



The Trestleboard



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From the Trestleboard

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Life is a game but golf is serious

Dubuque Lodge #3
A.F. & A.M.
Stated Meeting,
Thursday, September 24,
2015, 7:00 PM
Dinner at 6:00PM

Dubuque #3 met in due form on Thursday, August 20th at 7:00 pm in the Egyptian Lodge. (This was after we enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Dale Hefel.)

Part of the treasurer's report had to do with our investing some of our funds with Wells Fargo, and also all the obstacles we're running into trying to prove we should be tax exempt.

Much of the rest of the meeting was then taken up with Jack Smeltzer reading a communique from Grand Lodge in regard to

what will transpire this year out in Sioux City at the annual meeting. (You can also probably anticipate, a couple of the items had to do with increasing dues.)

Also, the one day classes have not been well attended, or been as successful as they had hoped for, so they're looking at going back to doing the traditional degree work. To go along with that, they hope to get young men actively involved from the very beginning. (To do this, if an Entered Apprentice, for example, is sitting in lodge, the lodge will then open on the First Degree level. That way, a candidate can begin to take part in lodge work without formally being a Master Mason.)

Wayne Stanfley also gave a preliminary report on the fair sales, plus an update on the "can" truck. He and Dan Teply have it pretty good shape, so it should be ready to go for the Labor Day Parade.

Just a reminder, since Grand Lodge also meets on the third week in September. The next meeting for Dubuque #3 will be the fourth Thursday, or September 24th. (Chef Wayne Stanfley will be serving the meal.)

Submitted by:
David H. Patton – Acting WM

Dubuque High 12 Club September, 2015

Right after the Dubuque County Fair, on August 3rd, I made my first visit as president of the NCA to another High Twelve club in Marshalltown. Believe me, I found its members to be very receptive! I now need to visit the South Dakota ones before the snows start to fly – I might even take a trip over to Rapid City for a little vacation. After all, the last time I was out to that area, especially Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills was back in the 80s. Gee, maybe they'll have Crazy Horse finished by now! (More importantly, I may finally get an opportunity to see the National Treasure that the Knights Templar, supposedly, stashed away!

By the way, plans for October's midyear meeting of NCA on October 16-17 here in Dubuque are almost complete. After all, on Friday the 16th, we plan to go on a scenic cruise of the Mississippi to view the changing leaves. Afterwards, they'll be a buffet dinner at the Holiday Inn. On Saturday, the 17th, while NCA members meet at the Masonic Temple, their ladies and anyone else who wants, can take a FREE tour of the city on the trolley. (See, I'm picking up the tab for the 10:00 tour. Just make sure our guests get seated first!) We'll then have a little brunch in the dining area before everyone returns to their familiar stomping

grounds.

Our next meeting for High Twelve is Friday, September 4th. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by David Patton

**Dubuque Shrine Club
Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015
---- Dark Until September ----**

Well, the 2015 Dubuque County Fair is now history. So, while there were many good things, there were also some that need improving! See, while we experienced a great deal of comradery, I was disappointed in the number of sales, particularly in the last half of the week.

Meanwhile, we couldn't complain about the weather, since it was nearly perfect, therefore, everyone was really expecting a much bigger year!

I now want to thank all those who helped us clean up, before, and after the fair. Plus, all those who worked different shifts in the stand. I especially want to thank Wayne Stanfley and Dan Teply who kept things running smoothly during their numerous times out there. (Remember, it takes us all working together to pull something like this off!)

Wayne also pointed out, if he didn't like what he does, he would have given it up many years ago. (Oh, by the way, with his being in his late 80s, he wants to hand the reins over to someone else. However, he first wants to train them. Anyone interested?) It also looks like we need to come up with some other kind of fundraiser for our club to stay solvent. More importantly, until we

can build up our treasury, we'll have to hold back on donating to many more causes!

Believe me, I was especially impressed with a customer we had on one of our first days! After all, in paying for her popcorn with a \$20.00 bill, she said she only wanted \$10.00 back in change. The other \$8.00 was for the next couple of customers, since she wanted to help 'pay things forward'. Apparently, she has been doing something like that for years. (Naturally, we honored her request.)

Now, to all, Shriners, other Masons, plus family members, don't forget about joining us for the Labor Day Parade on September 7th. We'll plan to meet down at the Temple shortly after 8:00 AM to get lined up! Our next Dubuque County Shrine Club meeting is on September 16th down at the Holiday Inn starting at 5:30. Hope you can join us.

***Submitted by David Patton –
President, Dubuque County
Shrine Club***

(addendum - Noble Brother Wayne Stanfley has submitted this:

I would like to thank all of the volunteers, who worked at the Shriners Popcorn Stand, at the Dubuque County Fair. You helped us, to help our kids
Thank you, again .
Fraternally.
Wayne Stanfley)

**The Black FEZ
OXUS Grotto #137
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 10,
2015**

Greetings Fellow Brothers,

First I would like to thank everyone who helped at the Popcorn booth at the fair. Wayne and Dan have a thankless job of staffing the booth & I know any help is greatly appreciated.

The Oxus Grotto steak fry is September 10th, open to all Grotto members and spouses. Please bring a dish to pass and beverage of choice. Ribeyes were the meat of choice; please contact me for your reservation so I know how much meat to purchase. My cell # is 563-599-4549. Please leave a message.

The Grotto will have a work day September 24th. The grotto is in desperate need of cleaning before our Breakfast events begin. Even if you cannot help at the breakfast your help would be great at getting our Grotto looking good.

The Grotto would like to extend an invitation to any fellow Masons to Join us, we have a great bunch of guys, who enjoy getting together in Fellowship.

***Fraternally;
Gene Muntz – Monarch***

**Dubuque York Rite,
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 1,
2015**

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights,

My apologies for the past couple of entries being repeats. Even though York Rite is dark until September we are working hard to getting the York Rite bodies active

again. First I want to welcome Don Giesemann back from his extended illness. I am looking forward to gleaning what I can from his vast knowledge. Brian Kelley and I are working on making a stand to store and display our many regalia items in the Commandery Room. Things are shaping up quite nicely. We are also looking to do practices on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

August 13-15 is the Grand Chapter/Council Annual meeting in Des Moines. Chris Stechman, Brian Kelley, Mike Mudrey and myself will be attending. As this will be my first time there I am excited to see what this has in store.

And lastly I am looking for help in cleaning and organizing the Commandery Room. There's broken plaster that's been sitting in a broken open bag, books that could be organized in a different manner as well as help in identifying items that could be placed elsewhere. I am looking at the end of September or early October to do this. Anyone interested please email me at evarts78@yahoo.com.

***Fraternally;
Shawn Everts,
Secretary/Recorder
Dubuque York Rite***

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

Our August meeting was short. Mike Mudrey was attending Grand chapter.

Keith Williams is recovering from

a bad spell. He was at his summer home in northern Wisconsin. Kirk was able to see a doctor at a Wisconsin hospital, and they seem to have helped him.

Football season has started I enjoy the game, but I know what is coming by the end of the season==SNOW! Snow blowers are the one of the world's Best Inventions.

Tri State Lodge would like to invite any Mason to visit Tri State Lodge on the second Friday of the month. Some time members can not get out at night and a morning lodge would be a way to attend lodge in the daylight hours. Think about this!

***Neil Millard,
Sec., Treas.***

**Metropolitan Lodge #49
Next Meeting September 3,
2015
Meal 6 PM
Meeting 7 PM**

David Sexton, a member of Mosaic Lodge and Tri-State Morning Lodge recently passed away in Florida. His services, including a Masonic service, were here in Dubuque. He was cremated. Usually the Lambskin apron is put in the casket, but what happens when a member is cremated? If the family doesn't want the apron, where should it go? We decided in our meeting to put them in the empty glass case at the Temple in the mezzanine on the 2nd floor. Mike Engling will have a wooden sign made up that will say "For the Departed Brothers".

Please keep Jeff Kotz in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a recent fall. Also, keep Kirk Williams in your prayers as he deals with ongoing health issues.

The September meal will be provided by Rocky Tiefel. Hope to see you there.
Fraternally;

***Smokey McGovern
Worshipful Master***

**Mosaic Lodge #125
Regular Meeting Tuesday,
September 8, 2015**

Brothers, by time you are reading this the school year will have begun and summer vacations will be coming to a close. Fall is almost upon us and Grand Lodge annual communication is just around the corner. Brother Ed Blinks gave a review of the various legislative items coming before the Grand Lodge.

Our biggest piece of news for this last month is a reminder that we will be having our annual Past Masters dinner. The dinner will be September 8 and cost will be \$10. For reservations, please contact Keith Robertson at 563.583.1322 or at 563.451.8198. Please have your reservations in by September 2. This is a family event so please bring your lady and family.

We continued to discuss the options to replenish the depleted funds for our Brown Fund. Ideas and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Finally, there was a brief discussion concerning increasing the initiation fee. The question of

such an increase and what new amount to recommend has been held over for our finance committee to review. The committee will be reporting back to our lodge for the September meeting.

Fraternally,

Chris Stechman
Worshipful Master

Julien Lodge #551
Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday September 2,
2015

No Report This Month.

Bob Ganfield, Worshipful
Master

Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
September 15, 2015

Julien Chapter was dark in August so not much chapter news to talk about. Russ and I went to the

Iowa/Nebraska Exchange August 7,8,9th and it was a very good time with Star members from other states. It was the Celebration of 100 years for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

August 15th was the "Life is a Beach Party" at the Nature Center Otter Creek Lake and Park in Toledo, Iowa. The party had a big crowd, a lot of food, great entertainment, two service dogs from Paws & Effect and fun had by all.

Another Fund Raiser for "Paws and Effect" was August 16th at Worth Co. Fairgrounds put on by Northwood Chapter and Worth Co. Beef Producers and Masons served the biggest beef sandwiches I have ever seen and the beef was so tender it just melted in your mouth.

Each of these events were a lot of and raised a lot of money for our "Special Project" for this year. There are still a lot of events coming up this Fall for all to enjoy. Our next meeting will be September 15 2015.

Worthy Patron – Russ Hibbin
Secretary – Beverly Godsey

MASONIC CALENDAR
September, 2015

- Tu 01 York Rite
- We 02 Julien Lodge 551
7:30 PM
- Th 03 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 PM Eat 6:00
- F 04 High Twelve
- Tu 08 Mosaic Lodge 125
7:30 PM
- Th 10 Oxus Grotto Steak Fry
7:30 PM Eat 6:00 PM
- F 11 Tri-State 673
10:30 AM
- Tu 15 Julien O.E.S.
7:30 PM
- W 16 Shriners
6:00 PM Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
- Th 17 Dubuque Lodge 3
7:00 PM
Eat at 6:00 PM
- Tu 22 MTA
- Th 24 Trowel Fellowship
7:30 PM

Worthy Matron – Leona Hibbin

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