



The Trestleboard



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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Greetings, All;
I hear that the Oxus Grotto Stated Meeting on 10 November was a success! Thank you all who had to take other chairs and who stood in for me, who is still on the mend.

Dr. David Birdsell, our District Deputy came to our meeting and gave us our proficiency. Prophet Secretary Dale Hefel and Prophet Treasurer Sam Phipps, you guys did a bang-up job! Many thanks! I'll be sending him a thank you shortly for coming by and giving us that tie to other Grottos.

Prophet Jack Sibley provided the Grotto with a sumptuous repast of his chili, and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Jack! Other than our proficiency, we held our elections for the 2017 officers. The proposed list was approved by acclimation and the appointed officers were also approved. So, without further ado, our 2017 officers are:

Elected Officers

Monarch - Dan Neuhaus

Chief Justice - Mike Engling
Master of Ceremonies - Bill Luensman
Treasurer - Sam Phipps
Secretary - Dale Hefel
Venerable Prophet - Steve Sanders
Appointed Officers
Marshal - Chris Stechman
Captain of the Guard - Jack Sibley
Chaplain - Arvid Saeles (PM)
Sentinel - Jim (Smokey)

McGovern (PM)
Our three trustees for next year are:
Gene Muntz
Wesley Struebing
Dan Neuhaus

Please keep these officers in your hearts to guide them as they take their chairs in the coming year.

Fraternally;
Wes Struebing – Monarch (retiring)

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

**Thursday, December 15, 2016,
7:00 PM**

Greetings from Dubuque Lodge #3! Sounds like our nice weather will be no more. From the 70's to 20's overnight. As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end.

We elected new officers at our meeting last night. Dale Hefel will be our new Master. Also, Wes Struebing, Senior Warden; Dave Patton, Junior Warden; Wayne Stanley, Treasurer; and Jack Smeltzer, Secretary. That is a fine group for next year. I enjoyed being Master. It's only my 13th time! Wow, doesn't seem possible!

Next month the new Masters will be writing the articles for the newsletter. Can't forget to thank Judy, for the chocolate pie she sent for our refreshment last night. It was delicious,

even if it was a bought one. She said they are the best kind! :) Thanks again Dear!
Hope all of you will have a very Happy Thanksgiving. For those traveling, safe travels. Can't wait for turkey and pumpkin pie!

Fraternally,
Wayne Stanley, Master

Dubuque Shrine Club December 21, 2016

Greetings Nobles;
We had a small group this month, but we did get some important business taken care of as well as had a guest speaker. Of course, and as always, half of the fun of coming to our meetings is being able to enjoy the company of our fellow brothers and their respective ladies. So gentleman, please continue to bring your ladies along with and come see us. Our guest this month explained Scentscy candles and some of what makes the product line unique. Personally, I happen to think the customizable warmer was one of the more interesting items. However, the reason we had the showing is because Scentscy has partnered with Children's Hospital to create a Shiner candle warmer. A portion of each sale on a national level is being donated to the hospital. As for local business, we had our election of officers. I would like to extend a hearty thank you to Wayne Stanley for being willing to accept the mantle of leadership for the coming year as our new president. Finally, the holiday party will be held along with our OES brothers and sisters. Currently we are planning this to be closer to Valentine's Day.

Respectfully;
Chris Stechman - President

Dubuque High Twelve Club December, 2016

November 2016 report of High Twelve: While we shouldn't live in the past, we should definitely learn from it to help pave our way for the future. I say that because back in the 50s-60s much of the dining room was filled with distinguished gentlemen who took off at least an hour every Friday from their busy schedule to join us for High Twelve. At which time, they would visit with friends, while enjoying a delicious lunch and meaningful conversation. (Then again, that was back when people had respect for each other and practiced brotherly love.)

At the same time, if I heard things right, back then 1,500-1,800 Masons would regularly call the Temple at 1155 Locust Street their home. (Yes, apparently, the Temple was really a hopping place to be, as people gathered to play all sorts of games and take part in other family activities!)

However, just as time has passed, so have many of our respected Brothers. The younger members coming in, meanwhile, have so many activities and other obligations, they have a hard time making Masonry one of their top priority. (Regrettably, that's also true of many other service groups.)

Actually, we need Masonry more now than ever before! It has always been a beacon of enlightenment and a moral compass. Its very nature is to make us better than we are. As we meet on the level, act by the plumb and depart on the square, let us remember that in our daily lives. By example we honor our tradition. We should be leading from the front.

Respectfully submitted;
David H Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Companions and Sir Knights,
We had a highly productive meeting. Looking towards the new year of 2017 we had covered several different topics. The first item being our slate of officers

for next year. The consensus was to have everyone keep the same offices that are currently being held. This way everyone is already installed into their respective offices and we can continue to improve our Chapter, Council, and Commandery parts.

We also read General Order #1 from Kevin T. Christians, MIGM. Based on the order we will be implementing two new changes for the coming year:

1. Every month we will be taking a collection or working on a fundraiser with the proceeds to benefit Cryptic Masons' Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF).
2. Every meeting will end with a Masonic educational opportunity. While we do have one brother who has graciously volunteered to be responsible for our education; however, as many hands makes for light work I would appreciate any other volunteers to help in our new endeavor.

A big thank you to Keith Robinson for an impromptu education on Iowa Grand Lodge officer selection which makes us immediately compliant with our general order.

Please don't forget December meeting is elections, bring some change for the collection, and of course annual dues of \$81 to cover your 2017 membership in Chapter, Council, and Commandery.

Fraternally;
Chris Stechman

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

Brotherly Dubuqueans,
Well, elections have and gone (our Lodge elections!) Not a controversial as the national elections. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find the position and names of our officers. But how about a plug? Yes, a plug! Are you getting weary about driving at night? Looking for late morning companionship and a refreshing lunch? Try Tri-State Morning Lodge at 10:30 a.m. the second Friday of each month. After Lodge, we gather in the dining

room for a catered lunch with High-Twelve. Remember High-Twelve, since the last time we saw Hiram A. We keep our Lodge meeting short, and defer our educational moment 'til lunch. Lunch is at 12:00 for a nominal fee, followed by High-Twelve and a presentation.

So, if you are second or third shift, avoiding evening driving, or just looking for more Light in Masonry, join us.

As promised, here are our officers for 2017:

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| W.M. | Neil Millard |
| S.W. | Wayne Stanfley |
| J.W. | Herb Koppen |
| Treasurer | Kirk Williams |
| Secretary | Al Tischuk |
| S.D. | Don Wohlers |
| J.D. | Gene Chappell |
| S.S. | Mike Mudrey |
| J.S. | Jack Sibley |
| Tyler | Marcus Eick |

Fraternally;
Neil Millard - WM

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Greetings Brothers!

We made some fantastic progress in our endeavors with our scholarship fund. As a piece of general housekeeping, it was decided the position of representative from the craft for the scholarship committee shall be a 3-year term. This is an elected position and Mike Engling has graciously accepted the post's first term. We also decided that N.I.C.C. will be allowed to pick our first recipients. We will be holding a dinner to honor the recipients and recognize their accomplishments. Please keep an eye out for the dinner details as more information will be coming.

As a reminder, planning is under way for our summer trip to Minnesota. Please contact Smokey to reserve a spot on the bus. At this point our main concern is to get an estimated head count for planning purposes.

Finally, I would like to extend a hearty congratulations to Smokey as our

incoming Master. Best wishes to you and your officers for a fun and successful year.

**Fraternally,
Chris Stechman – WM**

**Mosaic Lodge #125
Regular Meeting Tuesday,
December 13, 2016**

Greetings everyone,
Our November meeting was preceded by a delicious soup supper prepared by Brothers Greg Stechman and Zach Spurgen. We had over a dozen members present to enjoy chicken noodle soup and chili. Thank you brothers Greg and Zach for your preparations.

We then gathered upstairs for our regular meeting where Brother Kevin Nelson from the Grand Lodge Service Committee presented the Ashlar Awards to Brothers John Wissing and Chris McQuillen. Brothers Keith Robertson and Brian Carroll both attended the Grand Master's Area Meeting in Oelwein the previous Saturday where the Grand Master presented his program for the year. He challenged the brethren to be proud of being a mason, be positive and enjoy yourselves, learn something, and act like a mason.

The lodge approved several charity donations from the Schenk fund. Monies were donated to the Iowa Masonic Health Facilities, Rowley Masonic Community, the Iowa Masonic Library Endowment Fund, the Masonic Service Committee, Toys for Tots Foundation, Veterans Freedom Center, Dubuque Labor Harvest, Salvation Army and the Carnegie Stout Public Library. In all, the monies awarded totalled almost \$10,000.

Mosaic Lodge recently completed our degree work: Richard Pacetes, Tom McGuire and Josh Conley all received their third degrees in the past month. Thank you to Metropolitan Lodge #49 for helping with the degrees. Just in are Mosaic Lodge's very own lapel pins. Brother Greg Stechman designed and produced the beautiful

lapel pins, which can be purchased in a pack of 5 for \$25 or they can be purchased individually for \$5. See a member of Mosaic for ordering one. The lodge then held the annual Election of Officers. Brother Brian Kelley was voted in as WM, Brother Shawn Evarts, as SW, Brother Chris McQuillen was voted in as JW, while Brothers Ed Blinks and Keith Robertson were elected as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Brother Jack Smeltzer was elected as a member of the Charity Committee. Mosaic Lodge will be in charge of the Installation and more details will be released next month. At our December meeting Shawn Evarts will have the program and refreshments will be provided by Brother Dan Call. Hope to see you there.

"Freemasonry is a system of morality by the practice of which its members may advance their spiritual interest." from the Candidate Instruction, provided by the Grand Lodge Service Committee of Iowa.

**Fraternally submitted,
Brian Carroll, WM**

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

Greetings!

We motored to Trowel Fellowship at Manchester on October 27th, and had a wonderful evening.

Harold Rosauer owner and artist of "The Wooden Feathers" kept us entranced for an hour, explaining his art to us. Harold is more than a wood carver, he is a genius at carving lifelike figures of birds, animals, and anything he fancies. I was especially amazed at the Ruby Throated Hummingbird he carved. Friends, even a HD photograph would not compare to Harold's skill in making his carvings come to life. Harold was entertaining as well as informative.

And...

we had great refreshments. Brother Wallace said that he didn't make the delicious food. (Hmmm)

Our Stated Meeting in November is also Election of Officers night. It is nice that everyone is willing to take part by

serving. We look forward to another year of great Brotherhood!

Julien Lodge will host the Trowel Christmas party on December 7th. Baked potatoes, chicken, and soft beverages will be furnished by Julien Lodge. Bring a dish to pass if you are able, but please remember the date and come help us celebrate the joy of His Birth. My Brother, we always have a warm welcome waiting for you...and of course...

we'll leave the light on for you!

**Chuck Hawkins;
for WM Art Miller**

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
December 20, 2016
(no report this month – ed.)**

MASONIC CALENDAR

December, 2016

Th 01 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 PM Eat 6:00
F 02 High Twelve
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
Th 15 Dubuque Lodge 7:00 PM
Tu 20 Julien OES 7:30 PM
W 21 Shrine Club 6:00 PM Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 22 Trowel Fellowship 7:30
PM
Su 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Tu 27 MTA

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