

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, 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 9th, 2023, Oxus Grotto did not meet.

However, the Grotto Breakfast will resume this month-end, February 26th. 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 16th, Dubuque Lodge #3 was postponed until February 23rd, 2023. Since and ice storm descended on the area the week of the 23rd, the regular communication was canceled for February. We **will** meet on March 16th, 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

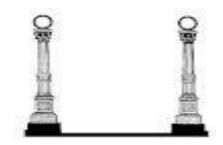
Mosaic Lodge met on Tuesday, February 14 for the second stated communication of the year. Attendance was low but we had some good discussions. We've begun to embark upon lodge activities. We held a Valentine's dinner with the ladies as our guests. That was a successful event. There were fourteen people 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. Reelected for what would have been his 7th Senate term, he died suddenly in 1908. Married twice (1st 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 in1840, 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 lowan 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

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

Masonic Calendar: March, 2023

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