



From the Trestleboard

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Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Oxus Grotto meeting was held on April 8th; Smokey McGovern supplied burgers, brats and fries.

We finished dinner and did our first formal opening and closing in over a year.

Our carry-out Fish Fries went very well, even with missing out on one because of the break-in. Many thanks to everyone who helped. We could not have done it without the help of our spouses! Thank you, ladies!

We have Rentals filled for June and July, and August is starting to fill up.

There are some projects that need to be done, so there is a work day Scheduled for Friday, May 7th, starting at 10:00AM. This call out is for ALL Grotto members. Many hands make quick work of things.

Even a couple hours of your time will be appreciated! Some of the things need to be done are: horseshoe pits, and the picnic tables need scraping and re-staining. The shed needs to be moved (if we have the equipment and help) and the doors on it repaired or possibly replaced. We'll possibly do some tree

trimming and haul the branches to the parking lot. Inside there is some light cleaning to keep our Grotto looking good.

This is the best the Grotto has looked in a long time! Let's keep it that way and keep making it better!

Respectfully;

Dan Neuhaus, for acting Monarch - Arvid Saele

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, May 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication on April 15, 2021. WM Wes Struebing presiding.

There were 7 of us this evening – thank you all for your participation!

Early on, we discussed the Entered Apprentice Degree conferred on Brothers Taylor Merfeld (Dubuque #3) and Randy Tolley (Mosaic #125) on March 29th, 2021. WM Struebing thanked all those who were able to participate in the degrees, and he announced that the May 20

Communication will be conducted on the First Degree, in order that Brother Merfeld may attend. (The WM will have to do some serious studying!)

Brother Dave Patton let us know that Leona Hibbins had fallen and injured her spine. She is currently at Luther Manor West. WM Struebing mentioned that Russ isn't doing well, wither, and hoped that the members would keep both of them in our thoughts and prayers.

Mosaic #125 has another Entered Apprentice candidate, plus our two newly-initiated EA's will be eligible to be brought to the Fellow Craft Degree.

Mosaic has another EA who is also in that position, as well; it also has a candidate to be raised to the degree of

Master Mason. Obviously, they/we will need to assist each other as we did recently. On that note, we will resume Monday training sessions for all those Masons who are able to attend.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in form at 7:37PM, peace and harmony prevailed.

Once again, next Lodge will be on May 20, 2021.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

May 19, 2021

The Key City Shrine Club did not meet in April due to several of our members having previous commitments. I, however, thought I would bring you up-to-date on some important matters. First, I made out a bill of sale to switch ownership of the Fez trailer to the Key City Shrine Club. Licensing is pending. Secondly, keep in your thoughts and prayers Russ and Leona Hibben as she is recovering from a serious fall. She is presently at Luther Manor - West side (*see Bellevue OES notes for further info. – ed.*)

In addition, the Dubuque County Fair is scheduled for the end of July. Which also means, the Shriner's Popcorn Stand will be up and running, so I will be around looking for volunteers for the 5-11 shift. Our next meeting for the Key City Shrine Club will be May 19th at 5:30 down at Mario's. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

Dubuque High Twelve Club

May 14, 2021

An issue brought up during the zoom meeting for International back in February, that will be voted on during

their convention in June is the possibility of raising the dues from \$10 up to \$15 a year per capita. Therefore, I wanted to get our group's opinion before attending the North Central Association Convention on April 16th-17th in Des Moines.

The consensus was against the idea. (Point of reference: all of our members are retirees, living on a fixed income. For that reason, they watch their money closely, meaning they don't have any extra funds to shell out!)

Jack Smeltzer then mentioned that presently our dues are \$24. From that amount, \$10 goes to NCA, while \$10 goes to International, leaving us \$4 to work with. Therefore, if International goes up to \$15 per member, we'll be running in the hole. (I should also point out, NCA usually follows the lead of International, which means we could be shelling out \$30 per person, which means we'll REALLY be in the red!)

Dave Overby then pointed out that everyone, including our government, keeps asking for more and more, rather than cutting back. Personally, he'd like eliminating the return address labels, since he has a whole pile of them from other organizations that he never uses. He and Wayne also mentioned how we're paying out more and more, while getting less and less, which could lead to even more people dropping out of High Twelve.

(addendum after NCA Convention – ed.)

North Central Association met in Pleasant Hill, Iowa on April 16th-17th with some good news for us here in Dubuque.

Dubuque member Gerald Edgar was elected president for 2021-2022, and Steve Libby from Cedar Rapids, vice-president. It also sounds as if the midyear meeting in October will be in the Algona area.

Importantly, dues to NCA will NOT increase next year! Instead, it will remain at \$10 per member for another year. Finally, the incentive package for qualifying clubs to earn \$100 for bringing in new members has been set at two new members. So, to help increase our membership, and get more young people involved, International is

suggesting that we move our meeting time to the evening.

Back in the '50s, when we had close to fifty active members, many of them were business executives who could take off for an hour from work to attend our meetings. Regrettably, attrition, as well as deterioration of our facility, has contributed to our declining numbers. On a positive note, we have many college students who are civic minded, and want to get involved. The only thing is, their daytime schedules prohibit their participation. Therefore, by switching to the evening may help increase our numbers. Evidence of this can be seen in Kansas and in Texas, where numerous young people are joining, largely because High Twelve meets in the evening. (Something to think about.) Make your plans to attend international in Sioux City, the week of June 24th-26th. Our next meeting of High Twelve will be May 12th, in the Masonic Temple's dining room.

Respectfully submitted;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

York Rite is still awaiting the go-ahead from higher up before re-opening for meetings – ed.)

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Metropolitan Lodge #49 held its meeting on April 1st; Smokey McGovern supplied burgers and fries.

Arvid Saele brought in his prototype pedestals for the Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden stations. Everyone liked his idea and the go ahead was given. They will be made of solid wood with granite inserts for the sounding blocks.

Special Side Note: Arvid brought in the finished pedestals to the Grotto meeting and they will be stained with a deep mahogany stain and then varnished.

Lodge setup keeps getting /looking better every month!

Thanks to everyone who made it to the meeting!

Respectfully;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Greeting and welcome to Spring. I would first like to apologize for not getting anything out for last month. There was quite a bit of trauma and grief in my family and I simply could not get it done. That being said, everything is getting better and back on track.

Mosaic meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. In an effort of inclusion, especially since the pandemic has sidelined many of our degrees, we have decided to open on the degree of our newest member present. This month we opened on the Entered apprentice degree and welcomed Brother Tolley to the Family. We had the privilege of having one of our fellow craft brothers present as well. It was great to see them Both. Brother Tolley was declared proficient in the 1st degree and has decided to memorize the obligation as a bonus. With 2nd and 3rd degrees just around the corner, we will continue to hold ritual practice on Monday nights at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

It was reported that Leona Hibbins is at Luther Manor West with a back injury. Arlis Sonksen has undergone injections in her back due to fissures in her vertebrae. Ed Blinks has had an eye surgery that was successful. This was to place a stent so that his tear ducts can drain properly. Brian Carroll had a bout with Covid-19 and is feeling much better. I ask that we keep these people in our thoughts and prayers for speedy recovery and continued well-being. We have had some very trying times the last few years and getting through it with the support of our Masonic Family makes a very big difference. I look forward to seeing all of you that I can in our coming meetings and degrees.

Respectfully;
Brian Kelley - WM

Bellevue OES #359, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Greetings from (Julien) Bellevue Chapter #359!

Yes, the affiliation of our beloved Julien Chapter with Bellevue Chapter is complete. We have attended 2 meetings of our new Chapter and have been warmly welcomed. We hope more of our members will make the effort to support and attend the meetings and events that will be planned. The first thing is remembering our members who have passed away by decorating the graves. I know that many of our beloved members are far from Dubuque but we will care for those nearby.

We are sorry to tell you that Leona Hibben is at Luther Manor Grand Meadow campus. She is recovering from a broken vertebra and had surgery. Russ is able to visit her, and Don and Bev have been there too. Our prayers are with her.

We need to remember Betty Phillips also as her health is deteriorating. I'm not sure where she is living right now.

Just a little history of Julien Chapter: we had 40 members to affiliate with Bellevue Chapter. That included 19 - 50 years plus members, 7 couples, 12 who live out of our area. 4 who were born after 1980. Therefore, you can see that we are not a young group!

God bless and keep you all. If you know of any of our members in need of a card or call or a change of address, please let me know.

Respectfully;
Bev Godsey



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

It appears we may have a connection, (thank you, Brother Tolley!). More information as we have it.

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: May, 2021

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

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