



The Trestleboard



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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 Note:

It is with mixed emotions that I now fully take up the mantle of your editor. These past months I have slowly been trained up most ably by our outgoing editor, **Gene Chapelle**. So, while I look forward to MY journey, I must most humbly thank (and I'm certain you all do as well) Gene for his years of service to keeping Dubuque Masonic organizations in the know. I'll try to keep her in good shape, Gene! Mazel Tov! on a job well-done.

I also have one request of all organizations which have not so far included their 2016 officers in the Trestleboard submissions: please send on to me a list of who holds what office in your organization. It makes it far easier to target other correspondence sent out by the Trestleboard staff. Thank you!

OXUS Grotto #137
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 11,
2016

Greetings, Prophets and Brothers; I would like to thank Prophet Jeff Kotz (and his wife!) for an outstanding meal on January 14. It was tasty!
Secondly, I must post a correction to last month's communication. Mike Luensman's name is NOT Mike; it is Bill Luensmann. My humble apologies, Bill!
Our officers, elected and appointed, were installed at the January meeting. The Grotto thanks Gene Muntz, out outgoing Monarch who introduced the installing Grand Monarch, Wayne Stanley, and all the Grand Installing Officers, including Arvid Saels, the Grand Marshal. The ceremony went well, and once installation was complete, the incoming Monarch, Wes Struebing, conducted our regular meeting. Last year's rentals were a success, and rentals for this year are on track to make 2016 a great year as well. (aside: the Grott building is available for rental all during the year. If you have a function that needs facilities, please contact our Treasurer, Sam Phipps for information on availability and cost.)
We discussed the scheduling of our breakfasts, and, since Lent/Easter is relatively early this year, when our Lenten fish Fry dinners might be scheduled. The schedules are as follows:
Sunday Breakfast: (all at 8:00AM until noon) price is \$7.00-Adults and \$4.00- Children under 10
January 31
February 28 – All proceeds this day go to Special Olympics
March 20 (since Easter is the 27th, it has been scheduled one week earlier, on Palm Sunday)
Lenten Fish Fry (5:00PM to 7:30PM)
Baked or fried fish fillets (and possibly, if requested, grilled cheese,

for those who don't care for fish)
Price is \$8.00-Adults and \$4.00-kids under 10
Feb 12th and 19th
Mar 4 and 11th
We will need people to volunteer for these dates. You don't need to be a Grotto member to help out; in fact, many of our volunteers are families. Please contact Smokey McGovern if you're available to help out. 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 will welcome you.

Fraternally;
Wes Struebing – Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3
A.F. & A.M.
Stated Meeting,
Thursday, February 18,
2016, 7:00 PM

Welcome to 2016! We are off to a good start. Several officers have moved up to the next station. We did a good job opening and closing Lodge, for the first time with no practice. Our Secretary, Jack Smeltzer, read the year end report and got us off to a good start.

The Treasurer's books were audited and found in perfect condition. I spoke a little, on how I would like to have a group of Masons visit other Lodges. Would be nice to see how they do their work. We welcome anyone or group to visit us. If you like, we will practice with you. You can sit in the East with me and I will work with you.

February 6th is a Membership Roundtable held in 9 locations. These discussions should be very informative. Hopefully we can have good representation from Dubuque!

Fraternally;
Wayne Stanfley - Master

**Dubuque High 12 Club
Chapter 119
February, 2016**

As part of my duties as president of the North Central Association of High Twelve, I'm expected to travel around the area and visit the various clubs. Anyway, on Wednesday, January 20th, I was meeting with the Des Moines group at the Holiday Inn near Mercy Hospital. Not surprisingly, in a lot of ways, both of our groups are very similar, yet also quite different.

First, both groups have an aging population. As a result, their numbers are on the decline. After all, while about 20 were at their meeting - they once had close to 500.

Secondly, while both groups go through a buffet line when eating, their food is served by staff at the Holiday Inn in a very pleasant meeting room at the top of a tower that has a scenic view of the hospital grounds. (By the way, their meal is \$12 that include many more salads, entrees, plus dessert. At the same time, they have linen table settings, and several beverages to choose from.)

In addition, they have underground parking, so they don't have to worry about ice and snow piling up in their parking lot.

They also have speakers lined up for the entire year, plus a different member is assigned to be in charge of the prayer each week. Another thing, they have a 25/25/50 drawing. (In other words, 1/4 of the money collected goes to two members, the other 1/2 goes to a scholarship fund for a local alternative student.)

So, while both groups are somewhat different, we share the same goal - to

work to improve the lives of our young people

Fraternally,
Dave Patton

**Dubuque York Rite
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Greetings Companions and Sir Knights:

Well, winter is upon us finally!

There's not much change in the York Rite so far.

In our last meeting we practiced our tactics for Commandery. Following orders, proper handling of our equipment, etc. It was a good change of pace and it's beginning to feel more like a cohesive body.

As you know with January comes the dreaded dues notices. I mailed them out last week and you should be receiving them shortly.

We are also changing how we are investing our money. The CDs have been rolled into a money market account so we can begin to make our money work for us. It is our hope that we can begin to be more charitable than we have been able to be in the past.

On to February!

Fraternally;
Shawn Evarts

**Tri-State Morning Lodge
#673 Friday, 10:30 A.M.,
February 12, 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 Stanfley;
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

**Dubuque Shrine Club
Wednesday, February 17,
2016**

Dinner at 5:30 PM

The Dubuque County Shrine Club met down at the Holiday Inn on January 20, 2016. President-elect Chris Stechman was installed at El-Kahir in Cedar Rapids,; unfortunately, he was under the weather this meeting, so he was not able to install the rest of the Shrine Club officers. Since our Secretary was out of town, our Treasurer-elect, Dave Patton, conducted the meeting.

It appears that next month, we will meet in the newly-renovated dining area of the Holiday Inn.

Negotiations are also under way for some additions to our standard dinner menu, for the same price, \$11.00.

Our Treasurer received a notice from Iowa DOT for \$51.00 license renewal fee. Discussion ensued, and Dave was directed to pay the bill to make our can truck street legal. There will be a circus in Dubuque this year again, sometime in May. Apparently, Kaaba is looking for a coordinator in this area, to handle advertising and other administrative functions related to it. As our last communication stated, there will be four shows, two each day.

There was no representation at the meeting from either El-Kahir or Kaaba (Noble Mo had another obligation, which is his official duty to attend. We hope to see him and his lady next month.

We hope you'll join us down at the Holiday Inn the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30.

Submitted :
for Chris Stechman – President

**Metropolitan Lodge #49
Next Meeting Thursday,
February 4, 2016**

Meal 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM

No report this month. Next meeting as stated above.

**Mosaic Lodge #125
Regular Meeting 7 P.M.
Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

Greetings everyone,
The new year 2016 is already advancing through its first month. I hope the peace and joy of Christmas are still with you. Thanks to Metropolitan Lodge for organizing a fine Installation and meal to begin our masonic year dignified and appropriately.

Mosaic Lodge opened a Lodge of Sorrow, January 12th, at our first regular meeting of the year. We were pleased to start the year with a visit from our current Grand Treasurer of Iowa, Mosaic's very own Brother Bill Paisley. Brother Paisley was received in the East and afforded the public grand honors from the craft. Brother Bill spoke of his memories of joining Mosaic Lodge in 1969 while serving as State Master Councilor for DeMolay. The lodge is proud and appreciative of all Brother Bill has accomplished and continues to achieve in masonry.

Brothers Kelley (SW), Evarts (JW), and Kwilinski (TYL) were then installed into their respective offices with WM Carroll acting as Installing Master and SEC Robertson acting as Installing Marshal. We had no new petitions to read, but still have 2 Brothers needing to advance with their degrees. Mosaic also conferred the first degree to Casey Kane just the night before on January 11th. Brother Shawn Evarts will act as his mentor.

Brother Evarts reported on the updates being made to our website in regards to the calendar and photographs of officers. Brother Chris Steckman mentioned a couple dates approaching regarding the

Child I.D. and also for the Rainbow Girls in Moline. Be sure to read his article and watch for more news next month or contact Brother Chris if you would like more information.

WM Carroll reviewed the plans, dates and programs ahead for the coming year. You can contact Brother Keith Robertson or WM Carroll for a copy of all events planned by Mosaic Lodge for 2016. Please mark your calendars now to join us May 18th for our free scholarship dinner at 6 P.M., July 12th will be a potluck picnic at the Aboretum, and October 11th will host our Past Masters Night dinner. All three of these special dinners will be open to all masonic families, widows and friends as well as any prospective candidates for masonry. Look for more information in the months ahead.

It was reported that Metropolitan Lodge #49 plans to visit the Grand Lodge Library and Museum on February 20th. We are looking at possibly getting a group of brothers from Mosaic Lodge to join them that day in Cedar Rapids. If interested see WM Carroll or Brother Chris Stechman. Also if you would like to belong to a contact list to receive **text** reminders of meetings and degrees for Mosaic Lodge please contact WM Carroll.

Thanks to Brother Shawn Evarts for bringing his own birthday cake to follow the meeting. The finance committee will meet to audit the Treasurer's books and report back at the next regular meeting in February. Come and hear what Brother Mitch Kwilinski has to say in his program at the February meeting. Bob Happ will be providing refreshments. Hope to see many brothers there. Until then stay safe and warm and I hope to see you about the temple.

"The symbolism of masonry is the soul of masonry. Every symbol of the lodge is a religious teacher. The mute teacher also of morals and philosophy."

Brian Carroll

WM Mosaic Lodge #125

**Julien Lodge #551
Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, February 3,
2016**

No report this month. Next meeting as stated above.

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
March 15, 2016
7:00PM**

(dark in February)

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!
Installation of our 2016 officers took place on Jan 2, 2016 and I am excited to start the new year with them. Our first meeting was Tuesday, January 19th, where we practiced our new march, had a wonderful meeting and ended with refreshments provided by Leona and Russ. Thank you to Leona and Russ. We look forward to this exciting year as our own Russ Hibben is serving as Worthy Grand Patron for the state of Iowa. We are so proud and pledge our support to him in his adventure this year.

I have not gotten the privilege of meeting all Julien Chapter members yet, but look forward to it! Let me introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Diller. I live in Cascade with my husband and two children. We moved to the area from Indiana, almost five years ago, due to a job opportunity for my husband. I have an afternoon paraprofessional position with Western Dubuque Community Schools and sub in the mornings when necessary. I've been in the Masonic Family since I was a young girl in Rainbow. My husband and I have served in the East twice for our Chapter in Lakeville, Indiana. I look forward to more social activities this year where we can have fun creating and strengthening our relationships in the Masonic Family. We would love to have you join us at our next meeting on March 15th at 7pm. Don't forget that our time has

changed from 7:30 to 7pm every meeting now. We are dark in February, so stay warm! Bellevue Chapter will host the joint School of Instruction of Julien and Bellevue Chapters on March 12th at 9:30 am at the Bellevue Masonic Temple. It will be great day!

Thanks to Sister Arline Dietrich as our ever-knowlegeable Cheer Committee for keeping us all up to date on how everyone is doing.

We will be announcing fun activities for all members and families that will be coming soon near you! I challenge you this month to reflect on how you are demonstrating the virtues of Adah in your daily life. As you reflect and would like to share, please write your experience down. If you are unable to attend in person, we would love to receive a note so we may stay connected with you.

Worthy Matron- Jennifer Diller
Worthy Patron- Dave Patton
Secretary- Beverly Godsey
Julien Chapter #125

MASONIC CALENDAR February, 2016

Tu 02 York Rite
We 03 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 P.M.
Th 04 Metropolitan Lodge 49 7:30 P.M. Eat 6:00
F 05 High Twelve
Tu 09 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 P.M.
We 10 ASH WEDNESDAY
Th 11 Oxus Grotto 7:30 P.M. Eat 6:00 P.M.
F 12 Tri-State 673 10:30 A.M.
Tu 16 Julien OES 7:00 P.M.
W 17 Shrine Club 6:00 P.M. Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 18 Dubuque Lodge 3; 7:00 P.M.
Tu 23 MTA
Th 25 Trowel Fellowship 7:30 P.M.

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