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Pillars of the Library

The three principal officers in a Lodge are represented by three columns representing Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. These columns correspond with three orders of architecture revered by Masons. They are Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian. There should be Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support, and Beauty to adorn all important undertakings. With that in mind, I propose that we contrive a plan to support a fund to adorn that magnificent edifice we all own in Cedar Rapids, the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums.

My proposal is a three-year plan dedicated to raising money to perpetuate the upkeep of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum Building. My goal is to raise \$500,000.00 a year for each of the next 3 years. I am asking 500 members of the Craft or Lodges as a whole to each donate \$1000.00 per year to the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Endowment Fund. As a gift for your generous contribution, you will receive a column representing one of the original orders of architecture. The first year you will receive a Doric column followed by an Ionic and Corinthian. The Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Endowment Fund is a 501(c)(3) corporation so your gift is completely tax deductible.

I hope that you wish to participate in this program. We have a premier Library and Museum, but it requires a substantial amount of funding for upkeep and repair. All you need to do is send your check for \$1000.00 to the Grand Secretary's office designated to IMLMBEF. This program is purely voluntary, but think of the enormity of the situation. Don't let the lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, or just plain apathy let our Library "fall in utter ruin". Please give generously and help insure the future of our Iowa Masonic heritage.



Grand Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

Let's Try Masonry

When I petitioned Lodge 45 years ago I had no idea of where I was going or what lay ahead of me in Masonry. My time was spent learning Ritual on my own and working degrees in neighboring Lodges, never venturing too far from my home Lodge. It was at a local study group in Gilman that a conversation with Brother Alfred L. Jensen started me on the path to learning the Ritual correctly and this in turn opened my eyes to a whole new world. I passed my Masonic Instructor Exam and Most Worshipful Brother-elect Ralph A. Livermore asked me to serve as one of his officers in 1997-98. My journey did not stop there as I was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden in 2001-02 to serve with my Mentor Most Worshipful Brother Alfred Jensen. Two years later Most Worshipful Brother Jensen appointed me to take his position on the Board of Custodians of the Work. Now I thought my Masonic career was complete. This was the greatest honor that I thought was possible and I was convinced that my purpose was to assist in preserving the Ritual in its most correct form. I have a respect for the Ritual and enjoy working with the Brethren of this Fraternity.

I was truly humbled when Most Worshipful Brother Charles D. Yates asked me to be his Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference. I do not take the job lightly and will serve the Craft of Iowa with Fidelity. I thank the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction for putting their confidence in me by electing me to this High Station.

My theme this year is "Let's Try Masonry". It will focus on one main premise, "The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God". We are all Brothers who "Meet on the Level, Act by the Plumb, and Part upon the Square". From the time we signed our petition, stood at the door of the Lodge to receive our first lesson, knelt in the center of the Lodge to pray, and took our obligations at the altar, we are taught that God should be in our thoughts and actions in all we do and say. Ritual is that part of Masonry which brings this together and contains all the lessons and tenets which should characterize our daily lives.

We don't have to reinvent the wheel. We have programs in place to accomplish the education of all Masons: The Passport to Light

The Masonic Enlightenment Course

The Academy of Knowledge

The Regional School System

The Local Study Groups

And most importantly, the individual Mason who will give of his time to work with a Brother, old and new, who has the desire to learn.

I look forward to serving you as Grand Master this year and again thank you for the privilege of having been elected to this revered station.

Fraternally and respectfully,



Arthur G. Crandon

Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



2016 Secretaries Conferences

Date	Lodge	Address	City	Time
Tues. Jan. 5	Astor No. 505	15 1/2 S. Clinton St	Albia	1:00 pm
Thurs. Jan. 7	Brubaker No. 675	511 Vet. Mem. PKW	Davenport	6:30 pm
Tues. Jan. 12	West Union No. 69	132 S Vine St	Guttenberg	6:30 pm
Thurs. Jan. 14	Gnemeth No. 577	218 1/2 5th St	W.D.M.	6:30 pm
Sat. Jan. 16	Abiff No. 347	121 W 2nd St	Sutherland	10:00 am
Mon. Jan. 18	Bluff City No. 71	130 1/2 S 6th St	Council Bluffs	6:30 pm
Tues. Jan. 19	Osceola No. 77	100 S Park St	Osceola	6:30 pm
Wed. Jan. 20	Alpine No. 471	118 N Main St	Holstein	6:30 pm
Thur. Jan. 21	Morning Star No. 264	120 N Wilson Ave	Jefferson	6:30 pm
Mon. Jan. 25	Bethel No. 319	356 State St	Garner	6:30 pm
Tues. Jan. 26	Iowa Masonic Library	813 First Ave SE	Cedar Rapids	6:30 pm
Thurs. Jan. 28	Good Faith No. 235	112 S Locust St	Winfield	6:30 pm

Brothers,

You are invited to attend the Secretaries' Conferences scheduled for the above dates. All Master Masons are invited to attend as these Conferences will contain a lot of useful information for you and your lodge. Discussion topics will include changes that are taking place in Iowa Masonry, use of the Masonic Code, duties of the secretary, looking to the future, as well as answering questions. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

Craig L. Davis

Craig L Davis, P.G.M.

Grand Secretary

Board of Custodians Regional Schools 2016

Date	Lodge	Address	Start time
Wenesday, March 9	Marion Lodge No. 6	684 10th Street, Marion	9:00 AM
Thursday, March 10	Star Lodge No. 115	233 South State Street, Madrid	9:00 AM
Friday, April 1	Waterloo Lodge No. 105	607 Bishop Avenue, Waterloo	5:30 PM
Saturday, April 2	Early Morning Lodge No. 672	2412 Grant Street, Bettendorf	9:00 AM
Thursday, April 21	Canopy Lodge No. 290	110 Main Street, Oxford	9:00 AM
Friday, April 22	Home Lodge No. 370	5201 Maple Drive, Pleasant Hill	9:00 AM
Friday, May 13	Parian Lodge No. 321	706 1/2 Durant Street, Harlan	5:30 PM
Saturday, May 14	Morningside Lodge No. 615	4110 Morningside Ave, Sioux City	9:00 AM
Wednesday, June 8	Chariton Lodge No. 63	835 Armory Ave, Chariton	5:30 PM
Thursday June 9	Powesheik Lodge No. 174	Highway 63, Malcom	9:00 AM
Saturday, August 27	Adel Lodge No. 80	411 S 12th Street, Adel	9:00 AM
Monday, September 5	Ottumwa Lodge 16	611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa	9:00 AM
Thursday, September 15	Grand Lodge School	1200 Collins Road, Cedar Rapids	8:00 AM

Brethren,

The lessons of Masonry are contained in the ritual and we have an obligation to present those lessons to the new Mason in the most impressive manner possible. We show that correct form in regional schools are open to all Masons who desire to learn it.

Terry E. Osborne

Terry E. Osborne,

Chairman of the Custodians of the Work

"LIGHT"

171st Annual Communication in Sioux City



Grand Master Charles D. Yates addresses the attendees at the Grand Master's Banquet

Grand Master Charles D. Yates traveled the State of Iowa and beyond spreading his theme for the year "LIGHT". The year concluded with the 171st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the Sioux City Convention Center in Sioux City on September 17-19.

Grand Lodge School of Instruction

The Annual Grand lodge School of Instruction was held with two MI-DL Schools and one Craft School under the direction of the Board of Custodians on Thursday, September 17. The 24 departed District Lecturers and Masonic Instructors were included in the Necrology Service during the Friday morning session.

Thursday Night Program

The Grand Master's Fellowship Banquet began with the introduction of Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies by Master of Ceremonies Brother Guy H. Posey. Grand Chaplain Richard L. Bowersox gave the invocation. Sioux City Mayor Robert Scott welcomed the Mason's and wished them a successful session. Deputy Grand Master



Mayor Scott welcomes the delegates and their ladies to Sioux City

A. Lyle Miller gave the response to the Mayor. Masonic Youth Leaders brought greetings from

their organizations. Grand Worthy Advisor Jessica Beatty, Past Honored Queen Lisa Hauser and State Master Councilor Nic Myers spoke on behalf of Rainbow, Job's Daughters and DeMolay respectively. Worthy Grand Matron Lynn Tague and Worthy Grand Patron Phillip Corwin brought greetings from the Order of the Eastern Star, Gary Shaulis from the Royal Order of Amaranth also brought greetings. Grand Master Charles D. Yates made a special donation to Lynn Posey and the Orphan and Injured Wildlife Program.



Grand Master Yates makes a presentation to Lynn Posey for Orphaned and Injured Animals

World renowned Steinway pianist, Jim McDonough, provided the entertainment for the evening.



James Mc Donough entertains at the Grand Master's Banquet

Business of the Grand Lodge

Grand Master Charles D. Yates opened the 171st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa on Friday, September 18 at 8:30 A.M. The Grand Master gave his report to the Craft in addition to the other reports that were given throughout the morning session. Grand Chaplain Richard L. Bowersox conducted the Necrology Service remembering those Past Grand Lodge Officers, District Lecturers and Masonic Instructors who had died during the 2014-2015 year. Several visiting dignitaries were given the opportunity to bring greetings to the Craft.

Election of the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Officers was the first order of business after lunch. The Grand Master's Award was given to Great Lights Lodge No. 181 at Decorah, Worshipful Master Michael D. Hutton.

The 12 lodges that earned the Lodge of the year Award were recognized with Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 at West Des Moines receiving the Gold Award; Osceola Lodge No. 77 at Osceola receiving the Silver Award; and Home Lodge No. 370 in Pleasant Hill receiving the Bronze Award.



Grand Master Yates, Worshipful Master Troy Christine, Worshipful Master Ronald Harper, Worshipful Master Mathias McMillan

32 Lodges were recognized as recipients of the Plus One Award and Farmers Lodge No. 168 at Kinross was recognized as the lodge with the largest net gain. The 7 Master Builder Award and 15 Ashlar Award recipients were recognized with Brother David Chobar of Morningside Lodge No. 615 at Sioux City being named New Mason of the Year. Grand Design Awards for websites were presented; (Gold) to Mosaic Lodge No. 125 at Dubuque, (Silver) to Brubaker Lodge No. 675 at Davenport and (Bronze) to Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 at Manilla. The Social Media Awards for Facebook pages were presented; (Gold) to Brubaker Lodge No. 675 at Davenport, (Silver) to Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 at West Des Moines and (Bronze) to King David Lodge No. 407 at Altoona. At the conclusion of Friday's Session the Masons and their Ladies were entertained by Brother Patrick Craddock, who gave a talk about Masonic Aprons.

All Masonic Banquet and Public Installation

The All-Masonic Banquet was held on Friday evening, with the winners of the silent auction items being announced.

The 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Officers were installed with Dennis M. Zahrt, P.G.M. as installing Grand Master; Charles D. Yates, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Marshal; Grand Marshal David

M. Dryer as Assistant Installing Grand Marshal; F. Walter Buffon, P.S.G.W. as Installing Grand Chaplain; Kenneth A. Hurmence, P.G.T. as Installing Grand Secretary; and John M. Klaus, Past Grand Treasurer as Installing Musician.

The 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Officers Installed were:



Grand Master Yates conducts Grand Master elect Crandon for Installation

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon – Gilman
Senior Grand Warden A.J. Brown – Bloomfield
Junior Grand Warden Theodore C. Wiley – Mount Pleasant

Grand Treasurer William K. Paisley – Omaha, NE
Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis – Cedar Rapids
Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont – Des Moines

Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes – Runnells
Deputy Grand Secretary Tim S. Anderson – Cedar Rapids

Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody – Ankeny
Senior Grand Deacon John D. Lloyd – Osceola
Junior Grand Deacon Michael C. Ryan – Tiffin
Senior Grand Steward Kenneth G. Tendal – Sioux City

Junior Grand Steward Sean I. Morgan – Plymouth
Grand Tyler Keith R. Voss – Centerville

Grand Musician Jeremy W. Owens – Sioux City
A reception was held after the Installation for the newly installed Grand Lodge Officers by Past Grand Master Charles D. Yates and his Lady Donna.

Saturday morning began with a breakfast sponsored by the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:00 A.M. with the first order of business being the Craft approving the 2015-2016 Budget. The proposed Amendment to the Iowa Masonic Code found on pages 68 and 69 of the Preliminary Agenda dealing with a Per Capita increase and 50 year exemption was split into individual proposals and voted on separately.

The proposed amendment to raise the per capita from \$35.00 a year to \$50.00 a year passed 338 in favor, 63 opposed and 3 scattered.

The proposed restoration of the 50 year dues failed 183 in favor, 221 opposed and 5 scattered.

The proposed increase to raise the per capita from \$35.00 to \$40.00 was withdrawn.

The proposal to do away with One-Day Classes, be able to do business in all three degrees, return to the posting lecture failed 144 in favor, 262 opposed, 2 scattered.

The proposal to freeze 50 year membership dues failed by show of hands 0 in favor and all opposed.

The proposal to Amend the Constitution to eliminate One-Day Classes was withdrawn. An invitation to meet in Cedar Rapids for the 172nd Annual Communication was accepted.

Grand lodge closed at 11:15 A.M.

Cory Lund Raised in Iowa City Lodge No. 4

Brother Cory Lund was raised on August 1, 2015 in Iowa City Lodge No. 4 at Iowa City during a Grand Lodge Third Degree and Reception with Grand Master Charles D. Yates and the Grand Lodge Officers. Brother Kevin R. Smith prepared and served a wonderful Brunch for all present. Lodge was opened by Worshipful Master



Grand Master Yates and Brother Cory Lund

Ryan Reid. Ryan stayed in the East and did a wonderful job conferring the first section of the Third Degree, Kevin Nelson was the Senior Deacon. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received with Kevin R. Smith and Jason A. Wolcott serving as committeemen. Grand Master Yates was received with Jason A. Wolcott and Kevin R. Smith serving as committeemen. Grand Master Yates was in the East for the Second Section and Senior Grand Deacon Mark Cline was Senior Deacon. Grand Treasurer Lane H. Shaver gave the charge. Brother Lund thanked everyone for being there and being part of this special occasion. Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller was in the East to close lodge.

DeMolay Thank You!

Brothers of Iowa Grand Lodge,



Thank you for your recent donation towards the Frank S. Land Pillars of Charity. Your generosity directly impacts DeMolay's vision; to grow values-driven leaders who create positive change in the world. None of this would be possible without you! Fraternally,

Michael C. Russell

Brother Shawn Kieran is Raised

East Gate Lodge No. 630 at Des Moines received a dispensation to move its Charter to the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine in Altoona for the purpose of a Grand Lodge reception and Third Degree on October 5.

Worshipful Master William Morris opened lodge and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree on Brother Shawn Kieran. Following an outstanding conferral, the lodge went to refreshment so that all could partake in a pasta dinner prepared by the Kitchen Crew.



The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were

Steve Green, William Morris, Shawn Kieran, Grand Master Crandon

received and introduced after labor was resumed. Brothers John Grinstead and Gene Hatfield were committeemen. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was received and introduced with Brothers Gene Hatfield and Larry Dillion as Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section with Grand Master Crandon in the East. Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody gave the Charge. Grand Master Crandon presented the new Master

Mason with his lapel pin and a set of his very own Working Tools. Steve Green Illustrious Potentate presented Shawn with his White Leather Apron. Brother Kieran expressed his appreciation for the support of all present during his current journey in Masonry.



Pictured are Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Potentae Steve Green with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon

Potentate Green introduced members of the Za-Ga-Zig Divan and thanked everyone for attending. Grand Commander Gene Hatfield was introduced and brought greetings on behalf of the Commandery. Bryce Hildreth Master of Kadosh brought greeting on behalf of the Des Moines Scottish Rite and invited everyone to attend the upcoming reunion dedicated to John Japhet and Alfred L. Jensen.

Grand Master Crandon spoke briefly about his program. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont in the East.

Cass Lodge No. 412 By Secretary Kim Kemp

2015 has been a busy year at Cass Lodge No. 412 in Griswold with Worshipful Master Doug Eckles overseeing the activities. The ever popular Presidents Day Fish Fry held in February was well attended as weather allowed Brethren and their guests to travel here. One thousand dollars from the 2014 Corn Boil organized and run by Cass Lodge was donated to the local fire department to be used as the Kick-off fund towards the future Fire and Rescue Building in Griswold. A spaghetti supper fundraiser for scholarship funds was held in April in addition to our fall pancake breakfast (the Lodge Recipe). Also of special note, one of the two scholarship recipients also received a Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship.

David G. Cook Raised in Star Lodge No. 115

The members of Star Lodge No. 115 held an Informal Third Degree with the Grand Lodge Officers present for Brother David Cook. Brothers

Lane Shaver, Kurtis Kruse and Keith Kudej prepared a phenomenal meal prior to the degree. Brother Brian Ahrens was in the East for the First Section and Fred Erickson was Senior Deacon. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon in the East and Senior Grand Warden A.J. Brown as Senior Deacon. Lane Shaver gave the Charge. The Grand Master presented Brother Cook with his White Leather Apron and several other items. Brother Cook gave a heartfelt thank you to the craft that assisted him on his raising to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Fremont Lodge No. 616 is 100 Years Old

Grand Master Frank S. Moses granted Fremont Lodge a dispensation on September 1, 1915 in Stanwood, Iowa. Albert W. Jackson was installed Worshipful Master, Edwin W. Gardner as Senior Warden and William C. Jackson as Junior Warden. The Lodge met on the Second Thursday Evening of each month. Fremont Lodge was granted a Charter on June 14, 1916. To assist in commemorating this 100 year



The corn of nourishment, wine of refreshment and the oil of joy

milestone, Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Stanwood to conduct a Rededication Ceremony for Fremont Lodge No. 616.

The event was held on September 26, 2015 at the



Grand Master Crandon, Worshipful Master Eby and Rex Idlewine

Lodge in Stanwood. Worshipful Master Adam B. Eby gave the welcome and then invited Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers to rededicate Fremont Lodge, Secretary Rex Idlewine served as Orator and gave a brief history of the Lodge. Following the Ceremony, Masons and their ladies moved to the Methodist Church down the street for an excellent soup sandwich luncheon with homemade pie.

Grand Cross of Honor



Past Grand Treasurer Shane A. Harshbarger received the Scottish Rite Grand Cross of Honor at the 2015 Biennial Session of the Ancient and Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction Supreme Council. The Grand Cross is the highest honor for a 33rd degree Mason. Brother Harshbarger joins Senator Charles Grassley as the only Iowa Masons to currently hold this honor.

Clothe-A-Child

By Jim Arnold

October marked the 18th year for Clothe-A-Child in Cedar Rapids. Over 120 volunteers from Marion and Cedar Rapids Masonic Lodges, friends, co-workers, and the community gathered at Lindale Mall on October 24th. The volunteers joyfully helped 114 children shop for new coats and clothes



at Sears then shoes and boots at Payless Shoes. After a morning of shopping everyone departed with wide smiles. Clothe-A-Child is delighted to have the generous support of eastern Iowa Masons, the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Sears, Payless Shoes, Lindale Mall, area schools, and community members.

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312

By Steve Waller

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 accepts generous financial contribution from Bayou Fellowship Lodge No. 484 & Hugh Daspit Lodge No. 301 & Anite City Lodge No. 175; cities of Galliano, La; St Martinville, La Amite, La supporting Classroom Collections Project in Spencer during August 2015 for back to school for kids. L-R Virgil Blanchard Jr, E.A. receiving donation P.M. Travis Stouffer, Evening Shade, Farrell Lafont, P.M., Mike Bales M.M.



Our Brothers from Louisiana were in Northwest Iowa assisting with Avian flu outbreak and were able to find time to assist with "Classroom for Kids". Evening Shade and City of Spencer appreciated their efforts.

James Robinson 50 Years

By Secretary Kim Kemp

On June 15, several members of Cass Lodge No. 412 in Griswold met with John Robinson in Atlantic for a 50 Year presentation to his son James who lives in Texas. Rarely does a 50 Year member present his son with this honor. John is a 73 Year member (since 1942). James resides in Texas and recently returned to Iowa for this special event. Several other 50 Year Members were present for the evening, Walt Buffon, Tray Batt, Burt Conn, and John's brother Leo, as well as other members of Cass Lodge and James's wife Pam.



John Robison and his son James Robinson

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon Reception

On October 10, Masons from across the state gathered in Marshalltown to Honor Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon. Marshall Lodge No. 108 hosted a reception in his honor at the Elmwood Country Club. The afternoon began with a social hour with meat and cheese and fresh fruit.



Grand Master Arthur Crandon addresses the reception attendees

The Masons traveled across town to the Masonic Temple where Worshipful Master Samuel Eddy opened Marshall Lodge and received the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers and the Grand Master. The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Donald Lynk and Gary Paul as committeemen.

Brothers Wendall D. Leonard and Loren C. Stein were committeemen for Grand Master Crandon. Grand Master Crandon spoke briefly on his program and proceeded to close Marshall Lodge with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers.

The ladies enjoyed entertainment by the Marshalltown Men's Chorus while the Masons were in lodge.

The Masons, their ladies and guests moved to the Ballroom for the Banquet. Brother Roger Bauder was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes gave the invocation prior to dinner. Roast pork was on the menu for the evening.

Following introductions Grand Master Crandon made a special presentation to Marshalltown Community College for their Scholarship Fund. The Grand Master also thanked many present for their support and friendship over his many years of Masonry. After several presentations were made Grand Chaplain Altes gave the Benediction.



Grand Master Crandon giving a donation Carol Geil, Executive Director of the Marshalltown Community College Foundation



2015-16 Grand Lodge Officers

Front Row Left to Right: Darrell G. Fremont, William K. Paisley, A.J. Brown, Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon, Theodore C. Wiley, Craig L. Davis, Russell D. Altes

Back Row Left to Right: Keith R. Voss, Sean I. Morgan, Jeremy W. Owens, John D. Lloyd, Harvey N. Woody, Michael C. Ryan, Tim S. Anderson, Kenneth G. Tendal

Meet Your Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon



Brother Crandon was born on March 7, 1950, at Grinnell. His family moved to Gilman later that year, where he graduated from SEMCO High School in 1968. He continued his education at Iowa State University. He married Peggy Jean Macy on July 20, 1973 in Bangor. He started farming in 1971 and retired in 2010.

Brother Crandon is Past Master of Cyrus Lodge No.338 at Gilman where he received his Masonic degrees in 1971-1972, being raised on January 5. He served the Fraternity as Senior Grand Steward in 1997-1998, Junior Grand Warden in 2001-2002, Custodian of the Work 2004-Present, member of the Credentials Committee, Visitors Committee, Chairman of Division and Reference in 2014-2015.

His York Rite Membership is at Signet Chapter No. 38 R.A.M., King Solomon Council No. 20, R.&S.M., St. Aldemar Commandery No. 30, he has served as Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander. He is currently a member

of the Des Moines Scottish Rite.

Other Masonic affiliations include, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Iowa York Rite College No.37, Royal Order of Scotland, High 12, Red Cross of Constantine, South Central M.I.-D.L. Club, Iowa Past Commanders association. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3067.

Senior Grand Warden A.J. Brown

Brother Brown was born in Bloomfield on August 9, 1980, and is a resident of Bloomfield. He graduated from Davis County High School in 1999 and attended Indian Hills Community College graduating in 2001. Brother A.J. and his lady Christine have been married for 10 years. They have one son Taylor, and 4 daughters: Tiana, Maren, Sydney and London. They are members of the Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Brother A.J. has worked as a Real Estate agent in the family business at Davis County Realtors for many years. He has served on the Main Street Streetscape committee, youth soccer coach, t-ball coach and is a member of the Bloomfield Young Professionals Group.

Brother Brown, received his three symbolic degrees of Masonry in Ottumwa Lodge No. 16 at Ottumwa. He was Initiated on June 19, 2007; Passed on July 17, 2007; and Raised on August 13, 2007. He served as Master in 2013, he also belongs to Woodrow Morris Lodge No. 680. Brother A.J. served the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Deacon in 2010-2011, and is currently a member of the Lodge Service Committee, and serves on the Speaker's Bureau.

His other affiliations include: the Des Moines Scottish Rite and Rose Chapter No 552 Order of Eastern Star in Ottumwa. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3157.



Junior Grand Warden Theodore C. Wiley

Brother Wiley was born on November 11, 1970, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he currently lives. Brother Ted graduated from Mount Pleasant Community High School, and attended the University of Northern Iowa. He is the President of Jean C. Wiley and Sons Inc. Building Contractors. He is



serving as the President and Chairman of Education Committee of the Southeast Iowa Builders Association, Construction Trades Advisory Panel at Southeastern Community College, Trustee of the Enhance Henry County Foundation, President of the Mount Pleasant Noon Rotary, and serves on the following Boards; Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Pleasant Area Business Recruitment, Mount Pleasant Airport Advisory Board and Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility (Citizens Advisory Committee.) He also finds time and is active in the First Presbyterian Church as a Session Elder, Deacon, Building and Grounds Chairman and Mission Committee Chairman. Ted married Paula Wiley on May 16, 1998 in Burlington and they have a daughter Piper.

Brother Ted received his symbolic degrees of Masonry at Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8 in Mount Pleasant. He was initiated on December 6, 2000; Passed on January 17, 2001; and Raised on March 21, 2001. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 2006 and 2013. His service to Iowa Masonry includes serving as Junior Grand Deacon in 2008-2009; a member of the Ad-Hoc Technology Committee, Lodge Service Committee and Trustee of the Grand Charity Funds.

Other Masonic affiliations include the Davenport Consistory. He holds District Lecturers Certificate No. 3049.

Grand Treasurer William K. Paisley

Brother Paisley was born in Dubuque on July 22, 1948, and graduated from Dubuque Senior High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Iowa State University, and Harvard Graduate School of Business Program for Management Development (PMD). Brother Bill married Donyce in Alexander Iowa on June 2, 1973 and they have two children Eric and Kaylan. Brother Bill lives in Omaha, Nebraska. He retired from Union Pacific after 30 years in the accounting and finance area finishing his career as Vice President – Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Nexterna, a subsidiary.

Brother Bill is a member of the Accounting Department Executive Advisory Council at Iowa State. He attends Christ Community Church.

Brother Paisley received his symbolic degrees of Masonry in Mosaic Lodge No. 125 at Dubuque, being Initiated on December 22, 1969, Passed on March 2, 1970, and Raised on April 4, 1970. He was raised by Grand Master Harold Phelps at a reception for R. Harry Muellich Junior Grand Warden that year.

Other Masonic Affiliations include the Des Moines Scottish Rite where he received his K.C.C.H. in 2013. Bill belongs to the York Rite Bodies in Allentown, Pennsylvania; Jordan Chapter No. 203 R.A.M., Allen Council No. 23 R. & S. M., and Beauceant Commandery No. 94 K.T.. He has been honored by the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Iowa with the Adult Leadership Award. He is a member of Iowa York Rite College No. 37, Green Council No. 93 Knight Masons, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Brother Bill spent most of his life working with DeMolay. He was initiated in 1965 to Allen Chapter, Dubuque; served as Master Councilor in 1967 earning the Meritorious Service Award; received the degree of Chevalier in 1968; and served as State Master Councilor in 1969-1970. He has served on State Staff from 1971-1991 and again 1997-2007, he served as Executive Officer 2007-2014. DeMolay International elected him to receive the Legion of Honor in 1980; a Deputy Member in 1989 and an Active Member in 1994. He was I.S.C. Member of the Year in 2000. He is a trustee of the DeMolay Foundation serving as Chairman of the Development Committee.



Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont

Brother Fremont was born in Waterloo on September 25, 1952 and graduated from Cedar Falls High School. He received his Associates of Arts at Hawkeye Community College and his B.A and M.A from the University of Northern Iowa. Brother Darrell and his lady Ann were married on December 31, 1999 in Key Largo, Florida. They have two daughters, Allison Dyer, Keira Stinson and two boys Bryce Fremont and Kyle Schultz. Brother Darrell has spent most of his life working in Information Technology and is currently employed by the State of Iowa as the Chief Information Officer.



Darrell is a member of the Lutheran Church of Hope, Des Moines Campus and is the Association Manager of the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association. Darrell has worn the Purple of the fraternity as Senior Grand Steward in 2010-2011. He served on the Technology Committee from 2011 to the present and has served as Chairman of that Committee for several years. He has served as Master of Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid, 2008, 2009, and Operative Lodge No. 308 in Polk City in 2012. He Joined the Des Moines Scottish Rite in 2010 and has been active in the degrees. His York Rite Membership is in Des Moines. He is a member of York Rite College No. 37 and is a Life member of Black Hawk Chapter Order of DeMolay in Cedar Falls. He holds District

Lecturer's Certificate No. 3162.

NEXT GENERATION

Membership Roundtable

Help uncover ways to **Retain** current members and **Attract Next Generation Masons**

Be a part of the solution!

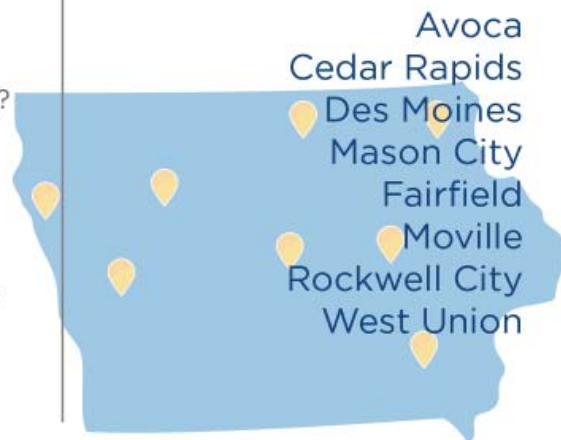
Dialogue will include:

- **Why** should someone become a mason?
- How do we leverage **social media** and **community events**?
- What's important to various demographics?
- How can we make it easier?
- How do we engage **Millenials** as well as **Gen X & Y**?
- How do we answer "What's in it for me?"

FEBRUARY 6, 2016

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Being held at 8 locations throughout the state:



TOP 10 REASONS



TO BECOME A

MASON

- 1 A place where you can confidently trust every person and trust your family with them also.
- 2 A place where, within moral and civil guidelines; free thought, free speaking and the spiritual growth of man, can grow into its fullest potential.
- 3 A place to meet outstanding individuals from all walks of life, that a person would not otherwise have had the opportunity to know and call brother.
- 4 A place to be a part of an organization which has for its principal tenets - **Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth.**
- 5 A place that provides self-development opportunities, leadership training and experience, and to improve public speaking skills.
- 6 A place you can go to seek support as well as give it.
- 7 A place where moral virtues are taught and through these teachings a regular reinforcement of the moral virtues is experienced.
- 8 A place to spend time with a group of brothers, who by acting as good men, make me want to become a better man. Not better than others, but better than I would have otherwise been.
- 9 A place to become better equipped to serve Church & community.
- 10 A place to meet with established members of the community and to become a part of the community.

Past Master's Night at Newton

Newton Lodge No. 59 held its annual Past Master's Night on November 5. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited for a Reception and Third Degree. Newton Lodge No. 59 did courtesy work for Fullmoon Lodge No. 561 in Melbourne for Brother Adam Winkowitsch and raised him to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Following social time, the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Jerry Hannagan Sr. opened lodge. Past Masters conferred the First Section with Anthony Oxley in the East and Brother James White as Senior Deacon. Worshipful Master Hannagan introduced the Past Masters and thanked them for their service to the lodge and to the Fraternity. The Masons then moved to the dining room for a dinner that was prepared and served by members of Newton Chapter No.100, O.E.S.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Edison Sharp Jr. and Gary Pearson as Committeemen. Grand Master Crandon was received and introduced with Brothers Wade Sheeler and Edison Sharp Jr. as Committeemen.



The Grand Master was in the East for the Second Section. Grand Tyler Keith R. Voss gave the Charge. Grand Master Crandon presented his lapel pin and other items to Brother. Secretary Sheeler presented the new Master Mason with the Holy Bible and other items. Brother Winkowitsch thanked everyone for being part of this special night.

Grand Master Crandon spoke on his theme "Let's Try Masonry". Grand Lodge Officers then closed Newton Lodge with Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont in the East.

PROFANE:

A profane is one "who is outside the temple." In other words, a man not initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Hope Lodge Celebrates 150 Years

To commemorate 150 Years, Hope Lodge No. 175 invited Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers to Belle Plaine to Rededicate Hope Lodge No. 175.

On February 17, 1865 Grand Master Edward A. Guilbert granted dispensation to Hope Lodge in Belle Plaine Iowa. W.C. Smith was installed Worshipful Master, L.A. Wilcox Senior Warden and E. W. Stocks Junior Warden. Hope Lodge was granted a Charter on June 7, 1865.



The event was held on September 26, 2015 at the Lodge in Belle Plaine. Kenneth Robinson, Secretary of the Lodge welcomed everyone to the lodge and invited Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers to Rededicate Hope Lodge. Roy Schulze was the Orator and gave a history of the Lodge. Following the Ceremony everyone enjoyed snacks in the dining room.

King David Lodge Presents 50-Year Certificate By Secretary Don Sardeson

Worshipful Master Cody Kesling of King David Lodge No. 407 Altoona had the pleasure of presenting Brother John W. Adamson with his 50-Year Certificate on February 16. Brother John was Raised in Pioneer Lodge No. 22 on December 5, 1964, and affiliated with King David Lodge on December 12, 2012. Pictured from left to right are 2nd and 1st Line Petition for Affiliation signers Worshipful Brothers Jeremy and Craig Long, Brother John Adamson, and Worshipful Master Cody Kesling. Congratulations to Brother John and all 50-Year Members.



Iowa Hosts Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges

Iowa was privileged to host the annual Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges on August 14-16 at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel in Cedar Rapids. The following Jurisdictions participated in the conference: Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, South Dakota, North Dakota, Manitoba, Minnesota, Nebraska, Indiana and Kansas. Seven of the eleven Grand Masters along with many of their Grand lodge Officers attended. About half of the Masons brought their ladies with them.



The Conference began with a Banquet in the Parlor Ballroom. The Entertainment for the evening was a quartet from the Harmony Hawks.

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George Harrison (Iowa) – Optional Mentoring; Robert Conley (Michigan) – Strategic Planning; Earl Washburn (Vermont) – Masonic Model Student Assistance Program; David Eyman (Iowa) - Candidate investigation; Dave Eyman (Iowa), Tracy Bloom (Kansas), Adam Fedler (North Dakota), Dennis Rix (Nebraska) Background Checks Panel Discussion; John Klaus (Iowa) – Masonic Light; Tim Anderson (Iowa) – Grand Lodge Libraries

Each jurisdiction reported on the various events and activities that are taking place. There was great discussion about all of the topics discussed.

While the men held their meetings, Nancy Davis and Deb Anderson took the ladies to the Czech Slovak Museum in the morning and in the afternoon they went to Lindale Mall for a little shopping excursion.

One of the highlights of the conference were large and small guided group tours of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums. Next year the Conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Brother Travis A. Mullenger Raised

Veritas Lodge No. 392 in Audubon hosted a Grand Lodge Third Degree Reception on November 4, 2015, where Brother Travis Mullenger was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Past Grand Marshal Bill Post was in the East for the conferral of the First Section and Dennis R. Heflin was Senior Deacon. Following the First Section a wonderful meal was served by the Lodge Eastern Star Chapter.

The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with David Best and Duane Avery as Committeeman. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was introduced and received with David Best and Duane Avery as Committeeman. Grand Master Crandon was in the East for the Second Section



and Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was Senior Deacon. Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody gave the charge. The Grand Master presented Brother Travis with his pin and a set of his very own Working Tools. Brother Mullenger, thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree work. Grand Master Crandon spoke briefly about his program for the year. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont presiding.

2016
ALL IOWA MASONIC GOLF OUTING!!!
Friday – July 29th / Marshalltown, 11:30am Shot Gun Start, 4-Person Best Shot



Grand Master Arthur Crandon would like to have everyone enjoy a wonderful day of fellowship
and brotherly love on the course.

RSVP TO: Marshall Lodge No. 108 26 S 1st Ave
Ste 500, Marshalltown, IA 50158-5033

The American Legion Golf Course is located at:

301 S 6th Street, Marshalltown

4 - Person Best Shot Event

11:30am Shot Gun Start

Limited field, don't delay – FULL @ 144 Golfers
\$ 75.00 Per Person

Includes: Golf, Cart, Range Balls, Box Lunch &
Bottled Water

4 Flights, Flight Prizes, Longest Drive, Longest
Put, Mulligans for Sale, Raffle Tickets, Hole
Sponsors, Cash Bar, Awards & Social after
Golf....

18 - Hole Sponsors / Look for the Signs at each
Tee! Hole in One Sponsor

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Foursome / Group: _____

To Reserve Your Spot - Advance payment is
requested,

Make checks payable to: Marshall Lodge No. 108
\$ 75.00 - Per Person

All proceeds from the golf outing will be donated to:

"Camp Courageous" and the "Wolf Ranch Life Enrichment Center"

Please save the date! Friday, July 29th

"Thank you to Josh Hoglan and the American Legion Golf Course Staff"

Don't miss this opportunity to spend a great day spent with iowa mason's and their ladies.

Keosauqua Lodge No. 10 Parade

This year Keosauqua Lodge No. 10 participated in the Villages of Van Buren Scenic Drive Festival by entering a float in the annual parade. The float was designed as a miniature lodge room with Worshipful Master Gary Griffiths in the Oriental Chair, and Brothers Rex Syfert Treasurer in the West, Ken Hornbaker Secretary in the South,



Nathan Graham in the Senior Deacons position, Virgil Morris in the Junior Deacons position, and Ashley Huff as Tyler. Brother Nate Philips Junior Deacon drove his restored John Deer 530 tractor to pull the float. A good time was had by all, and eight buckets of candy were quickly distributed to the children along the parade route.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony Mitchell County Courthouse Osage, Iowa

In Osage, the Mitchell County Courthouse stands tall and proud after a slow start in the 1800's. There was a lot of discussion in the 1800's as to the location of the courthouse. Many thought it should be in the town of Mitchell, but the residents of Osage built a courthouse and that ended the discussion. Brother Ben Mayer and Jeremy Myers went to the quarry in Mitchell County and selected a stone that would become the cornerstone of the new courthouse.



"This native stone reflects the pride, strength and beauty of Mitchell County much like each resident here today does" said Jeremy Myers the Orator for the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony that was held on September 12, 2015.

Grand Master Charles D. Yates opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form in Osage Lodge No. 102 at Osage at 10:00 A.M. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal David M. Dryer led a review of the procession.

Several Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery led the procession under the direction of Grand Marshal David M. Dryer.

Grand Master Yates and the Grand Lodge Officers then conducted the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. The following local brethren assisted: Brian Jones carried the Great Lights; Mark Johnson the Book of Constitutions; David Wetherell, Paul Erickson, and William Moss served as Bearers of the Corn, Wine, and Oil; James Moody, Bradley Weber, and Jack Demuth as Bearers of the Red, white, and Blue candles. Verle Deal Sr. the Architect of the Building. Rick Lague was the Flag Bearer and John Klaus was the Bugler.



Brother Jeremy Myers was the Orator and thanked the various government officials for the opportunity to have the Grand Lodge of Iowa preform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony.

The Masons returned to the Lodge where the Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form at 12:10 P.M. with Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller presiding.

COMMUNICATION:

Masonically, communication is the name given to a meeting; a lodge or Grand Lodge meets in a stated, special, regular, business, emergent, and occasional communications. It is the use of the word in its ancient sense of sharing thought, actions, and friendship in common.

REFRESHMENT:

Refreshment refers to food or drink, and may include a time of recreation. Masonically, refreshment refers to those periods in which an open lodge is not at labor.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony Clear Creek Elementary School Tiffin, Iowa

Clear Creek Elementary School was constructed in Tiffin. The new building will be home to students from Clear Creek, Amana and Tiffin. A Cornerstone Laying Ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of the building on August 1.



At 1:00 P.M., Grand Master Charles D. Yates opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form in the New School Building

in Tiffin. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Past Grand Marshal George J. Harrison led the procession practice. Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery led the procession under the direction of the Grand Marshal at 2:00 P.M. Grand Master Yates and the Grand Lodge Officers then conducted the Ceremony. The following brethren assisted: Dana Roggentine and Bruce Dolder, Bearer of the Great lights and Book of Constitutions; Harvey N. Woody, Mike Ryan, and William K. Paisley, Bearers of the Corn, Wine and Oil; Bob Tandy, R.C. Eichacker, and Andrew Carr, Bearers of the Red, White and Blue Candles; Marty Van Ausdall Flag Bearer; and James Bartels, Architect.

Mike Ryan served as the Orator, and talked about Masonry and its importance in the history of our Great Country. Clear Creek Amana Superintendent of Schools Tim Keuhl and Principal Dan Dvorak thanked the community for the bond referendum to pay for the new school, the School Board for their support and the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the Cornerstone Ceremony.



Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller at 3:00 P.M.

After the Cornerstone Ceremony, Masons moved over to Kent State Park and enjoyed a wonderful Roast Beef Dinner catered by Hy-Vee.

State Master Councilor James Jacobs Raised

Members of Brubaker Lodge No. 675 hosted a Third Degree and Reception of the Grand Lodge Officers on July 31, 2015 in Davenport. Brother and State Master Councilor of Iowa DeMolay James Jacobs was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Social hour started at 4:00 P.M. with goodies provided by the members of the lodge.

Brubaker Lodge was opened with Brother Robert Myers III Worshipful Master and Senior DeMolay in the East. Past Grand Treasurer Shane A Harshbarger was in the East for the conferral of the First Section and Senior DeMolay Kevin R. Smith was Senior Deacon. The entire First Section was made up of DeMolay's or Senior DeMolay's. Following the first section the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Dennis M. Zahrt P.G.M. and Dennis R. Soebbing as Committeemen. Grand Master Charles D. Yates was received and introduced with Brothers Dennis M. Zahrt P.G.M. and Dennis Soebbing



as Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section with Grand Master Yates in the East. Grand Chaplain Richard L. Bowersox gave the charge. The Grand Master presented the new Master Mason with his pin for the year and Brother Jacobs thanked everyone for being there and how special the night had been for him. Lodge was closed by A. Lyle Miller Deputy Grand Master in the East assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers.

**Thank You
Rick Schupbach**

Thank You for the wonderful evening. I feel Blessed to have been honored as the 2015 Masonic Lodge Teacher of the Year. I am excited to present my school with the checks to be used to enhance Education opportunities for our students. Please pass on my appreciation.

Emerald Lodge No. 334 Picnic

By David Hoy

August 2nd 2015, Grundy Center Emerald Lodge No. 334 grilled a meal for the Vacation Bible School Picnic in Grundy Center. The masons grilled 200 hamburgers and 100 hotdogs to feed



over 250 people. Special thanks to Montague Lodge No. 117 in Eldora for lending us the use of their grill. The grilling was hot and the Sunday afternoon temperatures were in the 80's. We had a great time sitting in the shade enjoying a meal with the community. Ice cream was served for dessert that went over quite well. Emerald



Lodge has grilled dinner for the Vacation Bible School for the last 7 years. It is a great way for us to interact with the community and bring the light of Masonry to the community.

Scholarship Thank Yous

Jeffrey Middlebrook – I would like to thank you for the MCEC Technical Scholarship of \$2,500 that I received. I really appreciate receiving this scholarship, it will help with tuition, books and tools. I will be attending Indian Hills Community College this fall and I am enrolled in the Auto Collision Technology Program.

MYSTIC TIE:

Masonically, the "mystic tie" symbolizes the bond of brotherhood.

Scholarship Thank Yous

Madison Leader – Thank you all so very much for choosing me to be one of your scholarship recipients! The money has already made a huge impact on my college career and was used to make my first payment at Northwest Missouri State University! Without all of you, this wouldn't have been possible. I am so grateful for the opportunity you have given me. I could never say "thank you" enough times. I can't wait to share the rest of my journey with you.

Nicholas Lee – I would like to personally thank you for supporting students entering into college, and also for the scholarship selection committee for taking the time to select scholarship winners. My scholarship was already tremendously assisted in paying for a variety of college expenses!

Sarah Frey – I am writing to thank you for your generous Mark Earl and Ester Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. I was thrilled to learn I had been selected to receive one of the 10 awards. Equally I was honored to have Mr. Bob Pedrick from Celestial Lodge No. 413 present the award during our senior award ceremony.

As I mentioned in my application, I am pursuing a technical degree in Interactive and Social Media Marketing at SCC in West Burlington. I am moving onto campus this Saturday morning. In addition I have made application to become an SCC ambassador and will begin a part-time job in September at Brown's Shoe Fit Co. After graduation in 2017 I plan to continue my education at the University of Northern Iowa. Thanks to you I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me this scholarship you have greatly lightened the financial burden of my first year of college. I hope to one day inspire and help students to reach their goals just as you have helped me.

Brenna Baker – Thank you so much for the scholarship! I greatly appreciate it and it will help me pay for my books this fall!

Tyler Townsend – Thank you for the Grand Lodge Scholarship. I recently started my Ag Business Classes at DMACC and enjoy learning more as I pursue my degree. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

Addie McKee – I would like to express my gratitude to you and all of the members of the Grand lodge of Iowa for making the Grand lodge of Iowa Scholarship possible. I am so thankful to be a recipient of your scholarship. I am honored and always will be. You have given me so many opportunities with this scholarship. I am in my first semester at Iowa State University studying

Psychology and I absolutely love it. The classes are so wonderful and so educational. All of the clubs and organizations are amazing as well. There are so many outlets available here to further my education and I am excited to do so. Because of this scholarship I am able to follow my dreams – along with other students. It is truly amazing that you are able to help so many. I am so lucky to be part of this wonderful opportunity. Thank you to all of those who made this scholarship possible. I will be forever thankful.

One Year Later By Anna Johnson

I am not sure if any of you will remember me, but I am the girl who without shame shed a tear last year when I held an incredible piece of American history here in your archives... a letter written by Abraham Lincoln, a very important inspiration of mine.



*2014 picture of
Anna Johnson*

My name is Anna Johnson and I am one of the students who received one of the Grand Lodge's \$2,000 scholarships in 2014. After graduating high school in 2014, I attended Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and just finished my first year. It was everything I had hoped it would be, full of new opportunities, friends and me figuring out a career path I am seriously interested in, public relations. While at school this last year, I stumbled upon a yard sale and found this Life Magazine and thought the library here should have it. It is insufficient in thanking the Grand Lodge for peace of mind as I pay for school, but consider it a small token. Thank you all for extreme generosity and for seeing such great value in education and acting upon preserving it.

2014 Scholarship Winner Melanie Stoss



*2014 picture of
Melanie Stoss*

I just finished my first year at Iowa State University in the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I have not changed my pursued major of Chemistry. Second semester I officially added "Spanish" to my curriculum as a second major, in which I hope to become fluent someday.

I was a part of the First Year Honors Program at Iowa State, and will continue to be part of the regular Honors Program in the coming years. Every freshman in the Honors Program takes an introductory class taught by sophomores to help students get accustomed to college life and learn

about networking, the countless resources on campus, and the Honors Program's benefits and requirements. I will be one of the sophomores – along with a co-leader – teaching one of those sections during the fall semester.

I was recently accepted to study abroad during the Spring 2016 semester. The program I am planning on doing is in Carceres, Spain. I will be living with a host family, and I hope that my speech becomes much more natural and smooth during my time there. That particular semester will be dedicated to pursuing the Spanish portion of my education. I am also an active member at a local church in Ames, which is Saint Thomas Aquinas. I was a member of small groups this past year, which I plan to continue throughout my time here at Iowa State. I also participated in Thursday Night Liturgy, which is daily mass that is more directed toward college students in terms of homilies being more relevant at this time in our lives.

This summer, I am living in Ames and working in a chemistry lab full time. During this past fall I took Chemistry 201, which is designed for freshman who already had AP Chemistry but want a little review before continuing on. During the lab portion, we had the opportunity to do research and choose what variables we wanted to change; I am working with the same professor this summer. The goal of the research is to reduce carbon dioxide to hydrocarbons that can be easily utilized, both to create the useful hydrocarbons and try to reduce the carbon dioxide in the air in the hopes of slowing global warming caused by emissions. It is definitely a different experience being in a lab full time instead of being outside detasseling or working at the local pool, but it is good to get a taste of what I could possibly be doing for my career.

Freshman year went fast, and I am sure the coming years will be no different. Thank you for all of your support and help that made these opportunities for me in the past year possible. I truly appreciate what you have done for me and other students during this time of transition in our lives.

2016 Scholarship Applications Available

This year the Grand Lodge of Iowa will award 60 scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 to graduating seniors of Iowa Public High Schools who plan to pursue a college degree and 10 scholarships in the amount of \$2,500.00 to graduating seniors of Iowa Public High Schools who plan to pursue further education in a community college or trade school. You can download the scholarship applications on the Grand Lodge web site at: <http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/grand-lodge/awards/> or contact the Grand Lodge office for further information.

Grand Master Area Meetings

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon with the assistance of Brother Tim S. Anderson, Deputy Grand Secretary, members of the Lodge Service Committee and Iowa Masonic Library Museums Building Endowment Fund directors facilitated a series of 12 Grand Master Area Meetings in October and November across the state. The meetings began with Grand Master Crandon sharing his program "Let's Try Masonry" emphasizing his three "Rs" **R**ecruitment, **R**etention and **R**itual. Members of the Lodge



service Committee talked about the revised "Master's and Wardens Handbook", and the Awards Programs (Lodge of the Year, Plus One, Two to Grow, Ashlar, Master Builder, and Golden Trowel). These are great tools for the local lodges to use when planning for the upcoming year. The members of the IMLMBEF talked about and showed a video showcasing the Grand Lodge Library and Museums and the need to raise funds for the maintainance and the upkeep of this wonderful building. Grand Master Crandon also talked about his fund-raising efforts this year: Pin sales, Mailing Label program

and Pillars of the Library. The funds raised from pin sales and the label program will be used for Iowa Masonic Youth groups and to fund projects needed at the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums. Funds raised by the Pillars Program will go to the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Fund. There will also be a golf outing in July in Marshalltown to raise funds for Camp Courageous and the Wolf Ranch Life Enrichment Center.

At the meeting in Manilla Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Neil Paulsen with his District Lecturer's Certificate.

At the meeting in Fairfield Grand Master Crandon was pleased to receive a check in the amount of \$10,200.00 from Gary Griffiths the Worshipful Master of Keosauqua Lodge No. 10. The members of the lodge had voted to donate \$200.00 for each of their 51 members to the Grand Master's "Pillars Project and challenged all Iowa Lodges to do the same.



Pictured are: William Carter, Marvin Boecker, Gary Griffiths, Nathan Philips, Virgil Carter and Grand Master Art Crandon

A big thank you to the Lodges at Webster City, Algona, Cherokee, Indianola, Marshalltown, Springville, Red Oak, Manilla, Waverly, Oxford, Dewitt, and Fairfield for hosting the meetings and to all the brethren for attending.



Neil Paulsen and Grand Master Art Crandon



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East: June 25, 2016

West: January 30, 2016

Session Location:

Grand Lodge of Iowa
813 First Avenue SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Signet Lodge No. 264
2002 N US Highway 71
Carroll, IA

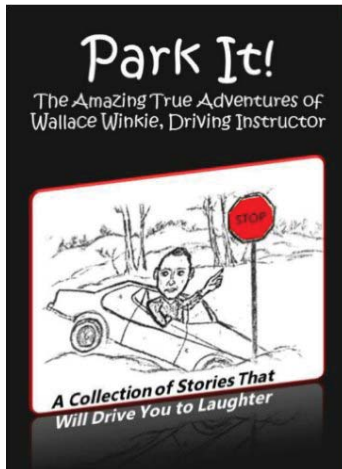
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Park It! Exhibit at Iowa Masonic Library and Museums

By Bill Kreuger

On Monday March 21, 2016, the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums will open a new exhibit entitled "Park It! : the Amazing True Adventures of Wallace Winkie, Driving Instructor." This is a traveling exhibit that is making its way around the state of Iowa. It will be at the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums until the end of the year.



Wallace (Wink) Winkie was a driving instructor for the Belle Plaine School District from 1953-1982. After his death in 2013, many of his former students wrote down their memories and stories they remembered about him. Many of them were humorous and were often passed from person to person during his almost 30 year career at Belle Plaine Junior and Senior High School. Those memories were gathered into a book, entitled Park It! which was published in 2013. Additionally, many of the illustrations and stories from the book were used to create a traveling exhibit. The exhibit has most recently been at the Iowa Transportation Museum in Grinnell and at the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum in Knoxville, Iowa.

The inspiration for the book and exhibit came as a result of the 50th reunion of the Belle Plaine High School class of 1959. Classmates began collecting the stories they had heard and remembered over the years. These were presented to Mrs. Beverly Winkie so she could put them into a book. With the aid of family and volunteers from the community of Belle Plaine that helped to collect the stories from former students and colleagues. The book and exhibit have become a celebration of the teaching profession.

Besides having been a driving instructor for nearly 30 years, Wallace Winkie was also a 50 year Iowa Mason. He had been a member of Hope Lodge No. 175 in Belle Plaine, Iowa.

Moravia Public School Cornerstone Laying Ceremony

Moravia Public School was remodeled in Moravia. The building will be home to students from the Moravia School District. A Cornerstone Laying Ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of the building on September 25.

At 12:30 P.M., Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form in the School Building in Moravia. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody led the procession practice. Grand Marshal Woody led the procession at 1:30 P.M.

Grand Master Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers then conducted the Ceremony. The following brethren assisted: Dennis Pearson and Conley Glanz, Bearer of the Great lights and Book of Constitutions; Mike Coulter, Harold Rowley, and Chris Spencer, Bearers of the Corn, Wine and Oil;



Rex Wilbrenner, Dennis Kelley, and Randy Bronson, Bearers of the Red, White and Blue Candles; Curg McCoy Flag Bearer; and Rob Campbell, Architect. The Bugler was Ellie Wenger a Senior from Moravia High School.

Monte McCoy served as the Orator, and talked about Masonry and all the work the community put into making the new addition a reality.

Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont at 3:00 P.M.

Legends of Iowa Masonry
Lane Shaver, Public Relations Committee

Do you have a “Legendary” member in your Lodge? One of those brothers who is always there for your Lodge and its members. Someone who is always ready to help out in the community in any way possible. One of those unsung heroes who is an exemplary Mason.

If so, we want to honor him at next year’s Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in Cedar Rapids. All you have to do is send in a picture of this brother and write a short summary of what makes him a “Legend of your Lodge”. Include his name, address, and Lodge name and number in your response. Please send these to the Grand Secretary’s office at: P.O. Box 279, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0279 or email to: grandsecretary@gl-iowa.org.



2011 Legend
Gunnar Young Star Lodge No. 115 Madrid



2011 Legend
Laurance Bishop Faith Lodge
No.179 Mount Ayr



2011 Legend
Larry Christ West Gate Adelpic Lodge No.
509 Windsor Heights

The Public Relations Committee will have a display at Grand Lodge recognizing these Iowa Masonic Legends.

On The Level Coffee Club
Cedar Rapids
By Wayne Wunschel

You are invited to have coffee with brother Masons and listen to a speaker.

When: December 29, 2015 9:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M.

Where: Cedar Rapids Consistory banquet hall. No reservations required. We will socialize for approximately 30 minutes then listen to the speaker. The speaker on December 29, 2015 will be on retirement investments for those retired and those planning to retire.

Beverages will be Coffee and ice water: Donuts have been promised for December. No cost.

The club will not have memberships. Attendance is open to Masons in good standing but dues cards will not be checked. The format will be stand around or sit for coffee, sit for speaker. The purpose is to offer Masons, who are home during the morning, the opportunity to get to socialize with other Masons, and hear a speaker on a relevant topic.

We met on October 29, 2015 and the 9 brothers had a good time and were enlightened by the Grand Secretary, about the amount of volunteer work needed at the Grand Lodge Office and again on November 30 when Brad Kurtz spoke on “how you can make it easier on your family when you are ready to meet the Grand Architect of the Universe”.

Questions call Wayne Wunschel land line 373-1961, cell 401-556-9866, or wunschelwayne@aol.com.



Farmers Lodge No. 168

Farmers Lodge No. 168 received the 2015 Masonic Growth Award for "Growing Iowa Masonry" and increase in membership, from the Iowa Masonic Lodge Service Committee. Our Worshipful Master Lucas Snedigar proudly displays the award with the lodge membership at our November 2015 Stated Communication. Brother Lucas was elected



to serve as Worshipful Master for another year. He is widely regarded as a great brother, great deputy sheriff, and great leader. Farmers Lodge continues to focus inwardly on its path forward, local community development activities, Hawkeye Study Group, and having fun with the brothers.

Steven Kramer-Garrett First Degree Ashlar Lodge No. 111

On October 23 the Grand Lodge Officers traveled to Ashlar Lodge No. 111 in Fort Dodge to help out with a first degree on Steven Kramer-Garrett. Brother Dan Brown was in the East for the degree and Senior Grand Steward Kenneth G. Tendal was Senior Deacon. Senior Grand Deacon Michael C. Ryan gave the charge and Junior Grand Steward Sean I. Morgan and Grand Musician Jeremy W. Owens gave the Explanatory Lecture. There were five different Lodges represented at the degree besides the Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon spoke briefly about his program "Let's Try Masonry".



Big Night at Poweshiek Lodge No. 174

The sidelines were full to witness the raising of eighteen year old Austin Reedy. Austin is a fourth generation mason, preceded by his great grandfather Richard Cox, grandfather Junior Sharpe and his father Greg Reedy.



The Senior DeMolay's from Altoona conferred the first section of the third degree. Donald Sardeson was in the East, Loren Stein in the West, Marty Jacobs in the South, Bryce Hildreth was Senior Deacon, Denny Zahrt was Junior Deacon, Junior Sharp Senior Steward and Greg Reedy Junior Steward.

The Za Ga Zig Shrine Past Master's full form third degree team conferred the second section of the third degree. Austin's grandfather Junior Sharp was in the East and his father Greg helped raise him.



Austin joined Altoona DeMolay in 2009 and will be a senior at BGM this year. After graduation he will attend Iowa State University where he will major in Engineering.

Those in Photo 2 from Left to right: Greg Reedy, Austin Reedy, Junior Sharp and Worshipful Master Larry Ehrig.

JOPPA:

Joppa is a port on the Mediterranean Sea. In ancient times, it was the port of nearest access to Jerusalem.

Senior Grand Steward Kenneth G. Tendal and Grand Musician Jeremy W. Owens

Masons from across the state gathered together as the brothers of Landmark Lodge No. 103 and Morningside Lodge No. 615 at Sioux City and Attica Lodge No. 502 at Sloan honored a pair of hard-working brothers, Senior Grand Steward Kenneth G. Tendal and Grand Musician Jeremy W. Owens at Morningside Lodge No. 615. The social hour was held in the dining room prior to the reception.



Kenneth G. Tendal

The Masons then moved to the Lodge Room where Worshipful Master Brad Koenig opened Lodge. Brothers John Redeisel and C. Richard Miller were Committeemen to receive Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was introduced and received with Past Grand Master's Charles D. Yates and Jerry L. Levay as Committeemen. Senior Grand Steward Kenneth G. Tendal was introduced and received with Brother John Redeisel and



Jeremy W. Owens

Guy H. Posey as Committeemen. Grand Musician Owens was introduced and received with Brothers Daniel J. Priestley and C. Richard Miller as Committeemen. Grand Lodge Officers closed lodge with Senior Grand Steward Tendal in the East and Grand Musician Owens in the West. The ladies were entertained by Richard Poole.

The Masons rejoined their ladies for the banquet and program where Brother Guy H. Posey served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes gave the Invocation. A nice Slider Lunch was prepared by the Aggies Catering. Following the various introductions, each honoree spoke and expressed their thanks for the day and being selected to serve the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The reception was closed with the Benediction given by Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes.

Third Degree at Prairie City

The South Central MI-DL Club hosted its annual Grand Lodge reception and Third Degree on October 26 at Prairie City with Preston Lodge No. 218 as host lodge. Brother Varney Sackie of Operative Lodge No. 308 at Polk City was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Preston Lodge was opened with Worshipful Master Wade E. Sheeler in the East. Brother Marvin Kendall moved to the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Wade Sheeler was Senior



Deacon. Lodge was called to refreshment so that the Masons could join their ladies at the Prairie City United Methodist Church for the chili and oyster stew supper.

Following dinner, the Masons returned to the lodge hall where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and Introduced with Brothers Donald R. Sardeson and Richard Maynard as committeemen. Grand Master Arthur G. Candon was received and introduced with Brothers Past Grand Master D. Dean Johnson and George W. Robinson as committeemen. Grand Master Crandon was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section. Grand Tyler

Keith R. Voss gave the Charge. The Grand Master presented Brother Sackie with the lapel pin he had worn during the conferral along with a set of his own Working Tools and other Masonic materials. Worshipful Master Scott Nemmers thanked everyone for assisting in the ceremony.

The new Master Mason thanked everyone for traveling across the state to take part in his Third Degree.

The Grand Master spoke on his program Recruit, Retention and Ritual. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont in the East.

**Trojan Lodge No.548 Recognizes
Brother Maury Barnes
By David Kroeger**

On the evening of August 6, 2015 a dinner, hosted by Trojan Lodge No. 548, was held at the Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite in honor of Maury Barnes. Brother Maury was recognized for his many years of service, not only to Trojan Lodge but all Lodges in the Cedar Rapids community. He has been a District Lecturer for over 50 years and has been a participant in many brothers' degrees in area Lodges. Over 50 members and ladies attended this event. Brother Maury has moved to Minnesota to be closer to his daughters.



The photo shows Dave Kroeger Past Master of Trojan Lodge presenting Maury with a plaque honoring him for his life time of Masonic service. He has also been very active in his church.

**Spreading "Light"
By Timothy J. Felton**

On Thursday, July 9th, 2015 Brothers Tim Felton, Mike Hutton, Mike Root, and Steve Riley of Great Light Lodge No. 181 were invited to attend Clinton Lodge No. 15 located in Fairfield, Iowa Stated Meeting.

The Brothers of Great Lights Lodge No. 181 were invited by the Brothers of Clinton Lodge No. 15 to do a Night of Education on the Three Ruffians.

After an excellent dinner Lodge convened and the education presentation began. After a lively conversation Lodge closed with peace and harmony prevailing, the Brothers met and fellowship went into the night with a good time had by all.

I would like to thank the Brothers of Clinton Lodge No. 15 for their hospitality and my hat is off to Brother Francis Mosse for helping put this event together.



**Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595
By A. Lyle Miller**

The Brothers of Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 participated in the July 4th parade in Manilla.



Pictured above is a 1993 Chevy Pickup carrying the Masonic float. This float has been used in Manilla's Fourth of July parade and other parades throughout the area. The square, compass, and letter "G" are attached to electric motor which allows the sign to turn. The verbiage on the sign states: Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 and Freemasonry, The Fraternity that cares. Standing beside the pickup are, Brothers A. Lyle Miller and Jeff Chance.



The above sign was installed by the Brethren of Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 along the Main Highway coming into Manilla.

WORSHIPFUL:

It is from the Anglo-Saxon words "weorthe" meaning worth, and "scipe" meaning ship. Hence, it is a state of worthiness entitled to respect. This is a term of respect for the Master of a lodge.

RELIEF:

Masons have in their character the normal feeling that they wear born with of giving, helping, assisting, freely and gladly, which goes under the general name of charity; but Masons also have a special form of helping, aiding, and assisting which is called relief.

WORK:

It is labor; toil; a continued activity to produce. Masonically, it applies to that which is done in a lodge when not at refreshment.

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Snow Lodge No. 44 Recognize Police and Firefighters

By Larry Johnsen Worshipful Master

Snow Lodge No. 4 held a recognition night for the Police and Firefighters on Friday October 30th.



The evening began with a full dinner, followed by presentation of Certificates of Recognition and prayers for each vocation. Bob Scannell, Mayor of Le Claire, attended as well as the editor of the Chamber of Commerce newsletter who took pictures for use in an article she'll write concerning our recognition night. Good food, good friends and good publicity.

Farmers Lodge No.168 Courage Ride

The year 2015 marked the 10th Anniversary of the annual Courage Ride and Farmers Lodge No.168 has been involved almost from the start. This year Farmers Lodge again hosted the main lunch stop at North English, serving chicken and hamburgers, salads, watermelon, dessert and refreshments



to the nearly 400 riders who rode the long routes ranging from 59 miles to 110 miles through the Eastern Iowa countryside. This year the Courage Ride raised over \$50,000 for the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Sarcoma Research and Registry, and over \$300,000 to date. This is one of several volunteer philanthropy events the brothers of Farmers Lodge help organize each year, fundraising for another organization. Lodge members and families show up to work the day prior and day of the event and support the planning effort throughout the year.

Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Endowment Fund

The Iowa Masonic Library was started with the humble appropriation of five dollars from the Grand Lodge in 1845. The library grew without a home for 40 years, following the travels of Grand Secretary T. S. Parvin. Its first permanent home was a building constructed in Cedar Rapids in 1884. The library rapidly outgrew available space, requiring an annex to hold part of the collection. It became (and remains) one the premiere Masonic Libraries in the WORLD. Iowa Masons should be extremely proud of their accomplishment in creating this world renowned collection.

Recognizing the need for larger (and safer) accommodations, the Grand Lodge completed construction of a new building on the same site in 1955. The building, funded by a small appropriation attached to the dues of each Mason in the state, was built to compliment and visually enhance the magnificent collection of books and museum artifacts which it housed.

Having wisely funded the construction of a wonderful home for the library and museums, the Masons of 1955 then made a terrible mistake. Rather than continuing the small appropriation from dues to create a permanent fund to maintain the building, they chose to trust that membership growth in the fraternity would provide adequate future funding. That has clearly proven to be a very bad decision.

To rectify the resulting shortfall, and to relieve future demands on the Board of Trustees for funding repairs and improvements, the Grand Lodge created the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Endowment Fund (IMLMBEF) in 1993 and appointed a Board of Directors to raise and administer the fund in support of the portion of the building which housed the library and museums. This fund was incorporated as a 501(c) 3 corporation in 1999. The fund's status as a charitable corporation was confirmed by the IRS in 2003.

Initially, the Board of Directors estimated that a fund balance of one million dollars would be adequate to meet funding needs for the future. Had the fund actually attained that balance within a couple years that would have been true. Investment gains would have increased the fund faster than inflation, while investment income would have been available for building repair and improvement. However, the one million dollar goal was not achieved at that time. Through prudent investment (and some small donations), the fund has now reached a balance of more than six hundred thousand dollars. However, this is now 2014. The one million dollar goal in 1999 correlates to approximately three million dollars today. That means the fund is more than two million dollars short of a sustainable balance which could provide significant support for the building. For example, a fund of that size could have paid for the new handicap access ramp for the building out of a single year's earnings. However, since the fund is too small to support that, the Grand Master and his Lady were forced to appeal to donations from the craft.

So... thus begins our appeal to you, the Masons of Iowa, for support. The new board of directors has elected to put an emphasis on fund raising for the next several years to attempt to gain that three million dollar balance. Only YOUR support can make that happen. Do not neglect the fund raising efforts of the Grand Master. Those are certainly worthy causes. But if you can, make a donation to the IMLMBEF. The simplest way to do that is to make a donation along with your dues payment. Your dues notice has a place to note donations. Just write IMLMBEF in the blank, and add your donation. Or, if you prefer, you can send a check directly to the Grand Lodge office. Make the check payable to "Grand Lodge of Iowa" and put "IMLMBEF" on the comment line. Then mail it to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0279. Remember, since the IMLMBEF is a 501(c) 3 charitable corporation, your donation is tax deductible. And if your employer has a gift matching program, they may match your donation. Thank you in advance for your support. And if you have any questions, please give us a call.

Steve Riley, Eric Sommermeyer, and Dennis Wurster, IMLMBEF Board of Directors

Tex Heyer, Bill Webster, Dean Johnson PGM, and Don Mosier PGM, Emeritus Board Members

MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE



DETAILS

Saturday, February 27

9:00 am Registration / Coffee
 10:00 am Morning sessions
 12:00 pm Lunch
 1:00 pm Afternoon sessions
 4:00 pm Social Hour
 5:00 pm Festive Board (Prime Rib)
 6:00 pm EA Degree by GL of LA

Where: Scottish Rite - Des Moines

Cost: \$35 per attendee

RSVP by February 15, 2016



Grand Master, Arthur G. Crandon would like to invite all Master Masons to a unique and exciting event to be held on February 27th in Des Moines. It is the 2016 Masonic Education Conference, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Masonic Education Corporation & the Iowa Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation.

This special one day conference will provide Masons both new and old with an opportunity to learn more about our Masonic ritual, its history, and forms than you can possibly imagine.



In Iowa we practice the "Webb" work. A form of Masonic ritual developed by Thomas Smith Webb and adopted by the Grand Lodge

of Iowa, however, there are many types of recognized Masonic ritual for the Symbolic or Blue Lodge.

This will be your chance to learn more about the "Old Charges", the Graham Manuscript, Emulation ritual, and why in 1843 there was a convention held in Baltimore to create a uniform ritual for the United States from Adam Kendal, Curator of Collections for the Grand Lodge of California

Additionally, there will be a presentation on current Masonic membership trends by Robert A. Shively, Executive Director of the Kansas Masonic Foundation

One of the highlights will be a full degree presentation of the Scottish Rite version of the Entered Apprentice degree by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as it is substantially different than our Iowa Entered Apprentice degree.



For more information & to make a reservation:
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Our Most Valuable Asset: Friendship

Freemasonry has many facets which have attracted men of good will of every race, religion, political view, and social position into its ranks throughout the world for many years. Every member has his own individual reason for joining the Craft, but generally its chief appeal is the philosophy of life taught by the Craft with its visible exhibition by Freemasons in their exemplary conduct in the everyday world. All these items are important, but to the nonmember who has given this matter any thought whatsoever it soon becomes apparent that the greatest asset in Freemasonry is the spirit of friendship that exists between Freemasons in their relationship with one another and their attitude of thoughtfulness for the welfare of others. For example, many years ago the words "Mason" and "friendship" were often used synonymously.

Our historical background supports this view. Dr. James Anderson in his Constitutions of the Free Masons, published in 1723, reflected the traditional fundamental principles of the Craft when he stated in the first Charge that "Masonry becomes the Center of Union and the Means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remain'd at a perpetual Distance." And in the 1738 edition of the same book, the wording was changed slightly but the meaning was the same when he stated "Thus Masonry is the Center of their Union and the happy Means of conciliating Persons that otherwise must have remain'd at a perpetual Distance." This idea was not new with Anderson since the idea of friendship prevailed in the Ancient Manuscripts which required the members to address themselves as "brothers," attend to their religious duties, respect other members of the Craft, and that all lodge members be considerate of each other both inside and outside the Craft. There were also provisions that members help each other in finding employment or giving work to members seeking employment or to give them money to enable them to travel to the next place where employment might be available. Furthermore, when the Grand Lodge was formed in 1717, in London, the leaders adopted a non-sectarian rule and also prohibited the discussion of political matters in the lodge. These new rules were intended to eliminate friction and disharmony among the members and further promoted the idea of friendship. Requiring a belief in God, teaching that all men are brothers, and that we should always be kind and charitable towards others has created an atmosphere of harmony among the members and has promoted the development of warm and enduring friendships between the members of the Craft. It has also encouraged our members to be good neighbors, good citizens, and to be loyal to established government.

There are many definitions of the word "friend." It means one who is in a warm personal relationship with another person. It means a person who is ready to assist you in your plans. Many years ago an English periodical had a contest and offered a prize to the person submitting the best definition of the word "friend." Here are a few of the definitions which were sent to the publication:

"One who multiplies joys, divides grief, and whose honesty is inviolable."

"One who understands our silence."

"A watch which beats true and for all time and never runs down."

And here is the definition that won first prize: "A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

Many years ago, my father stated to me that the most valuable thing anyone can have is to have a friend. But then he added that in order to have a friend, you must be a friend. On other occasions he would say that a friend is worth more than a thousand ducats. You will note that the idea is in the nature of a two-way street. Freemasonry with its emphasis on the obligations we owe to others exemplifies this idea of the value of friendship in the strongest way possible.

The true value of friends cannot be underestimated. There is nothing worse than being alone or having the feeling that there is no one around that you can rely on for help or companionship. Nothing can be more depressing then the feeling that there is no one that cares about your welfare. On the positive side, the mere fact that one knows that he has friends is a comforting feeling. So that the possession of friends is an absolute necessity in life in order to be happy.

The member who becomes active in his Masonic lodge and engages in its work by necessity will be in contact constantly with other members who are also similarly engaged. Taking part in meaningful and worthwhile projects with other good men creates a camaraderie between them which blossoms forth into intangible and unexpressed respect by one person for another. Because of these projects, Freemasonry offers unlimited opportunity for the creation of warm and close friendships among its members. The Mason who does not regularly attend lodge meetings and also engages in some work for the lodge and its members misses one of the valuable assets which the lodge has to offer its

members. The opportunity to make friends.

Another element which contributes to this development of close friendships within the Craft, is the philosophy that Masons are taught to be charitable and that this word is to be construed in its broadest sense. To the Mason it means more than just giving alms; it means more than writing a check for a worthy cause. It means that you will go that extra mile to help another person in need of help beyond any call of duty. It means that you will listen to a Brother's troubles as he seeks to unburden himself of his feeling or desire to talk things over with someone. It means to sympathize with a person who is in pain or in trouble and thereby help him to lighten the burden. The lesson of the faithful breast and the listening ear are always before us.

When a Mason meets another Mason for the first time, he knows that the other person believes in God, that he therefore believes that all men are brothers, and that as a result he must be kind to other persons and help them in every possible way. Such knowledge is bound to bring the two persons closer together for they instinctively realize that they have many beliefs in common. You know without any express statement that a spiritual tie exists between Masons because you can expect honorable conduct from the new contact.

For one who travels extensively, Masonic friendship manifests itself time and again. Whether it is visiting a Masonic lodge or attending a meeting of an appendant body, or in the market place, when you meet another Mason you always feel a kinship with him. You always find the door open with a welcome sign. This can be valuable if you are in a strange place. It becomes doubly valuable if you are in need of suggestions, advice or help of some kind. You not only have a comfortable feeling because you know help is near, but there is also a feeling of trust and faith that is so valuable in all human relationships.

Non-Masons often have observed that there exists between Masons an elusive something that creates a spirit of friendly relations between Masons. It is to be noted that strangers who meet and discover that both are members of the Craft immediately feel a kinship with each other. Masons recognize this mutual feeling and describe it as the "tie that binds" but this general description mystifies and intrigues non-members. He notes the friendly feeling that exists between the members though they may have just met, but he does not realize that when Masons meet for the first time they instinctively feel a close relationship because of the unique teaching methods used in the conferring of the three degrees, whereby certain obligations are assumed which bind Masons to a high moral code which makes them better men on the spiritual and moral level.

This valuable asset of Freemasonry too often is so obscured that few of our members are aware of it. We should call this to their attention. Having a large number of friends will make a person happier, a better person, and happy persons help make this a better place in which to live. This elusive element of Freemasonry is the most valuable asset that each of us has as a member of the Craft and it is also one of the most valuable assets of Freemasonry as an organization.

Taken from an article by: By Alphonse Cerza Grand Historian, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Illinois; Masonic Service Association Short Talk Bulletin, Vol. 59 No.6, June 1981

Rusty Nails

Are you like a rusty nail? Don't attend lodge anymore because you don't want to take the chance of being embarrassed because you're not sure of the "word" or a "sign"?

THERE IS A REMEDY! Have your lodge schedule a "Rusty Nail Night."

Have the Worshipful Master greet brothers as they arrive and introduce himself to them, then introduce them to the members present. Have an outstanding meal then give an informal refresher on the modes of recognition. Run through the process of opening and closing lodge and protocol during the meeting. Answer any questions they may have about the lodge. Above all make them feel welcome!

For more information visit the Grand Lodge web site at: <http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/docs/ceremonies/rustynails.pdf> or contact the Grand Lodge Office.

Polish up those "Rusty Nails!"

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11	Tipton	Krummel, William Grant	182	Sigourney	Deitrich, James Lloyd	519	Laurens	Dallenbach, Robert Jon
16	Ottumwa	Howe, Darryl Frank	200	Olin	Klatt, Steve Swenson	519	Laurens	Pitluck, Haskell Marlin
24	Rochester	Hain, Paul Francis Jr	221	Davenport	Adams, James Louis	538	Renwick	Pearson, Marvin Lee
25	Cedar Rapids	Welty, Roger Allen	249	Ames	Burk, Robert Wayne	541	Hillsboro	Dinsmore, Gary E
44	Le Claire	Ellis, Larry Lee	249	Ames	Converse, James C	548	Marion	Cooper, Bernard Dean
44	Le Claire	Fox, Cyrus Newton	255	Clinton	Hagge, Kenneth Henry	548	Marion	Hahn, Henry Theodore
48	New London	Thomas, Herbert Jack	255	Clinton	Weber, Mark Philip	577	West Des Moines	Anderson, James D
49	Dubuque	Minnis, Fred Albert	263	Cedar Rapids	Nassif, Eugene L Sr	592	Des Moines	Frakes, Richard G
55	Pella	Braafhart, Harry Jr.	264	Carroll	Vincent, Gene Eldon	592	Des Moines	Wiedenman, Herman T
59	Newton	Sheeler, Robert William	268	Albion	Fricke, Robert Duane	595	Manilla	Georgius, Roger Lewis
72	Elkader	Swanson, Larry Dean	268	Albion	Johnson, John Edward	595	Manilla	Kerr, Michael Scott
87	Independence	Booth, Richard Wayne	271	Atlantic	Harry, Isaac Larnes	615	Sioux City	Bowers, Keith Allan
93	Clinton	Enwright, Don B G	273	Grinnell	Campbell, Maurice D	615	Sioux City	Wisner, Preston Harry
99	Nevada	Huffaker, Kenneth Max	285	Siam	Vogel, Marvin Louis	615	Sioux City	Wurster, Dennis Paul
100	Clinton	Somers, William Bortz	334	Grundy Center	Schultz, Dean Johnston	630	Des Moines	Manny, Frank Carl Jr.
105	Waterloo	Cook, Wilbur Eugene	340	Traer	Young, Robert Samuel	631	Council Bluffs	Clark, Michael Galen
105	Waterloo	Leland, Judd W	364	Fairfax	Fisher, William Arthur	631	Council Bluffs	Wood, Charles Calvin
107	Columbus City	Crawford, James W	370	Pleasant Hill	Titus, John Richard	632	Des Moines	Mac Donald, Dennis K
108	Marshalltown	Rank, Norman Robert	380	Anita	Mehlmann, L Keith	632	Des Moines	Medvec, George T
121	Panora	Russell, James D	386	Greenfield	Mc Ilravy, Donald Jess	633	Windsor Heights	Huffaker, Kenneth Max
125	Dubuque	Molid, Robert John	393	Dysart	Kramer, Heinz Gerd	639	Cedar Rapids	Weigandt, Theodore H
179	Mount Ayr	Routh, Glen Delbert	406	Rock Rapids	Julius, Harvey H	662	Sioux City	Fouk, Robert Nathaniel
181	Decorah	Christensen, John A Jr	502	Sloan	Owens, Ralph E	662	Sioux City	Lehmann, Donald E
181	Decorah	Morse, Garland Royal	506	Gowrie	Ladd, Dennis Wendell	664	Bettendorf	Rudnick, Sherman B
181	Decorah	Olson, Harry B Jr	509	Windsor Heights	Snyder, Robert C	675	Davenport	Fox, Cyrus Newton
						676	Cedar Rapids	Mc Bride, Richard L