



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, June 8, 2023

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Greetings Prophets;

Thanks to Les Sonksen for the delicious meal of "Got to Go" stew and corn bread. I had never heard of this stew, but it refers to leftovers in the fridge that have "got to go". We also sang Happy Birthday to Les, who turned 96 on May 12th.

Next spring, Autumn Drive will be under construction. In anticipation of that work, we will need to install a new gate in the back fence so that Al Tischuk can get his tractor in to mow. Thanks, Al, for keeping the grounds looking nice.

We have 36 rentals so far this year. If you need to rent the building, you need to contact Sam Phipps to hold your date. Sam's number is **563.556.8105**.

Respectfully;

Smokey McGovern

563.590.8841

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Dubuque #3 met on Thursday May 18th with five members present. (So, since we lacked a quorum, we were limited in what business we could discuss.)

A report on the Mosaic scholarship dinner held on Wednesday the 17th at Westminster Church where five scholarships were handed out, was given by Jack Smeltzer. In a related action, Secretary Wes Struebing reported presenting a \$5000 scholarship to a worthy student at a Western Dubuque High School award assembly.

Meanwhile, keep both Wayne Stanfley and Ed Blinks in your prayers. Wayne took a bad fall and is in the hospital, and Ed apparently has pneumonia.

Personally, I would encourage anyone/everyone to turn into the History Channel on Tuesday night, as they often delve into Freemasonry. Presently, they finished another year of treasure hunting on "The Curse of Oak Island", and have shown how potential connections to the Knights Templar keep cropping up. There is even the possibility that the Templars may have buried some treasure on the island hundreds of years before Columbus supposedly discovered America.

Our next meeting will be on June 15th.

Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton - JW

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Dubuque York Rite, Regular

Meeting

Dark 'Til September (perhaps)

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Metropolitan #49 did not meet in May. There were only two members in town. Please stay tuned for June! (*ed.*)

Mosaic Lodge #125

Regular Meeting Tuesday,

June 13, 2023

Greetings from Mosaic lodge;

Spring is here and we can leave the doldrums of Winter behind. Nature's beauty is here. The trees have leaves and the flowers are in bloom. We can enjoy the warm days.

The lodge held its annual scholarship awards banquet. The \$2,000 scholarships were presented to five graduating seniors. Over 50 people attended the banquet.

Brother Brian Slone of Dayton, Ohio was welcomed as a visitor to our meeting. Brother Les Sonksen gave a program on Masonic symbols and their meaning. Some interesting discussion ensued.

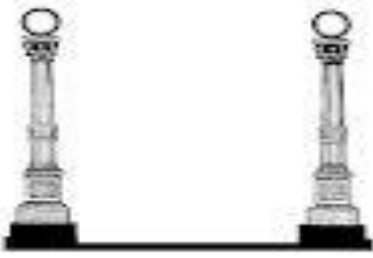
We have a few Brothers who have not yet paid their 2023 membership dues. They must be paid by July, 2023.

A petition for the degrees was voted upon and accepted and a new petition was read. We're about to begin the work of initiating new members.

Enjoy your Spring and Summer. We hope to see you at our June 13th meeting.

Fraternally;

.Jack Smeltzer - WM



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

Ahh! The birds are singing, the dandelions are proliferating, and allergy season is upon us once more! (Ye Olde Editor's "field of dreams" are standing in said field without sneezing his head off.) But we digress.

Once more into the breach, we received from Illustrious Sir, Brother Gerald Edgar, some further light in Masonry – or at least Masonic history. This month, we get to know a famous (not just in this state) and the second oldest (by just several months) member of the US Senate, Brother and 32 ° Scottish Rite Mason, Senator4 Charles (Chuck) Grassley. So, without further ado:

Did U Know (*authored weekly by a wonderful Brother in Camden OH.*)

Charles Ernest Grassley (born September 17, 1933) is an American politician serving as the president pro tempore emeritus of the United States Senate, and the senior United States senator from Iowa, having held the seat since 1981. In 2022, he was re-elected to his eighth Senate term, having first been elected in 1980. He is the longest serving Republican in U.S. Senate history, having overtaken Orrin Hatch's record in January 2023. He is also the sixth longest serving U.S. senator in history.

A member of the Republican Party, Grassley served eight terms in the Iowa House of Representatives (1959–1975) and three terms in the United States House of Representatives (1975–1981). He has served three stints as Senate Finance Committee chairman during periods of Republican Senate majority. When Orrin Hatch's Senate term ended on January 3, 2019 following his retirement, Grassley became the most senior Republican in the Senate and its president pro tempore. Upon Patrick Leahy's retirement in January 2023, he became the most senior member of the Senate.

During his four decades in the Senate, Grassley has chaired the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Narcotics Committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Senate Aging Committee.

Grassley was born in New Hartford, Iowa, the son of Ruth (née Corwin) and Louis Arthur Grassley, and raised on a farm. He graduated from the town high school. At Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa), he earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1955 and a Master of Arts in political science in 1956. During his time as a student, Grassley joined the social professional Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He pursued a Ph.D. in political science at the University of Iowa, but ultimately did not complete the degree.

During the 1950's, Grassley farmed and worked in factories (John Deere) in Iowa, first as a sheet metal shearer and then as an assembly line worker. From 1967 to 1968, he taught at Charles City College. Grassley represented parts of Butler County in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1959 to 1975. He then served in the United States House of Representatives from 1975 to 1981.

The author of the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989, Grassley has campaigned to increase protection and provide support for "whistleblowers". He has supported a number of FBI whistleblowers, including Coleen Rowley, Sibel Edmonds and Jane Turner, although not supporting Department of Defense whistleblower Noel Koch. Grassley received a lifetime achievement award on May 17, 2007 from the National Whistleblower Center. In April 2014, Grassley announced plans to create a caucus in the Senate dedicated to strengthening whistleblower protections.

Grassley and Barbara Ann Speicher married on August 22, 1954. They have five children: Lee, Wendy, Robin, Michele, and Jay. Grassley is a member of the Family, the organization that organizes the National Prayer Breakfast. His grandson, Pat Grassley, is a member of the Iowa House of Representatives. Grassley is also known for his widely reported, long-running "feud" with the

History channel; he has consistently accused the network of featuring little actual history programming. According to OpenSecrets, Grassley's net worth was more than \$7.5 million as of 2018.

In 2003, Grassley's alma mater, the University of Northern Iowa, selected him for *honor is causa* membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. In 2009, the National Center for Health Research gave Grassley the Health Policy Hero award for his 2004 oversight of legislative reforms and accountability of the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In 2010, The Hill named Grassley and Max Baucus the hardest working members of Congress.

W. Bro. Edgar also said: "He has never lost an election and is famous nationally for doing the 'full Grassley', i.e. visiting all 99 Iowa counties, every year!" Charles Ernest Grassley became a Mason at the lodge in New Hartford, Iowa which later consolidated with Black Hawk #65 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He's also a member of the Scottish Rite and recipient of the Honorary De Molay Legion of Honor.

Dwight D. Seals, PM
Camden Lodge #159
Camden, Ohio

Masonic Calendar: June, 2023

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

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