



From the Trestleboard

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In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Hi all,
Grotto breakfast is the 27th. Proceeds go to St. Luke's Youth group. March breakfast is the 27th and this one's for the Special Olympics folks.

Fish Fry dates are March 4th, 11th, 18th, April 1st and the 8th. They will be carryout only! Price: \$9.00, extra pieces of fish are \$1.00 each.

We are looking for volunteers to help.

Respectfully;

Dan Neuhaus, for Smokey since he's off on vacation again!

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, March 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

We opened at 7:00PM. Our start was a little shaky but we made it through. We installed our Brother, Taylor Merfeld, as Jr. Deacon.

Brother Secretary Jack read the minutes of the previous meeting;

approved and seconded. Then on to our other business.

Rod Hammerand came to Lodge tonight. And for a refreshing change of pace, we had 11 Masons in Lodge tonight, including an alarm at the Door of the Lodge who was Brother Ed Bell.

All business was well and lodge was closed in form at 8:00PM, peace and harmony being more important in our society.

Respectfully

Robert young – Sr. Deacon

Key City Shrine Club

March 16, 2022

Key City Shrine Club met at 5:30 down at Mario's on February 16th for our regularly scheduled meeting. After our business meeting, David Downs, Kaaba's Oriental Guide, presented important Masonic trivia associated with Black History Month.

Dave moved to Iowa from Ohio with a plethora of experience in Masonry - hoping to share the knowledge he gleaned there with Kaaba. I believe he will not only serve us well in that capacity, but help to reinvigorate Masonry in the area!

The next meeting of the Key City Shrine Club will be 5:30PM, Wednesday, March 16th down at Mario's. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton – Treas.

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

(still organizing. It's hard to reconstitute with only three people)

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Great news everyone! Bonnie Sanders is home! She still has a long road ahead. She has a physical therapist coming to their home to help with her recovery.

Steve will be her caregiver so he will be very limited on when he can get away. Keep them in your prayers and hope she has a speedy recovery. (*we do, too, here at the TB, Steve! Ed.*)

Smokey McGovern will have the March lodge dinner. FYI, the Grotto will have a breakfast on Sunday the 27th.

Brotherly and Fraternally;

Dan Neuhaus WM

Mosaic Lodge #125

Regular Meeting Tuesday,

March 8, 2022

Mosaic Lodge #125 met at its regular time on Tuesday, 02/08/22. Small turnout but always warm, welcome faces. Last Month you were all invited to attend a visit and tour of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. That visit has been postponed. When I called to set up the appointment, I learned that they are no longer offering tours on the weekend or during evening hours, due to Covid-19 and staffing shortages. I will reach out again to see what else can be done, and we will discuss more dates and options at our March meeting. That said, the dates may be during the week and during business hours. I will let you know once we have more information. That prompted me to challenge our members to think about ways that we can fellowship outside of our regular meetings. I wanted activities that include our friends and our families. Several Ideas were tossed around and I assure

you all, when something happens you will all be invited. It is important to socialize outside of our business meeting. It is an opportunity for others to see us and get to know us and who we are. It also helps us get to know each other better. I believe that activities like this can help us once again grow the fraternity.

Let's begin on March 9th. Brother Joe Hartel teaches Yoga and has offered to teach a class to us. This is a beginners' class and can be done by all. Believe me, If I can do it, you all can as well. I have done this with him before and assure you that you will leave refreshed and relaxed. No crazy poses that you see on TV; please join us at 6:00 pm and bring a mat. It will be held at the Oxus Grotto.

The 3rd degree for Julien Lodge brother Justin Basse has been scheduled for 02/28/22 at 6:30PM in Farley. They will hold a practice on Wednesday 02/23/22 also at 6:30PM. If you are interested and able, please attend and help them make this memorable for their(our) new brother.

February is the month of Love so it saddens me to report the passing of Brother Darly Tetterton and PGM Donald Mosier. Both brothers passed on January 28/22. In addition, Brother John Vandermuelen lost his wife to a car accident on January 21. Our hearts and prayers go out to their families and I ask that you also keep them all in your prayers. May the Love of fraternity help them through this difficult time. In Closing, Brother Les Sonksen presented the program for our meeting. This was a brief history of ancient builders' organizations leading up to the establishment of our craft, including how the ancient builders were able to cut and remove the stones from the mountain for the building of King Solomon's temple. I have to say it was interesting and I was surprised. May the Love of the Month be with you all year long.

Respectfully;
Brian Kelley - WM

Bellevue Chapter #359 OES Stated Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Bellevue OES is dark until March. See you all, then!



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

Since there is plenty of room this edition, and Ye Olde Editor is feeling loquacious, we thought we would ask a question which is fundamental to all of us who are Masons or in an affiliated Organization, and it's one we all hear a lot about. That is recruitment.

Now, it is a basic tenet of Masonry that we do NOT proselytize. Perhaps our most famous mantra is, "To Be one, Ask one." And yet, our ranks are declining, so the question comes up – how do we increase our Brother(Sister)hood? How do we get those "good men" so we can help them make themselves better (another basic tenet of Masonry)? There are several of us who, while not directly recruiting, proudly display Masonic emblemry on our clothing, our jewelry, or as bumper/window stickers on our vehicles. There is a website set up by Grand Lodge, which is an informational page that anyone who might be interested can browse.

Are those things sufficient? Too little (in which case, what more can/should we be doing? To much? (and if so, then how do we attract others, again?) About right?

We thought, that in light of one of the Grand Lodge of Iowa's goals this year is to increase (and retain!) membership, we would ask - how do we do so? And still be true to our foundational principles? We open the floor to any and all discussion on this topic, since it DOES concern us all in the Masonic Community.

Fraternally;
Ye Olde Editor

Masonic Calendar: March, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 York Rite	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	12
13	14	15	16 Shrine Club 6:00PM Eat 7:00PM Meeting	17 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00PM Trestleboard Deadline 4:00PM	18	19
20	21	22 MTA Board	23	24 Trowel Fellowship 7:30PM	25	26
27	28	29	20	31		

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