



# The Trestleboard



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## From the Trestleboard

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### **Wes Struebing**

In trying times, try!

## OXUS Grotto #137

### Regular Meeting

**Thursday, October 14, 2021**

Hail Prophets:

I would like to thank Arvid Saele for standing in as Monarch in the absence of Bill Luensmann.

Randy Tolley was initiated to the Order of Veiled Prophet. Welcome, Randy. Have fun and Grotto on!

We set a work day for Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5:00 to paint the shed doors and to clean the kitchen and coffee areas in anticipation of our first breakfast on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be our first since COVID started.

The rentals are gradually increasing, with 31 so far this year. That's down from a high of 52 rentals two years ago.

Don't forget our next regular meeting in October. I will have the meal.

**Respectfully;**

**Smokey McGovern**

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## Dubuque Lodge #3

**A.F. & AM**

**Thursday, October 21, 2021,**

**7:00 PM**

Greetings, Masonic Community; Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication on 16 September, 2021, at 7:00PM. The 16<sup>th</sup> was also the first day of Grand Lodge, held in Davenport, Iowa this year. Unfortunately, Dubuque #3 had no member in attendance; Brother Jack Smeltzer had planned to go, but was feeling not quite fit for that drive. There will be, I'm certain, various reports from other Masonic organizations on the proceedings of GL.

We had a cozy group Thursday evening, with 6 members and a guest, Randy Tolley, from Mosaic #125. He graciously consented to serve as Sr. Deacon; his assistance was greatly appreciated. He seems to be a regular guest; perhaps he'd be willing to consider an affiliation with us as well...? 😊

There was a question raised concerning Mosaic 125's recent actions; they met at the Grotto under dispensation from Grand Lodge. Brother Jack and Brother Randy explained the situation and explained how the request and permission for dispensation works. Good information. Thank you, Brothers.

Brother Jack informed us that Brother Russ Hibben (Mosaic 125) had a hip replacement and was doing well. His wife, Leona is not doing as well. We send them both healing thoughts.

There being no further business to come before us, Dubuque Lodge #3 closed in form at 7:45PM – peace and harmony prevailed. There were no refreshments this month. In October, Brother Dave Patton will provide them.

**Respectfully;**

**Wes Struebing - WM**

## Key City Shrine Club

**October 20, 2021**

I would say that many of us were surprised when the city decided to hold the Labor Day Parade this year, especially after canceling the Memorial Day Parade a couple months earlier due to the Covid-19 concerns. In previous years, there were over a hundred different units; this year, since the announcement for having it didn't come out until after the first of August, only about fifty showed up.

I would imagine that most people usually plan ahead several months. Therefore, I'm sure at the start of this summer, many already had made plans for where, and what parades they would try to attend (while our shrine club was represented, we were hoping other Shriners in the area could have joined us).

At our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Mario's: much of our meeting time was spent discussing two issues, the popcorn sales result at the Dubuque County Fair, and what we plan to do with the food trailer that's been sitting in Wayne's driveway for almost a year.

Back in July, many were concerned about this year's fair's attendance due to the Covid issue, so I wondered just how well we'd do. The first four days, sadly, we were way behind in sales. Saturday and Sunday, however, things really started to turn around, as people tried minimizing the effects of cabin fever! Thanks to that late attendance boom, we ended up doing quite well! (Again, thank you for all who helped – we couldn't have done it without you! Wayne is already looking forward to next year!)

Concerning the food trailer sitting in Wayne's driveway...when we first bought it several years ago, we had big plans for making a lot of sales in the area. The main concern was whether or not we would have the manpower to staff it.

That's because our members are getting up there in age, and several of them have major health concerns. It also means whoever is working the stand would probably have to give up their weekends and put in many long hours! (Then there are concerns about transporting the trailer to different sites, lining up permits, all the inspections, putting in other safeguards just to get it up and running – not even counting the many other things that would have to be addressed). We didn't have a quorum for a vote, so we tabled the discussion until we have more members present. (Please, keep Dave Glanz and his wife, Jean, in your prayers. I know he's greatly impacted my life, as well as many others!)

At this time, I would like to invite all Shriners, Masons, their families, and friends to join us on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> down at Mario's at 5:30 for our next regular meeting.

*Respectfully;*  
*David H. Patton – Treas.*

### **Dubuque High Twelve Club October 8, 2021**

Due to many factors - an aging membership, members dealing with health concerns and Covid issues, inability to notify all of our members ahead of time, I was concerned about the turnout we would have for our first meeting the summer break. (I was very happy to see that both David Overby and Neil Millard from over by Livingston were able to make it.)

We first went around the table sharing what everyone did this summer to keep active and stay healthy. While we did that, Gerald Edgar from Garner, Iowa – the North Central Association of High Twelve president this year, AND a Dubuque High Twelve member, attempted to retrieve many missing pictures of former High Twelve members he thought should be mounted on the wall someplace in the room to make the meeting complete and meaningful. Gerald also gave a talk on medical issues that all of us need to deal with in our daily lives to stay safe and healthy. He then shared, both some sad and

wonderful news about his daughter, Charity. Over the years, she has been teaching and working closely with many young girls in Afghanistan and was very proud of all the progress they'd made. Due to the Taliban takeover, though, she's afraid they will not only lose all the rights they have enjoyed over the years, but become subject to cruel and harsh punishment which makes her greatly concerned about their health and safety! On a more positive note, in less than nine years, she has worked her way up the ranks in the Navy to something equivalent to being a Major. (Dad's SO proud of her!)

We invite all of you to come down to join us on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in the dining room of the Masonic Temple for our next regular High Twelve meeting at noon. (Please, bring a sack lunch.)

*Respectfully;*  
*David H. Patton*

### **Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

### **Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting Thursday, October 7, 2021**

Metropolitan lodge met for their scheduled meeting on September 2nd. Sam Phipps provided a dinner of Barbequed Pork, Buns and potato salad. Final plans were made for the memorial service for family and friends of our Brothers lost this past year and a half. We had over 50 family members and nine Brothers present for the memorial service. Dinner was Beef, Chicken, Mashed potatoes, Cole slaw, Glazed Carrots and Cake. Everyone had plenty to eat. After dinner Sam Phipps did a Masonic service for the five who passed, with the Brothers present contributing as needed. The members who passed were: **Dennis Smith, Jeff Kotz, Rocky Tiefel, Warren Peterson, and Dan Teply.** Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

As the past months have gone by, I see WE (as in all lodges combined), have

been working together for practice and for the degree work. This is why we are Masons, helping each other is what we do! Keep up the good work and go help as much as you can. We all will be better for it!!!

*Fraternally and respectfully;*  
*Dan Neuhaus WM*

### **Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

Greetings Family;

I am going to keep this short and simple this month. A few great things have happened but otherwise business as usual. First of all, help me welcome Persephone Spurgeon into the family - both the Spurgeon and Masonic families. She is beautiful and strong just like her namesake.

Next, Brother Keith Robertson's estate is being finalized. Brother Robertson left some money to assist new Masons under the age of 40 with their initiation fees. This was known as the Brown fund, after the Brother who began the fund. It was voted and approved to rename the fund to Brown-Robertson fund. What a wonderful gift from our Brothers, past and future.

We were joined this Month by Several Brothers from Metropolitan lodge. It's been too long and we have missed you. Thank you for joining us.

There was some discussion on Grand Lodge coming up. We usually reserve this meeting to discuss the legislation that is pending, but Brother Blinks pointed out that this is the first time, since he Served as Grand Master that there will be no legislation. The Grand Lodge session will have passed by the time this comes out, so be sure to ask those that attended how things went. I will leave it with that this month. Our next Stated meeting will be on October 12, 2021. If you are able, please join us. We would love to see you there.

*Fraternally;*  
*Brian Kelley, WM*

## Bellevue OES #359, Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

This will be more of a report on Grand Lodge than of OES information as Don and I, GGM Ed Blinks and Barbara were there representing Dubuque at the session in Davenport last week. We attended the Grand Masters banquet on Thursday night and brought many treasured memories back for me as it was 19 years ago that Cliff Godsey was appointed the Chairman of Division and Reference which means that the next year he would be Grand Master. Many dear friends were made in the years that he traveled the state.

This year's was Grand Master Dennis Heflin and his officers' session at the Radisson Hotel and River Center in Davenport. On Friday evening was the All-Membership banquet after which was the installation of the 2021-2022 Grand Officer. Bill Post - Grand Master, W. Scott Hull Deputy Grand Master, Darrell Fremont - Senior Grand Warden, Keith Voss - Junior Grand Warden, Damian Hurmence - Grand Treasurer, Craig Davis - Grand Secretary, Dennis DeJoode - Grand Chaplain, Aaron Kinser - Deputy Grand Secretary, John Lizer - Grand Marshal, Nathaniel Kenner - Senior Grand Deacon, Anthony Oxley - Junior Grand Deacon, Dennis Revis - Senior Grand Steward, Michael Jensen Junior Grand Steward, Kelly Bruce - Grand Tyler, Robert Danner - Grand Musician.

Past Grand Master Ed Blinks and his lady Barbara were in attendance as well as 15 other Past Grand Masters so there were many precious memories shared among friends whom we had not seen for too long.

Jennifer Diller, Don Wohlers and Bev Godsey attended the monthly meeting of Bellevue Chapter OES. We hope to be able to help with whatever events are planned for the fall. Election will be coming up in November so be aware!!! It was wonderful to see Shirley Jackson at the meeting but we missed Arnie as he wasn't feeling up to coming. Hope you are better soon!!

We learned that Betty Muellich is now in 3 Oaks Assisted & Memory Care center

in Cary, IL to be nearer her daughter. Russell Hibben is recovering well from his surgery. Hope to see him out and about soon.

If you know of a Star member who has moved or need a few words from us please let me know I don't always know where everyone is from month to month. God bless and keep you all - Star and Lodge!!!

*Respectfully;*  
*Bev Godsey - Reporter*

## 2021 Grand Lodge Report – September 16-18

Iowa Grand Lodge held its 177<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Sept 17 & 18 in Davenport. This was our first "full" Communication since 2019 as last year's, at Sioux City, was limited to 40 lodges, etc. due to COVID. Attendance was down this year too (COVID still a big topic) with only 79 of our 238 lodges represented. HOWEVER, Mosaic had 4 members present (including Bro. Sonksen - the oldest Mason present)!

The sessions were pretty routine due to small attendance, lack of any proposed legislation and no real concerns in Iowa Masonry except overcoming COVID. Our new Grand Master is **William. W. Post**, and the presumptive GM for 2022-23 (appointed Chair of the Committee on Division & Reference), is Bro. **Theodore Wiley**.

Although most lodges have been less active the past year, quite a few gained the Plus One Award for gaining a member with Davenport #37 gaining 11! There was only one Lodge consolidation: Albion with Marshalltown. One member was expelled (from Mosaic 125, coincidentally), and the last Dispensation issued by our out-going GM was allowing Mosaic 125 to move its charter to Asbury due to "*safety concerns within the building*".

Note: ANY Mason in good standing may attend GL. You meet many Brothers including visiting GM's from adjacent states (I enjoyed visits with the GM's of S. Dakota & Wisconsin) We also ate too much with two major meals donated by the Iowa Scottish & York Rite bodies. **(Masons DO like to eat! – ed.)** As always

"J.P. Luther" had a large display with Masonic paraphernalia from ties to license plates to you name it. Other groups/businesses were there including the architectural firm doing restorative work to our GL Headquarters & Library. OES had a fantastic bake sale as well as silent auction of some unique crafts, cabinets, etc. If you have never attended GL, plan to come to Cedar Rapids Sept 16 & 17 next year - EASY drive! PS - perhaps because many brothers were house-bound we added a dozen new Masonic Instructors to help us with our ritual.

*Respectfully submitted;*  
*Gerald Edgar*

***(note: Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings will return next month with the conclusion of "5 Lessons on How to Treat People")***

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