



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, April 8, 2021

Oxus Grotto met informally on Thursday, March 11th at 6:30PM. Prophet Steve Sanders filled in as Acting Monarch. There were five of us in attendance. Our main topic of the evening was discussion of security measures for the Grotto. The damage has been cleaned up from break-in, and a little painting and touchup still need to be completed. We “tested” an electrical air horn (it’s LOUD!) that we might be able to hook up to a motion sensor and a means of turning it off when authorized people are present! Links to several companies in the area were given, too, from actual security companies (like ADT) and other companies from whom security systems may be purchased.

In addition, we talked about the success of this year’s Friday Lenten Fish Fry. The interior logistics were redone last fry, and it worked much more smoothly. We are drawing good crowds. Our last fry will be March 26th (by the time this is printed, the March 19th fry will be history). The possibility of an additional fry on April 2nd was discussed and tabled.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing for Steve Sanders

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, April 15, 2021, 7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication at 7:00PM on March 18, 2021. And then we were six. We received notification from Grand Lodge about the passing of Past Master Robert Erickson. His life was read by our Secretary, Brother Jack Smeltzer and our charter was draped until our next regular communication.

In addition, we received notice (thank you, Brother Dave Patton, for letting us know) that the wife of one of our long-time members also passed beyond the veil early in the week. Brother Dick Lorenz’ wife, Carol passed after a short illness. The Lodge signed and sent Dick a sympathy card. May he cherish her memory always.

Due to the “delightful” snowfall we had Monday, the two Entered Apprentice Degrees that was scheduled has been postponed and moved to 29 March. Same time (6:30PM) and once again, all Masons are invited to help us initiate our two candidates, one each from Mosaic Lodge #125 and from Dubuque Lodge #3. There being no further business before us, we closed in form at 7:40PM. Peace and harmony prevailed.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

April 21, 2021

The Key City Shrine Club met on Wednesday, March 17th – St. Patrick’s DAY. (Judy Stanfley’s birthday, down at Mario’s. Please wish her a belated Happy Birthday!)

Sad to say, Carol Lorenz, Dick’s wife, passed away on Sunday, March 14th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dick and his family. (Check Wednesday, March 17th,’s paper for more details.)

Much of our discussion centered around the popcorn/food trailer that we purchased a couple years ago. Our intent was to fix it up and take it around various places during the summer months to try to make some extra money. Between the last meeting and this one, however, I did a little research: First, to get it up and running just in Dubuque, it’s going to take many hours, plus maybe a several hundred dollars more of investment. Second, for a venture like this, you need numerous, young committed volunteers to help run it – which we don’t have.

We would always need one of the workers to be a Certified Food Protection Manager – a CFPM, on the premises. To get that certification, one needs to take a six-hour course at \$160 and pass a food safety examination. In other words, just to get all the permits, licenses, and inspections to operate it for a couple months, it would cost us more than we can afford. (And, that’s just in Dubuque!) Then, if you go to different cities, counties, or states, they may have other regulations and fees.

Since we don’t have the time or manpower to pursue this endeavor, we decided to try to sell it. (we hope, to someone from Kaaba.)

Respectfully;

David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club

April 9, 2021

High Twelve met in the Temple’s dining room Friday, March 12th, at noon. We talked about the 100th anniversary of High Twelve coming up this summer. To

celebrate it, the annual meeting of International will be taking place in Sioux City, Iowa the founder's, Edgar C. (Wally) Walcott, birth place.

Not surprisingly, much of our discussion centered around the COVID-19 vaccinations and any reactions anyone might have had. Apparently, the big concern now is that people are signing up at three or four places to make reservations for the injections, which is good. However, after they receive their first shot, they're forgetting to notify the other places to cancel their appointments! The end result, some places end up being stuck with extra dosage – dosages that needs to be used before the end of their shelf-life. I will be attending a North Central Association of High Twelve, April 16-17 down in Des Moines to help finalize our upcoming meeting in Sioux City. Our next meeting of High Twelve will be Friday, April 9th, presently at the Masonic Temple. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

(York Rite did not meet this month – ed.)

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Metropolitan #49 met on March 4th. The meeting ran from 3:00PM to 7:00PM. Since active #49 members are also Grotto members, we prepared for Friday's *(March 5th – ed.)* fish fry. The next fish fry is March 19th.

There were not enough members to hold a formal open and closing. We discussed some options for alarm and the discussion was tabled for the Grotto meeting.

Respectfully;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

**Mosaic Lodge #125
Regular Meeting Tuesday,
April 13, 2021
*(there was no report this month – ed.)***



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: April, 2021

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

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