



From the Trestleboard

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Wes Struebing

In trying times, try!

OXUS Grotto #137

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2022

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Greeting Prophets:

Our rental income at the Grotto is what "pays the bills". We usually make about \$6,500 annually. This year, we are paying \$1,400 more in insurance, so we will be increasing our rental rates by \$25.

- 12 hour rental will now be \$350.
- 6 hour rental will now be \$250.

Our (almost monthly) breakfasts will start again on September 25. As you know, the cost for groceries and supplies have increased dramatically. Our breakfast price will be going up to \$10 for adults. It's still a great price for our breakfast, which includes your drink. With our member numbers dwindling, we could use your help. If you are interested in helping at one or more of our events, please give me a call at **563-590-8841**. Thanks for considering.

Respectfully;

Smokey McGovern

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

**Thursday, September 15, 2022,
7:00 PM**

Greetings, Masonic Family!
Dubuque Lodge # 3, AF&AM met in regular session on August 18, 2022, at 7:55PM, WM Justin Young presiding. It was a relative short meeting, with six of us present. In Lodge business, we, unfortunately had to put one of our Brothers in suspension for non-payment. He is therefore unaffiliated until such time as he pays his dues.

On a happier note, we discussed the upcoming Grand Lodge Sessions in September (15-17), and how proxies for those Officers (WM, SW and JW) who won't be able to attend work. The "big issue" to be presented at GL is the proposed increase in GL dues. Not that the 15th is also the next meeting for Dubuque #3, but it is a Lodge of Instruction during the day, and since it is in Cedar Rapids, commuting is a real possibility for those who wish to do so. With little other than regular business, the Lodge closed in form at 7:49PM, peace and harmony prevailed. Last week (August 10th, Dubuque Lodge #3 and Julien Lodge #551 of Farley, Iowa, passed two Brothers from Entered Apprentice to the degree of a FellowCraft. Congratulations, Brother Eli Licht of #3 and Rob Rinke of Farley!

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing – Sr Steward

Key City Shrine Club

September 21, 2022

(dark)

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, September 6, 2022
(dark)**

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Greetings from Metropolitan #49;
My update on Steve and Bonnie is a clarification: that Bonnie fell at the funeral for her mom and broke her pelvis. She has been in a care facility, and Medicare denied their claim to stay there longer. I don't know if Steve has had to bring her home, or whether their appeal came through to stay in the care facility in Asbury. Keep them in your prayers! (**we all will do so! Ed.**)

Respectfully;

Dan Newhaus - WM

Mosaic Lodge #125

**Regular Meeting Tuesday,
September 13, 2022**

(there is no report this month – ed.)

Bellevue OES #359, Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

It is once again time to say Hi to all who read the Trestle Board that is so faithfully put together and sent out by Wesley, Wayne and rest of the team. Thank you so much for all the years you have done this newsletter. Now for the news of Bellevue Chapter OES. Our regular meeting in Aug. had 10 members present. The business of the chapter was conducted with discussion of the upcoming Grand Officers visit in Oct. which means calls to different places that would be big enough to hold

the number of people expected to attend. At the end of the meeting someone said "How about our 'eat out' date?" It was decided to meet at La Casa De Pancho just down the street from the Temple Aug. 4th to have a meal together. So, on Aug. 4th there were 15 who gathered to enjoy some really good food; then we went back to the temple for some more planning which I will tell you about next month. We were so glad to have PGP Russ and Leona Hibben with us. Hope they will be able to continue coming to our meetings and events. We went to the Arboretum for the music Sunday night and sat under a big tree, and I noticed a few leaves turning color already!!! Fall is on the way as we all know, but I'm just not ready for it yet!! We have sent in our reservations for Grand Lodge(which is Sept.15-17 In Cedar Rapids) and Grand Chapter (which Oct. 21-23 in Cedar Rapids) so that means it is time to think FALL! We hope all are well and will attend the Eastern Star and Lodge meetings and events. Our numbers are shrinking but we are still mighty!! God bless and keep you.

Respectfully;
Beverly Godsey – Reporter



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

We've entered the Dog Days of Summer, and George Gershwin is running through our head..."Summer time...And the livin' is easy...!". Or at least slower (right before school ramps up again!)

This month we have another submission from Brother Gerald Edgar, entitled, "A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned" (thanks, Bro. Franklin – and Bro. Edgar!)

"A penny saved is a penny earned" - Poor Richard's Almanac (Bro. Ben Franklin)

As one waits, sometimes impatiently, at a check-out line, you tend to notice the more mundane features of the area. Recently I considered the significance of the ubiquitous change collectors customers use to put their extra pennies in. Unlike some innovations in our society, I doubt anyone can pinpoint where or when this relatively recent phenomena occurred. I am equally certain each of us have availed ourselves of this little 'bank' and either deposited a penny or two or withdrew same to make exact change for the cashier. Regardless of how or where this custom began, it's a good one. The storeowner gives up a few square inches of counter space and in return potentially quickens the check-out process. Best of all, those who deposit or withdraw pennies either smile or display a sense of resolution. You or I can easily join in this process as we discard excess pennies and/or grab one when we are 'short'. "Fine" you say, "nothing to argue about here, but is this why I'm reading or listening to a Masonic Education program today"?

What if we imagined that little container, sometimes a torn paper cup, other times a specially made, embossed container, was our Lodge Hall? Whether well-worn or sparkling new, our Lodge Room can be that little container. Some of us coming to a particular Stated meeting seeking 'light', advice, a consoling arm, sharing a joy and the like. We need to withdraw a penny or two. Others of us are anxious to dispense good cheer, answer queries, give wise counsel or perhaps even constructive criticism. The over-riding principle however is that our Lodge has to be such a container if the mutual "give & take" can be fully achieved. Does your Lodge serve that function of providing a 'bank' that is always full of change? "Change" in the sense that we make a depressed Brother whole, share the joys of others and answer concerns of yet more Brothers? And what of that occasional nickel or dime we see in such containers? When the WM or a Committee chair is desperate for a volunteer to handle an unpopular chore, do we provide that nickel or dime by

raising our hand? Conversely, when our personal life has taken a serious downturn: loss of a loved one, unemployment, poor health, etc. can we expect to find a nickel or dime in our Lodge room? Can we assume our Brothers will stretch their cable towels and give us the support we need just as we hopefully have done for them in the past? Consider your next Stated and the enjoyable times just before the Opening & Closing as we share a meal or just converse. How many pennies and nickels do you see or hear proffered? How many are handed out with no sense of obligation of the 'return' of same? Are there some "nickels and dimes" representing extraordinary needs or charity? Or is your Lodge merely going thru the motions of being an alleged working Lodge where Brothers successes and failures are not even shared much less addressed? Can we resolve, this minute, to make our respective Lodges very active "change" collectors and dispensers? Would we not then be better Masons? So, what is real Masonry? Perhaps this can be another definition: Masonry is a change collector. AND as we make "change" of the pecuniary kind, we also make "change" of the life-shaping kind! So mote it be...

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Masonic Calendar: September, 2022

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

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