



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, September 14, 2023

Greetings, Prophets;

Thanks to Gene Muntz for providing our August meal. Dale Hefel will provide our September meal.

Mark your calendars! Our breakfasts will start again on Sunday, September 24, 2023. It looks like Hales Mill Road should be open by then. Hope you can all make it.

Steve Sanders is sanding and painting the new gate that will be installed on our back fence. That will make it easier for Al Tischuk to get his lawn tractor in to mow our lawn. Asbury will be working on Autumn Dr. next year.

Leon Sonksen educated us on chicken farming as he had a chicken farm in Colorado. At one time he had 2000 hens. We learned a lot about roosting, egg laying and many other things about these fine-feathered friends. Thanks for the insight, Leon!

Respectfully

Smokey McGovern
(563-590-8841)

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Dubuque #3 met on August 17th at 7:00 with seven Masons present. (I should also point out, next month when the Trestleboard comes out, we will be in the early part of Fall – so, where did the summer go?!)

Ed Blinks was present to explain what will take place at Grand Lodge this year, in Des Moines, from September 14th - 17th.

One issue that generated a great deal of discussion was the rising costs to repair and maintain the facility in Cedar Rapids, as well as other Masonic activities. These costs will necessitate Dubuque #3's dues going up to \$100 for 2024.

While the costs keep going up for Grand Lodge operations, the membership keeps going down. Thirty years ago, membership in Iowa was over 28,000; today our membership is under 11,000, which is a major factor is the proposal to increase GL dues by \$10.00. To make matters worse, some Lodges are not paying Grand Lodge their fair share. Brother Jack Smeltzer pointed out that Mosaic Lodge will need some help with two 2nd Degrees on Monday, August 28th at the Oxus Grotto. There will be a practice at 7:00PM on September 21st. We hope some of our members can assist.

The next meeting for Dubuque #3 will be on September 21st at 7:00. Please try to attend.

Respectfully;

David H Patton - JW

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

New members are being recruited, and future reinstatement is in the works)

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Metropolitan Lodge #49 met on Thursday August 3rd at 6PM. Dinner was supplied by Steve Sanders, and held business at 7:00.

We discussed another raise in dues since Grand Lodge is going raise their dues again to \$75.00.

Smokey McGovern has the canvas made for the 3rd degree. Thanks, Smokey. We should have everything now except a good blindfold. Can anyone supply? The next big thing everyone must do is that, when anything is used, please put it back where it belongs so the next time it is needed. That way, no one has to spend a half hour looking for things. We need to work together.

Brotherly and Fraternally;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125

Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Here we are in mid-summer. I hope everyone is enjoying the season. Mosaic Lodge met on August 8, 2023. We are still experiencing the need to follow a detour to attend our meetings. Perhaps our attendance will increase after things are back to normal.

We heard an explanation of the proposed legislation which will be presented at the next Grand Lodge session. Included is a \$10.00 per member increase in the 2024 dues. If passed, our dues will be \$135.00.

It was reported that our two Entered Apprentices are ready to advance to the next degree. We are planning to confer the Fellowcraft degree at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 28, 2023. We also read

a new petition for the degrees of Freemasonry.

I had the pleasure of presenting a Fifty-Year Certificate to Brother Gerald Edgar. Brother Gerald expressed his appreciation and what Freemasonry means to him. Mosaic Lodge now has 14 Fifty Year members.

Plans are currently underway to honor our Past Masters at the October meeting. There will be more information later.

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally;
Jack Smeltzer – WM



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

Thar be some changes a'comin' to our newsletter here next year! As they say, "Please take note and govern yourselves accordingly."

From our Senior Factotum (and all-around gopher), and from the rest of the vast Trestleboard staff comes the following announcement. Steve, take it away:

Recipients, please read.

As many things about our economy have been hard on us, so too, has it been hard on the Trestleboard. We find that we need to make changes in the way the Trestleboard is distributed. For the January Trestleboard (the Trestleboard physically sent in January) we will only send hard copies to those who still require them. We will hopefully be able to reach most through their email address; alternatively, they can find it on the web at:

https://carpedementem.org/trestleboard_test

Those who need to receive a hard copy must send notification of their correct street address to Wes Struebing at:

wes.struebing@gmail.com or
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or to his street address:

Wesley Struebing
1111 Rosedale Ave.
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Those who wish to receive it via email will also need to reach out to Wes at the above listed email or street address. **We will post this notice out through November (remember; December's newsletter will have a January of next year's date), and we'll begin the new delivery method with the January Trestleboard.**

Again, we need all who wish to continue to receive the newsletter to respond with their preferred method of delivery. Questions, comments, or anything you would like to discuss may be directed to me at:

Sstev4902@gmail.com or:

Steve Sanders
4902 RedViolet Dr.
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Also my phone # is **(563) 590-7165**.

Thank you for your understanding as we transition.

Respectfully;
Steve Sanders

On a final note, Brother David Patton wishes us to include this once more:

I have four vintage popcorn poppers sitting in my garage that the Shriners used out at the county fair for many years; they are still in good working condition. If anyone wants them, or knows of someone who can use them, let me know.

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Masonic Calendar: September, 2023

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

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