



The Trestleboard



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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Greetings, to all;

The January Installation and stated meeting took place on 12 January, 2017. After a delicious ham and bean soup with Italian Bread and brownies for desert (thank you, Prohet Dale Hefel!), we opened at 7PM with installation of elected/elected officers.

Grand Past Monarch Wayne Stanley performed as installing Monarch, and Prophet Arvid Saels performed the Installing Master of Ceremonies duties. Our new Monarch, Dan Neuhaus was installed first and took over the installation duties. After all officers were duly sworn and installed, our meeting began, conducted by our new Monarch. Secretary Dale Hefel read the minutes from the previous meeting. They were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report by Prophet Treasurer Sam Phipps was read and approved. We had 47 rentals last year, a slight increase (any positive is good!). Under Old Business

the motion was made and seconded to approve the revised by-laws. Motion carried, and Monarch Dan had done his first bit of official Grotto Business. There will be five fish fries in March (since Ash Wednesday is the first Wednesday in March this year). Members present received their dues cards for 2017, and once again, Secretary Dale clarified that those in arrears may get caught up by submitting 2017 dues only. The next scheduled breakfast is 29 January. Please contact Prophet Jim (Smokey) McGovern to sign up to help out. We can always use a hand, and one does NOT have to be a Grotto member to do so.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM, peace and harmony prevailed.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing, for

Dan Neuhaus - Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, February 16, 2017,

7:00 PM

Greetings Brethren:

Thursday's Lodge Meeting went as well as I could muster as new Worshipful Master. In no small part thanks to Jack and Wayne who have been my ever-patient mentors. I can see that their example will be my inspiration as the years go by.

Lodge business was fairly routine and I made it thru the closing with a few stumbles. I feel truly blessed to have been faced with the challenges of my office.

On this Inauguration day, I pray for peace and unity.

Fraternally yours;

Dale Hefel - Worshipful Master

Dubuque Shrine Club

February 15, 2017

Back in November of 2016, Wayne Stanley contacted both El Kahir and Kaaba Temples to tell them we planned to install officers at our stated December meeting. So, since El Kahir was not present, we asked Mo Mueller from Kaaba if he would do the honors. (We later learned that was not following proper protocol! So, hopefully, we'll get it right this next time around.)

I know I have put out a plea in the past for people to step up to the plate to help out with the popcorn stand at the fair, but now it's really getting serious! See, if you don't already know Wayne Stanley—'Mr. Popcorn', is in his nineties, plus you can tell he's getting a little slower and slower every day, besides not being steady on his feet. He's also mentioned that he really doesn't know how much longer he can hang in there.

Then, there's Dan Teply – Wayne's right hand man, who has been hospitalized recently with health concerns. Yes, whether you realize it or not these two guys are largely responsible for all the success we've had over the years. The thing is, after doing this for over a combined 40 years, they're ready to pass the torch onto someone else. So, are you that person?

Come join us on the third Wednesday of the month down at the Holiday Inn at 5:30.

Fraternally;

*David Patton, Treas. – for
Wayne Stanley, President*

Dubuque High Twelve Club February 3, 2017

Greetings!

It was so good to see Gene Chappell at High Twelve again. After all, when I first became a Mason fourteen years ago, he was very instrumental in helping me see the Light. (At the same time, please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.)

I'm also beginning to realize that Father Time is catching up to me, and that it's getting harder and harder to recover from a fall. Well, thank goodness for pillows and a recliner! (After all, for much of the month of January, I've been unable to lie down in my own bed.) As many of you know, I don't like to throw anything away, but rather recycle it, so if you know of anyone who is going to need some firewood, I am having several maple and pine trees taken down in the next couple of months. Therefore, let me know if you can use the wood. Come join us down in the Temple dining room at noon on Fridays to commiserate and discuss the problems of the world.

Fraternally;
David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Dear Companions and Sir Knights, Welcome to 2017! Things are starting well enough. High Priest, Illustrious Master and Eminent Commander Chris Stechman is manning the helm again this year. Building upon our resurgence last year we are working on honing our rituals and getting back into formal convocations again. This year the odd number months will be Commandery and the even ones will be Chapter and Council. Again, if you haven't been with us in a while we encourage you to come and see some new faces as well as revisiting and rekindling some old friendships as well.

Back in December new member Brian Carroll, Chris Stechman and Shawn Evarts traveled to Manchester. The reason for this visit was to collect some York Rite items and props used in the degrees that we do not have. It was such a successful that another one is in the works to see if there's anything else we may be able to get and recycle rather than have it be thrown away. During our stated meeting on January 3rd, we discussed purchasing new officer jewels for Chapter as well as 3 replacement ones for Council and begin using them. We also are working on contacting York Rite Bodies in Davenport and Cedar Falls to put on a Festival Day in Dubuque. There are currently 4 new petitioners wishing to further their Masonic Education. We even discussed making an appearance in the Memorial Day Parade. We also began collecting funds for charitable purposes this year at the end of each meeting.

On January 7th at the start of the Installation of Officers Sir Knights Mike Mudrey, Chris McQuillen and Shawn Evarts, in full Knights uniforms, presented the flag of the United States of America. Many of the Blue Lodge brethren said it was the first time they have seen that done in Dubuque and hoped this will continue!**[ed. Note – I sincerely hope so!]**

Also in a more somber note theft as once again struck our Commandery Room. Sir Knight Brian Kelley's uniform coat with medals, chapeau and sword were stolen. The loss is estimated to be about \$1500-\$2000. If you have anything personal in this room I would recommend removing it. If anyone has any information on this or the theft of the Child ID computer from 2015 please contact the Dubuque Police Department. January Birthdays!

Kenneth Pease - Jan. 01

Shawn Evarts - Jan. 12

Until Next Time!
Shawn Evarts
Secretary/Recorder

Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 AM, February 10, 2017

A word of warning from the Worshipful Master! Watch where you step, when you are outside. Am badly bruised and have cracked ribs. They are very painful. It doesn't help, when your friends tell jokes to make you laugh! I can swear to it, by experience. Our January meeting went well. We didn't have many mistakes in our ritual. If the Master (me) didn't make many, we are nearly perfect. Stop by, on the second Friday at 10:30 and join us.

Fraternally,
Neil Millard, W.M.

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2017

Greeting Brothers:

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year! Please note that our **March** meal and meeting will be at the Oxus Grotto, starting at 6:30. We will be honoring our scholarship recipients and their families. The meal will be catered and all Metropolitan brothers and their wives are invited. Please RSVP your attendance to me at 563.588.8044 or by email to jamesmcgovern50@gmail.com. I would like everyone to respond.

Dale Seubert, PM, has invited all Masons of Dubuque and surrounding communities to attend Lake Harriet Lodge #217 in Minneapolis, MN on June 3, 2017. The itinerary is

6:00AM	Leave Dubuque
11 –	Burgers served
12:30	
12:30 –	Visit Minnesota
2:30	Masonic Heritage Center
3:00	Exemplify the Third Degree, followed by Table Lodge

It's about a 5-hour trip, so please call or email me if you plan on attending. I hope

we have a good turnout for this great opportunity.

Fraternally,
James (Smokey) McGovern, W.M.

**Mosaic Lodge #125
Regular Meeting Tuesday,
February 14, 2017**

We wish to extend our greetings as we set off on a new year.

The installation of officers was held on Saturday, January 7, 2017. There was a good turn of officers but it would have been nice to see a few more on the side lines.

Pictures were taken of our officers for the year and they will be soon posted on our Web Site at

www.mosaiclodge125.com.

Our first regular meeting was held on the 10th, an Annual Lodge of Sorrow was also opened at this time. We had a good turnout considering the weather, it was quite icy in the morning.

Several of our newer members are taking office this year. They are doing a great job and we appreciate all they are doing for Mosaic.

Zachary Spurgeon, one of our new members, is Chaplain this year and plans on making visits to our Masonic Widows. Zach attends the University of Dubuque and studying for ministry. He is also working on getting a group together to come to the Temple on Thursdays' to play pool. So if you are interested come on down.

W.M Kelley had P.M. Brian Carroll conducted to the East to present him with his Past Master's Certificate. Brian had a great year and we appreciate all he does for the lodge.

W.M. Kelley, called up the lodge for a moment of silent pray for our departed brother Raymond Mieke who passed away on January 5, 2017. Raymond lived in Charleston, SC and had been a member just short of 55 years. We wish to extend our thoughts and prayers to the member of his family.

We are making progress on the sale of our pins. If you have no heard Mosaic

has it "own" pin. This a fund raiser for he lodge. They sell for \$5.00 each and can be purchased from one of our officers or by sending your money to our Secretary, Keith Robertson, 1355 W Third St., Dubuque Iowa 52001-6445 and have one mailed to you.

The program for the evening was given by WM Kelley and was in regards to his plans for the coming year..A couple things planned are, a trip to the Grand Lodge Library, a Table Lodge on June 26, 2017,this will be sponsored by all the Dubuque Lodges and our Scholarship Awards/Prospect night on May 17, 2017..

Speaking of Scholarships, if you know of anyone graduating from the Dubuque Public High Schools be sure to have them apply They can do so, on line, by going to Mosaic's Web Site,

www.mosaiclodge125.com, or by calling

563-583-1322 and have one mailed out. The applications must be post marked by February 15, 2017 or can be dropped off at the Temple by that date

We wish to thank Keith for furnishing the refreshments for the evening.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Casey Kane will have the program and the refreshments will be furnished by Russell Hibben.

Hope you can come down and join us.

Brian Kelley
Worshipful Master

**Julien Lodge 551
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

I hope that each of you took time to drive through Hillcrest Family Services annual "LIGHTS IN THE PARK" at Dubuque Murphy Park. This is always a fun evening, and raises funds for the kids at the same time...and wasn't it beautiful? We thank Hillcrest for always being there for the people of our communities.

Installation of 2017 Officers has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 1, 2017 on our Stated Meeting night. Refreshments will follow.

Congratulations to Worshipful Master-elect Chuck Hawkins and his new officers for 2017. And we give many thanks to all outgoing officers who have made 2016 so enjoyable.

Thank you for all your hard work. Well done my Brothers! Thought for the Day: A lot of folks think closeness to God means knowing all the right answers. But I don't agree. I think closeness to God begins the night we toss and turn in bed, realizing we don't know it all. Look at the Bible. Some of its finest saints were long on questions: Job on his ash heap, the disciples asking Jesus to teach them to pray, Nicodemus grilling Jesus late into the night, even Jesus on the cross.

Having spent much of my life showing off my smarts, I nearly choke on the words "I don't know." Still, I suspect those words might be the kingdom keys. What it boils down to is that God doesn't care whether we have right answers. Just right hearts.

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

Chuck Hawkins, Worshipful Master

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
February 21, 2017**

On this cold, rainy, icy day it is time to write news of our chapter again. Our meeting has been postponed until Jan. 24th at 7p.m. so everyone make note of our change. We will be going to Davenport for the District workshop held by our District Instructor, Vicki Wallner, on Jan. 21. It starts at 9 a.m. so lets carpool as much as possible.

Just a few facts about our membership I think is of interest:

I have made out our annual report and find that we have 61 members on our roll. Of that number 18 live out the area or out of state, 12 are in nursing home or very elderly, 32 are 75 yrs. old or more

and only are 7 are younger than 50. That gives you an idea that we need every member, who is able, to support our chapter by attending our meeting and perhaps taking an office. Julien Chapter has a long and memorable history which we would like to see carried on for years to come. We may not do things as elaborately as years ago but we still strive to support the projects promoted by Grand Chapter such as the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone, Mathilda A. Bartell OES Home in Decorah, the ESTARL awards for students in religious training, youth, TLC (making port-a-cath pillows), blood donation, and the special project for this year: Vision for the Stars (raising funds for research on vision problem), regenerative medicine, first responders.

We wish all our members near and far a very Happy New Year and good health.

Sincerely,
Beverly Godsey, secretary,
Jennifer Diller WM
Dave Patton WP

MASONIC CALENDAR

February, 2017

We 01 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 PM
Th 02 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 PM Eat 6:00
F 03 High Twelve
Tu 07 York Rite
Th 09 Oxus Grotto
7:30 PM Eat 6:00 PM
F 10 Tri-State 673 10:30 AM
Tu 14 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 PM
W 15 Shrine Club 6:00 PM Eat
Main St. Holiday Inn
Th 16 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00 PM
Tu 21 Julien OES 7:30 PM(Drk)
Th 23 Trowel Fllwshp 7:30 PM
Tu 28 MTA

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