

Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

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Words from the Editor

As I've mentioned in Trestleboard articles in the past, in my free time I enjoy exploring my genealogy. My research often takes me to state archive libraries, county records clerks, and cemeteries.

On Saturday I went to Noyes Cemetery in Harrison County Iowa to look for the graves of my 2th Great Grandparents. When I visit a cemetery for this sort of research I often spend a few hours wandering around the cemetery looking at the headstones searching for other random relatives that might have been buried there as well. As I wander about, I frequently see stones that get me thinking about the life story of the various people buried there.

As I was wandering Noyes Cemetery, I noticed the stone for Mr. William McNealey. The first thing I noticed was that his headstone had a square and compass prominently carved in it. It's not uncommon to see our symbol and the O.E.S. symbol on headstones, and I always make note of them. However, this stone caught my eye for another reason. The man died on my birthday, 102 years before I was born.



Brother McNealey was born on April 15th 1838 and he died on September 19th, 1868. As I walked through the cemetery I found myself thinking about his life. Since he was born before Iowa was even a territory (The first non-indigenous settlement in Iowa was in 1838), it was likely that he was born somewhere else and that he was a pioneer to Iowa sometime around the Civil War. He lived in Harrison County in the mid-1800s, so most likely he lived on a farm or in a very small town. I imagine that his daily life was extremely different than mine. His views on the world, as well as his hobbies and interests, were probably also much different than the things that I enjoy doing. Yet, we both shared a passion for Masonry. As he

went about his daily chores, I imagine that he was reciting the same Blue Lodge rituals that I practice each day. It is likely that as he learned the various rituals, he probably pondered many of the same questions as we consider as modern Masons.

As I walk through various cemeteries throughout the mid-west, I see the headstones of many people who cared so deeply about Masonry that they had its symbols carved into their gravestones. Those stones often reminded me about the connections that I have to so many average folks throughout the last several hundred years, people who surely devoted a lot of time towards building and maintaining this organization that we now enjoy.

I think it's safe to say that Masonry is not just a social club that we go to on Tuesday if some other engagement doesn't take precedence. It is a venerable organization that has meant a great deal to a multitude of people over the years. As I start on my Masonic journey, I hope that I can do my part to help this fraternity grow and prosper. Clearly Masonry meant a great deal to William McNealey, and countless other common folk who worked hard to carry on the traditions and ritual work for us.

Now it is our turn.



Daniel J. Marr
Trestleboard Editor

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.

From the Desk of the Secretary

Dead Line Day....just a busy time

Took some time off for Amaranth business (Grand Court of Oklahoma) and a PB day (side trip to Texas to visit some friends from Houston, now live in and around Mexia) Had to attend a funeral (read conduct) for the Grand Royal Patron of Missouri, who was a friend as well. Very difficult. It also promoted me to that position, 11 months early, means an increase of travel from 12 days/mo to 16 days/mo at least for these first 11 months....it will drop back to 12 days/mo next year.

Enough about me, we suspended only 2 this year. When I concentrated on doing the suspensions I found discrepancies in both my procedures and the membership committee that precluded suspending the other 12. Sometime before October (when the new year's dues are beginning) the WM, SW, membership committee and I need to get together to solidify what we

are doing when so 1) we retain more without having technicalities deciding for us, 2) maximize dues collection and 3) be able to identify those who need to be stricken from our roles.

Since we are now printing the trestle board in gray scale, at a significant savings we could have a fund raiser to have it be printed in color again. It would have to raise \$1,200. Other ideas include taking advertising, we would need only \$100/month to break even, have rates for full page, 1/2 page, 1/4 page and business card size, 10 adds should do it, after all we reach over 400 people, 300 are local, should be worth something. We, the publisher & editor, are open to suggestions...contact either Dan Marr or me.



A Carl Highman, PM
Secretary

PAPILLION CHAPTER #114

June is the month for celebrating fathers and I'd like to introduce you to our Chapter Dad, Brother Cullen Pilker.

Cullen became a Master Mason on December 30, 1963 in Rapid City, South Dakota. He affiliated with Papillion Lodge #39 in 1977. Cullen was initiated into Papillion Chapter on September 9, 1976. Knowing a good ritualist when they met one, the Chapter elected him to serve as Associate Patron for 1978.

Cullen has served 3 terms as our Worthy Patron and he says they were all special memorable years. The first time was in 1979 when his Worthy Matron was Sister Gretchen Kenny. Sister Gretchen was sort of the matriarch of our Chapter and had just been persuaded to give up the position of Secretary of the Chapter and serve as Worthy Matron in the year she would receive her 50-year pin. She had served as Secretary for 39 years. They had a gala year, with Worthy Grand Matron Betty Pauley coming to present Gretchen's 50-year pin.

Cullen's next term as Worthy Patron was in 1981 with Phyllis Cain as Worthy Matron. This was the year the Papillion Masonic Family moved from the old temple in downtown Papillion to their new home on Centennial Road. There was hard work in moving but pleasure in being part of the cornerstone laying ceremony, temple

dedication ceremony and showing off our new "home" to visiting Eastern Star members.

The third time was in 1997 with Worthy Matron Jerrie Wilcox. This was the year Papillion Chapter celebrated its 100th anniversary and a good share of the year was spent preparing for an all-day celebration of that event. Cullen wrote a beautiful anniversary poem commemorating that Centennial year. Unfortunately, space does not allow me to include it.

Cullen has filled several Chapter offices since 1997 and he has been in great demand whenever a substitute is needed for Worthy Patron or Associate Patron. His specialty, and probably his favorite part of our ritual, is the Associate Patron lecture in our initiation ceremony and his rendition has given pleasure to all who have heard him do that part.

Cullen has been active in many of the Chapter's affairs over the years and is certainly deserving of his current title of Chapter Dad.



Phyllis Cain, Reporter
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Job's Daughters

As Honored Queen Sarah Remmers' term draws to a close, Bethel #1 is looking back on a year of fun and growth, and looking forward to new opportunities and experiences. We are as busy as ever, wrapping up our Spring term and preparing to go to Grand Session in June and Supreme Session in July.

We have been very busy helping Bethels throughout the area with their Initiations. So far, we have done our part to welcome new members in our own Bethel, as well as Fremont, Plattsmouth and Lincoln. It is so exciting to see our organization growing and thriving!

We also walked in the Mid-America HIKE, a multi-state fundraiser for the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment. Our Marshal, Rachel Radloff, was honored during the HIKE as the top fundraiser for Nebraska. We've had a very successful year earning money for HIKE (which is the official philanthropy of Job's Daughters). Our spaghetti dinner in April raised over \$1800 for the charity.

We had a wonderful "Worship on the Water" Go-to-Church Sunday on May 15 when we traveled to Beaver Lake for a private church service conducted by HQ Sarah's uncle. After the service, we enjoyed a fun afternoon of fellowship, playing in the water, flying kites, and just enjoying God's gift of nature.

HQ Sarah's mascot was the horse, so it is only fitting that we end the term with a fun activity of horseback riding in June. Congratulations, Sarah, on a wonderfully successful term as Honored Queen!

All of our members are working hard to prepare for Grand Session in June. All of our members are attending the Nebraska Grand Session in June (except one, who is attending the Kansas Grand Session where her grandfather is serving as Associate Grand Guardian of Kansas), so you will likely see us at the Lodge, working hard on our many competitions. We hope to have a thrilling report in the next Trestleboard, touting all our successes from Grand!

In July, we will head to Grand Rapids, Michigan, for Job's Daughters Supreme Session. We have six Daughters going to Supreme, as well as several adults. This will be the first time most of our group has attended Supreme, and we are very excited about the opportunity. We are eager to support our Past Bethel Guardian Elizabeth Grazier as she takes her first big adventure as Nebraska's Grand Guardian, and to cheer for Nebraska's own Sarah



(Preparing to walk across the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge for HIKE, and carrying our banner to let people know we are purple and proud!)



(After walking from Iowa to Nebraska and back again, we were plum tuckered out!)



(We walked over the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge at the Mid-America HIKE. Here, participants from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri pose at the bottom of the bridge.)



(We participated in the Mid-America HIKE in Council Bluffs and raised money to help children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.)

Job's Daughters (continued)

Leeper as she presides as Miss International Job's Daughter.

Traveling comes with its expenses, as we all know, so you will likely see us doing some last minute fundraising as we prepare for Grand and Supreme. We are organizing a yard sale that will be held at the Lodge on June 4. We are also looking at a couple of challenges where girls can get pledges for their efforts at Grand -- they will be collecting pledges for each question they get right on the Job's Daughters Knowledge Test given at Grand, and also for how long they can stay awake during an all-night Jobie Olympics Ritual-a-thon where we will spend the night working on our Ritual competitions for Grand. Look for signs at the Lodge if you would like to support the girls in these activities.

HQ-Elect Shelby Hastings will be installed on Sunday, June 12 at 2 pm. The theme for her term will be "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" -- a nod to our travels to Grand Bethel and Supreme Session this summer, as well as all the fun adventures she has planned for the Bethel over the next six months. We will be sharing more about her term in the coming months.

Whew! We've been busy! Hopefully you feel as energized and enthusiastic about the future of our Masonic orders as we do! If you want to be a part of our crazy crew, we invite you to attend the Certified Adult Volunteer training being held at the Lodge on June 4 from noon to 4 pm. We are always looking for people to help us for an hour, a day or for a year. The cost for the training is \$15. No pre-registration is required: just show up and discover why Job's Daughters really are "the fairest in the land!"



(At the Iowa/Nebraska state line)



(We revived an old tradition: the Marshal's dinner! In this tradition, the Senior Princess plans a fun dinner in honor of the Marshal, and the Guide makes her a silly hat to wear during the meal. We had a fun time and are looking forward to many more Marshal's dinners in the future.)



(We went to The Rose to see a play written by our Marshal Rachel Radloff. We received a behind-the-scenes tour of the theater, and even got to go up in the catwalk, six stories above the stage!)



In Jobie Love,
Kori Radloff
Bethel Guardian, Job's Daughters #1



Crusade Chapter Order of DeMolay

We did it! We got our first new member since 2009, we now need to continue growing. If you have a boy that is eligible, be he son, grandson, nephew, or neighbor, 13 - 21 years old (down to 11 for squires) contact any of the advisory board: members Jonathan Paz, Jeffrey Coleman, Paul Kenyon, Chris Attebery, McKenzie Attebery or Carl Highman,,, \$55 lifetime membership, meets Monday evenings, requires 2 signatures of a DeMolay or Mason or a single signature if a Sr DeMolay Mason (Paul, Chris or Carl)

Our new member came in during the City Wide

initiation on 5/17 in Elkhorn, there will be more of these, look for them in coming months...once we have 8 active members we can do it ourselves, with 4 we can supplement with members from from other nearby Chapters.

Thanks to EO Kevin Grazier and Chapter Dad Chris Attebery....there are others that need to be thanked, but these are the ones that were in contact with me.



A Carl Highman, LOH
Chairman
Crusade Chapter Advisory Board

Social Order of the Beauceant

We were very pleased to initiate Mary Nelson into our Order last month. Our officers did a great job and I was very proud of every one of them to include our proteems. We sincerely hope that Mary will become an active member and look forward to seeing her at our meetings and social events.

Our next stated meeting is on Friday, June 3rd. Immediately after the meeting we will have a get together in the dining room for all those planning to go to Supreme Beauceant in September. Registration forms for Supreme Assembly can be found at the Social Order of the Beauceant website. Everyone is invited to attend Supreme Assembly. If you are planning to attend, print the forms and bring them to the meeting.

Our June social will be on Friday, June 17th. at Pizza Ranch, 3010 S 84th St, Omaha. Hostesses will be Pauline Parsons and Arlene Clarke.

Our assembly will be dark for meetings in July and August, but we will continue to have our social days. At noon, Saturday, July 16th at the Papillion Lodge we will have our annual picnic with Commandery. Beauceant members are asked to provide salads, sides, desserts, and hamburger toppings. Commandery will provide burgers, brats, and buns and will cook them. If you are able to attend, please let Erin Marr or Bev Pickering know by July 9th.

On August 19th we will travel to the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth to have lunch with the residents. More details will be provided as we get closer to that date.

We will have a meeting to discuss our card party on

Tuesday, August 30th, 10 am., at the Papillion Masonic Lodge.



Fraternally,
Anita Sohm
Worthy President



Social Order of the Beauceant Assembly #91 (supplemental article)

Congratulations to SOOB Assembly #91 Worthy President, Anita Sohm who was installed as Associate Grand Matron of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star. The Installation ceremony took place Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. Anita, all of your Beauceant Sisters are very proud of you!



Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Marr
Worthy Preceptress

Florence Chapter #61 RAM

On May 15th Florence Chapter #61 hosted a steak fry. The last time I saw so many potatoes being cooked, I was in the Army. Luckily, I didn't have to peel these potatoes.

With a few chopped-up cows in the fridge, several massive cans of corn on the counter, and a small fleet of deserts setup in the dining room we were ready to feed a small army. I was happy to see so many Royal Arch Masons show up early to start things off well. It was a great team effort and everyone stepped up to make sure that it was a successful event. At the end of the day we made a bit of money, had some great fellowship, and we enjoyed a tasty steak. What could be better than that?



This month starts the new term for Royal Arch officers. We have a variety of cool things planned for this year. Each meeting this year will include a discussion or educational moment on the York Rite, its history, and/or its degree work. In June the discussion/education will center on the Traditional Law Lecture from the Mark Master degree.



In July, instead of a regular meeting and instead of going dark we will be practicing the entire Mark Master degree. All Royal Arch Masons are encouraged to participate. I have challenged everyone to choose a part that they have never done and learn that for the July practice.

Our Grand High Priest has set some pretty lofty goals for all York Rite Masons for this our 150th anniversary of York Rite Masonry in Nebraska. There are exciting things happening in the York Rite these days. If you haven't been involved lately, or if you haven't joined yet, this is the perfect time to get active!



Daniel J. Marr
High Priest

Mt Calvary Commandery #1 KT

Our Grand York Rite Session is now over. Congratulations to Sir Knight Edward Nolte for a great Grand Commandery year and session. There are several Mt. Calvary members that are Grand Commandery officers for the 2016-2017 year. Jeffrey Coleman is the Grand Captain General, AJ Johnson is the Grand Junior Warden, Dennis Newman is the Grand Treasurer, Jonathan Paz is the Grand Warder and Joseph Charbonneau is the Grand Tactics Officer.

Reminder that the June conclave is coming up on June 3rd. We will have dinner at 6:30 and the conclave at 7:30. Please join us. Instead of our July conclave, there will be the joint Beauceant/Mt. Calvary picnic will be on July 16th starting at noon. This is always a fun time and we would like to have everyone join us. We will have burger and brats. The ladies are bringing salads and desserts.

We received a lot of compliments for our opening and also for the Arch of Steel when we opened the Grand Commandery Session. Thank you to the Sir Knights who helped.



Dennis Newman
Commander

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word
Papillion Community Blood Drive
Papillion Masonic Center
June 8th 11:30 am-5:30 pm
Call 800-RedCross or go to www.redcrossblood.org to
schedule your appointment
Walk-ins are welcome!

Words from the Junior Past Master

One of the benefits of being a part of this great fraternity is that no matter how far from home you travel you are never far from your brothers.

I'm sure you understand that feeling. You're traveling in an airport, waiting in line, and you see an older gentleman sitting across you with a Square and Compass hanging from his necklace, or you are wandering around a large local furniture store trying to avoid slimy salesman when your wife taps you on the arm and says "hey, that one has a ring on".

We are everywhere! A few years ago I went to the Sturgis motorcycle rally in South Dakota and had a Square and Compass patch sewn onto my vest. As the week progressed I ran into several brothers that approached me just to say hi. It was awesome. The other men that I was with (none of them were brothers) were perplexed. After I shook hands with a half a dozen brothers they asked me if I knew those guys. "Of course I know them" I said "they're my brother".

It's hard to explain to an outsider what it truly means to be a brother.

This past weekend the family and I drove out of town to attend a graduation party. I was reluctant to go. It was a long drive and I didn't think that I would know anybody there but as we pulled into town I saw a Square and Compass on the sign right next to the rotary club. Something came over me. Sure, I was out of town but I immediately felt close to home. As we drove down Main Street towards the Senior Center (which is where the party was) I scanned every building looking for the Lodge and as luck would have it, it was right next to the party!

I jumped out of the car and walked towards the Lodge snapping picture after picture. I walked around the building with my kids and my nephew looking for a corner stone and pointing out things that they probably won't remember or care about until later when they're older and they are telling their kids about how crazy their dad was and how he always had to stop and look at the old crazy lodges.

I always seek out the nearest lodge when I go out of town. It comforts me. When I see a Square and Compass on the side of a building or on a ring or on a lapel pin I relax. I know that no matter what happens to me, I'll be alright. If I need something, my brothers are close by and they will be there for me just like I would be there for

them.

There is nothing else like it in the world.

Remember when they asked us where we were first prepared? I do. See, I didn't seek out the craft because I was bored or because I was looking to network so that I could grow my business or because I am a "joiner" or because I wanted get a fancy belt buckle. I sought out the craft because of the common ground in provides us to stand on. The great leveler. We have a special connection my brothers, a bond that nobody else has and I hope you understand that. I hope that you embrace it and I hope that it brings you both great pride and great relief.



Bill Young
Past 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!

June 2016 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
 Friday	Jun 3rd	Noon	Beauceant Luncheon
 Friday	Jun 3rd	1:00 PM	Beauceant Meeting
 Friday	Jun 3rd	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commander #1 Dinner
 Friday	Jun 3rd	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commander #1 Meeting
PMF Saturday	Jun 4th	8:00 AM	COTS
 Saturday	Jun 4th	8:00 AM	Job's Yard Sale (upper level)
 Saturday	Jun 4th	Noon	Job's CAV Training
 Sunday	Jun 5th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters (Fun Activity)
 Monday	Jun 6th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
PMF Monday	Jun 6th	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	Jun 7th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - P.P.D. (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
PMF Wednesday	Jun 8th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday	Jun 8th	6:45 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Pot Luck Dinner
 Wednesday	Jun 8th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting
 Thursday	Jun 9th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
 Friday	Jun 10th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Sunday	Jun 12th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters (Installation)
 Monday	Jun 13th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Jun 14th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Business Meeting
 Monday	Jun 20th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Jun 21st	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - P.P.D. (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
PMF Friday	Jun 24th	7:00 PM	Fireworks Stand will be setup
PMF Saturday	Jun 25th	3:00 PM	Blue Lodge BBQ
 Sunday	Jun 26th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Jun 27th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Jun 28th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #38 - (Social Activity)

from "Laughter on the Level" by Martin Faulks

Why men make better friends

Friendship between women

A woman didn't come home one night. The next morning she told her husband that she had slept over at a friend's house. The man called his wife's ten best friends. None of them knew anything about it.

Friendship between men

A man didn't come home one night. The next morning he told his wife that he had slept over at a friend's house. The woman called her husband's ten best friends, eight of whom confirmed that he had slept over, and two said that he was still there.