



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, November 11, 2021

Hail Prophets!

Happy Halloween! Our next breakfast is on Sunday, October 31st from 8 AM. to 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Come join us for good food and fellowship. We had 107 guests last month. Thanks to everyone who worked and participated. It takes many hands to put on a meal and to keep the building in good shape. Thanks to Steve Sanders for replacing the screen in the front door, to Dan Neuhaus for replacing the lighting in the kitchen, and to Al Tischuk for mowing the yard. A special thanks to Sam Phipps for handling all the rentals. It takes a lot of his time, especially on the weekends. Thanks to Arvid Saele for standing in as Monarch.

Respectfully;

Smokey McGovern

Oxus Grotto #137

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, November 18, 2021,

7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular session, Thursday, Oct. 21st, at 7:00PM.

We had seven members present.

WM Struebing brought up a letter that the Lodge Officers received, concerning the Grand Master Area Meeting in Bellevue, on Nov. 10th. The letter hoped that there would be representation from each lodge; it appears that we probably will have three of us in attendance, including our newest member, Taylor Merfeld.

Brother Secretary Jack reminded us that we will hold our election of Lodge Officers in November, and we should be thinking about who we would like to see occupying the chairs. Since the current slate has served in the same chairs for several years, now is a good time to encourage others to serve.

Brother Randy Tolley, whose home Lodge is Mosaic 125, has requested affiliation with Dubuque #3. An examination team will meet with him soon, and we hope that we may vote on accepting him at our November meeting. There being no other business before the Lodge, we closed in form at 8:00PM, peace and harmony prevailing. Brother Wayne has graciously offered to provide our refreshments for the November meeting.

On a somewhat sad note, it appears that Dubuque Lodge #3's (and Julien 551's) jewels and aprons have gone walkabout. We have no idea where they might have gone, or who might have taken them.

We do know that they did not accidentally get taken when Mosaic 125 made its official move to the Grotto in Asbury, but other than that, we have no information. Should anyone reading this have any information, please contact Brother Jack Smeltzer (563-588-2830) or

myself (563-556-3580). We do not wish to do so, but if necessary, we will involve the authorities.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

November 17, 2021

While we had a small turnout for our Shriner's meeting, we did discuss some important matters. (I should also mention, Brian Huff, High Priest and Prophet representing KAABA was in attendance.)

He then shared with us that he works with the Scott County Sheriff's Department as a transporter of prisoners, and often makes trips to Dubuque to pick up violators in the area – some being shipped as far north as Grant County to be housed. He's especially concerned with all the juveniles who are lacking positive role-models in their lives, then simply becoming a statistic in the adult portion of the overcrowded prison population. He also noted that while some of the adults can eventually be rehabilitated since they have somewhat of a conscience, the juveniles are a different matter. They just seem to be falling through the cracks, while becoming more hardened as the years go by. Not surprisingly, just as in Dubuque, he sees a lot of Davenport's problems stemming from concerns in Chicago.

Anyway, one of the issues we discussed had to do with what we plan to do with the popcorn/food trailer that we purchased several years ago, and have tried to restore. So, since we don't have the time, or the manpower to staff and maintain it, we decided to offer it to one of KAABA affiliates.

Our next meeting for the Key City Shine Club will be Wednesday, November 18th

at 5:30 down at Mario's. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque High Twelve Club November 12, 2021

Since we had a small turnout for High Twelve, Wayne and I spent the time discussing the hot topic of the day - the Covid-19 pandemic. It actually started when he mentioned that his nephew had recently married.

Regrettably, at the wedding reception, the groom came in contact with someone who tested positive, and shortly, thereafter, that person passed away.

Since his wife, Judy, is deathly afraid of acquiring the disease, she has tried to avoid contact with anyone who might be a carrier. Since her sister, several years ago, had a very ugly reaction to an injection, she is quite leery of vaccinations and doctors, so has not been vaccinated.

Since I, however, have underlying health conditions, and am concerned about my health, I'm fully vaccinated and try to regularly follow all recommendations coming out of the CDC. I try to eliminate risks.

Please join us Friday, November 12th at noon for our next meeting of High Twelve.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

(As York Rite is reconstituting currently, there is no report this month. – ed.)

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Our stated meeting was held on October 7th. There were six members present and two guests.

Ed Blinks and Randy Tolley's presence gave us the numbers to have a proper opening. Thank you for coming, gentlemen!

We discussed a few things we still need for setting up a lodge room and what else is needed for a degree. I will make a couple of magnetic door knockers for the door. Smokey will make a canvas "sling" for 3rd degree, and a better cover for the altar to prevent it getting scratched.

I wish I could figure out why I can't seem to retain ritual. It has been said "practice makes perfect", so what's wrong with me? Seems like the harder I try the worse I get.

Nonetheless, I'll keep trying, and I hope everyone else will too! ***(We're with you on that! – ed.)***

Dinner for November will be supplied by Arvid Saele. Thanks Arvid.

Fraternally and Brotherly;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Greetings Masonic family;

At our regular stated meeting in October the members present voted in approval to change our bylaws and move our charter from the temple building downtown to the Oxus Grotto building in Asbury. Take notice that our future meetings will take place in Asbury at 3011 Autumn Dr., which is the Oxus Grotto Building.

Please make a point to join us at our November meeting for our election of officers as we look forward to the upcoming year 2022. If you are interested in serving as an officer or on a committee for next year, you can contact me or a current officer before the meeting. Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally;

Brian Carroll, Secretary

Bellevue OES #359, Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

It is time for another message to our Eastern Star members as well as our friends who read the message in the Trestleboard, so here goes! Grand Chapter was held in Des Moines, Oct. 8th-10th, and a new crew of Grand Officers was installed after year number two was held by the COVID delay of Grand Chapter in 2020. Here is a list of those who were honored: WGM Cheryl Payne; WGP John Whitaker; AGM Vicki Wallner; Grand Secretary Nancy Ramthun; Grand Treasurer Kent Strawn; Grand Conductress Mary Reicks; Assoc. Grand Cond. Sandy Meredith; Grand Chaplain Chrales Sloniger; Grand Marshal Kaylene Kiewiet; Grand Org. Peggy Liekweg; Grand Adah Sue Jensen; Grand Ruth Lark Randall; Grand Esther Marily Culver; Grand Martha Pam Sprite; Grand Electa Gail Dyer; Grand Warner Tim Anderson; Grand Sentinel Kevin Brown. I'm sure that several of these names are familiar to our members.

As for our local Chapter, we are very sorry to report the loss of Sister Ruth Honecker who died Oct. 8th. She was 97 years old. Our sympathies to all who loved her.

Of course there are all the projects we will working to support during the next year: Youth, Homes at Boone and Decorah, Grand Chapter, TLC, ESTARL, and the special of the WGM Parkinson's research, Education, and support for caregivers. If you would like to contribute to any of these projects, please send to the Bellevue Chapter Secretary. The Scriptures to be used, chosen by WM Cheryl: Isaiah 43:19 and Psalms 46:2. Those chosen by WP John: Micah 6-8 and Mark 13:30-31. The next meeting of the Bellevue Chapter will be Nov. 2nd, which will be the election of 2022 Officers and draping to honor members who have passed away.

Hope to see you there:

Beverly Godsey



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

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

5. Fifth Important Lesson – Giving When it Counts

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz, who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same illness and had developed the antibodies to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes. I'll do it if it will save her."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color return to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to did right away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

Masonic Calendar: November, 2021

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