



# 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](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, August 8, 2019

Hail prophets;

We started our meeting with a moment of silence for Dennis Smith. He will be greatly missed. In the same spirit of taking a moment at our meeting, if you are reading this please take a moment of silent reflection to remember Dennis and his family.

We are being given a great opportunity to help area children by participating in a community event this October. The Dubuque County Kids Expo will be Saturday, October 5, from 10 AM to 2:00 PM at the Grand River Center. In addition to being invited to hold a child identification booth, the Grotto has been invited to provide information about our dental program. For those who have not been to or not familiar with the Expo, this is a gathering of area resources available to children and families within the county. While participants are able to attend for free, vendors typically have to pay a registration fee. Due to the great works Masons do throughout the community, we have been invited and will not have to pay a vendor fee. This leaves us a wide-open opportunity to

showcase our many great works. If you would like to volunteer or otherwise participate with this event, please contact Chris Stechman at 563.564.6250 or Brian Kelley at 563.451.2906. Please feel free to contact either brother for additional information.

Our next meeting will be August 8 and will be a steak fry. Dinner is open to all prophets in good standing and their lady. We will be serving steak fry, fresh corn on the cob, beans, and brownies. Please be sure to RSVP to Smokey so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Remember prophets... Goodfellowship, Friendship, and FUN

*Fraternally,  
Chris Stechman*

Secretary's Addendum: I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Metropolitan Lodge to the Oxus Grotto. This move is in response to the poor condition of maintenance and repair of the Temple downtown. While long term rental contracts and rental amounts have not been announced. I would like to take this opportunity to offer the Oxus Grotto as a refuge to any Dubuque Lodge dissatisfied with the conditions at the temple. I'm sure we can find space for your Lodge's possessions and a slot in our schedule for your meetings. Thank You!

*Dale Hefel PM – Sec., Oxus Grotto*

## Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & AM

Thursday, August 15, 2019,  
7:00 PM

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters;  
Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F.&A.M. met in regular session on 18 July, 2019 at 7:00 PM. We had a small number of Masons

present, but enough to conduct regular business. The Egyptian Room was warm, but at least it was far less humid than it was outside!

Since July is the final month for receiving dues, it was determined that there are four who will most likely be suspended. We really hate to lose members in that manner!

Brother Secretary Jack Smeltzer read the thank you letter we sent to the Secretary of Grand Lodge for rededicating Dubuque #3. Brother Jack, you are far more eloquent than I. Thank you.

We discussed the move that Metropolitan Lodge #49 from the Temple to Oxus Grotto. Further discussions will surely follow.

At Grand Lodge in September, instead of a ritual competition on Thursday, there will be a Degree Lodge, and the participants in the first part will be members of the Iowa lodges with single digits in their names. Unfortunately, we had to inform the organizer, the Worshipful Master of Des Moines Lodge #1 of Burlington that we will not have a presence there.

Brother Wayne Stanfley will provide refreshments in August.

Our session was closed in form at 8:00 PM. Peace and harmony prevailed.

*Respectfully;*

*Wesley Struebing - WM*

## Key City Shrine Club Dark Until September

Key City Shrine Club will be dark until September. Please rejoin us then.

## Dubuque High Twelve Club August 9, 2019

High Twelve was dark in July. Please rejoin us in August.

## Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

### Dark Until September

York Rite will be dark until September. Please rejoin us then.

## Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

### Thursday, August 1, 2019

I'm sure with the heat many would like to go dark and stay in the air conditioning. And if you are like me, there are many things that still need to be done. Stay cool and stay hydrated, don't overdo it.

Metropolitan lodge #49 will meet at Oxus Grotto on August 1st. I will provide the dinner.

*Fraternally;*

*Dan Neuhaus WM*

*Metropolitan lodge #49*

## Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Greetings Masonic family:

Hope everyone is enjoying the heart of summer - tough to think we are looking at August approaching already. Our July meeting brought another petition to the table. An investigative committee will meet with the prospect, as usual, and hopefully our carry over petition from the last meeting will also be ready to go in August. Get ready for some degree work, brothers.

Brother Jai Ram (Joe Hartel) has begun offering a yoga class at the temple for anyone from the masonic family (or others, for that matter) who is interested. The group has been meeting on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. Please join in. He also proposed viewing the movie "War and Peace" to those interested and will perhaps start this in another month yet.

The Charity committee approved \$1500 to go towards a local artist's exhibit at the Dubuque Museum of Art set for this fall. The finance committee met with the bank to review our Schenk investment fund. Brother Zach Spurgeon

is considering assuming the Treasurer's role next year and Brother Brian Carroll has been working to learn the Secretary's duties for next year, as well. If anyone else was/is interested in filling those offices, you should be making your intentions known now. Voting, of course, takes place in November. Before closing the meeting, Brother Silas Cline asked each member present to share something the rest of us may not know about ourselves. This goes to show that masonry, if fact, is a revealer of secrets and it was fascinating to learn more about the unique experiences we all bring to our fraternity. Thank you, Brother Silas, for that unconventional program and for also providing refreshments afterward. At our next meeting in July, we look forward to our annual Grand Lodge summary and refreshments provided by Jack Smeltzer.

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

*"A true mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character and ever strives for its perfection."* --William Howard Taft

## Julien Chapter #125 OES Dark in August

The regular meeting of Julien Chapter was held July 17th with the usual 11 members in attendance. The meeting was short due to the heat and no air conditioning working in the Mezzanine Room. The business was held and then all retired to the small dining room for refreshments.

We did welcome the news that our member Leanne Latham has moved back to Dubuque so we hope to see her at our next meeting which will be in September as we are dark in August. We are planning a summer gathering August 20th at Rhody's for lunch and honoring our 50-year members. We have invited Bellevue Chapter members to join us too so we hope to have a good bunch to enjoy fun, food and fellowship. Bring a game that you would like to play.

That's AUGUST 20th at 1PM. At Rhody's 14167 Old Highway Rd. Dubuque. (The road to the fairgrounds). The special for that day will be a meat loaf dinner or a crispy sandwich with fries. Reservations to Bev Godsey will be needed by Aug. 15th.

Grand Chapter information is available from our Secretary. If you need copies of anything, please Call BEVERLY Godsey.

*We wish everyone a very good and safe summer until we meet again.*

*Jennifer Diller – WM*

*Dave Patton – WP*

*Bev Godsey - Secretary*



## Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

It's almost mid-Summer, and the weather is "tropical". We can only echo WM Dan's supplication – stay indoors and cool if you don't have to venture outside. Hard to believe that it is 50 years(!) since Apollo 11 touched down on our Moon during what was then mankind's greatest adventure. Wow! Just a reminder that you can access the Trestleboard online at:

<https://carpedementem.org/trestleboard%20test/>

Stay safe, stay cool, and we'll communicate again in August!

*Respectfully;*

*Ye Olde Editor*

## Masonic Calendar: August, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Metropolitan Lodge #49 7:00PM, eat at 6:00PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> York Rite (DARK)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	<b>9</b> High Twelve (DARK)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Mosaic Lodge #125 7:00PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Julien OES #125 (DARK)	<b>21</b> Shrine Club (DARK)	<b>22</b> Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> MTA Board	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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