



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

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Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Greetings, Brothers and Prophets;

Since the present members [Metropolitan #49] were also Grotto members, we held an impromptu meeting to discuss some building maintenance and upkeep. It was also decided that we will attempt 5 Friday **CARRYOUT ONLY FISH FRYS** to add to the general fund. The dates are Jan. 29th, Feb. 19th, Mar. 5th, Mar. 19th, Apr 2nd. Hours will be 5PM to 7PM or sooner if we run out of fish. Come early!

Remember this could change if COVID cases keep increasing and the state/county/city goes into lock down.

Brotherly and Fraternally;

Dan Neuhaus – For the Grotto

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, December 17, 2020,

7:00 PM

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters; Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication of Thursday, November 19. Meeting opened at 7:00PM by WM Wes Struebing. All were properly masked and engaged in appropriate distancing (and filling out the Contact Tracing forms for GRAND LODGE).

The main order of business was the election of Officers for 2021; the WM also submitted his choices for the Appointed Offices. The following Officers were elected to their chairs:

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| WM | Wesley Struebing |
| SW | Justin Young |
| JW | Dale Hefel |
| Secretary | Jack Smeltzer |
| Treasurer | R. Wayne Stanfley |

Dubuque #3 has an Entered Apprentice degree approaching, most likely in early Spring. We have been in contact with the candidate, and he has no problem with waiting at this point. This will also give ourselves some more practice time with the revised degree procedures developed in response to COVID-19. Mosaic has a Fellow Craft and a Master Mason degree coming up. It is hoped that we will be able to work together on these degrees.

Dues cards for 2021 have been sent out from Grand Lodge. The format is new; they are printed on white paper this year, not green as previously printed. If you haven't already, please be sure to send your 2021 dues in to Brother Jack. It was decided that the Lodge would contribute \$100.00 each to two Masonic charities and to Camp Courageous. That will close out our charitable giving for the year.

We wish Leona and Russ Hibbin well as they mend their injuries, and we send healing thoughts too, to Brother Brian

Kelley and his lady (who has tested positive for COVID-19). Speedy recovery to you both!

In addition, a tribute to the passing of Past Grand Master Lester C. Fleming was read in lodge and WM Struebing asked for a moment of silence for his passing. We had a guest this evening, Brother Zach Spurgeon from Mosaic 125. We were happy to host you, Brother! Next meeting will be December 17. Lodge was closed in form at 8:00PM, peace and harmony prevailing.

Fraternally submitted;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

December 16, 2020

Before I go any further, I must point out that the Key City Shrine Club will NOT be meeting again, until the COVID-19 pandemic is resolved, or has at least quieted down. Actually, largely because of the effects of COVID, our meeting was down to the bare bones in regard to members. Angie Kelley - Brother Noble Brian's wife, works down at the Anamosa Reformatory where there have been many positive tests among the prisoners and staff. That now also includes Angie. As a result, both she and Brian are in quarantine!

Business-wise, we will retain the same set of officers as last year. Regarding the popcorn trailer - since it will soon be winter, and a lot of work needs to be done on the inside, we will place the trailer in storage, and resume work on it next spring. We need to work on patching the roof, rewiring it, installing a water heater, and hooking up the popcorn poppers before we try selling it. The Key City Shrine Club wishes all of you the happiest of holidays and pray that you stay safe in your travels or just sheltering at home.

Respectfully;
David H. Patton - Secretary
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Dubuque High Twelve Club December 11, 2020

With COVID-19 causing headaches in the area, our aging members, and a decree put out by the president of the North Central Association of High Twelve, Dr. Tom Gruis, there will be no High Twelve meeting in the foreseeable future, until things start to settle down.

Respectfully;
David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Masonic Family;
I hope your quarantine has been as much interesting as ours has been. York Rite is back in the saddle and meeting regularly again. Dinner at 6, meeting at 7. Elections were held and appointments made. A big thank you to Gunny (Sir Knight, Brian Kelley) and Superfly (Sir Knight Wayne Stanfley) for taking point on a couple of heavy hitting projects. The soup was passable and the commander promises to try something different next month.

As we roll into the holiday season, whether you're a part of York Rite or not, please remember to see the invisible in our community, hear the mute, and if you need reinforcements in any act of kindness, let us know!

Also, due to overwhelming response from last year, the Commandry is sponsoring rides to and from Masonic events again this year in Dubuque. So, if you want to be at a Masonic event in town and need a ride, call or text: **402-469-1997**. Yes, that's my number. I will pick you up, and if I can't make it, I will bother Gunny or another Knight to come pick you up. (Yes, we can stop by McDonalds on the way.)

Happy Thanksgiving and everything else that's important going on this month.

Humorously and humbly yours;
Commander Spurgeon

(P.S. \$5 cash prize to the first person NOT in Commandry to call me and explain the meaning of the Cross of Lorraine.)

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Regular Meeting Thursday, December 3, 2020

Metropolitan Lodge #49 met on November 12th. It was great to see that some brothers were able to make it. It was decided who would fill the chairs of our deceased members and who will remain in their current places.

We will be sending a check to NICC for our scholarship program with a note regarding a banquet to be held if or when the COVID-19 situation improves. Another topic was improving our Lodge Room setup. Brother Arvid Saele accepted the project to improve our pedestals by making sounding boards for the tops. Thanks, Arvid!

(ed. Note: since the rest of the report refers to Grotto, it will be posted there. YoE)

Brotherly and Fraternally;
Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Greetings Masonic family:
Mosaic Lodge #125 met in regular form on November 10th and approved awarding \$1250 to the Toys For Tots program. A tribute to the passing of Past Grand Master Lester C. Fleming was read in lodge. It was reported Secretary Carroll attended the Grand Master's Area Meeting in Anamosa on October 27th.

The main order of business of the meeting was the annual election of officers. The following were elected for the year 2021: Brian Kelley as WM, Jack Smeltzer as SW, Silas Cline as JW, Edwin Blinks as Treasurer, Brian Carroll as Secretary and Bob Happ was elected to the Charity Committee for a two-year

term. A decision regarding the Installation Ceremony will be made at the December meeting as Mosaic Lodge may be the only lodge installing their officers at the temple this year. The Grand Lodge has recently issued new dues cards for 2021. Be on the lookout for the new format - they are printed on white paper this year, not green as previously printed. Prompt payment is much appreciated.

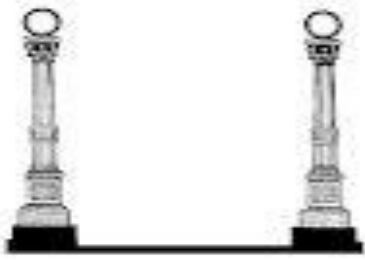
Fraternally submitted;
Brian Carroll - Secretary

Julien Chapter #125 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Dear readers of the Trestle Board;
This may be the last message from Julien Chapter as we are in the process of consolidating with Bellevue Chapter. This will be completed after the first of the year. We are very sorry that our membership has gone down to the point that we don't have enough active to fill the office and do the work we've enjoyed for so many years. We will be sending a letter to all our members with details.

We are keeping Russ and Leona Hibben in our prayer as Leona has been at Luther Manor Grand Meadow campus for over a month recuperating from the fall she took. Russ is having trouble with a leg and may need something done with that. We have miss them at our meetings. We found out the Barb Blinks had to have a pacemaker put in last week. She is doing very well. Ed is taking good care of her and she of him. We hope that the virus has not affected any of our members and all the readers of this epistle. May God watch over you all.

Respectfully;
Jennifer Diller - Worthy Matron
Dave Patton - Worthy Patron
Beverly Godsey - Secretary



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

In honor of Veteran's Day this past November 11, we are happy to provide you with another of Brother Gerald Edgar's Masonic Quizzes™. (answers in next month's Trestleboard.) Thank you, Brother Gerald! Without further ado:

VETERANS' DAY

Gen. George Marshall

Gen. James Doolittle

John Paul Jones

Gen. Ethan Allen

Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Audie Murphy

Gen. Omar Bradley

Gen. 'Hap' Arnold

Capt. 'Eddie' Rickenbacker

Gen. John Pershing

Gen. Norman Swartzkopf

Match the Mason with position/quote

"I Shall Return!"

Led the daring air raid on Tokyo in 1942

Father of the U.S. Navy "I have not yet begun to fight!"

Our last 5 Star Gen'l

1953 Nobel Peace Prize recipient

Chief of all American Forces in WWI

Our WWI 'Ace of Aces'

Led Allied Forces during the Persian Gulf War 1991

Most decorated American soldier of all-time

Founder of the Air Force & its only 5-star Gen'l

"Green Mountain Boys"

Masonic Calendar: December, 2020

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

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