



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, December 12, 2019

Brothers;

The Grotto met for our regular meeting time and held our election of officers. Listen to that train whistle in the distance? Yup, that is the sound of the newly elected officers finding their place within the organization. We decided to do something a little different for the coming year and keep everyone in their same offices as held for 2019.

We do have our breakfast around the corner. For November we will have breakfast on the 24th. Don't forget that just because Christmas is in December doesn't mean you get to skip out on breakfast. Be a good Santa's helper and join us in your most festive attire on December 29!

While Lent does seem to be a long way off, let's face it... 2019 flew right on by. So to get ready for our other big endeavors for 2020 please mark the fish fry dates in your calendars and share the info with family and friends. Come out for a great supper on March 6, 2020, March 13, 2020, March 20, 2020 and our last one of the season April 3, 2020.

May everyone have a safe and happy holiday season and see you at our next meeting on December 11, 2019!

Respectfully;

Christopher Stechman

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, December 19, 2019,

7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular session, Thursday, November 21st, with 7 members in attendance and one visitor. Our main agenda item was election of officers for next year. All current elected officers will serve in the same capacity next year; they are:

WM - Wesley Struebing

SW - Chris Stechman

JW - Dale Hefel

Treas. - Wayne Stanfley

Sec. - Jack Smeltzer

Appointed chairs will remain as they were this year, as well.

In addition, Jack has informed us that next year will be his last as Secretary. He has served Dubuque #3 faithfully more many years, so it is fitting. (and he has promised to train up the next Secretary properly!)

Brother Chris informed us of the Amaranth pie fest, in conjunction with Village Inn. Anyone my contact Chris Stechman, Brian Kelley or Zach Spurgeon for a ticket for \$15.00. Present it to the Village Inn and pick out your pie. If you choose one great than \$15, just pay the difference with the ticket.

Our visitor was Brian Carroll, outgoing WM of Mosaic 125. He brought up the Installation of Officers, upcoming in January (January 4, at 10:30AM). Since Metropolitan 49 will hold their own installation, there would normally be only Mosaic 125 and Dubuque 3. It will be hosted by Mosaic 125, and they will

reach out to Julien 125 OES and York Rite to see if they would attend and install their officers at the same time. More information should be forthcoming in December; stay tuned.

We closed in form at approximately 8:15PM, peace and harmony prevailing, to treats provided by Wayne Stanfley. Next month, Brother Dale Hefel will supply the goodies.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

December 18, 2019

(there is no report this month - ed.)

Dubuque High Twelve Club

December 13, 2019

(there is no report this month - ed.)

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Masonic Family;

The Dubuque York Rite met at our regular meeting time and place this month. A few items of interest included the election of officers (congratulations to incoming dais officers Zach Spurgeon, Shawn Evarts and Brian Kelley), logistical planning for the November 23rd festival (we're taking new candidates!) and continuing to streamline our mentorship program. Sir Knights Wayne Stanfley and Ed Blinks have agreed to work with some up and coming hot shots and events are in the planning stages involving not just our immediate Iowa Knights, but our Tri-State brethren as well.

The yearly calendar of events is in the process of being finalized so anyone that has yet to submit plans for the upcoming year needs to either plan on attending the December 3rd meeting or get in touch with one of the dais officers prior

to December. Fund and Fun raising items being rolled out this year will include bowling, helping with the Redneck Games, and road trip 'events' (Masonic Parties on wheels really) to visit other commandries.

Finally, as incoming commander, please consider this an informal summons given two months in advance, to attend the January 7th meeting as the big agenda item will be the 2020 Vision Statement along with hashing out the 2050 Vision Statement as well. If you are unable to attend please text or call **402-469-1997** and leave a voicemail to set up an appointment to include your insights.

See you soon;

Generalissimo Zach Spurgeon

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Metropolitan Lodge #49 held its meeting on 7 November.

Arvid Saele provided a spaghetti & meatball dinner that was very tasty!

Officer selections were made and the quorum of members voted that everyone will retain their current positions for 2020.

Our December 5th meeting will be replaced with a Christmas dinner for ALL Metro #49 members and their spouses/significant others.

Social hour at 5:00PM, and Dinner at 6:00PM. Let's have a great turnout! Smokey McGovern will arrange the caterer.

Respectfully and Brotherly;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125

Regular Meeting Tuesday,

December 10, 2019

Warm greetings masonic family:

Hope everyone is taking care of each other. Prior to our November meeting, our SW Greg Stechman provided soups to start out the night of fellowship.

Thank you, Brother Greg, for stepping up again and preparing the meal. 'Twas also nice to have Brian Kelley's new bride,

Angie, in attendance with us.

Congratulations to the happy newlyweds.

One of the first items at the meeting was a vote which unanimously elected Jason Johnson to receive the degrees of masonry. We have scheduled 7PM, November 25th as the date of his EA degree. Please join us to welcome him into our fraternity. Additionally, mentor Greg Stechman declared Tim McClain as proficient in the 1st degree. Brother Tim's 2nd degree is planned for Monday at 7PM, December 2nd. We would appreciate help and support at these important events.

From our charity funds we were able to donate over \$7000 to support the masonic homes and service organization, Salvation Army, the Make a Wish foundation, and People in Need.

The annual Election of Officers institutes a new charge of leaders for the 2020 year. First, the three principal offices of WM, SW, and JW were filled by Greg Stechman, Jack Smeltzer and Nicholas King, respectively. Each brother will be serving in his corresponding capacity for the first time with Mosaic Lodge. Also of major change will be the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. Brothers Zach Spurgeon and Brian Carroll have been elected to fill those respective roles for the year 2020. For over 25 years those weighty positions have been dutifully fulfilled by our dear brothers Edwin Blinks, Past Grand Master, and Keith Robertson, Past Grand Treasurer. Mosaic Lodge is extremely fortunate and thankful to have had these two brothers execute those critical jobs for the last couple of decades. Brother Edwin Blinks was subsequently elected to serve a two-year term on the Charity Committee, replacing Brother Dan Call, whose term ends this year. Thank you, Brother Dan for your service.

Our next meeting will be December 10th, at the usual 7PM. Brother Nicholas King will have the program and refreshments. Hope you can join us to complete the lodge year.

Fraternally submitted;

Brian Carroll - WM#125

"The true Mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character and ever strives

for its perfection." --William Howard Taft

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

We enjoyed a delicious soup supper before our November meeting to celebrate the completion of another OES year. Because of the few of us in attendance we held our meeting in the small dining room.

The Chapter opened with the pledge to the American Flag, a song and the prayer. Communications included invitations to the receptions for the new Grand Chapter Officers. The Bills were read and approved.

The business of the chapter included the election (re-election) of officers. WM, Jennifer Diller; WP, Dave Patton; AM vacant; AP, Don Wohlers; Secretary, Beverly Godsey; Treasurer, Keith Robertson; Conductress vacant; Associate Conductress, Leona Hibben.

Thanks to all who accepted the responsibility for another year.

There was discussion of the plans for the Feb. 1 Last/First school for Vicki Wallner AGC which will be held here in our Temple. We are excited to be able to do this for Sister Vicki who has been our District Instructor in the past. The Invitations have been sent and reservations are beginning to come in. Bellevue Chapter will be helping host this event. We thank them for their help.

We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels if you are going to be on the roads.

Jennifer Diller – WM

Dave Patton – WP

Beverly Godsey - Secretary



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

For a little change-of-pace to while away the gloom, Ye Olde Editor has decided to bestow upon you all a bit of Masonic trivia, to wit:

Since we now have a Key City Shrine Club, this bit of trivia seems appropriate: There briefly was a Key City Lodge in Dubuque but gave up its charter during Civil War as so many men were gone. The old records were in the De Molay game room closet. So - there have been 5 lodges in Dubuque: the existing 3, the old Tri-State 673 (Daylight) that consolidated with Dubuque Lodge #3 and Key City! Now you know!

*Historically;
Ye Olde Editor*

Masonic Calendar: December, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	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 Br. Joe Hartel Yoga at the Temple 6:00PM	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 Br. Joe Hartel Yoga at the Temple 6:00PM	20 Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	21
22	23	24 MTA Board	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM Br. Joe Hartel Yoga at the Temple 6:00PM	27	28
29	30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!			

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