



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, September 12, 2019

Oxus Grotto had its annual all-prophet steak fry on August 8th at the Grotto. We were treated to wonderful steaks (the steak picker-outers outdid themselves), corn-on-the-cob, and a decadent brownie for dessert! Oxus also holds this to thank those ladies, Grotto members' wives/partners and those who don't have a spouse in the Grotto, who put in so much volunteer time during Grotto events like our breakfasts and Lenten fish fries. The Grotto sincerely appreciates your efforts, Ladies, and we'd have a hard time functioning without you! Kudos are in order to those fantastic chefs who grilled our steaks, and boiled our corn. Thank you, Prophets Steve Sanders, Gene Muntz, and Dan Neuhaus. Turnout was great, and a good time was had by all. Sympathy and good fellowship reigned.

Respectfully;

Jim (Smokey) McGovern

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, September 19, 2019,

7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication on 15 August, 2019 at 7:00PM, 6 people in attendance.

We had a visitor this evening, Zach Spurgeon, who presented information on "Dubuque Rednecks", a masonic-affiliated organization, also under the auspices of Grand Lodge. It is a "fun" and charitable organization. Brother Zach requested Dubuque Lodge #3's endorsement; it was voted on and gladly given. There will be more information in next month's Trestleboard.

The initial nominees for next year's Grand Lodge officers were read to the Lodge as required by GL. Grand Lodge dates are 20-22 September, 2019, in Cedar Rapids.

Brother Bob Young is on the mend after some rather serious breathing/lung issues. We wish him a full recovery.

It is noted that Brother Brian Kelley will FINALLY tie the know with Angie Balster on 12 October, at the Temple. Angie and Brian wish to make the following known: *Brian's Grandad, Clifford Robinette, WWII Navy vet, will be 100 years young a few days after our wedding. Brian and I would love for him to receive 100 birthday cards for his 100th birthday. In lieu of a wedding card or gifts, we are requesting our guests to bring a birthday card that will be given to him as a surprise during the reception. There will be a decorated box for collection. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending a card to – Kelley Residence, Clifford Robinette, 1905 Bennett Street, Dubuque, Iowa, 52001 no later than October 5th, and we will make sure he receives it. Thanks for making this event and even more special day by including Grandad Cliff. RSVP to (the address is posted in "Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings").*

And include two songs you would like played during the reception.

Dubuque Lodge #3 closed in form at 8:10PM; Peace and harmony prevailed.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

September 18, 2019

Well, the 2019 Dubuque County Fair is now behind us, which gives us a chance to do some reflecting. There were several good things, but also some things we need to learn from how the Key City Shriner's popcorn stand was run. First of all, we had some pretty decent weather most of the week! (If you remember, the week before we had sweltering heat, so I guess we were really lucky!)

Second, enough people signed up so I didn't have to do a double shift. Therefore, I want to personally thank all those who stepped forward to help us out.

I also learned to not have too many people on the early shift when it's kind of dead out there. This essentially means we can get by with three people most days to open up. In fact, there were a couple days we actually sent people home early!

It was also gratifying to have former patients stop by and visit. You can also probably guess, they helped really feed our tip jar.

Everyone seems to jump at the chance to get something free! Tuesday – the first day – was free admission all day. That was also our most successful day; even bigger than Sunday! We were then able to use the financial success from that day to compensate for the lack of activity on other days. (It also sounds like the evening shift was really jumping to keep up!)

Wayne even had a chance to showcase his new popper, which heats up very quickly, which also means you have to watch it closely – something that Gene quickly learned!

To top it off, we had people come forward to say that they wanted to become a Mason, plus join Eastern Star. So, even though we fell short of our financial goals, plus had to payout a large sum to run the stand, we were happy with the outcome!

Come join us on the third Wednesday starting in September at 5:30 down at Mario's.

Respectfully;
David H. Patton - Treasurer

Dubuque High Twelve Club September 13, 2019

High Twelve will be dark until September. Please rejoin us then.

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, September 5, 2019

By now I'm sure everyone knows that Metropolitan Lodge #49 has voted to leave the Temple. This has been under discussion for the past few years and was a difficult and heartfelt decision to make. I received an email questioning how and if we changed our By Laws and the move to the Grotto with the proper protocol and through the proper channels with the Grand Lodge. Grand lodge was contacted, and the proper protocols were followed! Grand Lodge has been notified of our decision. It has also been said we removed items from the temple without permission. The items removed were Metro #49's belongings. We still have files that belong to Metro #49 at the Temple. And funeral paraphernalia has been returned to the Temple.

Since the move we also received an unsigned letter from the Temple Association stating that we must turn in any keys that we may have, and if we wish to enter the Temple we must have a member from another lodge escort us. This was not a surprise to us, and it was discussed and believed that this would happen during previous meetings in the past.

Our decision was done for what we feel is the best for our Lodge and for Masonry. The beauty of our Temple has fallen to multiple stages of disrepair and I personally feel it will get worse. One last thing. Thanks, Rocky for your woodworking skills and taking time out to make the needed items to set up a formal Lodge setting while dealing your mother's passing. Our prayers are with you.

Fraternally;
Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2019

(ed. note: there is no Mosaic #125 report this month. Stay tuned for next month)

Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Julien Chapter OES will be dark until September. Please rejoin us then.



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

It is with great pleasure that we, the Trestleboard staff, wish to make the following announcement:

On 12 October, 2019, the Masonic Temple, 1155 Locust Street, in beautiful downtown Dubuque, Iowa, Masterpiece on the Mississippi, will play host to an event years in the making. We are pleased to announce that Brother Brian Kelley will FINALLY! tie the knot, get hitched, marry and wed one lovely and charming Angie Balster! The happy couple left it to us as to how we would communicate this information to our Masonic Community; they'll probably regret that! Please RSVP by 12 September to:

kellywedding101219@gmail.com or text 563-451-0866 to Angie.

We wish them many years of wedded bliss!

One other piece of note; (this will have been read at the respective lodges by the time this newsletter comes out) the weekend of the 20 September, 2019, Grand Lodge will meet in regular session, and one of the items on its agenda will be election of officers for next year. Current nominations are:

Grand Master – William R Crawford
Sr. Grand Warden – Richard L Humphrey
Jr. Grand Warden – A Lyle Miller
Grand Treasurer – Arthur W Pixlar
Grand Secretary – Craig L Davis

These are the current nominations only; however, a delegate may vote for whomever he wishes.

Respectfully;
Ye Olde Editor

Masonic Calendar: September, 2019

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

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