



The Trestleboard



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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Greetings, Prophets and Brothers; The Grotto fish fries and month-end breakfasts have been a rousing success this year. The last breakfast on the 28th of February was devoted to Special Olympics, and after figuring in our expenses, we were able to present the organization with a check for over \$1200. The fish fry on March 4 was so successful that we actually ran out of fish and potatoes shortly before we called it a night. Our next (and last) fry is Friday, March 11; there are two more breakfasts, one on Palm Sunday, March 20, and the last one will take place on April 24. Please tell your family and friends; the food is tasty and served with a smile at a reasonable price. Our last meeting was called to order on the 10th of March, after a delicious dinner provided by Dan Neuhaus. We discussed the success of the fries and breakfasts and any lesson learned. The major point of

discussion was the state of the Grotto's by-laws. We do not have a complete set, so the officers will meet with the documents we do have, to see about fleshing out a set that the Supreme Council will approve. We will meet in a week or two, but certainly before next meeting of the Grotto. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15; peace and harmony prevailed.

Oxus Grotto's particular charity is Special Needs Dentistry, and we had a table passing out literature and toothbrushes to all the families who took their kids to the Child ID Event at the Temple on the 5th of March.

Fraternally;
Wes Struebing –Monarch

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

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

Welcome to March! The wind sure has been howling, but that is March for you. We had our regular meeting last night, with a very good turnout. It's nice to see a large number attending.

I liked the last Grand Lodge bulletin. On the back of the book, it showed 50 year certificates since December 2015. There were 3 columns with 20 each. That is a lot more, than we are taking in. What can we do to change that?

Last night a man met Kirk Williams when he got to Lodge. He said he has been looking for a Mason for 3 weeks. Are we that hard to find? He said he has been on the phone, but no one answers at the Temple. We all have our cell phones now and many of us don't have land lines anymore. It is sad that a fellow Mason can't get in touch with us.

Back to the Grand Lodge bulletin, page 13. The Greatest and Silent Generation, next the Baby Boomers, then Generation X and last the Y Group (also known as the Millenials-ed.). They are all raised differently. They don't see eye to eye on many things. We have to work together to make things come out right. We can learn a lot from each other.

I have enjoyed working with all of the men and ladies from the Oxus Grotto. They are a great team to be a part of!

Have a Happy Easter and hope the Easter Bunny is good to you all!

Fraternally,
Wayne Stanfley - Master

Dubuque Shrine Club April 20, 2016

At our March 16th meeting of the Dubuque County Shrine Club we had a good representation from Kaaba and El Kahir temples. We then discussed many things. First, we talked about the importance of having more Child ID events around the state. After all, with all the 'crazies' out there, it's not a matter of if there will be more abductions, but rather when!

On March 26th, El Kahir is planning on having an Easter egg hunt at their new facility. (Check their website for more details.)

Before we know it, the Shrine Circus will be here. Anyway, we will not only be selling ads for this event – four shows on May 16-17th, but we will need about a dozen Shriners to help out with the event. (Shows are at 4:00, and 7:00 each day.)

Mark your calendar for June 5th, as Dave Glanz will be giving tours at the Shriner's Hospital in Chicago at their open house.

Wayne and Dan are ready to parade in our 'Can' truck. (We still need some suggestions to name it.)

The Shrine Bowl Game activities are on June 22-23rd in Cedar Falls at the UNI Dome. Call the Kaaba office to make reservations.

Then, of course, the fair is just around the corner. Yes, it's going to be a busy couple of months.

(Meanwhile, keep Tom and Linda Hodges in your prayers.)

Submitted by:

David H. Patton – Treasurer

Dubuque High 12 Club April, 2016

We need to get more members in Masonry. Therefore, at our last meeting of High Twelve, we discussed ways to not only get more people into our building, but also to inform them what all that we have done over the years.

Some of the suggestions we talked about was having the Temple building on the tour of historical buildings in the springtime. Also have the building open for tours on days that we parade, plus during the Child ID event, (Don Giesemann says he wrote some history up on each of the rooms several years ago so we could use those write ups to fill in our visitors.)

Come join us at 11:30 every Friday, as we try to contemplate solutions for the many problems in this world.

Respectfully submitted;

David H. Patton

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

Greetings Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights:

With March beginning the York Rite of Dubuque, Siloam Commandery #3, did their first full uniform opening in many many years. Everyone present was happy to start returning

to our roots and going over how to open and close. On March 5th there was a School of Instruction held in Ames, Sir Knight Mike Mudrey said he would be attending it. We are looking forward to a recap of the goings on there. There is in the works a plan that sometime in the fall the Commandery will be doing a flag presentation. All lodges are invited to attend. More details will be forthcoming. Everyone enjoy this great weather!

Fraternally;

Shawn Evarts, Secretary/Recorder

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

Oh, my! The weather has changed, the days are long and Masonry continues!

Master Neil Millard continues to move us along the ritual route, keeping us all on our toes.

Many of us have settled into a ritual rut, and have forgotten other parts we have known.

By challenging us, we have been able to get our overall ritual much smoother.

Last month, several of us described differences among the Iowa ritual and other state rituals.

Some differences are minor, others are more substantial; such as the specific dialogue during opening, etc.

So, if you are looking for a daylight lodge with High Twelve for lunch, visit Tri-State, the second Friday, 10:30 a.m.

**Mike Mudrey -
Senior Steward**

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Thursday, April 7, 2016 Meal at 6 PM Meeting at 7 PM

Greetings Brothers!

We are continuing to work on the development of a scholarship program with the hopes of being able to select our first recipient in 2017.

There are many different details to still be ironed out, but so far it looks like the general plan for the scholarship will be geared for those who are attending a technical or trade school and have completed at least their first semester. Even though we have not completed the requirements for the selection process, one of the finer details concerns the name of the scholarship(s) to be given. If you have any ideas, please feel free to throw suggestions into the proverbial hat so to speak.

Another area that I would like to see us work on is reaching out to the community again. There are many opportunities to help make a difference and also show others what being a Mason is about. I realize we all keep quite busy in our daily lives, but do think of our lessons from our first degree. Your time given to your fellow man may not be as outwardly visible as any metallic object, but your time is much more valuable. Please consider sharing your blessings of talents and skills with those around you and make our community a better place.

To that effort of being able to lift up those around us, I challenge each of you to bring an idea to lodge of ways we can help other organizations.

These efforts do not have to be fundraising or other money related efforts. Simply being available to partake in a project can make all the difference. An example of such an opportunity is to help the Red Cross on Saturday April 9th from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM with installing smoke alarms in previously canvassed homes in the Audubon Elementary School neighborhood. If you are interested in more information or in helping out, please let me know (my home number is 563.583.3597) or visit www.Redcross.org/Dubuque-smokealarms

Please be sure to come join us next month for dinner and socialization followed by our stated communication

Fraternally;

Chris Stechman - WM

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

Greetings everyone;

What a difference a month makes with the weather. It's encouraging to see flowers beginning to grow again. At our regular meeting in March we voted to award the Dubuque Museum of Art \$1500 from our Schenck charity fund. The funds will go towards the preservation of the original construction design blueprints for Eagle Point Park, which the museum currently has in its collection. It was reported that seven members of Mosaic Lodge and seven members of Metropolitan Lodge met in Cedar Rapids to tour the Grand Lodge Library and Museum on February 20th. All present thoroughly enjoyed the morning filled with fascinating Masonic and American history and artifacts. We thank Brother Bill Kroeger for serving as our excellent personal tour guide. The Child Identification team held another event at the Dubuque Temple on March 5th, where it was reported around 80 families were registered.

Mosaic Lodge will host several events with the Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Art Crandon, and his Grand Lodge Officers in the next coming months. **Make plans to join us for Brother Casey Kane's third degree on Monday, April 25th**, Mosaic Lodge will open for the 1st Section at 5 p.m., have dinner at 6 p.m., then receive the Grand Master and his Officers at 7 p.m. for them to then perform the 2nd Section. Reservations can be made to our Secretary, Keith Robertson, or myself. We would like to know the week before the 25th if you plan to attend the dinner and degree.

In addition, Mosaic Lodge will be hosting a **reception for the Grand Treasurer, our Brother Bill Paisley, at the Scottish Rite Center in Des Moines on Saturday, May 7th.**

Social hour will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mosaic Lodge will open

lodge to receive RW Brother Bill, the Grand Master and all past and present Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa. A lunch and program will follow around Noon. If you are interested in traveling to Des Moines for this event, please let an officer of Mosaic Lodge know. Brother Chris Stechman has agreed to offer a carpool inviting others to ride along with him. Communicate with Brother Chris or myself if you would like to attend. There is even talk of Brothers Don Geisemann, Charlie Becker and Gerald Edgar planning to help open their home lodge of Mosaic while in Des Moines to honor RWGT Brother Bill Paisley.

Also Mosaic Lodge will be hosting a **Grand Master's Area Meeting at the temple on Thursday, April 28th** at 7 p.m. in the small dining room. Refreshments will be provided. All masons are invited and welcomed. Finally and importantly, Mosaic Lodge will be hosting it's annual **Scholarship Award Night on Wednesday, May 18th**, The traditional dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation of the scholarships awarded to the carefully selected graduating seniors from the local public high schools. Reservations will be requested for this dinner, as well. And as with all of these dinners and events, please contact Keith Robertson or myself. Look for more information in the next Trestleboard article.

At our next regular meeting in April, Brother Edwin Blinks will be presenting his masonic education program and Brother Russell Hibben has agreed to provide refreshments. We hope to see you at these approaching exciting events that help keep masonry alive and active in Dubuque. Thank you for all your work and support.

"Masonry is a philosophical organization for the self-improvement and self-realization of the individual." --- Andrew Hammer

**Fraternally;
Brian Carroll - WM**

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

Julien Lodge 551 met in Stated Communication on March 7, 2016 as per our bylaws. It being Lent, the Brothers attended church on March 2, 2016 and met the following Monday per our bylaws. We discussed our thoughts and plans of things we might do to make Freemasonry more attractive to younger men. One Brother suggested that our potential market was with older men, who were more settled in their jobs, their home lives, and their relationships, and were more thoughtful about the business of living in general, including money as well as developing or adhering to a personal philosophy. A man's thoughts and ambitions at age 19 - 25 are subject to great change by 35 or 40. This is especially true in how a man uses his spare time away from the workplace.

We also discussed the Masonic Teacher of the Year Award. We are having some difficulty in finding a candidate. We need more members with children in school. My kids always talked...a lot...about their teachers when they came home after school.

We heard that our Neighborhood Area Meeting this year will be hosted by Mosaic Lodge 125 at their Temple at 1155 Locust Street on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. They usually give attendees a sandwich and a cup of coffee. We shall see. (More info to come)

Trowel Fellowship will be Thursday, March 24, 2016, which is also Maundy Thursday. I expect each lodge will decide whether they will go to church or change the Trowel Fellowship date. Blessings on all! Remember to pray for Worshipful Brother Art Miller's speedy return to good health. You are in our hearts and prayers, Brother Art! May the promise of Easter fill each of us with hope and help us to be 'worth our salt.' Mark 9:50.

We did have hot food for refreshments...that helped! Peace, health, and prosperity to everyone! and My Brother; no matter the weather, we always have a warm welcome waiting for you...and...of course...we'll leave the light on for you!

**Bob Ganfield, for
Art Miller - Worshipful Master**

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

There is no report this month (ed.)

**MASONIC CALENDAR
April, 2016**

Fr 01 High Twelve
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
Fr 08 Tri-State 673 10:30 a.m.
Tu 12 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 p.m.
Th 14 Oxus Grotto 7:00 p.m. Eat 6:00 p.m.
Tu 19 Julien OES 7:30 p.m.
We 20 Shrine Club Eat 6:00 p.m.
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 21 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00 p.m.
Tu 26 MTA
Th 28 Trowel Fellowship 7:30 p.m.

Occasionally, a brother will submit an editorial of general interest to the brethren as a whole. We publish one this month to a theme that has been raised in several other submissions:

I plan to address an issue that concerns all of Masonry. You see, just like the workforce out in the world, we need to have a steady stream of new craftsmen to replace our aging laborers. And, as long as we are able to replace them, the craft will thrive and live on. The same is true of Masonry.

Remember also, the life and breath of Masonry rests with our young people. Because, without them stepping up and taking over the reins, Masonry will not have the backbone and heart to survive into the next century – let alone, the next generation. Unfortunately, just like our school systems, we're NOT taking time to prepare them with the lessons to assume these lifelong skills.

You also need to know, I've been a Dubuque Mason for about twelve years. Unfortunately, during that time, I don't think we've ever had a group of Rainbow girls! The same goes for Job's Daughters! Recently, we can say the same for DeMolay boys – see, they don't exist anymore!

Well, if that's the case, how do we expect our organizations to prosper and grow in years to come?

Remember, Masonry, just like the church needs to be built on a strong foundation – a solid rock. That's why we also need to get to these kids in the early grades, when they're very impressionable – when values and morality need to be firmly instilled, before they are exposed to all the other vices out in the real world. I would be willing to help out; however, I have too many irons in the fire to organize these groups! So, do we have any takers who are willing to step forward?

**Submitted by;
David H patton**

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