



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, November 12, 2015

Fellow Brothers,

First I would like to thank everyone who helped with the September 24th clean up day; the building was in need of a good cleaning. Hopefully we can stay ahead of this and keep the Grotto clean. Thank you also to everyone who helped out with the September 27th breakfast. The next breakfast is October 25th, as all help is needed to make these a success. Thanks Dale Hefel for offering to bring the November meal. Welcome, Chris Stechman, our newest Prophet!

Fraternally;
Gene Muntz - Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & A.M.

Stated Meeting,

**Thursday, November 19, 2015,
7:00 PM**

Any of you that are affiliated with the University of Dubuque, check out the name of the dining room over at Peters' Commons. Recently it was named after Barb and Jack Smeltzer. Dubuque #3 met on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00. Refreshments were served afterwards.

I had mentioned before that the North Central Association of High Twelve was scheduled for the weekend of October 16-17. So, since we met on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00, I had extended an invitation to any early arriving delegates to join us for lodge. Brother Roger Hansen from Sioux Falls, SD took advantage of that offer. He then shared with us his journey through Masonry, and how he was able to track down many relatives with Masonic ties. Remember, election of officers for Dubuque #3 is right around the corner on November 19th. So, make sure you show up, and have your vote counted.

Submitted by:
David H. Patton – Acting WM

Dubuque High 12 Club Chapter 119 November, 2015

The Dubuque High 12 club was chartered in 1948. It meets on Fridays at noon. The club is dark during July and August. High Twelve is a club which offers lunch and good fellowship. Any Master Mason is eligible to become a member. Other persons, including ladies are welcome to attend. Our meetings adjourn by 1:00 PM.

Like many organizations, the High Twelve club has seen a declining membership. There are several reasons for the decline.

The problem of attendance was discussed at a recent meeting. Several solutions were offered. Changing the time of day for the meetings is a possibility. We could also limit the number of meetings to fewer per month. We could ask wives, girlfriends etc. to attend with us. Maybe meeting at a different location would be desirable. That was the case many years ago. We are asking for your input. Perhaps there are other options which would encourage you to join if you are not already a member. If you are a member, what can we do to regain your attendance?

Please make your feelings known by contacting our club President, Chris

Stechman. You can reach him at Mason@stechman.net.

Fraternally,
Jack Smeltzer

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights,

There's not much to report on in October for York Rite. Our practices continue for our newest member. We are hoping to be ready to confer the first two degrees on him before we send him with Companion Mike Mudrey to Des Moines for the annual Field Day. Having attended this event myself not even a year ago I know that Brother Chris McQuillen is in for an unbelievable day! Treasurer Neil Millard has been down with a terrible cold the last couple of weeks so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. And please everyone take care of yourselves as the winter and flu season is almost upon us! Fraternally,

Shawn Evarts
Secretary/Recorder

Dubuque Shrine Club Wednesday, November 18, 2015 Dinner at 5:30 PM

First of all, I want to thank all the Shriners and family members who showed up to make the 2015 Labor Day Parade a success! (Oh, I'll admit a lot of us were uncertain whether it would go on as scheduled, but the skies started to clear up by about 8:00, and we were able to sneak it in.)

I also want to get a plug in for both Dan Teply and Wayne Stanfley. After all, they took a dilapidated old 'can' truck and turned it into a very respectable parade unit. Hopefully, we'll be able to do more parading in the future. (By the way, Brian Kelley was running along behind for the first six blocks passing out candy. Fortunately for him, he ran out of candy

long before the end of the parade! Still, he was able to get in a good workout!) Now, normally, the Dubuque Shrine Club meets the day before Dubuque #3, but the way the calendar is set up in October, we'll meet on Wednesday the 21st. Hope to see many of you at 5:30 down at the Holiday Inn.

Elections for 2016 officers were held at the October meeting. The results were unanimous as follows: President-Chris Stechman; First Vice-President-Wayne Stanfley; Second Vice-President-Dan Tepley; Secretary-Brian Kelley; Treasurer-Dave Patton. It is hoped that these officers will be installed at our November stated meeting, Congratulations, 2016 officers!

Submitted by:
Dave Patton - President

Metropolitan Lodge #49
Next Meeting November 5, 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,
November 10, 2015

It is hard to imagine that the year is coming to a close so soon. As the air cools and thoughts of fall holidays and traditions settle in, there is another annual event that comes to mind. Brothers, our November meeting is an important meeting to show for. We have next year's officers to vote on as well as a possible change to our bylaws. At our September meeting our finance

committee reported to the lodge a recommendation to increase the initiation fee that we charge. Currently we charge a \$100 initiation fee. We also received a report that our lodge incurs fees of approximately \$130 to \$140 per candidate that we raise through all 3 degrees. As such a motion was made to vote at our November meeting to increase the initiation fee to \$150. We plan to still offer the Brown Fund to those qualifying candidates, however the fund contribution will remain at \$50 rather than increasing with the dues increase should the lodge pass an affirmative vote for the bylaws change.

It was also brought to my attention that there could be some confusion as to the dues we will have to be paying starting with 2016. Yes, Grand Lodge did increase the dues that will be assessed at that level. This increase combined with our local lodge dues increase that we had voted on earlier in the year means that our dues paying members will be responsible for paying \$77. Please also note that annual dues are payable by January 01, 2016.

In other news, our charity committee met to review various applications for assistance and recommended our making contributions. The lodge voted and agreed with the committee recommendations. We are also pleased to see that John and Casey have both been declared proficient in the Fellow Craft and are now able to progress to the Master Mason degree. Finally, it was announced in lodge that we did receive the Grand Lodge Gold Award for our website as well as certificates for our Plus One for membership growth and our Lodge of The Year.

Finally, looking ahead to next month, along with our election of officers please don't forget that we will have a soup supper before lodge. Thank you in advance to Brother Don Giesemann for preparing this meal. As always, we look forward to your culinary delights!

Faternally,
Chris Stechman
Worshipful Master

Julien Lodge #551
Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday November 4, 2015
We held our Stated Meeting on October 7, 2015, during which we held much

discussion of Temple affairs and planning for Thanksgiving as well as our annual Christmas program and the December Trowel Fellowship meeting. We are blessed with the Masons volunteering and supporting Camp Courageous which reaches out every year to increased numbers of adults and children of all ages who have disabilities. Have you considered giving a gift to Camp Courageous this Christmas? They receive no assistance from the government. Their only source is people and clubs, like your, who give gifts from their hearts and their pockets. Julien Lodge is also supporting 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. "Chivalry is dead" - I've heard that a thousand times. But thinking about it, I've realized that people generally mean "Courtesy isn't what it used to be." I agree with that. But then I still read Emily Post's "Blue Book", wear a hat, and know enough to take it off in Church, in the presence of ladies, and at the dinner table. Chivalry is not dead. Wherever an individual is willing to put his life, his fortune or his sacred honor on the line for someone else, Chivalry lives!

Be with us Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at our Regular Stated meeting (where we solve the problems of the world) and Thursday, November 26, for Trowel Fellowship. GIVE THANKS! And of course...we'll leave the light on for you!

Bob Ganfield, Worshipful Master

Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
November 17, 2015
7:00PM

Another month as flown by and it's time to send another article to the Trestle Board. This is such a good way to communicate with our members! I hope you all read it to keep informed of the things our Chapter is doing and the actions throughout the state. It's Grand Chapter time Oct. 22-25, and we'll see our very own Russell Hibben installed as Worthy Grand Patron.

Our October meeting was held on Oct. 20th and here are some of the things that were enacted: We have changed our meeting time to 7 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month but for Feb. and Aug when we will be dark. This time change will begin with our Nov. 20th meeting, moving to Nov. 17th. Please note that we will begin that meeting with a soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting with elections of officers. Other motions made and approved were: to allow our Treasurer to be paid \$100 per year for the work he does for our chapter. To send Camp Courageous \$100 for the repair of the rehab pool. To contribute \$500 for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's reception which will be held Nov. 8th at the Courtyard Marriott in Ankeny. The payment of our monthly see to our Temple of \$165 plus \$20 usage fee. Our Secretary is encouraging those who have not paid the 2015 dues to do so as soon as possible. She has the 2016 dues receipts and is excepting payment any time. We wish Brother Russell and Sister Leona the very best in this coming year of travel representing our Iowa OES everywhere they go. God be with you.

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

MASONIC CALENDAR November, 2015

Tu 03 York Rite
We 04 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 p.m.
Th 05 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00
F 06 High Twelve
F 09 Tri-State 673 10:30 a.m.
Tu 10 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 p.m.
Th 12 Oxus Grotto
7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00 p.m.
Tu 17 Julien OES 7:30 p.m.
W 18 Shriners 6:00 p.m. Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 19 Dubuque Lodge 3; 7:00 p.m.
Tu 24 MTA
Th 26 Trowel Fellowship 7:30 p.m.
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