



From the Trestleboard

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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Greetings, All;

First – a correction. I can't read my own notes and transcribed this too quickly. Our breakfasts will NOT begin in August, as I stated last month. They will start in September, on September 25th.

Oxus Grotto met in regular session on August 11th at 6:30PM, due to the impending inclement weather headed our way. Painting has continued (thank you, Prophet Smokey, et al!) Dinner was provided by the All-Masonic picnic the previous week.

On September 14th, a contingent of Oxus Prophets will hie themselves down to Davenport to visit Mohassan Grotto and attend their stated meeting. We will leave in two shifts; those of us who can make it for their dinner at 6:00PM will meet at the Temple at 4:00 and pool with Smokey. The rest will follow at 6:00PM or so to make the 7:30PM meeting time.

Breakfasts will indeed begin again on September 25th, and will continue until

April, 2017, with no breakfast in December. This September's breakfast, too, will sponsor the Sertoma Club's 5K run/walk for the deaf and hearing impaired. Please come and tell your neighbors to come also to enjoy the meal; this is a worthy cause. Prophet Brother Dr. David Birdsell will return in November to begin our proficiency examination, and will make one other visit in February of 2017 to complete his investigation. Dr. Birdsell is the District Deputy for the Supreme Council, and when he signs off on our Grotto, we'll be recognized by them as a Grotto in good standing.

Prophet Brother Al Tischuk will most likely be out of the hospital when you read this; surgery is scheduled for 22 Aug and scheduled release is 23 Aug. Wow!

One other bit of passing note: we will host another garage/yard sale in 2017, as we did in 2015. More info on this later.

All Master Masons are cordially invited to join our fellowship; our doors are always open, and we'd love to have you!

Fraternally;
Wes Struebing - Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, September 22, 2016,

7:00 PM

It's Trestleboard time again! Grand Lodge will be here soon. The dates are September 15-17th in Cedar Rapids. That means that the Dubuque Lodge # 3 meeting will be a week later. Also, the Trestleboard articles will be due after September 22nd. The three principal officers from each Lodge in the State will be the

representatives at Grand Lodge. I'm sure Dubuque will be well represented. The Dubuque County Fair for 2016 is now history. I would like to thank everyone who helped at the Shrine Popcorn Stand. The Treasurer said we did better than last year! How did you like the caramel corn? That was something new we put on the menu.

Fraternally;
Wayne Stanfley – WM

Dubuque Shrine Club

September 21, 2016

Dubuque Shrine Club is "dark" until September 21.

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Dubuque High Twelve Club

September 2, 2016

So, while we have been Dark since June, there are several things that I would like to comment on.

First, I want to thank all the volunteers that helped out at the Shriner's popcorn stand. Sad to say, it seemed there were only about two dozen Masons – the same old ones that we can really count on to keep the place running! (More on this next month.)

Secondly – a personal accomplishment, after all, I finally found a publisher for my book. As many of you know, I have been working on my autobiography, *At Times I've Felt Like Job: A Story of Choices*, shortly after becoming a Mason in 2003. It's a thought-provoking look at society and what I think has gone wrong with it in the last 60 years – from my perspective. It centers on returning to family values, while putting more emphasis on God in our lives. The only problem is, if you don't know the right people, or if you don't already have your foot in the door, it's really

hard to get a known publisher to pick it up! You can also probably guess, for years I've been working on finding one while I kept going over it to get it all cleaned up! Well, thank goodness, midsummer, I came up with Christian Faith Publishers out of Meadville, PA. Anyway, somewhere around Christmas, start looking to see if Amazon, Ebay, or Barnes and Noble has it listed. Meanwhile, I predict it will become a best seller, a movie, a screenplay, an agricultural theme park, plus much more! (Just as importantly, I predict a renewal of interest in Masonry and all that is good about it.) Well, now that the fair is over, it's time to make plans for the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 5th. We're hoping to have several Shrine units join us. Plus, with the end of summer, comes the end of our being Dark. Our next meeting for High Twelve will be Friday, September 2nd at noon down at the Temple. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by:
David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

September we are returning to our labors and boy do we have some work cut out for us! Our first meeting back will be on September 6th. We will be opening with Chapter and Council so that Brian Kelley and Mike Mudrey can give us the rundown on the events at the Grand Conclave in Des Moines. October 4th we will begin at 6:00 as we will be holding a School of Instruction at the Temple for York Rite. Which brings me to my next point. The Commandery is planning on creating an honor guard that will march in parades, to special escorts and other things within the community. We would like at least 6 Sir Knights if possible. Our tentative goal is to perform an Arch of Steel at the end of October in Davenport for the Honor

Flight for World War II veterans. If any Sir Knight is interested either leave me a note in the York Rite mail boxes or send me an email at evarts78@yahoo.com.

Fraternally;
Shawn Evarts - Recorder/Treasurer

Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 AM, September 9, 2016

Next meeting, Friday September 9, 10:30 AM

It is getting to be that time of the year, school supplies in the store windows, football practice starting and summer festivals winding down. It did cool off some, but not enough to cool our ardor. We have remained in the quarries and have help build the Temple of stone and the Temple of joy in our lives. Come and learn why the deacons carry sticks around and wear jewels! Members are becoming ready to attend. There won't be that many distractions now. This is a good time to look for to look for new members. It is also time to think about what officers you would like to have in your lodge next year. Go Packers and Badgers.

Fraternally;
Neil Millar - WM

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting Thursday, September 1, 2016

Brothers,
As I sit here contemplating what to write for this month's article I can't help but contemplate how quickly the year has gone by. School is back in session signaling that fall is nearly here. The other reminder is another session is almost here... Grand Lodge session is only a few weeks away by time this article is printed. Brother Sam Phipps has advised that we have a large supply of XL sized blue polo shirts available for only \$10 each. Please contact him for order information. Also, for those that need other sizes, feel free

to call Sam and find out what we currently have. His number is 563-556-8105. It may seem early yet, but these do make for great Christmas gifts. We had a lot of fun with our annual picnic even though storms decided to roll in right after we ate. I wish to thank our Grotto members for their hospitality and the use of their facility. I hope everyone has had a fun and safe summer this year. Don't forget, we meet on the first Thursday of every month. Dinner is at 6 with stated meeting to follow.

Fraternally;
Chris Stechman - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Greetings everyone,
Happy sunny summer. At our August meeting we scheduled 2nd degrees on August 15th for Tom McGuire (at 7 pm) and on August 29th for Richard Pacetes and Josh Conley (at 6:30 pm). Hope you can attend to meet these new masons as they progress through their degrees. Last month we had to drop Freddie Frick and Brandon Urbain for non-payment of dues. Unfortunately, we lost contact with them. If anyone knows Freddie's address or is communication with either of them, please let them know they have one year to pay their dues and be reinstated as a member in good standing without having to petition again. Brother Chris Stechman reported the next Child I.D. event is planned for September 11, in Anamosa from 10 to 4 p.m. Brother Greg Stechman has been designing and researching a Mosaic lapel pin for our lodge to consider. We would like to know who all would be interested in purchasing the pins and how many so that we may decide what to order. We are encouraging brothers to consider purchasing a pack of 5 for \$25 in order to help pay for the expense and perhaps even make some money for our various funds, such as the Brown fund, which is

used to offset the cost of the candidate's fee required to join the lodge. Once the packs of 5 are sold, they owner can then sell them individually for \$5 to others, give them as tokens to visiting brethren or keep them. We already have 10 members signing on to buy a pack of 5, which means we only need 10 more brothers to purchase a pack of 5 enabling us to order a larger bulk quantity for a profit. If you are interested in any amount, please let a member of Mosaic Lodge know so we can proceed. Another option being considered is a Mosaic coin. Included here is a link to a survey found on our website and Facebook page:

www.Surveymonkey.com/r/5R5HDDG where you can register your interest in either of these ideas. In doing so we thank you for your support of the lodge. With Grand Lodge in Cedar Rapids approaching next month, Brother Edwin Blinks introduced the proposed legislation that will be voted upon during the Grand Lodge session. The issue of dues for 50 year members is being revisited. Please make your opinions known to your representatives to vote for the good of all lodges. Refreshments followed the meeting provided by Brother Chris McQuillen. At our next meeting in September refreshments will be provided by Brother Dan Call. Note that we have moved our Past Masters Night Dinner to our October meeting rather than the usual September meeting this year. Hope to see you at our upcoming events.

"One of our first duties shall be loyalty to the Fraternity and to our superior officers and obedience to the laws. This is a fundamental requirement" -- from Customs and Courtesies provided by the Lodge Service Committee G.L. of Iowa

Fraternally;
Brian Carroll, WM Mosaic Lodge #125

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

Trowel Fellowship held their Annual Picnic at the Colesburg City Park on July 28th. Nineteen people had an evening of delicious food and really good fellowship. Mother Nature supplied the good weather and the Brothers and Sisters provided all that home-made food and genuine down-home conversation and laughter. Everyone had a great time.

Julien Lodge met in our Stated Meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2016. The Brothers all had favorable remarks regarding our Annual Picnic. Constellation Lodge did their usual fine job as Hosts.

Our Junior Deacon, Paul Ledlow, had been in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and he had a good time. We also congratulated Paul on his 65th Birthday! Then everybody had to talk about their ages. We had a lot of fun with that.

We discussed that thunderstorm that tore through northeast Iowa Thursday and did great damage to the town of Colesburg.

Julien Lodge will sponsor a Christmas tree and one day of security to the Hillcrest Family Services "Lights in the Park" We support this fundraiser every year for Hillcrest. We cannot say too much praise for the work Hillcrest does for families, not just in our communities but in the surrounding area.

We hope to see you at our Stated on the 7th, and of course, we'll keep the light on for you.

Don Gieseeman, Secretary

Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Julienne Chapter #125 OED is "dark" in August.

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MASONIC CALENDAR September, 2016

Th 01 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 PM Eat 6:00
F 02 High Twelve
M 05 LABOR DAY!
Tu 06 York Rite
We 07 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 PM
Th 08 Oxus Grotto
7:30 PM Eat 6:00 PM
F 09 Tri-State 673 10:30 AM
Tu 13 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 PM
Tu 20 Julien OES 7:30 PM
W 21 Shrine Club 6:00 PM Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 22 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00
PM*
Th 22 AUTUMN BEGINS!
Th 22 Trowel Fllwshp 7:30 PM
Tu 27 MTA

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