



From the Trestleboard

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Al Tischuk

Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Oxus meeting went well. We had 11 members in attendance. Let's keep those numbers up.

Thanks to all who came!

The November breakfast is a fund raiser for Cory Watson who is battling a rare form of cancer.

Everyone come out and give your support. Smokey said he would get a new flag and I will look for a solar light for the top of the pole. Grotto Christmas party will be in January and will be catered by Poor man's cafe. Beef and chicken will be on the menu. All Prophets and their spouse/significant other are welcome to attend. No children please.

Respectfully and Fraternally;

Dan Neuhaus - Monarch, Oxus Grotto #137

Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & AM

**Thursday, December 21, 2017,
7:00 PM**

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular session on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00PM. Most everyone has sent in their dues for 2018. We had an old friend, member Rod Hammerand, attend, and since we were short a chair, he graciously consented to take our Jr. Deacon spot. Thank you, Rod!

Elections were the main agenda topic, and on that note, our officers for 2018 are as follows:

Dale Hefel – Worshipful Master
Wesley Struebing – Senior Warden
Dave Patton – Junior Warden
Jack Smeltzer – Secretary
Wayne Stanley – Treasurer
Appointed offices will be assigned later. Brother Jack Smeltzer provided after-meeting refreshments; thank you, Jack! While the weather may be cold and dreary, the spirit in the Lodge is warm and friendly. Come join us!

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing for

Dale Hefel – Worshipful Master

Dubuque Shrine Club December 20, 2017

The Dubuque County Shrine Club met at the Holiday Inn in downtown Dubuque at 5:30 on November 15th. Eight people were present. Our main order of business was the election of officers for 2018. They are as follows: president – Dan Teply; first vice-president – Wes Struebing; second vice-president – Wayne Stanley; secretary – Brian Kelley; treasurer – David Patton

Following the election of officers, Mike Chapman – Chief Rabban from Kaaba, had the honor of installing them.

Other Shriners that you need to keep in your prayers are Steve Bateman and Russ Hibben.

Mike Chapman then reported how the next couple months are going to be very busy for Kaaba. He is especially pushing a New Year's Eve dance. For more information, contact Kaaba's office in Davenport.

We hope you'll join us for our next meeting on December 20th. Here's hoping you'll have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Fraternally;

David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club December 8, 2017

High Twelve #119 met on the second Friday, November 10th down in the Temple dining room to enjoy our Thanksgiving dinner. Brother Ed Blinks gave the blessing.

The main order of business for the day was electing officers for 2018. The following officers were elected:

president – Dave Patton; vice-president - Ed Blinks; secretary – Jack Smeltzer; treasurer – Neil Millard.

Dave Patton filled everyone in on the midyear meeting of NCA. Later, interest was expressed in finding out about tattooing, since one of our newest Masonic members – Jacob Helm is into that as a business.

Hoping you will come down and join us on December 8th to join us for our next meeting. Here's also hoping you have a nice Thanksgiving.

Respectfully;

David H Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Greetings Brothers and Sir Knights;
It is hard to imagine that another year is coming to a close. By the time you are reading this we will have but one remaining communication for the year. While some lament the ever-quickening pace of life and how quickly everything seems to slip past us, others take great cheer in knowing the holidays are near. As is the custom this time of year, let us each take time to give thanks for the many blessings that have revealed themselves to us this past year as well as look forward to what lay ahead in our journey. Personally, I am thankful for the opportunity to lead our local York Rite bodies, to be able to get to know each and every one of you, and for the many opportunities to reach beyond our local organization to gain new perspectives and deeper understanding of our gentle craft.

Looking towards the future, we have some very important dates close on the horizon. Our local blue lodges will be holding their installation of officers on January 6. At this time, it is my understanding that York Rite will be responsible for presentation of colors. Sir Knights, please bring your Commandary uniforms so we are able to fulfil this request. More information will be coming as quickly as possible. Another date to please put on your calendar is January 20, 2018. The York Rite bodies are planning a dinner for that day with a social starting at 4:00 PM. This will be open to our ladies and our families as well as a great opportunity to invite non- York brothers to join in the festivities. There will be more information with our next Trestleboard, but for now please save the date. Finally, please don't forget that our December meeting is elections night. This is your chance to make your voice heard on how you would like to see the next year run. As always, our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully;
Chris Stechman

Tri-State Morning Lodge

#673 Friday, 10:30 AM, December 8, 2017

Dear Brothers;
We are excited!
MBro Jacob Helm was courteously raised by Mosaic on Monday November 6 2017. We have already discussed with High Twelve having him make a presentation on tattooing, his profession. I really know little about it except during my time with the service, only sailors and marines were tattooed!
Tri-State Morning Lodge No. 673 will be hosting installation of Dubuque lodge officers on Saturday January 6, 2018 at the temple at 10:00 a.m. with a wonder lunch to follow.

In masonic harmony;
Neil Millard - Worshipful Master

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Greetings Brothers:
Our December meal will be provided by Gene Muntz. We will meet upstairs in the men's lounge, due to another activity in the kitchen.
Once again, we are awarding three \$800 scholarships. NICC will again select our three recipients. We will hold a dinner in the future to honor the recipients and recognize their accomplishments. Details will be published in a future issue.
It seems like 2017 went by in a flash.
Here are the officers for 2018:
WM - Dan Neuhaus
SW - James McGovern
JW - Steve Sanders
Treasurer - Rocky Tiefel
Secretary - H. Samuel Phipps
Chaplain - Arvid Saele
SD - Michael Engling
JD - William Luensman
SS - Robert Benzer
JS - Jeff Kotz
Tyler - Gene Muntz

Fraternally,
James (Smokey) McGovern W.M.
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Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2017

November started out by doing a 3rd Degree, as courtesy work for Tri-State Morning Lodge #673. Their candidate was Santrum Patton. We were a little short on the numbers needed for the 3rd but with some doubling up he got a good degree.

Our November meeting was preceded by a soup supper prepared by Greg Stechman and was enjoyed by all. The petitions for the Degrees in Masonry from Jonathan Moore and Nicholas King were read for the second time, and on a vote of the Lodge they were elected. Their 1st Degree is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2017. We are planning on doing both candidates that evening. It also looks like we may be reading two new petitions at our December meeting. The petitions we have been receiving and electing to membership have come from young people and when once receiving their degrees have shown an interest in taking an active role in the lodge. This is very good sign for the lodge as we look to the future.

Mosaic voted to make a \$1250.00 Charitable Contribution to the Dubuque Museum of Art. This contribution will assist them in bringing 30 original paintings and prints to Dubuque by 20th century artist Charles Thwaites, who had strong ties to Dubuque. He became one of the most recognized artists in America in the 1930s and 40s. His work will in the coming in Spring 2018. These funds are made possible by the Schneck Trust. The election of officers was held, and the following were elected to serve Mosaic in 2018: Worshipful Master, Shawn Evarts, Senior Warden, Brian Carroll, Junior Warden, Gregory Stechman, Treasurer, Edwin Blinks, PGM, Secretary, Keith Robertson.

Installation is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2018, starting at 10:30AM. There will be a light lunch following the installation.

Just a reminder that the 2018 dues are payable. They are still at \$77.00.

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday December 12, 2017 starting at 7:00PM. The program is to be announced. The refreshments will be furnished by Jack Smeltzer. Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and don't come away from the dinner table too stuffed.

Respectfully;
Brian Kelley - Worshipful Master

**Julien Lodge 551
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

It was a dark and stormy night... but the Brothers came to lodge in spite of the weather (and trite mystery words).

We did the usual housecleaning chores; bills, etc., and then began planning for our Annual Trowel Fellowship Christmas dinner party.

Thursday, December 7 2017, at 6:00 p.m. is the date, so remember it. We will begin eating at 6:00 p.m. Julien Lodge will supply the Broasted Chicken, baked Potatoes, and drinks; the other Lodges please bring a dish to pass.

Good food, Good Christmas Music, and Good Fellowship! We hope to see you there!

(We will leave the light on!)

Respectfully;
Chuck Hawkins, Worshipful Master

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
December 19, 2017**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!

We hope you will all be able to count your blessings!

Our stated meeting will be Nov. 20th, preceded by a soup supper at 5:30 in the dining room at the Temple. We invite all members to attend.

The meeting will convene at 7pm. The main item besides regular business will be election of officers for 2018.

God bless and keep you all!

Jennifer Diller - WM.
Dave Patton - WP.
Beverly Godsey - Sect.



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings
(a guest editorial)

As always, thanks to the work Al Tischuk does in getting this monthly publication out to 100's of Mason & Star mbrs around the country. Yes, AROUND the country as many of us do not live in or near Dubuque inc. the late Ken Pease, a great Mason & former U of Dbq professor. Also, many are shut-ins or have conflicts that keep them from getting to meetings. Thus, the Trestleboard is our life-line. So, a BIG thanks to Jim "Smokey" McGovern, the only organizational head who shares a phone number for those who need more info. How about the other half dozen bodies? Can't you share an email address and/or phone # so the majority of your members who do NOT attend meetings, can keep in touch, ask questions, share updates, etc etc?

Thanks!

Gerald Edgar - Mosaic #125 & Dbq High-Twelve

(also, Ye Olde Editor's note): Since elections for the various organizations either have already taken place or will do so shortly (as this is being written), please, please, please remember to designate someone to write up/submit your Trestleboard columns. We need to know so we ding the proper person's bell for getting the submission in to us. Thank you for your co-operation!

Ye Olde Editor

Masonic Calendar: December, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 York Rite	6 Julien Lodge #551 7:30PM	7 Metropolitan Lodge #49 7:00PM, eat at 6:00PM	8 High Twelve Tri-State #673 10:30AM	9
10	11	12 Mosaic Lodge #125 7:00PM	13	14 Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	15	16
17	18	19 Julien OES #125 7:00PM	20 Shrine Club 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	21 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM	22 Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	23
24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 MTA Board	17	28 Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM	29	20
31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!					

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