



## From the Trestleboard

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### Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

## OXUS Grotto #137

### Regular Meeting

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

Oxus Grotto met in regular session on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Grotto.

Prophet Smokey McGovern provided the meal – chicken fries and cookies for dessert. Monarch Bill Luensmann proved ice cream to complement the cookies.

Prophet Sam Phipps reported that rentals for 2019 are doing well. He has 21 confirmed contracts, so far, and has another half-dozen out for contract signing.

Dennis Smith is not doing well with his cancer, it was reported. He is at Mercy Hospital. Thoughts and prayers are always welcome. He is a good and decent Brother.

Oxus' first Fish Fry on March 15<sup>th</sup> was a success; the line was out the door. By the time this reaches you, our second Fish Fry will be in the books. It was on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The last two Lenten Fish Frys will be on April 5<sup>th</sup> and on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Time – 5:00PM-7:30PM. Come on out and enjoy good food and good company. Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, The Grotto will host its next Breakfast. A portion of the proceeds will go to Special Olympics, so

come on out and support a great cause AND have a delicious meal to boot.

A motion was made and carried that we would look into cleaning the exterior of the Grotto; planning is in progress. It was also approved that we reseed the grass. That should happen in a couple weeks. Monarch Bill L. has graciously consented to provide the meal at April's meeting.

**Respectfully transcribed for:**

**Bill Luensmann – Monarch**

## Dubuque Lodge #3

**A.F. & AM**

**Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:00**

**PM**

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in its regular communication on Thursday, March 21. We had a respectable attendance. Senior Warden Chris Stechman conducted the meeting in the absence of our Worshipful Master.

Since we are celebrating our 175th anniversary this year, plans for the recognition are underway. The Grand Lodge officers will be here on June 19, 2019. We will have a banquet followed by a rededication of the lodge. It will be open to the public. Since the event will coincide with the Grand Master's "Motorcycle Ride" attendees will arrive by automobile and motorcycle. Nobody has mentioned horse; I'm sure that was the mode of transportation in 1844. There will be more information later. We are also looking for a Past Master from Dubuque Lodge #3 to serve on a degree team for the Grand Lodge session which will be held in September. The team will be made up of members of the first four Iowa lodges.

**Fraternally;**

**Jack Smeltzer - Secretary**

## Key City Shrine Club

**April 17, 2019**

On March 20<sup>th</sup> – just minutes after the official start of spring, the Key City Shrine Club met down at Mario's on 13<sup>th</sup> and Main. Dave Glanz was the representative from Kaaba. He asked if the new Oriental Guide from Kaaba had been at one of our meetings. Since we had to cancel our February meeting because of bad weather, we told him he hadn't.

He then shared all the headaches Davenport is dealing with, not only over all the flooding issue, but the congestion on the new I-74 bridge. (A big mess!) Blake McKahin is very familiar with the area, so they spent considerable time before the meeting comparing notes. Dave shared with Dan how he was lucky for being in Iowa to sell his house, since nobody is buying in Illinois with the deteriorating economy – unless, of course, they drop their asking price drastically!

Just as we did at High Twelve, we went around the table and shared information about members who were either under the weather, or had passed on to a better place. Dave also didn't know how many more meetings he would be able to attend, since he needs to be near Jean's side to care for her. **(sending good thoughts to them – ed.)**

At the same time, Brian shared info on Ed Blinks, and how they plan to put a camera down his throat to check out his intestinal tract to see where the bleeding is coming from.

Kaaba is also having a hard time finding drivers to take patients to Chicago and St. Louis hospitals; if anyone would be willing and able to sign up, it would be greatly appreciated. (You might even be able to stay overnight at a high-class luxury hotel – at least in Chicago!)

Parade season will soon be here; Dan and Wayne are raring to go. Memorial Day Parade in Dubuque will be May 27<sup>th</sup>

at 10:00. (Wayne can't wait to use his sound effects – especially his wolf whistle.)  
Brian Kelley reported on the recent Child I.D. event, plus on upcoming clinics in Eastern Iowa.

Mark your calendars, because before we know it, the Dubuque County Fair will be here – July 23-28<sup>th</sup>. Please see if you can help at the popcorn stand, and check out Wayne performing magic with our new popper. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**, sign up, not just once, but often! I'm going to need a minimum of four people from 5:00-closing every single night! (There might even be a prize this year for whomever signs up the most!)  
Hope to see you at our next Key City Shrine meeting 5:30 on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Mario's.

*Respectfully;*  
**David Patton – Treas.**

### **Dubuque High Twelve Club April 12, 2019**

On Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, High Twelve finally was able to meet again in the Masonic Temple's dining room. Back in February, we had some nasty weather, so we were forced to cancel. As it was, it worked out nicely for Jack Smeltzer, because, somewhere around Christmas, he said he was coming down some steps with the wash, when he missed the last step – result, he broke a bone in his leg. (Actually, I think he FELL for Barb!) Largely because of that, he's been laid up ever since. Matter fact, at our March meeting, he had just gotten rid of his boot and was sporting a soft cast. Since we had recently lost Gene Chappell and Don Giesemann, I thought it appropriate to go around the table to see how everyone was handling this winter. (Fortunately, spring is now here!)

We then went over some timely business. Plus, since we were looking for new members, and Dan Teply was in attendance, he decided to join us. (By the way, I just found out that he bought a new place, and will be moving in shortly.)

I then shared my experiences attending the midyear conference of High Twelve down in San Antonio. Sad to say, not only were several attendees under the weather, but we also had to deal with the partial government shutdown. San Antonio is Definitely a place for history buffs to put on their bucket list!  
Hope to see you on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon for our next meeting! (I also just realized I better get working on my taxes!)

*Respectfully;*  
**David H. Patton**

### **Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

Sir Knights;

The weather is finally warming up and by the time this hits your mail spring will officially be here. We completely understand not wanting to leave the warmth of your home during these last few months of arctic blast. However, with the warmer weather hopefully we may resume our labors and enjoy each other's company. One of the goals for this year is to learn and perform the Mark Master degree. To that end we need everyone to show for our meetings so we can practice as a group. Our next meeting is April 2 at 7:00PM. I realize that you probably won't get this in time as a reminder for the April meeting. So, to help plan a little further ahead, please don't forget that we have our May meeting on May 7, at 7:00PM. I would also like to take a moment to thank those of you who have returned the questionnaire sent out earlier this month. The replies have been helpful and continue to ensure we have correct contact information for each and every one of our members.

*Fraternally;*  
**Chris Stechman**

### **Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting Thursday, April 4, 2019**

Metropolitan Lodge #49 had its meeting on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Oxus Grotto building.

Due to illness and work conflicts with members we had 6 members present. Please keep Rocky and Sam in your thoughts and prayers. Smokey supplied our dinner of beef and noodles.

Rocky if you are up to it, you're next in line for the April dinner. If not let me know.

As MASTERS and MEMBERS of the Lodges ask yourself, what can we do to bring our numbers back?

Brothers we all need to get involved and let the public know who we are and what we do, how they can get involved and become Masons. If we do not, as everyone can see our membership will continue to dwindle.

Any Mason who has thought on this, feel free to contact me at [dannyneu40@gmail.com](mailto:dannyneu40@gmail.com). Please put "Mason" in the subject line. Masters, if you would like to meet in a round table, let's make it happen.

*Respectfully;*  
**Dan Neuhaus WM**

### **Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

Signs of Spring are starting to appear - how wonderful and welcomed.

At our March meeting we installed Brian Kelley as Senior Deacon to fill in for Jacob Helm, who is not available to complete his duties for the remainder of the year. Brother Kelley will also carry out Jacob's role on the Charity committee, which plans to review the scholarship applications soon. Several brothers are planning to attend the Grand Master's Neighborhood meeting in Manchester on March 27<sup>th</sup>. You can let me know if you would like to join the ride there. This event counts towards the Grand Lodge - Lodge of the Year Award. This year the lodge will need to demonstrate proficiency in Opening and Closing a lodge of Entered Apprentices in order to receive the award. We also have a date set to tour

the Grand Lodge Library and Museum in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, April 13th. Talk to a member of Mosaic Lodge for more details - we welcome anyone interested in touring the building with us.

To close the meeting, our Senior Warden, Greg Stechman, projected some interesting history items from the Memorial Room and some photos of masonic tombstones from the Dubuque cemeteries that he has been piecing together. He has a fairly detailed map showing all masonic markers he has found and has even broken them down into the different organizations represented. Feel free to contact Brother Greg if you would like to know more about the project or if you wish to help him continue the research. He is also seeking input regarding collecting stories from masons as part of a Legacy project to have as documentation of personal experiences.

It was great to have our Treasurer, Past Grand Master, Ed Blinks back in lodge and we look forward to his educational program next month. He will also have the refreshments in April. We hope to see you there with us. Thank you to Brother Bob Happ who provided treats after our March regular meeting.

*“As our brethren of former years celebrated the past and contemplated the future, so must we today consider our history and ask the Grand Architect of the Universe to guide our destiny.”* - from Mosaic Lodge by-laws.

**Fraternally submitted by:  
Brian Carroll – WM #125**

## Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Spring is here! Can you believe that March has almost passed! Our school of instruction was held March 9 as the weather caused the date to be changed from Feb. 23rd. Several pro-tem officers had to fill for those of Bellevue Chapter and Julien Chapter who were not filled or the officers were gone away on vacation (AKA Bev and Don took off for Arizona and Hawaii!). The lunch was catered by HyVee and enjoy be all. Due to nasty weather that set in everyone hurried home when the school was completed. Thanks to our District Instructor, Mary Reicks, for the thorough instruction and patience and for the help for Sisters and Brothers who stepped in when asked. Not much is coming up so this is short and sweet this month. Happy spring to everyone!

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

### Masonic Calendar: April, 2019

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

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