



From the Trestleboard

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In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2022

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Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 12

Eat – 6PM, Meeting – 7PM

Hail Prophets;

I hope everyone had a happy Easter. This Lenten season we had 5 Friday night fish fries. They were takeout only. We served Atlantic cod, which cost us twice as much this year compared to last year. We made a nice profit of just over \$4,000, even with a cold and rainy Friday where we only made \$102. Thank you to all of our wives who worked and made the desserts. Special thanks to Leanne Latham, who also helped us out each Fridays. We couldn't do it without them. And, thanks to all who came out to buy a meal or two.

Sunday, April 24th will be our last breakfast until September. Rentals take over for the summer months. June and July are almost completely booked, so if you are thinking about a rental, don't wait! Contact Sam Phipps at **556-8105** to check availability and rates.

If you are thinking of joining the OXUS Grotto, we are still waiving the initiation fee for May.

Respectfully

Smokey McGovern (590-8841)

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 7:00

PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 A.F. & A.M.

Thursday, April 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

The lodge meeting was opened on the third degree in the Egyptian Lodge Room. The attendance was down a little this month.

We accepted two persons for the degrees. Our challenge now is finding a time when we will be able to confer the degrees. We are obviously going to need some assistance from other lodges. Our hope is to get the two new members started as soon as possible. I guess our current problems are good ones to have.

Dubuque Lodge has been asked to host the Grand Master's Area Meeting this fall. We will gladly do that. The meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2022. You will hear more about that later. We received an invitation to the 175th celebration for Warren Lodge in Potosi, Wisconsin. The event will be on Thursday, May 5, 2022. It will include a fish dinner. They are hoping to see a good turnout from Iowa Masons. Iowa Grand Master Bill Post and Wisconsin Grand Master Gary Stang will be in attendance. For reservations and more information, you can call Roger Sedgwick at 608-763-2221.

Our next regular communication will be on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

Fraternally;

Jack Smeltzer - Secretary

Key City Shrine Club

May 18, 2022

(editor's note. For a more complete explanation of Key City's meeting, please see Brother David's offering in "Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings")

The next meeting of the Key City Shrine Club will be on Wednesday, May 18th down at Mario's at 5:30. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

(this site under construction)

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2022

(ed. Note: not the usual fare for a Lodge's offering, but good questions raised, and necessary)

Brothers, have you ever noticed your kids, grandkids, and great grandkids are always asking questions? BIG questions like. WHY? WHAT IF?

These questions can be the hardest to answer. I have been reading many articles on how fraternal organizations have been losing their members at alarming rates and some reasons why. ALL organizations' memberships are declining. We as Masons have the biggest decline; the Jaycees' decline is slightly less than ours. Other groups such as Rotary, Optimist, Moose, Elks, FOE, VFW, American Legion, etc. are also dwindling in numbers. But nothing like ours or the Jaycees.

WHY? WHY? WHY? Just looking at Mason's ages, one can join at 18 years old and continue for the rest of his life; Jaycees' ages are 18 to 40 years old, at

which time they are done. Could these people be someone we could draw from? WHAT IF? Do you know Someone in the Jaycees? ASK THEM!

Is there a family member, a relative, a co-worker, someone you met that made an impression on you, that you think could be a good fit in our fraternity? ASK THEM! What do we have to lose? And once we get them, how do we keep them? Get them involved. Keep them interested.

Hard questions for such simple words! WHY? WHAT IF?

Respectfully and Fraternally;
Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125

Regular Meeting Tuesday,

May 10, 2022

Spring is finally here and things are getting busy.

First off there will be a 1st degree practice in Farley on Monday, 04/18/22. The degree will be the following Monday, 04/25/22. Both practice and degree are at 6:30PM. If you are able to assist, please come and help out. It is absolutely wonderful to see them growing as they are. Let's give them our best and continue to support them.

We will soon hold our scholarship interviews and have decided to once again hold our Scholarship dinner to recognize the students. We will be having dinner at 6:30PM on May 18 at the Grotto. Everyone is welcome to join us, but we do have to have your **RSVP** no later than May 9th. I am excited to see you all again, so PLEASE get your **RSVP** in sooner than later.

Brother Randy Tolley had the program and recited the closing ritual from New York. Thank you, Randy. I love to hear these things as the language that was once used is so beautiful.

Enjoy the Spring weather. I look forward to seeing you soon

Fraternally;
Brian Kelley, WM

Bellevue Chapter #359 OES

Stated Meeting Tuesday, May

3, 2022

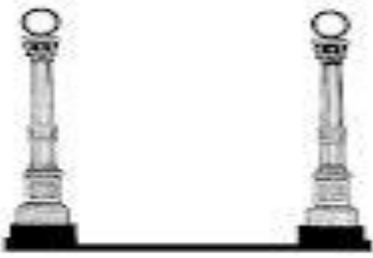
Spring is here??? Well, the calendar says it is spring and I hope the weather will soon feel more like it! I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter with friends and family together to celebrate this wonderful season.

We held our April meeting with our Eastern Star family in the friendly Bellevue Temple on April 5th with a pot luck supper at 6PM with the stated meeting at 7PM. (That's the schedule for each month March through December) *Just a hint that we would love to have all our members come to the meetings!*

Now on with the news: we discussed the summer activities such as the plant sale at the Decorah Eastern Star Home on June 5th. That includes a pot luck noon meal - we do love to eat!! We have been asked to host the 3-state visit Oct. 2nd beginning at 11AM at the state park south of Bellevue. It was decided to have a catered meal. There was discussion of an Official Visit in 2023 but nothing set yet.

We were sorry to learn that Jennifer Diller fell so wasn't able to be at our meeting. We wish her a quick recovery. We haven't heard of anyone else having problems but know that we keep all our members in our prayers, as well as those in our world who are being oppressed. Our next meeting will be May 3rd with pot luck at 6PM meeting at 7PM. Hope to see you there.

God bless and keep you all.
Beverly Godsey - reporter



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

We've had various pieces of flotsam cross our desk the past month or so; herein they'll be presented.

First, I believe we never gave you the answers to the quiz. We also have a sad notification from Brother David Patton re: the Key City Shrine Club. We'll take that item now:

With a heavy heart, the Key City Shrine Club is passing on running the popcorn stand this year at the county fair. With an aging membership, having trouble staffing the stand, the side effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, plus other health concerns, we decided to not open it up this year.

It was an especially tough decision, since Shriners have been running the stand since the fair first opened back in the '50s. It, however, became more than we could handle!

Hope you have a very successful year.

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As promised last month, we have the answers to Masons and tunes. Check them out and let us know how you did! As a reminder, we'll post the questions and then the answer key. Enjoy!

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| A. Irving Berlin | 1. Duke of Earl |
| B. John Phillip Sousa | 2. Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer |
| C. Nat King Cole | 3. The Magic Flute |
| D. 'Duke' Ellington | 4. White Christmas |
| E. Burl Ives | 5. Take the 'A' train |
| F. 'Count' Basie | 6. One O'clock Jump |
| G. Gene Chandler | 7. A Little Bitty Tear |
| H. Amadeus Mozart | 8. Stars & Stripes Forever |
| I. Gene Autry | 9. Unforgettable |

Masonic Calendar: May, 2022

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

Answer Key: A4; B8; C9; D5; E7; F6; G1; H3; I2

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