



## 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, January 14, 2021**

There is no submission for the Grotto ; No Meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps, on January 14????

There is still no response from Monarch Bill! Could he or someone who has contact with him contact Dan Neuhaus at: [dannyneu40@gmail.com](mailto:dannyneu40@gmail.com) or send an email to the Trestleboard at:

[dubuquetrestleboard@gmail.com](mailto:dubuquetrestleboard@gmail.com)

[Thank you.](#)

## Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & AM

**Thursday, January 21, 2021,  
7:00 PM**

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication on December 17, 2020. WM Wes Struebing called the Lodge to order at 7PM, with five members present.

Last month we authorized \$100.00 for the Grand Lodges Sunshine Fund, and we sent \$110.00 to Camp Courageous. We received a lovely thank you note from Camp Courageous this December, read by Secretary Jack Smeltzer.

We received notification that Leona Hibben is now home and recovering, and Russ will be going in for surgery soon. We also received notification that Angie Kelley, who was COVID-positive is definitely symptomatic and that her husband, Brother Brian Kelley, now has test positive and is symptomatic as well. Our best thoughts for a full recovery to them both!

Since there are only two Blue Lodges meeting at the Temple on Locust Street, each Lodge (Mosaic #125 and Dubuque Lodge #3) has decided to perform its own installation ceremony at its January regular communication. Brother Secretary Jack will send out requests to the incoming Dubuque Lodge #3 officers to be sure to attend the installation on January 21, 2021.

There being no other business to discuss, Lodge was closed in form at 7:45PM, peace and harmony prevailing.

To all who read this, Dubuque Lodge #3 wishes you a Merry Christmas, and a much better New year ahead. Please, stay safe!

*Respectfully;*

**Wes Struebing - WM**

## Key City Shrine Club January 20, 2021

*(Per previous instructions, Key City Shrine Club did not meet. However, things look good for it to meet on Jan 20! Ed.)*

## Dubuque High Twelve Club January 8 2021

*(Per previous instructions, High Twelve did not meet. Ed.)*

## Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

*(There was no report from York Rite this month. Ed.)*

## Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

**Thursday, January 7, 2021**

Not much input from Metropolitan 49. We had a much-needed practice. We set up and opened, discussed ways to improve how the lodge is set up. Arvid Saele made sounding boards for our pedestals. I will stain and varnish them.

**Our scholarship recipients at NICC are:**

Jessica Helbing  
Medical Assistant  
Dubuque Senior HS - 2007  
East Dubuque, IL

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Aimee Robinson  
Paralegal  
Dubuque Senior HS - 2015  
Dubuque, IA

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McKenzie Arens  
Business  
Beckman HS - 2018  
HSED graduate  
Dyersville, IA

**Congratulations to all three!**

There was a break-in at the Grotto. Looks as if nothing was taken (except for some beer). Asbury police were called and a report was made. Members present from #49 and the Grotto agreed to add a deadbolt to the front door, and we will replace the rear door as recommended by the Police Chief.

**Fraternally and Brotherly;  
Dan Neuhaus - WM**

**Mosaic Lodge #125  
Regular Meeting Tuesday,  
January 12, 2021**

*(There was no report from Mosaic Lodge this month. Ed.)*

**Julien Chapter #125 OES  
Stated Meeting Tuesday,  
January 19, 2021**

We did have a brief meeting Tuesday evening just to close things up. The consolidation will be completed after the first of the year, so we will not put an article in the Trestle Board hereafter. We are Very sorry to have this happen, but with the situation of this Temple and our declining membership we just couldn't continue. God bless all the Masons who are continuing to hang on.

**Beverly Godsey – Sec’y, Julien 125 OES**

**What is a Mason? Personal Views**

*(as a semi-regular feature, now, we would like to introduce this column. In it we invite our dear readers to explore their thoughts on what Masonry is and/or what Masonry means to them. To introduce this new column, we print some thoughts from Brother Dave Patton)*

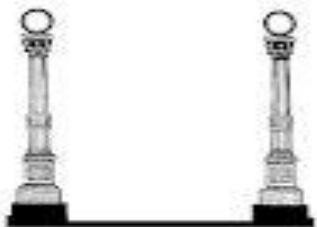
While Dad became a fifty-year Mason, and Mom was active in Eastern Star, they never talked about it. It was a SECRET! The only thing is, if you have a good thing going for you, the last thing you want to do is 'hide it under a bushel basket'. Instead, we need to let that light shine, and get the word out. (This is something all Masons need to work on.) Technically, I was exposed to a Masonic way of life at birth. My personal journey, however, started back in the spring of 2003, when I decided to walk away from the classroom because I was burned out. Teaching was no longer fun; instead, it became more of a job, something I HAD to do, rather than WANTING to do. In addition, the kids were becoming more difficult to deal with, and it appeared that parents weren't doing a good job of parenting - especially in

instilling core values. (It should also be noted, this was in one of the more respected buildings in the district.) Coincidentally, about this same time, I had written an editorial for the **TH** about how we need to be 'more understanding of our youth'. To make things even more surreal, Bob Klawitter was a member of High Twelve and invited me to speak to them in May of that same year. Afterward, he and Kenny Winninger gave me a tour of the building, then sat down with me for two hours telling me all about Masonry. Since I had a minor in history and have a very close relationship with God, hearing about Masonry and all that it stands for really excited me. Also, how they work on making 'good men even better', and zero in on improving the lives of our young people was simply music to my ears. Finally, learning that it is the oldest, largest fraternal organization in the world which promotes honesty and integrity, while pushing for brotherly love, simply solidified my interest in it. Of course, every good thing has its faults. Becoming proficient at ritual is not the be-all and end-all of Masonry; we must be active in the community, and get our name out there for all the good we do. Therefore, I ask a question - I believe we have lost our focus for what Masonry is/was REALLY meant to be. Perhaps we need to recalibrate our compass to help us return to the RIGHT path?

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Masonic Calendar: January, 2021

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



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

Last month, Ye Olde Editor published another Masonic Quiz™ from the mind of Brother Gerald Edgar. To no longer keep you dear readers in suspenders, err, suspense, we present you with the answers (we'll bet that most of you scored 100%, because you're so good). Without further ado, here are the correct matches:

### **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**

1953 Nobel Peace Prize recipient

Led the daring air raid on Tokyo in 1942

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

"Green Mountain Boys"

"I Shall Return!"

Most decorated American soldier of all-time

Our last 5 Star Gen'l

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

Our WWI 'Ace of Aces'

Chief of all American Forces in WWI

Led Allied Forces during the Persian Gulf War 1991

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