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DUBUQUE SHRINE CLUB

On Wednesday, November 19th, the Dubuque County Shrine Club held a joint holiday party with High Twelve down at the Holiday Inn with about 22 people in attendance. At which time, Chief Rabban Doug Strike from El Kahir swore in the elected officers for 2015.

The Bob Casper singers then entertained those in attendance with several holiday songs. That was then followed by a local gun enthusiast's on the history behind his collection of war memorability.

A good time was had by all.

The Black FEZ OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting December 11, 2014

Greetings Prophets. We served 110 at our October breakfast. I would like that number to be 150 or better, so please remember to join us on the last Sunday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We do not have a breakfast in December. Thanks to Wayne Stanfly for fixing our toasters so we can continue to offer toast! Also, remember that the Grotto is available for rentals. We have had 35 rentals this year and they are starting to come in for next year. Check us out by calling Sam Phipps at [563-556-8105](tel:563-556-8105). The Grotto Christmas party will be on Friday, December 12. It is open to all Masons and spouses. Here are the details:

5-6 p.m. - Music and fellowship
6-7 - Meal
7-8 - Christmas music by our own Dale Hefel
Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and drinks.
We will provide the main entrée.
Please RSVP to Smokey at [563-588-8044](tel:563-588-8044)

Smokey McGovern
Monarch

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday December 2, 2014

At our November meeting we had a good opening and closing practice. We are getting better each meeting.

In the business meeting we remitted the dues of 4 members and dropped 2 members for non-payment of dues for 2015. We have several positions to fill including Secretary/treasurer. Any volunteers?

Neil Millard

Dubuque Lodge 3 Stated Meeting Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014 Dinner 6:00 - Work 7:30 p.m.

Our Stated Communication on Thursday, November 20, 2014 was preceded by a chicken dinner. We have a meal together, before lodge, prepared by volunteers and there is always a place at the table for YOU!

Remember that we changed our bylaws to increase our annual lodge dues by \$10.00 to

\$57.00. This will begin in 2015. Secretary Smeltzer will be sending you the dues notice for 2015.

Grand Lodge held a Regional School at Dubuque on November 7, 2014. It invited ALL Masons, not just MIs and DLs, and it was a lot of fun while touching-up our Masonic skills. A BIG THANKS to the Dubuque Lodge Brothers who attended!

It was ELECTION NIGHT!...a great opportunity for serving our lodge and our great fraternity. Those elected: Don Giesemann, WM; David Patton, SW; Dale Hefel, JW; Wayne Stanfly, Treasurer; Jack Smeltzer, Secretary; Jonathan Peiffer, MTA 2015.

Congratulations to Russell Hibben, on his election to Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Iowa! A reception for him is planned for December 14, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Masonic Temple.

Dubuque Lodge will be presiding at Installation of 2015 Officers on Saturday, January 3, 2015; 10:30 a.m. in the Egyptian Room. Lunch will follow.

And once again, Dubuque Lodge accomplished its business quickly, efficiently...about the same for our relaxing dinner and Good Fellowship!

We always have room for one more, so we hope to see you soon...at lodge!

Don Giesemann, WM

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next meeting

December 4, 2014

Meal at 6pm

Meeting 7pm

Greetings to all. Thanks to Brother Bob Benzer and his lady we all ate good before the meeting. We welcomed three visitors from Manchester Lodge 165. It was very nice to welcome them and we hope to see them again soon. We have been invited to Manchester as time permits. Chris Stechman informed us that York Rite will be putting together a program open to all. It is scheduled for some time in

February. Exact times, etc are yet to be formalized,

Steve Sanders informed us that Julie Gross and Bonnie Sander are making arrangements to hold an "all masonic womens Tea " which is scheduled for December 6th. They deserve a lot of thanks for this, I know there is a lot of prep time involved in this. Thank You Ladies, your time and efforts are deeply appreciated.

We held our election of officers for 2015 and the results are:

WM: Jim (S:mokey) McGovern,

SW: Chris Stechman, **JW:** Danny Neuhaus, **Sectry:** Sam Phipps

Tres: Rocky Tiefel. The election of the MTA rep was tabled until next month.

We were also told that Brother Ed Blinks is doing fine after his knee surgery.

On a sad note: On November 10, Brother Richard Cade passed away. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I met Brother Richard when I first came into the Lodge and we have been friends ever since. I will miss joking with him before meetings. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Fraternally

Rocky Tiefel

Worshipful Master

Dubuque High Twelve Club

Rex's Temple Cafe

Friday at 12:00 Noon

I need to make a correction. At our annual meeting of the North Central Association of High Twelve out in Sioux Falls a couple years ago, they decided that we should keep the spring meeting in the middle of the region - in the middle of Iowa. The fall meeting, in the town of the elected president. So, since I am in line to be the new president of the association in 2015, the fall meeting will be here in Dubuque in October.

Actually, that works out nicely, since the flood waters in the spring would limit any river excursions that we might plan. On the other hand, a mid October date should be right at the height of the leaves turning colors.

I would also like to mention we mourn the loss of Brother Richard Cade, a very active member who passed away the first part of November. A memorial will be made to the Walcott Foundation in his name.

High Twelve meets Friday noon down in the dining room at the Dubuque Masonic Temple.

Mosaic Lodge # 125

Reg. Meeting Dec. 9, 2014

Our regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 was preceded by a delicious soup supper prepared by P.M. Donald Giesemann. Don had three soups to choose from and needless to say most of us had some of each. We did not go away hungry. Don always does great job and the meal was enjoyed by all. Thanks Don.

We received word of the passing of Richard Cade, a member of Metropolitan Lodge #49. W.M.

Kelley called up the lodge for a moment of silent prayer for Brother Dick. We would like to extend our sympathies for the members of his family.

The Regional School that was held in Dubuque, on Friday, November 7, 2014, had a low attendance but in talking to the Custodians of the Work it was about average for what they have been having. It is too bad that more do not attend these schools as we could all use a little help in our ritual. We do thank all that did attend. We would like to thank Hi-Twelve for letting us join them for lunch. The meal was very good.

Mosaic voted to approve financial contributions to, The Salvation Army, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Hope Lodge, in Iowa City and The Masonic Service Association of North America. We may have one more coming in.

The election of officers for 2015 was held and the following were elected: W.M., Chris Stechman, S.W., Brian Carroll, J.W., Brian Kelley, Treas., Edwin Blinks, P.G.M., Sec., Keith Robertson. Dan Call was elected to the Charity Committee.

Shawn Evarts, our newest member of Mosaic Lodge had the program for the evening. He spoke on enlightenment and the different meaning pertaining to light. Also of light as it pertains to the Three Degrees in Masonry.

The talk was very informative. Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, Brian Carroll will be in charge of refreshments, Brian Kelley will have the program. Hope you can come down and join us.

Brian Kelley

Worshipfully Master

**Julien Lodge 551
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 4, 2014**

**THIS NEWS WORTH
REPEATING:**

Brother Ed Bell reported on his 'DeMolay son,' Cody, who is having a major battle with cancer. His left arm has been amputated and we pray he will recover his good health. A benefit is planned for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Sunset Lanes. Cody is a sweet young man and a fighter and, even so, he needs all our prayers. Thank you for your prayers.

Brother Richard Lukens Cade, 88, a retired John Deere Engineer and an active Mason, died Monday, November 10, 2014. Richard was a very smart Engineer and a very good man. We are the less for his loss.

Please ask God's blessing on those Brothers in sickness and distress and those whom you love and hold in your heart...And love them while you still have them.

Worshipful Master Ganfield is keeping our business under an hour...and so we have more time for Fellowship and all the good things that come with it.

There was a Regional School of Instruction at the Dubuque Temple on November 7, 2014, and the Dubuque High Twelve Club provided a very nice lunch.

Our brick repairs to the lodge building are finished! Hooray! Also, Brother Chuck did a very nice job on the hand rails for the stairs.

ELECTION of OFFICERS:
Congratulations to: Wayne Stanfley, WM; Chuck Hawkins, SW; Ed Bell, JW; Brian Hartbecke, Treasurer; Don Giesemann, Secretary

Make time to be with us

THURSDAY, December 5, 2014 at our Regular meeting and joint Christmas party with Trowel Fellowship at Farley.

Meat, potatoes, and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass!

My Brother, we wish you and your family a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving and your most blessed Christmas yet!

My Brother, we always have a warm welcome waiting for you...and of course... we'll leave the light on for you!

**Bob Ganfield, Worshipful
Master**

**Julien chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting
December 16, 2014**

It seems our winter arrived a little early. Hope every one can stay warm and we do look forward for it to warm up a bit.

Since Grand Chapter Russ and I have traveled every weekend to many Chapters for receptions for the new Grand Officers. What a joy to see many friends and to make new friends.

Last night at our meeting we started with a soup supper prepared by Brother Don Giesemann. Three kinds of soup and then brownies and cookies for the sweet tooth. We thank Brother Don for a good meal.

Brother Dave Patton shared with us a program about children's I.D. What a important program to help parents have this important information about their children should they need it. Thanks Dave.

We had election of our Officers for next year and they are Leona Hibben -Worthy Matron, Russ Hibben - Worthy Paron, Rebecca Rowe - Associate Matron, Dave Patton - Associate Patron, Beverly Godsey - Secretary, Keith

Robertson - Treasurer, Jennifer Diller - Conductress, Helen Rowe - Associate Conductress.

We voted to give \$400 to our Worthy Grand Matron's project which is "Beach Buddies" Paws & Effect Service Dog Program. We also voted to give \$200 to our Worthy Grand Patron's project which is for the Youth.

Worthy Matron, Leona, read a "Tribute To A Faithful Member" to our Sister Arline Dieterich for the many years she has served our Order.

Our Workshop will be January 24, 2015 at Le Claire with our new Instructor Sister Lark Randial at 9:30 A.M.

December 14, 2014 will be our reception for Brother Russ Hibben, Associate Grand Patron, at 2:00 P.M. at our Dubuque Masonic Temple. This is an open meeting and we hope to see many of you join us to honor Brother Russ.

**Worthy Matron - Leona Hibben
Worthy Patron - Russ Hibben
Secretary - Beverly Godsey**

**YOR K RITE
DECEMBER, 2014**

Dear Brothers of Dubuque,

Companions:

December is elections month. Be sure to attend your Lodge meeting and cast a vote for your leaders for the coming Masonic year. We in Tri-State Morning Lodge No. 673, want to make a push for those looking for Masonic activities during the day. Tri-State is a good opportunity to have Masonic communication, followed by High Twelve. We meet the second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Weatherwise... it has hit! The balmy temperatures of late summer and early fall are eGone!

**RITUAL PARCTICE ON
FRIDAY MORNINGS**

For masons that do not like to go out at night any more but miss the lodge meetings and comorodaty, TriState Morning Lodge meets on the pm the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:30 am..., at the Dubuque Masonic Temple.. All Master Masons are welcome.

We are also making a list of masons that would like to learn the Masonic Ritual for the degrees. Anything from opening and closing, conferring of degrees. If we get enough masons that want to participate we will practice at 10:30 a.m. on the Fridays that Tre-State Morning Lodge does not meet. We are planning to sstart on January 3, 2015 at 10:30 a.m..

Gone! All gone! Now, naught remains but thee,
So, bundle up, come to day light lodge and share your Masonic life.

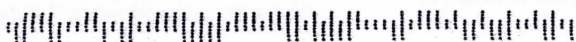
Mike Mudrey
WM

**MASONIC CALENDAR
DECEMBER 2014**

- Tu 02 York Rite 7:00 p.m.
- Th 04 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00
- Th 04 Julien Lodge 551 and the
Trowel Fellowship at Farley
Christmas Party 6:30 p.m.
- 05 High Twelve Noon
- Su 07 Remember Pearl Harbor!
- Tu 09 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:00
p.m.
- Th 11 Oxus Grotto 7:30 p.m.
Eat 6:00 p.m.
- F 12 Tri-State 673 10:30 a.m.
High Twelve Noon
- Tu 16 Julien OES 7:30 p.m.
- W 17 Shriners 6:00 p.m. Eat

- Main St. Holiday Inn
- Th 18 Dubuque Lodge 3; 7:00
p.m.
Eat at 6:00 p.m.
- F 19 High Twelve Noon
- Tu 23 MTA
- W 24 Christmas Eve
- Th 25 Christmas Day
- F 26 High-12 DARK
- W 31 New Year's Eve

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