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Words from the Editor

The following are excerpts from a lecture given by Albert Pike to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in 1858. The entire lecture is quite interesting because it gives a fascinating insight into the mindset of the organization over 150 years ago. The most interesting part to me was how much of the lecture is still relevant today. I've chosen a few passages that I felt the readers would particularly enjoy. If you would like to read the rest of the lecture I've included a link to it at the end of this article.

Excerpts from: "The Meaning of Masonry"

The well-being of every nation, like that of every individual, is threefold--physical, moral and intellectual. Neither physically, morally, or intellectually is a people ever stationary. Always it either advances or retrogrades; and, as when one climbs a hill of ice, to advance demands continual effort and exertion, while to slide downward one needs but to halt.

The Masons who do not live up to the teachings of their Order, proves only that they are men; that, like other men, they are weak with the frailties of feeble human nature; and that in the never ceasing struggle with their passions and the mighty circumstances that environ us all, it is often their lot to be discomfited. If the doctrines of Masonry are good, they of necessity have their effect, and are never taught in vain. For not in vain are the winged seeds of Truth ever sown; and if committed to the winds, God sees to it that they take root somewhere and grow.

What then, is the morality of Masonry? Listen, and you shall learn. Masonry says to its initiate: "BE CONTENT. Compare not your condition with the few above you, but with the thousands with whom you would not by any means change your fortune and condition. A soldier must not think himself unprosperous, if he be not successful as Alexander or Wellington; nor any man deem himself unfortunate that he hath not the wealth of Rothschild, but rather let the former rejoice that he is not lessened like the many generals who went down, horse and man, before Napoleon; and the latter, that he is not the beggar, who in the bleak winter wind holds out his tattered hat for charity. There may be many who are richer and more fortunate; it is certain that there are many thousands who are very miserable, compared to you."

These principles Masonry reduces to practice and by

them it expects its initiates to be guided and governed. It says to them, in the words of the great Roman: "Men in no respect nearly approach to the Deity, as when they confer benefits on men. To serve and do good to as many as possible--there is nothing greater in your fortune than that you should be able, and nothing finer in your nature than that you should be desirous, to do this." It expects every man to do something, within and according to his means; and if not alone, then by combination and association.

A Lodge may aid in founding a school or an academy; and if not, it can at least educate one boy or girl the child of a poor or departed Brother. And it should never be forgotten, that in the poorest unregarded child that seems abandoned to ignorance and vice, may slumber virtue, intellect and genius and that in rescuing from the mire and giving him the means of education and development, the Lodge may confer on the world as great a benefit as was given it by John Faust, the boy of Mentz, who revealed to it the art of Printing.

We think, at the age of twenty, that life is much too long for that which we have to learn and do; and that there is an almost fabulous distance between our age and that of our Grandfather. But when, at the age of sixty, if we are fortunate enough to reach it, or unfortunate enough, as the case may be, and according as we have used or wasted our time, we halt and look back along the way that we have come, and cast up and try to balance our accounts with Time, we find that we have made Life much too short, and thrown away a large portion of our days. We then in our mind deduct from the sum total of our years, the hours that we unnecessarily have spent in sleep; the waking hours each day, during which the surface of the mind's pool has not been stirred or ruffled by a single thought; the days that we have got rid of as we could, to attain some real or fancied object that lay beyond, in the way between which and us stood irksomely and intervening days; and the hours misspent and worse than wasted, in folly and dissipation; and we acknowledge with many a sigh, that we could have learned and done, in half a score of years well spent, more than we have learned and done in our forty years of manhood.

<http://www.cornerstonepublishers.com/meaning.pdf>



Daniel J. Marr
Trestleboard Editor

From the desk of the Secretary

More Wild Life at the Lodge

First is that we have fewer feral cats than previously but, besides the rabbits and squirrels, we have a ground hog and skunk in residence, (be careful where you walk after dark) just seen today, a red fox.

Other duties and activities

I have often commented that I got started on this, and other, Secretary jobs to stay busy after I retired, I have succeeded beyond my wildest expectations. Several have had or added treasurer to the mix and, of course, there is the fact of my sudden promotion in Missouri to Grand Royal Patron, Order of the Amaranth, which

wasn't supposed to happen until April 2017. Anyway, I will not seek reelection to Secretary/Treasurer of The Tangier Shrine Past Masters' Club (election fall meeting, installation January) and KSA (election November, installation January). I intend to be as active as I can in both groups.

My term as President of the Board of Directors for the PAC Band is up in August, as is my term on the board...instead of one year hiatus, I will probably take two.

I thank everyone for their support and understanding.



A. Carl Highman
Secretary

Crusade Chapter

Can't call it a success yet, but our first meeting (a game night) had three boys, one member, one prospect and one from Omaha Chapter. The magic numbers are 4 (we can start ritual practice), 8 (we can start initiatory degree performance and fill all stations, except preceptors), 15 & 22 (full corps of officers for installation and handle the DeMolay degree)

Any boys 13-21 are eligible, with those 11 & 12 can be Squires. We don't expect to have a formal Squire program but will be included in the fun events and open meetings.

Leadership training will begin with 4 members, as well...when the boys (with the sweetheart, when we get to that stage) go through it together, it is closer to fun than study. Monday nights 7 PM and want to use the 9 o'clock interpolation as closing, not a mid-meeting event.

When we get enough boys we will have stated meetings on the 1st & 3rd, fun or study nights on the 2nd & 4th, Advisors meet on the 4th Monday at 6:30 PM, 5th will always be a fun night.



A Carl Highman, LOH
Chairman
Crusade Chapter Advisory Board

From Laughter on the Level by Martin Faulks

Did you hear about the Lodge that was holding meetings in the function room of a local hotel while its temple was undergoing renovations? One evening, a traveling salesman asked the receptionist who the men in the function room were. The receptionist replied, "Oh, those are the Masons."

The salesman said, "I've always wanted to join the Masons. Do you think they would let me in?"

"Oh no," the receptionist answered. "They're very exclusive. Why, you see that poor bloke standing outside the door with a sword in his hand? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!"

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 NO. 114, OES

Every group has those members who have gone above and beyond to help their organizations. Papillion Chapter OES has given two of those members the special honor of being our Chapter's Chapter Mom and Dad this year. Last month we spotlighted our Chapter Dad, Cullen Pilker, and this month, I have the pleasure to put our Chapter Mom, Phyllis Cain, in the spotlight.

Phyllis was initiated into Eastern Star in Storm Lake, Iowa in October 1968. After her husband got a job transfer, they moved to Papillion in July 1970. After getting settled in her new home, she felt the best way to get to know people would be to affiliate with Papillion Chapter. And, as the saying goes "the rest is history". Phyllis has been an extremely active member ever since and we are so grateful she made that decision.

Phyllis has been Worthy Matron of the Chapter two different times. Her first time was in 1977 with her husband, Don Cain, as her Worthy Patron. Phyllis and Don were invited to attend several Omaha Matron and Patron affairs on a purely social basis; but this was the very beginning of the inclusion of Papillion Chapter in MALO (Metro Area Line Officers).

Her second time as Worthy Matron was in 1981 with Cullen Pilker as her Worthy Patron. This being another memorable year, as this is when the Masonic family moved from their original home on South 84th Street to the new Temple on Centennial Road. It was a lot of work, but they had lots of fun as well. Her most vivid member of that year involved the annual Salad Luncheon. Although everyone was settled in the new building, the back parking lot was still dirt. About 10 days before the luncheon, it rained. What a mess it was! Wondering what was going to happen and not being able to do anything about it, the Worshipful Master came through. He called her to say that loads of gravel had been ordered and would be delivered the next day. That was quite the life saver as they had a bigger than usual turnout for the luncheon (people were curious about the new building) and the customers did NOT have to drive or wade in the mud.

Phyllis served many terms as Secretary of the Chapter (she thinks about 19 years). With her bookkeeping personality and liking to have at least one finger in the pie, it was a good job for her which she enjoyed immensely. After developing hearing loss, she was forced to give up that job, as you can't record what you can't

hear.

Phyllis has also filled four of the five Star Point offices. Her favorite she says is Adah. Her reasoning behind this is, "You get your part over quick".

Phyllis now resides at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth so is unable to attend many of the Chapter functions. But, she makes up for her absence by being our reporter for the Trestleboard. She said that the moral of that story is to be careful of what you volunteer for, as what you thought to be a three to four- month project may turn into a lifetime commitment.

She says that being Chapter Mom is fun. You get to wear a pretty pin and have no responsibilities. She thanks us for giving her that honor, but it is us that need to be thanking her for all that she does for us. Phyllis Cain is a wonderful, loving member and we are so proud that she belongs to our Chapter. Thank you Phyllis!



Carol LeRoy
Worthy Matron

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!

Social Order of the Beauceant

Summer has definitely arrived! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As I'm writing this, the temperatures are in the 90's. July is said to typically be the hottest month of the year but if June was any indication, we're in for a very hot July.

Our Assembly is dark for meetings during the months of July and August but we will continue to have our Social Days. Our annual picnic with Commandery will be at noon, Saturday, July 16th at Papillion Lodge. 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. My thanks to both Erin and Bev for all the work they have put into making the picnic fun and a big success!

If you know of a woman who would like to join the Social Order of the Beauceant, remember that our membership is open to wives, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of Knights Templar in the Commandery of York Rite Masonry. You can get the newest petition form from our Recorder.

Happy 4th of July! This is the day we commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, by the Continental Congress declaring that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America.



Fraternally,
Anita Sohm
Worthy President

Job's Daughters Bethel #1

What a whirlwind of a month for Job's Daughters Bethel #1! We spent much of April and May practicing several days a week to prepare for Grand Session, we helped Bethel #5 in Lincoln initiate a new member, and we had an all-night Ritual-a-thon slumber party with Bethel #15 in Fremont. As I write this article, we have JUST returned from Grand Session in Kearney, where our girls were the recipients of many outstanding awards and honors. Here are a few highlights from our week:



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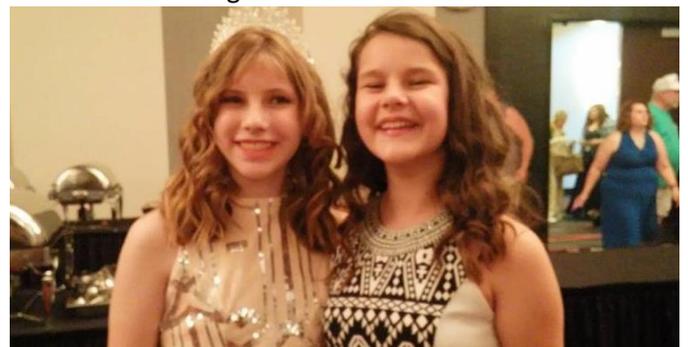
- Elizabeth Grazier and Karrie Nixon received the Degree of Royal Purple.
- Taylor Knipp received the Lily of the Valley Award.

STATE OFFICERS:

- Shelby Hastings was chosen as Grand Bethel Recorder and Brianna Fischbach was chosen Grand Bethel 5th Messenger.



- Audrey Schell and Grace Davidshofer were chosen to be Grand Bethel Representatives.
- Rachel Radloff was chosen to be a Daughter HIKE Coordinator for the upcoming year. In this position, she will be raising money for the Job's Daughters philanthropy, which provides assistive hearing devices for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Sarah Remmers was chosen to be a Spirit Ambassador this year (and also was the only contestant to receive a Verbatim Award for her Ritual work in the competition). She will be working with Nebraska Bethels to encourage involvement in activities throughout the state.



Job's Daughters (continued)

- Halle Boccovi was named as a member of the Supreme Messenger Team and will represent Nebraska in the Team Ritual competition at Supreme Session in July.
- Our own Past Bethel Guardian Elizabeth Grazier will serve as Grand Guardian for the upcoming year.
- Paul Kenyon was elected Vice Associate Grand Guardian, Kori Radloff was installed as Grand Chaplain and Karrie Nixon as Grand 4th Messenger.



Messenger competition.

- Rachel Radloff received 2nd place in the 3rd Messenger competition.
- Halle Boccovi received 1st place and Cassidy Powell received 3rd place in the 4th Messenger competition.
- Cassidy Powell received 1st place for her 2015-16 Spirit Ambassador report.
- New initiate Grace Davidshofer received 1st place in the Obligation competition.
- Rachel Radloff received 3rd place in the Individual Signing competition.
- Rachel Radloff received 1st place in the Poetry competition and 1st place in the Creative Writing competition.
- Jonelle Rodgers won the Grand Deputy of the Year Award.
- Karrie Nixon received 2nd Place in the Majority Members Ceremony of Emblems competition.
- Audrey Spahr, Lindsey Spahr, Rachel Radloff, Cassidy Powell, Wanda Kruger and Kori Radloff all won first place in numerous categories in the Arts & Crafts competition.



AWARDS:

Bethel Competitions:

- The Bethel received 2nd place in the Bethel Choir competition.
- Halle Boccovi and Shelby Hastings received 2nd place in the Small Vocal Ensemble competition.
- The Bethel received 3rd place in Team Signing.
- We received 1st place in the Centerpiece competition.
- We received the Kenyon Kucere Award for the highest percentage of Bethel members traveling the farthest to attend Grand Session.

Individual Competitions

- Audrey Spahr (just 11 years old!) won 1st place in the Vocal Solo competition and was asked to perform at the Grand Bethel meeting.
- Halle Boccovi received 2nd place in the Vocal Solo competition.
- Audrey Schell received 3rd place in the 1st Messenger competition.
- Audrey Spahr received 1st place in the 2nd



We now look forward to Supreme in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the end of July! We have seven Daughters attending with four adult chaperones. It will be the first time for most of our group to attend Supreme, and we could not be more excited! At Supreme, we will participate in the state Choir competition. Halle Boccovi

Job's Daughters (continued)

will serve as 4th Messenger on the Supreme Messenger Team. We have members competing in Ritual competition, Performing Arts competition, Arts & Crafts competition and more.

On June 12, Shelby Hastings was installed as our new Honored Queen, along with 14 officers serving Bethel #1. Shelby's theme for her term is "Oh, The Places You'll Go," a nod to our trips to Grand and to Supreme, as well as the goals we hope to achieve.



At the beginning of this past year, we set four goals that we wanted to achieve by year's end. They were:

- To have our members experience personal growth and empower them to become leaders.

- To have at least 15 members by Supreme Session.
- To have 100% of our Bethel attend Grand Session and 50% of the Bethel attend Supreme Session.
- To incorporate fun into all Bethel activities.

We are pleased to say that we have accomplished all of these goals this year. We will again have a goal-setting retreat with our Bethel members to set new goals for the upcoming year. The girls have all said that they appreciated the goal-setting process, and the adults feel that it provides the members with an important life skill. We can't wait to see where this next year will take us!

As we looked out at the beautiful group of young ladies at Installation, we couldn't help but reflect back on the days when the Bethel had dwindled to only one or two members. We have come a long way, to be sure, and we are so excited to be growing and thriving as we are. Thank you all for your continued support of our Bethel. We sincerely hope to make you proud as we look forward to an exciting new year.



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

Mt. Calvary Commander #1 KT

The hot, hot weather of summer has arrived. On July 16th there will be a joint Beauceant/Commandery picnic at the Papillion Masonic Center. We will start eating at noon. There will be a presentation from Rev. Nicci McIntyre, who Mt. Calvary sent on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. In order to have enough food, we will need reservations. Please either notify Erin Marr, erinmarr@live.com, or myself, dneuman1@cox.net. Please notify only one of us.

On July 30th the Grand Lodge will have a corner stone ceremony at the Masonic Eastern Star Children's Home in Fremont. The Knights Templar will be doing the Arch of Steel and the Heroes of '76 will be the Color Guard. If you have a class A uniform and wish to participate and have not already let the Grand Commander or myself know, please let me know and I will let our Grand Commander know. The time for the corner stone is 11:30am. We will practice the Arch of Steel at 10:30. At

this time, we do not know if this will be an inside or outside event. Even if you do not have a class A uniform, please try to attend. If you have any questions, please let me know.

We will not have a conclave in July and August. Our next meeting will be September 2nd.

Have a safe summer,



Dennis Newman
Commander

The Rest of the Story

Two men stood in front of me in the checkout line at the grocery store the other day. The men didn't seem to know each other, but they were both wearing Harry Potter shirts. It was a very slow line, so when the two men saw that they had something in common they started talking.

It became clear quickly that the man in the Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone shirt (I named him Gomer, in my mind) really knew his stuff when it came to Harry Potter. The two men fell into a bit of a trivia contest as they tried to stump each other with obscure Harry Potter trivia. Both men were very knowledgeable, but Gomer asked the toughest questions. Obviously the man took his Harry Potter studies seriously.

Imagine my surprise when the second man asked Gomer a simple question about Luna Lovegood (the beloved Ravenclaw witch who was introduced in Book 5, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix) and Gomer responded that he had never even heard of Luna Lovegood. I was shocked. How could this Harry Potter guru say that he'd never even heard of one of the most interesting characters in the franchise?

The other man was as shocked as I was, and he stated as much. Gomer was dismissive and stated that Luna must be one of the characters introduced after Book 3. Gomer proudly stated that he was only interested in the first three books, the rest of the story was irrelevant. He said that the Harry Potter story was extremely important to him, and that he belonged to several Potter clubs and groups, but that he would never read books 4-7 nor would he ever watch the movies made about books 4-7.

I was stunned. I asked the man how he could be such a huge Harry Potter fan and not want to know the rest of the story. Gomer shrugged and made several excuses about being busy, the costs for extra books, and something about the first three books being the only ones with an important story to tell.

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So, I wrote that allegory to illustrate my surprise when someone tells me that Masonry is important to them, but they've never joined the York Rite or perhaps they've joined the York Rite but they never attend meetings or degrees.

The allegorical story could just as easily have involved a person who loves a certain book, but refuses to read

past Chapter 3. Or perhaps a person who is a huge Star Wars fan but he has only seen Star Wars: A New Hope. Choose any similar situation where a person is devoted to the first quarter of a story, but isn't interested in all of the rest of the story. In all of those situations the point could be made that if someone enjoyed the first quarter of the story then they're probably going to love the last three-quarters of the story as well.

In my mind the same holds true for Blue Lodge Masonry and the York Rite. If you love the ritual and the message of the first three degrees, then it is likely that you'll find the rest of the story just as interesting and relevant to your quest for Masonic light.

The other point I would throw out there is that it's not enough to simply take the degrees of the York Rite. We've all experienced the feeling of "drinking from the fire hose" when taking the Blue Lodge Degrees. We've seen that real understanding of the Blue Lodge degrees takes time and probably involves learning parts and participating in degrees for new Brothers. The same is true with the York Rite degrees. Simply seeing them doesn't impart instant enlightenment. Going through the degrees is the first step, but just like in Blue Lodge the real path to Masonic light requires commitment, involvement, and rolling up the sleeves to do some work.

Gentlemen, the next York Rite festival is right around the corner. If you are not a York Rite Mason, I would love to see you there as a candidate! If you are a York Rite Mason, I would love to see you there watching the degree or (better yet) helping us put it on. One way or another, there is some Masonic light awaiting you at the next York Rite festival! I hope you'll be there!



Daniel Marr
High Priest
Florence Chapter #61

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word
Papillion Community Blood Drive
Papillion Masonic Center
July 13th 11:30 am-5:30 pm
Call 800-RedCross or go to www.redcrossblood.org to
schedule your appointment
Walk-ins are welcome!

July 2016 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
 Friday	July 1st	Noon	Beauceant Luncheon
 Friday	July 1st	1:00 PM	Beauceant Meeting
 Friday	July 1st	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commander #1 Dinner
 Friday	July 1st	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commander #1 Meeting
PMF Saturday	July 2nd	8:00 AM	COTS
 Sunday	July 3rd	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	July 4th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
PMF Monday	July 4th	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	July 5th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - P.P.D. (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
 Friday	July 8th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Sunday	July 10th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	July 11th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	July 12th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Business Meeting
PMF Wednesday	July 13th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday	July 13th	6:45 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Pot Luck Dinner
 Wednesday	July 13th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM Meeting
 Thursday	July 14th	11:00 AM	Christmas In July
 Thursday	July 14th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
 Friday	July 15th	3:00 PM	Easter Star District Meeting
 Saturday	July 16th	Noon	Commandery/Beauceant Luncheon
 Sunday	July 17th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	July 18th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	July 19th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - EA/FC Proficiency
 Sunday	July 24th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	July 25th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	July 26th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (Social Activity)
 Sunday	July 31st	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.

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