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# The Trestleboard

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### 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 <u>DUBTRESTLEBOARD@GMAIL.COM</u> or send them to The Trestleboard, 1155 Locust ST, DUBUQUE, IA 52001, or leave them in the Trestleboard mailbox at the Dubuque Masonic Temple.

*Al Tischuk* 563-580-3424 563-556-8451 Life is a game but golf is serious

#### Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & A.M. Stated Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 2015

When I just became a Mason, back in 2003, I was looking for something to give more meaning to my life. You also need to know, I was discouraged from being in the classroom for 33 years! So, I knew it was high time I had to look for something else.

That's when I was invited down to speak at a meeting of High Twelve, following an editorial I'd written on being more understanding of our youth. Several hours later, and following several lengthy discussions, I realized I agreed with all of the tenets of Masonry. and decided to become one. (Now, what specifically attracted me to Dubuque #3 was all the rich history behind its forming.) Dubuque #3 meets every third Thursday. First, at 6:00 to share a meal, then at 7:00 for lodge.

This meeting, we entertained a vote on a request for affiliation by Robert H Johnsen. The vote was clear and unanimous to accept his request for affiliation with Dubuque Lodge #3.

Submitted by: Hon. Don Giessman – WM David H Patton – SW

# Dubuque High 12 Club May, 2015

If I haven't stated it before, High Twelve officers for 2015 are President, David Patton; Vicepresident, Jack Smeltzer; Secretary, Don Giesemann; Treasurer, Neil Millard. Anyway, on Friday the thirteenth, our guest speaker for High Twelve was Brother Gerald Edgars. He's a very interesting motivational speaker, who shared how Masonry has greatly impacted his life, and that of his family. He then shared with us several ways to attract, not only more young men into Masonry, but into High Twelve.

High Twelve meets most Fridays at 11:30 down at the Masonic Temple at 1155 Locust Street. Meanwhile, all are invited

#### Submitted by David Patton

# Dubuque Shrine Club Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Now, you have to understand, we're still in our infancy in conducting the Child I.D. event, which means we're still learning what we're doing well, and where we need to make improvements. I should also point out, while it was great that the first year we blew the skeptics away when we did close to 300 kids without doing much adverting, I believe we began to rest on our laurels. I think we're also just beginning to realize that we need to get the word out sooner, do more advertising, contact the surrounding schools and day cares - maybe even have the event at a different location, and a different time of the year. After all, this is a very worthwhile program, however, we need to get out and shake the bushes to make the community aware of what all we have to offer. Come join the Dubuque County Shrine Club as we try to address the health needs of our youth. We meet at 5:30 on the third Wednesday of most months down at the Holiday Inn.

#### Submitted by Dave Patton, President, Dubuque County Shrine Club

### The Black FEZ OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting Thursday, May 14, 2015

Greetings Fellow Brothers; Due to the problems and miscommunication on the last TrestleBoard we are currently looking for used Golf Clubs and various Golf equipment. The equipment will be donated to Special Olympics. If you have anything to donate please call Dan Neuhaus @563-542-2871, or bring them to the Grotto to be distributed to Special Olympics. Dubuque is one of the few Special Olympics not funded by any organizations and rely on donations. Let's try to help this wonderful cause, after all Brotherhood and Fellowship is what the Grotto stands for. Our last Breakfast is April 26th, half of the profits go to the Special Olympics.Hopefully a good turnout can be expected. Also Grotto Garage Sale is May 15th & 16th. Dig deep for articles to sell to grow our Grotto funds.

#### Respectfully submitted; Gene Muntz – Monarch

#### Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Greetings Companions! Our third meeting of the York Rite of 2015 was held. During this meeting I had recapped what I had learned in the Recorders School held in Ames. Wow do I have a lot of learning to do! Thankfully Neil Millard has agreed to stay on as Treasurer to help make this transition as smooth as possible. Companion Mike Mudrey gave an update on Mike LaVelle. He has suffered a bad fall and is now paralyzed from the chest down. Also William Collings has been moved to Stonehill due to he poor health. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

In other York Rite news 12 new Council Ritual books have been ordered and should be arriving at the end of the month. These 4th edition books are in plain text except for certain words. Ever wonder about just how the craft is paid their wages? If you're curious then please come to the Grand Lodge Room on April 14th at 7:00PM and find out how this comes about!

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting on April 7th! It would be nice to match some faces with the names!

Sincerely Shawn Evarts, Secretary/Recorder Dubuque York Rite #3

#### Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 A.M., May 8, 2015

Tri State Morning Lodge #673 had a Short meeting on Friday March 13 at 10:30 A.M. We didn't have much in old business and very little in new business. For Education in March, we practiced opening and closing lodge in the Master Mason Degree.

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.

#### Secretary, Al Tischuk

# METROPOLITAN LODGE #49 NEXT MEETING MAY 7, 2015 MEAL 6 PM MEETING 7 PM

Greetings from Metropolitan Lodge #49. James McGovern was out of town so Rocky Tiefel was acting Worshipful master for this meeting." It's good to be king....".

After a very good meal served by Brother David Lathem and his Lady for which we are grateful, we all retired to the Egyptian room for a short meeting. It wasn't a big business night.

We were informed that the entire contents of the concession truck have been finally sold. Nothing left, not even a bolt. Our thanks and congratulations to all who were responsible for handling this. On a sad note, we were informed by Brother Chris Stechman that person or persons unknown (at this time) have helped themselves to one of the computers that was purchased for the Child ID events. This person / persons opened the metal suit case, removed the computer, then the power cord, left everything else and hid the suitcase. These computers were purchased for a very good cause and some one who doesn't give a rat except for themselves has the audacity. To help themselves. Chris has informed the police and has stated that if the computer

comes back before May first it will be no questions asked. After May first it will be prosecution to the fullest extent of the law. I find it hard to believe a fellow Mason could do such a thing. But I personally feel like it could be almost anyone as I have gone down to the Temple and found doors standing open for anyone and their brother to walk in and have a look around with no one to stop them. Front doors have been left open, back doors have been found open, this does not appear to me as a way to secure a building, but that's just my opinion

#### Rocky Tiefel for Smokey McGovern Worshipful Master

# Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Hello brothers and thank you for another great month in lodge. As has been promissed over the last couple of months, this last meeting exemplified the craftsman receiving his wages. Thank you to brother Mike Mudrey and his Wisconsin companions for their assistance with this presentation. I hope everyone had fun and enjoyed their rewards for a hard days labor in the quarries. We have a lit of degree work coming up with everything from another first degree to a third degree. Please see Keith about what roles you are able to help with and what dates you are available. Keep those petitions coming in! It is great to see so many eager new faces join the craft. Also, let's not forget that mentoring is a key component for

our new members. Mentoring is more than just teaching the modes of recognition. This is an opportunity to build a bond and create the sense of brotherhood that cements us together. I would also encourage each of the mentors to contact each other and try to have a meeting with all of our newest members so they can get to know each other.

You will read many mentions about our Child ID program this month concerning a stolen computer system. I can't put it any better than the rest of our brothers have written in here. It is a heartbreaking and disappointing day to think that one of our own may have been responsible for such an act. I hope the responsible party or parties will reconsider their actions and return the system.

One final note on a lighter side. Scholarship dinner is around the corner. This is a dinner fully funded by the lodge and all are invited. You need not be a member of Mosaic to attend. This is also a great social event to bring prospects and new members. HINT: MENTORS... CONTACT YOUR CHARGES AND BRING THEM. MEMBERS. **BRING FRIENDS WHOM YOU** THINK WILL DO WELL TO JOIN OUR CRAFT. Please contact Keith by May 13 by calling 563.583.1322 to RSVP.

#### Chris Stechman Worshipful Master

Julien Lodge #551 Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday May 6, 2015 We discussed replacing the worn carpet in the Post Office. Brother Ganfield said the carpet is now delivered and the Post Mistress will determine the installation details as it affects Post Office spaces.

We were visited by Brother Roberto M. Sanchez of Houston, Texas. He is a Performance Assurance Engineer at the Watco Compliance Services. He is responsible for assessing compliance with applicable engineering specifications, regulations and rules applying to various freight transportation services including rail-car repair and maintenance.

I love trains and so Roberto was our program. His work takes him all over the USA. He is full of interesting details, and presents his company and mission very well indeed!

We thank PGM Bryce B. Hildreth for telling Roberto about Julien Lodge 551.

Our business having been completed in an hour, we had ample time for Fellowship and all the good food that came with it.

# MAY 28, 2015...TROWEL FELLOWSHIP...

Julien Lodge will host this meeting. A special program has been planned and refreshments will be provided.

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

#### Bob Ganfield, Worshipful

### Master Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Sisters & Brothers Spring is here! The snow is gone and the birds are singing.

We had a good turn out for our March Meeting. We voted to donate \$300 plus our March Offering of Clowning Around the Beach to Estarl

We honored the following Masons: Brothers Ed Blinks, Russ Hibben, David Patton, Keith Robertson and Wayne Stanfley for all the help they continue to give us.

We had a petition read for a new member. That petition will be voted on at our April Meeting.

Sister Jennifer Diller served us a lovely lunch after our meeting of fruit, green cookies, candy, and Shamrock Floats.

Our Joint School with Bellevue and Clinton Chapters will be March 21, 2015. Sister Lark Randall will be our new District Instructor. it is also an Official Visit with our Beachcombers Grand Family.

There are some fun things coming up to do. April 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. there will be A Very Fancy Tea at the home of Phyllis & Tom Brown in Solon for Fairest Chapter # 382.

April 26, 2015 the Grand Family will be helping with the Omelet Breakfast at Camp Courageous. It is open to every one so come and enjoy a good breakfast.

Our April Meeting will be April 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Worthy Matron – Leona HibbinWorthy Patron – Russ Hibbin Secretary – Beverly Godsey

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