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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,

“Make Your Mark in Masonry”

This year I will be asking Iowa Masons to help Make their Mark in Masonry. When the White House was being renovated while Brother Harry Truman was President each Grand Lodge was given a stone from the foundation of the building. Each of those stones had a Mason's mark. The worker who prepared that stone put his own special mark on the stone so that he would be paid for his work. Those marks are still on those stones as a tribute to that person's efforts. I am asking that all of the Iowa Masons help make their mark in Masonry in their local lodges and in the Grand Lodge so that their efforts to make Masonry stronger can serve as a lasting tribute to them. Masonry cannot just count on the work of the Master and Secretaries of its lodges to make the lodges and their programs a success. It will take the work of all Iowa Masons to make Masonry grow and become a strong and viable force in our state and communities.

While there are many reasons for the present state of Masonry, many of which are beyond an individual Mason's control, I believe that there are three simple steps that every Iowa Mason can take to help improve the state of Masonry in Iowa. Grand Master Crandon laid a foundation by asking Masons to focus their attention and actions on the three R's recruitment, retention and ritual. I would ask each Iowa Mason to do their part in making Masonry stronger through the following actions: 1. Maintain a positive attitude and focus; 2. Make the Masonic experience enjoyable; and 3. Remember that words have meaning and act accordingly.

Maintain a positive attitude and focus: I strongly feel that part of our challenges in recruitment and retention come from an inherently negative or apologetic attitude toward Masonry by Masons. Some people look at the trends of Masonry in recent years and despair. I like to believe as Bobby Kennedy did. He said, “Some people look at the world as it is and say why. I look at the world as it never has been and say Why not.” When we go to buy something, we never hear the seller go on and on about the weak points of what they are selling. That is not good business. The same applies to Masonry. We cannot dwell on Masonry's challenges and expect a prospect to be excited about joining or maintaining his membership. We need to emphasize the positives of Masonry and make the new brother know that he is part of an organization that stands for something and that is working to make his life and community better. The recent Kansas study showed that many people are out there that would be good Masons if they knew about the Fraternity. Our challenge is to provide that information and to show them the positives of Masonry.

Making the Masonic experience enjoyable: Several years ago W.P. Kinsella wrote the book Shoeless Joe in which he described the baseball diamond as “a magical place in which anything is possible.” We need to show prospects and new members that our lodges are also magical places where anything is possible where we can forget the troubles of our days, relax and share fellowship and ideas with friends and brothers. For years lodges have been encouraged to have activities and programs to make their meetings and lodge functions more enjoyable. However, in too many cases the Master and Wardens have been too busy to prepare educational programs for their meetings. I have asked the members of the Lodge Service Committee to prepare a number of prepared programs from five to fifteen minutes in duration on a variety of topics for lodges to use for their enrichment. This packet of programs will be made available to all Iowa lodges so that they can provide a program at every meeting. We also need to demonstrate with our deeds that Masons are members of a family and that we are all richer for being a part of that family. All that requires is a little thoughtfulness and brotherly love.

Remembering that words have meaning: Perhaps the most important thing that we can do to help improve Masonry is to remember that words do have meaning. Helen Keller who was both blind and deaf struggled to connect with the world around her and was wild and unkempt. Her parents despaired and considered putting her into an asylum because they could not handle her. When Anne Sullivan became her teacher, Helen finally learned that words do have meaning and was finally able to connect with the world around her. She

graduated from college and traveled the world. We Masons also need to constantly remind ourselves that words have meaning. Our ritual is beautiful and meaningful. The words in our Masonic ritual demonstrate a way of life and a guideline for us in our actions with our brothers, our families, and our communities. We recite those words but too often forget to practice them. We need to constantly remember that we are someone's view of Masonry and that the Fraternity is judged by our actions. When we disagree, we need to do so with the intent of finding a solution not to pushing our own agenda. If we can show that we are good people doing good things, we cannot fail.

Many good programs exist to help lodges become successful. These will be supported and continued. The information compiled through the roundtable discussions will also help guide support and activities for lodges. Many new opportunities for communication with members and the public exist with social media and these will be explored.

All these are actions are being taken to improve the Masonic experience. But none of these are more important, and none can accomplish more than each of us as Iowa Masons can do by determining that we will make our marks in Masonry. Today is the day when we can make a difference.

Fraternally and respectfully,



Kenneth A. Hurmence
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



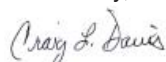
2017 Secretaries Conferences

Date	Lodge	Address	City	Time
Tues. Jan. 3	Chariton No. 63	835 Armory Ave.	Chariton	1:00 pm
Thurs. Jan. 5	Helion No. 36	137 Mc Kinsey Drive	Maquoketa	6:30 pm
Tues. Jan. 10	Hebron No. 374	113 N. Fredrick Ave	Oelwein	6:30 pm
Wed. Jan. 11	Acanthus No. 632	4133 Urbandale St.	Des Moines	6:30 pm
Sat. Jan. 14	Onyx No. 419	224 Main	Sanborn	10:00 am
Mon. Jan. 16	Grove No. 492	Washington St	Marne	6:30 pm
Wed. Jan. 18	Attica No. 502	418 Evans St	Sloan	6:30 pm
Thur. Jan. 19	Golden Leaf No. 595	425 Main St	Manilla	6:30 pm
Sat. Jan. 21	Marshall No. 108	26 S 1st Ave Suite 500	Marshalltown	10:00 am
Mon. Jan. 23	Cyrene No.325	110 ½ N Main St	Clarion	6:30 pm
Tues. Jan. 24	Iowa Masonic Library	813 First Ave SE	Cedar Rapids	6:30 pm
Thurs. Jan. 26	Wapello No. 5	305 N 2nd St	Wapello	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, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

“Let’s Try Masonry’

172nd Annual Communication in Cedar Rapids

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon traveled the State of Iowa and beyond spreading his theme for the year “Let’s Try Masonry”. The year concluded with the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids on September 15-17.



*Grand Master Crandon
addresses the attendees at
Grand Master’s Banquet*

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 15. The 20 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 a Welcome from Master of Ceremonies Roy L. Schulze. Taylor Mc Gurk from Go Cedar Rapids welcomed the Mason’s to Cedar Rapids and wished them a successful session. Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont gave the response. Past Grand Chaplain Dennis R. Heflin gave the invocation. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon Introduced Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters of Iowa, and visiting Dignitaries. Masonic Youth Leaders brought greetings from their organizations. Grand Worthy Advisor Aria Jensen, Honored Queen Paige Harman and State Master Councilor Nic Myers spoke on behalf of Rainbow, Job’s Daughters and DeMolay respectively. Worthy Grand Matron Nancy Keihne and Worthy Grand Patron Russell Hibben brought greetings from the Order of the Eastern Star. Mark Cline Member of the Public School Support Committee announced the Teacher of the Year Recipient Jim Uttermarkt from Knoxville. Grand Master Crandon presented the T.S. Parvin Award to Danny N. Middleton from King David Lodge in Altoona. Grand Master Crandon made a special donation to Florence Jacobs for her commitment as a volunteer at the Grand Lodge Library and Museums. Legendary Wrestling Coach Dan Gable was the featured Speaker for the evening.



*Grand Master Crandon
introduces Coach Gable*

Business of the Grand Lodge

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon opened the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa on Friday, September 16 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. Past Grand Chaplain Dennis R. Heflin conducted the Necrology Service remembering the Past Grand Lodge Officers, District Lecturers and Masonic Instructors who had died during the 2015-2016 year. Several visiting dignitaries were given the opportunity to bring greetings to the Craft. Tracy Bloom, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas gave a “Break In Session” on Affinity Lodges. Brother Russell Nieland of True North Wealth Management gave a “Break In Session” on investing at the lodge level and the possibility of creating a group to increase earnings on investments.



Grand Masters Award

Election of the 2016-2017 Grand Lodge Officers was the first order of business after lunch. The Grand Master’s Award was given to Home Lodge No. 370 at Pleasant Hill, Worshipful Master Ryan Genest.

The 24 lodges that earned the Lodge of the year Award were recognized with Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 at West Des Moines receiving the Gold Award; Home Lodge No. 370 at Pleasant Hill receiving the Silver Award; and Marion Lodge No. 6 in Marion receiving the Bronze Award. 72 Lodges were recognized as recipients of the Plus One Award and West Gate Adelpic Lodge No. 509 at Windsor Heights was recognized as the lodge with the largest net gain. The 6 Master Builder Award and 17 Ashlar Award recipients were recognized with Brother John L. Wissing of Mosaic Lodge No. 125 at Dubuque being named New Mason of the Year.

Grand Design Awards for websites were presented; (Gold) to Marion Lodge No. 6 at Marion, (Silver) to Home Lodge No. 370 at Pleasant Hill and (Bronze) to Brubaker Lodge No. 675 at Davenport. The Social Media Awards for Facebook pages were presented; (Gold) to King David Lodge No. 407 at Altoona, (Silver) to South Gate Lodge No. 657 at Des Moines and (Bronze) to Snow Lodge No. 44 at Le Claire. Following the Awards presentations Past Grand Master of Oklahoma and representative of the Masonic Service Association of North America, Lanny Sander, presented Grand Master Crandon a plaque acknowledging him as Past Grand Master of Masons in Iowa and congratulating him on his service to Freemasonry.



*P.G.M. Sander and
Grand Master Crandon*

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 2016-2017 Grand Lodge Officers were installed with Paul H. Wieck, P.G.M. as installing Grand Master; Donald W. Gurney, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Marshal; Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody as Assistant Installing Grand Marshal; Dennis M. Zahrt, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Chaplain; Dennis E. Williams, P.S.G.W. as Installing Grand Secretary; and John M. Klaus, Past Grand Treasurer as Installing Musician.

The 2016-2017 Grand Lodge Officers Installed were:

<i>Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence – Cedar Falls</i>	<i>Grand Marshal Jamie D. Johnson – Marion</i>
<i>Senior Grand Warden William W. Post – West Des Moines</i>	<i>Senior Grand Deacon Robert W. White – Osceola</i>
<i>Junior Grand Warden Rick N. Mc Campbell – Creston</i>	<i>Junior Grand Deacon Richard J. Hofmeyer – Fayette</i>
<i>Grand Treasurer George S. Eichhorn – Johnston</i>	<i>Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall – Pella</i>
<i>Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis – Cedar Rapids</i>	<i>Junior Grand Steward William Dayton – Malcom</i>
<i>Deputy Grand Master John A. “Jack” Cook – Mount Ayr</i>	<i>Grand Tyler Monte L. Harris – Davenport</i>
<i>Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer – Decorah</i>	<i>Grand Musician Jeremy W. Owens – Sioux City</i>
<i>Deputy Grand Secretary Tim S. Anderson – Cedar Rapids</i>	

A reception was held after the Installation for the newly installed Grand Lodge Officers by Past Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and his Lady Peggy.

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

Brother David Eyman gave a “Break In Session” on Background Checks.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8:30 A.M. with the first order of business being the Craft approving the 2016-2017 Budget. The proposed Amendment to the Iowa Masonic Code found on pages 76 of the Preliminary Agenda dealing with proficiency; the language changed to “the obligation shall be reviewed” passed by paper ballot.

The proposed amendment to conduct business in the 1st degree, 2nd degree or 3rd degree, passed by paper ballot.

The proposed resolution to create a system for Suspension Non Payment Dues, failed by paper ballot.

The proposed resolution to create 1. No 50 year dues paying members, 2. All 50 year dues paying members, 3. No change, other than fix the portion of the code that was missed in previous legislation. The craft voted on choice number 3 first and it was approved by show of ballots. The sponsor withdrew number 1 and number 2.

Bikes for Books By John Pitlo Secretary

Bellevue Elementary students will be riding in style with new bikes and helmets after reading eight books this past summer during the “Bikes for Books” program. This is the 6th year Bellevue Lodge No. 51 of Bellevue sponsored the Bikes for Books program at Bellevue Elementary. Being proponents for public education, students in grades 3 through 5 who read eight books over a six month period (including summer) could enter the drawing. Winners of \$225 gift certificates to the Backwaters Bicycle Shop of Bellevue are pictured here. In front from left are Abby Davies, Jerzey Van Zuiden; James Langseth, Alyssa Wagner, Tony Sprank; and Hannah Braet. Standing in back are Chuck Struckman, Senior Deacon, Bob Baugh Junior Deacon, and Mike Dempewolf Worshipful Master of the Lodge. This year was the most names the school had for the drawing.

Brother Rusty Meister Raised at Trojan Lodge No. 548

Trojan Lodge No. 548 in Hiawatha hosted a Grand Lodge Third Degree for Brother Rusty Meister. The lodge hosted a Social at 5:30 P.M. with a Salisbury Steak dinner at 6:00 P.M. Worshipful Master Robert Bunting was in the East to open Lodge. Worshipful Master Bunting presented Brother Harold Hutchins with his 50 year certificate. Past Grand Master Donald E. Mosier conferred the First Section and Brother Darrell Brown was Senior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon in the East. The Charge was given by Junior Grand Deacon John D. Lloyd. Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Meister with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other Items. Brother Meister thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.



Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge with Deputy Grand Secretary Tim S. Anderson in the East.

Elkader Lodge No. 72 has been Busy By Kay Moser

Spring found us walking the ditches near Elkader doing roadside clean-up. We started the summer



by serving hotdogs, hamburgers and brats at the first annual Boy Scout Jamboree held at Backbone State Park. There were about 600-700 boy scouts and the lodge had a good turnout for help, so things went well. We then had a hamburger and hotdog booth at the annual Elkader Sweet Corn Days. We had about 3 ½ to 4 ½ inches of rain so things didn't go as well as planned. We then had our annual steak fry and potluck to jumpstart what we call

the new year kick off. When there are ribeyes and the ladies' great potluck food—no one goes hungry. We used this time to present Brother Gary Bowden with his 50 year certificate. The combination of good food and a 50 year award brought an excellent turn out!



Brother Thomas Harkins Raised at Clay Lodge No. 193



Clay Lodge No. 193 hosted an impromptu Grand Lodge Third Degree for Brother Thomas Harkins on Monday August 29, 2016. Worshipful Master Daniel Ryan was in the East for the First Section. Kevin Goben gave the Extended Trowel Lecture.

The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon in the East. The Charge was given by Junior Grand Deacon John D. Lloyd. Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Harkins with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other Items. Brother Harkins thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge with Junior Grand Steward Sean I. Morgan in the East.

Masonic Vocabulary

ORDER OF THE STAR: John II of France created the Order of the Star in the middle of the fourteenth century.

ORDER OF THE GARTER: Edward III of England founded the Order of the Garter in 1349 for himself and twenty-five Knights of the Garter.

ROMAN EAGLE: The Roman Eagle was Rome's symbol and ensign of power a hundred years before Christ.

DOTAGE: Dotage is a feebleness of mind due to advanced years, or senility. In Masonry, it refers to a state of mind and not to a year of mind.

Brothers Raised in Delta Lodge No. 356 By Steve Phillips Secretary

Masons from the Adel area gathered together Wednesday July 27th to raise Brothers Grant and Garrett Johnston. Masons from the area performed the First Section of the Third Degree and the Za Ga Zig Shrine Past Masters Club conferred the



Second Section of the Third Degree with Richard E. Maynard in the East. Todd Johnston (father) of the boys participated in the raisings. It was a very enjoyable evening and Grant and Garrett became sixth generation Masons.

Past Master's Night at Newton

Newton Lodge No. 59 held its annual Past Master's Night on November 3. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited for a Reception and Third Degree.

Following social time, the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Henry (Hank) Britton opened lodge. Past Masters conferred the First Section with Wade Sheeler in the East and Brother Richard Gibson as Senior Deacon.



Worshipful Master Britton 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 Wade Sheeler and Jack Wright as Committeemen. Grand Master Hurmence was received and introduced with Brothers Wade Sheeler and Jack Wright as Committeemen.

The Grand Master was in the East for the Second Section. Senior Grand Warden William W. Post gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmence presented his lapel pin and other items to Brother Hamm. Secretary Sheeler presented the new Master Mason with the Holy Bible and other items. Brother Hamm thanked everyone for being part of this special night.

Grand Master Hurmence then spoke on his theme "Make your Mark in Masonry". Following his talk Worshipful Master Brinton presented him with a \$1000.00 check for the Pillars Program. The Grand Lodge Officers then closed Newton Lodge with Deputy Grand Master Jack Cook in the East.

UNI Student Helps Catalog Firearm Collection

Every Friday from September 23 to November 18 and between the hours of 3 to 5 p.m. if you had visited the Iowa Masonic Library, you would have seen UNI student Jacob Wilkinson helping catalog guns in our firearm collection. Jacob is a sophomore at UNI and was part of a class in Public History. Part of the course requirement is to work at least 15 hours on a museum related project in a local museum. During the time Jacob was here, he researched, photographed and cataloged 9 of our guns. All of them were long guns from various time periods. One of the more interesting items is a rifle that was probably used by the Japanese in the late 19th century.



Jacob is the 11th student intern that the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums has hosted from UNI. Students have worked on projects that have included researching and inventorying our World War I collection, encapsulating our World War I poster collection and researching and cataloging our firearm collection. Each student has participated in a "hands-on" experience of work in the museum field.

Dean Schultz Receives 50 Year Certificate



Worshipful Master David Hoy from Emerald Lodge No. 334 in Grundy Center presented Brother Dean Schultz with his 50 year

Certificate and Pin. Brother Dean told many stories of the past while in lodge. He also talked about his father's Masonic tales. Dean also let everyone know how much fun he had in Masonry and all the people he has met on his journey.

Meet Your Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence

Brother Hurmence was born on February 1, 1948, at Sumner. He graduated from Shabbona High School in Illinois. He continued his education at Western Illinois University receiving his B.A.,



Wartburg College for his Teaching Certification, and Northwest Missouri State for his Masters. While at Wartburg he volunteered as a little league umpire. He married Connie Sue Wiebel on July 21, 1974 in Lowden, Iowa. They have 3 children, Damian N. Hurmence, Laura A. Hurmence Mckaskle, and Andrea M. Hurmence Lee, and 5 grandchildren. He served his country from 1970-72 in the United States Army. He started farming in 1972 and left the farming industry in 1985, he taught Junior High Language Arts from 1987-1994 and 1998-2011, retiring in 2011. He currently spends his time as a Tour Guide at John Deere Tractor Works in Waterloo.

Brother Hurmence is Past Master of Lookout Lodge No. 395 at Sumner where he received his Masonic degrees in 1975-76, being raised on March 15. He served the Fraternity as Junior Grand Steward in 1989-90, Grand Treasurer 1994, Deputy Grand Secretary in 1995-98, Deputy Grand Master in 2004-05, Membership Committee 1990-91, member of the Finance Committee 1992-94, Director of the Lodge Service Committee 1995-98, Scholarship Selection Committee 2002-2015, member of the Committee of Division and Reference 2007-08 and 2011-12, Chairman of Division and Reference in 2015-16.

His York Rite Membership is at Trowel Chapter No. 49 R.A.M., Palestine Council No. 27, R & S.M., and Appolo Commandery No. 26 in Cedar Rapids. He is currently a member of the Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite and received his K.C.C.H. in 2015.

Other Masonic affiliations include, Research Lodge No. 2, St. Ignatius Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, and DeMolay Legion of Honor. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 2878.

Senior Grand Warden William W. Post

Brother Post was born in Alta on February 26, 1956, and is a resident of West Des Moines. He graduated from Alta High School in 1974, earned a Fire Science Certificate from Des Moines Area Community College in 2001, and graduated from Mercy College of E.M.S. in 1995. Brother William



has spent the last 23 years working for the West Des Moines Fire Department. Brother William and his lady Tammy have been married for 28 years. They attend Christ Lutheran Church in Des Moines and occasionally attend First United Methodist Church in downtown Des Moines. Brother Post directs the Adopt-A-Street Program for Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 that cleans a 20 block stretch of Railroad Avenue in West Des Moines.

Brother Post received his three symbolic degrees of Masonry in Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 at Alta. He was Initiated on February 18, 1976; Passed on April 19, 1976; and Raised on June 3, 1976. He is a Member of Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 and Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 in West Des Moines where he served as Master in 1981 and 1990. Brother Post served the Grand Lodge as Grand Marshal in 1999-2000, and has served as General Chairman of the One-Day Class in Des Moines in 2003 and serves on the Speaker's Bureau.

Brother Bill is a member of Alta Chapter No. 138 Order of Eastern Star and served as Worthy Patron in 1986. He was appointed as Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of Eastern Star in 2014-15. He is a member of the South Central MI-DL Club, West Side Study Club. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 2962.

Junior Grand Warden Rick N. Mc Campbell

Brother Mc Campbell was born on February 10, 1951, at Bethany Missouri. He currently resides in Creston, Iowa. Brother Rick graduated from Albany RIII High School in Albany, Missouri, and attended Northwest Missouri State University, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education and his Master of Science in Computer Studies. He has worked as a Band and Choral Director at Diagonal Community School District 1974-76, Band Director at Ar We Va in Westside Iowa 1978-80, Independent Insurance Agent 1980-87, Computer Programing Instructor at Southwestern Community

College in Creston 1989-2005, and presently works part-time as a crop adjuster. He has served on the City Council in Westside, Iowa and was President of the Community Club, member of the Afton Lions Club, member of the Volunteer Fire Department in Westside. Rick married Pamela Moran on January 11, 1975 in St. Joseph, Missouri and they have a daughter Kathryn and a son Colin.



Brother Rick received his symbolic degrees of Masonry at Afton Lodge No. 151 in Afton. He was Initiated on September 14, 1991; Passed on November 14, 1991; and Raised on March 18, 1992. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1996 and again at Crest City Lodge No. 522 in Creston in 2002, 2006, 2007, and 2009. His service to Iowa Masonry includes serving as Grand Musician in 2003-04, 2006-07, Senior Grand Deacon in 2012-13, Lodge Service Committee 2005-10 and Technology Committee 2014-15.

Other Masonic affiliations include the Des Moines Consistory, where he was invested with the K.C.C.H. in November of 2007. York Rite membership in Al Gabil Chapter No. 121 in Creston, Corinthian Chapter No. 14 in Des Moines, Alpha Council No. 1 in Des Moines, and Bethany Commandery No. 29 at Creston, Temple Commandery No. 30 in Des Moines. He has served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters 2015-16, Iowa York Rite College No. 37, Knight Mason Green Degrees No. 93, Rosacrucians, Yoemen of York, St. Bartholemew Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degree in Cedar Rapids, Allied Masonic Degree in Des Moines (Sovereign Master), Knight York Cross of Honor, and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. He holds District Lecturers Certificate No. 3123.

Grand Treasurer George S. Eichhorn

Brother Eichhorn was born in Davenport on December 1, 1954, and graduated from Davenport Central High School. He has a undergrad and Law Degree from Drake University. Brother George married Racheale Sheets in Des Moines Iowa on January 23, 1988. He currently works as General Counsel at Child Serve with locations in Johnston, Des Moines, Ames and Iowa City. He previously worked as General Counsel at Rueters in Jefferson, Iowa, General Assembly House of Representatives 2000-06, and Attorney in Stratford and Des Moines.



Brother George was elected to and served the Iowa General Assembly, House of Representatives 2000-06, he was elected chairman of Administrative Rules Review Committee 2003 and 2006, Legislator of the Year, Coalition of Family and Children Services of Iowa 2006, Interim Committee on New Iowans 2005, recognized for outstanding service for elder care services by the Iowa Health Care Association and Iowa Center for Assisted Living 2004, he received the Ambassador Award from the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs 2004, also served on the Governor's Task Force on Marriage and Divorce Law Reform in 1997, Supreme Court Task Force on limited Jurisdiction 2007. He has served as City Attorney for Stratford and Blairsburg. He is currently serving on the Drake University Health Law Program Advisory Board, Drake University Master of Jurisprudence Compliance Program Advisory Board, Iowa State Bar Association, Judicial Administration Committee and Legal Aid Committee.

He belongs to the Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. George has been active in community activities such as: Stratford Community Development Corporation Board of Directors serving as President in 2010, Stratford Lions Club President from 1996-98, Junior and Senior High School Mock Trial, Scholastic Chess Teacher/Coach. He was active in the Stratford Evangelical Lutheran Church and served on their council for several years and served as President.

Brother Eichhorn received his symbolic degrees of Masonry in Acanthus Lodge No. 632 at Des Moines in 1986, being initiated on August 25, 1986, passed on September 22, 1986, and raised on October 6, 1986. He served as Worshipful Master in Acorn Lodge No. 601 in Stratford in 1995 and 1998. He wore the Purple of the Fraternity in 1998-99 as Senior Grand Steward and served on the following Grand Lodge Committees: Finance 2013-16, Public Relations 1996-2002, Masonic Code 1997-99, and Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Annual Grand Lodge Session and School 1996-97.

Other Masonic Affiliations include the Des Moines Scottish Rite where he received his K.C.C.H. in 2001. George belongs to the York Rite Bodies in Sioux City, Ames and Des Moines; Sioux City Chapter No. 26 R.A.M. at Sioux City, Zadok Council No. 24 R. & S. M., Columbian Commandery No. 18 K.T., Corinthian Chapter No. 14 in Des Moines, Alpha Council No. 1, Temple Commandery

No. 4, Ascalon Chapter No. 139, Arcturus Council No. 63 in Des Moines. He served as High Priest of Joshua Chapter No. 127, Illustrious Master of Gebal Council No. 5, and Eminent Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 69 in Ames. He served in several positions in the Grand Commandery. He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Charles B. Clyde Hunt Priory No. 42 KCYH, the Green Degrees Council No. 93 Knight Masons and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine.

Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook



Brother Cook was born in Des Moines on June 1, 1947 and graduated from Interstate 35 Community School District. He received his M.S. Agriculture Education from Northwest Missouri State University. Brother Jack and his lady Jo were married on July 25, 1970 in Atlantic, Iowa. They have two sons, Brian (Andrea) and Scott (Jody) and 5 grandkids; Ty, Trey, Tess, Tatum and Kelsey. Brother Jack spent has spent most of his life working as a Agriculture Teacher in the Mount Ayr School District.

Jack is a member of the Mount Ayr United Methodist Church, where he serves as a Trustee of the church. He is a member of the Mount Ayr Golf and Country Club, Co-Chair of the Senior Golf League, member of the American Legion, Avenue of Flag Committees and Honor Guard.

Jack has worn the Purple of the Fraternity as Junior Grand Steward in 1999-2000, Junior Grand Warden in 2010-2011. He served on the Lodge Service Committee for several years. He has served as Master of Faith Lodge No. 179 in Mount Ayr in 1996 and has served as Secretary of the lodge for 16 years. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3065.

Board of Custodians Regional Schools 2017

Date	Lodge	Address	Start time
Friday, March 17	Grove Lodge No. 492	Washington Street, Marne	5:30 PM
Saturday, March 18	Daylight Lodge No. 660	519 Park Street, Des Moines	9:00 AM
Monday, March 27	Preston Lodge No. 218	402 W. 2nd Street, Prairie City	5:30 PM
Wednesday, April 5	Bluff City Lodge No. 71	130 S 6th Street, Council Bluffs	9:00 AM
Thursday, April 6	Osceola Lodge No. 77	100 S. Park Street, Osceola	9:00 AM
Thursday, April 27	Fort Madison Lodge No. 13	4709 Avenue J, Fort Madison	9:00 AM
Friday, May 19	Mount Olive Lodge No.79	527 Marshall Street, Boone	9:00 AM
Saturday, May 20	Morningside Lodge No. 615	4110 Morningside Ave, Sioux City	9:00 AM
Thursday, June 22	Waterloo Lodge No. 105	607 Bishop, Waterloo	5:30 PM
Friday June 23	Operative Lodge No.308	106 N 3rd Street, Polk City	9:00 AM
Saturday, August 26	Adel Lodge No. 80	411 S 12th Street, Adel	9:00 AM
Monday, September 4	Ottumwa Lodge 16	611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa	9:00 AM
Thursday, September 14	Martin Lodge No. 624	434 Baltimore Street, Waterloo	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 demonstrate the correct form in regional schools which are open to all Masons.

Terry E. Osborne,

Chairman of the Custodians of the Work

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence Reception

On October 8, Masons from across the state gathered in Cedar Rapids to Honor Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence. Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112 and Faith Lodge No. 179 hosted a reception in his honor at the Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite Building. The afternoon began with a social hour with meat and cheese, fresh fruit and Arnold Palmers for everyone.

The Masons moved to the lodge room in the Temple where Worshipful Master Michael K. Wimer opened Faith Lodge No. 179 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 Laurence Bishop and John Zehms as committeemen.

Brothers Damian N. Hurmence and John A. "Jack" Cook were committeemen for Grand Master Hurmence. Grand Master Hurmence spoke briefly on his program and proceeded to close Faith Lodge with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers.



*Brother Damian Hurmence introduces his father,
Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence*

The Masons, their ladies and guests moved to the Ballroom for the Banquet. Brother Damian Hurmence was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer gave the invocation prior to dinner. The dinner menu consisted of Prime Rib, baked potato vegetable, salad and dinner rolls with cake for dessert.

Grand Master Hurmence introduced Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, visiting dignitaries and his family and friends and thanked them for their support and friendship over his many years of Masonry. Several presentations were made to the Grand Master and Grand Chaplain Sommermeyer gave the Benediction.

Four Brothers Raised Celestial Lodge No. 413 in Douds By Robert C. Pedrick

May 14 was an historic day at Celestial Lodge No.413 in Douds. Four Brothers were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The day started with coffee and rolls.

Randy Wiley from Keosauqua Lodge No. 10 was the first to be raised. Two Brothers from Celestial Lodge No. 413 were next. Mark Bailey received the jewell from his father, 50 Year Mason James E. Bailey and Senior Grand Warden A.J. Brown was in the East. Matt Platt was raised by Junior Grand Warden Theodore C. Wiley. The day ended with a Courtesy degree for the Grand Lodge of Oregon on Brother Jarid Myers. Robert Pedrick was in the East to raise brothers Wiley and Myers. The Lodge is thankful for the 30 Masons who gave up part or all of their Saturday to assist in this historic day.

Celestial Lodge continues to do degree work and on July 19 raised Brother Cody Goehring with the assistance of his grandfather Wayne Hootman. To date this year the Lodge has conferred 17 degrees.



State Master Councilor Nic Myers Raised

An old tradition resumed at the Grand Lodge School of Instruction. Brubaker Lodge No. 675 in Davenport moved their charter to the Grand Lodge session in Cedar Rapids on Thursday, September 15, 2016 for the purpose of raising the State Master Councilor from Iowa DeMolay, Nic Myers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. John A. "Jack" Cook was in the East for the first section of the degree, Robert W. White was Senior Deacon.



The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon in the East. The Charge was given by Junior Grand Deacon John D. Lloyd. Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Myers with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other Items. Brother Myers thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon in the East.

**Cornerstone Laying Ceremony
Waterloo Lodge No. 105
Waterloo, Iowa**

October 22, 2016 Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence with the assistance of the Brethren assembled performed a Cornerstone Laying Ceremony on the new home for Waterloo Lodge No. 105. It was a beautiful day with a light breeze. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form on the Third Degree by Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers in Waterloo Lodge No. 105 in Waterloo. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Jamie D. Johnson held a practice for the procession.



Grand Master Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers then conducted the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. The following local brethren assisted: Andrew Schaffer carried the Great Lights; Robert Nelson the Book of

Constitutions; William Woerner, Melvin Gardener, and Charles Burrell served as Bearers of the Corn, Wine, and Oil; Aaron Kinser, Robert Schroeder, and David Bovis as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles. Kevin Nelson served as the Architect, Thomas Nulty was the Flag Bearer and Meghan Schaffer was the Bugler. Brother Paul Wurtz served as Orator and talked about the history of the building. Grand Treasurer George Eichhorn read a list following articles that were placed inside the casket: study guide, membership list, lodge card, coin set, key ring from Worshipful Master Eugene Blaser 1963, card holder from Worshipful Master William Eaton 1967, key chain from Worshipful Master William Eaton 1973, key fob, 150 year article from the Waterloo Courier on October 20, 2016 and a copy of the lodge by-laws.

The Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form at 4:00 P.M. with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook presiding.



*Grand Marshal
Jamie Johnson makes
the Proclamation*

Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer

October 15th was a misty day across the great State of Iowa as Masons traveled to Decorah to attend a reception hosted by Great Lights Lodge No. 181 for Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer. The social hour was hosted by Eric's wife Kimberly and members of the lodge.

The Masons then moved to the Lodge Hall following the social hour where Great Lights Lodge was opened by Worshipful Master Jon D. Sommermeyer. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brothers Mike Root and Rick LaGue as Committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced with Brothers Mike Root and Rick LaGue as Committeemen. Brothers Jon Sommermeyer and Rick LaGue served as Committeemen as Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer was introduced and received. Brother Eric reserved his comments until later that evening and then presided in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Great Lights Lodge. The ladies enjoyed a program given by Elaine Felton.



Eric Sommermeyer is introduced by his brother Jon Sommermeyer

The Masons joined their ladies in the dining hall where Jon Sommermeyer served as Master of Ceremonies. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Master's and their ladies in attendance. Eric thanked the Grand Master for the appointment and thanked all that had mentored him on his journey through Masonry. Grand Master talked about his program "Make Your Mark in Masonry" and the Pillars Program and Scholarship Program. Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer gave the Benediction.



2017
ALL IOWA MASONIC GOLF OUTING

Friday – July 21st Altoona Terrace Hills Golf course

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence invites everyone to enjoy a wonderful day of Fellowship and Fun on the Golf Course

All proceeds from the golf outing will be donated to:

Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarship Fund

Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Endowment Fund

Don't miss this opportunity to spend a great day with Iowa Mason's and their Ladies

Registration and Hole Sponsorship will be available in the next Bulletin



Third Degree at Prairie City

The South Central MI-DL Club hosted its annual Grand Lodge reception and Third Degree on October 24 at Prairie City with Preston Lodge No. 218 as host lodge. Brother Colton Boyer of West Gate Adelpic No. 509 at Windsor Heights was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Preston Lodge was opened with Worshipful Master Wade E. Sheeler in the East. Brother William Yungclas moved to the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Drew Mathias 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 Hollie Smith and George Robinson as committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced with Brothers Past Grand Master D. Dean Johnson and Past Grand Master Robert H. Erickson as committeemen. Grand Master Hurmence was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section. Senior Grand Warden William Post gave the Charge. The Grand Master presented Brother Boyer with the lapel pin along with a set of his own Working Tools and other Masonic materials.



Brother Boyer thanked everyone for traveling across the state to take part in his Third Degree. The Grand Master spoke on his program and his fund raising efforts for the upcoming year. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.

The Art of Mentoring

The mediocre mentor tells.
The good mentor explains.
The superior mentor demonstrates.
The great mentor inspires.

[From the North Dakota Mason, Summer 2008]

Maule Organ Donation By Jeanne Virtue



Members of the Robert Maule Family of Turin, Iowa were honored guests at a special concert titled "Dedication Recital of Yamaha Electone Organ" held at the Sioux City Scottish Rite Temple on Sunday, October 2, 2016.

The concert, featuring organists Jeremy Owens and Rick Darrow, celebrated the dedication of Robert Maule's Yamaha Electone FX-1 organ which the Maule Family donated to the Temple. The organ is now installed for use in various Temple activities.

Robert joined Hillcrest Lodge in Castana which consolidated with Onawa's Vesper Lodge No. 223, A.F. & A.M. in 1952, and was a 52 year member of the Scottish Rite. He was well known in the local area for entertaining with lively music at nursing homes and other functions.

Margaret and the family were presented with a plaque, noting the donation by Past Grand Master Charles D. Yates, Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Iowa Sioux City Valley Scottish Rite.

A reception for the Maule family and guests was held following the concert in the Temple Dining Hall.

Quotes From Great Mentors

I cannot teach anybody anything,
I can only make them think.

Socrates

I have learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

Morningside Lodge No. 615 Celebrates 100 Years

To commemorate 100 Years, Morningside Lodge No. 615 invited Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers to Sioux City to Rededicate Morningside Lodge No. 615.



Morningside Lodge was granted a dispensation by Grand Master Frank S. Moses on June 30, 1915. Newton Parvin was Grand Secretary. The officers of the lodge under dispensation were Clarence P. Kilborne was Worshipful Master, Andrew Siman, Senior Warden and Frank E. Scott Junior Warden. They held their meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

Morningside Lodge No. 615 was granted a charter on June 14, 1916. The same officers were installed by Grand Master Thomas Arthur.

The rededication was held on August 27, 2016 at the Lodge Hall in Sioux City. Worshipful Master Timothy D. Bonney welcomed everyone to the lodge and invited Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers to Rededicate Morningside Lodge. Worshipful Brother Bonney was the Orator and gave a history of the Lodge. Following the Ceremony everyone enjoyed snacks in the dining room.

Mount Calvary Lodge No. 95 Recognizes Brother Rodger Johnson

On Saturday, July 9, 2016 the Worshipful Master J. Peter Rehling opened Mt. Calvary Lodge No. 95 on the Third Degree at 2:05 PM in the Melick Room, at the Simpson Nursing Home. After the pledge of



allegiance the lodge was seated and the brothers were welcomed. The Worshipful Master gave a brief overview of our plan for this called meeting and the 19 brothers in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and invited to share some lodge related memories.

Masonic Birthdays were shared for the senior members of the lodge, who were present, as follows: Raymond Freers, February 16, 1955, Filmore Melick, March 8, 1944, Rodger Johnson, April 6, 1938, Tom Brooke, May 23, 1951, Dave Gregg, September 8, 1965, and Jim Dreiblebeis, November 7, 1964.

The lodge education program for the evening was a review of the obligations and signs of the three degrees. Bob Larson and J. Peter Rehling gave the Entered Apprentice Obligation. Dave Baker and J. Peter Rehling gave the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Obligation. The Worshipful Master then reviewed the modes of recognition.

After the Lodge was closed the Brothers celebrated Brother Johnson's 100th Birthday and 78 years as a Master Mason with Strawberries, Cake and Whipped Cream.

Claire Carmichael University of Iowa

My name is Claire, and I was a recipient of your scholarship last year for the 2015-2016 school year. I just wanted to extend my deepest thanks to you. With your financial assistance I was able to focus on exploring student organizations, studying for chemistry midterms and making new friends.

Since last year I have had a number of wonderful experiences including: volunteering at the historic Englert Theater, taking an introductory public health course through the College of Public Health, being elected to the Medicus Executive Board (pre-med society that is the 2nd largest organization on campus), participating in the WISE (Women In Science and Engineering) mentor / mentee program and returning this year as mentor, studying abroad during the summer for six weeks in Spain, and beginning a research position at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine in the Internal Medicine Department. My first year at the University of Iowa was an amazing experience and I owe part of that to you.

Without the burden of finances looming over my head, I was able to concentrate on being the best student I could be, so I would like to thank you for your help. Regarding the future, I am still majoring in Biology, minoring in Spanish and on the pre-med track. After my introductory public health course, I am also now considering studying to obtain my Master's in Epidemiology through the College of Public Health before applying to medical schools. Once again , Thank You.

Special Day for Senior Grand Deacon Robert W. White and Clay Waugh

Saturday October 29, 2016 was a busy day in Osceola, Iowa. The day started out at 11:00 A.M. with Worshipful Ron Harper Opening Osceola Lodge No. 77 for the purpose of conferring the Sublime degree of a Master Mason on Brother Clay Waugh. Brother Terry Jacobson was in the East for the first section and Bill Eddy was Senior Deacon. The Masons joined the ladies at the Church for homemade Chicken Casserole dinner. Members from the Church served the meal.

Masons from across the state gathered together to honor Senior Grand Deacon Robert W. White that afternoon. Masons moved to Osceola Lodge No. 77 where Ron Harper Worshipful Master was in the East to Receive the Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers with Brothers George Norris and George Williamson Jr. as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was introduced and received with Brothers Larry Jones and Ron Lillie as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Worshipful Brother White was introduced and received with John D. Lloyd and Larry Opfer as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Brother White thanked everyone for being there and the Grand Master for selecting him to serve as a



Grand Lodge Officer.

Grand Master Hurmence assumed the East and conferred the second section of the third degree on Brother Waugh, William W. Post was Senior Deacon and John D. Lloyd gave the charge. The Grand Master presented the new Brother with his Grand Master's pin and his own set of working tools. Clay thanked everyone for being there and supporting him on his journey through the degrees. Worshipful Brother White was in the East to close Osceola Lodge No. 77.



Cedar Rapids High Twelve By Rollie Raim

Greetings from your president of High 12 club No. 7 in Cedar Rapids. Let's have a cheer for the great club No. 9. When I began as president last January our club was starting its 2016 year with 9 members. I am pleased to report that 9 months later we have 19 members. (updated roster included with letter) Do you know of any other Masonic group that has doubled its membership in the last 9 months?



Furthermore 9 of our 19 members have ages in the 90s. Fifty years ago almost all of our members were middle aged business men who could leave their business for a noon lunch. Today only two of our members have day time working jobs. Our membership increase comes from "finding older Masons who appreciate going once a week to a luncheon buffet with Masonic brothers." This offers them a different lunch menu and a chance to have conversation with brothers on a number of different topics. Although our meetings officially last one hour, conversation usually continues on for another good half hour.

In the last email from our International Vice President a suggestion was made by that we involve our family (wives, widows, daughters) in our meetings. I am pleased to write that we are well into implementing his suggestion. A few years ago one of our members lost his eyesight requiring his wife to drive him to our meetings. Since she was there, we invited her to eat with us. However, she had no one to talk to. My wife decided to join her each Friday so she would have someone to visit with. Eventually we invited all the wives to eat with us. The ladies have a separate table near where we eat. At our second September meeting we had 13 club members, 7 ladies, and one daughter. A number of years ago our club decided to give out a "free lunch ticket" at each meeting. Our club's retired engineer came up with a numerical system to determine who wins the "free lunch." Who ever said, "There is no such thing as a free lunch?"

In January I announced our club goals for the year were to keep the club going and to continue our contribution of at least \$500 to the Wolcott Scholarship Fund. Wally Wolcott visited our club in past years and we feel a responsibility as club No. 7 to support his ideas.

Let me end by saying the success of our club is not due to the leadership of its president, but the involvement of all our members in making our club an important weekly event.

Grand Master Area Meetings

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence with the assistance of Brother Tim S. Anderson, Deputy Grand Secretary, Darrell G. Fremont and members of the Lodge Service Committee facilitated a series of 12 Grand Master Area Meetings in October and November across the state. The meetings began with Grand Master Hurmence sharing his program "Make your Mark in Masonry" emphasizing Be Proud,



Be Positive, Have Fun and Words Have Meaning. Members of the Lodge service Committee give presentations on Meeting Etiquette, Communication and Mentoring. The Grand Master followed with a summary which included: the Next Generation Roundtable Meetings, Action Items, Fraternal Aspect of Masonry, Developing Friendships and every meeting should include Masonic Education. Grand Master Hurmence 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 will go to the Masonic Youth Groups and the label program will be used for Iowa Masonic Scholarship Fund 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 Altoona at Terrace Hills Golf and Country Club to raise funds for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund and the Iowa Masonic Library Museum Building Endowment Fund.

A big thank you to the Lodges at Windsor Heights, Clarinda, Mason City, Le Claire, Washington, Shellsburg, Sloan, Spencer, Oelwein, Lucas, Audubon, and Renwick for hosting the meetings and to all the brethren for attending.

The meetings concluded with the Grand Master paraphrasing Will Dromgoole's poem



"The Bridge Builder" **By Will Allen Dromgoole**

An old man going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
Through which was flowing a sullen tide
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followed after me to-day
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

GET YOUR GAME ON

Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. Ritual Round Robin

This is a competition for study groups, a group of lodges or a single lodge to compete performing the opening and first section of the third degree. The purpose of this competition is to improve ritual throughout the state. Teams will be evaluated on their ability to present the work accurately, audibly, with expression and tone appropriate to the ceremony. It is not the purpose of this competition to create degree teams.

This competition does not count towards any examinations or other requirements for an MI or DL.

The teams may be composed of as many MIs and DLs as desired by the group. The MIs and DLs will draw to see what part they will have for the competition. This drawing will be held immediately prior to their performance. If a non-proficient brother is part of the team, they will not be subject to the drawing and will perform the part of the degree they have practiced.

Preliminary rounds will be held in July. There will be three locations for these rounds depending on the number of teams. The locations will be near Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Carroll. The winners from each location and the highest graded second place team will advance to the finals. This will depend on the number of teams.

To provide consistent judging the Board of Custodians will judge the preliminary rounds. If a custodian is a member of a study group, he will not take part in judging that group. Instead an average of the two other judges will be the third score. The finals will be judged by a group composed of and/or appointed by the Board of Custodians and the Grand Master.

To register send an email to lowacustodians@gmail.com . include your name, name of your group, and your location. Registration deadline will be March 31, 2017.

Each team will start with 2500 points. 5 points will be deducted for each word inserted, deleted, or changed. 5 points will be deducted for every time floor work or rod work is performed incorrectly.

A prompter will be appointed by each team. If a prompt is required only the designated prompter is allowed to give the prompt. For each prompt 50 points will be deducted from the team score. If someone other than the designated prompter prompts 100 points will be deducted. The prompter may be a member of the team that is working on the floor or a member of the team that is on the sidelines.

If a member of one of the opposing teams creates a distraction or interruption during the opening or degree 100 points will be taken from their team.

Each team will provide their own candidate. This person can be a member of the team that does not have a part in the degree (i.e. tiler) or an additional member of the team. If the designated candidate is a MI or DL that member will not be subject to the drawing for the part they will perform.

The winning team will perform the first section of the third degree at Grand Lodge.

MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE



DETAILS

Saturday, April 1, 2017

9:00 am Registration / Coffee
 9:45 am Welcome by Grand Master,
 Kenneth A. Hurmence

Morning sessions

Donald McAndrews, VA
 Jeff Bolstad, MT

12:00 pm Lunch
 Moises Gomez, NJ

Afternoon sessions

John Bridegroom, IN
 Todd Creason, IL

4:00 pm Mark Master Degree
 4:30 pm Social Hour
 5:30 pm Festive Board

Keynote Address: Clifton Truman Daniels
"My Grandfather, Harry S. Truman"

Where: Des Moines Scottish Rite
 519 Park Street, Des Moines, IA

Cost: \$35 per attendee
 RSVP by March 20, 2017

Grand Master, Kenneth A. Hurmence and Grand Commander, Wade E. Sheeler invite all Iowa Masons to an exciting educational event that will be held on April 1 in Des Moines. It is the 2017 Iowa Masonic Education Conference, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Masonic Education Corporation and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa.



This one day conference will provide Iowa Masons with a variety of exciting opportunities to hear some outstanding and thought provoking presentations.

Brother Don McAndrews, Past Grand High Priest will share some exciting strategies that are being used in Virginia to boost Masonic recruiting and retention. Sir Knight Jeffrey Bolstad, Department Commander of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA will speak on Masonic Leadership.

Our lunch speaker will be R.W. Brother Moises Gomez, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey who will speak on his experiences at "ground zero" on 9/11 and how his Masonic journey has been affected by this fateful day.

Afternoon sessions will consist of presentations by Bro. John Bridegroom of Indiana who will speak on the significance of Masonic jewels to our fraternity. Bro. Todd Creason 33°, founder of the "Midnight Mason" blog will speak on the need for Masons to educate themselves.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa will conclude the afternoon with an exemplification of the Mark Master degree to coincide with Grand Master Hurmence's theme of "Make Your Mark in Masonry".

Iowa Masons will have a special treat for our dinner speaker. Brother Clifton Truman Daniels, grandson of President and M.W. Harry S. Truman will share his reflections on his grandfather.

This promises to be an exciting day that you and your brothers do not want to miss!

For more information and to make a reservation:
 Grand Lodge of Iowa – Darrell Freemont
 319-365-1438 or membership@gl-iowa.org

This conference is made possible by grants from the Masonic Education Corporation and the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

Thank you to the Des Moines Scottish Rite for hosting this event.

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It is sent FREE to ALL Iowa Master Masons upon request. Names will be dropped unless renewal is requested. This request **NEED NOT** be filed by Iowa subordinate lodge officers for 2017 (these names are supplied by lodge secretaries), Grand Lodge Officers, District Lecturers, Grand Secretaries, Masonic Libraries, and Iowa Public Libraries.

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2016-17 Grand Lodge Officers

Front Row Left to Right: William W. Post, Kenneth A. Hurmence, Rick N. McCampbell.

Back Row Left to Right: Jamie D. Johnson, William R. Dayton, John A. "Jack" Cook, Richard J. Hofmeyer, Monte L. Harris, Eric J. Sommermeyer, Robert W. White, Craig L. Davis, Tim S. Anderson, Marvin D. Kendall

Iowa Masonry Will Celebrate The Founding Of The Grand Lodge Of England 300 Years Ago.

On 24 June 1717, four London Lodges came together at the Goose and Gridiron Tavern in St Paul's Churchyard, declared themselves a Grand Lodge, and elected Anthony Sayer as their first Grand Master. This was the first Grand Lodge in the World.



On June 24, 2017, Grand Master, Kenneth A. Hurmence and the Masons of Iowa will pay tribute to this auspicious occasion with a historic celebration. There will be a English Past Master's Degree, a High Tea for the Ladies, Dedication of a Masonic Time Capsule, Toasts, Songs, and a tremendous Festive Board.

It will be a jubilee of Freemasonry held at the Scottish Rite Consistory 519 Park Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

English Masonic Jewels in the Collection of the Iowa Masonic Library

By Bill Kreuger

The year 2017 will mark the 300th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England. The United Grand Lodge of England is gearing up for a major celebration of this important event and has commissioned the company of Toye, Kenning & Spencer to produce a special commemorative jewel to mark the Tercentenary. I thought it might be interesting to take a look at some of the English jewels that we have in our collection as the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. also prepares for this event.

One of the more impressive jewels in our collection is the Centenary Jewel of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. According to information in the AQC, this jewel was designed by William Hoagarth who was a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge in 1735, the year of its founding. At the top of the jewel are the letters "G.S.L." and at the bottom is a scroll with the engraving, "1735 Centenary 1835." Our jewel is further identified by the engraved name "Mr. Theophilus Tutt, G.S., May 1, 1775" on the back of the jewel. Theophilus Tomson Tutt was a member of the Old King's Arm Lodge No.28, receiving the degrees in 1772. He was a Junior Warden in 1774, Senior Warden in 1775 and Master in 1776. He served as Grand Steward in 1775. Brother Tutt was also Master of the Grand Stewards' Lodge in 1776.



Grand Stewards Jewel

Another early, and rare, jewel that we have in our collection is the Country Stewards' medallion. This medallion was granted to members of Country Stewards' Lodge in November 1789. The obverse has a raised picture of a goddess holding a medallion in her right hand and a staff in her left. Near her are a horn of plenty and a jug of wine. The reverse has the following inscription embossed upon it: "Granted by Grand Lodge in Quarty Commun 25 Nov. 1789 to the members of Country Stewards Lodge." The Country Stewards' Lodge came about as a part of an annual outing of the Grand Lodge of England to migrate to a country resort. This annual outing became known as "The Country Feast." Later, Stewards were appointed annually to organize the entertainment of the Grand Lodge. This group became known as "Country Stewards." These Country Stewards formed a lodge called "The Country Stewards' lodge, similar to the above mentioned Grand Stewards. They also adopted a distinctive dress and a distinctive medal that was worn by members.



Country Stewards' Medallion

In 1917 the United Grand Lodge of England issued a special jewel to commemorate the bicentennial of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. This commemoration was held during World War I. The obverse of the jewel is an engraving of the M.W. Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught. On the reverse is the coat of arms of the United Grand Lodge of England with the dates 1717-1917. This jewel is also in the collection of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.



Bicentennial Jewel

In the 1920s the United Grand Lodge of England issued jewels to contributors to the Masonic Million Memorial Fund. The money was donated to the Masonic Peace Memorial, later to become known as "Freemasons' Hall." The memorial was in memory of the Masonic brethren who had given their lives during World War I. A committee was formed and an appeal was sent out to every member in the Grand Lodge. There were three types of commemorative jewels that were issued to contributors to this appeal. For a contribution of 10 guineas or more, the donor was issued a silver medal. For any donation of 100 guineas or more, the donor was issued a gold medal. The silver medal in our collection was issued to Brother J. Denyer Hand. A third jewel (besides the silver and gold ones) was issued to donors of at least 240 guineas. This was called the "Collector's Jewel" and ours was also issued to Brother Hand. While there were over 53,000 of the gold and silver jewels issued, only 956 Collector's Jewels were issued. The reverse of our jewel is inscribed with the name of the donor, J. Denyer Hand, as well as the initials "M.M.M. Special Collector." M.M.M. stands for the Masonic Million Memorial.



Collector's Jewel



Hallstone Jewel

More recently, the United Grand Lodge of England celebrated its 275th anniversary in 1992. In our collection we have both a breast medallion and a program of that event. The obverse of the medallion has two crossed surrounded by the words, "275th Anniversary of the Formation of the Grand Lodge of England." The reverse carries the maker's mark, that of "Ian Allan Regalia."

The 275th program is contained in a small blue colored booklet that outlines the festivities on a daily basis from June 9-13, 1992.



275th
Anniversary
Jewel

All of these jewels, as well as other Masonic aprons and regalia can be viewed in the collection of the Iowa Masonic Library Masonic Museum. The Grand Lodge of Iowa will be opening a special exhibit entitled "Masonic Treasures of the Iowa Grand Lodge" in June 2017 to help commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England.

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275th Anniversary Booklet

Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook

It was a beautiful fall day across the great State of Iowa as Masons traveled to Mount Ayr to attend a reception hosted by Faith Lodge No. 179 for Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook. The social hour was hosted by members of the Methodist Church.

The Masons moved to the Lodge Hall following the social hour where Faith Lodge No. 179 was opened by Worshipful Master Michael K. Wimer. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brothers Laurence Bishop and Rodney Faris as Committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced with Brothers Laurence Bishop and Rodney Faris as Committeemen. Brothers Craig L. Davis and Laurence Bishop served as Committeemen as Deputy Grand Master Cook was introduced and received. Brother Jack thanked the brothers that had been important on his Masonic Journey and then presided in the East as he and the Grand Lodge Officers closed Faith Lodge. While the men were at the Lodge Hall the ladies remained at the church and enjoyed an outstanding program by a ladies vocal group from the Methodist Church, "Simply Voices".



The Masons rejoined their ladies in the dining hall where Michael Wimer served as Master of Ceremonies. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful smoked pork loin dinner. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Master's and their ladies in attendance. Jack thanked the Grand Master for the appointment and thanked all that had mentored him on his Masonic journey. Several presentations were made to Jack. His lady Jo then read the following Masonic Ladies poem "Thoughts of a Mason's Wife" to him:



How many wives of Masons have ever given much thought, to the wonderful biblical lessons that Masonry has taught?

Have you asked yourself this question, when you sit alone at night, while hubby is away at Lodge, is my reasoning straight and right?

I know the nights are lonely and long, but this question comes to me, "If my husband wasn't a Mason, What kind of a man would he be?"

I know nothing of their secret work, but this much I understand, that the lessons taught in Masonry have made a better man.

So ask yourself this question, which has always come to me, if my husband wasn't a Mason, what kind of man would he be?"

They call us Masonic widows – I've been one for many a year, I've spoken my peace on lonely nights, and berated my hubby dear.

But then I regret my words and with wisdom try and see, "If my husband wasn't a Mason, what kind of a man would he be?"

So I try to be a patient wife, as alone I meditate, and see his point, as he leaves for Lodge, with these words, "I won't be late."

Some say that men make Masonry and this I understand, but deep in my heart I still maintain, "That Masonry makes the man."

And so as we journey the highways together, to the inner things in life, may their teachings go on forever.

After appropriate remarks by a visibly moved Deputy Grand Master Cook, Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer gave the Benediction.

Masonic Influences in the FFA

by Jason Holt - Evening Shade Lodge No. 312

The first thing that I noticed as I sat in a stated communication as a new mason was the familiar order of the opening ceremonies. This led me to wonder if the founder of the FFA was a mason and was there an influence in how the opening was written for the FFA. I also wondered if there were other similarities?

A search of the founder of the FFA, Henry C. Groseclose, revealed that he was indeed a mason in Virginia. He is credited with being one of several people to participate in the early stages of the FFA.



He was asked to write the constitution and bylaws of the FFA and also wrote the ceremonies for the organization (Hillison). This is where the similarities of the organizations become very apparent.

Both organizations have several elected or appointed members- Masons have the WM, SW, JW, Sec, Treas, SD, JD, Tyl. The FFA has President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. In both organizations the officers are situated around the room in a specific order. They are also given parts to recite at the opening of every meeting. To go one step further the Vice president in the FFA also recites the president's information much the same as the SW speaks on the WM's behalf.

It is not apparent in the masonic lodge but from reading a few articles on the FFA's beginnings, the Grange also had an influence. As one might expect quite a few of the founders of the Grange were also Masons. It is here that there are many similarities in the symbols of the officers.

One other similarity that the Mason's and the FFA have are in the degrees of membership. If we look at the original organization that was started by the founder of the FFA, we find three degrees that can be earned. They were the Green Hand, Virginia Farmer, and Virginia Planter. Similar to the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason. When they moved to a national organization Groseclose suggested adding a degree and they are now the greenhand, chapter, state and American degrees. Each of these degrees in the FFA have specific tasks that must be performed, and also have a ceremony that is unique to that degree.

Having seen these similarities it has renewed my interest in having my students know the opening and closing ceremonies from memory and will pride myself in following along and knowing some of the influence that the Masons had as the FFA was being formed.

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Benton City Lodge No. 81 Donates to Freedom Rock

By Larry Shears Secretary



On August 9th representatives from The Benton County Freedom Rock group met with members of Benton City Lodge No. 81 in Shellsburg to receive a donation of \$500.00 to go towards helping fund the Freedom Rock. The Masonic Lodge was represented by Worshipful Master Brian Beatty and Brother Dan Pence. The Freedom Rock group was represented by Dave Travis, Bob Winger, Roger Goehring, Gary Bonesteel, and American Legion Riders President, Kay Bonesteel. The money was raised by providing food at the Wednesday evening Farmers Market. The Masonic Lodge wishes to thank all who helped by purchasing. We also want to thank everyone involved in bringing the Freedom Rock to Shellsburg.

Grand Marshal Jamie D. Johnson

November 19th was a beautiful day across the State of Iowa as Masons traveled to Marion to attend a reception hosted by Marion Lodge No. 6 for Grand Marshal Jamie D. Johnson. The social hour was hosted by members of the lodge.



Jamie and Eric

The Masons then moved to the Lodge Hall following the social hour where Marion Lodge No. 6 was opened by Worshipful Master Mark A. Cline. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brothers Mike Mosely and Dale Roberge as Committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced with Brothers Donald E. Stamy, Past Grand Master and Dale Roberge as Committeemen. Brothers Shane Johnson and Donald E. Stamy, Past Grand Master served as Committeemen as Grand Marshal Jamie D. Johnson was introduced and received. Brother Jamie thanked everyone for coming and recognized the brothers that had mentored him on his journey in Masonry and then presided in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Marion Lodge No. 6.

The Masons joined their ladies in the dining hall where Mike Mosely served as Master of Ceremonies. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Master's and their ladies in attendance. Jamie thanked the Grand Master for the appointment and thanked all that had mentored him on his journey through Masonry. The Grand Master talked about Jamie and thanked him for serving as Grand Marshal this year. Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer gave the Benediction.

Cedar Rapids Mason's Serving the Community

John English, Worshipful Master of Crescent Lodge and his wife Jessica, were trying to come up with some way to give back to the community during the flood. "Everybody has different gifts, and I guess ours is feeding people," English said. "We wanted to provide meals for the law enforcement and other first responders who are working mandatory 12-hour shifts."

As of Thursday, numerous law enforcement vehicles have been lining up at the Cedar Rapids Masonic lodge downtown for a good reason — home-cooked meals. Three area Masonic lodges served 150 to 200 first responders who worked during the flood and during the recovery efforts.

English said it only made sense for the Masonic lodge members to provide the meals because they were "high and dry" outside the flood zone with a big kitchen, at 616 A Ave. NE, and right by Interstate 380 for easy access. They started serving 24 hours a day on Monday, September 19th and served



through Friday. This gave public servants a place to get a good meal and just have a quiet place to go and relax."

Iowa State Patrol Trooper Robert Conrad, public information officer, said on Thursday that the "meals have been a real godsend."

"We've had 60 troopers from across the state here," Conrad noted. "Usually cops are going through a drive-through — not the healthiest — so this is a healthy, home-cooked meal."

Cedar Rapids bike patrol officers, Dean Chiafos and Steven Yardley, taking a lunch break on Thursday, said they had been at the lodge every day.

"I give it 4 and a half stars," Chiafos said, laughing.

"It's been amazing," Yardley said. "Hot food and a clean bathroom."

The two have been patrolling the evacuated neighbors, keeping people out for safety concerns.

Yardley said bike patrol is great for the evacuation areas because it's much easier to get around the barriers on bikes.

Just after they went in to eat, seven Iowa Task Force members showed up. Capt. Glen Heims said they had been at the Masonic lodge every day since Monday.

"They have done a wonderful job feeding us," said Heims, who also is a Cedar Rapids firefighter.

"They've been feeding us 24/7."

Back in the kitchen, Wayne Wunschel and Carl Hallberg, Masonic members, were helping put together ham and cheese sandwiches that the Marion Hy-Vee donated on Thursday for lunch.

Wunschel, from Marion and a Mason for 42 years, said he doesn't cook, but he "can put out food." He's been working the overnight meal shift and was getting tired.

"We make police coffee "nice and strong," said Wunschel, stroking his white beard and winking, to one of the officers who was getting ready to eat one of his sandwiches.

English said he, Jessica and about four others were cooking the meals such as chili and pizza pasta, and various Masonic temple members provided some of the food. But they also were offered donations from other businesses and community members when they heard about the meal service.

Some of the businesses that have donated include Hy-Vee stores in Cedar Rapids and Marion, Sav-A-Lot and Sam's Club in Cedar Rapids and That One Cupcake Place in New Bo.

English said there are many more who have contributed and he's made a spreadsheet and plans to publicly thank them.

The Masonic Service Association of North America

Simon R. LaPlace, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, has been selected as the new Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of North America.

He succeeds George O. Braatz, who is retiring after five years of service in the position. The selection of Brother LaPlace was made by the MSA Board of Commissioners at its Mid-Year Meeting in August. The MSA, formed in 1919 and now headquartered in Burtonsville, Maryland, provides educational material, statistical reports, disaster relief, and administers a Hospital visitation Program across North America.

Brother LaPlace, who is completing his term as a member of the board of directors of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, has been active for many years in Masonic activities at local, state and national levels.



The Executive Commissioners of MSA began the search for a new Executive Secretary in the spring of 2016 after Brother Braatz announced his upcoming retirement.

After reviewing submitted resumes and utilizing an interview process, the Executive Commissioners selected Brother LaPlace. He will begin working at MSA on October 1.

Thomas H. Galyen, Chairman of the MSA Commissioners, said MSA is excited by this change in leadership and looks forward to continuing service of MSA to all member jurisdictions and Masonry in general.

Brother Braatz, a Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, will conclude his service at MSA at the end of the year.

What is the Golden Fleece?

The legend of the Golden Fleece has been handed down from time immemorial. Mythology tells us that the Golden Fleece was supposed by the Greeks to be hidden in a remote land far across the trackless sea. This precious fleece grew upon the back of a ram, the gift of one of their gods. The ram was constantly guarded by bulls that breathed fire and by a dragon that never slept. The promise to the Greeks was (so the fable went) that if they could find and recover the Golden Fleece and bring it to Greece, wealth and prosperity would abound in that country. The hope of redeeming that promise led to the formation of an order which embraced in its membership many of the most illustrious men of that period, who were called Argonauts from the name of the ship, Argo, on which they sailed. Tradition is replete with the daring deeds and suffering of those men in the cause in which they enlisted. The badge of the order was the symbol of a Golden Fleece.



The above article is excerpted from Veritatem Petite (Seek the Truth) June 23, 1998, bulletin of the Research Lodge of New South Wales, Australia

Joshua Dayton Raised at Poweshiek Lodge No. 174

A lot can be said about passing the love of the Fraternity on to a family member. William R. Dayton had that opportunity on November 30, 2016, when he raised his son Joshua Dayton to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 in Malcom hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree for Brother Joshua Dayton. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the



lodge room where Worshipful Master William R. Dayton opened lodge. Brother Dayton was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Right Worshipful Brother Edison Sharpe Junior was Senior Deacon. The ladies spent the evening having their palms read by Mary Duke, sister in law to William Dayton.

The Masons moved to the dining room for a roast beef dinner.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Edison Sharpe Junior and Terry E. Osborne

as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Hurmence was received with Brothers Terry E. Osborne and Edison Sharpe Junior as Senior and Junior Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Hurmence in the East. Senior Grand Deacon Robert W. White gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Dayton with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other items. Brother Dayton thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Junior Grand Steward William R. Dayton in the East.

Star Lodge No. 115 Donation to Madrid Schools

Lane Shaver, on behalf of the Masons Star Lodge No. 115 AF & AM of Madrid, presented a check for \$3,000 to the Madrid school board during their regular meeting on Monday, November 14. Brother Shaver explained that the money was raised at the annual Masonic Dunk Tank during the Madrid Labor Day Celebration. The money will go towards two \$500 scholarships, \$300 for the elementary band, \$1,200 for elementary field trips, and \$500 to the Performing Arts Council. The board expressed their appreciation for the generous donation.



Lane Shaver presents check to Superintendent of Madrid Community School, Brian Horn

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 Congratulations to the following brothers who earned their Certificates.

Brothers are shown by lodge.

Lodge No.	Town	Name	Lodge No.	Town	Name	Lodge No.	Town	Name
8	Mt Pleasant	Buffington, Nile B.	263	Cedar Rapids	Wall, Albion Edward	508	Sioux City	Anfinson, Aloyus A.
13	Fort Madison	Hawkins, Bert Gilbert	266	Northwood	Lindflott, George D.	508	Sioux City	Thorstenson, Paul G.
25	Cedar Rapids	Gaddis, Donald L.	269	Ottumwa	King, Monte James	519	Laurens	Perkins, Larry John
25	Cedar Rapids	Wall, Albion Edward	273	Grinnell	Harris, Walter Joseph	532	Moville	Rowse, Thurman W.
29	Keokuk	Logan, William	285	Siam	Cerven, Carrol Duane	532	Moville	Clause, Raymond E.
44	Le Claire	Filbrandt, Bruce Alan	299	Perry	Bardole, Roy Paul	548	Hiawatha	Magnus, Donald A.
46	Anamosa	Schneider, Gerald Lee	312	Spencer	Mills, Ronald Newman	555	Prescott	Krauth, Gary Lee
49	Dubuque	Minnis, Fred Albert	312	Spencer	Shine, Toby B	577	W Des Moines	VanVoorhis, Harold L Jr
60	Camanche	Rich, William Lewis	335	Oakland	Hummel, Larry Max	584	Bussey	Weldon, Danny Ray
71	Council Bluffs	Hammers, Gerald Leon	364	Fairfax	Kloubec, Kenneth J.	592	Des Moines	Meek, Jerry Lee
83	Hartford	Hammond, Gerald Lee	369	Glidden	Johnston, Richard A.	592	Des Moines	Enabnit, Phillip Alan
83	Hartford	Hammond, Billy Dean	374	Oelwein	Johnston, Glenn D.	611	Arthur	Alborn, Robert Joel
87	Independence	Jones, William L.	392	Audubon	Kauffman, Clark Allen	616	Stanwood	Willey, Douglas H.
93	Clinton	Drury, James Edward	394	Reinbeck	Nolte, David Michael	626	Bettendorf	Enderle, Richard Lee
108	Marshalltown	Bauder, Roger Ray	398	Arthur	Steele, Dennis R.	631	Council Bluffs	Madsen, Alfred Norman
110	Des Moines	Enabnit, Phillip Alan	407	Altoona	Anctil, David Lee	632	Des Moines	Warner, Gordon J.
105	Waterloo	Leland, Judd W	412	Griswold	Jobe, Robert Dee	632	Des Moines	Wilmeth, Orlo Leroy
128	Pleasantville	Cowden, Dolan Nelson	419	Sanborn	Huisenga, Roger E.	632	Des Moines	Sellers, Jerry Allen
162	Red Oak	Focht, Homer Robert	419	Sanborn	Peterson, John C. III	632	Des Moines	Sellers, Larry Ronald
178	Sac City	Nelson, Le Roy Nels	420	Logan	Higgins, Dean Richard	632	Des Moines	Schultz, Wilbur Alfred
179	Mount Ayr	Cooper, Harold Alfred	435	Oxford Jct.	Ingwersen, Roger H.	639	Cedar Rapids	Twisleton, Donald Leroy
179	Mount Ayr	Hickman, Lester L.	436	Gladbrook	Fudge, Larry B.	643	Sioux City	Glaser, Kenneth Leroy
191	Hampton	Sorensen, Michael J.	470	Kingsley	Mathers, Roy Ronald	643	Sioux City	Schubert, Duane H.
221	Davenport	Hintze, Lawrence E.	502	Sloan	Loghry, Robert Dean	654	Des Moines	Mc Pherson, James E.
228	Humeston	Fry, Gary Wayne				660	Des Moines	Higgins, Dean Richard