

### November, 2018 Issue 355

## The Trestleboard



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#### 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, November 8, 2018

(no report this month – but September Grotto Breakfast was a success! Bro. Dennis Smith sends his sincere thanks! – ed.)

# Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & AM Thursday, November 15, 2018, 7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in form this evening with five members in attendance. It was a fine evening for a meeting and peace and harmony prevailed.

There were two topics I would like to communicate through The Trestle Board; first, there will be a vote on the consolidation of our Lodge and Tri State, so members of Dubuque #3 are strongly encouraged to attend November's meeting. Secondly, Brother Wayne Stanfley is working to bring the plaques in the Memorial room of the temple up to date. He wants to see about the small expense of doing so being covered by the individual lodges. That sounds

reasonable, and I'm happy he's taking the initiative.

After lodge we had treats from Brother Wes and went happily along our way,

Respectfully; Dale Hefel - WM

### Key City Shrine Club November 21, 2018

At one of our last meetings, David Glanz from KAABA Shriners was in attendance. Among other things, he reported on the Shrine hospitals' situation. While they are financially in good shape, a few of them are being underused. Therefore, to ensure better utilization, several of them will be either downsized or services will be outsourced by 2020. The hospitals being examined are located in Minneapolis, Boston, Cincinnati, and Spokane. (It should also be mentioned that Dubuque hasn't sent a patient to the Twin Cities hospital in several years.) In appreciation for all the hard work by members of all the Blue Lodges, Oxus Grotto, and Eastern Star in helping with the Shriner's popcorn stand this summer, we decided to donate \$50.00 to the Shriner's Transportation Fund in their names. (Thank you, Jim Gross for donating a popping machine to replace the relics we're working with now.) We hope that, by renaming ourselves Key City Shrine Club, we will attract Masons from the Bellevue area to join our ranks.

Our next scheduled meeting will be at 5:30 on November 21<sup>st</sup> at the downtown Holiday Inn. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully; David H. Patton – Treas.

### Dubuque High Twelve Club November 9, 2018

For several months, Tri-State Morning Lodge has talked about merging with Dubuque #3. (currently, Tri-State meets just before High Twelve on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month.)

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, several members of Grand Lodge were scheduled to attend Tri-State's meeting to help them through the transitional phase. Jack Smeltzer informed me of this ahead of time, and indicated that they might also attend High Twelve's meeting afterward, so I might want to increase our order at HyVee.

Regrettably, just our normal number of attendees showed up. It was good, however, to see Gene Chappell in attendance. Mike Mudrey presented a program on the *Moderns and the Ancients*.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> North Central Association of High Twelve meets in Cedar Falls for the midyear meeting, but I will be in Cedar Rapids for Grand Chapter of Eastern Star.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;
David. H. Patton

### Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

(Since attendance was poor, the October meeting of Dubuque York Rite did not take place. Stay tuned for November's report – ed.)

### Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 AM, November 9, 2018

Greeting Brethren,

The members of Tri State Morning Lodge #673 have been discussing all summer if we should merge with another Dubuque Lodge or close. We voted in September to ask Dubuque Lodge #3 if we could merge with them. We received word on Friday October 12 that we could merge with them.

Letters have been sent to the members asking them to show up at our November 9, 2018 meeting. We will discuss the merger and vote on it. Please plan to attend this meeting if you can.

Respectfully;
Al Tischuk - Secretary

# Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting Thursday, November 1, 2018

Our scheduled meeting was on October 4th.

Bill Luensmann supplied pizza; Jeff Kotz is scheduled for November's dinner. A low-key meeting was held after a moment of silence for our departed Brother David Latham.

November is election month for the Lodge. Think about where you want to be in the lodge. Do you want to stay in the same chair, or do you want to move up in your Masonic Life?

Sincerely and Fraternally;
Dan Neuhaus - WM

# Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 13, 2018

I think I feel a chill in the air. It may be telling us that winter is just around the corner. (brrr! – ed.)

It was announced that Jordan O'Connell had successfully completed the Iowa Masonic Systematic Enlightenment Course for the First Degree. His Second Degree is scheduled for Monday October 22, 2018, at 7:00PM.

We read the Petition for the Degrees in Masonry from Ronald Joseph Greve, Sr. for the second time and he was elected to receive the degrees. Ronald's First Degree will be on Monday October 29, 2018, at 7:00PM. Hope you put these dates or your calendar and come down and join us.

The Lodge voted to make a financial contribution to Marshall Elementary School to develop a MAKER SPACE, STEM program. These activities will help children discover and open up possibilities for future employment. This contribution is made from the Schenck Trust.

Edwin Blinks gave a report on Grand Lodge. He spoke on the proposed legislation what had been approved, rejected or had been withdrawn beforehand.

Russ Hibben gave our program for the evening. He spoke of President Harry Truman's life - his time he served in the military serving our country, his time serving as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and his time as president. When he left office he and his wife drove back to Missouri alone. No Secret Service. How times have changed; not necessarily for the better! Greg Stechman presented W.M. Everts the Lodge of the Year and Plus One Certificates awarded at Grand Lodge. These certificates have been kept in a notebook in the Heritage Room. However, when I went to place these in the book, the book is missing. This notebook contained almost 30 years of Mosaic's history. Perhaps it has been misplaced and is somewhere else in the Temple. I hope so. Would everyone keep an eye for and put it back where it belongs? It would be appreciated. We wish to extend our sympathies to the family of David Latham on his passing. Dave received his degrees in Metropolitan Lodge #49. He also held Dual Membership with Mosaic Lodge #125.

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday November 13, 2013. We will hold election of officers for 2019. The meeting will be preceded by our annual soup supper at 6:00PM, prepared by Greg Stechman.

Hope you can come down and join us for both the degrees and our regular meeting.

There are a couple of Region Schools coming in our area. One is on Wednesday evening, October 24, 2018 at Marion Lodge #6, Marion, at 5:30PM; the other is on Thursday October 25, 2018 at Brubaker #675, Davenport, at 9:00AM. These schools are open for all Master Masons; you do not need to be an M.I. or D.L. to attend.

Respectfully; Shawn Evarts - Worshipful Master

### Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting 7:00PM Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Fall is here with all the beautiful colors. With that brings thoughts of pumpkins, ghosts and goblins. Don't get too scared!! Also, this the time all Iowa OES members look forward to Grand Chapter which is the end of one year and the exciting beginning of the new year. We have 6 of our members planning to attend the session in Cedar Rapids Oct. 18-21. We are proud to have Sister Jennifer Diller to be appointed as Project Chairman for District 4 and Sister Leona Hibben reappointed to the Educational Board for the coming year. Congratulations to them both!! We have invitations to receptions for newly appointed and elected officers. Sister Jean Koss and Brother Bruce Thomas will be elected Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We are anxious to meet the crew of officers they have selected. Sister Vicki Wallner is up for election to Associate Grand Conductress. She has been our District Instructor for in the past. Our Grand Secretary of the past 15 years, Sister Nancy Niday, is retiring so 2 sisters having submitted resumes for election to this position. They are Sister Nancy Ramthun PGM and Sister JoAnn Bergeron PGM. Also up for election to the Board of Grand are Trustees: Brother

Jerry Jones PGP, Brother Luke Reich's for re-election to the Barthell OES Home Board, and Sister Joyce Sloniger for election to the Board of the Masonic/Eastern Star Home of Boone. We have a wonderful birthday to celebrate for a member of our Chapter. Sister Arline Dieterich will be celebrating her 100th birthday on November 25. Please send her a card if you can't visit her. Her address is: Arline Dieterich Luther Manor 3131 Hillcrest Rd. Dubuque, IA 52001.

We are saddened to report the death of David Latham, husband of our member Leanne Latham. He died Sept. 22 after a short illness. The memorial service for him was held at St. Luke United Methodist Church on Oct. 6 with many friends and family in attendance. Sister Leanne left Oct.9 to return to her home in Bristol, Tenn.

Nov. will be election of Julien Chapter officers, and we will have a soup supper before the meeting. Hope you will be able to join us. We really need all members who can to come and participate.

May you all have a wonderful fall season with good health. Beverly Godsey - Secretary Jennifer Diller - WM. Dave Patton - WP



### (Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings)

it has come to our attention that our illustrious newsletter has become rather stale. Several of our members have commented (thank you - seriously, Brother Gerald!), as well as some of us here on the editorial staff. This is a left-handed way of asking you, the dear readers of this tome, to contribute to livening it up a bit (we don't want to go TOO wild!). An amusing story you've heard, preferably Masonically-related, a shortened version, perhaps, of the lessons presented at many Mosaic #125 regular sessions (they seem to be well-received), perhaps a quote of the month from a famous Mason, like good ol' Ben (Franklin, that is; he is always good for a pithy saying!). Next month, we'll post an article from Brother Gerald Edgar, entitled "Dad's Billfold". Definitely food for thought, and, we hope, will get some of your creative juices flowing, as well. With that in mind, I leave you this month with a quote from Ben Franklin. He wrote this to his folks to assuage their fears at their son being involved with "those people". He wrote: "As to the Freemasons, I know of no way

of giving my mother a better account of them than she seems to have at present, since it is not allowed that women should be admitted into that secret society. She has, I must confess on that account some reason to be displeased with it; but for anything else, I must entreat her to suspend her judgment till she is better informed, unless she will believe me, when I assure her that they are in general a very harmless sort of people, and have no principles or practices that are inconsistent with religion and good manners."

We don't know about harmless, but he certainly nailed our principles and practices!
Until next month...ed.

### Masonic Calendar: November, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Metropolitan Lodge #49 7:00PM, eat at 6:00PM	2	3
4	5	6 York Rite	7 Julien Lodge #551 7:30PM	8 Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	9 High Twelve Tri-State #673 10:30AM	10
11	12	Mosaic Lodge #125 7:00PM	14	15 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM	16	17
18	19	Julien OES #125 7:00PM	Shrine Club 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	Happy Thanksgiving! Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM***	23 Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	24
25	26	27 MTA Board	28	29	30	