



## From the Trestleboard

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### *Al Tischuk*

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Life is a game but golf is serious

## OXUS Grotto #137

### Regular Meeting

**Thursday, January 12, 2017**

Greetings, to all;

The December meeting of Oxus Grotto took place on 8 December, 2016. After a delicious chili meal with rolls and cake for dessert (thank you, Gene and Chris Muntz!), we opened at 7PM.

Secretary Dale Hefel read the minutes from the previous meeting. They were approved as read. There was no Treasurer's report as Prophet Sam Phipps was under the weather and was instructed to stay home. Under Old Business Prophet Steve Sanders made a motion, seconded by Prophet Rocky Tiefel, that the slate of candidates approved at November's meeting be duly elected. Motion passed, so the officers listed last month are our new officers for 2017.

Dale read an Edict from the Supreme Council Edict concerning waiver of dues for suspended members wishing reinstatement. This pretty much matches with our proposed by-laws, so there was no discussion; it was just entered into the minutes.

Being December, there will be no Grotto Breakfast this month. January 29 is the next scheduled. We have noticed (a good thing!) that there has been a slight uptick in people attending the breakfasts since we've publicly "sponsored" several charitable organizations and will sponsor more in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM, peace and harmony prevailed.

As outgoing Monarch, I would like to thank the Grotto for the opportunity to have served this year; I believe we've accomplished some very positive things. I have always received much encouragement and support from the Prophets. I trust that I leave our incoming Monarch a functioning Grotto, and I wish him well.

*Respectfully;*

*Wes Struebing - Monarch*

## Dubuque Lodge #3

### A.F. & AM

**Thursday, January 19, 2017,**

**7:00 PM**

Holiday salutations, brethren from Dubuque Lodge #3.

It has been a brutal December weather-wise so stay warm and safe with loved ones.

This is my first writing in the T/board and I would like to start by sharing my honor in being elected WM by my fellow masons, thank you.

Thursday's Lodge #3 meeting went well and we continue to contribute to organizations requesting assistance at this time of year. I absolutely plan to continue brother Wayne's lead in providing fellowship treats at the end of our stated meetings, although I may not be quite up to "Judy standards". All I can say is I plan to do my best to honor the traditions and ritual of our lodge.

I look forward to see as many of you as can attend the installation on Jan 7.

*Fraternally;*

*Dale Hefel - Master Elect*

## Dubuque Shrine Club

**January 18, 2017**

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 January 6, 2017**

To All from High Twelve, I greet you; Just eleven months ago, I was headed to New Orleans for three days for our midyear conference of High Twelve International. This year, I'll be headed out to Las Vegas in January – strictly for business, as we discuss the progress we've made in this last year, plus make plans for the future.

Of course, one concern that we, as well as, many other organizations is presently facing is how do we increase membership? If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to me. (So, even though they say, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas", I will be sharing my experiences from out there in one of the upcoming Trestleboard issues.)*[ed. Note – thanks, Dave. Please write it up as a separate article]*

Please come and join us at noon most Fridays down at the Masonic Temple at 1155 Locust Street as we attempt to solve the pressing problems of the world. (At the same time, keep in your thoughts and prayers our world leaders so they might make good sound judgments.)

*Respectfully;  
David H. Patton*

## **Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2017  
(nothing to report – ed.)**

## **Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 AM, January 13, 2017**

Brotherly Dubuqueans;  
It is now that time of year when the days start getting longer! But still COLD! So, it is with a warm heart that Brothers of Tri-State Morning Lodge meet. I try to keep the meeting interesting by focusing the educational moment of subtleties of our ritual.

Al Tischuk, a great ritualist, keep us on track and helps to understand what we do and say means and relates to the work.

Are 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.

*Respectfully;  
Neil Millard - WM*

## **Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting**

**Thursday, January 5, 2017**

Merry Christmas, Brothers!  
2016 is almost over, which means that new officers will be installed on Saturday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m. in the Egyptian room. I would like all of the officers to be in attendance. They are

- Worshipful Master - Smokey McGovern
- Senior Warden - Dan Neuhaus
- Junior Warden - Steve Sanders
- Treasurer - Rocky Tiefel
- Secretary - H. Samuel Phipps
- Chaplain - Arvid Saele
- Senior Deacon - Mike Engling
- Junior Deacon - Bill Luensman
- Senior Steward - Bob Benzer
- Junior Steward - Cesar Gonzelas
- Tyler - Gene Muntz

At the January meeting, I will outline my plans for 2017 in the areas of recruitment and ritual.

*Fraternally;  
Smokey McGovern - WM*

## **Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

End of the year greetings to everyone, Before we opened lodge for our regular December meeting, a couple of directors from Area Residential Care spoke to the brethren about the various programs they offer to the intellectually disadvantaged residents in our community. We learned about the many ways in which these people live, work, and interact in the Dubuque area. They also mentioned ways in which we could volunteer to help, if we were interested in doing so.

As soon as we opened lodge Brothers Art Crandon, PGM, and Darrell Freemont presented John Wissing with his jacket as part of his award as "New Mason of the Year". Brother Art spoke about John's impressive work in masonry within his first year and how that determined his choice for the award.

Sadly, it was reported that Brothers Robert Burns and Clark Mitchell have both passed away recently.

Remember Mosaic Lodge now has our own lapel pins which can be purchased in a pack of 5 for \$25 or singly for \$5. See a member of Mosaic or Keith Robertson to make your purchase. Brothers Keith Robertson and Brian Carroll attended the masonic leadership conference in Des Moines and picked up several informative items and tidbits at the beginning of December. Shawn Evarts announced he will be stepping down from his advisory position with our website and instead John Wissing will be taking over. We thank Shawn for his efforts to get the website going again and for keeping it updated. IN 2015 we won the Grand Lodge award for best website in the state.

The Charity committee awarded \$1250 to the Make a Wish Foundation.

**The Installation of Officers is scheduled for Saturday, January 7th, at 10:30 AM in the Egyptian Lodge Room. There will be a free lunch served around noon, immediately following the ceremony. We hope everyone will venture out to either be installed or to**

**support those leading our local lodges next year.**

Reflecting on our outstanding year in Mosaic Lodge, I reminded the brothers of some of the highlights from this past year of 2016. We raised five new brothers, renewed an old membership and had a couple of affiliating brothers join our lodge. Thank you to everyone who had a part in our success and to everyone who supported us. I'm very proud of all we accomplished this year. Keep up the good work.

Before closing lodge for the last time this year, the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge of Sorrow. After the meeting we went downstairs and enjoyed some warm sloppy joes and dessert thanks to Dan Call and his wife.

*"Freemasonry is not a system of religion, but rather the handmaiden of religion. It largely and effectually illustrates one great branch of it - the practice of virtue."* from the Candidate Instruction, provided by the Grand Lodge Service Committee of Iowa.

***Fraternally submitted;***  
***Brian Carroll - WM***

## **Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

We wish all our OES sisters and brothers a most blessed Christmas with warmth and comfort in your homes and safety in your travels.

At our Nov. meeting we held election of officers for 2017 and those are as follows:

WM Jennifer Diller, WP Dave Patton, AM Rebecca Rowe, AP Don Wohlers, Secretary Beverly Godsey, Treasurer Keith Robertson, Conductress Leona Hibben, Assoc. Conductress Helen Rowe. We will hold installation at our stated meeting Dec. 20, 2016. Our WM has ask those who attend to bring Christmas cookies to share at refreshment time.

REMINDER: 2017 dues are payable by Jan. 1, 2017. Please make your check to Julien Chapter #125 and send to: Beverly Godsey, secretary. 5297 Grand Meadow Dr.# 212, Asbury, Iowa 52002. If you have question call. 563-588-4587.

Dates to put on your calendar: The district workshop will be held in Davenport on Jan. 21,2017 at 9:30 A.M. All officers are encouraged to attend. Our Jan. Stated meeting will be Jan. 17 at which time we'll practice the new marches.

***Sincerely;***  
***Bev Godsey – Secretary***

## **MASONIC CALENDAR January, 2017**

Tu 03 York Rite  
We 04 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 PM  
Th 05 Metropolitan Lodge 49  
7:30 PM Eat 6:00  
F 06 High Twelve  
Tu 10 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 PM  
Th 12 Oxus Grotto  
7:30 PM Eat 6:00 PM  
F 13 Tri-State 673 10:30 AM  
Tu 17 Julien OES 7:30 PM  
W 18 Shrine Club 6:00 PM Eat  
Main St. Holiday Inn  
Th 19 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00 PM  
Tu 24 MTA  
Th 26 Trowel Fellowship 7:30  
PM

## **Julien Lodge 551 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Wednesday, January 4, 2017**

As I sit here, trying to think of something interesting and novel that will merit your attention, my thoughts keep returning to the numbers of people and their families who were not as blessed as I during this Christmas time.

I hope that you attended a church of your choice and that you are well. We must also not forget our Brothers and Sisters who are struggling with illness. Hold them in your heart and in your prayers. A phone call or visit may be welcomed; a small Poinsettia plant can warm a room.

And remember that we always have a warm welcome waiting just for you... and of course, we'll leave the light on for you.

God bless us, everyone!

***Merry Christmas!***  
***Chuck Hawkins - WM***

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