



# 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](mailto: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, September 9, 2021**

Hail Prophets!

Our breakfasts at the Grotto will resume on Sunday, September 26 from 8 am to 12:30PM. Due to an increase in supply prices, adults will be \$9.00, and children will be \$5.00. This is still a great price because it includes your drink. Hope you will come out and support us.

When you come out to the Grotto, you will notice we have a new metal roof. Thanks to Dan Neuhaus and Steve Sanders for spearheading that project.

At our September meeting, we will be initiating Randy Tolley into the Oxus Grotto. With the loss of several of our Prophets over the last 3 years, it will be nice to add a few more Masons. It is a worthwhile organization that gives back to the community. And, we have fun!

Also, a note from Metropolitan Lodge: Due to Covid protocols, we were unable to have Masonic services for several of our members. We are planning a memorial service for Dan Teply, Warren Peterson, Rocky Tiefel, Jeff Kotz, and Dennis Smith. The Service will be held on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Grotto. Meet at 5:30, catered

meal at 6:00, service to follow. RSVP to Sam Phipps (**563.556.8105**) or Smokey McGovern (**563.590.8841**).

*Respectfully;*

*Smokey McGovern*

## Dubuque Lodge #3

**A.F. & AM**

**Thursday, September 16, 2021,**

**7:00 PM**

Greetings, Masonic Community; Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication on 19 August, 2021, at 7:00PM. There were 6 members and one guest, Brother Randy Tolley, of Mosaic Lodge #125.

Brother Randy was present this evening to assist Brother Taylor Merfeld to attain his proficiency in the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He performed that duty admirably, and Brother Taylor was declared proficient. Welcome to full Masonry, Brother Taylor!

It was announced that on 8 September, 2021 there will be a Masonic memorial service for the Brothers who have passed in the past year or so while we were in the midst of the Pandemic lockdown and could not conduct that service. Dubuque #3 has no Brother in the list, but we mourn those others (Dan Teply, Warren Peterson, Rocky Tiefel, Jeff Kotz, and Dennis Smith), and celebrate their lives and our Masonic relationships with them all. See the Oxus Grotto report here, previously for further information.

We had a quick report of the result of the Key City Shrine Club's popcorn booth at the Dubuque County Fair this past July. The weekdays were very slow, but the weekend was a real boon to the Club; in fact, Sunday's take almost doubled last year's amount.

No officer of the Lodge has received their packet from Grand Lodge, which will be held on 16-18 September, 2021 in

Davenport, Iowa. Once they come, if one of us would give our proxy to Brother Jack Smeltzer, that would be greatly appreciated.

There being no further business, Dubuque Lodge #3 closed in form at 7:48PM – peace and harmony prevailed.

*Respectfully;*

*Wes Struebing - WM*

## Key City Shrine Club

**September 15, 2021**

When the Dubuque County Fair comes around every year, at the end of July, the question that's often on most people's mind is if the weather would cooperate or not. This year, however, was quite different! In addition to the weather, we also wondered if the attendance would be low because people would still be overly concerned about COVID -19 pandemic especially with the Delta variant, or whether they would turn out in droves wanting to get over their cabin fever.

Well, if what happened on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, the first day of the fair, was a sign of what the rest of the week would look like, things looked pretty bleak! First, it was hot and humid! Then, Wayne Stanfley – Mr. Popcorn, our trusted confidant and on whom we all depend, had to step aside and sit out the rest of the week at home after becoming ill. Add to that, even though it was free admission, not only was the fair attendance down, but our popcorn sales were off by over a hundred dollars from 2019. Still, we sucked it up and plugged onward for, essentially, the first four days of the fair.

However, for some reason, Saturday and Sunday, everything started to really turn around! Fair attendance increased – as did our popcorn sales! Just on Saturday alone, we were able to wipe away any losses we had up until that point in time.

Then, Sunday we knocked the ball out of the park; we jumped from sales of \$920 in 2019 to over \$1600 for our daily take! (It would have been even more, had we not run short on supplies.)

At this time, I want to thank Brian Kelley for lining up a quality list of Masons for volunteers, and a thank you! goes to Darlene, Angie, and Helen for helping out selling popcorn. I was especially happy to have Wolf and Serena Stechman working with us. They worked very hard. Thank you, kids!

The Labor Day Parade is September 6<sup>th</sup>, and we hope that many Shriners will come down and join us.

Our next regular Shrine Club meeting will be at 5:30PM on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> down at Mario's. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

*Respectfully;*  
*David H. Patton*

### **Dubuque High Twelve Club September 10, 2021**

### **Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

### **Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting Thursday, September 2, 2021**

Our scheduled meeting was held on 5 August, 2021. Gene Muntz provided dinner. Sam Phipps will provide the September dinner.

We will hold a memorial dinner for the families of our Brothers who have passed over the last year. It will be held on Wednesday September 8th. Meet at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. A Masonic service will be held after the dinner. **ALL** Brothers are welcome to come.

Please RSVP Sam Phipps at **563-556-8105**, so we can have a head count to give to the caterer.

Chicken and beef with the trimmings from Poor Man's Cafe.

*Fraternally;*

*Dan Neuhaus - WM*

### **Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

Mosaic Lodge #125 reports that there was little to report on their stated Communication in August

### **Bellevue OES #359, Next Meeting**

### **Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

Not a lot of new from Eastern Star this month but do want our members and all readers of this to know we are still meeting with Bellevue Chapter and helping wherever we can. We were glad to have a social dinner with them at the new Mexican restaurant in Bellevue. There were just 3 members from Julien Chapter in attendance but we had good food and good fellowship. Planning for a Friendship night was discussed. More about that later.

I haven't heard about any of our members having troubles so I assume that all are well - maybe just getting older!!!

Oh, I did see on Facebook that Christine (Willard) and Skip Steiert's daughter Carly, was crowned Bremer County Fair Queen! Congratulations! She also showed her calf at the state fair. Her family is certainly proud of this young lady who is now off to college at UNI. Christy, don't cry too many crocodile tears sending your youngest child off to college!!

Grand Chapter is coming up Oct. 8-10 in Des Moines. Our good friends Vickie Wallner and Larry Niday will be installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. With the pandemic interrupting everything last year their installation was put on hold until now.

We know that they will have lots of support for all their plans.

Thanks to Wayne for reminding me to get this article send off to the Trestle Board. Just a little slow this month.

*God bless and keep all who read this!!  
Bev Godsey Order of the Eastern Star  
reporter*



### **Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings**

As promised, Ye Olde Editor continues the five-part series taken from "Essay Notes" of the Masonic Service Association of North America, its "5 Lessons About How to Treat People". Part 4 is entitled:

#### **4. Fourth Important Lesson – The Obstacles in our Path**

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand: *Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our situation.*

## Masonic Calendar: September, 2021

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

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