



# The Trestleboard



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## 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](mailto: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.

### **Wes Struebing**

In trying times, try!

## **OXUS Grotto #137**

### **Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**

Stay tuned for next month, when Oxus Grotto hopes to meet once again!

## **Dubuque Lodge #3**

### **A.F. & AM**

**Thursday, October 15, 2020,**

**7:00 PM**

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular session (appropriately masked) at 7:00PM on September 17, 2020. We were six in number. It was a pleasure to be back in session after refraining in August due to higher positive numbers in the county/city.

We opened in form, and Brother Jr. Deacon Dave Patton requested we hold a moment of silence for our departed brother, Dan Teply; we did so. Grand Lodge will have a Master's One-Day Class in October during which all three degrees will be conferred on any candidate (and his mentor from the Lodge to which he has requested membership) who wishes to go through the accelerated degree work. Since we have a candidate on whom we voted favorably in July, Brother Secretary Jack

Smeltzer offered the option to Taylor. And WM Wes Struebing informed the Brother who had offered to mentor Taylor that if it was possible and he still wished to mentor, that the one-day class would take place. Brother Rod Hammerand still wished to do so and was prepared to go to Des Moines in October with Taylor. However, (wisely, I think) candidate Taylor chose to go through the degrees traditionally. He felt that the one-day would be too rushed and he wouldn't be able to get the full advantage of the traditional approach. We in Lodge are sincerely looking forward to have such a good man in our midst.

Lodge WM's received a communication from Grand Lodge several weeks ago that there will be a training session, conducted by Grand Secretary Craig Davis here in Dubuque on September 24, 6:00PM to show us the new/modified floor procedures for any degree work (the ritual words themselves will not change) to accommodate the restrictions COVID-19 has imposed on us all. It is HIGHLY recommended that as many Masons as possible make it to the session. It will be held at the Temple. Related to that, Dubuque #3 will resolve in October how/when to proceed with Taylor's Entered Apprentice degree, at which point we will notify him and recruit help to confer that degree on Taylor.

Lodge was closed in form at 8:00PM; Brother Wayne Stanley brought refreshments per the new guidelines given us from Grand Lodge. October's refreshments will be provided by Brother Jack.

**Respectfully submitted;**  
**Wesley Struebing - WM**

## **Key City Shrine Club**

**October 21, 2020**

The Key City Shrine Club met informally on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, in the dining room of the Masonic Temple, since Mario's is temporarily just doing carry outs. We then had a moment of silence in memory of Dan Teply. (All the while, not only practicing social distancing, but donning face coverings.) Since we haven't had a chance to meet since February, we had a lot to catch up on. After sharing all that we've done the last six months to keep busy, we discussed a possible slate of officers for the upcoming year. The following will be presented to Kaaba - Wayne Stanley, president- Wes Struebing, vice-president - Brian Kelley, secretary - and David Patton, treasurer.

The Club was also informed by Kaaba that since we didn't have an opportunity to do any parading or selling popcorn at the fair this year, they would reimburse us the \$250 insurance money that we'd already submitted to them. We then voted to let Kaaba use those funds to put toward our share of its upcoming gun raffle, as well as, Shriner's hospitals. Come join us for our next meeting Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - place to be determined.

**Respectfully;**

**David H Patton - Treas.**

## **Dubuque High Twelve Club**

**October 9, 2020**

High Twelve did not meet due to coronavirus restrictions. We hope to meet again in the near future!

## **Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

York Rite did not meet. We hope to resume in the near future! Think positive!

## **Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

Metropolitan # 49 will meet on October 1st at the Oxus Grotto. Time 6:00pm Dinner. Meeting at 7:00.

This has been a long time without our Brothers being together for any sort of meeting. Please plan to attend.

Social distancing will be observed. I will supply Sloppy Joes and Chips.

*Respectfully;*

*Dan Neuhaus - WM*

## **Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

Greetings Masonic family:

Eight brothers in attendance at our September meeting allowed Mosaic Lodge to open formally on the third degree and approve the business conducted at our last informal meeting in August. The lodge voted Bob Happ to fill Brian Kelley's position on the Charity Committee. We received a petition for affiliation from Brother Jack Olinger, formerly of Colorado.

The Grand Master's email was read regarding changes to Phase 1 guidelines for degree work. Two main changes are currently being implemented: 1) Reestablishing food at lodge meetings is immediate if it is catered or individualized such as a sack or box lunch, 2) degree work may commence **upon completion of training on new changes to the floor work** and proper use of PPE, such as face shields and gloves. Grand Secretary Craig Davis will plan to be at the Dubuque temple on **Thursday, September 24th, at 6:30 PM for a training session** over these changes. *All brothers from all local lodges are invited and welcome to attend this training. It is necessary and required*

*in order to proceed with lodge degree work.*

Grand Lodge has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19 concerns. Instead a Special Session will be held in Sioux City on September 18, beginning at 1 PM. Gerald Edgar has agreed to serve as proxy and report back at our next meeting.

Next month we will honor our Past Masters and hope to enjoy refreshments again. Please join us. Hope everyone is doing well and takes good care to stay safe.

*Fraternally submitted;*

*Brian Carroll - Secretary #125*

## **Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

Not much news from JULIEN Chapter as we have not met since April. With the death of our treasurer, Keith Robertson, Don Wohlers has been appointed to fill that position and keep the bills paid. We will have a meeting at the Temple October 20th at 7 pm. We encourage all members who can to attend as we have some important business to discuss. Please put this on your calendar!

We can serve refreshments or have close fellowship but it will be good to at least meet together.

*God bless and keep you well.*

*Jennifer Diller – WM*

*Dave Patton – WP*

*Bev Godsey – Sec'y*



## **Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings**

We have left you all hanging on, anticipating with bated breath, champing a the bit (and many other cliches), waiting the answers to Brother Gerald's quiz. How many do you think you got right? Even as a transplant we got three

of them (OK; we brag a bit). Well, wait no more. Overpage, find the answers to Iowa Masons' contributions to the political process.

We have, from time to time, published opinions from members of our Masonic Community. We encourage you to contribute – send them to the email address listed at the head of the newsletter. It doesn't have to be "politically correct", but please – keep your op ed civil and reasoned, and ensure that it is Masonically-related. And please remember, also, that any opinions posted are just that – opinions of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial staff (whom, we trust, will stay as non-opinionated as we can). That said, we will publish such an opinion next month in a Food for Thought column. So, please; stay tuned.

*Thank you;*

*Ed.*

### Match the prominent Iowa Masons with their elected offices

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 Rep. H.R. Gross               | 10 Longest serving Governor in Iowa AND American history     |
| 2 Rep. Berkley Bedell           | 8 Longest serving Senator in Iowa history                    |
| 3 Rep. Neal Smith               | 3 Longest serving U.S. Representative in Iowa history        |
| 4 Rep. Bill Scherle             | 12 He & his father both served as U.S. Sec'y of Agriculture! |
| 5 Rep. David Henderson          | 2 Founded a major national fishing tackle company            |
| 6 Sen. William Allison          | 1 Every term he intro'ed Bill #144 to balance the budget     |
| 7 Sen. Harold Hughes            | 11 Third longest serving Governor; his wife headed Iowa OES  |
| 8 Sen. Chuck Grassley           | 4 Nick-named "Conscience of the House"; a Senior De Molay    |
| 9 Gov. Stephen Hempstead        | 9 Served as a Dubuque Co. Judge and Auditor in later years   |
| 10 Gov. Terry Branstad          | 5 Only Iowan to become Speaker of the U.S. House             |
| 11 Gov. John Hamill             | 7 Served as Governor as well                                 |
| 12 Vice-President Henry Wallace | 6 Has an Iowa city named for him                             |

### Masonic Calendar: October, 2020

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

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