



From the Trestleboard

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Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Greetings Prophets;

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

We had a delicious meal prepared by Chris Muntz and served by Gene. Thank you both.

Looking back over 2019, we have been averaging over 160 meals served at our breakfasts and paid out over \$3,000 in charitable donations. Thanks to everyone who worked and those who enjoyed our breakfasts. The upcoming breakfasts are January 26, February 23, March 29 and April 26. Mark your calendars, look for the ad in the Dubuque Advertiser, and our sign on Asbury Rd. Serving is from 8 am to 12:30 pm (**also check out Nextdoor Clarke in January – ed.**)

Once again, we will be frying and baking fish during the Lenten season. The days are Friday, March 6, 12, 20, and April 3rd. Serving is from 5 to 7:30 pm. The price is staying the same at \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

We had our best year for rentals with over 50 dates. If you are thinking of renting for 2020, you need to call Sam Phipps at 556-8105 to book your date.

If you are a Mason looking to serve the community while working with great Prophets, I would encourage you to join the Grotto.

*Respectfully,
Smokey McGovern
563-590-8841*

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, January 16, 2020,

7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular session on December 19, 2019 at 7:05PM, WM Wesley Struebing presiding.

We had an intimate group once more; Brother Secretary Jack Smeltzer was having some testing; therefore, he was not in attendance. Brother JD Dave Patton ably filled in for him.

The secretary received a request from one of our inactive/former members to be reinstated. Jack informed him that he must fill out a new petition, and we will then proceed as if he were a new prospective initiate.

Being the last meeting of the year, we closed our 2019 Lodge of Sorrow and opened our 2020 Lodge.

We have a CD maturing the end of December, and the bank has been instructed to cut us a check on the maturity date. We will determine how we wish to invest that money (plus monies we still hold from the merger of Tri-State Morning Lodge 673 and Dubuque Lodge #3). WM will send out an email to all elected officers confirming that we will meet at 6:30PM, on January 7, to discuss and decide on the disposition of funds. We will conduct our audit the same evening, assuming we have all the financial records we need by then.

We then discussed the installation of Officers, to take place on January 4, at

10:30AM, followed by a light lunch. There will be a practice the evening of January 3rd.

The meeting was closed at 7:55PM, peace and harmony prevailing. Brother JW Dale Hefel provided us with a snack afterwards, and WM Wesley Struebing will provide refreshment at our January meeting.

From all of us in Dubuque Lodge #3 to all of you, have a Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous New Year!

Fraternally;

Wesley Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

January 15, 2020

On Wednesday, December 18th, the Key City Shrine Club met down at Mario's with president Dan Teply presiding.

Oriental Guide Monte Harris from Kaaba was in attendance. (After January 4th, Brian Huff will be our new liaison.) Several Shriners are under the weather, including Brian Kelley, so please keep them in your prayers.

Since Dan was the winner of the drawing for helping out at the fair, he requested that instead of a two-night stay at the Holiday Inn, he would rather take the cash and put it toward fixing up the newly purchased popcorn trailer. Much of the rest of the meeting was spent talking about all the improvements that have been made.

Our goal is to not only make some money, but we hope to attract other Shriners from around the area. (By the way, if other Masonic groups would like to rent it for a fundraiser, please contact Dan.)

Make sure you wish our elder statesman, Wayne Stanfley, a Happy Birthday as he continues on his journey toward the century mark. (I hope I'm in half as good of shape as he, if I ever reach ninety-three!)

Join us for our next Shriner's meeting, Wednesday, January 15th at 5:30. **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Fraternally;
David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club January 10 2020

[Since my November reports were lost in cyberspace, I've merged them with these new ones.]

It was good to see David Overby at one of our last High Twelve meetings. He had a great deal of information in regard to the future of passenger rail service to eastern Iowa.

First, he pointed out that there is a plan in the works to get this type of service to Rockford in the next couple of years. Eventually, they want to expand it to Mason City, then up to Minneapolis. The railroads are fighting against this idea, however, since they can make more money hauling freight.

While waiting for the Federal Government to act, billionaires like Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, and Elon Musk are stepping up to the plate. (I think it's also safe to say, I probably won't see this in my lifetime!)

Eventually, when we got around to election of officers, Neil Millard moved to retain our present officers. It passed on a voice vote.

Reminder – installation of lodge officers will be Saturday, January 4th at the Masonic Temple. (Meanwhile, keep Bill Collings and his family in your prayers with his passing.)

Come join us in the Temple's dining room for our next meeting, Friday, January 10th at noon. All are welcome. **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Seasonally;
David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Masonic Family,

York Rite has had a productive and enjoyable month. Congratulations to our new knights: Silas "T.P." Cline, SFC Jared "Frosty" Snow and Greg "not a slave to fashion" Stechman. The November 23rd festival was fantastic even with a certain officer being sick as a dog. On Black Friday the brave and the bold embarked upon a magical and rewarding pilgrimage. Expect to see that become an annual event. The meeting was opened and closed in due form thanks the sage advice of "Super Fly" Wayne Stanfley and PGM Ed "The Man" Blinks. As a reminder, agenda items are due no later than the 30th of December for the January meeting and all are invited to the Installation of Officers on January 4th 1PM at the temple. 5 PM at Mario's will be a Christmas Party for you, our beloved Masonic Family. RSVPs are due no later than Monday the 30th as well. To RSVP, simply leave a voicemail at 402-469-1997 (Zach's Cell). Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Blessings;
Zach Spurgeon - Generalissimo.

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting Thursday, January 2, 2020

Metropolitan lodge #49 met on our regular scheduled night for our Christmas party for members and spouses / significant others. Smokey McGovern arranged POOR MAN'S to cater a prime rib dinner with all the fixings. We had a good turn out with members and spouses totaling 20. Everyone had a great time talking of friends and family!

Mark your calendar for February 6th. That is our TENTATIVE date for our NICC scholarship recipients' dinner. All Metropolitan #49 members are encouraged to attend.

More to follow after our January meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Masons and their families!

Respectfully;
Dan Neuhaus WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Season's greetings, Masonic family: Tidings everyone; on another year's completion. Thank you for those who helped pass Brother Tim McClain to the Fellowcraft degree on December 2nd. Without hardly missing a beat we will be repeating the Fellowcraft degree for Brother Jason Johnson to begin the new year on Monday, January 6th, 2020, at 7 PM All brothers are welcomed and encouraged to join us that evening. At our December meeting we read a petition for affiliation from Leon "Les" Sonksen, who has recently retired here in Dubuque. We were pleased to have Les in attendance, as well as Brother Verlan Haahr, who was approved for affiliation last month.

The Charity committee presented three new non-profit applications for funds. The lodge approved awarding \$1000 each to the Key City Creative Center and the Dubuque Humane Society. And another \$1750 was granted to the Bell Tower Theater youth programs. This brings our total contributions to the community this year alone to nearly \$30,000. Our funds have no doubt helped serve some great projects and many individuals from our neighborhoods.

Mosaic lodge voted to recognize the "Rednecks" as a potential masonic club. The movie night has been set to view the first episodes of "War and Peace" on Saturday, February 8th from 1 to 3 PM A reminder will follow next month.

Mosaic Lodge will be hosting the annual Installation of Officers with Dubuque Lodge #3 on Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at 10:30 AM. Please join us in the Egyptian Lodge Room for the installation with light sandwiches to follow around noon. The York Rite plans to install their officers at 1 PM All are welcome to attend all these events to begin our new year in fellowship.

To close our last regular meeting of the year, Brother Nicholas King provided a touching and personal tribute to his father by interweaving freemasonry symbols and meanings and his family heritage together to describe his journey

thus far. What a great reflection to complete an eventful masonic year for Mosaic Lodge #125. Brother Nick also supplied refreshments after the meeting. Special thanks to you. The annual Year of Sorrow was closed - peace and harmony prevailing.

Our next meeting will be January 14th, at the usual 7 PM Our newly elected WM Greg Stechman will lay out his plan and programs for the year and Brother Zach Spurgeon will have refreshments. Hope we see you at the Installation and upcoming degree.

Fraternally submitted;
Brian Carroll - WM#125

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
January 21, 2020**

To all who read this we wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, may you have friends and family all around you.

Julien Chapter is looking forward to the new year with the same crew of officers as held offices last year. Thank you to those who have accepted this responsibility, WM: Jennifer Diller, WP: Dave Patton, AP: Don Wohlers, Secretary: Beverly Godsey, Treasurer: Keith Robertson, Conductress: Leona Hibben, Chaplain: Russell Hibben, Warder: Wayne Stanfley.

The Julien/Bellevue Chapters school of instruction will be a big event as it will be the Last /First school for Sister Vicki Wallner Grand Conductress and DI on Feb. 1, 2020. The invitations have been sent out and some reservations are coming in for the dinner. If you would like to have a reservation send your \$20 to Julien Chapter to Beverly Godsey 5297 Grand Meadow Dr. #212, Asbury, IA, 52002 by Jan. 10th.

Another reminder: 2020 dues are due for our members. For those who are not Life members (50 yrs plus) the dues are \$20. That can be sent to our Secretary Beverly Godsey.

The audit of our books will be done after the holidays.

We are saddened to report the loss of another member, Brother Bill Collings passed away Dec. 12. We extend our sympathy to all his friends and family. He was organist for our chapter for several years.

The memorial for PGP Darwin Will was read at our meeting also. He died Oct. 10, 2019. He served WGP with Sister Julie Pedersen WGM in 1990-1991. Their Grand Chapter was in Sioux City, the "Gifts of the Heart" session.

**Again, a blessed Merry Christmas and
the best of all in the New Year**
Beverly Godsey – Secretary



Masonic Family,
I am pleased to announce that DeMolay will be starting up in January! If you are interested in being an Adviser or have a candidate in mind please let Brian Carroll, myself, Brian Kelley, Chris Stechman or Greg Stechman know. Lots more will be rolled out next month and it'll be exciting to have some youth in this crowd younger than Greg, Nick or Silas. Whooooooooooooooooooooo
Hooooooooooooooooooooo!

See you soon,
Zach Spurgeon - Adviser

Masonic Calendar: January, 2020

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

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