



From the Trestleboard

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Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2018

On Nov. 8, We had a great meal supplied by brother Dale Hefel.

Next year's officers have been confirmed and we will install them at our December meeting.

November 25th is our next breakfast. So please help out or join us or just spread the word. **(ed. note: the following was submitted too late for inclusion last month):** I would also like to give a big thank you to all the Grotto and Masonic members who came out to help or eat at the Dennis Smith Benefit breakfast. Not to mention Mary Sue Green for bringing the special Olympics team to help us out. If you see her please thank her.

Fraternally;

Mike Engling - Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, December 20, 2018,

7:00 PM

Things are changing. At its November meeting, Dubuque Lodge #3 voted to

consolidate with Tri-State Morning Lodge #673. There are still some details to be resolved. We are looking forward to this combined effort. We have re-elected our current lodge officers. They will remain in office until the consolidation procedure is complete. We will at that time elect new officers for the 2019 lodge year.

All are reminded that the installation of lodge officers will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Dubuque Lodge #3 is in charge of the arrangements. More information will be forthcoming. We ask that each lodge submit its list of its 2019 officers to Jack Smeltzer as soon as possible. Thank you.

We wish everyone well as we begin entering the holiday season.

Respectfully;

Jack Smeltzer - Secretary

Key City Shrine Club

December 19, 2018

President Dan Tepley called the November meeting of Key City Shrine Club to order. Brian Kelley gave the Secretary's report. Treasurer's report was given and approved.

We will be looking for a new meeting site for our Shrine Club after January 1st.

With our small number of Shriners, plus not everyone ordering food, the Holiday Inn isn't able to break even in paying their staff. (If **you** have any ideas where we could possibly meet, we're open to any suggestions.)

Dan reported that several checks were delivered to Kaaba at their regularly stated meeting on November 7th for the hospital transportation fund in recognition of the several Masonic organizations who helped out at the Shriner's popcorn stand this last summer. Once again, thank you; we couldn't have done it without you!

November being the month for election of officers, the following officers were elected:

President- Dan Tepley

Vice president- Wes Struebing

Secretary- Brian Kelley

Treasure- Dave Patton

Dave Glanz (Past Potentate) from Kaaba presided over the installation.

Our next, and last, meeting down at the Holiday Inn is on December 19th at 5:30.

Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club

December 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by David Patton on Friday, November 9th after Tri-State's meeting – eleven members were in attendance. After Jack Smeltzer gave the secretary's, plus Neil Millard the treasure's reports, we recognized all the veterans present; their sacrifice is why we can enjoy all the freedoms we have, which we often take for granted.

Mike Mudrey reported that Tri-State Morning lodge had just voted to merge with Dubuque #3. Dubuque #3 will be voting to accept them on November 15th. **(ed. Note: Dubuque Lodge #3 also voted to consolidate.)**

Gene Chappell brought up for discussion possibly meeting some other place for High Twelve and at a different time. That way, we might be able to increase our numbers. After a lengthy discussion, we tabled the motion. Meanwhile, Gene plans to research the matter.

Come join us for our next meeting on Friday, December 14th in the Temple's dining room.

Respectfully;

David H Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Season's greetings Companions and Sir Knights!

Tis the season to be thankful. As the end of the year approaches, we should take a moment to reflect upon the blessings that have shown themselves in our lives.

Don't forget the blessing of family and friends. Our fraternal bond gives us the unique distinction of being friends that are like family members. Brothers, I am honored to count each and every one of you as family and a blessing.

While our numbers may be small, we do continue to meet each month (First Tuesday at 7:00PM). As the nation took to the polls, our group also held elections. Please join me in congratulating the following elected dais officers

For Chapter:

High Priest - Brian Kelley
King - Shawn Everts
Scribe - Zach Spurgeon

For Council:

Illustrious Master - Brian Kelley
Deputy Master - Shawn Everts
Principle Conductor of the Works - Zach Spurgeon

For Commandery:

Commander - Brian Kelley
Generalissimo - Shawn Everts
Captain General- Zach Spurgeon

Looking to the future, we have some great events coming up. Please be sure to come to our December meeting. We will start the night with a soup supper at 6:00PM and stated communication to follow at 7:00PM. Come warm your belly with the soup and warm your soul with brotherhood.

We will then kick off the new year with an all Masonic holiday celebration and supper. This is open to all Masons and their family and friends. You do not need to be a member of the York Rite to enjoy the evening with us. We will be gathering on January 19, 2019 at 4:00PM for social hour and then dine at 5:00PM. Please RSVP with Brian Kelley at **563.451.2906** so we can make sure we order enough with the caterers.

May the blessings of the season shine within you each and every day.

Fraternally,
Chris Stechman - York Rite

Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 AM, December 14, 2018

Greetings Brethren;
On November 9, 2018, Tri-State Morning Lodge 3673 met in regular communication. We held a vote on consolidating with Dubuque Lodge #3. The vote on consolidating was approved. At the November meeting of Dubuque Lodge #3 and a similar vote was taken. The vote approved the consolidation of the two lodges. Even though the papers read listed that with an approval of both lodges only one lodge would exist, that is not entirely true. We are not a completely consolidated lodge until all the paper work is accepted with the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Until that time, we are to act as if there is no consolidation. So, we will be meeting on December 14, 2018 at our usual time. We will do this until the consolidation is completed.

Respectfully,
Al Tischuk - Secretary

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Metropolitan #49 met on November 1st. No heat in the building and no lights in the Egyptian room. Why do we even pay the Temple Association? Jeff Kotz supplied dinner. Our December dinner will be for Met #49 members and their Spouses. We will have HY VEE cater so RSVP to me at dannyneu40@gmail.com or to Sam Phipps at hsamphipps@gmail.com no later than November 26th. Dale Seubert made a beautiful Square and Compass in his wood shop and was donated to our lodge. Thank you Dale! We voted and approved on 2019 chairs. They are:

WM - Dan Neuhaus
SW - Rocky Tiefel
JW - Jeff Kotz
SD - Mike Engling
SS - Steve Sanders
JS - Chris Stechman
Ty - Gene Muntz
Sec - Sam Phipps
Treas - James McGovern
Chap - Arvid Saele

Fraternally;
Dan Neuhaus WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 11, 2018

It is beginning to look like winter!! Now where did I bury that snow shovel? I know it has to be around here somewhere!!

Our November meeting was preceded by a soup supper prepared by Greg Stechman and enjoyed by all. Thanks Greg.

We were pleased to have a visitor at our meeting. Kenneth A. Henschel a member of Nitram Lodge #188, St Petersburg, FL. He is working in town so we hope he comes back and visits us often.

Ed Blinks announced that Ronald Greve has successfully completed the Iowa Systematic Masonic Enlightenment Course for the Entered Apprentice Degree. His Fellow Craft Degree has been tentatively set for Monday, November 26, 2018, at 7:00PM. Will keep you posted. We read a Petition for the Degrees in Masonry from Joseph Francis Hartel. We will be balloting on petition at our December meeting.

The Charity Committee met and a motion was made that we contribute \$1250.00 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and \$1000.00 to Dubuque Toys for Tots. These contributions will be made from the Warren Schneck Trust Fund.

The election of officers for 2019 was held and the following were elected: Brian Carroll, Worshipful Master, Greg Stechman, Senior Warden, John Wissing, Junior Warden, Edwin Blinks, Treasurer,

Keith Robertson, Secretary.

Dan Call was elected to a one-year term and Jacob Helm a two-year term on the Charity Committee.

The Installation of Officers will be on Saturday January 5, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. with a light lunch to follow. Please put that date on your calendar and come join us.

PLEASE!! If you have had a change of address or will be having a change of address in the future let us know as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date.

Mosaic's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 11, 2018; Jack Smeltzer has the refreshments.

The Holidays are upon us so if you are planning on traveling please drive carefully. Have a safe and enjoyable trip.

Respectfully;

Shawn Evarts - Worshipful Master

Julien Chapter #125 OES

Stated Meeting 7:00PM

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

November is almost over, and the season of holidays is upon us with all the food, fun, and family to enjoy.

Our regular meeting was abbreviated but we got the business accomplished and the communications read. We will be setting the date for our school of Instruction which will be a joint school with Bellevue Chapter again this year. We will hold the school at our Temple with our district instructor, Sister Mary Reicks. More on the date next month. Our district workshop will be Jan. 19 in Oelwein. All officers are encouraged to attend. WM Jennifer Diller is our District Project chairman so she told us about the pins being sold to support the projects for 2019. Anyone who would like to purchase any of these items can contact Jennifer.

We have been asked to host the Last/first school of Assoc. Grand Conductress Vicki Wallner Feb, 1, 2020 with Bellevue helping. We have lots of work for this, and we need all our members who are able to pitch in.

Invitations to the reception of the new Grand Officers were read. **Special note:** AGC Vicki Wallner reception at the Masonic Center in Davenport 2 p.m. on Dec. 9th.

Information about the Munchkin Grand Family West Coast Adventure May 2-11, 2018 was presented. Anyone wanting this information please contact Bev Godsey.

The election of officers for 2019 found all who served in 2018 retained. WM Jennifer Diller, WP Dave Patton, AM Rebecca Rowe, AP Don Wohlers, Conductress Leona Hibben, Assoc. Cond Hellen Rowe, Secretary Beverly Godsey, Treasurer Keith Robertson. Installation will be at our Dec. 18 meeting when we will also have the Draping ceremony to honor our members who have passed away this year.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sister Harriet Heller who died Nov. 15, 2018 and Brother Don Giesemann who died Aug. 4, 2018.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Respectfully;

Beverly Godsey – Secretary

Jennifer Diller – WM

David Patton - WP



(Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings)

Last month we promised you something a bit different and a bit more lively for the Trestleboard (we STILL greatly appreciate your monthly offerings; we wouldn't have a news letter without them!)

Well, this month we insert some musings from Brother Gerald Edgar, entitled, "Dad's Billfold"

"Dad's Billfold"

We all know women's purses tend to be large and full of everything from band-aids and nail-clippers to coupons & chewing gum; all God-sends for men &

children who carry far, far less with them. Men are usually limited to that billfold in their back left pocket. Some do bulge with more than a mere drivers' license and some money. These tend to be the men who never emptied that billfold since first getting it as a gift in high school. Thus, you find locker combinations, 1997 receipts for a new car battery, an equally old sports event ticket and a spare key for a former home. Some men however tend to keep their billfolds more relevant to their current life. In any case, those billfolds can indeed be 'a window to the soul' of the owner - a sample, if you will, of what is truly important in their lives and how organized they are.

My Dad passed away on Memorial Day, 2 days past his 94th birthday. It was appropriate as he was one of those unassuming WWII hero's (Bronze star recipient, war-time commissioning, 5+ year enlistment including nearly 3 years in the Pacific). Among his many belongings of course was his billfold. We assume it was little changed in his last years as Dad was "active" until recently - still driving until he reached his 93rd birthday, mostly so he could squire Mom around as she suffered from dementia her last year. ("Helpful")

As I inventoried Dad's billfold for my two sisters, I realized it said a lot about our Dad, his outlook on life, his preparedness, etc. Dad was a 63-year Mason and a 77-year DeMolay, active in both regards. I view his billfold contents as evidence of some of the lessons he learned in Lodge halls as well as his time as a Boy Scout (reaching Eagle rank with 2 palms in the 1930's) and as a DeMolay (Legion of Honor recipient). So what did Dad deem important enough to fit into that billfold that was always in his hip pocket, whether in shorts, slacks or three-piece suit?

There was that prized gold-colored fifty year Iowa Masonic Dues Card ("Comradeship"). There was, additionally, his last Driver's license, a few dollar bills and hidden under other items, a carefully folded crisp \$20 bill. When I left for college years ago, I recall Dad recommending that I keep a

folded \$5 "hidden" in my billfold for emergency use (when gas and a meal at McDonalds were both less than a buck). Given the intervening years, \$20 sounds about right in 2013. ("Be Prepared")

Both Scouts, DeMolay and Masonry teach about the rectitude of life. So, in addition Dad had a very neatly hand-printed list of all his prescription meds on a tiny card (he had taken extra drafting courses in high school). There was also his vehicle insurance card, AAA membership, voter's registration card and Social Security card ("Citizenship"). Obviously having given up driving, Dad could have removed the car-related items as indeed they were the only superfluous items in his billfold but I suspect after nearly 80 years of driving, they were hard to give up. Perhaps emotionally he was leaving the door open a crack as giving up driving was his choice; he had never made a claim in all the years our State Farm agent had known him.

Other measures of vital information included his medical insurance cards, prescription discount ("Thrifty") and preferred hospital cards, a bank card with account info & the receipt from his last withdrawal and a single credit card. There were also his last shopping list including Dove soap and Head & Shoulders shampoo and receipt for same ("Cleanness"). I know from having taken him to stores a couple times the past year his normal practice was to put the most current receipts in his billfold, placing the previous receipts in an old bank check box in his desk so he could reconcile them later. There was also a three-generational family photo, not a copy of any displayed in his living room or on his nightstand or atop his armoire. Indeed, it was a photo I did not recall but obviously it was a favorite.

Lastly there were two more items that spoke of his organization and respect for others. The back of one card was used to note every medical 'fact' for emergency purposes including his birthdate and blood type, employer, Doctor, Social Security and Military ID numbers and every medical

procedure he had experienced from an appendix removal in '48 to a new hearing aid in '05. Most were dated to the day! Lastly, possibly because his grandkids wanted more detail as to his military service, on a neatly trimmed index card were his exact dates of enlistment, embarking to the Pacific, commissioning, returning to America and his discharge ("Patriotism"). These were not just dates, however; he showed the actual time spent such as time overseas (2 years, 10 months & 20 days). As an aside, he became a bit more open about his military service in recent years as he made it to D.C. on an "Honor Flight" and was very proud of a granddaughter becoming an Officer in the Navy Reserves.

Also on this card (amazing what good printing allows you to put into a two 2" x 3" space!) were his dates of becoming a Mason, his year as WM, his decade as Secretary and dates joining High-12 and the Scottish Rite and the times he participated in Grand Lodge trips to England and a Lutheran tour of the Holy Land ("Reverence"). Yes, here was a Mason proud of his membership and his participation, perhaps more mindful in recent years when both his son & a grandson would sit in Lodge or attend High Twelve with him.

Lastly there was what 'not' in Dad's billfold was. No casino cards, liquor store receipts (Dad did enjoy a daily glass of a good wine), cigarette coupons, girl friends' phone numbers (a more devoted husband I have not known - 65 years of a solid marriage), notes of debts, off-color photos or jokes, etc. There were no 'skeletons' in Dad's closet whether literally in his apartment we emptied, in his bank box OR in his billfold. The outpouring of compliments at his visitation and Masonic & church services were genuine. Men he had hired as plant managers 50 years ago, Lodge brothers, his Pastor, neighbors, organizations he had volunteered for, etc. were united in words of praise for a man who gave far more than he ever took.

Dad indeed followed the Boy Scout Laws, the DeMolay Cardinal Virtues and the

oaths of the Masonic fraternity. When his Masonic record was read, the words 'a just and upright Mason' were indeed 'not mere empty forms'. Thanks, Dad for leaving a legacy both in deed and with what was in your billfold...further evidence of a man who loved his family, church, Country and fraternity.

So, Brothers, "what's in your wallet"?

Gerald Edgar;

Mosaic #125, Dubuque, Iowa

Masonic Calendar: December, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 York Rite	5	6 Metropolitan Lodge #49 7:00PM, eat at 6:00PM	7	8
9	10	11 Mosaic Lodge #125 7:00PM	12	13 Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	14 High Twelve Tri-State #673 10:30AM	15
16	17	18 Julien OES #125 7:00PM	19 Shrine Club 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	20 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM	21 Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	22
23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! MTA Board**	26	27 Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM	28	29
30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!				

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