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2021 Regional Schools

Thursday, March 18, 2021 Morningside Lodge No. 615, 4110 Morningside Ave, Sioux City.....5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 19, 2021 Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297, 107 1/2 West High St, Avoca.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 15, 2021 Springville Lodge No. 139, 306 Liberty Ave, Springville.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, April 16, 2021 Brubaker Lodge No. 675, 511 Veteran's Memorial Pkwy, Davenport.....9:00 A.M.

Friday, May 14, 2021 Home Lodge No. 370, 5201 Maple Drive, Pleasant Hill.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, May 20, 2021 Marshall Lodge No. 108, 26 S 1st Ave, Marshalltown.....5:30 P.M.

Thursday, June 17, 2021 Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112, 115 Highway 30, Mount Vernon.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, July 18, 2021 Waterloo Lodge No. 105, 607 Bishop Ave, Waterloo.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, July 15, 2021 Marion Lodge No. 6, 984 10th St, Marion.....5:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 28, 2021 Adel Lodge No. 80, 411 S 12th St, Adel.....9:00 A.M.

Monday, September 6, 2021 Ottumwa Lodge No. 16, 611 E Pennsylvania Ave.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, September 16, 2021 Grand Lodge School, Davenport.....8:00 A.M.

2021 Secretary Conferences

Monday, January 4, 2021 Antiquity Lodge No. 252, 105 E Chariton St., Moravia.....10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Camanche Lodge No. 60, 220 9th Ave., Camanche.....10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 Waterloo Lodge No. 105, 607 Bishop Ave., Waterloo.....10:00 A.M.

Thursday, January 7, 2021 Home Lodge No. 370, 5201 Maple Dr., Pleasant Hill.....6:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 9, 2021 Pomegranate Lodge No. 408, 201 1/2 S Main St., Alta.....10:00 A.M.

Monday, January 11, 2021 Veritas Lodge No. 392, 423 S Park St., Audubon.....6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Vesper Lodge No. 223, 1010 10th St., Onawa.....6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 Mirza Lodge No. 609, 505 W Mulberry St., Ogden.....6:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 14, 2021 Crusade Lodge No. 386, 209 W Iowa St., Greenfield.....6:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 16, 2021 Osage Lodge No. 102, 527 Main St., Osage.....10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Grand Lodge Library and Museums, 813 1st St. SE, Cedar Rapids.....6:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 21, 2021 George Washington Lodge No. 136, 617 Chestnut St., Donnellson.....6:30 P.M.

Grand Master's Message "Because I am a Mason"

Dear Brothers,

First and foremost, I want to say "Thank you" to all Iowa Masons for the honor to serve you as Grand Master. It is truly an honor and I hope to be able to meet and greet many of you during this 2020-2021 Grand Lodge year.

I began my search for Masonic Light on March 06, 1972. That night I heard the words 'Purple of the Fraternity' during the presentation of my lambskin apron. I had no clue what those words could mean in my Masonic journey. That next January, I was installed as Tyler in Parian Lodge No. 321, and it has been a very memorable journey of Light, More Light, and Further Light ever since.

One of my first impressions was the ritualistic portion of our degrees. The precision and dignity with which the officers conferred the degrees made a lasting impression on me and I concluded I wanted to be part of the ritual. I began to learn the ritual and participate in conferring degrees in my lodge. Following the encouragement from PGM MW George Weed, I focused my efforts to memorize all the required ritual to earn my MI certificate. This knowledge opened up many doors to me to meet, share, and teach our ritual to other Brothers. I feel it is extremely important we continue to share our ritual and teachings with Brothers who are as willing to receive the instruction. Remember, a candle loses nothing by giving it's light to another!

It has been said many times our ritual is the basis of our Masonic lodge and that it sets us apart from other Fraternal organizations. It is with this thought that I announce a goal of 20 new Masonic Instructors during my Grand Lodge year. This group will be referred to as 'The 20'. If you know of someone who has indicated they would be interested in studying for their Masonic Instructor certificate, or if you yourself would like to 'venture off the beaten path', please contact me as I would like to add your name to The 20 listing so I can keep in touch during the year.

My project for the year is an upgrade and addition of LED lighting throughout the Grand Lodge Library and Museums. The funds received for the mailing labels mailed out in late September will be used for this project. Your support to date is very gratifying and I appreciate all the donations sent. Thank you very much. If you have not yet sent your contribution, it is not too late. Please make your check out to 'Grand Lodge of Iowa', and mail to PO Box 279 Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0279. A donation of any amount is appreciated. Remember, the Library and Museums are owned by all of us, so by contributing we all have a piece of ownership. Thanks again for your support.

My theme for the year is "Because I am a Mason". The design of this theme is to signify that what, when, and how we do things should be for our internal reward and service to others, not any expected gain. I often tell the story about a traveling salesman whose car broke down along a highway. A farmer stopped to see if he could help. He gave the man a ride into town to a repair shop and during their travel they discovered they were both Masons. The farmer offered his pickup to the salesman to make calls in the area for the day. They met at the repair shop the next day, the salesman thanked the farmer, and asked "Did you do all this because I am a Mason?" The farmer responded "No, I did it Because I am a Mason."

If your Lodge is planning to celebrate a milestone this year, I would encourage you to contact the Grand Secretary and check about scheduling the Grand Lodge Officers to attend and participate. This might be a re-dedication or a cornerstone event. Public ceremonies can raise the awareness of our Fraternity in the community.

I would also encourage all Masons to schedule an appointment to visit the Grand Lodge Library and Museum this year. This can be a fun outing for a carload from your lodge (or neighboring lodges) and it would be a great opportunity for lodges to bring new Brothers to visit and explore the treasures at our Library.

In closing, it takes all of us to make Masonry special and every Mason is an important part of Iowa Masonry and our Fraternity. Thank you again for the confidence you have placed in me as your Grand Master. I would like to also thank my lady Linda for her encouragement and support. I'll BCNU.

Fraternally and sincerely,



Dennis R. Heflin
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



Tribute to Past Grand Master Lester C. Fleming
By Bryce B. Hildreth, P.G.M.



Thus he shewed me: and behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said a plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again pass by them anymore. Amos 7:7-8

Iowa Masonry lost a plumbline on October 18, 2020 when Most Worshipful Brother Lester C. Fleming was called to the Celestial Lodge above at the age of 96 years.

Les was a native of the Runnels area in Polk County, Iowa. After graduating from high school attended Capital City Commercial College. He worked on the Alcan Highway Project in 1942. Les served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a cryptographic technician in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II. Following the war, he graduated from Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) with a B.S. degree in Forestry. He was employed for 34 years by the Iowa State Conservation Commission, retiring in 1986.

In 1943 Les married Phylliss M. McClelland. They were married 39 years and were blessed with five children: Teresa Apple, Frances Konecny, Steven Fleming, Susan Harpe, and Jeffrey Fleming. Phylliss passed away in 1982 and Les married Anna Clarine Morris in 1983. They were members of the Church of Christ. Les had traveled to 49 states, and to all continents except Antarctica. He had a passion for wildlife and made two safari's in East Africa.

Brother Les was steadfast in his Masonic endeavors. He was made a Master Mason in Arion Lodge No. 488 at Lake Mills in 1953. He then transferred his membership to Faithful Lodge No. 448 in Runnells, serving as Worshipful Master in 1964 and 1976 and served for over thirty years as Secretary. When Faithful Lodge consolidated with Hartford Lodge No. 83 Les became active there and was also a dual member of Marble Lodge No. 368 in Carlisle.

Les loved our Masonic Ritual and was an exceptional ritualist, seldom missing a month of school at the North Central MI DL Club in Prairie City. His District Lecturer's number was 2159. He enjoyed traveling around to assist Lodges in degree work.

His served the Grand Lodge of Iowa as Senior Grand Deacon in 1982-83 and Grand Treasurer 1988-1990. In addition, he served on the Credentials Committee, Grand Charity Board, and as Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference.

Brother Les lead "The Dawn of a New Century of Masonry in Iowa" as Grand Master in 1999-2000, promoting Involvement and Pride. While a distinguished elder of Iowa Masonry, Les allowed new ideas to be brought forward and debated. His greatest achievement was fulfilling a long-awaited recognition of Prince Hall Masonry in Iowa during his Grand Lodge session.

Les was an active member in the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Grand Sentinel in 1974-75. He was of member of the Des Moines York Rite Bodies, St Bartholomew Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, DeMolay Legion of Honor, and the Des Moines Scottish Rite, coronated a 33rd degree in 2007.

Most Worshipful Brother Lester C. Fleming stood as an unswerving Plumbline in Iowa Masonry. He lead by example and never waned. We are better because he passed this way. We rejoice for his life and that he has entered into the Celestial Lodge above to receive his wages. Rest in peace faithful Brother.

Celebrate our Past, Embrace our Future Special Communication in Sioux City

Grand Master William R. Crawford traveled the State of Iowa and beyond spreading his theme for the year “Celebrate our Past, Embrace our Future” for the first six months of the year, then COVID-19 took over for the rest of the year. The year concluded with the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the Sioux City Scottish Rite on September 18, 2020.

Grand Lodge School of Instruction

Because of COVID-19 the Annual Grand Lodge School of Instruction usually held with two MI-DL Schools and one Craft School under the direction of the Board of Custodians on Thursday before the Annual Communication was cancelled.



Grand Master
William R. Crawford



Jeremy Begle
Ashlar Award



Allan Tedrow
Master Builder

Business of the Grand Lodge

Grand Master William R. Crawford opened the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa on Friday, September 18 at 1:00 P.M. The Grand Master gave his report to the Craft in addition to the other reports that were given throughout the morning session. Election of the 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officers was the first order of business. The Grand Master's Award was given to Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 at Cedar Rapids. Deputy Grand Secretary Darrell G. Fremont accepted the award.

The five lodges that earned the Lodge of the Year Award were recognized. 51 Lodges were recognized as recipients of the Plus One Award and Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 in Boone was recognized as the lodge with the largest net gain. The seven Master Builder Award and 12 Ashlar Award recipients were recognized with Brother Benjamin Davidson of Waterloo Lodge No. 105 at Waterloo being named New Mason of the Year. The Teacher of the Year was Jeff Grebin from Stanton Community School District. Grand Master Crawford and Past Junior Grand Warden John A. Jack Cook made the presentation at the school during a volleyball game. The T.S. Parvin Award was given to Gregg A. Kruse from Iowa City Lodge No. 4.

Following the Awards presentations Craig L. Davis, Past Grand Master of Iowa and Iowa Representative of the Masonic Service Association of North America presented Grand Master Crawford a plaque acknowledging him as Grand Master of Masons in Iowa and congratulating him on his service to Freemasonry.



Benjamin Davidson
New Mason of the Year



\$100,000
Food Pantry Presentation



Dennis R. Heflin
Installed as Grand Master

Installation

The 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officers were installed with Eric A. Rozeboom, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Master; Charles D. Yates, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Marshal; Arthur G. Crandon, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Chaplain; William W. Post P.S.G.W. as Installing Grand Secretary; and Antonio B. Collins as Installing Musician.

The 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officers Installed were:

Grand Master, Dennis R. Hein - Harlan
Senior Grand Warden, Kimberly E. Jones - Adel
Junior Grand Warden, Fred L. Erickson - Madrid
Grand Treasurer, William A. Peake – Buffalo Center
Grand Secretary, Craig L. Davis – West Des Moines
Deputy Grand Master, John D. Lloyd - Osceola
Grand Chaplain, Donald A. Drennan - Atlantic
Deputy Grand Secretary, Darrell G. Fremont – Des Moines
Grand Marshal, Jason W. Delzell - Wapello
Senior Grand Deacon, Ian T. Decker – Eagle Grove
Junior Grand Deacon, Allen L. Tedrow - Boone
Senior Grand Steward, Christopher P. Soebbing - Davenport
Junior Grand Steward, Gary W. Shaulis - Janesville
Grand Tyler, Randy L. Crampton - Alta
Grand Musician, Antonio B. Collins – Johnston

There was no proposed legislation this year.

I would like to give a thank you to the Sioux City Scottish Rite for hosting the event and to the Iowa Scottish Rite Foundation for providing lunch for the attendees.

Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 4:25 P.M.



Lunch Time!



Special Communication
Social Distancing



Installation

Tribute to Past Grand Master Jerrold R. Anderson
By Eric A. Rozeboom P.G.M.



Well done my good and faithful Servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Those words are very appropriate for our Past Grand Master Jerrold Anderson. He served his family his entire life, his Lodge for 53 years, and the community of Algona as a lumberman for 38 years. Service was always a part of his being.

Jerry's lovely wife, Jan, of 67 years has always been at the forefront of his thoughts and deeds. Their children were constantly on his mind, only wishing the best for them. Jerry and Jan loved to travel and visit their children and see the many beautiful sites that make up our great country.

Jerry and Jan were huge University of Iowa fans and they made it their vision to travel to every Big Ten stadium and watch their beloved Hawkeyes play. They traveled with dear friends and Hawkeye enthusiasts, Jim and Midge Andreasen, on that amazing journey. They also traveled to many of the Hawkeye's bowl games.

Jan's health began to decline and Jerry was her caretaker for many years in their home in Algona. The stress of caring for Jan became too much of a strain on Jerry's own health and he was forced to put her into a health care facility.

He and his children were able to find a facility that was a good fit for her and her needs, where she continues to live today. Jerry's health began to fail and he decided, with some persuasion from his family, to move to Colorado. He moved in with his son Scott and daughter-in-law Lesley. His daughter, Jeri, also lived with her brother Scott so the three of them were able to care for Jerry. Jerry was able to fly out of Denver and visit his daughter Vicki and her husband Alan in Texas over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Most Worshipful Brother Jerrold Anderson started his 53 year Masonic adventure by joining Prudence Lodge No. 205 in Algona. He served Prudence Lodge as Master in 1971, and held many other offices over the years. He held District Lecturer certificate No. 2710. Jerry's service to the Grand Lodge of Iowa began in 1979 with his appointment as Grand Marshal followed by being elected to the office of Senior Grand Warden in 1984 and then being appointed as Deputy Grand Master in 1988. Jerry served on many boards and committees of the Grand Lodge. His service to the Grand Lodge culminated in his election to the exalted station of Grand Master in 1993 where he served the craft of Iowa during its 150th anniversary of Masonry in Iowa.

In Jerry's Grand Master's report he stated Masonry's vision has been and continues to be, to build a man's most valuable possession, his character. This remains today as an essential part of Freemasonry, and my dear friend Jerry is a perfect example of a man with great character. His character continued to shine even in the infirmities of his and Jan's life. He continued to worry about others rather than himself until at last he laid down his working tools of life.

It is hard to put into words how much better a person I am because of my relationship with Most Worshipful Brother Jerrold Anderson. He was my friend, my mentor, and my second Dad. I and my family will miss him very much. Thank you, Jerry, for allowing us to be a part of your family.

Well done my good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord, Amen.

Meet Your 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin



Brother Heflin was born on May 13, 1947, at Harlan, Iowa. Brother Dennis graduated from Harlan High School, and attended Iowa State University, where he studied Farm Operations short course. He has been a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. He has served the 4-H as a Club Leader, Past Shelby County Fair Board Member, Past Corley Community Club President, Past Center Township Trustee, Member of the Iowa Barn Foundation. Dennis has also received the Governor Community Service Award in 1999 and the Distinguished Service to Agriculture – Audubon County Farm Bureau. Dennis married Linda Kelly on February 11, 1967 in Hot Springs, South Dakota and they have three daughters Kimberly (deceased), Kelly, and Kari.

Brother Dennis received his symbolic degrees of Masonry at Parian Lodge No. 321 in Harlan. He was Initiated on March 6, 1972; Passed on March 24, 1972; and Raised on April 10, 1972. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1979 and again in 2012. His service to Iowa Masonry includes serving as Grand Chaplain in 2013-14, Junior Grand Warden in 2017-2018, Lodge Service Committee in the 1980's and again from 2014 to 2019. He also served on the Committee on Division and Reference from 2016-2017, serving as Chairman in 2019-2020.

Other Masonic affiliations include the Sioux City Consistory. He is a member of Exodus Chapter Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 313. He is a member of Research Lodge No. 2 and he holds District Lecturers Certificate No. 2786.

Senior Grand Warden Kimberly E. Jones



Brother Jones was born in Clarion on October 24, 1956 and is a resident of Redfield. He graduated from Belmond Community School, and after High School Kim attended North Iowa Community College. Brother Kim served his country in the United States Navy and spent the last 30 years working in the Information Technology Department at Sioux City Brick. He retired in 2019 as the Director. Brother Kim married Lorrie Cupp on May 11, 1985 in Clear Lake and they have two children, Katie and Logan.

Brother Jones received his three symbolic degrees of Masonry in Adel Lodge No. 80 at Adel. He was Initiated on June 8, 1999; Passed on June 29, 1999; and Raised on July 20, 1999. Brother Jones served the Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Deacon in 2002-2003.

Brother Kim is a member of the Des Moines Scottish Rite and is serving as Senior Warden in the Lodge of Perfection and is a member of Iowa Research Lodge No. 2. Kim holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3079.

Junior Grand Warden Fred L. Erickson



Brother Erickson was born on May 31, 1953 at Madrid, Iowa. Brother Fred graduated from Madrid High School in 1972. He is retired. He is a member of the U.C.C Church and is President of the Men's Group. Fred married Karen Kay on May 15, 1994 in Madrid and they have three daughters: Leanna, Mandy, Kristen and two sons, Joel and Ben.

Brother Fred received his symbolic degrees of Masonry at Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid. He was Initiated on November 1, 2007; Passed on December 11, 2007; and Raised on February 20, 2008. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 2013 and is currently serving as Worshipful Master. His service to

Iowa Masonry includes serving as Junior Grand Deacon in 2014-2015 and he has served on the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee.

He is a member of the Des Moines Scottish Rite. He is a member of the York Rite at Ames, Joshua Chapter R.A.M. No. 127, Gebal Council R.A.S.M. No. 5, and Ascension Commandery No. 69 where he is a Past High Priest, Illustrious Master and Commander in 2019. He holds District Lecturers Certificate No. 3166.

Treasurer William A. Peake



Brother Peake was born in Schenectady, New York on April 26, 1953, and graduated from Mont Pleasant High School in Schenectady, New York. He attended Central College in Pella where he earned a degree in communication and theater. He earned the Master of Divinity degree from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Brother Peake has served as pastor of the First Reformed Church in Buffalo Center for over 38 years. He is also the Stated Clerk for Pleasant Prairie Classis, RCA. He married Susan Wiggins in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 17, 1974 and they have three children; Matthew, Benjamin, and Jonathan. Bill and Sue attend First Reformed Church. Bill has been active in the community in school, civic events, community theater, hospice and hospital chaplaincy. Bill can be found wherever there is a need in their community serving and sharing their faith of Christian love and compassion.

Brother Peake received his symbolic degrees of Masonry in Pella Lodge No. 55 at Pella in 1976, being Initiated on January 19, 1976, Passed on February 18, 1976, and Raised on March 8, 1976. He served as Worshipful Master of Bethel Lodge No. 319 at Garner in 2008 and served as Master of Prudence Lodge No. 205 at Algona in 2019. Bill wore the purple of the Fraternity as Grand Chaplain in 2010-2011. He has served on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee from 2017-2020, Chairman of the Finance Committee from 2019-2020, and the Lodge Service Committee in 2011.

Other Masonic Affiliations include the Des Moines Scottish Rite, York Rite Degrees: Estherville York Rite Bodies, Jephtha Chapter No. 128, Earnest Council No. 54, Esdraelon Commandery No. 52, Lewis and Clark York Rite College No. 199, Iowa Research Lodge No. 2, The Philalethes Society, Iowa College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatus Foederitas, Order of High Priesthood in Iowa.

Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd



Brother John D. Lloyd was born in Ottumwa on June 12, 1949, and is a current resident. He graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1967, he attended Drake University and later at the Drake University Law School. Brother Lloyd spent his life working in the Law field and is currently in Senior Status as an Iowa District Court Judge. John served as a Trustee for the Clarke County Public Hospital from 1983-2000. Brother Lloyd and his lady Jan have been married for 49 years. They have a son Bryan D. Lloyd. John and Jan attend Osceola United Methodist Church.

Brother Lloyd received his three symbolic degrees of Masonry in Osceola Lodge No. 77 at Osceola. He was Initiated on July 9, 2003; Passed on August 25, 2003; and Raised on September 15, 2003. He served as Worshipful Master of Osceola Lodge in 2009. Brother Lloyd served the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Deacon in 2015-2016, and has served on the Appeals and Grievances Committee.

Brother Lloyd is a member of the Des Moines Scottish Rite. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3168.

John Barry Kane Receives his Quilt of Valor

Brother John Barry Kane, Past Junior Grand Warden of Preston Lodge No. 218 was presented a Quilt of Valor at his home in Prairie City on October 18th. Barry served in the US Navy in WW II. He is a 68 year lodge member. Assisting with the presentation were Brothers Carl Vander Kamp, Marv Kendall, and Wade Sheeler. The quilt was made by Sister Pat Burch of OES.



2020 All Iowa Masonic Golf Outing

Mason's from across Iowa gathered at Brooklyn-Victor Golf Course in between Brooklyn and Victor for the All Iowa Masonic Golf Outing. Brother William R. Dayton from Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 in Malcom was the Chairman of the event and his committee did a wonderful job. We would also like to thank Dayton's Meats and volunteers for their contribution to the event and the lunch during the outing. We would also like to thank all of the sponsors and participants for their support of the Grand Master's Book Binding Project. The results from the outing are listed below.

First Flight

- 1st Place – Linc Aldershof, Mike Mosely, Keith Zeigler, Jimmy Arnold
- 2nd Place – Brian Stolle, Troy Christine, Jason Stolle, Kyle Stolle
- 3rd Place – Lee Leonard, Ron Bovard, Tich Ralston, Randy Stoner, Kirk Mitchell
- 4th Place - Nancy Davis, Craig Davis, Eric Fraser, Jerry Hanrahan
- 5th Place - Anna Dayton, Bill Dayton, Jake Dayton, Josh Dayton
- 6th Place – Scott Ford, Toby Williams, Shiela Kiehne, Scott Eilander

Second Flight

- 1st Place – Brian Lee, Charles Lee, Randy Bingaman, Graham Albaugh
- 2nd Place – Bill Post, Tammy Van Horsen-Post, Bruce Tennant, Liz Tennant
- 3rd Place – Scott Hull, Amy Mc Donough, Ross Mc Donough, J Alan Fink
- 4th Place – Jason Delzell, Fred Erickson, Allan Tedrow, John Lloyd
- 5th Place – Lynn Broughton, Steve Loftus, Harvey Woody, Dick Humphrey

Best Dressed

Brian Stolle

Putting Contest

Graham Albaugh



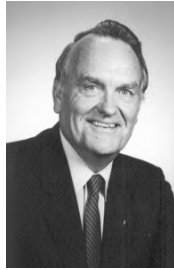
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Tribute to Past Grand Master L. Ray Chamberlin

By Kenneth A. Hurmence P.G.M.



“Thus he shewed me.”

These four simple words show both how we have learned our Masonic ritual and heritage and allude to the bond that is created between the newer Mason and his mentor or teacher. They also show why we so value men like L. Ray Chamberlin who not only taught by example but also provided a vision and a path to the future. We honor their passing because we so value the gifts they have left us.

MWB Ray was the first Grand Master, I had the pleasure of serving. I could not have had a better mentor, teacher, or leader. As a leader he was an excellent communicator who was able to clearly lay out his vision for the Craft's future and provide specific actions to improve the state of Masonry in Iowa. He realized that public awareness of Masonry's heritage and contributions needed to be communicated with the Craft, potential members, and the community. He encouraged Masons to “each one reach one” and envisioned a “Masonry on the Move” to achieve his goals. Ray was a craftsman with written and spoken words and as a former marketing executive was able to mold his words clearly and coherently to achieve his goals. He also explored new ways to communicate and educate Iowans about Masonry with videos and other programs. He was also clear in his expectations for his officers as I found out early in the year when I arrived five minutes after a rehearsal for a Cornerstone Ceremony had started. He took me aside and informed me in a polite but firm manner that being late was not acceptable (I was never late again, and it was never mentioned again).

Ray was a strong believer in family. Ray and Annabelle had a special relationship. She was Ray's best supporter and critic. Together they formed a perfect union, mentors and role models for us all. Ray and Annabelle were very proud of their family, but their Masonic family also had a special place in their hearts. Ray had high expectations for those in both of his families but was also a compassionate and caring person who always made each of us feel that our contributions were valued and appreciated. Beyond that, he challenged and encouraged each of us to expand our interests, grow and become better. We were welcomed into their home many times as members of his Masonic family. Even after our year, the ties that united us were not broken. Ray and Annabelle still delighted in each of our successes and consoled us in times of trouble. Their Christmas letters through the years were a delight to read as Ray in his own style kept each of us informed about their regular and Masonic families. Even though the years passed, the bond between us remained strong.

L. Ray Chamberlin was born in Vail, Iowa on June 5, 1926. Ray was active in sports and his love for activity continued throughout his life as he participated in eight RAGBRAI rides. After graduating, he enlisted in the Navy serving in the South Pacific during World War II. Returning from duty Ray attended Drake University and earned his BCS Degree in Accounting in 1950. In his junior year at Drake, Ray met and married the love of his life Annabelle Crane. Professionally, Ray worked two years as an auditor for Merriweather and Company, seventeen years for Iowa Power and Light, and finished his career at Central Life Assurance Company where he was a Marketing Department Executive.

Ray was a man of many interests including: woodworking, antiques, painting, writing poetry, and researching genealogy, but primary among his loves were his family, traveling, and Masonry. Ray and Annabelle were longtime residents of Windsor Heights. Their family included three daughters: Susan (Bob) Williams of Rockford, IL; Jane Hartman of West Des Moines; and Cindy Chamberlin of Grimes. Grandsons Steven Williams, J.D. Williams and Great Grandson Evan Williams added joy to Ray and Annabelle's lives. The Chamberlins loved to travel and visited much of the United States with their children and grandchildren. That love for travel continued after their family was grown as Ray and Annabelle were active in a Masonic camping group and traveled with them for many years. The Chamberlin family were also very active in their church and their community activities.

Ray's Masonic journey began sixty-nine years ago when he was Initiated, Passed and Raised at Waveland Park Lodge No. 654 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1962. Ray also became active in the Scottish and York Rite bodies, Red Cross of Constantine, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Des Moines High Twelve Club and was a Past Patron of the Des Moines Chapter of the Eastern Star. Ray received many Masonic honors for his work including the DeMolay Legion of Honor, Rainbow Grand Cross of Color, and the white cap of a 33rd Degree Mason from the Scottish Rite. Ray also earned and proudly held District Lecturer Certificate 2370.

Ray's first service for the Grand Lodge was as Grand Treasurer for W. Ross McCulla in 1976. He next served as Deputy Grand Master for Charles Jackson in 1980-1981. In 1989 Ray was elected Grand Master. During that year he was also appointed to the Commission on Information for Recognition at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. He also served on a variety of Grand Lodge Committees: Masonic Youth, Finance, Investments, Long-Range Planning, Lodge Service, Grand Charity Funds, Membership, and Division and Reference.

Ray's journey through life ended peacefully on the night of May 23, 2019. During that journey Ray touched the lives of many people and left his mark on the Masonic Fraternity in Iowa. The loss we feel at his passing honors him, but the greatest tribute that we can pay is to love our family, country, and Fraternity as deeply as he did and work as hard as he did to make them better.

Why a Mason City? **By Jim Collison**

There's a city on the northern plains of Iowa, USA – Mason City – that's the only community in the world named to honor the Masonic Order. How in the world did that happen?

Exactly, how in the world?

To explore for an answer to the question, we have to begin with a second question: What were the exciting events and changes happening in the United States in the 1830s, 1840s, and early 1850s that gave birth to a Mason City? How did all this cause two entrepreneurial adventurers from Winnebago County, Illinois, to make their way to a small wooded area at the junction of two creeks to build cabins...and declare a few acres of wooded land the community of Masonic Grove?

The two entrepreneurial adventurers, John B. Long and John L. McMillin, were close friends, possibly cousins, and Freemasons in Rockford, Illinois. Long applied for membership in Acacia Lodge No. 67 (Acacis SM Dalzell Lodge No. 67, in Spring Valley in LaSalle County, IL) in 1849. He earned his Fellow Craft within six months and became a Master Mason on Jan. 2, 1850. John McMillin also was raised to Master Mason in the Acacia Lodge on Sept. 8, 1852.

In the family history book "My Long Family History", John J. Long says his great-grand-uncle John B. Long "often referred to himself" as "an entrepreneur, businessman, lawyer, judge, militia captain, member of the Masonic Order, and civic minded leader." Author Long writes that John B. "had a strong will towards making things happen." Author Long writes of John L. McMillin: "Entrepreneurial like John B., a young McMillin peddled goods from a wagon in Rockford, a successful merchandizing endeavor that he took with him on his westward move" to Cerro Gordo County and to the future Mason City in the summer of 1853.

But we're getting ahead of the story of Mason City, Iowa. John B. Long and John L. McMillin trudging through the wilderness of eastern Iowa up to a north-central Iowa prairie in 1853 and 1854 didn't happen in a vacuum. What was driving their adventurous spirits to take gigantic family and financial risks to join the first American pioneers leading the way into the northern interior of Iowa early in the 1850s?

Begin 20 years before. Americans and immigrants by 1830 had pushed settlements west through Illinois, to the Mississippi River. They looked longingly and eagerly at the vast wooded and prairie lands to the west, across the Mississippi, that would become Iowa. But Native American tribes blocked their way. At the same time, a group of Sauks, Meskwakis, and Kickapoos, known as the "British Band" who earlier had been pushed out of Illinois west across the Mississippi, were longingly looking to reclaim their land in Illinois. Chief Black Hawk in 1832 and his warriors took action, crossed into Illinois, and the resulting four-month Black Hawk War ended with the Native American tribes involved in selling their lands extending 50 miles west of the Mississippi River.

In 1846-1848, treaties with the Sauk and Meskwaki (Fox) tribes pushed them out of northern Iowa further west and south.

In 1839 and 1840s, the U.S. created three military roads into Iowa, with one from Wisconsin west to what became the town of Fort Atkinson in northeast Iowa. This northeast Iowa military road brought U.S. military to establish a military presence at a new Fort Atkinson. The military presence along the military roads and at Fort Atkinson was intended to keep the Indian tribes, resettled after the Black Hawk War, peaceful, and to keep settlers from rushing from the east into Indian lands.

In 1848, gold was discovered in California, launching the Gold Rush madness, driving tens of thousands of fortune-seekers to rush pell-mell to California. But John B. Long and John L. McMillin were just two of tens-of-thousands of other adventurers – newly arriving European immigrants and Americans from states to the east of Iowa – eager to push west across the Mississippi into Iowa for closer and easier new fortunes. In 1848 the Indians were removed by the U.S. government from northeastern Iowa. In 1849 the military post at Fort Atkinson was abandoned, making it possible for eager settlers to move into the region.

Ben Wilson, in his book *Heyday: The 1850s and the Dawn of the Global Age*, writes: “The number of people going west in 1852 was truly phenomenal, with 70,000 on the road that summer.” He writes people were predicting northern Iowa and the Upper Midwest would become the most densely populated place on earth. “The exhilaration of the 1850s boom ignited such prophecies, and this frenzied excitement powered migration and economic development as much as, or more than, gold or trade.”

So Long and McMillin set their goal to found a city on the mid-Iowa northern prairie...and make their fortunes. In 1853 they came to central Cerro Gordo County (about 265 miles west of Chicago), at the point where the little Calmus Creek flowed into Lime Creek (renamed Winnebago River in the 1930s). McMillin along with James Jenkinson built a cabin in a grove at this point. Long named the grove along the creeks Masonic Grove. In the fall, with the coming of winter, Long and McMillin returned to Illinois, leaving young Jenkinson to spend the winter in the cabin. In the spring of 1854 they returned to Masonic Grove. For a new town dream, though, Long must have realized an open area for town lots and streets, and higher ground away from the two creeks would be needed. So Long, with two other settlers George Brentner and Joseph Hewitt, platted a new town about a mile south of Masonic Grove with each man owning one-third interest. Long, the only freemason of the three, named the new town Shibboleth (a word used in Masonry for a type of secret handshake). In addition, the townsite plat included several street names with meaning to masons, such as Solomon. No one knows why Long renamed the town Masonville in 1855. That name lasted only a short time because there already was a Masonville in Iowa. So Long settled on Mason City as the new city's name.

The author of an 1883 book, *History of Franklin and Cerro Gordo Counties*, speculated that Long was a snide in regards to his seeming interest in recognizing Freemasonry. He wrote, “It is generally conceded that it [Mason City] took its name from Masonic Grove, which was called so by John D.(sic) Long, an early settler, who made great pretensions to Freemasonry...”

And this raises the question: Why would Long choose Masonic Grove, Shibboleth, Masonville, and finally Mason City as names for the new city?

Perhaps because he thought identifying the new town with Masonry would attract the kinds of pioneering investors – businessmen, professional men, imaginative men – who would be the most likely settlers interested in building a new, great city on the Iowa plains.

Thousands of new little towns were getting planted in Iowa and Minnesota in the 1850s, and the founders of many of these fledgling towns had to engage in competitive marketing to attract “buyers” for the town lots set aside for businesses and for town dwellers. Author Wilson in *Heyday*, in describing the challenge of attracting settlers to Minnesota (just a few years behind Iowa in opening up to settlers in the early 1850s): “The extensive marketplace of migration made hard selling a necessity.” He refers to “the countless books, pamphlets, and newspaper articles that constituted the vigorous public relations campaign on behalf of Minnesota...” And, “...Minnesota was proclaimed the new New England, where a distinctively northern, liberty-loving, hardworking Anglo-Scandinavian culture would flourish and exceed its parent... What boosters had to do was make their target audience fall in love with the future. For that was where all the good things lay.” Here's an example of such boosterism, even today: The city of Blue Earth, in Minnesota, was founded in 1856 just three years after Masonic Grove (Mason City) only 85 miles away in northern Iowa. Blue Earth took its name from the blue-black clay found in the Blue Earth riverbanks. The city's boosters still proclaim “the earth so rich the city grows.” (Declared it again in the “Vision of the City 2030” in the city's 2019 Comprehensive Plan.)



Almost all of this is speculation. Some people over the years have speculated that Long's reason for settling on the names Masonville and then Mason City was to honor his son John Mason Long, who had died as a child. But J.J. Long, in his writing of John B. Long, discusses John B's use of "Mason" in finalizing the new town's name, and concludes: "After the name of Shibboleth fell out of favor, John B. changed the name to Masonville. Today we can only speculate as to why... Some historical records say this name was chosen to honor his son, John Mason Long, who died during the family's move from Illinois to Iowa. Although the child died at the age of 13 in Illinois two years prior to the family's move, his middle name could well have been an influence... In the end, a family surname, a young fallen son, and a beloved Fraternal organization, of which he was a recent member (1850) were all honored by the single word – Masonville."

And a few months later, Mason City. Not surprising, then, that in 1938 a book written by the Federal Writers Project titled *A Guide to the Hawkeye State of Mason City*: "Most of the pioneers in the territory were of the Masonic Order and the first settlement was named Shibboleth. Mason City was originally known as Masonic Grove..."

If Long's purpose of using Mason in his town's name was to attract Masons to settle in the town, it certainly worked. Because Benevolence Lodge No. 145 was officially born in the very young Mason City on April 26, 1859...just six years after Masonic Grove's birth.

Garner Lodge Care Packages



Members of Bethel Lodge No. 319 at Garner quickly responded when they learned two of their members were the father and brother of a young woman Naval officer who grew up in Garner. Lt. Charity Edgar, USNR and Senior Rainbow, and Eastern Star member is a Public Affairs Officer on the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, lead ship of Strike Force 11, currently in the Arabian Sea. Bethel members and their friends quickly gathered useful items and snacks for her and the sailors she leads within the otilla. Pictured below L to R, Gerald Edgar, Worshipful Master; Wayne Ditsworth, Junior Warden; Peter Vidal, Senior Deacon and Heath Heimer, Junior Deacon. (two are veterans).

NOTE: Lodges that may wish to make a similar outreach to servicemen & women who have Masonic ties: the Postal Service has a particular Priority carton that goes at a reduced rate anywhere in the world to military addresses. There is no weight restriction for this carton either. Consider too where the carton is going, extreme heat or cold may affect the contents.

Newest Camp Courageous Honorary Members Denny and Janet Zahrt



The Camp Courageous Board of directors are proud to announce Denny and Janet Zahrt, of Bettendorf, have been named to the Camp Courageous Honorary Board. They join the ranks of Leo Greco, Tait Cummins, and a small number of others, who have made a huge impact on Camp Courageous and have also had the Camp's highest honor bestowed on them.

To understand the Zahrt's lifetime of giving back to help others, one has to know a little about their background. Denny and Janet were high school sweethearts from Marengo. They graduated in 1958 and were married in 1962. Denny had an aspiration of being a coach and had an academic scholarship to go to the Iowa State Teacher's College (UNI), but an Air Force recruiter signed him up for the service in 1959. After 11- weeks of Basic Training, everything was technical, and Denny graduated from Yale University with a degree in Chinese (language). Denny served in Korea (1961-1962), as a Voice Intercept Processing Specialist. Denny was home two-weeks before their wedding. The newlyweds headed to Tampa Air Base the same day as Kennedy gave his speech on the Cuban Missile Crisis, keeping them on high alert 24/7.

Their daughter Teresa was born in 1963. She was only six weeks old when they headed back to Iowa. Lori was born in 1965 in Cedar Rapids. They moved back to Marengo, where Janet worked at the hospital, and Denny went back to school at the University of Iowa on the GI bill (driving a 1966 VW bug from Marengo to Iowa City and back every day). He received degrees in Linguistics, (English without Literature), which was a brand new program.

As a result of sales territories being available they ended up in the Quad Cities. They have lived in the same home since 1969. Denny ended up working for the Osteopathic Hospital until his retirement in 2002 and Janet worked for Scott Community College in 1975 and then Eastern Iowa Community College, retiring in 1995.

They were greatly respected for their history of hard work, dedication and integrity. They are natural leaders who can put a group of helpers together in minutes. In 2006-2007 Denny was Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, which greatly expanded his contacts, resulting in huge spike in camp support. Denny and Janet were dear friends of Honorary Board Members Tom and Barb Eggleston, both enlisting their friends to help the camp. The Zahrt's have introduced Camp Courageous to thousands of friends for which we will be forever grateful!

The bottom line is that at anytime, anywhere Camp Courageous needs assistance, it can always count on Denny and Janet Zahrt as they have for decades.

Veritas Lodge Parade



Brother Ron Mullenger driving his '47 John Deere MT pulling the Veritas Lodge float at the Exira, Iowa 4th of July celebration parade. Brother Ron was promoting local Exodus (Exira) and Veritas (Audubon) lodges. A good crowd was on hand showing a lot appreciation towards the float.

Ethics Discussion at Marion Lodge No. 6

By Mark A. Cline

At a time when we could neither foresee nor prevent the dangers of COVID-19 to our collective Brethren, the members of Marion Lodge No. 6 have endeavored to provide an opportunity for some Masonic stimulation—a series of virtual, structured discussions, where Brothers (and our guests) from several lodges (and states) have joined us online to explore a variety of Masonic topics and the real-world application of the lessons of our beautiful art. What follows, is an essay that steps through one of our discussions on morality and ethics. The questions and answers contained in the essay are either direct quotes or are paraphrased from the discussion and are based on notes taken by several participants.

May 19 – Morality and Ethics

Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. So goes the only definition of Freemasonry provided in Masonic rituals and lectures. Since Freemasonry is, at its core, a system of morality, learning about Freemasonry requires understanding morality. So, what is morality and how, if at all, is it different than ethics, which it is so often paired with?

If one starts where most do when looking for the definition of something, the dictionary, morality is the set of principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior; a particular system of values and principles of conduct, especially one held by a specified person or society; the extent to which an action is right or wrong. Ethics are moral principles that govern a person's behavior or the conducting of an activity; the moral correctness of specified conduct; the branch of knowledge that deals with moral principles. It seems morality is hard-wired into our personalities, innate, from an internal source. Ethics are situational-based behaviors, decisions, or actions, and in so being, can be dictated by an external context like society or an employer.

Since an individual's own sense of right and wrong or sense of morality is therefore unique and personal, this inevitably leads to different opinions on the ethics of any given circumstance. It is generally accepted that theft is immoral. It is also generally accepted that there is a moral obligation to help starving children. Is it ethical to steal to feed a starving child? More broadly, is it ethical to do wrong if it facilitates a moral end?

The answers to those questions are most likely wildly different between people and there are an infinite number of rationales for those answers. But who is right? Anyone would go to jail for theft, but only the ward of a child would be imprisoned for the starvation of said child, and probably only if it were due to negligence or malice. Does that change the answer? At the end of the day, is a person's morality just an opinion and neither right nor wrong, but just different when compared to another's? If morals are just opinions, do morals change? If they do change, what is the change driver--can ethics change morals, or do morals change ethics? Being so foundational to a person's character, are morals and/or ethics even allowed to change?

So far, there are far more questions than answers. If it wasn't already, it should be obvious now that being moral and ethical is difficult and yet should be a constant pursuit. The answers to such questions define who we are as individuals and as a society. It's a natural outcome then that the exploration of the answers to these questions comprise branches of study, for which people can get college degrees to help us further our understanding of ethics and morality. Ethics, also known as moral philosophy, is an entire branch of philosophy dedicated to discerning right from wrong. Normally, we would take solace in the fact that something is being studied, but learning necessitates change.

This means that ethics and morality can and more importantly do change over time. On the surface this sounds great, as we learn we will become more ethical and have a better set of morals. However, it takes discipline. When one discovers that someone behaved, Ten years ago, in a way that is unacceptable now, they owe it to that person to see if they have learned and changed before passing judgement. The past is static. Looking at it in a business sense--you can't buy the past, but you can invest in the future.

Conversely, as ethics and morality change, there will be early adopters and late bloomers. During the transition phase, people may unfairly judge others. Change will be a difficult, but necessary process. Luckily for us, we have an ace up our collective sleeves. It being a system of morality,

Freemasonry provides us with a set of tools and a framework to make good, moral and ethical decisions. In his presentation entitled “A System of Morality: Aristotle and the Making of the Ritual”, 2020 Prestonian Lecturer George Boys-Stones argues that the Masonic system is set up such that the first degree teaches one to love and practice virtue; the second degree equips one with tools to understand virtue; and the third encourages contemplation, reminding us there’s something more than ourselves out there. Regardless of whether one agrees with Aristotelian origin of such a system, this description of the progression through the degrees is supported by the ritual. The fact that Freemasonry provides such a framework for assisting its practitioners in making sound moral/ethical decisions combined with the responsibility of Master Masons to whisper good counsel in the ear of their brethren gives us something many others do not have—guidelines and coaching.

John F. Kennedy in “Profiles in Courage” said, “A man does what he must - in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures - and that is the basis of all human morality.” If this is true, Freemasons are in good shape. Despite the myriad of unanswered questions, there seems to be a path to do right using what we have available to us—the ritual and the brotherhood. At the end of the day, “Freemasonry is a support network for when doing the right thing is hard.”



Scholarship Thank You

Eliana Hornbuckle – Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of the Masonic Scholarship! I will be attending Brown University and your gift will allow me to cover my transportation costs for a few years.

Jayne Levi – Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of this year’s scholarship. It will be incredibly helpful in paying for my education at the University of Northern Iowa.

Evan Voogd – Thank you for your generous scholarship. I will be attending the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis this fall to study Computer Science, with minors in Leadership, Political Science and Management.

Ryan Sand – I am grateful to be a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I will be attending Iowa State University this fall as a freshman and I will be majoring in software engineering.

Drake Smith – I just wanted to thank the Masons of Iowa for awarding me this scholarship. I’m really looking forward to what’s in store for me at the University of Iowa.

Peyton Pangburn – I am truly grateful, honored, and humbled to receive this scholarship. I was informed of the opportunity by Gerald Bakken, a member of our local Masonic Lodge and a long time friend. My grandparents were very active members, and when I was younger I began going with them to help at the annual turkey dinner fundraiser that the lodge put on in November. I have taken great comfort to continue this tradition throughout high school since their passing. The men and women of the Masonic Lodge have always been like my own family.

Ethan Messamaker – Thanks to your scholarship and support I will be able to attend Central College. After college I plan to become an engineer at 3M or Vermeer and use my degree to its potential.

Emma Kizer – I want to thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. I greatly appreciate your contribution to help me achieve my educational goals.

Be Proud, Masons of Iowa! Be Very Proud!
By John M. Klaus



"I promise and swear that I will help, aid, and assist all poor, distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans." "Take, eat, and give to the hungry."

It doesn't stop at the Lodge Room door. We Freemasons expect ourselves and each other, insofar as we can, to help humans in need on this fragile globe. Regardless of our personal religious beliefs, we follow the admonitions in the

Sermon on the Mount, and know we must help the sick, visit prisoners, mourn with those who mourn, give drink to those who thirst. We need to be meek and poor in spirit, prepared to help others as readily as ourselves.

We swear to feed the hungry.

We Iowans are a proud lot, and we are private. If we need help, we are hesitant to ask our neighbors for fear of interrupting their lives. We are proud of our self-sufficiency, proud to stand tall and take care of our own. Whispers of the pioneer spirit, transmitted by those who came before us in this place, can be heard in the summer's breeze and the winter's blast: "Be strong, Persevere. Be inventive, Provide for yourself and your family. Care for those around you, for they will not ask when they are in need. Work hard, Be kind, Be fair, Be honest, Be generous, Believe in God."

For the first 85 years of European settlement in this beautiful place, that philosophy served well: through the establishment of farms and settlements and towns, through a Civil War, through political disagreements, through economic upheavals, through the arrival of roads and railroads.

It did not, however, prepare anyone for the arrival of the Spanish Influenza in 1918, almost exactly coincident with the end of the First World War. Between 1918 and 1920 people sickened and many died. Businesses disappeared. Small towns simply were no more. Then came a brief period of relative well-being, crushed by the Great Depression of 1929. For nearly 20 years, things were far from normal, and this included a Second World War. Many of us have experienced the ensuing 70 years or so, or our parents or grandparents did.

Through all of this, from the earliest settlers until today, Freemasonry has been a part of the rich fabric we know as Iowa. Only seldom has our Gentle Craft been in the spotlight, but it has been there, across the length and breadth of our State, always working for the good of all Iowa citizens.

Then came 2020 and another dreadful pandemic. People sicken, and many die. Businesses disappeared. Small towns are threatened. Within 2,500 yards of almost anywhere in urban Iowa are people who go to bed hungry every night and wake up every morning hungry. Distances may be longer in rural areas, but hunger is as present. As this vicious plague we call COVID-19 has spread across our State it has brought in its train far more than an awful illness. People who held jobs, sometimes for decades, are no longer employed. Their savings diminished, parents skip meals so that their children have food. The house payment, the car payment, the rent are due, and there is no more money. There may be help from the government, but the government is notoriously fickle.

Everyone in Iowa knows someone who's hungry, even if specific identities are hidden. Food banks run out of provisions as soon as they arrive, and money for more is in short supply. Religious and charitable groups seek to feed the hungry but are at their wits' end to supply the increased need.

The Masons of Iowa are here, too, doing what we've always promised to do.

Early in the summer of 2020 two Iowa Masons decided they could not sit idly by while others were in need. They determined to raise \$100,000 to help feed Iowans. There would be no overhead: every penny would reach the goal. The Grand Lodge Charity Fund would handle the project. The Food Banks of Iowa, with facilities in every corner of our State, were to be beneficiaries, and funds distributed on a per-capita basis according to the population served by each location.

The Grand Master and the Grand Charity Fund agreed enthusiastically. Soon the Scottish Rite Foundation, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Grand Commandery were on board, with thousands of dollars in contributions. A number of individuals contributed generously, either publicly or anonymously. Many Iowa Lodges and Masons dug deep into their pockets to help fight hunger.

Within less than three months, the Masons of Iowa surpassed the goal of \$100,000, and soon every bit of that money will flow to the hungry among our friends and communities.

For anyone who thinks Freemasonry in Iowa is dead, or a bunch of secretive old men who get together now and then in musty meeting rooms, there's another think coming. For people who suspect we're some sort of dangerous cult, we'd suggest, with all respect, how very wrong they are. For those who think we seek to undermine religion, we'll happily introduce devout Brothers of every religion in our State. For those who think we harbor evil secrets, we'd humbly explain the difference between secrecy and privacy—and that what's private is not necessarily evil.

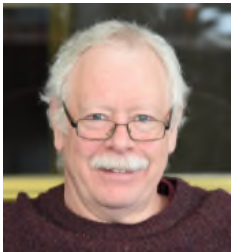
Yes, indeed! Iowa Masons are where they've always been for more than 175 years: in the midst of what is good and noble and generous and right in our State, and ready to provide help when help is needed.

Why do we do such things? Why do we seek the good of others?

We've promised ourselves, each other, and humankind that we'll do the right thing. We believe in promises kept. After all, it's who we are, and it's what we do. That's what Masonry is all about.

Walk proudly as a member of Iowa's Masonic family!

Artifacts Representing China and the Far East Recently Donated By William R. Kreuger

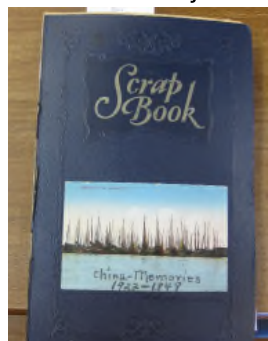


In mid-September 2020, Brother Dale Schmidt of Vinton Lodge No. 62 donated a collection of artifacts and materials that document the life of one of his relatives who worked in China from about 1922 to the late 1940s. Justine Granner, who was from Cedar Falls, worked as a missionary for the United Methodist Church in China before, during and after World War II. This is a very nice addition to the Grand Lodge collection of oriental artifacts.

The Grand Lodge had collected artifacts and materials from the Far East in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of the items can be seen in our General History Museum where they are exhibited. They include a folding screen from China, Japanese Samurai armor, and materials from the Philippines and Pacific Islands. Some were brought back as souvenirs by Masons and their families living in Iowa. Others were brought back by Iowa soldiers who participated in the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection.

The collection that was recently donated includes several pieces of artwork, kitchen and dining utensils, a Chinese lantern, and a scrapbook of photographs of Ms. Granner's time in China. The scrapbook is perhaps the most interesting item in the collection as it provides some context and realism to Ms. Granner's work as a missionary. The photographs (and captions) tell the story of her leaving Seattle, Washington on September 2, 1922 aboard the S.S. President Jackson and her arrival in Shanghai. The first portion of the book documents various places she visited, including Peking, the Great Wall and Nanking.

In Nanking, she includes a photograph of the Nanking University Language School that included a course for missionaries. Although not indicated, this is probably where missionaries learned to speak and write Chinese so they could communicate with the various people they served. She must have stayed in Meigs Hall, the women's dormitory for the language school during 1922-23. A couple of photos show the women who stayed in that dorm and is labeled "Meigs Hall Group, 1922-23



Many Missions represented.”

Other photos show a summer resort in Kuling, China where there was a tuberculosis sanitarium. A caption in this set of pictures reads, “Russian swimming pool, at one time Russian business men and their families owned summer homes on Kuling. The pool was open to others at certain times. I learned to swim (a bit) here.”

As the album goes on there are photos of where she worked in Hunan, China in the late 1920s and 1930s. It was in Hunan where she documents some destruction caused by Communists near where she was working. One photograph is captioned “My room – after Communist Party, Dec. 1935 Chenki, Hunan.” The pictures show lots of general destruction of property, with furniture and papers spread all over.

There are a series of photographs that document Chinese refugees that is simply titled “The War Years 1937-’45.” They show various group photographs of the Yuanling Refugee School, the Pushih Refugee School and a bath house for refugees. Unfortunately, one sad picture is labeled “Miss Chien principal of Tungjen Girls school, according to reports, executed by Communists in 1949-1950.” Later photographs show pictures of nurses and hospital staff in Hunan in the late 1940s.

Overall, this collection helps us to understand a bit about life in China during a very unsettling period in world history. This album is kept in our rare book vault and can be used or made available to those who might be interested in it for research.

Brother Wyatt Obrecht is Raised

Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin and the Grand Lodge Officers went to Parian Lodge No. 321 at Harlan to raise Brother Wyatt Obrecht. Fellowship was in abundance as the local and area brothers welcome the Grand Lodge Officers and enjoyed a supper at the Pizza Ranch.



Brother Tom Schumacher, Worshipful Master was in the East to open lodge and Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd made an outstanding conferral of the First Section with the assistance of several Grand Lodge Officers including Senior Grand Deacon Ian T. Decker as Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Heflin was received and introduced, and then he introduced the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers present. The Grand Lodge Officers then conferred the Second Section with Grand Master Heflin in the East. Junior Grand Deacon Allan L. Tedrow was Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Jason Delzell. The Bible presentation and lecture was given by Ian T. Decker. The Grand Master made presentations to the new Master Mason. Brother Obrecht spoke briefly expressing his appreciation for the Grand Lodge Officers being there.

The Grand Lodge Officers closed Parian Lodge with Deputy Grand Master Lloyd in the East.

Crescent Lodge No. 25

The Salvation Army of Cedar Rapids was delighted to receive a \$1,500 donation from one of our long-time supporters, the Crescent-Janko Masonic Foundation, for our youth programs.

We are honored to continue honoring the legacy of Mr. & Mrs. Janko, and their passion to help children, through our programs. This donation will allow us to continue offering our building space as an internet hub for local students, continue our Tuesday night youth activities, and so much more.

Pictured is Tom West (Crescent-Janko Masonic Foundation), Donnell Hoppes (The Salvation Army - Business Manager) and Captain Shawn DeBaar (The Salvation Army - Corps Officer).



Grand Master's One-Day Class

October 24, 2020 was a perfect day for the Grand Master's One-Day Class at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The day started off with registration of 75 candidates. Darrell G. Fremont, Deputy Grand Secretary, Monte L. Harris, William R. Dayton and Ronald J. Mullenger handled the registration. The Custodians of the Work: Neil R. Paulsen, Past Senior Grand Warden, Terry E. Osborne, Grand Master, and Loren C. Stein, Past Junior Grand Warden held a review for the Guides for the One-Day Class.

The Opening Ceremonies were held in the auditorium with Wade E. Sheeler, Past Senior Grand Warden and Chairman of the Class presiding. Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin brought greetings to the class.



The First Degree got underway with the members of Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 in West Des Moines conferring the degree. Richard "Dutch" Koch Jr. gave the Prologue. Troy D. Christine was in the East for the Conferral. David Mc Clusky served as Senior Deacon. Brother Don Brown and David Montgomery gave the Explanatory Lecture. Bill Post gave the Charge. After the First Degree there was a short break for coffee and doughnuts provided by Altoona Chapter Order of DeMolay.

The Second Degree team was made up of members of the 2019-2020 Grand Lodge Officers.

The Prologue was given by Richard "Dutch" Koch Jr. Richard L. Humphrey, Past Senior Grand Warden was in the East for the degree. Guy J. Mc Causland, former Senior Grand Deacon was Senior Deacon in the First Section. In the Second Section A. Lyle Miller, Past Junior Grand Warden gave the Geometry Lecture and William R. Crawford, Past Grand Master served as Senior Deacon and gave the Stair Lecture. Richard L. Humphrey gave the Charge of the Degree. After the Second Degree everyone enjoyed a chicken breast lunch with all of the fixings provided by the Iowa York Rite Bodies.



The First Section of the Third Degree team was made up of members from the 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officers. Richard "Dutch" Koch Jr. gave the Prologue. John D. Lloyd, Deputy Grand Master was in the East for the First Section and Ian T. Decker was Senior Deacon. The Second Section was conferred by the Grand Lodge Officers with Dennis R. Heflin in the East. Junior Grand Deacon Allan L. Tedrow was Senior Deacon. Jason W. Delzell gave the Charge. Legacy Lodge No. 678 was closed with Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd in the East.

It was a great day for Masonry in Iowa. Thank you to the Des Moines Scottish Rite, Iowa Scottish Rite Foundation and all of the committees, and ritualists for their time and effort for making this a great event. To our new Brother's "WELCOME."



Multi-Lodge Brotherhood Event at Historic Hal Colliver Farm



During these challenging times of COVID-19, the Hawkeye Study Group lodges created a safe and alternative outdoor event to gather off-site for much needed fellowship. The legendary Hal Colliver Farm at West Chester, Iowa offered the perfect venue and featured several acres of nostalgic highway signs, a substantial historic gas pump collection and barns full of well-displayed antique farm implements. On September 26, 2020 approximately 30 members and family

from a small handful of lodges came together for a picture-perfect afternoon of fellowship. Hal Colliver, Washington Lodge No 26 and Shriner, was a most gracious host and welcomed guests who traveled from as far as Storm Lake, Harlan, Oskaloosa, Prairie City and Wapello. Special guests include Most Worshipful Grand Master Denny Heflin, Jason Delzell, Grand Marshall, Randy Crampton, Grand Tyler, Marvin Kendall, Past Senior Grand Steward and Steve Lippard, Mayor of West Chester. A



pork-loin meal was prepared and served safely and individually by Brother Michael

Carl, Farmers Lodge No. 168 of Kinross. The event continued well into the evening when all the old filling station signs lit up the darkened skyline, to the delight of the attendees.

The Hawkeye Study Group lodges have been meeting monthly since 2012 and includes Canopy Lodge No 290, Oxford, Stellapolis Lodge No. 391, Williamsburg, Fellowship Lodge No. 549, Sharon Center and Farmers Lodge No. 168, Kinross.

Fellowship Lodge Named to Iowa's Most Endangered List

We all know too well how much ongoing maintenance and tender loving care goes into on old building, whether it is a house, a heritage barn, or a lodge hall.

Fellowship Lodge No. 549, Sharon Center, Johnson County, Iowa, has been meeting in an historic 2-story, frame schoolhouse since 1918. Originally built in 1899, the lodge occupied the 2nd floor in 1918 and the school and lodge shared the building through the early 1930s, when a new school was built, which is now long gone. The grand old schoolhouse and lodge hall has continued to serve as a meeting place for the community and events for many years. In February, the building was placed on Preservation Iowa's Most Endangered Properties List for 2020. It is one of the few 2-story, wooden-framed schoolhouses left in the state, a relic of a bygone era. Then in March, with the annual thaw and a heavy spring rain, a portion of the foundation collapsed. The building had to be shored up and stabilized, and gutters and soffit replaced to address the immediate source of the problem.



A longer-range planning effort is underway to determine the future of the building. The lodge Building Committee and a small group of community members has met with engineers, contractors, and county and state preservation commissions to determine resources and craft an appropriate course of action. This could include an entirely new foundation, soil and drainage modifications, and accessibility upgrades. During a site assessment, some original architectural features were uncovered, such as a set of palladium windows boarded up and covered over by siding. Between these elements and some early class photographs from the school, we have a fairly good idea of its original appearance in 1899, which has sparked further interest in some restoration efforts. Today's costs of completing the essential work alone will far exceed the original cost of constructing the entire building. With a vision of preserving this historic landmark for future generations, the lodge has a monumental task ahead.

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Grand Master's One Day Class

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Des Moines Scottish Rite Center

519 Park Street

Des Moines, Iowa

Registration Deadline April 2, 2021

\$100.00 Registration Fee

**APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATE TO PARTICIPATE IN
A GRAND MASTER'S ONE DAY CLASS**
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Section A:Date: _____
Mo. Day YearName of Candidate _____
First Middle LastMailing Address _____, Iowa _____ - _____
P.O. Box or Street Address City Zip Code Plus 4Lodge _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa.
Name City

Birth Date _____ e-mail _____

Phone No. _____ Occupation _____

I _____, respectfully submit this application to participate in the Grand
Candidate's SignatureMaster's One Day Class to be held at _____, Iowa, on _____
Mo. Day Year

**Section B - This section must be completed only if the Candidate has been Initiated or Passed.
(If no degrees have been conferred, please skip this Section)**

Initiated on _____ in _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa
Mo. Day Year Lodge CityPassed on _____ in _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa
Mo. Day Year Lodge City

If the previous degrees were conferred by any other lodge than the lodge completing this application, or a lodge that has consolidated with your lodge, please show the date the Brother was elected into your lodge for Advancement and Membership: _____
Mo. Day Year

Section C - This Section must be completed for all One Day Class Candidates

Date of Election to Membership _____
Mo. Day Year

All membership fees have been paid in full by the candidate.

Signed: _____ Lodge _____ No. _____
Secretary

*The Grand Master's One-Day Class fee **shall** accompany this Application.*

Section D - You must submit a Guide for your Candidate

Name of Guide (Required): _____ Lodge _____ No. _____

The above information has been verified by the Office of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Secretary

(This form **must be completed in full and received** in the Office of the Grand Secretary by the posted deadline prior to attending a Grand Master's One-Day Class.)

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10-14-2020

Grand Master Golf Outing May 21, 2021



The 2021 Grand Master's Golf Outing will be held on May 21, 2021 at the beautiful Atlantic Golf and Country Club in Atlantic, Iowa. The Atlantic Golf and Country Club is an 18 Hole Championship Course chartered in 1914. It is the home of the Tournament of Champions held annually in August and is host to Club Champions from around the State of Iowa. It also features a swimming pool, dining room, bar and additional rooms for meetings of almost any size.

This year the proceeds will go to support not only the Grand Master's Project but also the First Lady's Project. We have set a goal of raising \$10,000. We are hoping to get 36 teams (that's the maximum) and 80 sponsors. There will be the typical games and contests, longest putt, straightest drive and the favorite putting contest.

We are also planning to have activities for the non-golfers as well.

The Grand Masters theme this year Because I Am A Mason, Light... More Light...Further Light... A Masons Journey. To go along with his

theme, he is raising funds for the interior LED Lighting in the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums, one of the premier Masonic Library's in the world.

The First Lady's project is Puppy Jake. Their mission: Puppy Jake Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping military veterans through the assistance of well bred, socialized and professionally trained service dogs.

Founded in 2013, 19 dogs have been placed with around 30 dogs currently in the training process. These dogs assist with:

- PTSD: assist with personal space (non-guarding), pressure therapy, interrupt flashbacks, navigate crowds
- Mobility: turn on/off lights, open/close doors and drawers, pick up items, retrieve items

We are hoping to have a program on Puppy Jake at the golf outing.

Please put the date on your calendar, golfers and non-golfers like, to support the Grand Master and his Lady for these two wonderful programs.

Grand Master's Lady Program

As the Grand Master's lady, my project for this Grand Lodge year is in support of service dogs for military veterans through the Puppy Jake Foundation (PJF). PJF is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing professionally trained service dogs to wounded military veterans.

These dogs are trained to assist with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and mobility impairments. The service dogs act as a barrier (to provide a larger personal space), interrupt flashbacks, and navigate crowds for those suffering from PTSD. For mobility impairments, the service dogs turn on/off lights, open/close doors and drawers, and pickup and retrieve items as needed.

The design of my lapel pin is an oval shape with crossed hands with a dog's paw on top. The theme on the border edge is "When you needed a hand, I gave you my paw." This pin is available from all Grand Lodge officers and their ladies. All proceeds will go to the PJF. Plans are also being made to invite the PJF and some of the dogs in training to the Grand Master's golf outing on May 21, 2021.



Thank you in advance for your support.

Linda Heflin



2021 Grand Masters Golf Outing

**All proceeds to go to the
Iowa Masonic Library and Museum Lighting project
and Puppy Jake Foundation**

Join us: This golf event will be a scramble. There are openings for (36) 4-person teams. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis. To reserve your spot-advance payment is requested. Please make all checks payable to the Grand lodge of Iowa.



When: Friday, May 21, 2021
Where: Atlantic Golf and Country Club
102 W 29th St

Atlantic, Iowa 50022

Pre-registration \$280 per team

Day of the Event \$320 per team

Includes:

Green Fees 18 Hole Course, Carts,

Lunch and Mulligans

Schedule

8:00 am-9:00 Registration

9:00 am Shotgun Start

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1	Burlington	Bachtell, Darrell E.	297	Avoca	Hanson, Milton L.
8	Mount Pleasant	Mitchell, Michael M.	299	Perry	Burk, Irwin J.
11	Tipton	Martens, Larry A.	312	Spencer	Cretsinger, Lyle E.
15	Fairfield	Fincher, Kenneth D.	312	Spencer	Conover IV, Cornelius B.
15	Fairfield	Edgerton, Harley	386	Greenfield	Cummins, Charles D.
21	Agency	McBeth, Robert L.	535	Lone Tree	Werbach, Donald K.
25	Cedar Rapids	Zinser, George R.	538	Renwick	Stanford, Stephen D.
26	Washington	Steele, Michael R.	548	Hiawatha	Zinser, George R.
59	Newton	Olson, Val D.	555	Prescott	Polson, Lyle E.
77	Osceola	Jones, Larry D.	592	Des Moines	McAndrews, Donald L.
93	Clinton	Vande Kamp, Gary D.	592	Des Moines	Thomas, Charles R.
95	West Liberty	Conrey, James J.	615	Sioux City	Lindblom, Richard W.
95	West Liberty	Lawrence, Ronald K.	632	Des Moines	Cocks, James W.
100	Clinton	Lind, Weston K.	633	Windsor Heights	Le Cocq, Rex M.
131	Janesville	Burkhardt, Lyle A.	639	Cedar Rapids	Wilson, R. Gregory
179	Mount Ayr	Hopkey, Larry E.	639	Cedar Rapids	Browning, DeWayne W.
182	Sigourney	Fritchen, Roger L.	649	Mason City	Paulson, Robert D.
192	Iowa Falls	Taylor, John R.	654	Des Moines	Dickey, Claude G.
205	Algona	Ingebritson, Wendell D	657	Des Moines	Lambert, Gary M.
208	Davenport	Glover, Richard E.	664	Bettendorf	Kimler, William E.
273	Grinnell	Noel, William A.			