



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, November 10, 2022

October Oxus Grotto report; Due to the Grand Lodge Area Meeting on the same evening, there was no Grotto meeting in October (not to mention several of the officers were out of town). However, we will have our second Breakfast for the season, on Oct. 30th, 2022:

We serve from 8:00AM until 12:30PM. \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for kids. Pancakes, eggs(omelets), bacon, ham, toast, juice, milk, coffee. We usually have a great turnout so far, thanks to all the faithful Grotto Breakfasters. Even last month's breakfast, after a very slow start, picked up, and we did well. Directions are: 3011 Autumn Dr, Dubuque, IA 52002 - right off of Hales Mill Road in Asbury.

Oxus Grotto also rents its facilities for parties, graduations, weddings/receptions, etc. - at a very reasonable price, damage deposit is refundable at the end of the booking. Reservations are being taken for 2023. For further information or to reserve a rental, please call Brother Prophet Sam

Phipps, (563) 556-8105, our reservations guy.

Respectfully;

The Oxus Grotto Members

Dubuque Lodge #3

A.F. & AM

Thursday, November 17, 2022,

7:00 PM

Dubuque Lodge #3 met in Regular Communication at 7:00PM, October 20th, Worshipful Master Justin Young presiding. Brother Secretary Jack Smeltzer was unable to attend, so Brother Wes Struebing took over for the evening.

There were but five of us present, but we were mighty. Brother Taylor Merfeld had to leave; therefore, we received no report on Brother Eli Licht's proficiency in the Second Degree. That report will be deferred until November. Farley Lodge still has a candidate for Master Mason, as well. We will be in communication with them to coordinate times, since they also wish to use the Temple if possible. Worshipful Master Young stated he met with another Master for out of state who is impressed by the Temple and some our equipment and expressed interest in sitting in a degree. He'll have further information on this. Reports were read and accepted. Brother Randy Tolley gave us a report on the Grand Lodge Session, and the major announcement from there is the increase of \$15.00/capita on our yearly dues. Related to that, Dubuque #3 hosted a Grand Lodge Are Meeting on Oct. 13th, which was quite eventful. Masons across Iowa will be migrated to a web-based system called Grandview (each officer will have his own page specific to his office). As part of the "webification" of Iowa Masons, dues

cards for 2023 will be sent electronically. Welcome to the 21st Century!

At November's meeting we will elect (and appoint) our 2023 Officers. Brother Jack Smeltzer will step down from Secretarial duties next year, after many years of great service to Dubuque Masons. We'll miss you at the desk, Jack! The meeting was closed in form at 7:49PM, peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully;

Wes Struebing - Sr Steward

Key City Shrine Club

November 16, 2022

Wednesday, October 19th, the Key City Shrine Club met with three members present.

We've never had a large membership, but the only thing is, it seems to be getting smaller with each passing year! Let's also not forget that attrition, several deaths, plus COVID-19 certainly didn't help matters - all contribute to our potential demise! Over the years, we've even tried to invite other Masons in the area, sending out letters to neighboring lodges to join us, and we've received no response.

It also doesn't look like it will change significantly in the foreseeable future either. With that in mind, we're looking at closing up shop and possibly merging with another group in the area.

The Key City Shrine Club will meet again on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30 down at Mario's to continue with this discussion. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully;

David H. Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

(York Rite is still a work-in-progress at this time. Ed.)

Metropolitan Lodge #49

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2022

(due to its officers being out-of-town, Metropolitan Lodge #49 dis not meet in October.)

Mosaic Lodge #125

Regular Meeting Tuesday,

November 8, 2022

(no report from Mosaic Lodge #125 this month. Ed.)

Bellevue Chapter #359 OES

Stated Meeting Tuesday,

November 15, 2022

We have lots of news from the Bellevue Chapter of OES!!

First off -by the time you read this some of the Bellevue Chapter members will have attended the Grand Chapter in Cedar Rapids, so I can reveal our exciting news! Our Sister, Wanda Koch, has been appointed Grand Adah for the coming year. Her reception will be Nov. 5th at our Temple. We are so excited to have her receive this honor!

We hosted the Tri-State meeting of Eastern Star Oct.1st and 2nd. The Bellevue State Park was a beautiful place for the Oct. 1st gathering, with food and fun. Our Temple was filled to the brim on Sunday, Oct. 2nd for more food and fun. Our guests for both days were from Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. Great events were planned by our Iowa Grand Officers. I'll have to tell you more next month about all that happens at our Grand Chapter.

Incoming WGM Vicki Wallner and WGP Larry Niday will be installed on Oct. 23rd. Their reception will be in Cedar Rapids on Oct. 29th.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the Grand Visit a great success!

Though we are few in membership, we

are mighty in hospitality and love of our Order!

November 8th is our next stated meeting – which will be election of officers for the coming year. We will remember our dear members who have passed away in the past year with a draping of the altar. We encourage all our members to come and enjoy the fellowship with OES members.

God bless and keep you all;

Beverly Godsey



Ye Olde Editor's Ramblings

As mentioned above, Dubuque #3 hosted a Grand Lodge Area Meeting on the 13th of October. And it just so happens that Brother Dave Patton was in attendance, and has graciously (you can pay me later, Brother Dave!) consented to submit a summary of the meeting. It follows here:

The Grand Master and several of his officers were present. Of the eighteen people there, half were from Dubuque. They talked about some of the services that they offer to attract more members, while retaining others. (Guy McCausland - Lodge Service Committee, and Bill Northup who can help with finances and estate-planning free of charge.) Emphasis of the Area Meeting was on going virtual, plus using the Grand Lodge website - especially switching over to the "Grandview System". Meanwhile, many of the awards in the past - Ashlar, Master Builder, Golden Trowel - can be earned by anyone who wants to do the work. Finally, all elections, membership, and business can be done virtually, which is the way for the 21st Century - cutting costs tremendously! *(Everyone needs to get onboard!)*

Submitted by;

David Patton

Masonic Calendar: November, 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 VETERANS' DAY	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*** HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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