



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, 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, November 12, 2020

Due to the coronavirus causing lack of attendance, there was no Oxus Grotto meeting on October 8.

Respectfully;

James (Smokey) McGovern

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, November 19, 2020,

7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00PM.

Small number again, but we did welcome a returning member, Brother Chris Weaver. It was great to see him again. We discussed the modified procedures for degree work, after the training session that Grand Lodge put on for us in September. While the wording of the ritual itself will NOT change, the floor work will. Participants, including the candidate, MUST wear masks, (nitrile) gloves, and face shields. Social-distancing of at least six feet will be observed whenever possible. Since Dubuque #3

has a candidate for Entered Apprentice, we, who attended the training session, believe that there is more internal training before we can proceed with the degree. We will reach out to the other Lodges, as well, since we will most likely be assisting each other.

Brother Secretary Jack Smeltzer announced that Grand Lodge has sent out next year's dues cards, and the format has changed. He wanted to be sure that people don't inadvertently throw out the mail since it IS different. Some of us have already received them, and will be mailing them back to our respective Secretaries with our new dues.

Please send thoughts and prayers out to Leona Hibben, who seriously injured her lower leg recently and is in a cast from her ankle to thigh. Also, to Warren Peterson who is not doing well, and is, we believe, in hospice.

With the restrictions that Grand Lodge has put on refreshments, it was decided that we would forego them until Spring, when we can revisit the issue after the winter flu season.

Lodge was closed in form at 7:45PM, peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

November 18, 2020

The Key City Shrine Club met informally at the Masonic Temple on Wednesday, October 21st. Our main order of business was finding a place to store both the Fez and the Popcorn trailers. Two of the suggested requirements were finding someplace free of charge and nearby. Fortunately, Noble Wayne Stanfley has a brother who owns a farm near Potosi, Wisconsin and has offered to store them for us. Before the end of the month,

Wayne and I hope to move them up there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

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Dubuque High Twelve Club

November 13, 2020

Due to the coronavirus restrictions, there was no High Twelve meeting on October 9.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Due to the coronavirus restrictions and only two members in attendance, York Rite only met informally on October 6. No business was conducted.

Respectfully;

R. Wayne Stanfley

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Metropolitan #49 did not meet On October 1st. I spoke with the "regularly" attending members and for the safety of all we decided to cancel. So, this is our post:

Metropolitan lodge #49 has lost 3 of our members over the past year. We have not forgotten them! Our plan is to have a memorial service and a dinner for these members once covid-19 subsides. Keep their families in your prayers. We will keep everyone posted. We also must decide who will fill the chairs in the upcoming year, or do we

remain in our current seats and fill the two empty chairs? Members will need to step up so that once the pandemic ends, we can have a formal lodge meeting again. Members please contact me by phone, text, or email your feelings on this. My cell # **563-542-2871** or dannyneu40@gmail.com.

Fraternally and Respectfully;
Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020

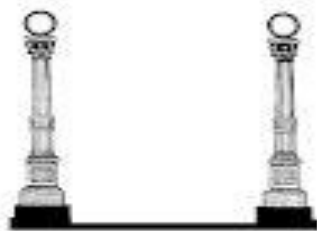
Greetings Masonic family:
The lodge voted to elect Jack Olinger as an affiliated member of Mosaic Lodge. Brother Jack comes from Colorado and presented the lodge with a book entitled: **Restorations of Masonic Geometry and Symbolry**, by Bromwell. He also had pennies with the square and compass pressed into them for the brethren present.
Grand Secretary, Craig Davis, and Deputy Grand Secretary, Darrell Freemont, were in Dubuque on September 23 to discuss and demonstrate the changes in the degrees due to COVID-19. Face shields, masks and gloves are to be worn. The candidate will be introduced to the lodge room before beginning his degree. He will not be blindfolded and will follow the Senior Deacon from six feet away. There are no major ritual changes, only floor work changes to accommodate appropriate spacing.
Grand Lodge was cancelled this year due to Covid-19 concerns. Instead a Special Session was held in Sioux City on September 18, beginning at 1 PM. Gerald Edgar served as proxy and gave a brief report of the meeting. The lodge approved awarding the Make A Wish Foundation with \$1250 and The Salvation Army with \$2000.
The Worshipful Master recognized our Past Masters. There were six Past Masters in attendance from various lodges. Next month is the election of offices.
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, November 17, 2020

At last! We had a meeting of Julien Chapter last night to catch up on the last 7 months!! We had important business to discuss about the future of our chapter. Those members present gave good input and will be meeting again in Nov and Dec. to confirm it all.
We were saddened by the loss of Brother Keith Robertson and were notified of the death of Sister Melissa Osburn/Rhame's husband. May God be with all who loved these members.
We were also saddened to receive requests for demits from our Beautiful Order by 6 of our long-time members. Some of these folks live out of town and have not been able to attend Chapter for a long time while others have been regular attendees. We thank these members for their support and hope that they hold wonderful memories of the good times had with members of Julien Chapter.

Respectfully;
Beverly Godsey – Sec’y



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

As promised last month, we will feature a guest editorial here. It represents the thoughts of one of our Community. Please remember – editorials we publish here do not necessarily reflect the opinions or thoughts of us, the editorial staff, or the Masonic Community in general. But, that's why we have editorials. Of course, reasoned replies to them are also accepted.
So, without further ado, welcome, author David Patton:

MASONIC THOUGHTS – by David Patton

As I understand it, Masonry is supposed to make a good person better. However, it seems that too many of its offshoot organizations put more emphasis on memorization of ritual, only to be regurgitated later on. Since I'm more of a visual person, I would like to show a short two to five-minute video each meeting depicting characters dealing with real-life situations, instead of spending so much time doing ritual and being overly concerned with floor work. After its viewing, then break into small groups, or as a lodge, for five minutes to discuss what was going through each person's head – not only what their actions could possibly lead to, but how to peacefully resolve the various circumstances, continually asking yourself, "Why?" "What might this lead to?" "What were they thinking?" "What led up to this?" "What's a better way to deal with this whole thing?" (I should point out; all views would be welcomed and appreciated.)

Then replay it, examining things now from a different perspective or different point of view. In the end, the emphasis will, once again, return to doing good deeds, promoting values, while helping build a conscience by making good choices. (This would also be a good activity for a DeMolay or Job's Daughters group in making videos as they depict different scenarios that have taken place in their lifetime. This would give them an opportunity to express their thoughts creatively.)

We have all gone through the degree work, so a good starting place would be to take various snippets of each degree to reflect upon, not only the various characters, but also what prompted their actions. And, in so doing, it will give better understanding of the various degrees, plus how all of this relates to Masonry. Another thing would be to internalize why we have the different chairs or offices within the lodge, plus what significance each station around the room has on us.

Also, to keep young people interested and involved, we need to put some physical and mental action into our

meetings – not just having ritual and dealing with business concerns.

Masonic Calendar: November, 2020

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 VETERANS' DAY	12 Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	13 High Twelve	14
15	16	17 Julien OES #125	18 Shrine Club 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	19 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM	20 Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	21
22	23	24 MTA Board	25	26 Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM*** HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	27	28
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