



The Trestleboard



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From the Trestleboard

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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137 **Regular Meeting** **Thursday, October 8, 2015**

Fellow brothers,
Our last Grotto meeting was replaced with a Grotto steak fry. We had a great time and the turn out was wonderful, good fellowship and good food. Our Grotto clean up is Sept. 24th all help is needed as there is much cleaning is needed before our first breakfast Sept. 27th. All volunteers are needed to make the breakfast a success. Next scheduled Grotto meeting is October 8th, hope to see a good turn out for the meeting. Once again together we can clean our Grotto so we can be proud of it's appearance for the breakfast on Sept. 27th.

Fraternally;
Gene Muntz - Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3 **A.F. & A.M.** **Stated Meeting,** **Thursday, October 15,** **2015, 7:00 PM** **Refreshments after**

Since our regular meeting in September conflicts with Grand Lodge, Dubuque #3 will be meeting the following week – Thursday, the 24th. That also meant I had to write this up several days earlier than I planned.

Dubuque #3 will meet on Thursday, September 24. Chef Wayne will be serving a seven course meal – well, maybe peanut butter and jelly at 6:00. Hope to see you there.

Members decided to do away with the pre-meeting fellowship dinner; attendance has been poor. Instead, we will will serve refreshments after the meeting. Brother Dave Pattion has first honors.

Submitted by:
David H. Patton – Acting WM

Dubuque **High 12 Club** **October, 2015**

After being dark for much of the summer, High Twelve is once more up and running for 2015-

2016. Therefore, I thought I would inform you of many of the changes that were made at International.

We need to put an emphasis on thanking the women in our life – especially the widows for not only allowing us to meet, but also for all the contributions they've made over the years.

Each club may have a different starting and stopping date, however, for international's purposes, March 31st is the cutoff date.

National officers will try to drop in on annual meetings.

It's not necessary to meet at High noon on any particular day of the week. I mean, if a different time of day, or different day of the week would work out better – go for it!

Young men who are either at the EA, or FC level may now become members, without first being a Master Mason.

International has set up a website for High Twelve members only, so they can find out what is happening elsewhere. Plus, they plan to have a monthly teleconference with club presidents and secretaries. Educate guest speakers in Masonry, they often become active members.

Need to hand in monthly updates to keep track of progress.

Discussed how dues are used.

Selling points: no ritual work/guest speakers/social gathering.

Take day trips. Get young people interested in outside activities.

Midyear meeting for 2016 will be in New Orleans this year.

Meanwhile, to kill two birds with one stone, I plan to go out early in the week to report to Sioux City's High Twelve on Wednesday the 16th, then stay over for Grand Lodge sessions at the end of the week. Hope to see you other Fridays at noon!

Submitted by:
Dave Patton – President, High Twelve

**Dubuque York Rite,
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2015**

Companions and Sir Knights:

Things have been moving along in the Dubuque York Rite. We have a Brother Master Mason wishing to become a Companion and Sir Knight of Dubuque. And so for the first time in just about anyone's memory we will be conferring two of the first degrees. We are currently practicing the parts. The most exciting thing I find about this is not only are we going to be gaining a new member, but it's starting to spark interest in those members who haven't attended in a while to think about returning! I want to thank Companions and Sir Knights Bob Happ and Ed Blinks in helping us put on these degrees.

And while I'm thanking people, I want to thank whoever cleaned up the fallen plaster and vacuumed the Commandery in the past month. I understand if this person or persons wish to remain anonymous, but please know that you have not only mine, but the

rest of the York Rite's heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

In our last meeting Companion Mike Mudrey reported how the Grand Chapter and Council went this year in Des Moines. He said that it was a very relaxed, pleasant time. There was nothing in the way of major legislative news. However Mike was the recipient of two prestigious awards. First from the Grand Royal Arch Masons the title of Knight of the Royal Arch for his excellence in his work with the York Rite. In the Royal and Select Masters he received the title of Knight Ish Sodi which means "Man of My Choice". We are honored to have such a man within our Chapter and Council.

We also have had printed and bound the most up to date Codes of the three York Rite bodies available in the Commandery Room. If any Companion or Sir Knight would like an electronic copy contact me at evarts78@yahoo.com and I will be happy to email it to you.

And finally not to close this on a down note but this is the last chance to pay dues. Those who haven't paid yet please contact me either by the above email or leave me a note in the Temple office otherwise you may run the risk of being suspended.

Until Next Month!

Shawn Evarts
Secretary/Recorder

**Tri-State Morning Lodge
#673 Friday, 10:30 A.M.,
October 13, 2015**

Dear Brothers in Tri-State Morning Lodge No. 673

Grand Lodge last month was interesting.

Resolutions were confusing. I'll try to summarize some of them:

Grand Lodge dues were increased to \$50 per year. Annual budget around \$580,000 with 14,000 dues paying members. We continue substantially to support our youth groups (Demolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters) No big surprise. A chunk of the money goes to support of the Library, which is excellent. The Library is building towards a \$3,000,000 investment portfolio, the interest to pay upkeep, etc.

Opening in EA, and transacting business, rejected.

Required posting to what was in place 25 years ago, rejected.

One-day classes continued.

We are the 8th smallest lodge in Iowa, but the most friendly! We have a great percentage of participation than some of the larger lodges.

Remember, we meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to participate with Brothers during the day.

Say, second shift or those retired and don't want to drive at night.

With Brotherly love,

**Mike Mudrey
SW**

Metropolitan Lodge #49
Next Meeting October 1,
2015
Meal 6 PM
Meeting 7 PM

Its hard to believe that autumn begins on the 23rd, which means that the Grotto has its first breakfast on September 27. I hope to see many of you there. Thanks to Rocky Tiefel for providing the September meal. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa is Thursday, Sept. 17 through Saturday, the 19th. Chris Stechman will be representing our Lodge. There will be some hard decisions to make because of declining enrollment. I know that Chris will have the best interests of our Lodge, and Masons in general, in mind. Bring your calendars to our next meeting, as I would like to set up practice times for the 1st Degree.

Smokey McGovern
Worshipful Master

Mosaic Lodge #125
Regular Meeting Tuesday,
October 13, 2015

This last meeting included our Past Master's dinner and I wish to thank all of the brothers and their ladies for attending. I found it particularly interesting to see how many Past Masters were in attendance that have served the lodge as Master for multiple years. It was also with great pride that I was afforded the distinction of awarding Ed Blinks, PGM his 50 year certificate and to recognize Delbert Jackson for his 50 years of service to our noble craft.

Our finance and charity committees will be meeting October 12 at 5:00 PM to discuss grant applications as well as options for the Brown Fund and a potential increase in initiation fees. Current estimates place initiation costs as exceeding what we charge the candidate. To maintain fiscal responsibility to our current members as well as future members we need to ensure that our fees are in line with our related costs. I would also like to take a moment to thank our brothers who have answered the call requesting assistance with our Brown Fund. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

The other major event for the month of September was the Grand Lodge of Iowa annual communication. I won't go into details of the legislative actions as Brother Mudrey has done an excellent job summarizing this in his article. I would like to add that on an "unofficial" aspect of Grand Lodge, it was personally rewarding and satisfying to see other families in attendance with young children. For our new members, as well as members not quite as new, please don't let having a family deter you from attending. The craft is FAMILY oriented and FAMILY based. Brothers, without our ladies and our children we can quickly become just another guy's organization. Without the involvement of our youth at an early age, how will they know and learn the values we espouse? Brothers, please bring your ladies and your children to local and

Grand Lodge events. If you have any questions relating to bringing youth to an event, please DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME! Feel free to email me at mason@stechman.net or call my home at 563.583.3597.

Next stated communication is Tuesday October 13 complete with a full recap of Grand Lodge presented by Ed Blinks.

Chris Stechman - WM

(editor's note: Mosaic received an award this year from Grand Lodge: Grand Design Award, 2015



Congratulations, #125!)

**Julien Lodge #551
Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday October 7,
2015**

We held a very good Stated Meeting on September 2, 2015. It's nice when we handle all the lodge business and have fun while we do it.

Worshipful Master Bob led our discussion of the Short Talk Bulletin topic, "Masonic Aprons Through History." He received the most recent issue, and remarked that we can buy hard-bound volumes if we desire.

We talked about a 70 Year Mason who is 90 years of age and still spry and involved. I hope I spell his name correctly; Elmer Bradbury. You are able to find Masons like him still volunteering, for example, at Camp Courageous. We are blessed with the example of Masons such as he.

Julien Lodge will support the Hillcrest Services by again sponsoring a Christmas tree and Security persons. Money has been earmarked in our treasury for this purpose. The Brothers, as in every year, voted unanimously in support!

Grand Lodge is meeting in Sioux City on the 17th, 18th, and 19th. There will be opportunities to share rides if you can attend. It's about a six-hour drive.

We hope you will make time to be with us Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at our Regular Stated meeting and Thursday, October 22 for Trowel Fellowship. It's fun to

meet Brothers from other lodges and share our stories.

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 Tuesday,
October 20, 2015**

September has been a very busy month for our WM Leona and WP Rus so I, Bev, have been asked to write a little sometime of the activities of Julien Chapter. Our upcoming meeting of Sept. 15th will have happened before this is out. The regular business will be conducted with the honoring of the past Matrons and Past Patrons.

Other announcements that our members should be aware of are that Grand Chapter session will be held Oct 22-25 at the Meadows Event & Conference Center in Altoona Iowa. We will be there to celebrate our very own Russell Hibben's election and installation at Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. The installation will be on Sunday Oct. 25. I hope that there will be a good representation from Dubuque in attendance not only for the installation but for the whole session to learn what wonderful results have been made by all the chapters of Iowa to support the projects of our Beautiful Order. If you need information about registration, hotels, events, etc please contact me as I have all the forms and information. Also remember that

Nov. will be our annual soup supper and election of the 2016 crew of officers. It would be wonderful to have some new blood in the officers line. Then in December we will be doing the Draping ceremony to honor those members who have passed away as well as installing the new officers.

As I stated Sister Leona and Brother Rus have been traveling all over the state attending events promoting the projects and gaining more friends. They attended the Tailgate party in Polk City, Grand Commandary, and the picnic and auction on the Home at Boone. We are so proud of the way they are representing OES and Julien Chapter where ever they go.

At our September meeting the following changes to our by laws were proposed: the starting time of our monthly meetings to 7 p.m. rather than 7:30. Also it was voted to allow our Treasurer to receive \$100 per year which is up from \$60 which has been allowed for many years. Another change would be to go dark (no meetings) in Feb. and Aug. rather than July and Aug. If there is no objection these changes a second vote will be taken at our Oct. meeting. Notification of the effective date will be published after the second vote.

Remember if you have not paid you dues for 2015 you will be suspended for none payment of dues on Dec. 31st. PLEASE check your dues receipt to see that it says 2015! The 2016 receipts are in the hands of the secretary now so she will accept 2016 dues any time. That is \$20

for all members who are not Life Members (that's 50 year plus). Your check is to be made out to Julien Chapter #125 and sent to Beverly Godsey 5297 Grand Meadow Dr. #212, Dubuque, Iowa 52002.

**Beverly Godsey Secretary,
Julien Chapter #125**

*Brothers, please read this lovely
thank you from Kathy Sexton:*

To The members of Dubuque
Masonic Temple,

I want to thank you for the
Memorial Service beautiful flowers
you sent for Dave Sexton's
Memorial Service. It was very
much appreciated.

Dave was proud of his affiliation
with the mason, where he met
many great people. He thought
about you often, even after we
moved to Florida.

Thank you, also to anyone who
came to the funeral home and/or
participated in the Masonic
Service. It was very appropriate
and meant alot to me and my
family.

Peace
Kathy Sexton, Amy and Melissa

MASONIC CALENDAR October 2015

Th 01 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00
F 02 High Twelve
Tu 06 York Rite
We 07 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 p.m.
Th 08 Oxus Grotto
7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00 p.m.
F 09 Tri-State 673 10:30 a.m.
Tu 13 Julien OES 7:30 p.m.
Th 15 Dubuque Lodge 3; 7:00
p.m.
Eat at 6:00 p.m.
Tu 20 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30
p.m.
W 21 Shriners 6:00 p.m. Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 22 Trowel Fellowship 7:30 p.m.
Su 25 Oxus Grotto Breakfast
Tu 27 MTA

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