



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, March 11, 2021

Greetings, Prophets and others; Oxus Grotto met informally on Thursday, Feb. 11, Jim (Smokey) McGovern as interim Monarch. The major topic of discussion was the upcoming start of our annual Lenten Fish Fries. They will start on Feb. 26th, and continue on March 5th, 19th, and 26th. Cost is the same as previous years, \$8 for adults 10 and over, \$4 for kids under 10. Note: THERE WILL BE NO SITDOWN DINING. There will be a masked line looping through the dining room to order, pat and pick up your order, and there will be a "stay in your car" option, as well. We will have runners to take your order and your payment and bring you your food. We look forward to seeing everyone there! One other item of major importance was the discussion of the recent breakin at the Grotto, and how we move forward from it. We are investigating security systems, with or without wi-fi. If the system we choose requires wi-fi, it will entail Oxus Grotto signing up with an internet provider. So that might be something else to examine, as well. Our meeting ended on that note, and people

examining those systems will report back in March.

Once again, we hope to see a good crowd at our fish fries this year, so spread the word!

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - PM

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 7:00

PM

Dubuque Lodge # 3 met in regular communication at 7:00PM February 18, 2021, with 6 people in the chairs. WM Wes Struebing welcomed everyone who attended this evening. Last month Jr. Deacon Dave Patton told us about Brian Kelley (WM – Mosaic #125) and his lady, Angie, who had both contracted COVID-19. They were on the mend last month (Angie is still on leave for a head injury she suffered, but otherwise well), and Brian looks and sounds much better this month. Jr. Warden Dale Hefel concurred in the statement that COVID-19 is real serious deal. Please remember to follow local mandates – mask up, social-distance and don't congregate unnecessarily. Dubuque #3 received a lovely donation from the former Julien 125 Order of the Eastern Star (they have "disbanded" and merged with the Bellevue organization.) We thank them, and we wish them well. The lion's share of our Communication involved the upcoming Entered Apprentice degrees that we and Mosaic each have. We had our first (in a long time!) practice on Monday evening, Feb. 15> we intend to have several more practice sessions in subsequent Mondays, with an eye to the end of March (probably around the 25th or the 26th). WM asked for a volunteer to mentor Taylor Merfeld (Dubuque #3's

candidate), and Brother Dave Patton took that responsibility on. He was also one of the interviewers, and stated that he was very impressed with Mr. Merfeld. We look forward to welcoming another brother to our fraternity!

There being no other business commanding our attention, the Lodge was closed in form at 7:45PM, peace and harmony prevailed.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

March 17, 2021

After the audit of the books was completed and certified, the Key City Shrine Club was called to order at 7:00 in the dining room of the Masonic Temple. Monte Harris was in attendance representing KAABA Shriners. (All were in good health, and Brian Kelley is getting stronger every day.) Well, since we already sent money in to Des Moines last spring for a food inspector to check out the popcorn stand at the fairgrounds – which didn't take place, the state will credit us that amount toward the 2021 Dubuque County Fair event this July. A great deal of discussion then centered round the popcorn trailer. We're going to work on it more when it warms up, and hope to set it up at the arboretum during the *Music in the Park* event this summer to earn some money. (More on that in the future.) We discussed and finally rejected the idea of leaving the trailer out at the Oxus Grotto, since they experienced a recent break-in by several thirteen-year-olds causing greater than \$12,000.00 in damages. Fortunately, they caught the vandals in the act, and their trashing of the place is now being prosecuted as a felony. (Oxus Grotto's first fish fry out

there for the season will be Friday the 26th – pickup only. Please, wear a mask.) There was also some discussion on the COVID-19 vaccinations, since people are anxious to receive them. It appears, though, with the big storm knocking out things in Texas, we don't know if it will cause delivery issues here (**apparently it is causing problems – ed.**).

Wayne then reported that Mario's is now open after 4:00 p.m., so we hope that we can meet there starting next month.

Regardless, stay healthy, stay warm, plus stay safe! (Remember, we're all in this together. Besides, I can already see a bright light at the end of the tunnel!)

Respectfully;

David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club March 12, 2021

On Saturday, January 23, I took part in a virtual meeting byway of Zoom as part of High Twelve's midyear celebration. We had a well-attended meeting with close to a hundred attendees – some from across the pond in England and Belgium. One of the first things they talked about, something all High Twelvians should take note of, is the hundredth anniversary of High Twelve which will be celebrated this spring at our annual convention in Sioux City, Iowa, June 17-20th. The convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn that sits atop a bluff overlooking the Missouri River.

We hope that all will be able to attend in person. Since it is the hundredth anniversary, we're hoping for a headcount of at least one hundred. (Help us reach that goal.)

It just so happens that Sioux City is the birthplace of E.C. 'Wally' Wolcott, the founder of High Twelve and the Wolcott Foundation. It's only fitting then, that the hundredth anniversary would be at his old stomping grounds, which is where he is now buried! (By the way, his final resting place is nearby, a point of interest we'll visit for those who can physically attend.)

So, since this Zoom meeting was so successful, I suggested for those who can't personally attend, that they have

another one. (I can also see going virtual as the thing of the future, which could greatly help reduce International's costs!)

In a related matter, another important issue that was raised and greatly debated had to do with assessments. Currently, each club is assessed \$10 per capita for dues. So, to keep up with expenditures, and the cost-of-living increase for International, they're suggesting that next year it be increased to \$15 per member. This will be voted on at the annual meeting this spring. (Actually, by going with Zoom, I can see many of their costs being cut drastically!) You can also probably guess, the need to increase membership is always a hot topic – especially how to attract the younger crowd! Therefore, if you have any suggestions, please forward them to me.

Our next High Twelve meeting in Dubuque will be Friday, March 12th, starting at noon. We hope to be back at Mario's; if not, the Temple dining room. Meanwhile, keep warm and bundled up! Finally, don't forget to wear your mask!

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2021

(due to the break-in at the Grotto, Metropolitan #49 did not meet in regular communication in February – ed.)

Mosaic Lodge #125

**Regular Meeting Tuesday,
March 9, 2021**

Mosaic Lodge #125 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. This month we voted on the Petition for Mr. Randy Tolly. Randy was elected by

unanimous ballot. Mosaic will work with Dubuque #3 to put together a degree for both of our candidates. Practices will be held on Monday, February 15 and 22nd. We will continue to meet on Mondays at 7:00pm until the degrees are held. Please join us with the practices and help participate in the degrees.

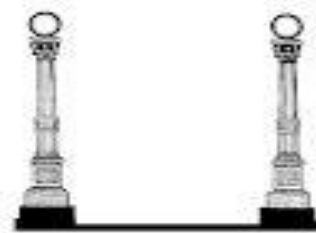
We received notice from Make a Wish; they will be changing the format of their annual Gala. They are moving to a virtual format this year due to the pandemic. You will be able to register for the silent auction soon and it will last much longer. Please help them help the children and their families.

Mosaic Lodge Scholarships are starting to come in, and we will soon begin our interview process.

Our prayers are with our Masonic families, especially those that are under the weather or recovering. Yearly Membership Dues are due. Please keep this in mind and schedule your dues payments.

Fraternally;

Brian Kelley - Worshipful Master



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

(reposting some info from last month): We, the staff at the Trestleboard, are still looking for a webmaster to take over and maintain our archive site, <https://carpedementem.org/trestleboard test>

Once the staff has approved the search, we will contact Loras College to provide ongoing support. We still need someone to Train with Wayne™ 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.

Masonic Calendar: March, 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	16	17 Shrine Club 7:00PM Meeting	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
28	29	30	31			

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