



The Trestleboard



Masonic Temple, 1155 Locust St., Dubuque, Ia. 52001-4751

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 DUBTRESTLEBOARD@GMAIL.CO 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

Editorial Notes

Brother Kirk Williams has requested that this notice be placed in the Trestleboard until the item is sold:

Past Master's Masonic Ring for Sale!

Previous owner was Volney Lindenberg. Ring is made of gold with diamonds. To see, call 563-599-1441

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Greetings, Prophets and Brothers; I would like to thank Prophet Smokey McGovern for our brats, sauerkraut and fries dinner. It was tasty!

As stated in our previous communication, we had elections for our 2016 officers and appointments made to the other chairs. A motion was made from the floor, and seconded that the elected officers move up a chair. Motion carried by a vote of all present, and so it was done. 2016 officers are:

Monarch: Wesley Struebing
Chief Justice: Dan Neuhaus
Venerable Prophet: Mike Leunsman
Master of Ceremonies: Jeff Kotz
Chaplain: Mike Engling
Marshall: Steve Sanders
Secretary: Dale Hefel
Treasurer: Sam Phipps
Captain of the Guard: Jack Sibley
Sentinel: Jim McGovern
Officer installation will occur on January 14, our next stated meeting, after which we will conduct our regular business.

Please note that due to the upcoming Christmas and New years Holidays, there will be no Grotto breakfast in December.

I would like to extend an invitation to any Mason to join our group. We have a great group of brothers, we have fun together and there is always room for one more. Please, stop on by the Grotto in Asbury and consider joining our Brotherhood. We welcome you.

Fraternally;
Wes Struebing –Chief Justice

Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & A.M.

**Thursday, January 21,
2016, 7:00 PM**

Refreshments after

Greetings from the members of Dubuque Lodge #3.

We wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are rapidly approaching the end of another Masonic year. The year seems to have gone by rather quickly. Peace and harmony have prevailed. We are looking forward to enjoying

another year of Masonic fellowship.

As previously announced, brother Wayne Stanfley will be our Worshipful Master in 2016. He seems to be excited about fulfilling that position once again. We always look forward to welcoming visiting brethren to our meetings. Please pay us a visit. It's great to see you on our sidelines.

Brother Wayne has indicated that he would like for us to improve upon our ritual. We are planning to undertake some practice sessions. They may be at some of our meetings or at other convenient times. We would also like to invite members from other lodges to join with us for our practice sessions. Perhaps we all can learn a few things.

Our thanks goes to brother Donald Giesemann who has served as our Worshipful Master for the past two years. We won't let him rest, however. He will be the Tyler in 2016.

Don't forget our installation of officers on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 10:30 AM. Please arrive by 10:00

Fraternally,
Jack Smeltzer, Secretary

Dubuque Shrine Club January 20, 2016

This will be one of my last reports for a while, since Chris Stechman will be taking over the reins for the Dubuque County Shrine Club in 2016. So, I thought I might summarize some of the highlights in this last year, as well

as, what we might see happening next year.

First, in conjunction with Kaaba Shrine Club during the first part of March, we had our annual Child I.D. event down at the Masonic Temple. (In 2016, we're thinking if we move the event away from the downtown area it might attract even more attention – more on that later.) By the way, we've traveled to various locations around eastern Iowa and been welcomed with open arms. (In 2016, we hope to expand our sphere of interest even more!)

The Shrine Circus, under the auspices of the Kaaba Shriners took their show on a hiatus from northeastern Iowa in 2015, which always draws a lot of interests. Anyway, a little bird informed me that in 2016, it will once again return to Five Flags in Dubuque for four shows in two days. (Plus, to attract even more attention, as well as, attendance, we're hoping to have a circus parade when they roll into town.)

Along with Memorial and Labor Day come the parades, which Shriners have taken part in the last couple years. To go along with that, we now have a "Can Truck", which under the care of Dan Teply and Wayne Stanley has attracted a great deal of attention. (Hopefully, in 2016, we'll be able to take part in even more parades in the area.)

The Shriners' popcorn stand out at the fairgrounds has been operating for close to 50 years. So, while we've never made a lot of money from it, it also seems to get harder and harder to stay in the black. To compound matters, just like all the other organizations, we are now being assessed a fee for using the facility, plus have to give to the fair board close to 20% of our daily take! Largely for those reasons, I'm hearing that more and more non-profits are thinking twice about continuing doing business with the fairgrounds! (In 2016, hopefully, we can turn this around!)

Here's hoping you have a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. Come join us on the third Wednesday of most months at the downtown Holiday Inn at 5:30.

Submitted by:
David H. Patton – Treasurer

Dubuque High 12 Club January, 2016

Officers for 2016 are as follows:

President – David Patton,
Vice President – Jack Smeltzer,
Secretary – Don Giesemann,
Treasurer – Neil Millard.

So, while our numbers are small, we always have an active non-partisan discussion on various topics. By the way, if you ever need an informative speaker, look no further than Masonic Brother, and retired geology professor Mike Mudrey. He has a wealth of knowledge on numerous topics. Why, just this year, he put on slide presentation on Antarctica and also the radon situation in Iowa. Presently, he's in the process of putting together a factual presentation on climate change for next spring.

Meanwhile, Jack Smeltzer always leaves us with a clever thought for the day that causes you to think outside the box.

We're now trying to reach a goal of two new members by March to win \$100 – we're already halfway to that. So, if you're reading this account, please consider joining. (Believe me, I'll make it well worth your while!) We meet on most Fridays at 12:00 noon down in the dining area of the Masonic Temple. (Our next meeting will be on January 8th.)

Have a merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Submitted by:
**Dave Patton – President, High
Twelve**

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Companions and Sir Knights:
What a nice spring we're having this winter! This December meeting we elected officers for 2016. Chris Stechman was elected to High Priest, Illustrious Master and Imminent Commander. Brian Kelley was elected King and Deputy Master. Keith Robertson was elected Scribe and Principle Conductor of the Work. Wayne Stanley was elected Generalissimo and Mike Mudrey to Captain General. Shawn Evarts was elected to Secretary/Recorder and Treasurer.

As the new year rolls around dues notices will be going out. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council have both raised their per-capita dues by \$2 each.

Fraternally,
Shawn Evarts

Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 A.M., January 8, 2016

We had a great election day. Did not even have to go to the Iowa State Fair to make our headlines!

W.M. Neil Millard;
S.W. Wayne Stanley;
J.W. Herb Koppen;
Treasurer. Kirk Williams;
Secretary. Al Tischuk;
S.D. Don Wohlers;
J.D. Gene Chappell;
S.S. Mike Mudrey;
J.S. Jack Sibley;
Tyler. Mike Lavelle.

We enjoy ourselves, and look forward to High-Twelve luncheon after Lodge on the 2nd Friday of each month. Join us.

**Mike Mudrey
Senior Steward**

**Metropolitan Lodge #49
Next Meeting
Thursday, January 7, 2016
Meal at 6 PM
Meeting at 7 PM**

Greeting Brothers

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This year, Metropolitan Lodge is in charge of the installation of officers. It will be:

- Saturday, January 2, 2016
- 10:30 a.m.
- Egyptian Room, Dubuque Masonic Temple

Please mark this event on your calendar! Dress appropriately and arrive by 10 a.m. A very nice meal will be catered including beef, chicken, sides and dessert. Lets fill those empty chairs! The Installing Officers and Metropolitan Lodge would appreciate your attendance. Good Fellowship, Good Food, and Good Times

**Smokey McGovern
Worshipful Master**

**Mosaic Lodge #125
Regular Meeting Tuesday,
January 12, 2016**

Brothers,

It has been a great year serving you, the craft, as master. It is truly a rewarding honor to have been given such an opportunity.

As a reminder, dues notices were sent out. If you have not already done so, please be sure to submit your dues.

I am also quite glad to say that we are closing out this year much the same way we began our year. In January we opened with a new petition which led us to bringing in several new brothers. Our December meeting we had a positive vote for yet one more new member. Please be on the lookout for a contact or notice as to when

we will be holding the first degree. This is a great opportunity to continue to build the fraternity so be sure to continue to talk with your friends and families about the benefits of being a Mason. Share with them what you have gained from your journey in our great fraternal order. Let others know why you are a Mason and why you are proud of our order. Once again, thank you for all of your support and encouragement during this past year.

**Fraternally,
Chris Stechman
Worshipful Master**

**Julien Lodge 551
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 6,
2016**

We held our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday December 2, 2015. Our entire family was invited to and enjoyed our Christmas party!

Our ladies outdid themselves in preparing every delicious food you might imagine.

YUM!...God Bless our Ladies!

It was a beautiful evening of fellowship in conversation (and consumption). Everyone enjoyed themselves and we had an interesting evening, blessed by the GAOTU!

We are so fortunate to be able to gather like this awaiting the birth of our Lord. May we be at peace in our hearts and minds.

Amen.

We concluded our evening with prayer for those serving our nation. We asked God's blessing on those in sickness and distress and those whom you hold in your heart.

Until we meet again on January 6, 2016, we wish for you and yours

the merriest of Christmas'ever!...And as Tiny Tim said, "God bless us. Everyone!"

**Merry Christmas!
Bob Ganfield, Worshipful Master**

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
January 19, 2016**

Sisters & Brothers

Greetings to each of you as we start a new year.

The big news is you will have a new Worthy Matron Sister, Jennifer Diller and a new Worthy Patron, Brother Dave Patton. This is good for the Chapter as they will bring fresh ideas to our Chapter.

Our Installation will be January 2nd at 1:00 P.M. following a lunch with the Masons. This is an open Installation and we would love to have you join us.

Your Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Russ Hibben, and I will be going to State School January 7th thru the 9th. This is when the District Instructors go through all the ritual work and marches. Then each of the districts will have their workshops and ours will be January 16 at 9:30 A.M. at Davenport.

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

I would like to remind our members that dues are due and send them to our Secretary, Beverly Godsey.

Our January Meeting will be January 19th and we start at 7:00 P.M.

We will be dark in February - no meeting.

I would like to send a big thank you to Sister Arline Dieterich for serving as our Cheer Committee. She has sent cards to our

members for many years for birthdays, sickness and deaths. We want to wish you all A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Worthy Matron - Leona Hibben
Worthy Patron - Russ Hibben
Secretary - Beverly Godsey
Julien Chapter #125*

**MASONIC CALENDAR
January, 2016**

Tu 05 York Rite
We 06 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 p.m.
Th 07 Metropolitan Lodge 49 7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00
F 08 Tri-State 673 10:30 a.m.
F 08 High Twelve
Tu 12 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 p.m.
Th 14 Oxus Grotto 7:30 p.m. Eat 6:00 p.m.
Tu 19 Julien OES 7:30 p.m.
W 20 Shrine Club 6:00 p.m. Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 21 Dubuque Lodge 3; 7:00 p.m.
Tu 26 MTA
Th 28 Trowel Fellowship 7:30 p.m.

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