



The Trestleboard



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From the Trestleboard

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Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Hail Prophets:

We had a good turnout for our August 8th steak fry with our Masonic Ladies. It was to show our appreciation for all their work helping with the fish fries and our breakfasts. Without them, we probably wouldn't be able to hold these events.

And...our next breakfast is Sunday, September 29. We invite all to come out and enjoy good food and fellowship.

We also set the dates for our Fish Fries: March 6, 13, 20, and April 3.

We have also had 53 rentals so far this year, which is a record!

Fraternally

Smokey McGovern

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, October 17, 2019,

7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular session on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00PM, Worshipful Master Wes Struebing

presiding. A cozy turnout, there were the five usual suspects. We had no guests. Financially, some of the monies in our General Fund came from the now-defunct Morning Lodge #673, from their treasury and from investments they cashed in. We will discuss next meeting how Dubuque #3 will proceed with those funds; assuming we can get a decent rate (decent for these times) we will probably re-invest them.

Brother Jack Smeltzer reminded us that Mosaic Lodge #125 will be conducting two Entered Apprentice degrees on September 28th, at 1:00PM in the Temple.

Brother Jack also filled us in on Brother Ed Blinks' medical issues, and we all wish him well and extend our thoughts and prayers for his speedy recovery. In addition, Brother Dave Patton let us know about Russ Hibben and how he is doing with his leg issues. We also wish him a speedy recovery! These are good and true brothers and deserve a health break!

WM Wes asked about Zach Spurgeon (he has expressed an interest in joining our Lodge), and Secretary Jack said that Zach has a petition, but has not turned it in, yet. Once he does Jack explained the procedure for us to accept/reject his petition. With respect to membership, we will begin discussions into our upcoming election of Officers in November.

There being no further business we closed shortly before 8:00PM – peace and harmony prevailed.

Respectfully submitted;

Wesley Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

October 16, 2019

The September meeting of Key City Shriners convened at 5:35PM at Mario's

on Wednesday the 18th and had a delicious meal.

One of our first order of business was to not only finalize the Dubuque County Fair's popcorn stand results, but to draw out of a hat the name of a lucky volunteer to get two free nights' stay at the Holiday Inn in Dubuque. (Wes drew out the name of Dan Teply.)

Remember, the more shifts you worked, the more often your name was entered for the drawing. Wes was chosen to assist in the drawing since he was unable to help out that week.

Discussion followed of the Labor Day Parade. Although the Shriner's

attendance was down this year, the onlookers still remembered us. I heard people asking where the antique truck was and all the choppers? (**ed. Note: I also heard a number of people thanking us for our works**)

There was then lengthy discussion about the possibility about purchasing a trailer to house the popcorn poppers, which we could take around to the different county fairs.

Brian Kelley talked about starting the Order of the Amaranth and bringing Demolay back to life in Dubuque.

Presently, he and Zach Spurgeon have also formed a fun group called the **Dubuque Rednecks** with several other Masons and their wives. They have had family events like (Redneck) Scottish Games, and are planning something for Halloween. It is NOT a "Masonic" event, but it is hoped that we can interest non-Masonic participants to join our great fraternity.

David Glanz, representing Kaaba Shriners, encouraged those of us associated with the Child ID event to appear before the Dubuque City Council and even the Dubuque Chamber of Commerce to not only solicit their support, but also as sponsors to help finance the event. (By the way, a free Child ID/informative event is scheduled

to take place down at the Grand River Center on October 5th, sponsored by Hillcrest Family Services.) Brian Kelly's dream is to visit the various Masonic groups in Eastern Iowa. Then, through partnering, set up some kind of schedule so they can have their own event. (The Child ID event is too important to him to let it die off.)

A reminder – Brian's wedding to Angie Balster is to be on Saturday, October 12th, down at the Masonic Temple. (You are to bring as many birthday cards as you can to celebrate his grandfather's one hundredth birthday.)

Our next Key City Shriner's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at 5:30 down at Mario's. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club October 11, 2019

On Friday, September 13th, seven members of High Twelve met in the dining room of the Masonic Temple following months of being 'Dark'. One of those in attendance was Gerald Edgar who is also the second vice-president of North Central Association of High Twelve. He then gave a very interesting and informative talk on railroading! I was particularly interested to find out how close the 'ties' are between the different railroad unions and Masonry! At the same time, he brought in several pieces of memorabilia and presented a slideshow.

Jack Smeltzer showed a particular interest in his talk since he not only had relatives who worked for the railroad, but lived only a stone's throw away from a set of tracks in his backyard when he was growing up. Jack also pointed out several prominent Masons from Dubuque who had worked for the railroad.

Therefore, if anyone is interested in the history and importance of railroading to Masonry – even to the history of this country, contact Gerald. His phone number is (641) 228-8151 out in Garner, Iowa.

Please keep Ed Blinks and Russ Hibben in your thoughts and prayers, as they are recovering from health complications. Our next meeting of High Twelve will be noon Friday, October 11th. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Masonic Family,
The York Rite met on September 3rd with a small but mighty group. We began with a lively discussion about an article in the most recent Templar magazine which covered the topic of refreshing the brothers in our organization. It was followed up with a few housekeeping items including a proposed change to the local uniforms and membership outreach. An item of interest for those of you who have yet to be knighted (or your man to be knighted) is our upcoming Christmas Party. Expect to see details in the next month or two on that. A FUNdraiser was discussed for late November which would potentially help our ladies get in on a black Friday excursion into the community. Last, the Dubuque Order of the Rednecks was discussed as to how the Order would be supporting upcoming events (The York Rite was the first Masonic Group to officially recognize the Rednecks, but don't worry, we will be visiting all of our local Masonic bodies soon!). Wayne Stanley also regaled the group about days gone by, thus giving us some goals to pursue in regards to future events.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,

Generalissimo Zach Spurgeon

(on behalf of Past Commander Chris Stechman)

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Our stated meeting was held on Thursday September 5th. with much discussion on our plans to move forward

with our plan of business. More to follow at another time as we move along...

I will give a plug for the upcoming Grotto Breakfast season starting on September 29th. The best breakfast money can buy! Otherwise not much else to say except, fall is here and everyone knows winter will be here in no time! Get your shovels, blowers and plows ready!

Respectfully;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Greetings masonic family:

Hope everyone is still enjoying the summer. Since my article did not get published last month, I'm including portions of it here. It was encouraging to see a nice turnout at our August meeting and we welcomed Verlan Haahr, a visiting brother from Cedar Falls, who recently moved to Asbury. Before opening lodge on the first degree (to practice for our upcoming degree work), Brother Zach Spurgeon handed out some special awards from the Redneck games held a couple weeks earlier.

Immediately after opening lodge, Brother Jonathon Moore presented his program describing how masonry has contributed to his personal journey along the winding stairs of life and the depth of perspective masonry has offered in his quest for forming a more perfect ashlar of himself. Brother Jonathon was very open and personal about his past circumstances and the direction he sees going forward. He plans to move to Tennessee at the end of the month. Mosaic lodge is thankful for his time with us and for all he has given in support of our lodge. Unlike many brothers who receive their degrees and are rarely heard from again, Brother Jonathon jumped in and participated in many of our events. He is currently serving as our Junior Deacon and we will definitely miss him.

The date of Saturday, September 28th is set for two candidates to receive their first degrees: Tim McClain and Liam

Curoe will enter as apprentices at 2:00 p.m. on September 28th. Please plan to join us in supporting their interest in masonry.

The Charity committee approved \$1516 to go towards the Carnegie Stout Library's community reading program. And Brother Zach Spurgeon reported on several brothers working toward re-establishing a DeMolay chapter in Dubuque.

As there is no reported Grand Lodge legislation this year, the lodge was closed with Brother Jack Smeltzer providing delicious lemon cake and ice cream after the meeting. Thank you, Jack.

Prior to our September meeting Mosaic provided a free catered dinner to honor our Past Masters. We are thankful for those who have led our lodge in the past to allow us to continue our beloved traditions. And we thank all those who have supported us throughout the years, including our ladies and families. Thanks everyone for an enjoyable dinner together.

At the meeting we voted on another new petition for the degrees from Travis Grover. The Investigative committee will report their findings for us to vote at the next meeting. We also discussed ways to secure our jewels from England so that they are accessible for people to view.

The unresolved problems with the temple continue to grow and have initiated discussions of Mosaic Lodge looking for other locations to meet. We are looking forward to attending Grand Lodge in Cedar Rapids on the September 20th weekend. And we hope to see many brothers at our October meeting and the degrees set for September 28th.

Fraternally submitted;
Brian Carroll - WM#125

*"We Masons are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with opposing convictions or competitive ideas and yet respect each other as Brothers."
--Albert Pike*

Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Fall is upon us with the beautiful colors and cooler temps for which we can count our blessings. Don and I just got home from a wonderful trip to the Holy Land where it was very hot and dry. It was inspiring to be in the land that Jesus and the disciples walked, but we also really appreciate this beautiful land we call home.

We had our meeting last night with a scant crew. Our WM Jennifer and her family made a sad trip to Indiana for the funeral of her dear uncle. Our sincere sympathy goes out to them.

The Memoriam for Beverly Ann Smith, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa, was read. She passed away July 8, 2019 after having suffered a stroke several weeks before. Our sympathy to her husband, Jim and all who loved her. In our own chapter we send out prayers for Ed Blinks who has had surgery and is having some complications. Also, Russ Hibben had surgery and is recovering nicely.

We have been asked to update our membership list for the Trestleboard mailings. If you know of someone who has moved please let me know so I can keep our list current.

A REMINDER: If you have not paid you 2019 OES dues please do so immediately as the 2020 dues are payable Jan. 1. I have those receipts now so I will be glad to take those dues now.

God bless and keep you all until next time.

WM - Jennifer Diller

WP - Dave Patton

Sec'y - Beverly Godsey



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

Greetings Honored Ladies, Sir Knights and Masonic friends and family; The Dubuque Amaranth is hosting a flea market at the Grotto on Friday, October 25th and Saturday October 26th. The sale runs from 8:00AM to 5:00PM both days. The space rentals are \$40 for a 10' x 10' or \$60 for a 10' x 40'. Set up will begin at 7:00AM. There is no rain date or refund for weather cancellation. If interested please contact Sir Knight Silas Cline at **563-258-1992**, or send an email to: Silascline007@gmail.com and include "flea market" in subject line.

Respectfully;
Sir Knight Zach Spurgeon

(and this weighty tome:)
Howdy y'all. On behalf of the Clan Patriarch Brian Kelley and the Clan Matriarch Angie Kelley, it has dun come to my attention that a little discourse on the Dubuque Order of Rednecks has become necessary. The Order is a group that is made up of Masons and non-Masons alike, with the intent of bringing the non-Masons over yonder to be initiated into any and all bodies that support the club. Most of ya'all should expect to see a representative pop up at a meetin' sooner or later to ask your support. So far Dubuque York Rite, Dubuque Amaranth Friendship Committee and Dubuque Lodge #3 have all recognized the club. By time of print I'm shore a few more might have as well. Dunno yet, but will see. Unless given timely notice aforehand, it's a come as you are event, the countrier the better. While we're at it, I'd like to recognize a few of our outstanding Family members: Outstandin' Volunteer of 2018: Greg Stechman. The Winners of the most recent Dubuque Redneck Games: Brian Kelley, Stacey Stechman, Andrew Spurgeon, Chris Stechman, and Jazzy Baker. Ifin yore curious about things get

a hold of Clan Founding Members Chris & Stacy Stechman, Brian & Angie Kelley, Zach & Becky Spurgeon or Greg Stechman.

Y'all take care now, ya hear?

**On behalf of the Patriarch and
Matriarch,
Yore humble servant,
Zach Spurgeon**

Also, a reminder from Ye Olde Editor.

One can view this issue and back issues of the Trestleboard on the web.

Currently it is under development at

<https://carpedementem.org/Trestleboard%20Test>

A hit counter has been installed for your edification and amusement, as well.

Masonic Calendar: October, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 York Rite	2	3 Metropolitan Lodge #49 7:00PM, eat at 6:00PM	4	5
6	7	8 Mosaic Lodge #125 7:00PM	9	10 Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting Br. Joe Hartel Yoga at the Temple 6:00PM	11 High Twelve	12
13	14	15 Julien OES #125 7:00PM	16 Shrine Club 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	17 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM Br. Joe Hartel Yoga at the Temple 6:00PM	18 Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	19
20	21	22 MTA Board	23	24 Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM Br. Joe Hartel Yoga at the Temple 6:00PM	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWE'EN Br. Joe Hartel Yoga at the Temple 6:00PM		

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