



## 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](mailto: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, March 14, 2019**

Since Feb. 14 was Valentine's Day, and we Grotto members love our spouses/significant others, Grotto was canceled until March 14, so we could spend time with our sweeties.

A reminder, too – in March Oxus Grotto will begin its annual Friday Night Fish Fry season. Fry nights will be March 15 and 22, and April 5 and 12, from 5:00PM to 7:30PM. Cost will be \$8.00 Adults, and \$4.00 for kids under 10.

**Respectfully;**

**Bill Luensmann - Monarch**

## Dubuque Lodge #3

### A.F. & AM

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Dubuque Lodge #3 met Thursday, February 21; the weather cooperated this time. However, there were only four Brothers in attendance, so no business was conducted. We expect that we'll have better attendance in March.

**Respectfully;**

**Wes Struebing – WM**

## Key City Shrine Club

**March 20, 2019**

Due to inclement(!) weather and because several of our members need to drive significant distances, Key City Shrine Club canceled its regular meeting for February.

See you in March at Mario's.

**Respectfully;**

**Wes Struebing – VP**

## Dubuque High Twelve Club

**March 8, 2019**

Largely because of threatening weather and icy conditions, we did not have High Twelve on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, rather than reporting on that, I plan to talk about the midyear conference of International down in San Antonio at the end of January. (I should also mention, largely because of illness, North Central Association only had a few attendees.) First, for those of you who are history buffs, San Antonio is a must see on your 'bucket list'! After all, in addition to the Alamo in this nation's 7<sup>th</sup> largest city, there are all the Spanish missions, the wonderful markets, and delicious food. (That's in addition to the river walk.)

Regrettably, we had a couple things working against us! First, was the limited time that we had to tour the city. Secondly, it was during the middle of the government shutdown, consequently, many of the places were closed. (I do plan to return in the future!)

We did, however, learn about how the Spaniards in their quest for gold, played a significant role in wiping out several influential civilizations like the Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas. At the same time, how Freemasonry was a major contributor in the formation of the state of Texas I did get a chance to get some personal opinions regarding the security situation at our southern border – one being from

a trooper who has actually observed the conditions there. So, while they didn't know if a 'wall' is the answer, they did acknowledge that something definitely needs to be done to stabilize and control the influx of people and drugs into this country.

As far as the actual conference, we talked about the continual need to attract new members, to file 990s, to continually support the Walcott Foundation, the need to welcome more Prince Hall members, plus to help out High Twelvians that are vacillating.

## Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

York Rite did not meet in February since the weather has been so atrocious. Please bear with us, and we'll meet on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the usual accommodations.

**Fraternally;**

**Chris Stechman**

## Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

Our stated meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> due to the weather.

We had a delicious dinner provided by Poor Man's Cafe for our scholarship recipients.

Erin Oftelie who is undertaking a Nursing degree, and John Powell who is undertaking a Bio Engineering degree were able to attend.

The third recipient, Jenna Osterhaus (Nursing) was unable to attend. It was a pleasure speaking with them and we wish them well in their future endeavors. Katie Weidemann, Director of Outside Affairs from NICC also attended. She is the one who helps select the individuals for the scholarships.

She also commented that both Erin and John had perfect scores upon their selection. Congratulations to them both!

**Respectfully;**  
**Dan Neuhaus - WM**

**Mosaic Lodge #125**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday,**  
**March 12, 2019**

We've got the full winter weather in effect lately. Spring is a month away according to the calendar. Because of the numerous snowfalls and freezing ice we've had to postpone our degrees and our regular meeting - which we held on Monday, February 18th. We've rescheduled Joe Hartel's Fellowcraft degree for Friday, March 1st and Jordan O'Connell's Master Mason degree for Monday, March 4th. Hope you can join us at those times.

At our meeting we approved the Treasurer's report from 2018. Our Secretary noted we had received twelve applications for our senior scholarships and the charity committee will be reviewing them to select some to interview. Brian Kelley announced plans for a Child I.D. event to be held here at the temple on Saturday, March 2nd, from 10AM to 2PM. Please come and help if you are willing.

The brothers present stood for a moment of silence for our departed four-time Past Master Gene Chappell, who we will miss for all that he did for us and Mosaic Lodge. A masonic service will be recited at 7PM at the Egelhof funeral Home on Friday, February 22nd.

Thank you to Russ Hibben for providing the traditional Limburger Cheese offerings. We look forward to seeing you at our next stated meeting in March where Greg Stechman will present a program and Bob Happ will provide refreshments. And a friendly reminder to please check and pay your dues in a timely manner. Thank you.

*"Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols... which we have lots and lots."* -- from Jim Tresnor, Masonic Scholar

**Fraternally submitted by;**  
**Brian Carroll, WM#125**

**Julien Chapter #125 OES**  
**Stated Meeting Tuesday,**  
**March 19, 2019**

February is scheduled to be dark for Julien Chapter but because of weather we cancelled our January meeting so we had a brief meeting in February to make final plans for our joint school of instruction which is scheduled for Feb. 23rd. We allowed the bills to be paid and read communications.

We participated in the funeral of Sister Arline Dieterich on Feb. 4th at St. Luke's UMC. We are sorry to say good bye to our 74-year member who had been such a big part of our chapter for such a long time. She will be sorely missed.

Some of our members have attended receptions of the new crew of Grand Officers and now the school session is in full swing. Let's hope the weather doesn't cause too much bad travel time. Sister Bev and Brother Don will be going to visit family in Arizona then they will fly to Hawaii for a couple week vacation. They will be back just before our March 19 meeting. Hope they have a wonderful and safe trip.

We are glad to find that Sister Charity Edgar and her husband now live in Dubuque. Hope she will find time to come to Chapter.

We extend our sympathy to Sister SherRee Engles on the death of her father, Harold Engles.

We will all miss Gene Chappell who has been the editor of the Trestle Board and a devoted Mason for many years. He died on Jan. 20, 2019. Our sympathy to his wife and family.

This is brief but I wish everyone safety and health in the coming month!

**Respectfully;**  
**Beverly Godsey – Secretary**  
**Jennifer Diller WM.**  
**Dave Patton. WP**



**Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings**

Since recent weather has been atrocious (even for this area!), Ye Olde Editor would like to remind people of some simple safety precautions when traveling. We all know them, but please consider this a good refresher. Please, please – stay safe even when you're not outing and abouting!

Vehicle emergency supply kits should include:

- Jumper cables
- Tool kit and/or a multipurpose utility tool
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Reflective triangles and/or flares
- First aid kit
- Nonperishable, high-energy foods, such as unsalted nuts, dried fruits and hard candy
- Drinking water
- Reflective vest in case you need to walk to get help
- Car charger for your cell phone
- Fire extinguisher
- Duct tape
- Other cold weather items: snow brush, shovel, windshield washer fluid, warm clothing, cat litter for traction and blankets

Other items, as well; here's a link to the National Safety Council's suggestions:  
<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/emergency-preparedness/car-kit>

## Masonic Calendar: March, 2019

| Sunday    | Monday    | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|           |           |   |   |   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>York Rite                       | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Metropolitan<br>Lodge #49<br>7:00PM, eat<br>at 6:00PM | <b>8</b><br>High Twelve                                  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>Mosaic<br>Lodge #125<br>7:00PM | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br>Oxus Grotto<br>6:00PM Eat<br>7:00PM<br>Meeting       | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b> |
| <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>Julien OES<br>#125<br>7:00PM   | <b>20</b><br>Shrine Club<br>6:00PM Eat<br>7:00PM<br>Meeting | <b>21</b><br>Dubuque<br>Lodge #3<br>7:00PM                        | <b>22</b><br><b>Trestleboard<br/>Deadline<br/>4:00PM</b> | <b>23</b> |
| <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>MTA Board                      | <b>17</b>   | <b>28</b><br>Trowel<br>Fellowship<br>7:30PM                       | <b>29</b>  | <b>20</b> |
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