



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, February 11, 2021

Oxus Grotto met (finally!) in abbreviated session on January 14 at 6:00PM. It was a quick meeting to primarily discuss how we would run the Annual Lenten Fish Fries this year in the COVID era. We also discussed the replacement of our kitchen back door, as recommended by the Asbury police after the break-in. There are some logistical details to work out, but the fish fries will take place starting the first Friday in Lent, February 19. There will be five fish fries, two the first two week in Lent, a week off, and the final three Fridays, March 12, 19, and 26. All service will be takeout only, and a runner will be available to carry out to those in their vehicles who don't wish to come inside and stand in a (socially distanced) line.

One other item of note, Grotto will operate the rest of the year on a "rotating Monarch" basis.

Meeting adjourned at shortly after 7, in order that people could get home while road conditions were still passable.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing – Past Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, February 18, 2021, 7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 convened at 7:00PM, January 21, 2021. First order of business was to install this year's officers. Brother Jack Smeltzer first installed Worshipful Master Wes Struebing, and then installed the rest of the elected and appointed officers.

Once properly installed, WM first declared that the 2020 Lodge of Sorrows was closed. Then he opened the Lodge in form for its Regular Communication. The 2021 Lodge of Sorrows was declared open (it will remain open through the end of the current year).

Prior to the Communication, responsible officers met to audit the books from 2020. It was successful and those involved signed off on the validity of the books. During the financial report, the Lodge voted to accept the results of the audit; therefore, the books for 202 are closed.

Since both Dubuque Lodge #3 and Mosaic Lodge #125 will have a candidate for the Entered Apprentice Degree, and since it was suggested there that both lodges perform the degrees on the same night by 125. We agreed, and WM Struebing will contact WM Kelley to let him know we're on board with that suggestion.

We received a report from our Jr. Deacon that Brian Kelley and his lady, Angie, after having both contracted COVID-19 (Brian's story is quite alarming), are both well again. We send them a hearty "good for you both!" The Lodge was closed in form at 8:00PM, and peace and harmony prevailed.

Fraternally;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

February 17, 2021

The Key City Shrine Club met on Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00PM, in the basement of the Masonic Temple. In attendance were the officers. Also in attendance was KAABA Shriners Oriental Guide, Nathan Stone.

I think I can say that this last year has been tough on everyone, especially those who have had to personally deal with the coronavirus. We spent much of our meeting sharing how we have been dealing with the pandemic. When we got around to Brian Kelly, we were amazed as he related what all he and his lovely wife, Angie, went through. Suffice it to say, he was a very lucky man! (If any of you need a speaker to really drive home the importance of taking COVID-19 and its precautions seriously, Brian is your man!)

Please join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00PM.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club

February 12, 2021

High Twelve met Friday, January 8th at twelve noon.

After a short business meeting, Gerald Edgar presented a program on the military, including a quiz on the accomplishments of various patriotic Masons over the years. He is especially proud of the contributions of his immediate family.

Presently, his daughter, Charity – a member of Julien Chapter, is on duty in the Pacific waters protecting our country's freedoms. Thank you, Charity for your service.

Our next meeting for High Twelve will be on February 12th. Until Mario's opens up

again, we will meet in the Temple dining room. We welcome all to join us.

Respectfully;
David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

(York Rite did not meet in January. – ed.)

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2021

(due to small attendance, Metropolitan #49 did not meet in regular communication in January – ed.)

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Mosaic Lodge #125 met on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Happy New Year to every one!

We installed our new officers under the Authority of PGM Ed Blinks. We read one petition for membership and discussed the possibility of working with the other lodges to get moving on bringing in our new members. If any lodge has a candidate that needs to be initiated and needs help, please let me know. We will reach out to you as well. Together we can get back on track and help our Fraternity grow again.

"My brother, For the first time in your life, you have approached the alter of Free Masonry". After making this statement, I inquired of each of our members present how they felt the First time they heard these words. What a blessing to hear and feel the emotion of our brothers as they recalled this momentous event in their lives. I ask everyone to think about this and what it means to you. For our current and former servicemen out there, Zach Spurgeon shared his version of the Rifleman's creed that was re written to work with Masonry. Please ask about it, it's worth hearing.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members and their families who are not

with us due to illness or recovering. We hope to see you all again soon. Finally, Brother Silas Cline and his Wife Tori have welcomed a new member of their Family. Congratulations to the Cline family on the Birth of their Son, Odyn Ryan Cline. With no further business to discuss, Lodge was closed in due form Peach and Harmony prevailing.

Fraternally;
Brian Kelley - WM



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

Well, it's official. Julien #125 Order of the Eastern Star is Dubuque History. It is now part of the Bellevue Chapter #359. We wish them Godspeed in their new relationship. We invite Bellevue to submit guest articles from time to time.

We have a new President, after a sometimes contentious election season. We wish him well and to govern wisely. We, the staff at the Trestleboard, are still looking for a webmaster to take over, improve upon, and maintain our archive site,

https://carpedementem.org/trestleboard_test


This would involve, among other things, establishing a permanent domain name and finding a provider to host our domain. Eventually, we hope to go to an online-only model. And, since our Brother who is the keeper of the monies and general man-about-town who deals with the post office and pays the printer is of a more advanced age than even Ye Olde Editor, we need someone who can Train with Wayne (We just made that slogan up...) and eventually take over that role. Now, neither of these jobs are onerous, but they do require a commitment of time, and, perhaps, a bit of gas. If any of you are interested, please send an email to the address at the beginning of this newsletter.

Oh, and one more bit of rambling –
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY to all our

significant others, who put up with so much from us Brothers!

Respectfully;
Ye Olde Editor

Masonic Calendar: February, 2021

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