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Words from the East

I recently had the pleasure of attending the concert performance that was put on by the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in our lodge room and was very moved by the experience. That night I was able to witness a band made up of children from various ages and backgrounds come together and make beautiful music. Some of the children in the band had been playing for a few years, others just a few short months. Although there were various levels of experience throughout the group, the band performed as a cohesive unit and put on an entertaining show. I am very proud of all the great work that is being done by the wonderful people at the home who have made such a great impact on the lives of these children and those who have given them the tools, resources and support to have such a positive outlet. These children face many challenges and obstacles but persevered and came together in beautiful harmony. Not only did this give me a warm fuzzy feeling but this also made me think a lot about our lodge and its great Brethren.

Our lodge is made up of men of various ages, backgrounds, skills, challenges and experiences. Some Brothers in our lodge have 50+ years of Masonic experiences, others just a few years. Although we all have our differences we use these differences in a positive manner and are unified by our great and good works. Regardless of how experienced or inexperienced a brother is when it comes time for us to put on a "show" for a new candidate or a grand lodge



custodian it all comes together like beautiful music. Just as the band members must work to improve themselves in their own musical disciplines, they realize that the sum is greater than its parts. That is the way I view our lodge. Everybody has something to contribute and has a place in this lodge. I am very proud of how well we are able to utilize our talented Brethren to ensure that continue our shared success. I am honored to serve as your Worshipful Master and am very proud of our lodge and the great men that are a part of it. Thank You for all that you do!



Glenn Lewis
Worshipful Master



Words from the South

On March 21st we held our last practice before the upcoming EA and FC Proficiency night.

What I expected to be a routine night of degree practice turned into an evening that was anything but routine, as a series of miscellaneous circumstances left us with only a few participants.

At first glance that might seem like an unfortunate situation with Proficiency looming just a few days away. However, for me and Adam it turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

As we got underway in our practice for the evening I was feeling a bit nervous. Last minute changes meant that my role for the evening was altered and that always gives me the jitters.

Opening went quickly, and I finally started to relax a bit and get into the groove of things as we transitioned into the degree. That's when I looked around the room and realized what a neat situation we had that evening.

Adam is still perfecting the Senior Deacon position, and I have a ton to learn about sitting in the East for EA. The other brothers in the room were some of the

most knowledgeable and experienced members of our lodge.

It was as if half a dozen of the lodge all-stars had come together to give me and Adam some private tutelage on how to properly do our parts.

We worked through the EA degree and then moved to FC. Throughout the night our veteran members bounced from one position to another, adjusting to fill whatever part needed filled at that moment. We had the opportunity to see some of our veteran members filling roles that I've never seen them perform.

It was a great practice and I had the opportunity to learn a ton from several brothers for whom I have a tremendous amount of respect.

While I hope that future practices see all of the officers in their appropriate chairs, this night was a great experience. It's certainly a night I'll remember for ages.



Dan Marr
Junior Warden

From the Desk of the Secretary/Recorder

April, a month for good and not so good.

It is the first full month of Spring. It is time from Grand York Rite for the State of Nebraska and Grand Court of the Amaranth for the State of Missouri. A number of our lodge officers are also Grand York Rite of Nebraska officers.

I am an officer for the Amaranth Grand Court of Missouri...my last year in line starts in April.

We, at Papillion, have other state and national officers, but I'm not so sure of when their term of office starts and ends.

Youngest grandson turns two AND lodge suspensions for non-payment of dues corresponds with the end of the month.

30 letters were sent and the names turned over to the membership committee...two will be carried, because of age and health, two will be carried because we have not been able to communicate with them, for whatever reason, that leaves 26 subject to suspension.....that is 18%, way too high...

On the positive side, we just elected two to receive the degrees and I sent out an application for

reinstatement to a brother that has been absent for 10 years.

Getting back to our delinquents, if you get the trestle board by electronic means we still need your snail mail address for dues notices and cards...

Also, if you change you email, we need to know that and, if you move and change your phone number (or kill your land line) we need your cell...

To the ritualists: EA/FC proficiency is April 4th.

To the public service devotees: park clean up is April 22nd.

To those that don't attend very often, come back, we've got something for everybody.



Carl Highman
Secretary

The Ghosts of Masters Past

This month we speak to Worshipful Brother Paul Kenyon. I have always looked up to Paul during my Masonic career, as do a lot of us in Lodge. He always has a kind word for everyone he speaks to as well as thoughtful insights and any problem a brother may have. He was a true leader during his time in the East and I'm glad to have this opportunity to learn more from him.

Q. Some people have said that your time in the East bridged the gap between the "old boys club" and the "new guard". Do you feel this is an accurate statement? If so, what were your thoughts on that situation when starting your year?

A. I am fond of looking at the situation that way, that I was an ambassador with good relations with both groups. Going into it, I think that was my perspective. That I needed to be loyal to the principles of masonry and the best traditions of Papillion #39. At the same time I wanted to let the younger members find what Masonry could mean for them, in their lives; not as a relic but as something relevant. I think it is important for us to retain what is essential: the ritual, the landmarks, the moral lessons, the strong bonds of friendship. And at the same time be prepared to continue or reinterpret local traditions as best serves our current times.

Q. How did your year at Papillion 39 differ from your year as Master in Lincoln?

A. When I as master in Lincoln I was a very young man, at least by comparison. I think I was 32 years old when I was placed in the east. I relied heavily on those around me. While I am proud of my time there, my biggest goal was successfully passing the torch, to those that came after me. We faced some challenges during my year, but we had a lot of support from active past masters to face them. It was also a larger and more complicated environment. When I think about that part of my life, I think about how much I learned from masonry and from my brothers.

I came into Papillion a bit more sure of my own abilities, and with a stronger vision of how things needed to be moved forward. As mentioned above, I wanted to have good relationships with all involved, but I saw it as an exciting opportunity to move to a younger line of officers.

Q. After your year in Lincoln did you feel you wanted to be in the East again? What did you learn from your first run as Master that you used in your second year as Master?

A. By the time I was leaving the East my first time, I was nearing the end of my time living in Lincoln. My immediate goal was to stay active in Lincoln, by commuting to lodge for degree work. I did that for a number of years. My journey moved to a more inactive status before I happened into my attendance and then membership at Papillion. I have approached very few things in my life with long term plans. I just try to make good decisions as things come along.

I think the ritual is very important in Masonry, and I came in to Papillion with some skills in that area, though they were a bit rusted. I also knew the basic workings of the business of a lodge. Mostly I see that I was older and had a lot of life experience that I could bring. I hope to good effect.

Q. What was your most memorable moment in your year as Master in Lincoln? And in Papillion?

A. My most vivid memory from Lincoln was the night I had to use the gavel to call the lodge to order and rein in my great friend, brother, and mentor Wayne J. Pauley. Everyone was startled that I would do it, and brother Wayne sat down with a big old smile on his face. Clearly, he was proud that I have the fortitude.

My most vivid memory in Papillion is from before I was elected to the West. We were having a pizza party or something. WB Carl had to run an errand, and I looked around and realized I was the oldest man in a room full of masons. I was just 48 at the time and it really struck me that Papillion had significant momentum in a young group of officers who were there for the right reasons. I gave myself a goal of guiding and protecting that.

Thank you Paul for taking the time to answer these questions. And thank you all for reading.



Brad Harbin

Job's Daughters

Bethel #1 continues to be busy, busy, busy!

We held our second Initiation of the term on March 19 and will hold a third Initiation on April 9. We are excited to be growing by leaps and bounds!



We invite everyone to attend our Lancers Hockey night on Saturday, April 9. Not only is this a fun activity for everyone who attends, but a portion of your ticket cost will be donated to the Bethel. Please visit <https://lancers.sportngin.com/register/form/458675005> for information.

Our Bethel will be heading to Camp Comeca in Cozad at the end of April to participate in the statewide Job's Daughters workshop where we will get to hear from a number of motivational speakers and

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.



participate in inspirational workshops.

This is also the time of year when we start gearing up for Grand Session and practicing for our competitions. We would love an audience -- the more times we can perform in front of others, the better! If you would be interested in having some of our members share their Ritual work with you, please contact me at kori.radloff@gmail.com.

As always, we so appreciate the support of our Masonic family. Thank you for all you do!



Kori Radloff, Bethel Guardian
Job's Daughters Bethel #1

Garage Sale!



Papillion Masonic Center
Lower Level
101 Centennial Dr., Papillion

Thursday, April 27th, Friday, April 28th
from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM And
Saturday, April 29th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Furniture, Kitchen items, Toys, Electronics,
Clothes, Art, Games, Tools, Books, Baby items, and
much more!

Proceeds benefit Adah Chapter #52
Order of the Eastern Star

Adah Chapter #52 OES

Sisters and Brothers,

As spring arrives, Adah Chapter is planning many exciting activities...

Please join us for our Pampered Chef party on April 2nd at Papillion Masonic Center from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. We will have several gadgets on hand to try and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments.

We will be having a Garage Sale Fundraiser Thursday April 27th through Saturday April 29th. Hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Thursday and Friday and 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to Papillion Masonic Center lower level on Tuesday, April 25th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Wednesday, April 26th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Looking ahead, May will bring Grand Chapter in Kearney, Nebraska. It will be held at the Younes Conference center May 9-11. Several members of Adah Chapter will be attending this year and we are looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones. It is always a great time for meeting our sisters and brothers from across the state.

DON'T FORGET!!!

Adah Chapter will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, June 4th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Papillion Masonic Center. We will have a historical display, light refreshments, and a raffle of a beautiful rocking chair made by Br. AJ Johnson. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. Tickets are available from any of the current officers. The drawing will be held near the close of the party. You do not need to be present to win but we hope that many of you will be able to join us that afternoon.

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.

To change how you receive your copy of this Trestleboard, please call the Lodge (402)-339-3205 or send Carl an email: papio39@gmail.com



Membership: Do you know of someone who would be interested in joining our Chapter? In addition to Master Masons in good standing, the following relatives of a Master Mason are eligible to join Eastern Star: Wife, Daughter, Legally adopted daughter, Mother, Widow, Sister, Half sister, Aunt, Granddaughter, Stepmother, Stepdaughter, Stepsister, Daughter-in-law, Grandmother, Great-granddaughter, Niece, Great niece, Mother-in-law, Sister-in-law, Also members (either active for three years or majority) of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters International, each of whom have attained the age of eighteen years of age may petition for membership.



Erin Marr
Associate Matron

Florence Chapter #61 RAM

This has been a busy few weeks for Florence Chapter, and the next several weeks will continue the busy period.

On February 25th we held our Soup Dinner, which in hindsight should have probably have been named a Chili Dinner. Most Excellent Companion A.J. Johnson made two amazing pots of Chili, a traditional red chili and a white chicken chili. After preparing the main dishes for the event, he then suited up as a clown and provided some of the entertainment for the festivities.

Additionally, we had the Omaha Ukulele Club playing live music throughout the dinner. The fun and lively music added a nice backdrop to the evening.



Most importantly, we had great participation from many members of the chapter and there was a very good turnout for the dinner. I would like to thank everyone who attended to work the event and those who came out to enjoy some dinner and support the chapter in our primary fundraising event for the year. It was a great event.



On March 4th we held the spring York Rite Festival for Royal Arch degrees. We brought several new Royal Arch masons into the York Rite from around the area, including two new companions for our chapter. Companions David Jackson and Peter Sakaris, welcome to the Royal Arch!

I always look forward to Degree events, particularly within the York Rite. This time was even more enjoyable than normal for some reason. I stepped into some parts that I've never done before, and that was a blast.

On Saturday March 25th we'll have the spring York Rite Festival for Council and Commandery.

Then on April 6th—8th will be York Rite Grand in Kearney!

Somehow my time as High Priest is already nearing its end. It has been a great year, and I'm looking forward to Bill Kimme's year in the big chair in the east!



Dan Marr
High Priest



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Our March Social Day was March 17th at Olive Garden. Our hostesses were Sisters Isobel Taylor and Anita Sohm. We had a nice turnout for St. Patrick's Day. It was a beautiful day. Three Sir Knights joined us – some of the guys elected to sit at a different table, but that was okay.

Due to Grand York Rite, our April Meetings will be “flip-flopped,” having Social Day on April 7th and our Business Meeting on April 21st. It is anticipated we will have a couple of candidates to initiate on April 21st. We will plan an initiation practice on April 14th for the officers.

Sister Kathy Kelley will be hostess for our April 7th Social Day. Several of our members will be attending Grand York Rite. We will gather at China Buffet at 11226 Chicago Circle (down around Parables Store) at 11 o'clock which should allow good parking choices. Again, our Sir Knights are welcome to join us.



Fraternally,
Gail Lichtenberg
Worthy President

The American Red Cross

Please donate and/or help us spread the word

Papillion Community Blood Drive
Papillion Masonic Center

April 12th 11:30 am-5:30 pm

Call 800-RedCross or go to www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule your appointment

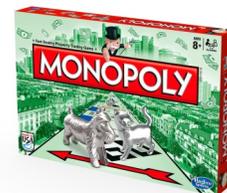
Walk-ins are welcome!



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Red Cross**

Donations Needed

- Furniture
- Kitchen items
- Toys
- Electronics
- Clothes
- Art
- Games
- Tools
- Books
- Baby items
- ...Anything



Please consider donating any of the above items to the Adah Chapter #52 OES Garage Sale Fundraiser. We will be accepting donations on Tuesday, April 25th from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesday, April 26th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please bring donations to the lower level of Papillion Masonic Center.

April 2017 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	
PMF	Saturday	Apr 1st	8:00 AM	COTS
	Sunday	Apr 2nd	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Council Meeting
	Sunday	Apr 2nd	1:00 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES - Pampered Chef Party
	Monday	Apr 3rd	7:00 PM	DeMolay
PMF	Monday	Apr 3rd	7:00 PM	Templecraft
	Tuesday	Apr 4th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (EA & FC Proficiency)
	Sunday	Apr 9th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Bethel Meeting (Elections)
	Monday	Apr 10th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
	Tuesday	Apr 11th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (Business Meeting)
PMF	Wednesday	Apr 12th	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
	Wednesday	Apr 12th	6:45 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM - Social Time
	Wednesday	Apr 12th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM - Business Meeting
	Thursday	Apr 13th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
	Friday	Apr 14th	Noon	Beauceant Practice
	Friday	Apr 14th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
	Monday	Apr 17th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
	Tuesday	Apr 18th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (Lodge Development Night)
	Saturday	Apr 22nd	Noon	Adah Chapter #52 OES - Visitation
	Sunday	Apr 23rd	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters - Workshop at Camp Comeca in Cozad; No Meeting
	Monday	Apr 24th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
	Tuesday	Apr 25th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (Lodge Development Night)
	Wednesday	Apr 26th	Unk	Adah Chapter #52 OES - Garage Sale donation day & setup
	Thursday	4/27 - 4/29	8:00 AM	Adah Garage Sale (Thu & Fri: 8am - 5pm Sat: 8am - 3 PM)
	Sunday	Apr 30th	11:00 AM	Papillion #114 OES - Vendor Sharing
	Sunday	Apr 30th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters

To submit an article to the Trestleboard, send to papio39.trestleboard@gmail.com. Articles need to be submitted prior to the 19th of the month. Questions or comments contact Dan Marr at the above email address.