



## 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

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### **Wes Struebing**

In trying times, try!

## **OXUS Grotto #137**

### **Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

Greetings Prophets!

Thank you to Arvid Saele for standing in as our Monarch.

Members voted to allow Brian Kelly to use the Grotto building one or two nights a month to start up a DeMolay program.

DeMolay members of today will be the Masons of tomorrow, so we should all encourage and support this program. Along with Brian, Zach Spurgeon and Chris Stechman will be helping.

Thank you to Chris Stechman for obtaining a Community Impact Card valued at \$250 to be used on our expenses for the Fish Fries. Dates for the Fish Fries will be March 6, 13, 20 and April 3.

We also voted to allow Met #49 to use part of the bar area to store their altar. Thanks to all who worked on that project.

Our next breakfast is January 26<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there!

**Respectfully,**

**Smokey McGovern (563) 590-8841**

## **Dubuque Lodge #3**

**A.F. & AM**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020,**

**7:00 PM**

Greetings, Masonic Community; Dubuque Lodge #3 met in Regular Communication on 16 January, 2020, at 7:00PM, WM Wesley Struebing, presiding. We had heat last night! Brother Justin Young was officially installed as Senior Deacon by Brother Secretary Jack Smeltzer. With that function complete, we now have our main chairs populated by good men and true.

Monday evening, Lodge officers and the Treasurer met at the Temple to audit the 2019 books. Per the report WM Struebing presented to the Lodge Thursday night, the audit was correct and signed off by those officers. The Lodge then voted to accept the report and the audit; we did accept the results, so our 2019 books are closed, the appropriate tax information to be sent out.

Brother Jack reported back from his trip to Iowa City Hospitals. The physicians determined no operation is necessary; they will check his condition again in six months. WM Struebing reported on his potentially broken arm (believe me; it was "interesting" conducting the Session with only one arm/hand!)

There was no other outstanding business, so the Lodge was closed in form at 7:45PM, peace and harmony prevailed. Brother Wes brought refreshments; Brother Wayne Stanley will provide refreshments in February, at our 20 February Regular Communication.

**Respectfully;**

**Wesley Struebing - WM**

## **Key City Shrine Club**

**February 19, 2020**

Key City Shrine Club had its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> down at Mario's. We then spent several minutes discussing the state of the once majestic structure located at 1155 Locust Street and how it has deteriorated over the years. Somehow this must change! On a more positive note; with the start of the new year, Dan and Wayne are already chomping at the bit to begin parading, now that the new popcorn trailer is almost up and running. Before we know it, the Child I.D. program will soon begin its yearly cycle around eastern Iowa. In addition to its March 7<sup>th</sup> event held down at the Masonic Temple, we are looking at several other venues as well this year. Volunteers are needed to the kids and parents/guardians. If you can make it, head to the Temple ballroom at about 10AM. Thank you! Come join us on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 down at Mario's for Key City's next meeting.

**Respectfully;**

**Dave Patton**

## **Dubuque High Twelve Club**

**February 14, 2020**

BIG NEWS! For too long, both literally and figuratively, the Masonic Temple has been a very cold, unkempt, uninviting atmosphere in which to gather. That's in addition to not being the safest of places with all the falls that have occurred. Add to that, the uncertainty for if/and when the food would finally arrive, and having a limited selection of items to choose from, we therefore made an executive decision. From now on, we will meet at Mario's Italian Restaurant just two blocks away on Main Street. (We already meet there for the Key City Shrine Club.)

Let's also not forget that a long, cold winter has just begun, so we need to have a dependable place in which to assemble, with an **adjoining** parking lot with FREE parking!

Spouses, lady friends, and other family members are welcome to join us at 11:45 a.m., February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day, down at Mario's for High Twelve. Hope to see you there!

*Respectfully;*  
*Dave Patton*

## **Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

Masonic Family,  
This month was a heckuva way to start the year. The York Rite Leadership spent almost 2 hours hashing out the long-term vision and plans for growth! A HUGE thank you to PGM Ed "The Man", Wayne "Super Fly" and PGC Les "The Living York Rite Legend" for kicking off the mentorship program with a wealth of information! The young bucks in attendance took more notes than I've ever seen at a Masonic meeting and it's shaping up to look like a profitable and fun year. If you were thinking that York Rite is a possibility for you, now is the time. Especially since our Commander won't be providing refreshments again any time soon. A couple of reminders for your February calendar:

Feb 4th: Meeting  
(Refreshments/Program "BIG" Brian.  
Feb 8th: Dubuque Area Labor Harvest  
Feb 29th: Super Excellent Master Degree in Des Moines

Also, the Rednecks will be hosting a Valentine's Day Party. It is open to any Knight or Lady that wishes to attend. And have no fear, the commander will not be cooking. To RSVP, simply call or text Zach at **402-469-1997**. There will be a few small, simple surprises so details will be made available upon request. Lastly, the theme for the year is "Seeing Clearly with 2020 Vision."

*In Hoc Signo Vincas,*  
*Commander Spurgeon*

## **Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting Thursday, February 6, 2020**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and wish all a great New Year! We had a good turnout at our January meeting and had a formal lodge opening and closure.

Thanks to all who attended; keep up the good work!  
Our February meeting will be a dinner to meet the recipients of our scholarships. All Metropolitan #49 members are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be provided by Poor Man's catering. We will meet at 5:30PM and dinner will be at 6:00PM.

Again, I encourage you to attend and meet these young folks.

*Respectfully and Fraternaly;*  
*Dan Neuhaus - WM*

## **Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

Hello all!

I admit this is quite new for me, but I look forward to serving the Craft this year. I first want to wish everyone good health (the flu is nasty this year), and safe travels since Mother Nature has brought winter in full force!

We started the year with a unique joint public installation of officers with Dubuque Lodge #3, as well as Siloam Commandry 3. Then the next Monday we passed Jason Johnson with his Second Degree. It is good to see some younger initiates lately; I'm no longer the youngest member in the lodge.

We opened our regular stated meeting on the second degree so that Jason could join in as we turned another page in the book of our lodge's history. Nick King and I have been working together on the Lodge website, with a new page to be unveiled in the near future, partly aided by our new History Preservation committee: Silas Cline, Ron Greve and myself. Together we will work to preserve some of the history of our lodge, especially a project that might need the help of YOU, the Brother

reading this. I would like to start recording some of the stories of the members of the Craft before it is too late. We are working to get everything ready, but it is exciting for us and works wonderfully with Grand Master Bill Crawford's theme this year. Looking ahead, the lodge will be quite active, with at least one fun event per month to keep things interesting: January - snowshoeing, but Mother Nature didn't cooperate; February - Jason Johnson doing a first aid day, details to come; March - a Child ID event in Dubuque, as well as a day of Brothers getting together for pool in our hall. You get the idea. I'll mention further activities next time.

Finally, I want to bring to your attention a Brother in a time of need. Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>, Keith Robertson was admitted to ICU at Finley Hospital. I was able to visit with him after I got off work, and he seems in good spirits. I'm sure he would appreciate any visitors that stop by. After 28 years as secretary of our lodge, I'm sure he has a yarn or two to spin or a pearl of wisdom for our younger members.

*Respectfully;*  
*Greg Stechman – WM, Mosaic Lodge 125*

## **Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

The January meeting of Julien Chapter was held in the small dining room of our Temple. Much of it was about our hosting of the upcoming Last/First school of AGC Vickie Wallner. Many things to be done and practiced. The full practice with Bellevue Chapter was postponed because of the last snow storm so we will hold that practice on Sunday Jan. 26 at 1PM. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend so we may be as prepared as possible when we have over 100 members come to help Vickie celebrate this momentous occasion. The school will be Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> with lunch for the officers and Grand Officers will be at 11 with the school to begin at 12:30. We thank Bellevue Chapter for helping put

this together and to all those members from neighboring chapters who will be helping us by filling stations that neither Bellevue nor Julien Chapter have members to fill. We will have dinner following the school which will be a time to visit and celebrate the completion of Vickie's big day.

We were saddened to read the memorials of PGP Gil Mote who died Dec. 29, 2019. He was WGP in 1974-1975, with Sister Dorothy Messinger as WGM.

We were informed that Brother Keith Robertson will be transferred from Finley hospital to Luther Manor Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020. Several members had visited him while his stay at the hospital. Our prayers and good wishes go out to him.

We are happy to report that we took in 2 petitions to receive the degrees! Because we are dark (no meeting) in February we'll not have initiation until April. We'll need to have neighboring chapters help but we will get it put together.

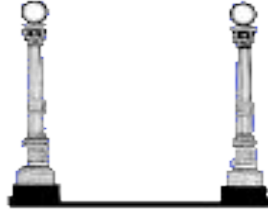
We voted to give honorary memberships and checks to our WGM and WGP for their special projects and to Sister Vickie for her busy year ahead.

We are looking forward to all the visitors we will welcome to our Temple on Feb. 1st and pray for good weather and safe travels for all!!

**Beverly Godsey - Secretary**  
**Jennifer Diller – WM**  
**Dave Patton - WP**

We, the Trestleboard staff are still looking for someone a) with Microsoft Access experience to take over the maintenance of the mailing database b) someone (preferably NOT a particular Lodge) to permanently host the Trestleboard website.

We probably will have some new columns added during the year. Stay tuned for further information. Thank you, readers; we wouldn't exist without you; here's to another successful year!



### Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

Another year in the books. Time flies like an arrow (fruit flies like a banana...). Just a couple quick hitters – the Trestleboard temporary website has been updated, so the issues are in their proper years and pages. Go ahead and check it out at:

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

### Masonic Calendar: February, 2020

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

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