



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

dubuquetrestleboard@gmail.com, send them to The Trestleboard, 1155 Locust ST, DUBUQUE, IA 52001, or leave them in the Trestleboard mailbox at the Dubuque Masonic Temple.

Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Hail Prophets;

This summer has been one of projects at the Grotto. As you know, the Emerald Ash Borer is responsible for killing millions of ash trees. The Grotto has had two trees removed plus we had dead limbs on our other trees cut off and removed. With all our rentals we didn't want any mishaps. I would highly recommend "The Tree Guy", Kevin Kluesner (563-542-0841). He and his crew do a terrific job. Thanks to Sam Phipps, Dan Neuhaus and Arvid Saele for helping with clean-up.

Thanks to Jack Sibley for hauling in new sand for our horseshoe pits.

Fred Koehler's family donated a Knights Templar sword to the Grotto in honor of his brother, Kenneth, whose Fez is in the display case. Arvid Saele made a display case, which I upholstered, and then Gene Muntz cut and installed the glass. It is now proudly displayed in the Grotto. Prayer concerns: for Steve and Bonnie Sanders. Bonnie recently fell and broke her pelvis. Brian Kelly as he continues to recover from a torn Achilles tendon. He is just now able to take a few steps. As

for me, by the time you are reading this I will have finished radiation treatment for prostate cancer (hooray!).

Respectfully;

Smokey McGovern

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, August 18, 2022,

7:00 PM

Key City Shrine Club

Dark 'Til September

**Dubuque York Rite, Regular
Meeting**

Dark 'Til September

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 2022

Not much to add this month.

We had a normal turnout for our July meeting. Not enough for a proper open and close.

Please keep Steve & Bonnie Sanders in your prayers. With all that has happened with Bonnie, now add that her mother passed away on the 7th of July. Steve & Bonnie, you have our sympathy.

Fraternally;

Dan Neuhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125

**Regular Meeting Tuesday,
August 9, 2022**

Summer Greetings Masonic Family: Mosaic Lodge met in regular form on July 12th for another rather brief meeting consisting mostly of the usual business of paying bills and reporting receipts.

We read the names of the six brothers who have still not paid their 2022 dues, and the lodge voted to remit the dues for Bruce Elliott. Per Iowa code, if the remaining brothers do not pay their dues by the end of July, they will be dropped for non-payment.

To end the night, Les Sonksen concluded his multi-part presentation which took us through the timeline of events of the builders and Freemasonry throughout history.

Fraternally submitted;

Brian Carroll - Secretary

Bellevue Chapter #359 OES

**Stated Meeting Tuesday,
August 2, 2022**

This is the middle of July and the weather has been nice so far, so I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. July 5th, 12 Bellevue Chapter members enjoyed a pot luck supper before the informal meeting. WM Shirley Peterson called the meeting to order with the pledge to our Flag, then the report of the secretary. There was discussion about the plans for the Oct. meeting of the 3 states which is to be held at the State Park. The plans are being done by the Iowa Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Payne and Worthy Grand Patron John Whitaker. We are to provide the place. We are saddened to learn of the passing of Past Grand Matron JoAnn Runyon and Past Grand Patron John Baker and our own Sister Geraldine Nolting. May God hold them in His loving arms. An Eastern Star service was held before the Church service for Sister Geraldine Nolting. She will be missed by us all.

In September we will be honoring Sister Connie Kitchen with her 50-year pin. Congratulations Connie! Our Secretary, Wanda Koch, will be attending the secretaries' workshop at

the Grand Secretary's office in Knoxville on July 23rd. Hope you learn lots! We have been invited to the Friendship Night July 11th at Davenport Chapter and some of our officers will be guest officers for the evening. Always fun to get together with neighboring chapters. Our next stated meeting will be Aug. 2 with a pot luck at 6PM and the meeting at 7PM. Remember; officers will be wearing white. God bless all who read this and may you have a wonderful month. Until next time!!

Respectfully submitted;
Beverly Godsey - Reporter



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

Well, here we are, an entire month of Summer gone already, but one certainly wouldn't know that from the weather! Stay cool, and if you don't have to be out and about on these 90 deg. + days with 90+% humidity, please stay inside. We extend out sincere sympathy to Steve and Bonnie Sanders for the passing of Bonnie's mother (see Metro 49's column). To add insult to injury, please note that Bonnie has fallen and broke her pelvis just recently, as well. She is in a managed care facility, currently. We at the Trestleboard extend our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery, Bonnie!

Now, we no longer have a High Twelve organization in Dubuque, but Brother Dave Patton still serves on the National Board. They recently had a national convo, and therefore, we have a repot of their activities from Brother Dave. His report follows:

Although High Twelve of Dubuque #119 is no longer in existence, I am still an officer with the North Central Association of High Twelve. Being such, I am expected to attend their state and

international conventions (the last international session was in Kansas City, Kansas June 23-25).

Before, I go any further, there were a couple positives that came out of this. First, NCA was well represented with six members present. Plus, Gerald Edgar was appointed the new sergeant at arms.

The convention also normally goes off without a hitch. However, this year was an exception.

It should also be noted, for the last roughly half-dozen conventions, I have been assigned to the credentials table with another member – checking people in and awarding each person a certain number of votes, based upon how many clubs they represented, their role in their state organization, whether they were/are an international officer, etc.

The problem started when several members handed in documents that had already been submitted by another representative of that same jurisdiction. So, even though I had already given credit to the first person who presented their paperwork, subsequent representatives **DEMANDED** that they be awarded the votes they were entitled to, or they weren't going to move from in front of the table! (They also pointed out that the number of votes they received did not correspond with the number that was listed in the official three-ringed binder.)

We also had individuals who presented their documents, then said they had some other ones back in their room, which they would later retrieve. (Again, more duplicates!)

So, even though we needed a paper trail, some members tried to get credit for pictures of forms on their cell phones. They then quickly made copies of that information – resulting in, even more duplication.

Others forms were illegible, or representatives didn't have the proper paperwork and then scrambled to fill out extra forms that were provided. The same with those who didn't have all the proper signatures, which they really needed! **What a mess!**

Since there didn't seem to be any guidelines to follow, and haven't had for

many years, following the convention, I submitted several recommendations so that future events would be able to run much more smoothly (one being that all properly filled out paperwork be submitted in a sealed manila envelope to the credentials table at the start of the first session they attended. The number of votes they were entitled to would later be recorded and passed out before the actual voting takes place.)

And that wraps up another lively issue of Dubuque Masonry's favorite newsletter (OK; we're the only one, but...)

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted;
Ye Olde Editor

Masonic Calendar: August, 2022

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

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