



From the Trestleboard

To the Secretaries, Members and others receiving the Trestleboard. The Trestleboard would like any address changes, new members, deaths or members temporarily away to turn in these changes to

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In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Thanks to Arvid Saele for providing the meal for our January meeting. We initiated Leon "Les" Sonksen into the Order of Veiled Prophet. Congratulations, Les!

Our next breakfast will be on February 26th. We will be serving from 8AM – 12:30PM. The proceeds will benefit St. Luke's Youth and their annual mission trip (MT. TOP) to Tennessee. Looking ahead, we will have three fish fries in March. Those dates are March 3, 10 and 17. It will be carry out only. Serving will be from 5PM to 7:30PM.

Last year we had 42 rentals, and most of those are on the weekends. Sam Phipps does a good job of opening and closing for our rentals and taking care of contracts. If you are thinking about hosting an event and need a rental space, give Sam a call at **563.556.8105**.

Respectfully,

James "Smokey" McGovern

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Before our regularly scheduled meeting for Dubuque #3, on Thursday, January 19th, the Auditing Committee met with Jack Smeltzer down in the dining room to go over the books for 2022. Now, if you have ever sat in on one of Jack's presentations, it is impeccable as well as being very thorough!

I should also mention, for many years, we haven't added to our membership numbers - particularly with the younger generation. However, that seems to be changing, as several young men have either recently joined, or are in the process of preparing for their degree work. It also sounds as if these young men are very ambitious, and want to quickly move up into a leadership role, while also gaining recognition at the Grand Lodge level.

In addition to our regular business, we discussed an upcoming courtesy third degree work down at the Temple on Monday, January 23rd that we plan to do alongside the group from Farley – Julien Lodge #551. (Apparently, their meeting room still has a lot of smoke damage from a recent fire.) The next meeting for Dubuque #3 will be February 16th at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted;

David H. Patton - JW

Key City Shrine Club

February 15, 2023

(Key City Shrine Club is in the process of disbanding, due to lack of membership)

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

York Rite, which has been inactive for a number of months, will have a (re)organizational meeting on 7 Feb, 2023. Please meet at the Grotto at 7:00PM, to discuss important issues relating to re-establishing York Rite in Dubuque. Anyone interested should show up!

Thank you.

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Metropolitan #49 met on January 5th with 6 members present.

We are having a dinner for our scholarship recipients on February 2nd at 6:30. All Masons are welcome to attend. Dinner will be provided by Poor man's cafe. RSVP to Sam Phipps at hsamphipps@gmail.com, or call him at **563-556-8105**.

Respectfully;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125

Regular Meeting Tuesday,

February 14, 2023

We're off and running. Mosaic Lodge held its first meeting of the new year on January 10. We're already looking at activities. Valentine's day is drawing near. We want to honor the wives and/or girl friends of our members. A dinner is being planned for Sunday evening, February 12, 2023. If you would like to attend, please contact Brother Les Songsen at **563-590-0536**. There will be more information later. Reservations are a must.

I should remind you that your 2023 membership dues are now due and payable. As per the Grand Lodge Code, unpaid dues are considered delinquent after January 1.

It would certainly be great to see an increase in attendance at our meetings. We still meet at 7:00PM on the second Tuesday of each month at the Oxus Grotto building in Asbury. Please enjoy the rest of the season and stay healthy.

Fraternally;
Jack Smeltzer - WM

**Bellevue Chapter #359 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
March 7, 2023**

(Bellevue OES is dark in January and February. See you in March!)



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

In the grip of cold, icy winter (January in Iowa!), it's time for a little brightness and to challenge our minds once again. So, thanks to our Brother Gerald Edgar, we present you with his latest bit of Masonic trivia. Welcome to "Little House on the Prairie! Without further ado, Brother Gerald presents:

We're all familiar with the prominent Masons who were born in Iowa: John Wayne, the Ringling & Mayo brothers, V-P Henry Wallace, Grant Wood, etc., but how about those Brothers from other states who spent time in Iowa? Consider: Charles Ingalls, father of famous "Little House" author Laura Ingalls Wilder (who herself was an OES member) was a Mason who lived in Burr Oak with his famous family for two years. Samuel "Mark Twain" Clemens spent most of 1854 thru 1857 in Muscatine & Keokuk, working for his brother Orion, a newspaper owner. Famous explorers Lewis and Clark were in the Sioux City area from late July to early September of 1804. The interpretive center there at Sergeant's

Bluff shares much of the detail of their Iowa sojourn.

*How's that? A little different 'twist'.
Gerald Edgar (641) 923-2573*

Masonic Calendar: February, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Metropolitan Lodge #49 7:00PM, eat at 6:00PM	3	4
5	6	7 York Rite Bellevue OES (Dark)	8	9 Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	10	11
12	13	14 Mosaic Lodge #125 7:00PM ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥	15 Shrine Club 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	16 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 MTA Board	22	23 Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM	24	25
26	27	28				

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