

Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

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Words from the East

For those of you that have been in and around Lodge the past few weeks, we have been discussing the concept of standards in relationship to one's commitment to Masonry. While the conversations have primarily been framed as discourse for the officers, I feel that all of the brethren would benefit from contemplation of the topic. Integral to any analysis of standards is examination of personal responsibility and obligations. Thus, one of the more memorable of the Lodge's talks in this regard centered on the cable tow, a very apropos symbol to invoke as it signifies a Mason's obligation and expectations in the eyes of his brethren.

Traditionally, the metaphoric cable tow had a concrete quantitative definition, usually in the form of distance. It represented a perimeter in which a Mason was expected to immediately respond to a Masonic summons, often explained to be as how far he could be expected to travel from his current location in a day to the site of said summons. This made sense in the pre-industrial setting where often a brother's major impediment to participating in Lodge was the actual act of journeying from place to place. In this era, one could consider the length of one's cable tow to be the practical day-to-day limit of their Masonic obligation.

It could easily be asserted that this definition is outdated, even arcane. In the current world, not only do I have ready access to a machine in which I can travel several hundred miles within the course of a day, but I have the ability to fly thousands of miles with relative ease. Additionally, the very device on which I am writing this article affords me a mechanism by which to instantaneously communicate with brethren around the world should that be my desire. The concept of the cable tow as a distance no longer applies to almost all Masons in the way that it did in decades past.

Despite this, the cable tow still represents the representation of one's own ability to work in Masonry, just as much a "Masonic perimeter" as it was in the past. While technology has removed or abated many of the logistical issues that the brethren of old faced, today's society has afforded other limitations that are somewhat less concrete. Upon reflection, I find that the major determinate of the length of my cable tow is time, this is to say the amount of time that I have available in relation to my vocation, family, and other obligations. In our discussion of this topic, while other brethren in the Lodge related that this was true for them there were others what struck me was the variety of metrics that people use to define their cable tow length. In almost every instance, it was not something that was outwardly visible or assessable in the way that a simple distance from Lodge would be. It also led me to contemplate the fact that it may be fool hearty for me to judge someone else's "Masonic perimeter" the same way I do mine. The take home point was if you wanted to know what was the limit of a brother's ability, you had to ask.

I solicit the following questions for your consideration: how do you define the length of your cable tow and what would that "value" be? Has that affected your ability to do the Masonic work you have wanted to do? How would you change that "value" if you wished to?



Geoffrey Talmon
Worshipful Master

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Ride to Lodge

Do you want to be with your fellow Papillion Lodge brothers but have not been able to because you cannot drive at night? Contact Secretary Carl Highman at 402-339-3205 or papio39@gmail.com and he will try to arrange to have one of the brothers pick you up at your residence and return you there after the meeting.



Words from the West

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the Brothers and their spouses who went above and beyond to assist me in putting together yet another successful annual barbecue. If there is anything I learned, it would be that we have a lot of good Brothers who are eager to jump right in and roll up their sleeves. Whether you were setting up the dining room a day early, manning a fire at 4 AM (and having some good fellowship in the process), cutting meat, washing an endless wave of dishes, serving food with a warm smile or simply just being there to fill in at a moment's notice; THANK YOU.

All of the feedback I have received has been very positive and I am confident we can build on the success of this year's barbecue to make next year's even better. Not only was this barbecue an excellent opportunity for our brethren to do charitable deeds for the community, but was also a great time for fellowship and teamwork. Our bonds grow stronger when we work together and spread the cement. We have a great group of talented men in this lodge who each offer something for the good of Masonry.

While there was plenty to be happy about, I feel we can do better. I will be the first to admit that we should have had better attendance. While there could have been more done to promote the event, it felt as if many

of the "regulars" were missing in the dining room. Perhaps the rescheduled date and other events going on factored in to this but we will definitely do a better job of promoting next year.



With that said, it is apparent now more than ever that we need to focus our efforts outward to invite the community to attend. Not only is this beneficial for the financial viability of the barbecue itself, but also sheds light on what we are about to the community and will attract new members. I was fortunate enough to speak to a few non-members at the barbecue and hope to submit a petition as a result. If you have any feedback or would like to be involved in next year's barbecue feel free to reach out to me, I plan on making next year's bigger and better than ever.



Glenn Lewis
Senior Warden

Words from the Secretary/Recorder

The printed edition of the trestle board is later than usual this month because I was on vacation and didn't return to print, fold and mail until the week of the 29th. Last month it was because I had to have the printers repaired in order to finish printing. I will point out the electronic edition was distributed on time, this was not done intentionally to get you to change to the electronic edition, but does point out its major benefit. The other

benefit is the electronic edition is in color, no one yet has come up with a palatable way a paying for a color printed edition....still open for suggestions.

As stated, I was on vacation, no meetings, visiting family, seeing a sight or two...I spent significant time driving through the Redwood Empire and was right in the middle of California Wine Country, if you're into that type of thing, I may stop by Mendocino #179 if I have a chance, I have it on good authority that my grandfather, uncle and nephew have been Masters of that Lodge.

September, last notice for the York Rite will be coming out near mid-month, suspension will be at the end of October for Chapter and Council...Commandery will be the end of December. I'm still looking at 2017 dues notice being sent out for both Lodge and York Rite mid-October....membership committees take due notice.

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word
Papillion Community Blood Drive
Papillion Masonic Center
September 14th 11:30 am-5:30 pm
Call 800-RedCross or go to www.redcrossblood.org to
schedule your appointment
Walk-ins are welcome!



A Carl Highman,
Secretary/Recorder

Social Order of the Beauceant

Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and enjoyed watching the Olympics over the past few weeks.

We will resume our Beauceant stated meetings on Friday, September 2nd and will have a practice that morning at 9:30 a.m. for the Marshals, Standard Bearer and Color Bearer and all other officers at 10:00 a.m. Our luncheon will be at 12 and our meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Our practice for the Supreme Worthy President's visit will be on Thursday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. Our Supreme Worthy President, (Mrs. Joseph L.) Barbara Bongiovi, will visit us on Monday, September 26th. We will have a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. prior to her official visit and a dinner following her visit at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be at SPIN! Neapolitan Pizza Restaurant, 248 Olson Drive, Papillion.

Remember that men are welcome to attend both the lunch and dinner. Reservations for both the lunch prior to our Supreme Worthy President's visit and the dinner after her visit are required. Members may give their reservations to their caller. All others will need to RSVP by Thursday, September 22nd to Anita Sohm at 402 291-1746 or tataanita@cox.net.

Because September will be a busy month, we will not have a Social Day on the third Friday. Hope to see everyone at the stated meeting and for the Supreme President's visit!



Fraternally,

Anita Sohm

Worthy President



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A LUNCHEON PRIOR
TO THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF
**(MRS. JOSEPH L.) BARBARA BONGIOVI,
SUPREME WORTHY PRESIDENT,
SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
PAPILLION MASONIC CENTER
\$8.00 MEATLOAF LUNCHEON
11:30 AM

FOLLOWING HER VISIT, WE WILL GATHER FOR
DINNER WITH
MRS. BONGIOVI AND HER HUSBAND AT
SPIN! NEAPOLITAN PIZZA
248 OLSON DRIVE, PAPILLION
ORDER FROM THE MENU
6 :00PM

**RESERVATIONS FOR BOTH EVENTS ARE
REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 22nd**

TO ANITA SOHM, 402 291-1746 OR
TATAANITA@COX.NET.

PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE
LUNCHEON, THE DINNER OR BOTH.

Coffee on the Square

August 6th. -- Although rather sparsely attended, 'Coffee on the Square' assembled; with 6 people attending, Worshipful Brother Jonathon Paz opened the meeting with prayer and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. An ample breakfast was served by Brother Walker and his helper Worthy Matron Carol LeRoy, The highlight of the meal was a refreshing fruit tray. Brother Pilker took the floor momentarily to introduce Worshipful Brothers Thomas Clark and Robert Keckler, residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Worshipful Brother Russell Hobson presented a short synopsis on the proceedings of the Annual Prince Hall Grand Lodge Communication. Worshipful Brother Dennis Neuman

Reported on attending the National Conclave of North American York Rite Bodies in Sioux Falls. Worshipful Brother Jonathon presented a short review of the biography of Rudyard Kipling the Mason. A lively discussion on pending masonic activities followed. Several suggestions on possible entertainment venues were advanced. We are in agreement that we would like to welcome many more members and friends to this event. It is educational, informative and often entertaining. We adjourned in time to make room for the Masters' and Wardens' meeting.



In good Faith, Happy to have met, sorry to part and looking forward to meeting again!
Cullen Pilker



Job's Daughters Bethel #1

Bethel #1 is home from its summer adventures! We returned from Supreme with some shiny new hardware -- two Supreme Bethel Representative medallions and several awards in Ritual and Fine Arts competition!



Here is a quick list of the honors Bethel #1 received at Supreme Session in Grand Rapids, Michigan:

2016-17 Supreme Bethel Representatives:
 Shelby Hastings (to California)
 Audrey Spahr (to Santa Catarina)

Supreme Ritual Competition Results:
 1st Place - Second Messenger: Audrey Spahr
 1st Place - Third Messenger: Rachel Radloff
 2nd Place - Fourth Messenger: Halle Boccovi

Supreme Performing Arts Competition Results:
 1st Place - Theater: Rachel Radloff
 3rd Place - Vocal Solo: Audrey Spahr
 2nd Place - Signing: Rachel Radloff



Bethel #1's Honored Queen Shelby Hastings was also asked to carry the United States flag in the Formal Opening Ceremony.

Not only did we get to meet Job's Daughters from around the world, we also did a little exploring with sidetrips to the Dutch Village in Holland, Michigan and a trip to Lake Michigan, as well as a wonderful museum in downtown Grand Rapids. I think the girls had a good time and learned a little, as well. Overall, it was an outstanding experience and we can't wait to return!



Now that our travels are done, we turn to our own Bethel business. We had our Grand Visitation on August 14 with Fremont Bethel #15. It is always fun to get together with our sister Bethels, and it was especially meaningful to learn about the exciting things our Past Bethel Guardian Elizabeth Grazier has planned for this year.

We will have a Friendship Meeting with other Job's Daughters Bethels on Sept. 11 and will perform the Majority Ceremony on Sept. 25. We encourage everyone to join us for these special meetings.



On Sept. 17, we will host an Amazing Race party at Mahoney State Park for our members and prospective members. If you know of any young ladies between the age of 10 and 20, please invite them to join us. The more,

the merrier! On October 7, we will be going to Vala's and would love to have prospective members join us for this event as well.

Our HIKE Coordinator Rachel Radloff has several projects in the works. On Oct. 15, we will host a Halloween Party with the proceeds going to the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund. The event will feature games and activities for children 9 and under from 7:00-8:30 pm, with a dance for those 10 and up from 8:30-11:00 pm. We encourage everyone to come, have a spooky good time and help support children who are deaf or hard of hearing at the same time.



On Nov. 11, we will host HIKE on Ice, a skating carnival at Grover Ice Rink near 60th and Grover. This glow-in-the-dark party will feature fun and activities both on- and off-ice, perfect for kids and families of all ages. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.



For both HIKE events, we are seeking sponsorships and donations of prizes and materials for games. If you are interested in assisting with the events, please contact me at kori.radloff@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing the members of our Masonic Family at any or all of our upcoming events. Thank you all for your ongoing support!



Kori Radloff
Bethel Guardian

Join us for a
SPOOKTACULAR time!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 15

7:00-8:30 pm Ages 9 and under
8:30-11:00 pm Ages 10 and up

Papillion Masonic Center Lower Level
8411 Centennial Road (84th & Centennial)

Join us for dancing, games and prizes!
Wear a costume, or come as you are!
Dance will be sponsored by Certified Adult Volunteers.

Cost \$10 per person
A portion of the proceeds will benefit
the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund

Sponsored by Job's Daughters Bethel #1

SAVE THE DATE

HIKE on ice!

A ice skating carnival to benefit the
Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund

FRIDAY, NOV. 11 • GROVER ICE

Sponsored by Job's Daughters Bethel #1

Friendship Meeting

Sunday, September 11 Bethel #1, Papillion, NE



Crusade Chapter Order of DeMolay

We are active, three boys are attending most events, we need more, but it is a start.

Contact Dad Chris Attebery for details of the activities.

For petitions or signatures, or just information contact any of the board: Chris Attebery, Jeffrey Coleman, Paul Kenyon, AJ Johnson, or me.



A Carl Highman, LOH
Board Chairman

Masonic/Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont

As many of you who read this know, in my spare time, I tutor at the Home, primarily with the low brass and percussion, but really anything other than reeds and double reeds.

I received a call from the Band Director, Bob Olson, that the band has started fall rehearsals again for the school year after an on again, off again, schedule that pervades during the summer.

He thanked the Papillion Masonic Family for the several instruments that were donated from both the lodge and Eastern Star since the Band was reinstated and thinks this year's concerts should be better than good. While we lost several fine musicians to graduation, there are still several strong players to help the new ones gain confidence and skill.

We are in fairly good shape for playable instruments in all sections except percussion, there, for mallet students we only have a set of bells and a glockenspiel...we need a xylophone, marimba or vibraphone. Any one knowing of one that could be donated, MESH for Children is 501-c(3) tax exempt, or purchased for a reasonable price please let me know.



Carl Highman
Sec/Rec

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.

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!

Mt Calvary Commandery #1 KT

I hope everyone had a great summer, but it is time to get back to work. Our September Conclave is approaching. We will meet on Friday, September 2nd at 7:30. As always, we will have a dinner at 6:30.

Mark your calendar the following dates:

September 10th - Royal Arch degrees 8:00am at Papillion

October 1st - Chapter/Council/Commandery degrees/orders in North Platte

October 15th - Council degrees/Commandery orders 8:00 at Papillion

October 22nd - North Central Conference in Sioux Falls

You will probably receive this after our meeting, but we need your attendance at these events.



Dennis Newman
Commander

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 first day is Saturday September 10th. If you'd like to get involved, contact Carl by email (YorkRiteOmaha16111@gmail.com), or talk to any York Rite Mason for more details!

Florence Chapter #61 RAM

Traditionally the summer months mean that Royal Arch is dark for two months, but this year we decided to be wild and crazy and not go dark. Like I mentioned in last month's Trestleboard article, in July we did a Mark Master practice, and that was a great time.

In August the Companions met for a potluck dinner and fellowship. It was informal, we didn't even go up to the lodge room. However, it was a great time. We had a very good turn-out, and there was plenty to eat. The conversation was lively and interesting, and everyone seemed to have fun. As impromptu potluck dinners go, it was awesome.

The highlight of the night was a great game of Royal Arch Jeopardy, that was created and hosted by our Grand High Priest, AJ Johnson. We were divided into two teams, and then the fun began. MEC AJ built a fun and challenging game, and for the most part we even followed a good portion of the rules.

I won't go into too much detail about who won and who lost. Let's just say that it was almost a sort of close game. Alright, those of you who were there can stop laughing now! ;)

I'm not going to say that anyone peeked at the answers, but a certain Companion (Jonathan Paz) who will remain nameless happened to score a whole gaggle of points. Ok, I'm joking around. EC Jonathan didn't peek at the answers, but he is quite the Rockstar at Royal Arch trivia!



In all seriousness, we had a fantastic time. My team got annihilated, something like 10,000 to 0. However, the important thing was that everyone had a great time, and there was even some Royal Arch education happening as well.

Now, it's back to work. We have a Festival coming up on September 10th, and then a business meeting on September 14th. We've also got a one day York Rite Festival scheduled in North Platte on October 1st. October 12th will be another business meeting and then the Council degrees and Commandery orders will be held on October 15th. Lots of great stuff coming up very soon in York Rite!

If you're not a York Rite mason, and if I haven't pestered you about joining yet, let me know. I would love to pester you a bit. I've got a whole stack of freshly printed petitions that I'd love to put in your hand.



Daniel Marr
High Priest

Rusty Towel Degree

Would you like to attend Papillion Lodge again but have been away so long that you forgot how to gain admission? Then come to our Rusty Towel Degree on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM where we will refresh you on your Masonic work.

A free dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP Secretary Carl Highman at 402-339-3205 or papio39@gmail.com

Let him know if you need a ride and he'll see about arranging transportation to and from lodge for you.

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 uniformed 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 your criticism, you'll be a mile away. And secondly, you've got his shoes.

September 2016 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
 Friday	Sept 2nd	9:30 AM	Beauceant Practice
 Friday	Sept 2nd	Noon	Beauceant Luncheon
 Friday	Sept 2nd	1:00 PM	Beauceant Meeting
 Friday	Sept 2nd	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 - Dinner
 Friday	Sept 2nd	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 - Business Meeting
PMF Saturday	Sept 3rd	8:00 AM	COTS
 Monday	Sept 5th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Sept 6th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - P.P.D. (Practice, Proficiency, or Degree)
 Thursday	Sept 8th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
 Friday	Sept 9th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Saturday	Sept 10th	8:00 AM	RAM Festival
 Sunday	Sept 11th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Friendship Meeting
 Monday	Sept 12th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Sept 13th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Business Meeting
PMF Wednesday	Sept 14th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
 Wednesday	Sept 14th	6:45 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM - Pot Luck Dinner
 Wednesday	Sept 14th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM - Business Meeting
 Thursday	Sept 15th	10:00 AM	Beauceant Practice for Supreme President Visit
 Saturday	Sept 17th	11:00 AM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES - Salad Luncheon
 Saturday	Sept 17th	UNK	Jobie 2 Bee activity - Amazing Race: Job's edition at Mahoney State Park
 Sunday	Sept 18th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Council Meeting
 Monday	Sept 19th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Sept 20th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Rusty Trowel Degree
 Sunday	Sept 25th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Majority Ceremony
 Monday	Sept 26th	11:00 AM	SOOB President's Visit
 Monday	Sept 26th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Sept 27th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Social Activity

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