



The Trestleboard



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From the Trestleboard

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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Greetings, Prophets and Brothers; The Grotto met in our stated meeting on April 14th, at the Grotto. Dinner was provided by Mike Engling (thank you, Mike!), and Arvid Saeles consented to provide the repast for our May meeting.

Our fish fries are complete for the year, having done pretty-much as well this year (with only four meals) as 2014(with 5 meals). And we've received many compliments on our choice of fish and the way it is prepared. Thank you to all who volunteered this past Lenten Season; we could not have done it without you. Thank you, as well, to Prophet Smokey McGovern for bringing in the supplies to make the fries a success. Our final month-end breakfast until September will take place on April 24th. Volunteers are always welcome, too. Give me an email, or call Smokey if you can work that Sunday. Rentals continue to be a success this year. Please remember, too, that

rentals are open to not just Masons, so if you know of anyone needing a place for receptions, awards parties, or most any use, please contact our Treasurer, Sam Phipps. We continue to work the update of our by-laws, and hope to have version to present to the Grotto members for approval at our May stated meeting.

Prophet Chris Stechman brought up upcoming Kaaba Shrine Circus the 16th and 17th of May. Volunteers are need to staff each show (at 4PM and 7:30PM each day).

Since our Secretary was not able to attend, Jeff Kotz consented to take the meeting notes. Thanks much, Prophet Jeff!

Remember, next meeting is May 12th. Come on out and find out what we're all about. The one requirement is that you be a Master Mason.

Fraternally;
Wes Struebing - Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & AM

**Thursday, May 19, 2016,
7:00 PM**

Hi, from Dubuque Lodge #3! It's getting close to the next newsletter. Judy says not to write much, as she has to type my article. No danger of that; Ha! It was nice seeing John at the meeting. He has been busy and doesn't get to Lodge much. I enjoyed working with him in De Molay. Now he is married and has 3 children. Wow, time does fly! We had a nice meeting; then we went downstairs and enjoyed some strawberry shortcake. Was great refreshments and great fellowship. Masonry is what you make it. Some cheat and take short cuts. What do you do with your saved time? Do you go home and watch t.v., or do you

brush up on your ritual? If you don't make use of the time you saved, you then lose it! See you at the next meeting.

Fraternally;
Wayne Stanfley - Master

Dubuque Shrine Club May 18, 2016

Greetings Nobles! We had a very productive meeting this month! Wow do we ever have some activities planned! The best part of all this fun is that we have something for pretty much every age! I know some of you reading this have kids, others have grand kids, and there are some with great grandkids. So bring your little person (even if they aren't all that little) and join us for some unforgettable fun.

What do we have going you ask? May 16 and 17 is the Shrine circus held at our very own Five Flags here in Dubuque. Shows are at 4:30 and 7:30 each night. Tickets are available at kaabashrine.net. When ordering tickets directly from the Shriners a percentage of the proceeds will help to continue supporting Shriners and our many great activities throughout the surrounding communities. May 30th we will be participating in the Dubuque Memorial Day parade. This year the parade is in the afternoon so we are thinking of trying something different. Can we say potluck? Yes, that is right. How about a potluck or other light lunch before we have to hit lineup. Once the parade is over we can all meet back at the Temple or go out for some additional socializing. More info to come.

Finally, it may seem like a long way off yet but the Dubuque County fair is right around the corner. It will be the last week of July with a start date of July 26. Our popcorn stand is our

club's biggest fundraiser for the year and is also our biggest outreach program. We see more people in one week at the fair than we do throughout the rest of the year. We are in need of people willing to help pop the popcorn as well as people willing to help sell it. Of course, if you are at the fair we are also in need of people willing to buy a few bags of freshly popped popcorn as well. Not a Shriner but you would like to partake in brotherly festivities? Not a problem. All of these activities are open to Shriners, Masons, and those who simply want to have a good time. Come on out and say hi or contact a Shriner for more details.

Fraternally,
Chris Stechman

Dubuque High 12 Club May, 2016

As my term as president for the North Central Association of High Twelve begins to wind down, I can report that I've had an opportunity to visit each and every club within our jurisdiction. I'll also admit, while some clubs are doing well, others are not only struggling, but having a hard time attracting new members. Still, one thing is true, between ailing health concerns and an aging population our numbers are on the decline. I should also point out, shortly after this Trestleboard comes out around May 1st, Don Giesemann and I will be heading out to Algona, Iowa, May 16th and 17th for the annual convention for NCA. At which time, I will be handing the gavel and the reins of this organization over to Brother Steve Smith from Marshalltown. You see, when our secretary, Dr. Tom Gruis moved to Algona about a year ago, it suddenly hit him that his new home is about halfway between the two extremities in NCA – Huron, South Dakota, and Clinton, Iowa. Oh, by the way, if anyone needs a speaker, you might want to have Dr. Mike Mudrey, a retired university

geologist, talk to your group. After all, he gave a very interesting talk earlier in the year on Antarctica, and on Friday, May 13th, he plans to present a Power Point report to High Twelve on global warming. (Strictly based upon scientific fact!)

I can also say, if it is anything like in the past, the presentation will not only be interesting, but leave you walking away, scratching your head wondering how we ever got to this point in time?

Please, come and join us every Friday at 11:30 down in the Masonic Temple's dining room. All are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted;
David H Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2016

As the summer months are coming so are the Grand York Rite Bodies meetings. June 2nd, 3rd and 4th will have the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa in Ames. We are looking into updating our three bodies' plaques for Past High Priests, Illustrious Masters and Commanders. They haven't been updated since 2003. So Sir Knight Stanfley is going to have them updated through 2016. It's good to see some enthusiasm back in the Commandery again especially since we've been doing full uniform opening and closings. Thank you Wayne Stanfley, Don Giesemann and Mike Mudrey for helping to get us back on track. We hope we can get to where it'll be from memory.

Happy Birthday to the following York Rite Members!

MARCH

Walter Jacobs - 3/13
Edwin Blinks - 3/20
David Stuart - 3/22
William "Bill" Collings - 3/23

APRIL

Wayne Coursey - 4/1
Chris Radetski - 4/15
Robert Ryder - 4/18

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Fraternally;
Shawn Evarts
Dubuque York Rite Sec./Rcdr

Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 AM, May 13, 2016

Master Neil says...
"Spring? Spring? Spring?"
In celebration of May 13, 2016 (our next meeting...hint...hint)

1637 Cardinal Richelieu of France reputedly creates the table knife. This fits in perfectly for Tri-State Morning Lodge plans.

We end early enough to have a great social time before adjourning to the small dining room for High -12.

And if that is not enough! Bro. Mike Mudrey will regale us at High 12 with some of the data about Global Warming---sure to be a hot topic.

Fraternally;
Mike Mudrey -Senior Steward

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Thursday, May 5, 2016

Greetings brothers;
We have been working diligently so far this year in putting together our scholarship program. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your ideas and input. This is no small task to assemble such a legacy. And let's face it brothers... This is a legacy that will hopefully serve our community not for just a couple of years but potentially for several generations.

Speaking of legacy and generations to come, please invite friends to join us for our monthly dinners as well as our various activities. One of our greatest strengths is that we are a fraternal organization that supports and includes family. Yet, all too often we tend to leave our ladies and family behind when it is a lodge night. I challenge each of you to bring a

guest to at least one of our summer gatherings. Even if the person you bring is not a prospect to join there is something to be said about simply being social and getting to meet new people.

I know there are more than just a few of you reading this that are probably grumbling about this, that, or the other of why you wouldn't want to bring someone to one of our activities. Remember, our lodge is more than just a single location or a single building. If you are concerned about bringing a guest to our monthly dinner because of our venue, by all means bring them to something else. What else is there you may ask? The Shriners are also Masons and they have several things this summer where they are asking for our participation. Please check out their article in this month's newsletter. As a lodge we also have our annual picnic in August held at the Grotto. Still don't like the options? PLEASE speak up and let one of your officers know and let's come up with some other ideas. This is YOUR lodge. To keep it around, we need YOUR ideas and participation.

So don't forget, summer is just about upon us, but we don't go dark during the summer months; we will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Meetings are the first Thursday of every month, dinner at 6:00 PM and lodge at 7:00 PM.

I look forward to seeing some new smiles at our dinner Thurs. May 5th.

Fraternally;
Chris Stechman – WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Greetings everyone,
Spring is truly here, bringing forth new growth and blessings. At our stated meeting in April we voted to award Two by Two \$1500 from our Schenck charity fund. The funds will go towards materials to help educate youth about respectful treatment of other beings. The Muscatine

Rainbow Girls helped with the Child I.D. program in Burlington.

Mosaic Lodge will host several events with the Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Art Crandon, and his Grand Lodge Officers in the next couple weeks. Make plans to join us for Brother Casey Kane's third degree on Monday, April 25th. There will be a social hour from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. 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. A practice is planned for Monday, April 18th, at 7:00 P.M.

Mosaic Lodge will also be hosting a reception for the Grand Treasurer, our Right Worshipful 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 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.

Travelers plan to meet at the temple at 6:45 A.M. on May 7th. Let Brother Chris or myself know if you would like to attend. A second vehicle is available, if needed. 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 Brother Bill Paisley.

Also Mosaic Lodge will host a Grand Lodge Neighborhood 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 to offer input regarding "Empowering The Craft for the Future", the theme of the evening. This is one of sixteen

such meetings being held across the state this month.

Finally and importantly, Mosaic Lodge will be hosting its annual Scholarship Award Night on Wednesday, May 18th, The traditional free 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. All lodges, prospective members and families are all invited. The dinner is free to everyone - we just ask that you please make reservations with Keith Robertson a week or two ahead of the date.

At our next stated meeting in May, Brother Edwin Blinks will present his Masonic education program and Brother Jack Smeltzer 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.

Fraternally;
Brian Carroll - WM

Julien Lodge 551 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Lodge 551 met in Stated Communication on April 6, 2016. We had very little urgent business, so we discussed our membership goals and possible plans for a visitation to another lodge. We also talked about having a telephone 'Tree', to aid us in contacting and communicating more with our membership.

Several good points were selected as outlines for action that might work well for increasing attendance. Our Lodge officers work hard for our members and it would be nice to see everyone, at least once in a while. We will promise to feed you! (we always have good 'feeds')

On a related subject, Monticello Burns Lodge has consolidated with the Anamosa Lodge and we wish the Brothers God's blessings in their new challenges and opportunities.

Perhaps we should select a date for a visitation!
Brother Tom Feller's wife of many years has died. We extend the hand of Masonic affection to him in sincere prayers for him and his family. Tom was and is a loyal active Mason and his sweet wife, Lois, was always in his heart and at his side. May God help to lighten your load, Brother Tom.

We ask God's blessing on WM Art Miller and others in sickness and distress and those whom you hold in your heart.

Peace, health, and prosperity to everyone!..and My Brothers; no matter the weather, we always have a warm welcome waiting for you...and...of course...we'll leave the light on for you!

***Fraternally;
Bob Ganfield for Art
Miller, Worshipful Master***

Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, May 16, 2016

Greetings Sisters and Brothers! I know our family is enjoying the warmer weather and I hope you are too. Even if you are not able to get outside, I hope you can open the windows and enjoy the spring air. I love spring however this year I am dealing with spring allergies for the first time. It is not what I enjoy but thankfully medication will keep me enjoying my lilacs and all else that God has given us to enjoy in the warmer months.

Our Fun Day lived up to its name! Many went to church and then joined in the dining room for lunch and some much needed social time. Then we moved over to the ballroom and had greetings, a presentation, entertainment by Dubuque Fiddlers and final remarks. The presentation was by WGM Nancy and WGP Russ presenting Sister Bev Godsey with her 25-year pin. We also recognized that in the month of April Sister Arlene Dietrich will be officially a 74-year member! What great milestones ladies. Of course, there was cookies

and punch afterwards with a little more social time before everyone began travels again. Speaking of travels, Brother WGP Russ and Sister Leona will be enjoying Kansas Grand Chapter and helping Grand Officers serve pancake breakfast at Camp Courageous. Send them your prayers for safe travels. Brother WGP Russ surprised me with an appointment of Grand Representative. When he did this he asked me if I could guess what state. I said "Maybe Indiana?" With a big smile he said, "I will read the letter". It was indeed Indiana. I am from Indiana born and raised. Our family moved here almost 5 years ago, so I look forward to going back to Indiana and see many Masonic Family members who helped me become who I am today. I am very humbled to be able to return to my Masonic roots as a representative of these wonderful Eastern Star members in the state of Iowa.

We look forward to having you join us at our next meeting May 16th at 7pm. We are working on studying ritual and proficiency before the meeting next month at 5:30PM. It may be a little more social than studying but wasn't it like that in school too? Come join us to study and socialize. We will also begin to work hard at creating care bags for children suddenly taken from their homes due to an unsafe or unhealthy situation and were unable to pack (part of the Worthy Grand Matron's projects). If you would like to help please let an officer know. There are many ways you can help; sewing, gathering items to put in the bags, stuffing and delivering the bags once we are done are just a few. I would also like to see about writing little notes to include and will have details about all this at the next month's meeting. Have you thought about my challenge this month to reflect on how you are demonstrating the virtues of our Heroines are in your daily life? Now I challenge you to add Esther to your reflections, focusing on the third 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***

MASONIC CALENDAR May, 2016

Tu 03 York Rite
We 04 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 PM
Th 05 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 PM Eat 6:00
F 13 Tri-State 673 10:30 AM
F 06 High Twelve
Tu 10 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 PM
Th 12 Oxus Grotto
7:30 PM Eat 6:00 PM
Tu 17 Julien OES 7:00 PM
W 18 Shrine Club 6:00 PM Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 19 Dubuque Lodge 7:00 PM
Tu 24 MTA
Th 26 Trowel Fellowship 7:30
PM
Mo 30 MEMORIAL DAY

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