

Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

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Words from the East

As it seems like many of these articles start, this one also starts with a conversation that I had with a group of my friends. We were again discussing a very important philosophical subject (in this case whether the Enterprise or a Star Destroyer would survive a head-on battle). It was one of the days that I happened to be wearing my Masonic ring at work—I sometimes do not due to the number of times that I have to wash my hands and don/doff rubber gloves. One of the crew looked down at my finger and made a sarcastic quip about how Masons wear class rings like the “jocks from high school who haven’t moved on.” While I practiced the virtues of silence and circumspection, I began to reflect on why exactly it is that I wear my Masonic ring.

The reasons that I started wearing one were initially very simple, family and peer pressure. When I received my first ring, it was a gift from my wife’s grandfather, one that had been handed down for at least two generations before him. I wore it to have a connection to that part of our family. It was a regular fixture on my hand, a means to display my pride at being a member of the Fraternity. As a new Mason, it seemed as if the ring was as much a part of the Masonic “uniform” as the apron as everyone in Lodge meetings and Masonic functions was wearing one. It, therefore, was a perceived tacit requirement to display one as well. The ring was to show that I was a Mason; it was for other people.

As I continued in my Masonic journey, I came to spend more time considering the meaning of the symbols of the Fraternity. The ring on my hand became a ready, ever-present reminder of the tenets of our institution.

I never needed to look far to be reminded of the Fraternity and the lessons that I was taught. At least weekly, the ring serves this purpose. Whether it is handling a difficult person at work, a stressful situation

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Papillion Masonic Center
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schedule your appointment
Walk-ins are welcome!

at the store, or a conflict at home, my conduct is guided when my eye catches the square and compass. I also consider how I am perceived when wearing the lights. Is my behavior something that I want associated with the Fraternity? As I learned more and the longer I had my ring, the more it became for me and not for others.

The Masonic ring, therefore, holds more significance to me than a class ring ever could. While it is certainly a source of pride, I do not wear it for the purpose of bragging about the fact that I belong to this incredible group (such as telling someone that I am an alum of XYZ University). It symbolizes the model of behavior to which I should aspire.

Do you have a square or compass on or about you as you read this? If so, consider why it is that you acquired it (in whatever form it is, be it a ring, tattoo, or other emblem). What does it mean or say to you and how do you use it in your daily life?



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.

- 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!

From the desk of the Secretary/Recorder

I am sitting here in St Louis, my class on leadership (for which I am prepared) doesn't start for 90 minutes, and, while back in the office I am caught up on minutes, I have two mass mailing letters to write, stuff and mail, a batch of postcards to get out, at least one broadcast email to send, and three trestle board articles to write. At least I can write one or two of the articles before I check out of the Motel.

This is a quiet time for me, secretary wise, three of the bodies are either dark for the summer, or they are only doing ritual practice, which means, I can step out of my chair and see what I can remember of the work that doesn't change from state to state, or improve the Nebraska work I see often enough, but haven't actually done, or attempted that often.

August will be mostly social, Florence #61 will have a potluck, without a meeting. Omaha #1 will have it's Dark Social, (RSVP by the 11th of August), all York Rite members are invited, no business will be discussed, at least not formally. Tangier Shrine Past Masters Club will again have it's Steak Fry at Cooper Farms, it is open to all past and present Worshipful Masters whether they are Shriners or not, RSVP by August 9th.

September will be the push to get overdue York Rite members to pay up their 2016 dues.

AND

October 2017 Lodge and York Rite dues notices go out. By mid-month I will have York Rite dues cards, Lodge should follow in two weeks. But our budgets expect dues collection to start mid-October, so mid-October it will be.

This year, we will again ask for email addresses, and ask that all that have computer access take the trestle board electronically. If you have computer access but not an email account, or don't know how to use it, contact us (either Dan, the Worshipful Master, or me) and we will arrange to have someone help you get started and be comfortable with it. I think the last part is the most important. I don't expect that there are more than 60 people out there that haven't already given us their emails, so we are not in danger of losing the mailing permit at this time.

If you wish the printed trestle board was still in color, I ask for fund raising activities ideas, to print in color costs about \$2,600 a year more than black and white, and the idea of selling adds didn't get off the ground.

Have a safe rest of the summer, and don't spend too much time out in the heat of the day, we want to see you in September.



A. Carl Highman
Secretary/Recorder

Crusade Chapter DeMolay

Conclave is in the past, most of the board was at the ritual competition, which is the first event of the conclave, most of the others were scheduled to be there at other events throughout the weekend.

Our newest member should have been there, especial to witness the degrees later on, but I didn't see him, which doesn't mean anything since he would not have been competing anyway so wasn't due until later in the day.

I was able to speak with some of the Senior DeMolay's from our chapter that I haven't seen in over five years.

The point is Crusade was represented at conclave for the first time in three years, it was good to be back.

We need boys, three more and we can open, 7 more

we can do our own degrees, 19 more and we will have a full corp of officers.

Age 13 to 21 for active members, 11 & 12 Squires.



A Carl Highman
Chairman

Paper or Electronic?

If you receive a paper copy of this Trestleboard, you could help the lodge save some money by signing up to receive it electronically, if you have access to email.

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PAPILLION CHAPTER #114 OES

A few months ago a new bench appeared in the courtyard of a residential cove in south-east Lincoln. The plaque on the bench reads "In memory of L. B. (Bill) Taylor – 2015. Until his death in October 2015, Bill Taylor lived with his wife, Fern, in a duplex across the street from this bench. Fern and Bill Taylor are a Past Matron and Past Patron of Papillion Chapter #114. Fern served in 1957, and Bill served 3 years as Worthy Patron in 1955, 1956, and 1957. The big difference between Fern and Bill



and other of our Matrons and Patrons of that time period, is that Fern and Bill have always "been there" as far as the chapter and its members are concerned. They lived in Ralston and it is true, they spent 24 winters in Texas, but when they were in Nebraska they visited Chapter often enough to keep in touch. Fern was a loyal Kensington member when she was in town and they both attended meetings of the Angelmakers Club. Fern came to work – Bill supposedly came to visit but could always be persuaded to "hold this for a minute" when an extra pair of hands was needed. So many of us who were not yet Eastern Star members in the 1950's got to know them.



Twelve years ago, they sold the house in Ralston and moved to Lincoln to be closer to family. There, they chose to live in a house of duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes populated by retirees or older people nearing

retirement. A small group of Papillion Chapter members kept tabs on them by going to Lincoln for lunch every few months. The trips to Texas became too much of an effort and had to be given up 3 or 4 years ago.



As Bill's health slowing failed, he spent a great many hours sitting in the sunshine outside his garage just watching the squirrels, birds and neighbors coming and going. Fern always suspected he would have preferred to sit in the little courtyard just across the street. She watched him try it a few times, but that ground was soft and his lawn chair was none too steady there. But when Bill passed away on October 19, 2015 and she received some money for a memorial for him, those thoughts helped her make her choice. She has had a bench built and installed on a concrete base in that little courtyard, providing a place for others to rest or just sit and enjoy watching those birds, squirrels and people come and go. A plaque on the bench reads simply "In Memory of L. B. (Bill) Taylor – 2015". Fern is still able to live in their duplex (a son and daughter-in-law live quite near). They help her with errands but she still drives herself to church. And while she lives there, she is able to look out her kitchen window and see other people enjoying the memorial to her husband of 72 years; a good man and one of Papillion Chapter's Past Patrons. She hopes many people will enjoy the use of this memorial over the years – it's just Bill's bench.



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SOOB #91

Greetings from Assembly #91! Our dear Worthy President, Anita asked me step in for this month's article, so I will try my best not to disappoint.

Bev Pickering and I, with Commander Dennis Newman, had lots of fun planning this year's annual picnic with Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 at the Papillion Masonic Center. It was wonderful to see everyone after a month of absence. Commandery provided the meat for the meal. Dennis and AJ Johnson slaved over the hot grill cooking up steaks and burgers while our Assembly provided a vast array of salads, sides and desserts. I am always amazed at the variety, and deliciousness of dishes at these events. Our entertainment was provided by Pastor Nikki McIntyre, who was sponsored by Mt. Calvary Commandery on a trip to the Holy Land. She showed us pictures and told us stories from her trip. Thank you to everyone who participated and, once again made this a great success.

As you know, we are dark for meetings in July and August, but continue to meet socially. On August 19th, we will be having lunch at the Plattsmouth Masonic Home. We are to gather in the lower level at 11:30 and lunch will be around noon. The cost is \$10 per plate.

The York Rite Dark Social will be held on August 18th at 6PM at the Upstream Brewing Company West Omaha location: 17070 Wright Plaza, Omaha.

We are excited to be planning our annual trip to



Supreme Session to be held this year in Topeka, Kansas the week of September 19th. We have close to a dozen members attending this year, and we look forward to a week of education, fun and fellowship with our Beauceant sisters from across the country.

Our stated meetings resume on September 2nd with lunch at noon, meeting at 1PM. On Monday, September 26th (time TBA) we welcome our new Supreme Worthy President for her official visit and will initiate two new sisters!

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.



Erin Marr
Worthy Preceptress

Coffee on the Square

In spite of a rainy morning, many other conflicting activities and a Holiday week end; Coffee on the Square did meet at 8:00 A. M. on Saturday, July 2 for its regular breakfast and social hour. Worshipful Brother Jonathon Paz led us in prayer and a salute to the Flag of our Country. Delicious sausage, potato patties and scrambled eggs was enjoyed by the 6 of us who attended. After a hearty visit and discussion of forthcoming events the meeting was adjourned. We dispersed and went about our personal business; happy to have met, sorry to part and anxious to meet again.



Cullen Pilker

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.

Florence Chapter #61 RAM

It is customary for Florence Chapter to go dark during July and August. When I was installed as High Priest of Florence Chapter, one of the main things that I wanted to accomplish was to put aside the habit of going dark for the summer, during my year. It was a risk, because if I attempted to break from the normally accepted way of doing things, and then no one showed up for the meeting, then I was going to look pretty silly.

On July 13th, Florence Chapter did not go dark. Instead we held a Mark Master practice. I am pleased to say that our attendance was fairly consistent with the number of companions that we have at any other meeting.

Sure, we had a handful of companions who couldn't make it because of vacations, school schedules, and that sort of thing. But, every month there are a number of folks who can't make it for one reason or another.

The Mark Master practice was a great success. Everyone had fun, learned some new ritual work, and maybe gained a little confidence. Most importantly, we

enjoyed some fun and laughs, and we got together to share in some Royal Arch fellowship.

Next month we will also not be going dark. Instead we're going to have a pot luck dinner and play some games. M.E.C. A.J. Johnson, the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, will be putting together a Royal Arch Jeopardy game and that should be a ton of fun. I am hopeful that we'll have good turnout for this summer event as well.

Our chapter has been hard at work visiting as many of the local lodges as we can, to get the word out about how much we enjoy the York Rite. Since this is the 150th anniversary of Royal Arch Masonry in Nebraska, this is the perfect time to join us and see what all of the buzz is about. The Fall Festival will be here before we know it, and I can't wait!



Dan Marr
High Priest

York Rite – Fall Festival

The Fall Festival for Omaha York Rite is approaching fast! If you have been thinking about joining the York Rite, this is the perfect time to get involved!

The festival is a two day event. The first day is Saturday September 10th. On that day we'll be doing the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry. The second day is Saturday October 15th, when we'll be doing the Council of Cryptic Masons degrees and the Commandery orders.



If you'd like to get involved, contact Carl by email (YorkRiteOmaha16111@gmail.com), or talk to any York Rite Mason for more details!

Papillion Lodge BBQ

Everyone is invited to the Papillion Lodge BBQ being held on August 20th at the Lodge. The cost is only \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. The fun will start about 4:00 PM.

Hope to see you there!



August 2016 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
 Monday	Aug 1st	7:00 PM	DeMolay
PMF Monday	Aug 1st	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	Aug 2nd	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - P.P.D. (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
PMF Thursday	Aug 4th	5:00 PM	Papillion Masonic Family visit to the Plattsburgh Masonic Home
 Friday	Aug 5th	Noon	Beauceant Luncheon
 Friday	Aug 5th	1:00 PM	Beauceant Meeting
PMF Saturday	Aug 6th	8:00 AM	COTS
 Sunday	Aug 7th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Aug 8th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Aug 9th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Business Meeting
PMF Wednesday	Aug 10th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday	Aug 10th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM - Social Event
 Thursday	Aug 11th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
 Friday	Aug 12th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Sunday	Aug 14th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Aug 15th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Aug 16th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - MM Proficiency
PMF Saturday	Aug 20th	4:00 PM	Papillion Lodge BBQ
 Sunday	Aug 21st	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Aug 22nd	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Aug 23rd	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39
 Sunday	Aug 28th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Aug 29th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Aug 30th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - NFL Fantasy Football Live Draft

from Laughter on the Level by Martin Faulks

Masonic Criticism

We know that in the character of a Master Mason, you are authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your uninformed Brethren and to guard them against a breach of fidelity. But before criticizing a Brother, take heed of that old adage and never criticize another until you have walked a mile in his shoes. There are two good reasons for this. Firstly if he gets mad at you criticism, you'll be a mile away. And secondly, you've got his shoes.

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