



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.

Please note that the dates/times listed for the organizations are contingent on the latest sheltering instructions from our officials – ed.

Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Greetings Prophets

As you know, the Grotto has breakfasts and fish fries with the proceeds going to many great causes. Our first fish fry on March 6th was a huge success with 160 people attending. Our two new fryers were worth the money! At the beginning of the coronavirus scare, on March 13, we served 91.

Now, with fish already thawing, we made the decision to do "carry out only" on March 20. So, with social distancing and the governor's proclamation shutting us down, we have cancelled our March 29 breakfast and our April 3rd fish fry. Thanks to all who came out to support us and to our small, but mighty, group of dedicated workers!

Respectfully;
Smockey McGovern
563-590-8841

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7:00 PM

From the desk of the Worshipful Master; In keeping with the strong recommendations from other community organizations, the postponing of other Masonic meetings, and the general email from Grand Lodge concerning the postponement of Grand Lodge activities, Dubuque Lodge #3 did not meet this past Thursday, 19 March. Grand Lodge allows a WM to postpone a stated meeting for up to a week. In light of Grand Lodge's email, Brother Secretary Jack has contacted GL for guidance on postponing #3's meeting until its next Stated Meeting on 16 April, 2020. The direction from Grand Master Crawford is to use common sense and best judgement.

An email from me has been sent to our Lodge Brothers on my postponement decision.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay sane, and please; follow all recommended procedures by our community/state/Federal officials. And I look forward to seeing you, in person, soon!

Respectfully;
Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

April 15, 2020

Key City Shrine Club did not meet due to the sheltering-in-place recommendations from Federal, State, County, and local officials. We'll try to regroup on April 15.

Stay safe!
David H Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club

April 10, 2020

Concerns about the Coronavirus has consumed the city of Dubuque, and much of this world. For that reason, people are flocking to the neighboring grocery stores or health centers, hoarding what they've been told are 'essential' items like hand sanitizer, toilet paper, and surgical masks, when they should be more concerned with practicing good hygiene and avoiding large crowds.

It wasn't surprising then, that this topic of discussion would occupy much of our time during our High Twelve meeting on Friday, March 13th. Largely because of that, numerous scheduled activities will likely be cancelled in the next couple of months, so keep your eyes and ears open to upcoming changes.

While a lot of negatives will probably come out of this very real problem, I can also see families and neighbors coming together again in a united effort to beat this foe. (After all, 'fear' has a tendency to make us appreciate both the blessings we've received and the people around us!)

Hope to see you – if we will be able to meet then, on Friday, April 10th down at Mario's at 11:30AM for High Twelve.

Respectfully;
David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Masonic Family,
The York Rite met on March 3rd to run through a rather long to do list. As I'm sure everyone is well aware at this point, thanks to Corona Virus we will be dark in April. Since a majority of the meeting revolved around item 1. Below, I'll go

ahead and include what items of interest were discussed:

1. I would humbly ask for prayers for the Stechman family, especially Stacy and the kids. The York Rite will be spearheading food, clothing and monetary donations to them. To offer assistance or for further information, please feel free to give me a call at my number below.
2. The DeMolay rebuild has been suspended for the duration of the summer. Any funds or contact information for potential members/advisers will be filed for future use. Big Gunny Brian or myself are points of contact. A BIG thank you to Gerald Edgar for his pledge to the start up in his family's name. He's set the bar for donations at a goodly level, but I'll let him disclose the amount. Expect to see a wicked pledge drive later this year. Gerald, your prize will be delivered when the check is deposited. :)
3. Dubuque Amaranth has been limited to leadership meetings only until further notice.
4. Redneck events will be rescheduled for later in the year.
5. PGC "The Living Legend" Les is spearheading "THE ORDER OF THE SWORD OF BUNKER HILL." If you'd like to know more, bother him at: **720-365-7112**.
6. Last and most important, since we're all getting a vacation/quality family time, now would be an excellent time to rest, work out and read/study. If you're a member of any of the above groups including York Rite, feel free to give me a ring to discuss re-planning the rest of the year. And if you want to talk to the three bears, they'll gladly answer Dad's phone for him. **(ed. He's right; they do)**

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost may you have a prosperous and blessed month;

Commander Zach
402-469-1997

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Not much for the Trestleboard this month. We had 6 members attend our Metro #49 meeting. All of us are also Grotto members and we set up for the fish fry. Tested the fryers with a dinner of fish, fries, and finished with a slice of apple pie. Come one, come all to the fish fry at the Grotto! **(ed. Pls see Oxus Grotto column for further fish fry info)**

Fraternally,
Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125

Regular Meeting Tuesday,

April 14, 2020

At our March meeting Brother Jack Smeltzer filled in as Worshipful Master and capably sped us through our usual business at hand. We installed Nick King as Junior Warden and Bob Happ as Tyler.

****NOTE: the following events have all been cancelled:**

The lodge is hosting a pool table night on Friday, March 13th at 7 PM. And on Saturday, March 21st, at 11 AM, Mosaic plans to show the 1st segment of the movie, War and Peace. All are welcome.

We also have a date set to tour the Grand Lodge Library and Museum in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, April 25th. Talk to a member of Mosaic Lodge for more details - we welcome anyone interested in touring the building with us. Some upcoming Grand Lodge events include Neighborhood meetings and New Mason Meetings. The later one will be held at the Oxus Grotto in Asbury on March 23.

Brother Zach Spurgeon submitted his request to step down as Treasurer for Mosaic Lodge and the lodge approved the request. We hope a replacement steps forward to fill this important duty and thank Zach for giving it a go. To close the meeting, our Senior Deacon, Silas Cline, gave a brief presentation informing the lodge of his condition which randomly and occasionally causes him to have seizures that can vary in

their duration. We also thank brother Silas for providing refreshments following the meeting. For our April meeting, Nick King will have the program and refreshments. We hope to see you there with us. **I would like to remind all members to please pay their dues to stay current. Dues notices were sent out several months ago and should be paid by June to stay in good standing. Thank you.*

Fraternally submitted;
Brian Carroll - Secretary

Julien Chapter #125 OES

Stated Meeting Tuesday, April

21, 2020

Yes, we did have a meeting on March 16th with the few members we normally have.

We enjoyed Girl Scout cookies brought by our Worthy Matron Jennifer and cake and coffee brought by Sister Bar Blinks before we got down to business. WM Jennifer gave an Irish greeting to begin our meeting.

We found that we had a quorum so we could do the business of the chapter. The communications which included many thank you cards from Grand Officers who had attended our joint school of instruction with Bellevue Chapter and the Last/First School for Gr. Cond. Vicki Wallner were read. The School was a big success, and at the end Sister Vicki announced that Bro. Larry Niday to be the man to go to the Grand East with her in 2022-23.

The bills for Feb. and March were allowed.

We are happy to welcome Arlys Williams and Leon Sonksen into our chapter through affiliation. We hope they will enjoy active membership in our chapter. After the chapter closed, we put the furniture away as the large lodge room has other events scheduled in the next month. Of course, those plans may be cancelled due to the COVID-19 that has disrupted everything. This includes the directive from our MWGM Marianne Shenefelt and our WGM Polly Miller that chapters not have meetings/gatherings

Masonic Calendar: April, 2020

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

of more than 10 people. Since this virus is easily transmitted and particularly harmful to those over the age of 60, and since most of our members are over that age, it was decided to cancel all Iowa Eastern Star activities as I listed in the VIP book until the end of April. At that time, we will reassess the situation. Chapter meetings need not be rescheduled to meet the code requirement of 10 meetings a year. This is a ONETIME EXCEPTION FOR 2020 ONLY.

A motion was made to allow the Secretary and Treasurer to pay the bills and conduct correspondence in the month of April and further if needed. Depending on the outcome of the pandemic, we plan to have our regular April meeting.

February birthdays: Barb Blinks, Daryl Griffith and Beverly Godsey

March birthdays: Ed Blinks and Leona Hibben. Happy Birthday!!!!!!

We'll all have to adjust our lives to be safe in the next weeks and month.

Remember, if you haven't paid your 2020 dues please do so soon. Send your check to **Beverly Godsey 5297 Grand Meadow Dr. #212, Asbury, Iowa 52002.**

God bless and keep you all.

Jennifer Diller – WM

Dave Patton – WP

Beverly Godsey – Sec'y

(Please note: at this time, and as we hear more information about social distancing from our officials, the calendar for April is TENTATIVE. Ed.)

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