion Lodge, sponsored by Papillion Chapter #114. The home is for children that cannot remain in their home for various reasons, they are sponsored by Masonic Lodges. I don't think we have anyone in there right now, the picture in the lower level includes B. Al Burton's grand-daughter when she was there several years ago.



The Band meets at the Home on Saturday mornings for full band practice they then break apart for individual lessons...there are several instructors, Bob Olsen is the director, I do the low brass-percussion (including mallets)-electric bass, Jim Radosevich (was our treasurer on Mike Belton's death) does saxes and low brass (when I'm not available), there are others that specialize in flute or clarinet or guitar, Bob handles most of the trumpets himself. Bob also give lessons during the week.

The band changes frequently and have a wide range of experience before they come in from none to 5 years, Bob writes arrangements that fit their ability and experience. Every child at the home participates.



A. Carl Highman
Low Brass/Percussion Teacher

May 2016 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
 Sunday	May 1st	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	May 2nd	7:00 PM	DeMolay
PMF Monday	May 2nd	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	May 3rd	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - P.P.D. (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
 Friday	May 6th	Noon	Beauceant Luncheon
 Friday	May 6th	1:00 PM	Beauceant Meeting
 Friday	May 6th	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commander #1 Dinner
 Friday	May 6th	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commander #1 Meeting
PMF Saturday	May 7th	8:00 AM	COTS
 Saturday	May 7th	5:00 PM	Jobs Daughters mid America HIKE sleep over
 Sunday	May 8th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	May 9th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	May 10th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Business Meeting
PMF Wednesday	May 11th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday	May 11th	6:45 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Pot Luck Dinner
 Wednesday	May 11th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting
 Friday	May 13th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Saturday	May 14th	1:00 PM	Florence Chapter #61 & Omaha Chapter #1 RAM Installation
 Saturday	May 14th	2:00 PM	Omaha Council #1 Installation
 Saturday	May 14th	2:30 PM	Installation Reception
 Sunday	May 15th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
PMF Sunday	May 15th	5:00 PM	Florence Chapter #61 Steak Fry - All Invited
 Monday	May 16th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	May 17th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - P.P.D. (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
 Thursday	May 19th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting (Date changed for Grand Chapter)
 Sunday	May 22nd	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	May 23rd	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	May 24th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - (Social Activity)
 Sunday	May 29th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	May 30th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	May 31st	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - (Educational Event)

from **"Laughter on the Level"** by **Martin Faulks**: One day an English Mason, a Scottish Mason, and an Irish Mason were in the bar after the meeting. They each proceeded to buy a pint of Guinness. Just as they were about to enjoy their creamy beverage, a fly landed in each of their pints and became stuck in the thick head. The Englishman pushed his beer from him in disgust. The Irishman fished the offending fly out of his beer and continued drinking it as if nothing had happened. The Scotsman picked the fly out of his drink, held it out over the beer and yelled "SPIT IS OUT! SPIT IT OUT!"