



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 Notes

Brother Kirk Williams has requested that this notice be placed in the Trestleboard once more. He has corrected the previous version:

For Sale:

Unique Masonic ring, previously owned by Volney Lindenberg, a long-time Dubuque Mason, size 9 1/2. The appraised value is \$1950. It is gold with various diamonds. Selling Price: \$1000.



Call Kirk Williams at 563-599-1441.

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Greetings, Prophets and Brothers; Dinner was provided by your truly this meeting, and I guess it was a hit; my

lady complained I didn't bring enough home! Dan Neuhaus has graciously consented to provide our supper in March; thank you, Dan!

From our first of the year Month-end Breakfast, we did reasonably well; some 140-150 people stopped by and had a delicious breakfast. Our next breakfast is in Feb. 28, and all proceeds will go to Special Olympics. Our first Fish Fry dinner was Feb. 12; Feb. 19 is our next one. Come one, come all, and come hungry! We have submitted to the Supreme Council the names of approximately 10-12 former Grotto members for suspension. Currently, anyone in arrears can simply pay this year's dues, and he will be made active again. Next year, though, those suspended will be dropped from the rolls.

Concerning the Grotto rental, last year was quite successful, and this year we have 12 firm rentals, and one for 2017, as well!

We have great camaraderie, and, remember, Brothers, anyone who is a Master Mason is eligible to join our fun group.

Fraternally;
Wes Struebing –Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & A.M.

Thursday, March 17, 2016,
7:00 PM

Spring is not far away. In fact, we are now getting a taste of it. But don't put away your snow shovel yet.

We just completed our February meeting. We had a pretty good attendance. Our ritual work is starting to improve. Wayne Stanfley and Jack Smeltzer have offered to work with any of the members who wish to practice. Just let us know when you would like to go over the work.

Three of our members attended the "Next Generation Roundtable" session in Davenport. We are looking forward to a published summary of all the various sessions. Hopefully we can get some ideas on how to increase our membership.

Fraternally,
Jack Smeltzer, Secretary

Dubuque Shrine Club

Wednesday, March 16,
2016

Greetings Brothers and Nobles, We are off to a great start for our year. Illustrious Sir Tom Hodges and his lady Linda visited our meeting. We were able to install all of our officers.

With not much business to discuss, we did have quite a bit of planning for the next year. Our first big event will be the circus. Yes, you read that right. On May 16 and May 17 Dubuque will host the Shrine Circus. Shows are at 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM each night. We would greatly appreciate the assistance of anyone who would like to volunteer both in preparations for the event as well as at the shows themselves. Something new this year is that you will be able to purchase tickets directly from Kaaba! Simply visit

www.kaabashrine.org and click on the picture of the circus. You can securely order your tickets and skip the lines. Best of all, a portion of the sale of tickets purchased directly from the temple will be donated back to the temple. So why not have a great night of fun and help support Kaaba temple at the same time? A few other dates to be sure to put on your calendar:

April 9 Spring Ceremonial
May 30 Dubuque Memorial Day Parade
July 2 - July 7 Imperial sessions

July 23 Shrine Bowl in Cedar Falls
July 26 - July 31 Dubuque County
Fair popcorn stand
September 5 Dubuque Labor Day
Parade
October 22: 7th Annual Sportsman
giveaway
Finally, as a reminder dues are only
\$5 for the year. Please be sure to
submit your dues at our next meeting
or mail them to me at 2511 Windsor
Ave Dubuque IA 52001. Meetings are
the 3rd Wednesday of each month
and are held at the Holiday Inn by 5
Flags.

***Fraternally,
Chris Stechman, President***

Dubuque High 12 Club Chapter 119 March, 2016

The midyear conference in New Orleans for High Twelve International was quite a learning experience – at least culturally. Even though it was held in the French Quarters several weeks before the actual Mardi Gras Parade, the festivities leading up to that event were quite evident!

Apparently, many New Orleanians are also allergic to the cold; if it gets down to 32°, many do not like to get out of bed! (foodwise, you have to try the seafood gumbo!)

I should also point out, over ten years after they were flooded out in 2005 with Hurricane Katrina, there are still numerous homes that are boarded up and abandoned. (It may never again be the same!)

Still, there was plenty of time to get in touring, - if you could avoid the raindrops. I know many also preferred to drive their own vehicles around to the various sites. However, most places were within easy walking distance, so I usually chose that route.

The actual meeting was quite informative. The midyear meeting is more for the heads of the various governing bodies which provides them the opportunity to go over suggested legislative changes in the bylaws. These will then be voted on by members this summer at the annual convention June 15-19 in San

Diego, California. (By the way, all are encouraged to attend.)

It was interesting to note that several clubs are not contributing to the Walcott Foundation. Their explanation is, "We'll contribute, when we know how the money is being spent!" (That's because, for years, High Twelve International has unsuccessfully requested that they show us how they distribute the funds.)

Reports were then given that many clubs are getting neither their monthly reports in, nor are they filing their 990s. This needs to be done, if we don't want to be reported to the I.R.S. (Members of N.C.A. definitely have areas where they can improve.)

All, in all, it was a worthwhile meeting.

***Fraternally,
David H Patton***

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Greetings, Companions and Sir Knights,
Due to the bad weather beginning this month it was decided to cancel the meeting and keep our members safe. In an effort to keep ritual fresh in our minds, it was decided that that 2016 will be the "Year of Commandery". It's planned to do openings and closings in full uniform. If you don't have a uniform, please contact me at evarts78@yahoo.com for uniform ideas.

***Fraternally,
Shawn Evarts
Secretary/Recorder***

Tri-State Morning Lodge #673

Meeting Friday, March 11, 2016, 11:00AM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Dubuque Masonry,
Tri-State Morning Lodge No. 673 (meeting next on March 11 at 10:00 a.m.),
has been having fun. Master Neil Millar has been challenging us

by moving his officers around. This keeps us alert, refreshes our memory, and helps us to be better rounded.

Our Master does a very good job in soliciting information about our sick and distressed brothers, and the joys that we all bring with us to Lodge. We adjourn after 11:00 a.m. and retire to the small dining room for an enjoyable repast with High Twelve. If you don't like driving at night to your Lodge, join us during the day for full Masonic companionship.

***Respectfully,
Mike Mudrey
Senior Steward***

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2016

I am proud to say that we now have all of our officers properly installed. Our biggest point of discussion for the night is the creation of a process for scholarship distributions. We have had a fund that has been steadily growing, and now we must establish the guidelines for being able to distribute those funds. At this point we have several ideas on general goals for the fund, but we are looking for as much input as possible so we are able to tailor the program to best fit the goals of our lodge while also maintaining the original intents of our benefactor.

We also discussed the need to continue to work with our brothers within other lodges and to build relationships with the various appendant bodies. To that end, many different activities were discussed along with plans for more fun nights in the future. Grotto members reminded us that we have fish fry on Friday nights during the season of Lent as well as the ongoing Sunday morning breakfast on the last Sunday of each month. Brothers are encouraged to attend these wonderfully delicious meals or come out and help volunteer. Shriner members shared that Child ID event will be March 5 from 10 AM to 4 PM,

and there is a circus coming to town in May.

Finally, we were reminded about the tour of the Grand Lodge library is to be February 20 at 10 AM. We are all looking forward to seeing our library and will be reporting further on this next month.

It was also brought to my attention that we don't have a ready way for members to be able to contact the lodge to help share information. So, for right now I am offering my home phone of [563.583.3597](tel:563.583.3597) as a way to leave me a message as well as being able to send written correspondence to me at my home (See Grotto article for address). You may also send me email message to

mason@stechman.net

Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for activities that you would like to see the lodge participate in. This can be anything from the lodge helping another charity to having a family night or game night. This doesn't have to be specific to just Masons or we can plan something that is just for our members. We need to do more than simply come to lodge once a month to pay our bills. This lodge, and by extension this fraternity, is what we want to make of it. If we want this to be an organization that has a positive impact on our community to help those around us, then let's make it so

*Fraternally,
Chris Stechman*

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting 7 P.M. Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Greetings everyone; February has been cold, cold, cold. Hope you're all staying warm, warm, warm. Our February regular meeting's first order of business was to install Brother Chris McQuillen as Junior Deacon, which now completes Mosaic's officers as all being duly installed. Brother Ed Blinks acted as Installing Master and Brother Keith Robertson served as Installing Marshal. We had no new petitions to read, but are planning a 2nd degree

for Casey Kane on Monday, February 22, at 7 p.m.

Brother Evarts reported that Mosaic's calendar has been updated on our web site and he is finalizing the photograph updates. Brother Greg Stechman informed us about the upcoming Child I.D. event in March at the temple. Contact Brother Stechman for details and to help fill the needed volunteer positions. Several Mosaic brethren plan to join Metropolitan Lodge #49 in visiting the Grand Lodge Library on Saturday, February 20th. We will meet at the temple at 8 a.m. to carpool from there.

Information was read and discussion ensued regarding the thwarted attack on Milwaukee's Masonic Temple. The annual Treasurer's report was read and approved following the finance committee's audit and recommendation. Thank you Brother Ed for your meticulous records. Secretary Robertson reported 2016 starting membership for Mosaic to be 64 total; with 4 being raised and 1 death in 2016, we start 2016 with 67 members in Mosaic Lodge #125.

Brother Blinks also provided current statistics from the Schenck charity fund. To date Mosaic has awarded 46 scholarships to Dubuque's public high school's graduating seniors for a total of \$73,000 towards their college education. We've also awarded 153 applicants from local non-profit organizations over \$183,000 in funds. And 5 individuals along with some educational books have been paid out with a value of over \$4200. This makes our total giving over \$260,000 since the inception in 2004, all because of one person, the late Brother Warren Schenck. We are fortunate and grateful for his generous gift.

To end the meeting; our Tyler, Brother Mitch Kwilinski, presented his program regarding the plumb, square and level to the craft. Brother Mitch spoke about the ancient uses of these tools, how they are referenced in the Bible and how they came to be used as teaching tools in speculative masonry. For example, we are

challenged to become perfect ashlar, which is a stone that has been carefully perfectly squared as judged by the square. Brother Bob Happ served pies and ice cream after the meeting. Consider joining us at our March meeting where Brothers John Wissing and Chris McQuillen will offer their program together. Refreshments will be served by Ed Blinks. Until then, take care. "The end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." --T.S. Elliot

*Brian Carroll
WM Mosaic Lodge #125*

Julien Lodge #551 Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M. Wednesday March 2, 2016

Our January Stated Meeting was not held due to hazardous road conditions. When our Highway Patrol says, "Stay Home!", we do. Many of us missed our church services as it was Epiphany.

However; we'll bring you up-to-date: December was our annual Christmas party for Masons and their families. Our Stated Meeting was preceded by a delicious meal, many Christmas hymns and carols, and most especially, Good Fellowship. February 3, 2016 was our first Stated Meeting of 2016, and we used the evening to recapitulate our major goals of 2016. We donated \$100.00 to the Green Envelope Appeal, which since President Truman began it, provides over 200,000 volunteer hours from Masons to veterans' and military hospitals throughout our country, to make them know that they are not forgotten. May God bless our military and our leaders!

We also gave our annual donation to both the Masonic Health Facilities and the Rowley Masonic Home. It's great to be able to help make life better for these residents. We also gave our usual donation of support to Camp Courageous of Iowa. God bless the folks who volunteer so much time and money to

care for our disabled children and adults all through the year. We also gave a donation to the Hope Lodge at Iowa City, for cancer patients.

Due to the severe weather in January, Installation of Officers was February 3, 2016. If you were somewhere else, you missed it and we'll see you in March, and of course, we'll leave the light on for you.

Art Miller, Worshipful Master

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

(School of Instruction March 12, 2016 at 9:30 am in Bellevue)

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

With warmer weather slowly coming our way, we will have more opportunities to get out and visit with our Sisters and Brothers. Once warmer weather arrives to stay, what do you think of enjoying the outside and having a chapter picnic? This is your Chapter; let me know what ideas you have, as I want everyone to have input.

It has been a quiet month as we are officially dark in February. However, we did have several officers get together to practice our march and degree work. Thanks to those who gave up their "free month" to come practice our work. It was great timing as we are having our school of

instruction in March. 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 a great day! Come join us and support our officers. We love sideliners!!

We look forward to having you join us at our next meeting March 15th at 7pm. Don't forget that our time has changed from 7:30 to 7pm every meeting. I will be having dinner at Perkins on Dodge in front of Target at 5:00 before our next meeting and would like to invite you to join me. It would be dutch treat, however please let me know if you would be able to make it so we have enough seats for everyone. Even if you eat at home we would love your company! RSVP to my email: jdiller76@gmail.com; my home phone 563-852-7442 (I work so please leave a message); if you need a Dubuque phone number you may call Patrick, my husband's phone: 563-663-8723.

I have some sad news as I have learned that Marcia Willard, Past Matron and 50-year member passed away on January 31, 2016. The service was February 4th. Thanks to Sister Arline Dietrich for sending a card to her daughter on behalf of the chapter.

Have you thought about my challenge this month to reflect on how you are demonstrating the virtues of Adah in your daily life?

Since a month has now passed, add Ruth to your challenge, focusing on the second point of our Star. 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
March, 2016**

Tu 01 York Rite
We 02 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 PM
Th 03 Metropolitan Lodge 49 7:30PM
F 04 High Twelve
Tu 08 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 PM
Th 10 Oxus Grotto 7:30 PM Eat 6:00 PM
F 11 Tri-State 673 10:30 AM
Su 13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!
Tu 15 Julien OES 7:30 PM
W 16 Shrine Club 6:00 PM Eat
Th 17 Dubuque Lodge 3 7:00 PM
Fr 18 Trestleboard submissions due
Sa 19 SPRING BEGINS!
Tu 22 MTA
Th 24 Trowel Fellowship 7:30 PM
Su 27 HAPPY EASTER!

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