



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

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Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Oxus Grotto did not meet formally on Nov. 11. There were only a couple members present. However, please keep Bonnie Sanders (Prophet Steve Sanders' wife) and Steve in your thoughts and prayers. She is down in Iowa City at the Hospitals there, and has had three surgeries to relieve pressure on her brain. Steve has been commuting between here and there several times over the past couple weeks.

On a more positive note, please remember that the Grotto will hold its next month-end breakfast on Nov. 28, 8-12:30. Y'all come!

Respectfully transcribed from;

Dan Neuhaus and Smokey McGovern

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, December 16, 2021,

7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in regular communication, Thursday, November

18, 2021, at 7:00PM. There were seven members present.

Brother Secretary Jack found our old jewels and aprons in the vault, so we had our paraphernalia this evening. No word has been received that puts us any closer to find our missing and presumed stolen jewels/aprons. A report has been filed with the Police; however, we've had no update. Since our loss is not insignificant, we checked. We had no insurance, and the building insurance doesn't cover losses like ours. We will most likely replace them, but further discussion has been tabled on that until, the new year, probably, since we do have our old equipment.

Last month we had a petition for affiliation from Randy Tolley. Our examination committee interviewed him, and we found him to be of good character and well-qualified. A vote was taken, and he has been accepted into our Lodge. Congratulations, Randy! We had a new petition introduced this evening, as well, from a co-worker of Brother Dale Hefel's, who says he has been made a Fellowcraft. Brother Jack will follow up with this young man to confirm and possibly have him sign an official petition – at which point we will raise him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

We voted on our officers for next year, and they are as follows:

WM - Justin Young
SW - Dale Hefel
JW - David Patton
Treas. - Wayne Stanfley
Sec. - Jack Smeltzer (this will be hi last year in that chair)

Appointed positions will be announced next month; we will install then, too. Lodge was closed in form at 8:10PM, peace and harmony prevailed.

Respectfully submitted;

Wesley Struebing - WM

Key City Shrine Club

December 15, 2021

Before I get to the report, keep Steve Sanders and his wife in your prayers. Bonnie suffered several brain bleeds, and is in the hospital in Iowa City. The Key City Shrine Club met Wednesday, November 17th down at Mario's.

It was also good to see Brian Kelley up and walking around again! Apparently, ever since he had a bout with COVID, a year ago, it's been one respiratory problem after another. To compound matters, the medication he's been taking has some severe side effects.

Fortunately, Stella, his dog, came to the rescue by howling by his bedside until Angie woke up and rushed him to the hospital. At first, they thought he was having congestive heart failure;, his blood pressure was sky high - the same with his blood sugar, being close to 400. During this latest episode they essentially had to resuscitate him! Because of the past year, his immune system needs some time to heal and recover.

Apparently, Kaaba is in the process of putting up a new storage shed in Davenport. We hope to finally have a place to put the popcorn trailer that's been sitting in Wayne's driveway under shelter.

Come join us Wednesday, December 15th for our next meeting at 5:30PM at Mario's.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton – Treas.

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Dubuque High Twelve Club December 10, 2021

We must face that fact that times and interests have changed. Due largely to that, more and more people are leaving the churches, service clubs, even various fraternal organizations. This is also true of Masonry, and its affiliated organizations.

Membership is aging, dying off, or falling victim to attrition. At the same time, other interests seem to be catching the eye of our young people. Specifically, I'm talking about the status of High Twelve in Dubuque.

We, therefore, need all High Twelve members in good standing to either attend our next meeting on December 10th at noon in the dining room of the Masonic Temple to vote on the future of High Twelve in Dubuque, or else notify myself or Jack Smeltzer with any suggestions you might have.

The decision, Brothers, is all yours!

*Respectfully;
David H. Patton*

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

(York Rite is in the process of re-establishing itself in Dubuque. Stay tuned for more information. Ed.)

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

**Thursday, December 2,
2021**

Metropolitan #49 met on our scheduled night. Arvid Saele supplied pizza and salad for dinner. I will provide the December dinner.

We had a special guest at our meeting. Brother Timothy Russell from MARINE LODGE AF & AM in Falmouth, Massachusetts. He is originally from the Davenport area and his parents now live here in Dubuque. He is retired from the U.S. NAVY and lives in Falmouth.

Marine Lodge will be celebrating its 225th anniversary in 2023. From 1798 to 2023; imagine the history of that Lodge!

Brother Tim sat in the Jr. Deacon's chair with the help of Brother Ed Blinks. Their ritual is much different than ours.

*Fraternally and Brotherly;
Dan Neuhaus - WM*

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Seasons Greetings to one and all; Mosaic held its regular stated communication on Tuesday, 11/09/21 with lots to accomplish. Our Charity committee approved charitable donation to Salvation Army, 2X2, Toys 4 Tots, the Iowa Masonic Health facility, Make a Wish and the Masonic Service association. What a great Kick off to the upcoming holidays. I honestly love that we are able to help those in need and get our name out there in the process. It was reported that Beverly Godsey's brother has passed as well as the Son of Don Wohler. Please keep their families in your hearts and prayers during this time of need. Brother Ed Blinks reported that our website has also been updated. Please stop by and have look.

It is that time of year once again to elect our Officers for the year 2022. The results are in and we have a couple of changes. WM is Brian Kelley, SW will be Jack Smeltzer, JW Les Sonksen. Brother Randy Tolley was elected to Treasurer and Brian Carroll Secretary. After 27 years, Brother Ed Blinks has stepped aside as our Treasurer. It is with great pride that we thank Ed for his distinguished Service. He has been working with Randy and reports that we are still in good hands.

As a reminder the 2nd degree Justin Busse(Julien 551)will be held in Farley on November 22nd. If you would like to attend, we are making car pool arrangements as needed. Hope to see you there. Finally, Mosaic will be holding the installation of Officers following or regular stated meeting on December 14, 2021. If I don't see you at our up coming events, I wish you and your families the very best during the upcoming Holidays. Travel Safely and may your hearts be

filled with the Love and Joy this season represents.

*Fraternally;
Brian Kelley - WM*

Bellevue OES #359, Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Thanksgiving will soon be here and we hope everyone will be able to remember all the blessing enjoyed in the past year, even with all the restrictions caused by the pandemic.

I missed the November meeting of Bellevue Chapter as I was in New Orleans with my brother and his family. Election of officers was held but I don't have the results.

The month of November has been a very stressful one for this household: Don lost his son, Luke Wohlers on October 28th, to a massive heart attack, and Beverly lost her brother, Clifford Watts on November 4th to a long battle with cancer. Since then, funerals of 2 friends. Now I have been informed that Bonnie Sanders, wife of Steve Sanders is in Iowa City hospital suffering bad brain bleed. Our prayers go out for all who have or are suffering pain and loss.

Sorry, this is rather a downer report but I do hope that all who read this will have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family close by. Remember to give thanks for all the freedoms we have. God bless you all!

*Respectfully;
Beverly Godsey - OES Reporter*

Masonic Calendar: December, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Metropolitan Lodge #49 7:00PM, eat at 6:00PM At Grotto	3	4
5	6	7 York Rite Bellevue OES	8	9 Oxus Grotto 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	10 High Twelve	11
12	13	14 Mosaic Lodge #125 7:00PM At Grotto	15 Shrine Club 7:00PM Meeting	16 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM	17 Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	18
19	20	21	22	23 Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26	27	28 MTA Board	29	30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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