



From the Trestleboard

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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Greetings, Prophets;

Oxus Grotto #137 met in due form on 9 March, 2017. Many "thank you's" to Prophet Steve Sanders for a sumptuous repast. (and thank you, Prophet Rocky Tiefel, for standing in for our Monarch, Dan Neuhaus, who had prior commitments.)

According to Prophet Treasurer Sam Phipps, Grotto rentals are well up this, so the suggestion is that if you wish to rent the facilities, get your requests in early! A correction must be made to last month's instalment; the article said 5 Fish Fry's are scheduled. That is incorrect – there will be FOUR – on the following dates, all in March – 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/31 (note the 24th is skipped). Otherwise, the information is correct. Price if the same as last year, and as in years past, carry-outs are available for no extra cost (\$8.00). If carry -outs are requested early, they can be picked up at 5:00.

Times are 5:00PM – 7:30PM, and menu is: baked or fried fish, baked

potato/French fries, close slaw, vegetable, dessert and a drink. Prophet Monarch Dan Neuhaus has acquired some new sign to replace the heavy, clunky, storyboard sign to advertise our fires and breakfasts (the next one is on 26 Feb). We now have several teardrop flags that we will place. Far more portable and easier to handle at multiple locations. Come join us at the Grotto every 2nd Thursday of the month. We'd love to have you, and we'd love to see you become a member of our merry band!

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing (via Smokey McGovern)

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 7:00 PM

Greetings Brethren;

Well if trial by fire is good for my second meeting as WM, this one was a challenge.

I was informed prior to tonight's meeting that there would be representatives from Grand Lodge. To my surprise the Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and several Grand Lodge dignitaries were in attendance at DBQ 3's meeting this evening. They had come to provide guidance on some pressing concerns as well as to announce several upcoming events. The most important was that Grand Lodge this year will be in Davenport not Waterloo. I want to thank them for their attendance and patience with my shaky presentation of ritual. Another guest was Jim (Smokey) McGovern announcing a trip to visit to Minnesota late this spring. In all it was an informative meeting with fellowship and treats following.

Yours Fraternally;

Dale Hefel - WM

Dubuque Shrine Club

March 15, 2017

With all the warm weather we've been having the last couple of weeks, I'm itching to get out to do some yardwork. To go along with that comes the parading. Meanwhile, the Fez Mobile is raring to go!

Plus, with Dan Teply and Wayne Standfley taking care of all the mechanical problems, it's running like a top! (A top that burns a lot of oil!) With Spring just around the corner, so too is the Child ID event. Meanwhile, over the years, we've taken care of about a half dozen communities, and hope to add even more as the years go by. So, if you can help out, we'd greatly appreciate it.

This year, Stacy Stechman has been in contact with some group out east who have deep pockets and fancy cars – something like the Fire Ball Express who will be coming to Dubuque in September. They will be promoting the safe return of missing children, in memory of Lyric Cook and Elizabeth Collins.

Come join us every 3rd Wednesday at the Downtown Holiday Inn at 5:30.

Fraternally;

David H. Patton - Treasurer

Dubuque High Twelve Club

March 3, 2017

Ever since I became a member of High Twelve, back in 2003, we have regularly been giving money to the Wolcott Foundation – a group who gives out scholarships annually to young men and women to further their education in community service. However, after the midyear meeting of International a few

weeks ago, in Las Vegas, I think we need to reconsider to whom we donate.

That's because there is a lack of transparency! For the last several years, they will not share with us their bylaws, plus give us an accounting of how much money they've taken in – or even given out! Plus, the founder of the group, though he is in failing health, refuses to give up his control.

While High Twelve is not the only contributor to the foundation, we are a major stockholder. We, therefore, expect to see an annual report. Which they have, up until now, refused to produce. (Well, something smells fishy!) Yes, here again, is another example that there needs to be more oversight and regulations concerning organizations that claim to be a 501(c)(3). Come join us every Friday in the dining room at the Masonic Temple 12:00 noon.

Respectfully;
David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

(no report this month – ed.)

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

Greetings from Tri State!
Our Master, Neil Millard, is feeling better. His ribs are beginning to heal. So glad he is on the mend.
We had a very good opening, at our Lodge meeting this month. We made few mistakes. Al Tischuk said we did quite well, for a bunch of elderly guys. Two of us are 90, and the rest are close to 70. That means there are many years of experience.
If anyone would like help with their ritual, drop on by. We meet on the second Friday of each month and would be happy to help, in any way we can. Hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day!

Fraternally;
Wayne Stanfley - Senior Warden

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

Greetings from Metropolitan Lodge #49; Next meeting, Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Oxus Grotto.

Thank you to Dan Neuhaus for providing our meal in February.

Our next meeting will be at the Oxus Grotto. Be there at 6 PM to help set up for our meal to honor our 3 scholarship recipients and their families. The meal will be catered by Poor Man's Café. Members and their Ladies are invited. I have been in contact with WM Larry Raymond of Potosi, WI. His Lodge, along with Lodges from Platteville and Prairie du Chien would like to visit our Lodge and Temple. Also, they have planned a camp out and picnic in September at the Great River campground in Potosi, and we have been invited to participate. September 8 & 9 are campout nights and Sunday is the picnic. If you just want to attend the picnic on Sunday, that is fine.

Fraternally;
James (Smokey) McGovern - W.M.

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2017

It's beginning to feel a lot like Spring but since it is only the middle of February I don't think I would be in a hurry to put the snow shovel away!!

We received word that Robert Biasi passed away. Robert lived in Portland, Oregon and had been a member of Mosaic for 63 years. The family will be bringing his ashes back to Dubuque Memorial Day Weekend. A Masonic Funeral Service is being planned at that time. We will keep you informed when we get further information. We wish to extend our sympathies to Robert's family.

It was reported that P.M. Wayne Coursey had knee replacement surgery.

We wish him a speedy recovery. Wayne was Master of Mosaic in 1966. P.M. Tom McKeon reported that the TV show Animal Planet would like to hold a Town Hall meeting in Dubuque in November 2017. It would be a three-hour question and answer session. They would need to have at least 200 sign up to hold it. Tom was checking to see if Mosaic would like to have a Snack Bar for those attending. This could be a fund-raising project for the Lodge. We will have more information when the event gets closer.

We have received several Scholarship Applications. The committee will be meeting shortly to review them and interview the Applicant before they make their final decision. We will be holding our awards night on May 17, 2017 with a dinner inviting the recipients and their parents down to receive their scholarships.

We would like to thank Russ Hibben for our refreshments following lodge. It was Limburger and onions on rye bread. It was enjoyed by all. If you have not tried Limburger Cheese, you should give it a try. It is really very good. For those who don't know, this is an annual event for the lodge.

I would like to remind everyone to check their dues cards to see if they have paid their 2017 dues. We still have a few outstanding.

Our next regular meeting will be on March 14, 2017, Shawn Evarts will have the program, the refreshments will be furnished by Bob Happ. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally;
Brian Kelley - Worshipful Master

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

A priest, two A ministers, and a rabbi walk onto a ship...Sounds like the beginning of a joke, yet the wonder of the Dorchester Chaplains is the way four men, in an attempt to save others, bravely gave up their life jackets, joined

arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. The ship was the Dorchester, a civilian cruise ship, pressed into military service and refitted as a troop transport ship. A liner designed for three hundred and fourteen passengers and ninety crew would now be able to carry slightly more than nine hundred passengers and crew. The Dorchester set out from New York on the twenty-third of January, 1943, en route to Greenland, carrying the four chaplains and approximately nine hundred others. During the early morning hours of the third of February, 1943, at five minutes past midnight, the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Newfoundland.

Panic set in among the men on board, many of them trapped below decks. The chaplains sought to calm the men and organize an orderly evacuation of the ship. As life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out before each man had one. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." We may not be heroic; at least, let us be useful.

We'll leave the light on for you.
Chuck Hawkins, Worshipful Master

Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Sisters and brothers;
Another month is upon us. Can you believe the second one of 2017! Feb. is dark for Julien Chapter so we are noting upcoming events. March 7th several officers will be going to Bellevue Chapter's meeting to practice for our joint school. Check with our W.M. Jennifer Diller for the time. Then our stated meeting will be March 21st at 7p.m. at which time we can get in another practice for school that will be in Bellevue on April 1st at 12:30. We will be

having an inspection with initiation at 7 p.m. so plan to stay and take part.
REMINDER: dues are now payable.
Make your check to Julien Chapter and send to: Beverly Godsey, secretary, 5297 Grand Meadow Dr. #212, Dubuque, Iowa 52002.

We wish you good health
Jennifer Diller - WM.
Dave Patten - WP.
Beverly Godsey Sec'y

MASONIC CALENDAR March, 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 7:00 PM
Th 23 Trowel Flwshp 7:30 PM
Tu 28 MTA

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