



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, February 14, 2019

Greetings, Prophets and Masons!

Oxus Grotto met in form on January 10, and enjoyed a pizza meal provided by Smokey McGovern.

Since our incoming Monarch was unable to attend December's meeting, officers were installed this meeting. The following people we installed to the following chairs:

Bill Luensmann – Monarch

Jeff Kotz – Chief Justice

Steve Sanders – Master of Ceremonies

Chris Stechman – Venerable Prophet

Sam Phipps – Treasurer

Dale Hefel – Secretary

Jim "Smokey" McGovern – Chaplain

Dan Neuhaus - Marshall

Jack Sibley – Captain of the Guard

Arvide Saele – Sentinel

Prophet Sam informed us that on two weekends, the Grotto's floors would be stripped and six coats of new wax would be applied. There are currently 8 rentals, 2 out in the mail, and two contracts out, as well.

February 14, which would normally be our meeting has been cancelled in order that our members can spend Valentines

Day with their families. Meetings will resume again in March.

Respectfully;

Bill Luensmann - Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, February 21, 2019,

7:00PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular form on Thursday, January 17th in the Egyptian Room in the Masonic Temple with 9 people present. This was also the first official meeting for the new Dubuque #3 since consolidating with Tristate Morning Lodge. The main order of business was electing new officers to the consolidated Lodge for 2019. They are Worshipful Master – Wes Struebing; Senior Warden – Chris Stechman; Junior Warden – Dale Hefel; Treasurer – Wayne Stanfley; Secretary – Jack Smeltzer.

I should also mention, after last night's Shriner's meeting, I was really worried we wouldn't have a quorum to even have an official meeting, since I'd heard Brother Dale, Bother Wes, and Brother Jack would not be in attendance. (In Jack's case, he is still fighting a case of pneumonia.) However, even though he isn't fully recovered, he found enough strength to gut it out! (Take care, Jack!) It was particularly nice to see both Keith Robertson and Brian Carroll in attendance. I should also point out, I anticipate great things for one of our newest members – Matt Cable. Not only is he eager to learn more, but willing to take on even greater responsibility. (It also didn't hurt that he supplied refreshments afterwards!)

Respectfully;

David H. Patton (for Wes Struebing – WM)

Key City Shrine Club

February 20, 2019

We had our first meeting for the Key City Shrine Club for 2019 in our new locale – Mario's Restaurant at 13th and Main. First, they have a beautiful menu, and the food to match. Plus, the Italian dishes were out of this world – well, at least from the Northern Mediterranean! (Believe me, you have no excuse for going away hungry!)

Better yet, there are no restrictions on the room use, or the amount of business that we need to generate (***we do have to buy at least an appetizer...ed.***).

Keep your calendars open for March 2nd as we plan to have another Child ID event in the Temple's lower level from 10:00 – 2:00. Not surprisingly, there are other eastern Iowa locales seeking our services. (It looks like we're in for another busy year!)

York Rite is planning on having its annual dinner January 19th. (I hope the bad weather holds off for them.)

Wayne Stanfley reported on our new corn popper for the fair. (Sounds like it's very efficient, but we'll have to practice working with it, since it gets hot very quickly.)

After the meeting, the audit committee checked the books. So, while a few modifications were made, in the end, they were approved.

Come join us on Wednesday, February 20th at 5:30 down at Mario's at 13th and Main. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully;

David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club

February 8, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on January 11th with eight members present.

An informal, but lively discussion on the government shutdown/the wall/the welfare system/cutting the budget/getting people back to work/Section 8 housing/corruption in Illinois/Asians and other foreign students coming into the US and overstaying their visas then followed.

There was also some discussion of merger of Tristate Morning Lodge with Dubuque #3. That was then followed with some discussion on a new time and date for High Twelve. However, we decided to keep it as it is – 2nd Friday of the month at noon.

Dave Patton plans to attend midyear meeting for International, January 24-27 in San Antonio, Texas, plus report back at our next meeting.

Come join us on Friday, February 8th at High Twelve down in the Temple's dining room.

Respectfully;
David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Brothers,

While we did not have a business meeting due to the holiday, we will resume our monthly gatherings in February. Please plan to join us February 05 at 6:00PM for a meal and at 7:00 for our business meeting. 2019 is the year of the Mark Master which means we will be learning the degree and the meanings behind the ritual.

By the time this reaches you, we will have had our annual holiday celebration and all Masonic dinner. If you were not able to attend this year, please come join us in 2020. Our plans are to continue to hold this event on the third Saturday in January. As always, this is open to members of the York Rite as well as those who are not yet members. Finally, it is that time of the year for the collection of dues. Annual dues for the York bodies is a total of \$81. Please make checks payable to Dubuque York Rite and mail to:
Chris Stechman

2511 Windsor Ave
Dubuque, IA 52001
If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. My cell number is 563.564.6250.

Fraternally,
Chris Stechman

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Our stated meeting was held on Thursday, January 3rd with 8 members present.

Our February meeting will be held at the Oxus Grotto where we will have dinner with the scholarship recipients and their families. Met #49 members bring your spouses. Dinner will be provided By Poor-Mans Cafe.

A special thanks goes out to ALL who were able make it to the Officer Installation on Sunday January 5th. The weather hasn't been too bad so far, and hopefully it will stay that way.

Respectfully;
Dan Neuhaus WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Welcome to the new year. Here we go again...

Thank you to those attending the Installation of officers. At our January meeting, Mosaic Lodge was able to complete our installation to those remaining officers who had missed the official date. It's good to have everyone in place as we have a lot to do this year. We must find a way to resolve the issue of the temple building. It is unacceptable to have the temple in such disarray and neglect. How much longer can we try to be a thriving fraternity when the building lacks heat, proper electricity, workable bathrooms and even secure doors? This is just to name a few of the problems, not to mention the lack of cleanliness and disorder of furnishings. We all need to work together to rectify these matters and we

need to have a sense of urgency. If you have suggestions for solutions please let them be known.

Besides the lengthy discussion on the condition of the temple building we also looked at our plans for the year ahead. We hope to continue our usual dinners and customary events such as touring the Grand Lodge Library on April 13th. We hope to perhaps visit the Bettendorf masonic home too. Please stay posted as to our events and upcoming degrees. If you would like to be on our email and/or text lists please contact mosaic125dbq@gmail.com or visit our website.

The worshipful master proposed a quiz over the code that was given at the Secretary's Workshop and the brothers did well in providing the correct answers. Thank you to Jared Snow for providing awesome Jimmy John's sandwiches, chips and cookies - it seemed like a feast. We look forward to seeing you at our next stated meeting in March where Russ Hibbens will present a program and refreshments.

"Freemasonry is a hidden stream of knowledge passed on from the dawn of human history." --from the History Channel documentary

Fraternally submitted by:
Brian Carroll - WM#125

Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2019

(ed. Note – there is no report from Julien #125 this month)



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

During the installation of Lodge Officers on January 5th, incoming Worshipful Master, Brian Carroll provided us with an inspirational and moving statement. He has graciously given his permission to quote some of it here in this column. We won't quote it in its entire free-verse form, but we will try to extract a few words from it. We believe that the thoughts embodied are well-worth remembering. Thank you, Brother Brian!

He says:

I would like to begin by thanking my predecessors -

All those who came before me

To help lead the way

And showed us all what needs to be done

To pass on this legacy

That is Freemasonry.

This wonderfully unique Brotherhood of a fraternity. A fraternity that cares.

...

I think of many good and great Brothers who have gone before me. For as long

as I'm alive - they will still be alive --

more than just their memory,

But their very spirit --

The lessons they've taught me Live on in me

(and perhaps each of us here, in some way)

...

Donald Gieseemann, Melvin Reynolds, Rex Brammer,

Ed Trice, Tony Linder, Francis Spencer,

Ken Weninger...

Remember them??? **I do.**

And many others who helped build this temple.

Who each placed a stone in just the right place.

Only after many years of shaping it into the perfect ashlar to best serve the purpose.

This very place where I stand - and you all sit.

This moment in time.

We owe it to them.

Masonic Calendar: February, 2019

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

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