



## 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

[dubuquetrestleboard@gmail.com](mailto:dubuquetrestleboard@gmail.com), send them to The Trestleboard, 1155 Locust ST, DUBUQUE, IA 52001, or leave them in the Trestleboard mailbox at the Dubuque Masonic Temple.

### Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

## OXUS Grotto #137

### Regular Meeting

**Thursday, March 9, 2023**

Due to the inclement(!) weather on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Oxus Grotto did not meet.

However, the Grotto Breakfast will resume this month-end, February 26<sup>th</sup>. This month, Mountain Top Youth Group from St. Luke's United Methodist Church will assist and be sponsored. Proceeds from the Breakfast will go to the youth group's annual trip. Please come and enjoy the good food and the fellowship, and help a good cause!

*Respectfully submitted;*

*The Prophets of Oxus Grotto*

## Dubuque Lodge #3

### A.F. & AM

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

Due to the inclement weather on February 16<sup>th</sup>, Dubuque Lodge #3 was postponed until February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Since and ice storm descended on the area the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the regular communication was canceled for February. We **will** meet on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

*(in the re-constituting process. Please stay tuned!)*

## Metropolitan Lodge #49

### Next Meeting

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

Not much going on here. We had 5 members present at our stated meeting. Steve Sanders supplied a tasty meatloaf dinner. After dinner we practiced our opening and closing which went better than anyone expected. Smokey, you are next in line for March dinner.

*Brotherly and Fraternally;*

*Dan Neuhaus WM*

## Mosaic Lodge #125

**Regular Meeting Tuesday,  
March 14, 2023**

Mosaic Lodge met on Tuesday, February 14 for the second stated communication of the year. Attendance was low but we had some good discussions. We've begun to embark upon lodge activities. We held a Valentine's dinner with the ladies as our guests. That was a successful event. There were fourteen people present. PGM Edwin Blinks installed Brother Joe Hartel as Junior Warden. We still have some additional officers to be installed. As with all organizations, membership is a concern. We are fortunate to have received one affiliation. We also received one petition for the degrees of Freemasonry. We can look forward to more Masonic activities. Spring isn't far away.

*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

We at the Trestleboard offices in the basement of the Temple, tucked behind the stage in the dim light hope that all of you Masons, Ladies and Affiliates are staying safe, warm and intact during these late Winter tantrums. Serious on the good wishes!

And since it IS the dregs of Winter (think; in March Spring will arrive!), we have another piece of Masonic history in the state of con...err Iowa, and Dubuque, in particular, from our illustrious (and that's no joke, sir!) Brother, Gerald Edgar. He writes:

PS - I grew up @ 1324 Atlantic, one block from Allison-Henderson Park. Walking by the monument there (see below), little did I know one day I would join their Lodge!

Dubuque has produced a number of nationally prominent residents over the years and not surprisingly, a disproportionate number are Masons. William Boyd Allison, at his passing in 1908, was the longest serving U.S. Senator in Iowa history - a record only broken by Brother Chuck Grassley in 2014.

Born in Perry, Ohio in 1829, Allison moved his law practice from Ashland, Ohio (where he became a Mason) to

Dubuque in 1857. An older brother was living here at the time. He became a charter member of Mosaic #125 in 1858. An active member of the Republican Party from its inception, he was a friend of Presidents from Lincoln to Teddy Roosevelt. Elected to the Senate in 1872, he twice was a dark horse candidate for President and turned down four offers to serve in three President's cabinets. Re-elected for what would have been his 7<sup>th</sup> Senate term, he died suddenly in 1908. Married twice (1<sup>st</sup> wife passed away), he had no children. He was active in the Presbyterian church. Very beloved, the County seat of Butler County was named for him and a large monument was created on the south side of the Iowa Capital. Dubuque's Allison-Henderson Park is named for him and this Mason:

David Bremner Henderson was born in Scotland in 1840, his family immigrating to Winnebago County, IL in 1847 and to Clermont, IA in 1849 (a statue honoring Henderson remains on the grounds of the Clermont Episcopal Church). Graduating from Upper Iowa University, he enlisted in the Union Army, losing part of a foot and a leg in two separate battles in 1862. With a war-time Commissioning, he opened a law practice in Dubuque in 1865, joining Mosaic Lodge. He served in the U.S. Congress in 1882 until 1902, the last four years as Speaker of the House, the ONLY Iowan yet to achieve this office. Resigning from Congress, he practiced law in NYC for several years, ultimately returning to Dubuque. Both he and Sen. Allison are buried in Linwood Cemetery. His portrait is in the U.S. House and statues of him exist inside the Carnegie-Stout Library and the Iowa Historical Society as well as Clermont.

***Gerald A Edgar***

## Masonic Calendar: March, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Metropolitan Lodge #49 7:00PM, eat at 6:00PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> York Rite  Bellevue OES	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Mosaic Lodge #125 7:00PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM <b>Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> MTA Board	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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