



The Trestleboard



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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.

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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 10,
2015

Greetings Fellow Brothers
 First, I would like to thank brother Dale Hefel for supplying the most excellent Lasagna supper for the meeting!!!
 Our election of officers will be held on December 10th, since we had a visit from the SUPREME COUNCIL DISTRICT DEPUTY (Dr. David Birdsell) & we tried to keep our meeting as short as possible (because he had to travel yet).
 I personally would like to extend an invitation to any Mason to join our group. We have a great group of guys & it's not so much a ritual as it is a BROTHERHOOD.
 Also a reminder that the Breakfast is on November 29th. Any help is appreciated, Please try to attend.

Fraternally;
Gene Muntz - Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3
A.F. & A.M.
Stated Meeting,
Thursday, December 17,
2015, 7:00 PM

Just as the month of November is when most of our political elections take place across this country, so, too, do many of the Masonic organizations. So, on November 19th, with eleven members present, they elected the following officers for Dubuque #3: Worshipful Master, Wayne Stanfley - Senior Warden, Dale Hefel - Junior Warden, Wesley Struebing – Treasurer, Kirk Williams - Secretary, Jack Smeltzer – Senior Deacon, George Gilson, Jr. – Junior Deacon, Dave Patton – Senior Steward, Ed Bell – Junior Steward, Steve Bateman – Tyler, Don Giesemann
 Meanwhile, I'm looking for great things to happen for Dubuque #3 this next year, especially with all the lodges working much closer together. Remember, united we stand, divided we fall!
 Well, since it is so hard to plan on how many will be there for dinner beforehand, we're trying to have some kind of dessert afterwards instead.
 Hope you will join us at 7:00 the third Thursday of the month in the Egyptian Lodge.

Submitted by:
David H. Patton – SW

Dubuque
High 12 Club Chapter 119
December, 2015

First of all, kudos to all the Masons and their ladies who helped make the midyear meeting of the North Central Association of High Twelve here in Dubuque so successful! After all, I hearing rave reviews from many of the participants. (Richard Anderson – a former NCA president, and a frequent visitor to many Temples around this country ranked our building and all its historical importance second only to the one in Philadelphia!)
 Meanwhile, I want to personally thank Mike Mudrey and Chris Stechman for their respective presentations. I also want to give a special thanks to Wayne Stanfley for helping me quickly turn a barren dining room at 7:30 into a respectable meeting place by 8:00.
 Let's also not forget, Greg Stechman, for his very impressive tour of the building! After all, several of the ladies who were on it, commented how knowledgeable and gracious he was – that he also has a very bright future ahead of him!
 Come join us Fridays at noon. Who knows, you could become our newest member and join Shawn Evarts!

Fraternally,
Dave Patton

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, December 16,
2015

Dinner at 5:30 PM

The Dubuque County Shrine Club met down at the Holiday Inn in October to elect new officers for 2016, as well as, discuss plans for the upcoming year. The new officers are president – Chris Stechman. First and second vice-presidents are Wayne Stanfley and Dan Teply respectively. Brian Kelley offered to stay on as secretary, while Dave Patton will be our new treasurer. I should also point out, while we didn't have any patients' trips up to Minneapolis this last month, Dick Lorenz did ride along with Dave Glanz on one to Chicago.

(Apparently, the traffic and construction was something else!) Well, since the 2015 year is quickly coming to a close, instead of having a holiday party this year, Chris Stechman and Brian Kelley are planning some kind of all-Masonic event next spring. (More on that in the future.) Everybody, get ready for the Shrine Circus to return to Dubuque in 2016, which means we'll have to start shaking the bushes for ads to promote it. Apparently, they'll be putting on a total of four performances in two days. (More information will be coming out in the near future.) Hope you'll join us down at the Holiday Inn the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30.

Submitted by:
Dave Patton – President

Metropolitan Lodge #49
Next Meeting December 3,
2015

Meal 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM

Thanks to Bill Luensman and Steve Sanders for making sure our bellies were full before we started voting for new officers for 2016.

We had already decided to use one of the display cases to display aprons of deceased/cremated brothers. Mike Engling has made a very nice sign for this case, denoting those who have gone before us.

Thank you Brother Mike.

The meeting was a short one, as there was only one major item on the agenda, Elections.

So to make a long story short, here are the Officers for Metropolitan Lodge #49 for 2016..

Worshipful Master:

Chris Stechman
Senior Warden:
James McGovern
Junior Warden:
Danny Neuhaus
Secretary:
Sam Phipps
Treasurer:
Rocky Tiefel

WM Chris will be appointing his other officers before the new year. It is hoped that new blood will get us moving along again like we once were. Good Luck Worshipful Master Chris Stechman

Fraternally Submitted,
Rocky Tiefel

Mosaic Lodge #125
Regular Meeting Tuesday,
December 8, 2015

As I write this I realize that by the time this is in your hands and you reading it there will only be a few short weeks left to the year. We held our election of officers and would like to congratulate our new incoming officers. The craft has elected to be led by Brian Carrol, WM, Brian Kelley, SW, Shawn Evarts JW, Ed Blinks, Treasurer, and Keith Robertson as Secretary. Public installation of officers will be held in January. Currently word is installation will be January 2nd, but please continue to watch and listen for updates as this is finalized and confirmed.

Besides elections, our most pressing piece of business was our bylaws change. The craft as elected to change our bylaws to indicate that initiation fees will now be \$150 beginning January 1, 2016. We also voted to donate to Camp Courageous and Toys For Tots this year.

Finally, please watch for dues cards coming out. Our dues are now \$77. Please be sure to pay the dues and save our secretary from the additional costs and work of having to send out reminders. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

May you and your family have a very blessed holidays!

***Fraternally,
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***

**Tri-State Morning Lodge
#673 Friday, 10:30 A.M.,
December 11,, 2015**

Dear Brothers in Tri-State Morning Lodge No. 673:

The 2016 officers are as follows:
WM – Neil Millard, SW – Mike Mudrey, HW – Herb Koppen, Treas. – Kirk Williams, and Secretary – Al Tischuk

It was good to see Kirk and Herb again. Kirk has had a very rough time for the past couple years. Maybe THIS year I won’t have to have help in opening Lodge! I know the ritual, but when the time comes I seem to forget the parts.

With Brotherly love,
Neil Millard – WM

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
December 15, 2015
7:00PM**

Greetings Sisters & Brothers

WOW - how time flies when you are having fun!

Grand Chapter has come and gone and Sister Nancy Kiehne & Brother Russ Hibben were installed as Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Russ and I have been attending Receptions for our Grand Officers around the state and there are several more to attend. What fun it is to go to their Chapters and spend time with their members.

Julien Chapter had our soup supper before our meeting Tuesday November 17th. We had three kinds of soup, corn bread, crackers, fresh vegetables, and brownies. Thank-you to Sisters Beverly Godsey and Jennifer Diller for helping me and bringing food. Our meeting started at 7:00 p.m. and we elected Officers for 2016. Those elected are Sister Jennifer Diller, Worthy Matron, Brother Dave Patton, Worthy Patron, - Sister Rebecca Rowe, Associate Matron, Brother Don Wholers Associate Patron, Sister Beverly Godsey Secretary, Brother Keith Robertson Treasurer, Conductress - Sister Helen Rowe, Associate Conductress - Sister Leona Hibben, Sister Beverly read a report on Grand chapter. The special project of Service Dogs brought in over \$60,000.

Our School will be a joint school with Bellevue Chapter March 12th at Bellevue at 9:30 A.M. We will

need lots of help for our School. Sister Vicki Wallner will be our District Instructor.

We hope many of you will plan to attend and see the new Marches and other work for 2016.

We want to thank Sister Vivian Pitlo, Past Grand Organist, for serving as our Organist for this year.

We wish you all A HAPPY THANSIVING with your families and friends.

Our next meeting will be December 15th. We will be doing Draping for Sisters Rachael Beasley, Mary Koehler, Helen Helson, and Maisie Oldendorph.

Worthy Matron - Leona Hiben

MASONIC CALENDAR December, 2015

Tu 01 York Rite
We 02 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 p.m.
Th 03 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00
F 04 High Twelve
Tu 08 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 p.m.
Th 10 Oxus Grotto
7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00 p.m.
F 11 Tri-State 673 10:30 a.m.
Tu 15 Julien OES 7:30 p.m.
W 16 Shriners 6:00 p.m. Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 17 Dubuque Lodge 3; 7:00 p.m.
Tu 22 MTA
Th 24 Trowel Fellowship 7:30 p.m.
Fr 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

From the Trestleboard Staff

An editorial note: The Trestleboard is a Masonic Newsletter; it belongs to, and is meant to be read by all Masons in the Dubuque area. It is YOUR means of keeping your Masonic Brothers (and Sisters – can't forget OES!) apprised of what is going on in your particular corner of Masonry. As such, it depends on your timely submissions to include in the newsletter. As you probably have noted from time to time, this does not always happen.

The deadline for submission has not changed; for those newly in a position to submit an entry, it is midnight of the third Friday of each month (the day after Dubuque #3 meets). Submissions may be made by email (strueb@carpedementem.org), or we have a mailbox at the Lodge, which I do check.

The Trestleboard is only as good as the submissions it receives. Please keep this deadline in mind and get your entries in before that time! We all like to read the latest stuff!

Thank you, Brothers!

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