

# Papillion Masonic Family Trestleboard

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## Words from the South

As an experiment to add a bit of an interactive experience to the Trestleboard, I thought this month I would include a Poll Question. If you would like to participate, please email your response to [papio39.trestleboard@gmail.com](mailto:papio39.trestleboard@gmail.com) (or just reply to the email that delivered this month's newsletter). You're also welcome to include comments if you like. Next month I'll reveal the results of the poll and I may share some of the comments that I receive as well. All comments and feedback will remain anonymous unless specifically requested otherwise.

So, the topic of our first Poll question is about observing masonic traditions during practices. More specifically, the wearing of jewels and aprons during practices.

When I was a new Mason every time we met for practice, or whatever we were doing, we were in jewels and aprons. I don't remember, in my first couple of years, that it was ever even really a question, it was just expected. I walked in the Lodge and grabbed an apron on the way in. It didn't matter if we were having a business meeting or an informal practice.

Somewhere along the way that custom has gotten watered down. For whatever reason, if we're not doing something formal, there is a period at the beginning of each practice where people are looking around questioning whether we "need to wear" aprons and jewels.

I remember a conversation a couple of years ago when someone questioned why we "had to wear" aprons during practice. A past master responded that "we're Masons, and our jewels and aprons are part of what separates us from the animal lodges." Of course, he was referring to the Elks, Eagles, Lions, and other miscellaneous non-masonic fraternities out there.

The past master's comments stuck with me, and I think about those comments whenever we gather for a practice without wearing our jewels and aprons. I must admit, occasionally I'll sit down as we begin a practice without wearing aprons and sarcastically think to myself, "Welcome to this meeting of the Royal Order of Water Buffalos. The Grand Poohbah for the evening may or may not even be wearing a hat, because we're super laid-back that way."

Ok, perhaps I joke around a bit too irreverently, especially to myself.

Some folks seem to like an extremely blasé

approach to practices. Maybe we'll break out things like aprons, jewels, a Bible, and the master's hat. Maybe we won't.

Some folks don't like the blasé approach as much as others.

That brings us back around to this month's Poll Question.

When it comes to degree practice, how much tradition do you prefer to observe?

1) I like a laid-back approach. Jewels and aprons are optional.

2) It doesn't really matter to me one way or another.

3) We're masons, we should wear aprons and jewels even when we're practicing.

Remember, please respond to the poll through email. Any responses given to me in person will be promptly forgotten, and they will certainly not be included in the official results.

I hope you will take a moment to email your poll response. Interactive newsletter activities are more enjoyable when folks interact with them. I'm looking forward to your responses.



Daniel Marr  
Junior Warden

### Jewels & Aprons Poll

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2) It doesn't really matter to me one way or another.

3) We're masons, we should wear aprons and jewels even when we're practicing.

Please email your response and comments to [papio39.trestleboard@gmail.com](mailto:papio39.trestleboard@gmail.com)

Results will be published next month.

## *From the Desk of the Secretary/Recorder*

Almost everybody takes at least part of the month for vacation.

Key, is because of Labor Day, Temple Craft will have two meetings this month. The 1st Monday is the August meeting, and the last Monday is the September meeting...the 28th, if you don't have a calendar immediately available.

Dues wise, it is quiet, third notice for York Rite is out and the money is trickling in...very slowly, but they, the members of York Rite, have until the end of October. October is also when 2018 dues notices are to be sent out, doesn't time fly when you're having fun.

In the mean time, enjoy your summer, be safe where ever your travels take you, and we will see you in September, if not before.



Carl Highman  
Secretary

## *How to Setup Volunteer Work*

This is the first part of a two part series on how to setup volunteer work which was submitted by Brother Adam Cejka. He has organized some of these activities for the lodge in the past, and has agreed to share his knowledge and expertise on the subject.

Next month he will have a full article on this topic.

1. Planning
  - a. Brainstorm for ideas and pick one
  - b. Get a Point of Contact
  - c. Discuss the work to be done
2. Scheduling
  - a. Plan the date
  - b. Sell the event/idea
  - c. Solicit for volunteers
3. Starting
  - a. Advertise the event
  - b. Arrive early for final coordination
  - c. Take 'before' pictures
4. Preparation
  - a. Divide the tasks
  - b. Take a group photo
  - c. Have a First Aid Kit and give a safety brief

5. Execution
  - a. Organize the volunteers into teams
  - b. Get folks to work and check-in with each one
  - c. Take pictures of volunteers working
6. Wrap up
  - a. Take 'after' pictures
  - b. Thank everyone involved
  - c. Do a write-up/summary



Submitted by:  
Adam Cejka  
Senior Deacon

## **The American Red Cross**

Please donate and/or help us spread the word.

Papillion Community Blood Drive  
Papillion Masonic Center

**August 2nd 11:30 am—5:30 pm**

Call 1-800-RedCross or go to  
[www.redcrossblood.com](http://www.redcrossblood.com) to schedule your  
appointment

Walk-ins are welcome!

## **Papillion Lodge #39**

### **September Business Meeting**

**Notice:** The September business meeting of Papillion Lodge #39 will take place at the Plattsmouth Home.

The meeting will start at 7:00pm. If you would like to carpool, we'll be meeting at lodge and heading to Plattsmouth by 6:15pm

## Coffee on the Square

We were delighted to entertain 19 guests at the July meeting. The group included 5 members of the St. Columkilles Shepherds, 3 members from other lodges, Jerrie Wilcox who helped serve, the Walkers who prepared breakfast, a young guest from another lodge and 7 Papillion Lodge members. What a wonderful turnout of people who are interested in what is happening at Papillion Lodge.

W. B. Paz was not present for the history lesson so W. B. Paul Kenyon stood in and gave us a reminder and a brief history of the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England. Arlin Hunter from the Shepherds presented a summary of their activities for the year and extended thanks to Papillion Lodge for sharing our parking lot for their Fireworks Campaign. Cullen made

his usual pitch for the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation and invited any or all to visit the Home. (He lives there. Ask him for a cup of coffee or a glass of lemonade.)

The breakfast burritos were delicious and the fellowship was jovial. Thank everyone for participating, please return and bring a friend and family member.

Until next month, I'll be racing the motor!



Cullen Pilker

Reminder: Coffee on the Square, first Saturday of every month at 8:00 A. M. Where? The dining room At the Papillion Masonic Center.

## Adah Chapter #52 OES

Sisters and Brothers,

“Aaah, summer - that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility and rife with possibility. It's a time to hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, conquer trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends.”

- Darell Hammond

Summer has been quiet at Adah Chapter. We enjoyed attending the joint visitation in June hosted by Trinity Chapter and Alpha Chapter. WM Margaret McCall responded and told us all about getting her DNA results from 23 and Me. Other responses covered the topics of Cowboy wisdom, a child's view of the Bible, and car shows. It was wonderful to see such a big crowd. The food was great, as always.

**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, and 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

### Paper or Electronic?



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## **SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT** **Omaha Assembly No. 91**

**REMINDER:** There is no Stated Meeting in August.

Our **Annual Traditional Picnic with Commandery** was **Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Papillion Masonic Center. We had a good turnout with around 30-40 attending. AJ Johnson & Dennis Newman grilled the hamburgers and sausages and the “gals” furnished a good assortment of sides and desserts. The Roundhouse Band entertained us with music. It appeared that all had a good time. I want to thank Sisters Erin Marr and Bev Pickering for helping to coordinate this event and having things move so smoothly. It was nice to see Sister Sally Bunnell out of the house and we appreciate her husband Gary bringing her.

On Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> we have reservations for lunch at **The Nebraska Masonic Home for our Social Day**. **We will collect items for BINGO prizes before we go.** The Home has suggested the following items for BINGO – **Tissues (Kleenex – Puffs); ChapSticks; Hand Lotion – no fragrance; Granola and Fruit Snacks.** We hope you can join us – we will not plan to play Bingo but just collect prizes for the Activity Director to use for prizes. After lunch would give you time to go visit a friend who resides at the home, if you like, and put a **sparkle in someone’s day**. Members will be notified with more info and reservations taken.

Several of our members plan on attending Beauceant Supreme in September in Minneapolis.



Omaha Assembly No. 91 is one of the “hosting” assemblies. We have had a couple of planning meetings and I’m sure we will have more as time goes on. At this time, we have 13 planning on going - which includes “two guys.” We are working on table centerpieces and dignitary gift bags. **We will be looking for donations of items to include in the dignitary bags.**

We have had our initial planning meeting for our Card Party which is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for craft items, baked sale items, as well as items for the Raffle table and door prizes. We will be needing card players as well.

**Please note** I am changing my email address from Cox to [gail.lichtenberg@gmail.com](mailto:gail.lichtenberg@gmail.com) so **please UPDATE your files.**

Here is wishing all a wonderful and safe rest of the Summer – it is going fast.



Fraternally,  
Gail Lichtenberg  
Worthy President

### **Papillion Chapter #114 OES**

Sisters and Brothers,

Papillion Chapter #114 has been busy the past couple months.

Our annual hot dog stand which is set up coinciding with the St. Columbkille Shepherds fireworks stand in the Lodge parking lot, was again a successful fundraiser for us exceeding our goal by over \$100. We sold, hot dogs, hamburgers, sloppy joes, chips and drinks all donated by our members. Special thanks to Sr. Darlene Hix for organizing and manning this booth again this year.

Christmas in July was held at Papillion Masonic Center on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. It was attended by seniors from the Papillion Senior Center, LaVista Senior Center and our own members over the age of 70. A total of 38 guests enjoyed barbeque meatballs, cheesy

potatoes, green beans, cranberry jello, ice cream and cookies.

Coming up on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, we will hold our annual Silver and Gold Tea at Papillion Masonic Center. This event will honor all of our members with 25 years or more of membership.



Erin Marr  
Electa 2017

**[Editor’s note:** For those who received the TB through snailmail and noticed my typo, please rest assured that Erin is not associate matron of Papillion #114. There is no need for anyone to get alarmed, it was a simple cut & paste error by the editor. I apologize for the false alarm.]

# **BBQ & TAILGATE PARTY!**

**Papillion Lodge #39 invites you  
to join us for GREAT Barbeque  
and watch an NFL Game  
projected huge on the wall!**

**Sunday September 17th**

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**At the Papillion Masonic Center**



**Enjoy a delicious  
variety of  
SMOKED MEATS  
Sides & Desserts!**

**Only \$10 for Adults  
& \$5 for kids**



**Omaha Assembly No. 91  
Social Order of the Beauceant**

**Salad Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.  
Card Party from 10 a.m to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**Shrine Center  
2823 S 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, 68124  
Donation \$7.00 per person**

**To Reserve your table(s) now to play  
Cards, Mah Jong, Mexican Train, Cribbage, etc.**

**Call Bev Pickering at (402) 733-3384 or  
[bevpick@msn.com](mailto:bevpick@msn.com) by Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Door Prizes**



## August 2017 Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event
 Tuesday	Aug 1st	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (Lodge Development Night)
<b>PMF</b> Wednesday	Aug 2nd	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
<b>PMF</b> Thursday	Aug 3rd	5:00 PM	Papillion Masonic Family visit to the Plattsmouth Masonic Home
 Friday	Aug 4th	6:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 - Dinner
 Friday	Aug 4th	7:30 PM	Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 - Conclave
<b>PMF</b> Saturday	Aug 5th	8:00 AM	Coffee on the Square
 Sunday	Aug 6th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Sunday	Aug 6th	3:00 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES - Silver/Gold Tea
 Monday	Aug 7th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
<b>PMF</b> Monday	Aug 7th	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	Aug 8th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - Business Meeting
 Wednesday	Aug 9th	6:45 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM - Social Time
 Wednesday	Aug 9th	7:30 PM	Florence Chapter #61 RAM - Business Meeting
 Thursday	Aug 10th	7:30 PM	Papillion Chapter #114 OES Meeting
 Friday	Aug 11th	7:30 PM	Adah Chapter #52 OES Meeting
 Sunday	Aug 13th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Aug 14th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Aug 15th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (Lodge Development Night / Degree)
 Sunday	Aug 20th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Aug 21st	7:00 PM	DeMolay
 Tuesday	Aug 22nd	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (Lodge Fantasy Football Draft)
 Sunday	Aug 27th	2:00 PM	Job's Daughters
 Monday	Aug 28th	7:00 PM	DeMolay
<b>PMF</b> Monday	Aug 28th	7:00 PM	Templecraft
 Tuesday	Aug 29th	7:00 PM	Papillion Lodge #39 - (Lodge Development Night / Degree)

### 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](mailto: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.