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2016 Grand Master Area Meetings

- Tuesday, October 18, 2016** West – Gate
Adelphic Lodge No. 509, 1141 69th Street,
Windsor Heights 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 19, 2016** Nodaway Lodge
No. 140, 117 N 15th Street, Clarinda 7:00 PM
- Saturday, October 22, 2016** Benevolence Lodge
No. 145, 302 1st Street SE, Mason City 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, October 25, 2016** Snow Lodge No. 44,
113 S Cody Street, Le Claire 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 26, 2016** Washington Lodge
No. 26, 108 ½ Marion Ave, Washington 7:00 PM
- Thursday, October 27, 2016** Benton City Lodge
No. 81, 100 Grove Street NW, Shellsburg 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 1, 2016** Attica Lodge No.
502, 418 Evans Street, Sloan 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 2, 2016** Evening Shade
Lodge No. 312 103 East 4th Street, Spencer 7:00 PM
- Saturday, November 5, 2016** Hebron Lodge No.
374, 113 N Fredrick Ave, Oelwein 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, November 8, 2016** Paul Revere Lodge
No. 638, 303 Front Street, Lucas 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 16, 2016** Veritas Lodge
No. 392, 423 S. Park, Audubon 7:00 PM
- Thursday, November 17, 2016** Viona Lodge No.
538, 504 Main Street, Renwick 7:00 PM

Grand Master's Lady's Message

Hello ladies and gentlemen,
I would like to invite you to the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on September 15, 16, and 17, 2016. I encourage all Masons and their Ladies to please support our craft sale and silent auction. Guys, come in to the Hospitality Room, enjoy a cookie or two, and take a look around. We will be happy to greet you!
Proceeds from our Annual Craft and Bake sale and the Silent Auction will be given to the Library Building Fund. Thank you to all who have donated to this and have generously contributed in any way this past year.
Art and I thank you for this special opportunity and we look forward to greeting you in September.
Sincerely,
Peggy Crandon

Grand Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

The end of my term as your Grand Master is rapidly approaching and so is the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand lodge of Iowa. This has indeed been an experience that I will never forget. The miles we have traveled, the people we have met, and the events we have participated in have all been a "labor of love" for both Peggy and me. I thank the Craft of Iowa for allowing me to represent them as Grand Master this year.



Start making plans to attend Grand Lodge in Cedar Rapids September 15-17. Thursday will start with a Ritual School of Instruction for all who wish to learn the Work. The Grand Master's Fellowship Banquet starts at 6:00 PM and continues with award presentations and the Speaker of the evening is a special guest. Coach Dan Gable will give a motivational speech. Don't miss it.

Friday and Saturday will follow the same agenda as previous years, except this year, we will have four short presentations on issues that have arisen through the course of the year. They should be of interest to all.

Brethren, you are the Grand Lodge. As Masters and Wardens of your Lodges you are obligated to attend this communication to decide the future of Masonry in Iowa. Make your reservations now at the Marriott Hotel on Collins Road in Cedar Rapids. Be sure and tell the hotel you are with the Grand Lodge. Also, get your tickets ordered through the Grand Lodge Office for the Banquets. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Again, thank you for bestowing this honor upon me. It is bittersweet that I end my term of office. I have enjoyed every minute of it and I hope I have made a difference. See you all at Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur G. Crandon". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Arthur G. Crandon
Grand Master of Mason in Iowa

Schedule for the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M.

Note: All events and activities will be in Cedar Rapids at the Marriott, 1200 Collins Rd NE

Meal Tickets - Will be available for pickup in the lobby from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 Thursday, and 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Friday.

Thursday, September 15:

8:00 A.M.: The Annual Grand Lodge School of Instruction will begin in the Grand Lodge Room (Hickory Room).

DL School one will be in the Dogwood Room; DL School two in the Chestnut Room and Craft School in the Elm Room.

The Memorial Service will be included with the Necrology Service on Friday.

Lunch will be on your own. A buffett is available at the hotel for \$12.99 per person. We do need to know if you plan to eat at the buffett, so the hotel can make the proper arrangements.

12:00 P.M. Credentials will open

1:15 P.M.: Open Lodge on the Third Degree in the Hickory Room followed at **1:30** by an Exemplification of the Third Degree. The cast will be selected by the Board of Custodians of the Work.

5:00 P.M.: Social Hour in the Atrium.

6:00 P.M.: Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and his lady Peggy invite all Masons and their ladies to join them in the Oak Room at for the "Grand Master's Fellowship Banquet." During the banquet the T. S. Parvin Award and Teacher of the Year will be presented. Following the banquet, Legendary Coach Dan Gable will be our featured speaker.

Friday, September 16:

7:00 A.M. Credentials will open in the lobby.

8:30 A.M.: The Annual Communication will open in the Grand Lodge Room (Hickory and Oak Rooms)

12:00 P.M.: Lunch is being provided by the Iowa York Rite Bodies in the Elm, Chestnut and Dogwood Rooms.

1:00 P.M.: The Grand Lodge will resume labor in the Grand Lodge Room. The election of the 2016-17 Grand Lodge Officers will be the first order of business.

Throughout the Session we will have "Break In" Seminars including: Affinity Lodges by Past Grand Master Tracy Bloom from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, Investing for your Lodge by Brother Russell Neiland, Insurance and Rental Programing for your Lodge by Chad Smeby with Skogman Insurance, and Background Checks by Brother David Eyman.

5:00 P.M.: The Social Hour in the Atrium.

6:00 P.M.: The All-Masonic Banquet will be in the Oak Room All brethren and their ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Following the banquet, the silent auction winners will be announced followed by the Installation of the 2016-17 Grand Lodge Officers in the Grand Lodge Room.

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and his lady Peggy will host a reception following the installation in the Atrium to honor of the newly installed officers.

Saturday, September 17:

7:00 A.M. Credentials will open

7:00 till 8:30 A.M. Breakfast provided by the Scottish Rite Foundation in the Elm, Cedar and Dogwood rooms.

8:30 A.M. The Grand Lodge Communication will resume labor in the Grand Lodge Room.

**Grand Lodge of Iowa
172nd Annual Communication
September 15-17, 2016**



Cedar Rapids Marriott
1200 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402
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Standard King or Double/Double – \$97.00/nightly plus tax
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To make your reservation: <http://cwp.marriott.com/cidmc/grandlodgeofiowa>
or call: 1-800-396-2153 (Please reference Grand Lodge of Iowa when calling)
The cut off date for the special room rate is Wednesday, August 24th.

Thursday, September 15

Lunch – On your own. Need to know if you will be eating at the Buffet in the Hotel Y___ N___

Grand Masters Fellowship Banquet – 6:00 P.M.

Beef Tenderloin Medallions \$40.00	Number _____	Cost _____
Grilled Atlantic Salmon \$40.00	Number _____	Cost _____

Friday, September 16

Lunch – Hot Pork Sandwich

Provided by the Iowa York Rite Bodies Number _____ Cost **Free**

Ladies Brunch – Sunrise Buffet \$20.00 Number _____ Cost _____

All – Masonic Banquet – 6:00 P.M.

Herb Crusted Pork Loin \$40.00	Number _____	Cost _____
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Saturday, September 17

Ladies Continental Breakfast Number _____ Cost **Free**

Masonic Breakfast for all

Provided by the Iowa Scottish Rite Bodies Number _____ Cost **Free**

Total enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Iowa
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Attention: TICKETS

PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0279

Note: Reservation cut-off is Friday, September 2nd. Reservations are a must!

No meal tickets will be available at Grand Lodge Session.

Your tickets will be available for pick up at the credentials table.

Name and Address: Please Print

The featured speaker at the Grand Master's Fellowship Banquet on Thursday Evening will be legendary wrestler and coach Dan Gable.

Dan Gable Bio



During his prep and college careers, Gable compiled an unbelievable record of 182-1. He was undefeated in 64 prep matches, and was 118-1 at Iowa State. His only defeat came in the NCAA finals his senior year. Gable was a three-time all-American and three-time Big Eight champion. He set NCAA records in winning and pin streaks.

After college, Gable added titles at the 1971 Pan American Games, the 1972 Tbilisi Tournament and the 1971 World Championships. He won an unprecedented six Midlands Open championships and was that meet's outstanding wrestler five times. In 1972, in Munich, Germany, he won a gold medal at the Summer Olympics without surrendering a point to any of his opponents. The Soviets came to the Olympics with only one goal in mind: to defeat Gable. They were unsuccessful.

In Gable's final 21 Olympic qualification and Olympic matches, he scored 12 falls and outscored his nine other opponents, 130-1. The single point being scored by Larry Owings, who defeated Gable in his final collegiate match.

Gable joined the Iowa coaching staff in 1972, assisting head coach and Hall of Famer Gary Kurdelmeier until taking over the program in 1976.

As the University of Iowa's all-time winningest wrestling coach from 1977 to 1997, Gable compiled a career record of 355-21-5, all at Iowa. He coached 152 All-Americans, 45 National Champions, 106 Big Ten Champions and 12 Olympians, including four gold, one silver and three bronze medalists. The Hawkeyes won 25 consecutive Big Ten championships, 21 under Gable as head coach and four while he was an assistant coach and



administrator. He had a winning percentage of .932 and captured nine consecutive (1978-86) NCAA Championships. At the time that equaled the longest streak of national titles won by any school in any sport, and is also held by Yale golf (1905-13) and Southern Cal track (1935-43).

On only five occasions did a Gable-coached team lose more than one dual meet in a year. In fact, Gable's teams averaged over 17 wins and just one loss per season. The 1996-97 season added the final chapter to Gable's storied career. In late January, he underwent hip replacement surgery, missing four dual meets while recuperating. He reappeared in the Hawkeyes' corner just in time to lead the team to their 24th consecutive Big Ten title and 17th NCAA title. Iowa shattered its own NCAA team points record, scoring 170 points

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Faith Lodge No. 179 Celebrates 150 Years

Mount Ayr is a City in Ringgold County, population was 1,691 at the 2010 census and serves as the county seat of Ringgold County. On June 22, 1865 Grand Master Edward A. Guilbert granted dispensation to Faith Lodge located in Mount Ayr. John Allison was installed Worshipful Master, D.C. Kinsell was installed Senior Warden and John C. Alexander was installed Junior Warden. Faith Lodge was granted a Charter on June 6, 1866 by Grand Master Campbell K. Peck. On April 30, 1965 Worshipful Master Laurance Bishop and his Officers celebrated their 100th Anniversary with a ceremony by then Grand Master Hoyt Woody.

To assist in commemorating this 150 year milestone, Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Mount Ayr to conduct a Rededication Ceremony for Faith Lodge No. 179.



The event was held on June 11, 2016 at the Lodge in Mount Ayr. Worshipful Master Michael Wimer gave the welcome and then invited Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers to rededicate Faith Lodge. Worshipful Master Michael Wimer served as Orator and gave a brief history of the Lodge. Following the Ceremony, Masons and their ladies moved to the Dining Room for a pulled pork lunch and homemade brownies.

Brother

Andrew Wilson is Raised at South Gate

It was a special night at South Gate Lodge No. 657 in Des Moines on May 19 as Brother Andrew Wilson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The social hour started at 4:00 P.M. with cookies and coffee.

Worshipful Master Ken Sobocinski opened lodge and Past Master Kirk Mitchell was in the East for the First Section, Richard Maynard was Senior Deacon. The Officers of South Gate Lodge did an outstanding job in the First Section. The Lodge went to refreshment and enjoyed a wonderful Roast Pork Dinner prepared by Home Plate Diner and served by South Rainbow Assembly.

Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Josh Williams and Josh Swallow as Committeemen. Grand Master Crandon was received and introduced with Brothers Kirk Mitchell and Josh Swallow as Committeemen. The Grand Master assumed the East as the Grand lodge Officers conferred the Second Section. Senior Grand Deacon Michael C. Ryan gave the Charge. Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Wilson with his pin, his own working tools and a packet of information. Worshipful Master Sobocinski presented Wilson with his Apron and Enlightenment Course. Brother Andrew thanked everyone for being there and he looks forward to his journey in Masonry.

Grand Secretary Davis and the Grand Lodge Officers then closed South Gate Lodge.



West Marshall Teacher of the Year Trevor Arganbright



Trevor Arganbright was nominated by the students of West Marshall to receive 2016 Teacher of the Year Award. The Award was presented by Full Moon Masonic Lodge members Andy Oxley and Jim White. Trevor Arganbright received a Certificate autographed by his students and an Applebees gift card. Congratulations Mr. Arganbright and thank you for your great work from all Iowa Masons.

Saint Clair Tractor Ride By Roy Schulze



16 tractors and two riders in a "hog mover" participated in the 6th Annual SaintClaircade. The ride is 37 miles long and winds its way along highway 151 from Norway, through the Amana Colonies into the Marengo Valley along county road F15 and stops at the Blairstown Cafe for a rest stop to stretch your legs, lookover the tractors and have refreshments before returning, continuing on county road E66 to Norway where a picnic lunch was served at the Lodge and stories swapped. As usual everyone had a great time. This year we were honored to have Grand Master Art Crandon accompany us riding Brother Wayne Riley's Massey Ferguson 65. To date the tractor ride has raised over \$3000 for Saint Clair Lodge's scholarship fund. We all look forward to next year's ride and if you are available please join us for a great time!

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 Celebrates 100 Years

By Steve Waller

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 with assistance of Grand Lodge Officers held a rededication ceremony of the Masonic Temple in Spencer on October 15, 2015. Grand Lodge Officers and general public attending totaled 105 individuals.



The rededication Ceremony was held to commemorate the dedication of the Masonic Temple 100 years ago. The building still remains in immaculate condition, majority of Temple woodwork and other features have been maintained throughout the 100 years. Masonic Temple still generates conversations from general public; also utilized by other organizations and activities within the community.

Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship

Chandler Thayer – I am writing to thank you for your generous \$2,500 scholarship for the Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship. I was very appreciative to learn that I was selected for the scholarship. I am a graduate from Waukee High School pursuing a degree in Emergency Medical Services. I want to eventually obtain my paramedic certification and pursue a career in public safety. After obtaining my associate degree, I want to further my education in the emergency and disaster management field. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to these goals! You have lightened my financial burden which will allow me to concentrate on my education

Micaela Folkerts – I am sincerely honored to have been selected to receive the Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship. Thank you for being a scholarship donor, this scholarship will allow me to follow my dreams of becoming a Radiology Technician. Because of your scholarship I will be able to focus more of my time on my coursework instead of worrying about how I will finance my education. I am excited to start this adventure and am extremely grateful for the generosity of your scholarship.

Trey Tesch – I am honored to have received the MCEC Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship. I look forward to using this generous scholarship next year as I begin my journey at NIACC. The money from the scholarship will go a long way in helping to fund my education as I pursue my diesel technology degree. I look forward to staying in touch and informing you on how my upcoming year goes.

Brenton A. Fjeld – Thank you so much for the Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship Award. My classes at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa start next month and I am looking forward to this new experience. Please thank everyone in the Masons Organization that has made this opportunity available to me.

Grand Treasurer William K. Paisley

Masons from across the state gathered at the Des Moines Scottish Rite on Saturday, May 7 to honor Grand Treasurer William K. Paisley. Mosaic Lodge No. 125 of Dubuque hosted the reception. Cookies and punch were served during the social hour.

The Masons then moved to the Auditorium where Worshipful Master Brian P. Carroll and his officers opened Mosaic Lodge No. 125. After opening he appointed brothers Matthew Buckley Senior Committeeman and Charlie Becker Junior Committeeman for the reception and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was received and introduced with Edwin Blinks serving as Senior Committeeman and Bryce Hildreth as Junior Committeemen. Grand Treasurer Paisley was received and introduced with



Grand Treasurer Bill Paisley and Mosaic Lodge Members

Brothers Donald Giesemann Senior Committeeman and Bryce Hildreth as Junior Committee. Brother Paisley talked about the significant impact DeMolay has had in his life and thanked everyone for being there. The honored brother assumed the East and with the Grand Lodge Officers closed Mosaic Lodge No. 125.

After the Lodge was closed all moved to the dining room for a banquet. Past Grand Treasurer Shane A. Harshbarger served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Brother Paisley shared with those assembled about his experiences in DeMolay, the huge impact the advisors have had in his life, and how most of his adult life has been centered around the Order of DeMolay and Masonry. Grand Master Crandon spoke about the many wonderful qualities of Brother Paisley and his many accomplishments in DeMolay. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes giving the Benediction.

Ladies at the Table in Spirit Lake

The brothers of Twilight Lodge No. 329 at Spirit Lake honored the ladies at a "Ladies at the Table" on April 14, at their annual event. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Family were invited to join in honoring the ladies.



Worshipful Master Charles D. Gilbert served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Chaplain Kenneth L. Olson gave the Invocation. Brother Paul Plumb served an impressive Prime Rib Dinner and Dallas D. Brown took care of the soda fountain.

The First and Second Toasts were made by Charles D. Gilbert to the United States of America and to the Grand Master, the Third Toast was made by Dallas D. Brown to our Military, Michael Johnson made the Fourth Toast to our Ladies and the Tyler's Toast was made by Brett Thacker. During the Toasts the Lodge held a live auction to raise money for the Lodge and the Grand Master's Program for the year. Approximately \$1,000 was raised. Twilight Lodge presented First Lady Peggy and Grand Master Crandon with a weekend trip for 2 to Spirit Lake.

Full Moon Lodge No. 561 Presents Scholarship

By James F. White Secretary

It is a tradition in Full Moon Lodge No. 561 at Melborne to honor their members who have daughters on their way to higher education by presenting a scholarship to them.

Pictured is Left to Right / Jeff Lanning with his Daughter Megan, Presenting the scholarship is Jim White. "Great Job" Megan the skies the limit and maybe beyond.



Waterloo Lodge No.105 Temple Dedication Ceremony Waterloo, Iowa

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Waterloo Lodge No. 105 in Waterloo to conduct a Temple Dedication Ceremony.



Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody led a practice of the Ceremony at 1:45 P.M. The Brothers of Waterloo Lodge provided snacks after the ceremony. Grand Master Crandon earlier opened the Grand Lodge in Ample Form at Norway Lodge at 9:00 A.M. Brother Andrew E. Schaffer gave the invitation to Grand Master Crandon to dedicate the Lodge. Grand Master Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Dedication Ceremony. The following local brethren assisted: Tim Swope carried the Great Lights; Eldon Hovey was the Bearer of Corn and Blue Candle; Paul Daugherty was the Bearer of Wine and Red Candle; Bill Woerner was the Bearer of Oil and White Candle; Andrew Schaffer was the Architect; Senior Grand

Steward Kenneth G. Tendal gave the Flag Lecture and Junior Grand Deacon John D. Lloyd gave the School Books Lecture. Brother Paul Wurtz, Junior Deacon, was Orator and spoke about the history of Waterloo Lodge No. 105. Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form with Grand Master Crandon in the East.

Gloaming Lodge No. 482 Scholarships

Worshipful Master Archie Barriage presented a 2016 scholarship on behalf of the Grand of Iowa to Miss Grace K. Goehring, Okoboji High School Senior in the amount of \$2000.00 and that same evening awarded 2 additional scholarships on behalf of Gloaming Lodge to Mr. Noah Bouse and Miss Kailyn Hromatko, also Okoboji High School seniors.

Gloaming Lodge hosted a short reception following their regular meeting to recognize Miss Goehring and her family on May 17, 2016. Worshipful Master Barriage congratulated the recipients and wished them well in all their future endeavors.



Pictured left to right Senior Warden Steve Clark, Grace Goehring and Worshipful Master Archie Barriage.

Davenport Esoterica Study Group By Realff Ottesen

The Davenport Valley of the Scottish Rite has formed a study group called 'ESOTERICA' which held their first meeting at the Thunder Bay Grill on February 25, 2016. The Group is open to all Masons who want to learn history, symbolism, and just interesting things about masonry in general. It meets four times a year for dinner and a presentation. So far there have been presentations on Mozart's "Magic Flute" and its masonic implications; on the 47th Problem of Euclid, and a presentation on the connection—both myth and fact—between the Knights Templar and Masonry. The final presentation this year will be about Masonic Murders or the conspiracy theories around them. The group has no officers, just interested masons gathering together for a good meal and learning.



Clear Creek Amana Middle School Cornerstone Laying Ceremony
Tiffin, Iowa



On May 31, 2016, the Grand Lodge of Iowa laid the cornerstone at the Clear Creek Amana Middle School under the direction of Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon. It was a beautiful day with a light breeze. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form on the Third Degree by Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers in the Middle School. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody held a practice for the procession.

Everyone moved to the commons room for the ceremony. Grand Master Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers then conducted the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. Members of the School Choir sang the National Anthem. The following local brethren assisted: Mark Peterson carried the Great Lights; Kevin Smith the Book of Constitutions; Harry Dolder, Steve Beckler, and Perry Beckler served as Bearers of the Corn, Wine, and Oil; Calvin Ryan, R.C. Eichacker, and William Kreuger as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles. Dennis E. Williams served as the Architect, Dennis E. Williams was the Flag Bearer and Jane Kim, Madison Frame, and Eliza Evens were the Bugler's. These three young ladies also played the National Anthem. Tim Kuehl spoke on behalf of the School and thanked the School Board members for their support on the expansion of the Middle School. City Councilman Michael C. Ryan was the Orator and talked about working together to get the Middle School expansion completed. The Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form on the third degree, with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon presiding.

Courtesy Presentation by Grand Master of Masons in Missouri



Grand Master Broyles congratulates Brother Larry.



Tim Coy presents his father with his 50 year pin.

Most Worshipful Brother Jon Broyles Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri presented Brother Larry Coy and member of Sincerity Lodge No. 317 at Moulton, Iowa who resides in Kirksville, Missouri with his 50 year Membership Certificate on behalf of Sincerity Lodge. Larry's son Tim presented him with his 50 year pin. Thank you Grand Master Broyles!

Special Day for Junior Grand Warden Theodore C. Wiley and Jack Hedgecock

Saturday May 21, 2016 was a busy day in Mount Pleasant as Masons from across the state gathered together to honor Junior Grand Warden Theodore C. Wiley. The day started out at 3:00 P.M. with Worshipful Master Dave MacGregor opening Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8 for the purpose of conferring the Sublime degree of a Master Mason on Brother Jack Hedgecock. Brother MacGregor was in the East for the first section and Jason Loving was Senior Deacon. Following the first section the Masons joined their ladies in the dining room for a pulled pork, pulled turkey, baked beans and homemade pie supper. Members from the Loving family served the meal.



Ted Wiley, Jack Hedgecock and Grand Master Crandon.

Following the meal Worshipful Master Dave MacGregor reassumed the East and appointed Brothers Don Wiley and Duane Wiley as Senior and Junior Committeemen to receive Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon. Right Worshipful Brother Wiley was introduced and received wearing his great great grandfather's apron. The apron of

William A. Wiley, is shown to the left. His father, Don Wiley served as Senior Committeeman and his uncle, Duane Wiley served as Junior Committeemen, representing four generations of Masons. Ted's second cousin, Brother J. Kent Zickafoose, the first recipient of the prestigious T.S. Parvin Award, was also present. Brother Ted thanked everyone for being there and the Grand Master for honor of serving with him as a Grand Lodge Officer.



Pictured left to right are Duane Wiley, Ted Wiley, Don Wiley and Kent Zickafoose.

Grand Master Crandon assumed the East and conferred the second section of the third degree on Brother Hedgecock, Ted Wiley was Senior Deacon and Harvey N. Woody gave the charge. The Grand Master presented the new Brother with his Grand Master's pin and his own set of working tools. Brother Jack thanked everyone for being there and supporting him on his journey through the degrees. Right

Worshipful Brother Wiley was in the East to close Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8.

Mosaic Lodge No. 125 Scholarship and Award Night

By Keith Robertson

Mosaic Lodge No. 125 at Dubuque held its 11th Annual Scholarship Awards Night on May 18, 2016. Following a delicious swiss steak and ham dinner Past Grand Master Edwin Blinks gave a brief program on Masonry and how Masonry has made a difference. Worshiplful Master Brian P. Carroll presented five \$2,000 scholarships to deserving students. Past Master Jack Smeltzer took the recipients, their parents and those people interested on a tour of the Dubuque Masonic Temple. It was a great evening enjoyed by all.



Masonic Definitions

OBLIGATION: Obligation means binding or constraining power of some mandate; that which enjoins obedience; and promise. In Freemasonry, the obligations are those solemn agreements, covenants, and promises made in each of the three degrees in reception of these several tasks.

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.

Rob Myers IV Raised at Brubaker Lodge No. 675

Brubaker Lodge No. 675 in Davenport hosted the Grand Lodge Officers for a Third Degree for Brother Rob Myers IV, son of Worshipful Master Rob Myers and brother of DeMolay State Master Counselor Nic Myers.



Worshipful Master Rob Meyers, Rob Myers IV & Grand Master Crandon

Senior DeMolay Right Worshipful Brother Shane Harshbarger was in the East for the First Section conferral, and DeMolay Executive Officer Brother Matthew Buckley was Senior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon in the East. The Charge was given by Shane Harshbarger. 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.

Grand Lodge Officers closed then closed Brubaker Lodge with Grand Master Crandon in the East.

Lodges Working Together....



Pictured left to right are: John Columbo Jr, Matthew Mason, WM Brian Truax, WM Eugene Kleinow, Souleymann Seye, Ron Bartusek

On Saturday, May 28th the two lodges in Mason City, Harding 649 and Benevolence 145, entered their newly constructed float in the annual North Iowa Band Festival Parade held in Mason City.

The object of having the float in the parade was to promote Freemasonry in Mason City and the area as over 20 thousand people attended.

The float was constructed by Worshipful Master of Harding Lodge Brian Truax and one of his employees. It was painted by Harding Lodge Junior Warden Ron Bartusek and his son, Harding Lodge Past Master Joe Bartusek. The banners were ordered from a sign manufacturing firm in Mason City. The expenses were shared equally between Harding and Benevolence lodges.

Accompanying the float in the parade were: Harding Lodge Worshipful Master Brian Truax and his young son Isaac, Junior Wardes Ron Bartusek, Junior Deacon Matt Mason and Benevolence Lodge Worshipful Master Eugene Kleinow, Junior Warden John Colombo and Brother Souleymann Seye.

The float was also included in the 4th of July Parade in Clear Lake and possibly other celebrations in the area.

Masonic Definition

TOKEN: A token is a thing that is indicative of other things; a sign; a tangible proof of a statement; or a pledge. In Freemasonry, the token is a special handclasp. It is called a token because it represents the covenant of friendship and fellowship, the making of which is a part of the inner heart of the Masonic degrees.

Iowa Masonic Health Facilities Visit

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge family traveled to Bettendorf, Iowa on Saturday, May 21st for a visit to the Iowa Masonic Health Facilities and Masonic Village. The new Administrator Cris Vetter along with Misty and David Overfeld welcomed all with open arms. After a social time a hearty brunch, prepared by the kitchen staff, was served and enjoyed by the facilities staff, Grand Lodge officers and ladies. Grand Master Crandon introduced the Grand Lodge officers and their wives.



Cris Vetter, Iowa Masonic Health Facilities Administrator

Eldon Walton, Chairman of the Grand Charity Board, introduced the Board members and Iowa Masonic Health Facilities Administrator Cris Vetter who in turn introduced the facilities staff; Chad Lehman, Misty Overfeld both from Accounting, David Overfeld Facilities, Mandi Martin Administrative Assistant, Deann Milfechek Human Resources, Jody Hippler Nursing, Mary Anne Food Service, Kathy Youngblood Dining Services, Katy Karlin Environmental Services, and Dan Murphy Pharmacy.



Grand Master Crandon makes introductions

After a short program about the home, progress on improvements, and its aims and goals guided tours of the facility were given to the Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies.

Emerald Lodge No. 334

By David Hoy Worshipful Master



Last month Brother Dean Schultz received his 50 year certificate and pin in Lodge. Brother Dean told many stories of the past while in Lodge. He also talked of his father's Masonic tales. All of which each brother in attendance listened attentively and enjoyed. Many of the stories we haven't heard before. Brother Dean commented on how much fun he has had in Masonry and enjoyed all the people he has met along the way.

Pictured on the left are Worshipful Master David Hoy presenting his 50 year certificate to Brother Dean Schultz.

Don "The Barber" Larson

Monday evening April 25th St. Clair Lodge No.164 initiated two new Entered Apprentices, following the degrees all the Brothers introduced themselves to the new brothers and as fate would have it, Don "The Barber" Larson was the last to welcome the new brothers and mentioned that he had been a Mason almost 50 years, an accomplishment he was very proud of. That was when Worshipful Master Tom Bowersox asked the Senior Deacon to escort Brother Larson to the east, and presented him with his 50 year certificate. Brother Don gave a short reflection on his time in the Lodge and all the good times he has had with the Brothers of St. Clair Lodge and assured the new Brothers they would have just as much fun in their search of Masonic Light.



Iowa's Oldest Living Mason Loren Greiner Passes at the Age of 108
Martin Mattice Funeral Home



Loren M. Greiner was the oldest of six children of Charles Greiner and Effie F. (Doolittle) Greiner, of Hamilton County, Iowa. He was born on March 9, 1908, on a farmstead near Woolstock. Greiner enjoyed a long and illustrious life as an adventurous, curious scholar of mechanics, electricity, and nature. Between 1911 and 1917, the family lived near Lakefield, Minnesota, and when they returned, it was said, all their belongings were shipped in a railroad boxcar. It was near Lakefield that Greiner said he experienced a wild ride in a wagon, behind four horses, as he, his father, and the horses, were pelted with a heavy hailstorm.

After the return to Hamilton County, the family settled on a farm south of Blairsburg, just south of what is now Highway 20. Loren attended school

in Blairsburg, and graduated from high school in 1926. He was one of the first in the county to own a radio receiver; a crystal radio set he built from an oatmeal can and wire from a design he found in the Boy Scout handbook. After high school, he attended Webster City Junior College, and studied teaching during a summer at Iowa State College in Ames. After this introduction to higher education he taught eight grades in a rural one-room school. After a year of teaching he returned to Iowa State to complete his Bachelor's Degree, and a Master's Degree in 1936, with a major in Soil Bacteriology. He was always proud of his Master's Degree thesis on The Effects of Drilling Small Amounts of Fine Limestone with Legume Seed on Acid Soils.

While at Iowa State, he lived in what is now known as Gilman hall. He earned his way through college by caring for the laboratory rats.

During this time, he was deeply moved by reports of the Dust Bowl; a devastating period of severe dust storms that destroyed much of the ecology of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Western Nebraska. He was fortunate to become a planner and supervisor of soil survey and research efforts in western Nebraska, on the north edge of the dust bowl. Loren became a soil surveyor for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, where for 32 years he surveyed farmland in Nebraska and Iowa as part of the national effort to map farmland in the entire country.

Loren served in the U. S. Army during WWII, and was in the sixth wave of Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. He continued to serve as a radio-operator on the front lines through France, and into Germany where his unit was among the first to liberate a concentration camp at Ohrdruf. The experience deeply affected him and in later years he wrote many essays about the experience, so that younger generations might understand why the U. S. fought the war and why our nation's involvement was so important. He received five bronze stars for his valorous service. He was Iowa's oldest veteran.

Loren met Alice Sweet, a chemistry teacher in Webster City, Iowa. The marriage took place in Madison, Nebraska (1942) because Alice's teaching contract forbade her from marrying. After WWII, the Greiners settled in Nebraska, with daughter Juanita born in Wahoo, in 1946; and Keith born in Lincoln, in 1948. Living in Pawnee City, Nebraska, Greiner worked for the Soil Conservation Service a USDA agency. He was instrumental in the discovery of a water supply for the community after a drought eliminated the source of water. He named the streets of the community of 1,600, invented a tool for taking soil samples, and built a remarkable Nebraska State Fair display showing the effects of soil erosion and the benefits of soil conservation.

The family moved to Emmetsburg, Iowa in 1960. Greiner retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1968. After retirement, he served as the Palo Alto County Sanitarian for about 10 years, where he oversaw the approval of water supply wells and septic systems. He was a pioneer member of the Emmetsburg Senior Center and advocated for issues affecting senior citizens. He volunteered for Northwest Iowa Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) for over 20 years. He was a member of the Masons for at least 60 years. He was an amateur radio operator, photographer, and enjoyed making precision weights.

Greene County Courthouse Cornerstone Laying Ceremony Jefferson, Iowa

The Cornerstone for the Greene County Courthouse was laid on May 17, 1916 by Grand Master of Masons of in Iowa F.S. Moses. One hundred years later on May 17, 2016, Grand Master of Masons of in Iowa Arthur G. Crandon re-laid the Cornerstone of the Courthouse in due and ancient form.

It was a beautiful day with a light breeze. Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form on the Third Degree by Grand Master Crandon assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers in Morning Star Lodge No. 159 in Jefferson. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody lead a practice for the procession.

Everyone moved outside for the ceremony. Grand Master Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers then conducted the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. Members of the School Choir sang the National Anthem.



Deputy Grand Master Darrell Fremont gives the flag tribute.

The following local brethren assisted: John Schoening carried the Great Lights; Gary Hauptert the Book of Constitutions; Dan Hyndman, Jim Spearman, and Curt Eagon served as Bearers of the Corn, Wine, and Oil; John Lizer, Kirk Citurs, and Dan Brown as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles. Bob Eason served as the Architect, Roger Wilson was the Flag Bearer and Wayne Lautner was the Bugler. Brother Don Van Guilder served as Master of Ceremonies and talked about the History of the Building. The Jefferson Choir sang America the Beautiful.

The following articles were found inside the casket: Copies of the Jefferson Bee, March 24, 1915, August 4, 1916, May 10, 1916, the Jefferson Free Lance, May 10, 1916, Grand Junction Globe May 11, 1916, Paton Portrait May 11, 1916, Rippey Booster, May 11, 1916,

Scranton Journal May 11, 1916, Churdan Reporter May 12, 1916. The following coins: U.S. half dollar 1915, U.S. quarter dollar 1915, U.S. dime 1911, Buffalo nickle 1914, Lincoln penny 1915, Confederate five dollar bill, Grand jury recommendations made on February 2, 1915, Abstract Title to the Court House, Plat of the Court House Block, Financial report of Greene County, Iowa for 1915, constitution and bylaws of Greene Lodge No. 315 I.O.O.F. Jefferson, Bank statement Churdan Iowa May 1, 1916, List of Supervisors and Committee appointments for 1916, letterhead with officers names, Independent School District of Jefferson, letterhead with officers names, City of Jefferson, horseshoe, cards for county officers. Prize winning ear of corn, letterhead Geo. F. Brandon who sealed the box. Watch fob with Masonic emblem donated by the Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa. A copy of the Mother's Day program given at the Methodist Church in Scranton Iowa on Sunday May 14, 1916. The contents were wrapped in a silken United States flag. An envelope, containing an \$8 bill, Continental money, dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 26, 1778.

The Masons then returned to the Lodge room where the Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form at 2:50 P.M. with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon presiding.

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 Scholarships By Steve Waller



Left to right: Quinton Crouch, Cassidy Fox, WM Travis Stouffer, Bailey Even, and Riley Mashicno

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 at Spencer recognized 2016 graduating high school seniors during their regular meeting on May 9th. Worshipful Master Travis Stouffer presented scholarships to Quinton Crouch, Cassidy Fox, Worshipful Master Stouffer, Bailey Even and Riley Mashicno. He wished them well and success in future endeavors. Following the meeting a reception was held to honor the scholarship recipients and their families.

Senior Grand Deacon Michael C. Ryan and His Nephew Shane Hutchinson Enjoy a Special Day

Saturday July 11, 2016 was a busy day in Oxford, Iowa. The day started out at 11:00 A.M. with Worshipful Master Robert Tandy opening Canopy Lodge No. 290 for the purpose of conferring the Sublime degree of a Master Mason on Brother Shane Hutchinson. Brother (Uncle) Dan Ryan was in the East for the first section and Brother (Uncle) Michael C. Ryan was Senior Deacon. The Masons joined the ladies for pulled pork, and baked beans. Audrey and the Ladies from the Grand Lodge family served the meal.



Masons from across the state gathered together to honor Senior Grand Deacon Michael C. Ryan that afternoon. Robert

Tandy was in the East to Receive the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers with Bruce Dolder as Senior Committeeman and Harry Dolder as Junior Committeeman. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon, was introduced and received with Past Grand Masters Dennis M. Zahrt and Donald E. Stamy as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Worshipful Brother Ryan was introduced and received with Dan Ryan and Dennis Zahrt as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Brother Ryan thanked everyone for being there and the Grand Master for asking him to serve as a Grand Lodge Officer.

Grand Master Crandon assumed the East and conferred the second section of the Third Degree on Brother Hutchinson, Sean Morgan was Senior Deacon and Mike Ryan gave the charge. The Grand Master presented the new Brother with his Grand Master's pin and his own set of working tools. Shane thanked everyone for being there and supporting him on his journey through the degrees. He made a special thank you to his uncles Dan and Mike. Worshipful Brother Ryan was in the East to close Canopy Lodge No. 290.



Saint Clair Lodge No.164 Temple Dedication Ceremony Norway, Iowa



Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Norway to conduct a Temple Dedication Ceremony for Saint Clair Lodge No. 164's new facility.

Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody led a practice for the Ceremony at 9:30 A.M. The Brothers of St. Clair Lodge provided snacks after the ceremony. Grand Master Crandon opened the Grand Lodge in Ample Form at the new lodge hall at 9:00 A.M. Brother Roy Schulze gave the invitation to Grand Master Crandon to dedicate the Lodge. Grand Master Crandon and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Dedication Ceremony in due and ancient form. The following local brethren assisted: Louis Blackburn carried the Great Lights; Don Larson was the Bearer of Corn and Blue Candle; John Brockshink was the Bearer of Wine and Red Candle; Jerry Pollock was the Bearer of Oil and White Candle; Roy Schulze was the Architect; Senior Grand Steward Kenneth G. Tendal gave the Flag tribute and Junior Grand Steward Sean I. Morgan gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture".

Roy Schulze was Orator and spoke about the history of Saint Clair Lodge and Masonry. The Grand Lodge was not closed as the Grand Lodge officers were traveling to Waterloo to dedicate Waterloo Lodge No. 105's new temple later that afternoon.

Masonic Definitions

AMPLE: It means sufficient to meet all need; abundant; liberal; and complete in amount or degree. In Freemasonry, it refers to any act or rite performed by a Grand Master.

DISPENSATION: It is a special exemption from a rule, a law, a regulation, a vow, or a promise. Only the Grand Master may grant it.

Russell Barbary Raised at Hiram in the Hills

It was a beautiful morning Saturday, August 6 as a group of Masons gathered at the Red Haw shelter in F. W. Kent Park between Oxford and Tiffin for the annual Hiram in the Hills. Canopy Lodge No. 290 was host lodge.

Worshipful Master Robert Tandy opened Canopy Lodge No. 290. He then invited Worshipful Brother Sean I. Morgan, Junior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, to the East to confer the First Section of the Third Degree. Worshipful Master Robert Tandy moved to the Senior Deacon station for the conferral.



After the conclusion of the First Section a brunch was served. Following brunch Brother Tandy reassumed the East and Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was received and introduced. The Grand Master then assumed the East and with Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section with Grand Tyler Keith R. Voss giving the Charge.

Following the Degree Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Russell Barbary with his pin and personal set of working tools. The new Master Mason was given the opportunity to make remarks and expressed his thanks for all being there and that he looks forward to his life in Masonry.

The Grand Master then introduced his officers and spoke on his program, "Let's Try Masonry." T.S. Parvin Award winner Ben Ploof was introduced and made several comments.

Grand Lodge Officers closed Canopy Lodge with Junior Grand Warden Theodore C. Wiley in the East.

Midwest Conference on Masonic Education

The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education was held on May 6-8 in Grand Forks, North Dakota at the Red Roof Inn. The Conference kicked off Friday night with a tour of the Grand Forks Masonic Center followed by a social hour with heavy Hors D' Oeuvres. The first breakout session was Candidate Education and Proficiency by Thomas Hauder Past Grand Master of Nebraska.

Saturday morning started with Invocation given by Past Grand Master Mike Bakken of North Dakota, a welcome from the Mayor of Grand Forks, Michael R. Brown and Grand Master of North Dakota Tony Telken. Topics for the conference were: The Ancients and Moderns by Dr. Michael Kearsly; Fifty Shades of Blue by Neil Neddermeyer; Legends of Lines Parallel by Raymond Babinsky. Dr. S. Brent Morris was the keynote speaker for the evening and gave a presentation on the "Post Boy" exposure.

Vesper Lodge No. 223 in Onawa Scholarships

By Jeanne Virtue

Past Master Charles Ferris from Vesper Lodge No. 223 in Onawa presented scholarships to the following students from Monona County on Sunday June 5, 2016. Marissa Ferris, Alison Boysen, Alexandra Miller, Tyler Westendorf, Scott Rotnicke, and Sam Maule who was represented by his father David Maule.

Marissa Ferris is the daughter of Chuck and Melisa Ferris of Mapleton, and will attend either Morningside College. Alison Boysen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Boysen of Danbury, and will attend Iowa State University. Alexandra Miller is the daughter of Brent and Julie Miller of rural Onawa and will attend South Dakota State College. Tyler Westendorf, is the son of Matt and Chris Westendorf of Onawa, will attend Morningside College. Scout Rotnicke, is the son of Ron and Lisa Rotnicke of Turin, will attend a 2 year college before transferring to 4 year university. Sam Maule of the rural Turin, is enrolled at Iowa State University, and his parents are David and Amy Maule.



Charles Ferris, Marisa Ferris Alison Boysen, Alexandra Miller, Tyler Westendorf, Scout Rotnicke, and Dave Maule (receiving certificate for his son Sam Maule) Back row – Leland Hathaway.

Vesper Lodge finances the scholarships with donated funds; raised through Breakfast Fundraisers served on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month from October through March. Leland Hathaway has served as Chairman of the Scholarship Selection Committee since 2007. The lodge has been able to give 41 Scholarships since inception.

Grand Master and Iowa Masons Visit Washington D.C.

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and his lady Peggy with a contingent of Iowa Masons and their ladies journeyed to Washington D.C. on April 17-20, 2016. The trip was filled with activities which included visits to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, The House of the Temple, George Washington's Home at Mount Vernon, Mason's Hall in Richmond, Virginia, and a tour of the United States Capitol arranged by Senator Charles Grassley. Lodging arrangements were made in Historic Alexandria Virginia for ample shopping and restaurant opportunities. The Cherry Blossoms were in Bloom and everyone had a great time. Those on the trip made several comments that the Grand Lodge of Iowa should plan more trips to the area in the near future.



Harding Lodge No. 649 Scholarships By Steven Lames Secretary



Keith Myhre and Steven Lames, Past Masters of Harding Lodge No. 649 in Mason City, presented scholarships each in the amount of \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors. Miss Amanda Reding and Miss Rachel Danielson from Mason City High School and Miss Kalynn Washington from West Fork High School in Sheffield. Harding Lodge is proud support these students in their continuing education by presenting these outstanding seniors with their scholarships.

Preston Lodge No. 218 Parade Float

The members of Preston Lodge No. 218 in Prairie City, Iowa decided to enter a float in the sesquicentennial parade in Colfax, Iowa on June 17th 2016. The four Brothers riding on the float were: Mark Main, Brian Watson, Gail Relph and Marvin Kendall. Brother Doug Duinink drove Brother Brian Watson's tractor. Thanks to all who helped with the float, for make Masonry visible in the community, and providing this great opportunity for Masonic fellowship.



Hope Lodge No. 175 Third Degrees By Roy Schulze



On Saturday, January 2nd, Hope Lodge No.175 in Belle Plaine raised two new Master Masons. Pictured is Worshipful Master Kenny "Bruce" Robinson (center) his son Randy Robinson (left) and Jed Wolf (right). Brothers from Grinnell and Malcom assisted with the degree work. Randy and Jed join Brother Jerry Brewer as Hope Lodge's newest Master Masons.

Planning Your Masonic Journey?

Follow this simple checklist when preparing to visit a Masonic lodge in another jurisdiction:

NOTIFY GRAND LODGE. Well in advance of your trip, contact Grand Lodge Member Services to let them know when and where you plan to travel. Member Services will confirm that our jurisdiction shares recognition with the jurisdiction you would like to visit, and will handle all initial communications with that grand lodge. As part of these communications, Member Services will send an official letter of introduction to the grand lodge you would like to visit and a copy to you. Member Services will also let you know which lodge to visit if you have sent a general inquiry to a jurisdiction.

PACK YOUR BAGS.

Be sure to bring the following:

- Grand Lodge introductory letter
- Current Iowa dues card
- Universal attire (optional) - dark suit and tie, white gloves, apron

ARRIVE EARLY FOR THE EXAMINATION. Give yourself at least half an hour before the stated meeting to present your credentials and take the “strict trial and due examination.” This oral exam to confirm that you’re a Mason is usually conducted by three brothers.

FOLLOW THE RITUAL AS YOU KNOW IT. Although rituals can vary between jurisdictions, it’s best to follow the signs and other aspects of the ritual that you practice at your home lodge. This will ensure the least disturbance to the lodge that you’re visiting, and will give you an opportunity afterwards to discuss any differences you notice.

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The only documentation needed to visit another lodge in our jurisdiction is a valid dues card. As a courtesy, you may wish to contact the lodge you will visit ahead of time to let them know of your visit so arrangements can be made to include you in any meals. You may be asked to retire from a meeting if controversial or sensitive matters will be discussed.

ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT MASONS

As an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason you may only visit a lodge other than your own if you are accompanied by a Master Mason who has sat in lodge with you. You are eligible to attend Special meetings and Degrees opened on the highest Degree you have attained. Stated meetings are open to Master Masons only.

If you have more questions, contact the grand lodge office at 319-365-1438 or e-mail grandsecretary@gl-iowa.org.

Jake Madsen Raised at Anamosa Lodge No. 46

Thursday, April 21 was one of those memorable nights when everything goes “just right” as Anamosa Lodge No. 46 in Anamosa conferred a Third Degree for Brother Jake Madsen. Worshipful Master Stan Chadwell opened the lodge in form and then Past Grand Master Donald E. Mosier took the East for the conferral of the First Section and Brother Kevin Hirl served as Senior Deacon. Steve Elliott give the expanded Trowel Lecture.

The Second Section of the Third Degree was conferred with Past Grand Treasurer Kenneth A. Hurmence in the East. Donald Mosier gave the Charge and presented Jake with his White Leather Apron. Brother Madsen thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. The Lodge was closed with Kenneth A. Hurmence in the East.

Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America

Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis represented the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America at Madison, Wisconsin on February 21-23, 2016. The Conference was hosted by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Topics covered included: “New Lodge Development, Membership Systems, Data Storage and Protection, Intellectual Property Protection, Custom Lodge Applications, Group Ahead App, and Digital Publications”.

The 2017 Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on February 18-21.



Conference of Grand Masters in North America



The 2016 North American Conference of Grand Masters was held at the Grand Concourse Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin on February 21-23. The Conference was a mixture of business meetings and breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon represented the Grand Lodge of Iowa during the business meetings and also served on the planning committee for the conference. Also attending were his lady Peggy; Kenneth A. Hurmence, Past Grand Treasurer and his lady Connie; and Dennis E. Williams, Past Senior Grand Warden. Some of the breakout sessions included: "Background Checks", "Social Media Uses/Abuses," "Grand vs. Local Lodges," "Integrating Younger Members," "Outreach and Marketing," "Unrelated income". The 2017 Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska.

Osceola Lodge No. 77 Scholarship Presentations



Worshipful Brother John D. Lloyd Junior Grand Deacon presents a \$2,000.00 Grand Lodge Scholarship to Alexa Devore at Clarke Community High School.

Worshipful Master Ron Harper from Osceola Masonic Lodge No. 77 presents two \$500 Lodge Scholarships on behalf of Osceola Lodge No. 77.



Daniel

Uriel Cano Pargas Scholarship Thank You

I am pleased to write to you after having completed my first year at Washington University in St. Louis while pursuing a career in Mechanical Engineering.

This Year has brought a variety of experiences and challenges. I have been placed in a fortunate position in which I was surrounded by a great group of people within the Annika Rodriguez Scholars community. Together with these individuals I embarked on a challenging school year at a university not many get to attend. Although difficult at times, this year has brought many rewards. I was able to make the Dean's List at my university during the first semester, became an executive officer for the Association of Latin American Students, director of an ESL learning program, and made incredible connections with professors and students alike.

I am uniquely privileged because many students like myself would not have the ability to attend such a prestigious university, but your generous support has allowed me the ability to attend such a marvelous institution.

I cannot thank you enough for your support in my education and career goals and I hope to continue to provide such assistance to motivated students.

Scholarship Thank You's

Katie Sharp – I am truly honored to be selected for one of your sixty scholarships. I enjoyed talking to all of you and the other students at my interview. I am excited to start college this fall and to start pursuing my dream of becoming a doctor. Thank you for helping me make that dream a reality.

Erica Rittgers – I would like to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarship. This fall I plan to attend Wartburg College and major in Biology, which I am very excited about. The scholarship money you have provided will go towards my college tuition. Thank you again for this scholarship opportunity and for assisting me in my future endeavors.

Shelby Myers – I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. My goal of becoming a Registered Nurse is moving forward, thanks to your generous scholarship. Since being named one of the recipients of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship, my dream is becoming a reality. The \$2,000 award will help me pay for tuition this coming fall at Southwestern Community College. By awarding me the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. Please know that with this scholarship I will be able to have the opportunity to further my education. I will work to excel in college and as an active member of society. I will represent your organization well during my years in college and beyond.

Natalie Lambert – Thank you for choosing me as a 2016 Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. Scholarship recipient. I plan to attend Morningside College in Sioux City and major in Nursing. I will use the scholarship money to help with my tuition expenses at Morningside.

Anna Tuecke – Thank you for selecting me to receive one of your prestigious scholarship awards this year. It is a huge honor to receive such an award. These funds will be used next year at Iowa State where I will pursue a degree in Engineering.

Brooke Ehrenberg – Thank you so much for the scholarship. Those funds will be very beneficial to me in paying for my education expense. It was a pleasure to learn a bit about the service of your organization.

Cassidy Rawson – I am so honored to have been selected as a Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. and A.M. scholarship recipient. Your generous donation will assist me in accomplishing my goal of graduating from the University of Northern Iowa with my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and ultimately become a kindergarten or first grade teacher. I recently graduated high school and look forward to a summer spent working at the Arc of East Central Iowa and fulfilling my UNI Cheerleading duties. I am extremely excited for my future at UNI, and greatly appreciate your support in making that future possible.

Taylor Bennett – I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the generous scholarship that was awarded to me. I am honored and very grateful. With this financial help, I look forward to the next chapter in my life. Thanks also to Mr. Louis Gallo for presenting my scholarship.

David Goldsmith – I am extremely honored to have been chosen to receive the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. 2016 Scholarship. Your generous scholarship will help so much as I leave for Simpson College this fall to pursue a degree in Biology and later attend dental school.

Trey Tesch – I am honored to have received the MCEC Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship. I look forward to using this generous scholarship next year as I begin my journey at NIACC. The money from the scholarship will go a long way in helping to fund my education as I pursue my Diesel Technology degree. I look forward to staying in touch and informing you on how my upcoming year goes.

Nicholas Mohling – Thank you for selecting me as a scholarship recipient for one of the Grand Lodge of Iowa scholarships. I will be attending Iowa State University to major in engineering and the money from this scholarship will help with college expenses.

Joseph Tibbs – Thank you for considering my application for the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. Thank you also for selecting me as a recipient. The money will be very helpful in financing my college education. I plan to attend the University of Northern Iowa, where I will study Biochemistry and Physics.

James Plate – Thank you for the scholarship. It is greatly appreciated. It will be undoubtedly a considerable help during my education. I will specifically use this for my tuition fees at Truman State. Your donation helps make my education possible.

Tyler VanWey – I am honored to have received the Grand Lodge Scholarship. This money will be put towards tuition and will significantly help me with my goal to come out of college debt free.

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 Brothers are shown by lodge.

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4	Iowa City	Rockafellow, John Donald	317	Moulton	Coy, Larry Von
21	Agency	Cremer, Charles Lloyd	342	Exira	Crampton, Mark Duane
25	Cedar Rapids	Hasenbank, Merlin John	374	Oelwein	Davis, Harvey Edwin
29	Keokuk	Roberts, David William	374	Oelwein	Jarchow, Paul Ray
37	Davenport	Williams, Norman Pearl	419	Sanborn	Engeman, Thomas M
60	Camanche	Cremer, Charles Lloyd	436	Gladbrook	Reinhard, Merlyn Ray
63	Chariton	Moon, Charles Raymond	464	Eagle Grove	Helgevold, Don Arlen
72	Elkader	Bowden, Gary Gale	482	Milford	Duncan, John Paul
91	Corydon	Crozier, Dwight Lavern	492	Marne	Sommer, John W
103	Sioux City	Clark, Franklin Ray	502	Sloan	Long, Charles Arthur
107	Columbus City	Thomas, Marvin Dewayne	502	Sloan	Pullen, Gail Malden
139	Springville	Stentz, Don Curtis	506	Gowrie	Johnson, Daniel C
153	Sidney	King, C W	509	Windsor Heights	Day, Nathaniel Robert
160	Clermont	Schneider, Robert Dean	519	Laurens	Plantz, Herbert William Jr.
174	Malcom	Miller, David Charles	561	Melbourne	West, Richard Edwin
178	Sac City	Klink, Donald Paul	630	Des Moines	Baker, Raymond Edward
205	Algona	Anderson, Jerrold Ray	632	Des Moines	Hansen, Michael Emerett
249	Ames	Stephan, Corwin Vernon	632	Des Moines	Carey, Richard William
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