



From the Trestleboard

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Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Grotto met on May 13th:

It has been a busy couple of weeks taking care of the grounds and building. We removed two large dead ash trees, re-painted picnic tables, touched up walls inside the Grotto, leveled the shed, weed wacked the grounds, cleaned the parking lot, and put down ground clear on the seams of the parking lot. That should keep the parking lot looking good.

Thanks go out to Steve Sanders, Sam Phipps, Arvid Saele, Smokey McGovern, Gene Muntz, and a special thanks to Jack Sibley for bringing out his skid steer, to move the big logs over to the parking lot where they could be cut up. It was nice to see "new" old faces come out for the Grotto meeting, Good to see Wayne, and the two Brians.

Rentals are up, and I believe they will keep coming since Covid is starting to subside as more people are vaccinated. We are always looking for more Masons to join the fellowship of the Grotto.

Fraternally;

Dan Neuhaus – Acting Monarch

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, June 17, 2021, 7:00

PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in form on the Entered Apprentice degree, on May 20th, 2021. We did this in order that our newest member of our Masonic Family, Taylor Merfeld, could attend. Now, Bro. Taylor actually has just been passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on the previous Monday (May 17th), but our Lodge had determined last month that we would open on the First Degree. It was also good practice, nonetheless, since most of us had never sat in chairs of authority while conducting a Communication of that degree. When we meet in June, we will open a Fellowcraft Lodge.

It was proposed afterward, that we, at least once a year, open an Entered Apprentice Lodge and a Fellowcraft Lodge. Frankly, I like that idea.

Our "dues" to the Temple Association went up this month; that was due to us paying our share of the degree work to the Association, as well. And, after over a year of not having to pay our normal share to produce the Trestleboard that monthly fee has been restarted. While we still mask and practice social-distancing in Lodge, things are beginning to get back to normal.

As Brother Merfeld must be declared proficient in the Second Degree before he is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Brother Dave Patton will continue to mentor him. For this we thank you, Dave!

Our next Regular Communication will be on June 17th, at 7:00PM as usual. Please join us; visiting Masons are always welcome.

Respectfully;

Wesley Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

September 15, 2021

The Key City Shrine Club met Wednesday, May 19th down at Mario's to dine before our monthly meeting. (By the way, this will be our last meeting before our summer break, when we hope to reconvene in September.) If you also remember, we didn't have an April meeting, since several of our members are in Mosaic 125 Lodge. Ironically, our scheduled meeting night back then was also the same night they were interviewing scholarship applicants. For our May meeting, we were graced by the presence of Dave Glanz from Kaaba. He not only told us an interesting story about how his Masonic journey started, but also told of a past member that left over a million dollars to Kaaba. (They hope to use some of that money to redo their driveway/parking lot.)

We then went around the table to share our experiences this last year in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. So, while most of us hunkered down and tried to follow the guidelines put forth by the CDC, Brian Kelley wasn't so lucky! As Brian puts it, "This last year was has been year out of hell!" Among other things, last November, Angie brought the virus home from the reformatory. He then tested positive and needed to be hospitalized, missing a great deal of work! In March of this year, she was trying to render aid to two of her friends who were murdered by inmates. (Needless to say, it has definitely left a lasting impression!)

Meanwhile, his sinuses have been acting up, once more requiring hospitalization. By the way, largely, because of the COVID-19 situation this year, Dubuque is not planning to have a Memorial Day Parade. (I have since picked up a license

for the trailer. We've been storing it out at Dan Tepy's farm. But, since he passed away last year, we will be storing it down at my farm. Wayne Stanley and I will be getting together to arrange that.)

The next big event we are planning for is the Dubuque County Fair, July 27th – August 1st, where once again we will be operating the Shriner's popcorn stand. (By the way, Brian and Angie Kelley will be recruiting volunteers to work it this year. Please sign up for a shift or two.) Join us Wednesday, September 15th down at Mario's for our next Key City Shrine Club meeting. We'll discuss the future of the popcorn trailer. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton - Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club September 10, 2021

Dubuque #119 of High Twelve met on Friday, May 14th, in the Masonic Temple at 1155 Locust Street, it being our last meeting this spring before going on summer break. (Ironically, just the day before, the CDC, as well as President Biden had announced the lifting of all masks requirements for all those who were fully vaccinated. Personally, I prefer to continue wearing mine for several more weeks.)

We then discussed various things that had occurred at our annual NCA meeting in Des Moines. One of those being Gerald Edgar will be the new president. **(congratulations, Bro. Gerald! – ed.)**

Also, while High Twelve International would like to raise their yearly dues to \$15 per member, NCA is still solvent; therefore, they didn't think it is necessary. Instead, they will stay at \$10 yearly. (Good to hear!)

Mike Hexton then suggested to perhaps look at a different time to meet, so to attract younger men as members. Instead of meeting at noon on Friday, maybe a better time would be in the latter part of the day.

I then reminded the membership of the hundredth anniversary of High Twelve taking place June 24th – 27th in Sioux City, Iowa at our annual international meeting, and I encouraged all to attend.

(If not, I'm hoping they can possibly take part in a zoom meeting.)

We're hope to hold our September 10th meeting of High Twelve down at Mario's at 12:00N. Hope to see you there.

(A side note: even though I'm not a Knight Templar, I am learning a great deal about their influence, as well as that of Freemasonry in this world by watching the History Channel. I'm especially intrigued with their ingenuity and resourcefulness I've been watching on *The Curse of Oak Island* on Tuesday nights. A real must see!)

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2021 (dark until September)

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Since I accepted giving the Trestleboard input for the Grotto also, this one is combined!

Metro #49 met on Thursday, May 6th and welcomed Shawn Cooper from a Lodge in Marion, Iowa. He now lives and works here in Dubuque.

It has also been a busy couple of weeks taking care of the grounds and building at the Grotto.

(see Oxus Grotto report concerning that work. Ed.)

Fraternally;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Mosaic Lodge 125 met on the Entered apprentice degree on Tuesday, May 11th. I love the idea of being accessible to our new members, especially during this pandemic. We had a remarkably positive meeting with our Newest

Entered Apprentice providing the program for the evening. Brother Randy Tolley decided that he wanted to memorize the posting lecture for the degree and performed it flawlessly. We normally don't do this anymore and it's great to see a young man take the initiative and pull it together well. I have to say that I absolutely loved this and will never understand fully why it was removed from our degrees. Although it is not required, I do recommend that we encourage our new members to give it a shot. This can give them insight and ownership into the organization that they have chosen to participate in.

In keeping with the positive attitude in the lodge this evening, 2nd degrees are scheduled for May 17th. We know of two brothers for sure with a possible 3rd. PLEASE. You're all invited to participate - anytime a degree is being held. Please remember where there is a 2nd, a 3rd will follow. We currently have 1 brother who has been patiently waiting because of the pandemic as well as the two new brothers. You know how this degree will go and I encourage your help and participation.

My family welcomed our new Granddaughter on 04/27/21. A whopping 5lbs 6oz. her name is Tannis and no, she was not premature. She is a full-term little angel. Both Mom and baby are doing well. I said remarkably positive previously, so a very heartfelt Happy Birthday to Les. What more can a man ask for on his birthday. Well, Les did it well and celebrated his 95th year with a meal surrounded by loving family. Keep 'em coming, Les. I know that we all wish you the very best and many more to come.

Fraternally;

Brian Kelley - WM

Bellevue OES #359, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Once again it is time to write some remembrances of Julien Chapter #125 OES now that we are affiliated with Bellevue Chapter #359 we need to remember the good times we had working and laughing. Don and I went to Camp Courageous yesterday for the old car show and fund raiser for the camp. We saw Charlie Becker and he mentioned how much he enjoys reading the things I bring up about the past events of the Dubuque Masonic Temple so here goes again.

We had some wonderful times with our Rainbow Girls and DeMolay boys. The installations of officers when we had enough girls to have a full crew of officers AND junior officers! All dressed in their long white dresses. Oh, the parties, games, ritual memory, practices, initiations, dances with the DeMolay boys in the large ball room. I know that all those young men and women (many of whom are grandparents) have grown into well-loved members of their many communities.

Julien Chapter had a membership of over 600 in the 60's, so there was always those who were working their way through the chairs and worked hard to be the best they could be in doing the work. There was a real honor to initiated as a member of the Past Matron's club and be included in the monthly pot luck at the homes of members. Oh, the good times we had at Carlton and Amber Jones' home as well as Ann Noe's, Eileen and Bob Klawitter's, Edna and Ed Winders', and so many others who were devoted members of our beloved Chapter.

I hope that those of us who are left will attend the meetings in Bellevue the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each month but for January and February at 7PM. There will be summer activities coming up that I will keep you posted on. Our Leona Hibben is now back home after spending some time at Luther Manor recuperating from injury. We wish her a full recovery and back in the pink very soon. If anyone knows of a

member who is in need of prayers, please let me know.

God bless and keep all now that we are able to gather in a more normal way.

Beverly Godsey;
Reporter for The Order of the Eastern Star



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

Several months ago, Ye Olde Editor asked for submissions from our dear readers roughly on the subject of a personal view of what Masonry means to them. Bro. Dave Patton started us off with a thought-provoking essay (thank you again, Dave!). This month we will start a five-month series of articles/points from a publication of *The Masonic Service Association of North America*. Brother Dan Neuhaus has provided us with these points to ponder from it. Thank you, Dan, very much!

The series is called, "5 Lessons About How to Treat People" and goes like this:

1. First Important Lesson – The Cleaning Lady

During my second month of college, our professor gave a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely", said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'." I've never forgotten that

lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

Masonic Calendar: June, 2021

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

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