



The Trestleboard



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

OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2016

Greetings, from Oxus Grotto;
 The Grotto regular meeting took place on Thursday, May 12, 2016. We arrived at about 5:30 PM for general chit-chat and assorted mayhem; supper was ready by 6:00 PM and we ate to our hearts' content. Thank you, Prophet Arvid, for providing us with a tasty meal! June's meal will be a grill and potluck.

Our regular meeting began at 6:45 PM, with prayer and our pledge to the Flag. We had a visitor from Mohassan Grotto in Davenport (we were to have two, but one of them had something come up). Our visitor was Don Courter, fellow Prophet and Past Potentate of KAABA Shrine. He was welcomed with open arms, and we enjoyed his company for the evening.

Rentals continue to be pouring in, which is a good thing, considering the work we are considering to spruce up the Grotto inside (especially). Floors need to be stripped, cleaned and re-waxed, walls need painting; some repairs need to be done to our window blinds, ceiling tiles will receive their turn for making the place spiffy.

Officers' meeting (this includes appointed, as well as elected officers) next will meet at the Grotto on Wednesday, June 8, at 6:30 PM. We'll have a full plate to discuss, and I'll bring the (finally!) updated by-laws for consideration, amendment and approval to present to the Grotto body on the 9th. Also, at our next regular meeting, we will again have visitors from Mohassan Grotto. Dr. David Birdsell (who visited us last November) will bring another guest with him to our meeting. We look forward to seeing him once again, and hope to reciprocate the visit later this summer.

Remember, one only needs to be a Master Mason to join the Grotto, and we always have room for one more. So, come on out and enjoy some very friendly company; then consider joining our little group.

***Fraternally;
Wes Struebing – Monarch***

Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & A.M. Thursday, June 16 2016, 7:00 PM

Greetings from Dubuque Lodge #3; It doesn't seem possible that we are approaching the end of May already. With that comes Memorial Day. Let us celebrate the day for what it is. We must remember those who sacrificed their freedom to allow us to enjoy ours. One of our greatest freedoms is to be able to practice the teachings of freemasonry.

Remember, Dubuque Lodge #3 meets in regular communication at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. We always welcome visiting Brethren. Please feel free to join us. Enjoy great refreshments following the meeting. For those Dubuque Lodge members who we haven't seen for a while, come and get re-acquainted.

Everyone enjoy your summer.

***Fraternally,
Jack Smeltzer, Secretary***

Dubuque Shrine Club June 15, 2016

The Dubuque County Shrine Club met Wednesday May 18th at the Holiday Inn in downtown Dubuque. So, while we had few in number, since all the Kaaba Shriners were in Burlington following the Shrine circus, we accomplished a great deal!

First, we discussed several things we could have done better, personally, to make the circus more successful. This ranged all the way from getting more free advertising, to getting our Dubuque Shriners more involved. (We then listed about a dozen different avenues we could have taken to get the word out.) In addition, we discussed plans for the upcoming Memorial Parade on May 30th. (Nobles Dan and Wayne have already participated in the Fulton Dutch Days with the "Fezmobile" – formerly the "Can Truck" where they had a great time! We hope the parades in Dubuque will eventually become much larger with each passing year, as well as, giving us more exposure.)

Eventually, we got around to discussing the fair the last week of July. This year, in addition to selling the white popcorn and nachos, we also plan to sell caramel corn. (We'll also need a lot of help, so when Noble Wayne goes around to get workers signed up, make sure you write in your name often.)

Come join us June 15th at 5:30 for our next meeting.

***Fraternally;
David H. Patton - Treasurer***

Dubuque High 12 Club June, 2016

First, I need to give kudos to Mosaic #125. After all, several weeks ago, Grand Lodge was in Dubuque to confirm a second section of a Third Degree. Mosaic, of course, planned to do the opening, and conduct the first section. You also need to know, many of their officers had just joined in the last year, so much of this ritual was very new to them. However, they did a very admirable job! (I'm sure Grand Lodge was very impressed!)

Now, if you don't already know, I spend a great deal of time down at the Temple – 3 to 4 times a week. Some have even referred to it as my second home. Well, since that's the case, I try to turn out all lights, make sure all outside doors are secured, plus empty garbage cans, since it isn't always done by others. (Let's see if we can't do more of this before we leave at night.)

Now, getting back to High Twelve. As I said earlier, one way North Central Association of High Twelve is trying to promote membership is by rewarding clubs for bringing in new members. After all, each that brings in two new members gets \$100. (Fortunately, we reached this goal!)

A second part of that was \$250 goes for the biggest percentage increase. Cedar Rapids won this. Last year, they had about 10 members, this year they picked up seven more. Congratulations, Cedar Rapids!

I should also mention, many more clubs brought in two or more members – more than we expected, plus more than we budgeted. Therefore, to receive the same incentive next year, they've upped the ante. See, now you need to sign up three(3) new members before March 31st of 2017.

Also, kudos go out to all who helped make the midyear meeting here in Dubuque very successful. Many members of NCA said they definitely plan to return! (Meanwhile, I will be flying out to San Diego in mid-June for the International meeting.)

Steve Smith, the new president of NCA plans to have the midyear meeting for NCA in Des Moines, the annual meeting next Spring in Marshalltown.

Hope you can come down to 1155 Locust Street on most Fridays at 11:30 to join us.

Fraternally;
David H. Patton

**Dubuque York Rite
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

Greetings Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights;

We are continuing our Year of Commandery and we are starting to see a spark slowly growing into an ember as more members are joining us!

This month's meeting started on a sad note, the Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Commander and Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the United States of America, James McCrorry Willson Jr. passed away. Our Commandery's charter will be draped until our next meeting in memorial. Also 50 year member Wayne Coursey's wife passed away this past month. Please keep everyone in their prayers.

Our project to update our plaques for past High Priests, Illustrious Masters and Past Commanders is on track. They should be up on display in the Heritage Room by the printing of this article.

In keeping with trying to revitalize not only our York Rite but Masonry in general, the Dubuque York Rite will be hosting an all Masonic picnic on Tuesday August 2nd at 5:00 PM at Eagle Point Park. We've reserved the Eagle's View Pavilion and have sent invitations to all Blue Lodge and York Rite bodies in the surrounding counties in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. It will be a potluck picnic so bring your favorite dish to pass and any outdoor games you would like to play.

Fraternally,
Shawn Evarts - Secretary/Recorder

**Tri-State Morning Lodge
#673 Friday, 10:30 AM,
June 10, 2016**

Brothers in Freemasonry from Master Neil Millar;

We need your help. Brother Senior Steward Mike Mudrey still thinks he is in Wisconsin.

Needless to say, every time we do ritual, he mixes things up. So, we decided to put the Stewards chairs on the bridge between Iowa and Wisconsin, and then Mike can move around to what ritual he remembers!

We have an enjoyable time in Lodge. Al Tischuk, our secretary, keeps Mike in place with his gentle reminding of which jurisdiction Mike is in.

By the way, did I tell you that Mike wrote this piece?

I am making fun of myself, but not Masonry. My gaffs permit Neil, Al, Wayne and others, the opportunity to explain various elements of our ritual. I, personally, have learned a lot from them about how to do ritual, why we do what we do, and the story we wish to tell. So join us, 2nd Friday of each month at 10:30. We adjourn in time to celebrate a repast with fellow Brothers at High Twelve.

Sincerely;
Mike Mudrey - Senior Steward

**Metropolitan Lodge #49
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 2, 2016**

Hello Brothers!

It's hard to believe that by the time you are reading this school will be letting out for the summer and the year will be half over. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the months fly by.

We continue to work on our scholarship program. I would like to thank all of the various people that have been helping with this project. I am sure we all realized that there would be some work involved when we started to put this together. However, I don't think we realized just how much there is to consider when trying to create a scholarship program that will we hope will be around for years to come.

Looking ahead toward other projects, we have some exciting things coming up. There was some brief discussion that in past years we have partnered with Prescott and hosted an open house at the school. To help recognize and celebrate the teachers of the public education system we are looking into possibly having another open house this fall.

Finally, summer just isn't summer without a picnic. We will be having our

annual all Masonic picnic Thursday August 4th. Be sure to save the date. This is always a fun time to reconnect with all of our Masonic family as well as invite potential new members.

*Fraternally,
Chris Stechman - WM*

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Greetings everyone;
It's been a busy Spring for Mosaic Lodge. At our regular meeting in May, from our Schenck Charity Fund, we voted to award St. Mark's Community Center \$1500 in educational materials for their summer youth program. In addition, our 2016 Scholarship Finalists were named to be awarded \$2000 each as a graduating senior from Dubuque's public high schools. The scholarship money will be applied toward the tuition to the college of their choice and will be presented at our dinner night on May 18th. The finalists are: Isaac Slagel, Lily Faber, Preston Kizer, Paige Snitker and Elli Saddler.

On April 25th, Mosaic Lodge welcomed and received the Grand Master of Iowa and his Grand Lodge Officers along with several Past Grand Lodge Officers. Mosaic Lodge conferred the first section of the third degree for Brother Casey Kane. A nice lasagna dinner was provided and then the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the second section for Casey Kane's third degree. We were honored and pleased to have brethren from across Iowa come to Dubuque in our Temple to share in the success of raising another brother into this great fraternity.

Three days later, Mosaic Lodge hosted a Grand Lodge Neighborhood Area Meeting at the temple on April 28th, in the small dining room. Refreshments were provided. About 15 masons offered input regarding "Empowering The Craft For The Future", which was the theme of the evening. Some interesting discussion and ideas were presented

regarding where the craft is heading especially in regards to maintaining membership. This was one of sixteen such meetings being held across the state in April.

Next the lodge packed up our charter and headed to Des Moines to host a reception for the Grand Treasurer; our very own Right Worshipful Brother Bill Paisley. We were proud to report fourteen members from Mosaic Lodge in attendance to honor Brother Bill at the Scottish Rite Center in Des Moines on May 7th. This being our second time around, Mosaic smoothly opened lodge and presented the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa, the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, Bill, with ease of formality. Brother Bill then closed lodge along with his Grand Lodge Officers. A wonderful lunch was served at the Center and Bill's program followed. Brother Bill spoke about his journey from DeMolay to Master Mason and now Grand Lodge Officer. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the lodge received many compliments for our dedication to the work. Thank you to everyone who helped organize and participate in these events.

Coming up will be a third degree for Brother Dakota Hoeker on Monday, May 23, at 7:00 P.M. Hope to see many of you there. We read a new petition from Brother John Wissing and the WM postponed the second reading of a previous petition until the next meeting. We also read a petition to reinstate Josh Ball. Investigative Committees were appointed and will be reporting back at our next meeting in June. Our Secretary, Keith Robertson, wants to remind everyone to check that their dues are paid current. There are still a few brethren who need to pay their dues or they could be dropped for non-payment in the next couple of months. Our Treasurer, Edwin Blinks, along with his regular report, presented and reviewed the 990 Form, which he filed for tax purposes regarding the Schenck Fund and assets. Brother Shawn Evarts reported the website is updated and has

been submitted for approval of the Grand Master's award. Brother Shawn also noted the possible use of QVC code cards or shirts, which could be scanned in order to link the user directly to our website. After lodge, Brother Greg Stechman shared pictures taken from the Scottish Rite Building during our trip there, while Brother Jack Smeltzer offered cake and ice cream for refreshments. Thank you brother, Jack and everyone who provides the refreshments throughout the year. Keep in mind, our July meeting will be preceded with a potluck supper at the Arboretum at 6:00 P.M. This will be for all masons' families to attend. And we would like to invite all widows of masons, as well. Look for more information in the next Trestleboard article.

At our next regular meeting in June, Brother Edwin Blinks will be presenting his masonic education program and Brother Gene Chappell has agreed to provide refreshments.

*Fraternally;
Brian Carroll - WM*

Julien Lodge 551 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Just a reminder that the June 23, 2016 Trowel Fellowship will be hosted by Julien Lodge, at 7:30 p.m. as is usual. COME!

Notable Note:

June 24, 2016 is the Feast of St. John the Baptist, a Patron Saint of Freemasonry. In the not so distant past, it was celebrated by all Masonic Lodges, with Table Lodge and Feast! Home-made Apple pie, topped with French Vanilla ice cream will be served. I'm certain an interesting evening will be provided for us and how can you resist home-made apple pie? And did I mention that we will have home-made apple pie?

In May, we had lots of stories to share, especially about all the rain we have had. SUMMER? ...seems a bit yet

removed. Paint-up - Fix-up, etc. when it dries out a bit. We'll talk in June. We did the usual business of our lodge, and we concluded our meeting with prayer for those serving our nation. Make time to be with us on the sides on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at our Regular Stated meeting and June 23rd for Trowel Fellowship. My Brothers; SUMMER is coming! And we always have a warm welcome waiting for you...and of course...we'll leave the light on for you!

Fraternally;
Bob Ganfield for WM Art Miller, WM

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday, June
21, 2016**

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!
I want to start off by saying that I need to let you know I have some corrections to my last letter. I apologize that Sister Arlene Dieterich's name was misspelled in last months letter and Sister Bev Godsey received her 50 year pin not 25. I'm human; I hope you will understand. I also need to remind everyone, if you have not paid your 2016 Dues there is still time. Please send payment to our sister secretary, Bev Godsey. If you have having trouble paying it at this time, please let us know. We all have tough times. We are here to help each other in whatever trials. (wonder if you have

heard something like that before?) Please let any officer know if you are uncomfortable telling everyone of your situation. We are still working on bags for the children who are suddenly leaving their belongings behind to leave an unhealthy situation (a project of the Worthy Grand Matron). Sister Bev is using her great talent to sew them up. If you would like to get a bag and fill it with items, then return them to a meeting that would be great. Let sister Bev know you would need a bag, unless you are a sewer yourself. Sister Bev could let you know what tips she has about making them. Some ideas to fill them with are: toothbrush, toothpaste, travel pillow, coloring book, crayons, book to read, small toy, small notebook and pen. We do not know what age these kids may be, so a variety would be good. At our May meeting sister Bev had 8 bags ready to be filled. We will continue to do this as long as there is a need for them. All of our bags will be given back within the Dubuque community. I am looking forward to being able to travel to Indiana's Grand Chapter in June as Grand Representative of Indiana in Iowa. As you may know, I am originally from Indiana, so I hope to see many Masonic friends while back for Grand Chapter. I will try to share pictures in July. I will also be traveling in June and will not be at the June meeting, but will leave you in good hands.

As always we keep our sisters and brothers in our thoughts and prayers. Please say extra prayers for those who are having a bumpy journey in life whether spoken or unspoken concerns. Looking forward, a date is being decided for a luncheon honoring our 50 year members. Once planning is set, I will have sister Bev send out invitations. Also, June 5th at noon will be the Barthell OES Home Potluck Picnic and Auction in Decorah. If you would like more information about this please contact Sister Bev Godsey. 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 Martha to your reflections, focusing on the fourth 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.

Sincerely;
Jennifer Diller – Worthy Matron

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