



The Trestleboard



Masonic Temple, 1155 Locust St., Dubuque, Ia. 52001-4751

Notice from the Trestleboard.

To the Secretaries, Members and others receiving the Trestleboard. The Trestleboard would like any address changes, new members, deaths or members temporarily away to turn in these changes to DUBTRESTLEBOARD@GMAIL.COM or send them to The Trestleboard, 1155 Locust ST, DUBUQUE, IA 52001, or leave them in the Trestleboard mailbox at the Dubuque Masonic Temple. Tri State Morning Lodge For masons that would like to attend a lodge meeting and not go out at night, Tri State Morning Lodge meets at 10:30 A.M. on the second Friday of the month. All Masons are welcome to attend. Ritual Practice Is being held at 10:30 A.M. on Fridays that Tri State Morning Lodge does not meet. Come to practice. We will practice whatever parts you want.

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*Fraternally,
Editors of the TB*

**DUBUQUE
HIGH 12 CLUB**

Several weeks ago, just before Christmas, there were several activities going on at the Masonic Temple located down at 1155 Locust Street, so our High Twelve group decided to go dark for the day. This then gave me a chance to do down to Clinton to visit their High Twelve session to share some things that we are

doing here in Dubuque, and also collect some new ideas.

Oh, don't worry, I was warned ahead of time to take some extra money along, since they have a unique way of adding funds to their coffers. After all, if you tell a joke, had your name in the paper in the last week, had a birthday, shared some important information, didn't address each other as Brother, etc., you paid in a dollar into the kitty. (Even if you did everything perfectly first, they'd find some other way to get you to donate to their cause.)

It actually turned into a fun game, where you hoped you'd come out of there unscathed. However, knowing me, I couldn't sit back and keep my mouth shut. You can also probably guess, I left there not only a few pounds heavier, plus my wallet significantly lighter.

They also had some kind of poker game afterwards. However, I'll have to wait until next time to get involved with that.)

Come join us for High Twelve most Fridays at noon down at 1155 Locust Street to commiserate and talk about old times.

**The Black FEZ
OXUS Grotto #137
Regular Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015**

First off I would like to thank Smokey for providing a great meal. Also for a wonderful job as our

Monarch, (he always puts his 100% in all he sets out to do) As

the new Monarch I hope to be able to do

a good job for the year ahead. Thanks for setting the bar so high-Smokey.

I would like to remind our fellow masons that our next Breakfast is on January 25th-volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Another note I would like to pass on is that our Fish – Frys will be starting on February 27th we will be having them on March 6th, 13th, & 20th also. (again volunteers would be appreciated - more hands\less work\more fun).

Gene Muntz - Monarch

Hail, Veiled Prophets;

January 25th will be the first breakfast of the year, and the last one before Lent in February.

Once again:

The schedule is as follows:

6:00AM - Setup

**7:00AM - breakfast for you
volunteers**

8:00AM until (??) -

**serving/working the breakfast
for the public.**

RSVP to me (just reply to this email, if you wish) no later than 23 January. I'll send the roster on, then. Thank you.

For those for whom we don't have email addresses, I'll be calling them on Thursday/Friday to check on their participation.

Thank you all, and I return you to your currently-scheduled chaos.

Wesley Struebing

**Dubuque York Rite,
Regular Meeting
Tuesday , February 3, 2015**

The York Rite Bodies held their election of officers at our December meeting. Chris Steckman was elected High Priest of the Chapter and Illustrious Master of the Council. Brian Kelley was elected Eminent Commander of Silcom Cammandry. Shawn Everts was elected Secretary/Recorder of the York Rite. After 18 years, I decided that was enough. Every thing is done by computers nowadays and I am too old a dog to learn new tricks . I enjoyed the position everyday. Our Installation of Officers will be held at our January 6, 2015 meeting. It will be an open Installation. Due to Grand Chapter and Grand Council raising their per capita dues, our dues will raise to \$70.00 for 2015.

Neil Millard

**Dubuque Lodge 3
Stated Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015
Dinner 6:00 - Work 7:00 p.m.**

On Saturday, January 3, the various lodges at 1155 Locust Street had their installations of officers in the Egyptian Room, with Dubuque #3 as host. Apparently, everything went off without a hitch, with 38 people in attendance. After all, I was in the Kansas City area helping my daughter finish moving to Des Moines, while Don Giesemann (*Worshipful Master) was home in bed with pneumonia. Well, thank goodness we had Jack Smeltzer who stepped up the the plate and saved the day installing officers in the ceremonies included. MW Edwin Blinks, Michael Mudrey, H Samuel Phipps, and RW D. Keith Robertson.

2015 officers for Dubuque 3# include: WM Donald Giesemann, SW David Patton, JW Dale Hefel, Treasurer R. Wayne Stanfley, Secretary Jack Smeltzer, SD Wesley Struebing, JD Ed Bell, SS Jonathan Peiffer, JS Christopher Radetski, Tyler Steve Batemanl We are also looking to 2015 for more growth and interest in Masonry.

Don Giesemann, WM

**Tri-State Morning Lodge
#673 Meets Friday, 10:30 a.m
February 13, 2015**

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Secretary
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**Metropolitan Lodge #49
Next meeting
February 5, 2015
Meal at 6pm
Meeting 7:00 pm**

There was no meeting in January since our scheduled meeting night was New Year's Day, and our make-up date was cancelled due to the weather. We did get all of the Christmas decorations down and put away until next year. thanks to all who helped.

The following officers were elected or appointed for this year:
WM - Smokey McGovern
SW - Chris Stechman

JW - Dan Neuhaus
Treasurer - Rocky Tiefel
Secretary - Sam Phipps
S.D. - David Latham
J.D. - Mike Engling
S.S. - Bill Luensmann
J.S. - Steve Sanders
Tyler - Gene Muntz
Chaplin - Arvid Saele

I think there is a need for practices. I would suggest the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:30 in the evening. You could still schedule degree work at 7:00 on those Mondays. What a great way to have more brothers there to participate.

**Fraternally yours
Smokey McGovern
Worshipful Master**

**DUBUQUE SHRINE
CLUB**

I've always thought if you have a good thing going for you, the worse thing is to keep it quiet and hide it under a bushel basket. After all, that's one criticism I've had about both Masonry and Shriners for years. (See if you don't get the word out, nobody is going to know anything about it.)

Fortunately, that's starting to change, I mean, not only are we starting to parade again in Dubuque after all these years, but Shriners are now beginning to do do some advertising on television, and believe me, they're quite affective. After all, patients are telling their stories of how Shriner's hospitals saved their life when other couldn't.

We've even seen where restigious Hospitals around the country are beginning to partner with Shriners' hospitals to better take advantage of their expertise. (Personally, I think we've only just scratched the surface!)

(To a different matter:) Right before New Year's, I heard some

talk that there might not be a Shrine Circus in Dubuque this year due to a breakdown in negotiations. Anyway, before I wrote up this report, I decided to check with Kaaba to verify what I'd heard. Sure enough, it sounds like the Shriners won't be involved this year)

I know in the last several years that we've sponsored them, they've been a big hit! Now, that's not to say, there won't be a circus in the area, but it just won't be affiliated with Shriners.)

That also means, we may have to do some serious scrambling, since we were counting on ad sales from it to pad our budget.

Come join the Dubuque County Shrine Club as we meet every third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 down at the Holiday Inn.

Dave Patton,
President

Mosaic Lodge # 125 ✓
Reg. Feb, 10, 2015

We are off and running for the new year.

W.M. Stechman had our immediate Past Master, Brian Kelley, conducted to the East and presented him with his Past Master's Certificate and thanked him for a job well done as Master of Mosaic for the year 2014. Brian gave a few brief remarks.

We had a couple officers who were unable to attend the installation of officers on January 3, 2014. W.M. Stechman invited Keith Robertson to the East to install Brian Kelley as Junior Warden and Shawn Evarts as Senior Deacon. Brian Carroll acted as installing Marshall.

Your slate of Mosaic officers for 2015 are: Worshipful Master, Chris Stechman, Senior Warden, Brian Carroll, Junior Warden, Brian Kelley, Treasurer, Edwin Blinks, Secretary, Keith

Robertson, Chaplin, Russell Hibben, Senior Deacon, Shawn Evarts, Junior Deacon, Andrew Kendell, Senior Steward, Robert Happ, Junior Steward, David Latham, Tyler, William "Bill" Collings.

A petition for the degrees in masonry was received and read for the first time from Christopher Andrew McQuillen. We will be voting on his petition at our regular meeting on February 10, 2015.

It sounds like we may be receiving another petition in the near future. It is great to have some degree work coming up. We will try to keep you posted on dates.

We would like to have you put Eileen Coursey, wife of Past Master Wayne Coursey, in your thoughts and prayers. Eileen took a fall a few weeks ago, hitting her head. She is now hospitalized in Iowa City.

W. M. Stechman presented the program for the evening. He spoke on what we might do to fill some of the empty seats at our meetings. The retention of members and getting our members more active in the lodge. To encourage more masonic education. There is a lot of masonic materials available on line.

We are hoping to re-establish the ritual practices. We are looking at the first and third Mondays of each month

Mosaic Lodge is looking to awarding a minimum of three and perhaps as many as five, \$2000.00 scholarships to students that will be graduating this year from our two public high schools. So if you know of someone who will be graduating this year please have them apply. The can be filled on line at, www.mosaiclodge125.com or check with their school consular, or by contacting Keith Robertson at [563-583-1322](tel:563-583-1322) and have one mailed. They must be submitted by February 15, 2015.

We would like to thank W. M. Stechman for providing the refreshments following the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on February 10, 2015. Russell Hibben has the program, Robert Happ the refreshments.

The meetings start at 7:00 P.M., hope you can come down and join us.

Chris Stechman ✓
Worshipful Master

Julien Lodge 551
Stated Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 5, 2015

No report for February, as the Secretary is under the weather!

Julien chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting
Dark in February, 2015

We got up this morning (Wednesday) and the trees were beautiful with the fresh snow on all the branches. Winter in Iowa can be a beautiful scene.

We had a good turnout of Officers at our January meeting last night. We went thru our opening March a couple times before we opened our meeting.

We talked about our workshop that will be Saturday January 24th in Le Claire. We have nine or ten members going to learn about our work for 2015.

March 21st will be our Joint School of Instruction in Dubuque with Bellevue and Clinton Chapters. It will also be an Official Visit of the Beachcombers Grand Family.

Our Secretary, Beverly Godsey, will be gone most of the month of February. They are going to New Orleans to visit Bev's brother.

February 7th will be the Last/First School for our Grand Conductress, Jane Green, in Spencer.

February 21st will be the Last School for our Associate Grand Matron, Nancy Kiehne, in Cedar Falls.

We look forward to attending both of these Schools.

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

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 2md 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..