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# Make Your Mark in Masonry



Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and his Lady Connie

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**THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN**

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**2017 Grand Master Area Meetings  
(Town Hall Meetings)**

- Monday, October 16, 2017** Bluff City Lodge No. 71, 130 S 6th Street, Council Bluffs 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, October 17, 2017** Instruction Lodge No. 275, 622 Benton Ave, Corning 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, October 18, 2017** Triangle Lodge No. 643, 3100 41st St., Sioux City 6:30 PM
- Saturday, November 4, 2017** Rock-Sirrius Lodge No. 294, 28 1st St. SE, Nora Springs 10:00 AM
- Monday, November 6, 2017** Neophyte Lodge No. 301, 409 West Street, New Virginia 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 7, 2017** Clinton Lodge No. 15, 52 1/2 E Briggs Ave, Fairfield 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 8, 2017** Home Lodge No. 370, 5201 Maple Dr, Pleasant Hill 6:30 PM
- Monday, November 13, 2017** Hiram of Tyre Lodge No. 118 1105 E 5th St, Tama 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017** West Union Lodge No. 69, 132 S Vine St, West Union 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 15, 2017** Iowa Masonic Library, 813 First Ave SE, Cedar Rapids 6:30 PM
- Thursday, November 16, 2017** Davenport Lodge No. 37, 511 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Davenport 6:30 PM

**2018 Secretaries Conferences**

- Tuesday, January 2, 2018** Mahaska Lodge No. 644, 1312 17th Ave E, Oskaloosa 1:00 PM
- Thursday, January 4, 2018** Trinity Lodge No. 208, 511 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Davenport 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, January 9, 2018** Black Hawk Lodge No. 65, 202 1/2 Main St, Cedar Falls 6:30 PM
- Thursday, January 11, 2018** East Gate Lodge No. 630, 2501 E Grand Ave, Urbandale 6:30 PM
- Saturday, January 13, 2018** Speculative Lodge No. 307, 935 South 2nd St, Cherokee 10:00 AM
- Monday, January 15, 2018** Valley Lodge No. 232, 308 E Erie St Ste 2, Missouri Valley 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, January 17, 2018** Tyrian Lodge No. 508, 820 Nebraska St, Sioux City 6:30 PM
- Thursday, January 18, 2018** Nekoda Lodge No. 597, 700 5th St, Lohrville 6:30 PM
- Saturday, January 20, 2018** Cobia Lodge No. 631, 130 S 6th St, Council Bluffs 10:00 AM
- Monday, January 22, 2018** Benevolence Lodge No. 145, 302 1st St SE, Mason City 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, January 23, 2018** Iowa Masonic Library 813 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids 6:30 PM
- Thursday, January 25, 2018** Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8, 206 N Main St, Mount Pleasant 6:30 PM

**Grand Master's Message**  
**"Make Your Mark in Masonry"**



Greetings Brethren,

Fall is the time where farmers reap the rewards of their efforts and prepare their land for the next seasons' efforts. For Iowa Masons fall is also the time where lodges reap the rewards for their efforts on behalf of their members and Iowa Masonry. The members of the Grand Lodge of Iowa will gather to conduct the business of the Grand Lodge and perform one of the obligations we made as officers of our lodges, attendance at Grand Lodge. However, if we are going for just these reasons, we are missing several of the most important parts of the Grand Lodge experience. We are missing the opportunity to share fellowship, ideas, and experiences with Brothers and their Ladies. We are missing the opportunity to learn about several topics of interest during the session, a great program is also planned for our ladies' enjoyment, and we are missing the final opportunity this year to express our pride and dedication to our Fraternity and to learn the plans and program for the next year.

All of these and a beautiful setting and facilities make great reasons to attend the Annual Session on September 14-16 at the Davenport Convention Center and Radisson Hotel.

This year has been exciting and interesting for Iowa Masonry as many myths were explored. The nearly five hundred people who gathered in Des Moines showed that Masons will attend a Masonic event in large numbers. The nearly fifty Brothers who attended the Third Degree at Reinbeck showed that Brethren will attend to support a new member's admission into their family. The Education Conference, 300th Birthday celebration and the joint wreath-laying ceremony at T.S. Parvin's gravesite in Iowa City, all demonstrated that the Masonic bodies can coordinate and work together for the good of Iowa Masonry in all its various forms. The smiles on Masons and their ladies' faces at Golf Outings, degrees, and special events like the 300th Party and Education Conference show that Masons can have fun and enjoy themselves at Masonic outings. The work at the Ritual Competition showed that Iowa Masons do care about the quality of their ritual and will dedicate their time and efforts to perfect their craft. The quality of the work by the lodges participating was rewarding and the enthusiasm of the participants bodes well for our future. Over 90% of the participants were not Masonic Instructors or District Lecturers, and the precision of the ritual and especially the footwork was outstanding. And the best thing was everyone who participated appeared to enjoy the experience and profited from the counsel they received from the Board of Custodians and their own efforts. I hope there is a large group watching their effort as the winning group presents the First Section of the Third Degree on Thursday at Grand Lodge.

All of these events have shown that Iowa Masons are "Making their Marks." My Grand Lodge Officers and I appreciate the opportunities we have been given this year to be a part of this experience. We have enjoyed the chances we've had to experience your Masonic hospitality and to be a part of your Masonic family for an evening. We appreciate the support you have provided for Grand Lodge events and programs. We appreciate the support you've provided for the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum, the Scholarship Fund, and the Masonic Youth Groups because these help preserve our heritage and build for our future. None of these can occur or operate without your support. That support does make a difference and is appreciated. We appreciate the chances we've had to share ideas and fellowship with Sister Jurisdictions, Prince Hall, Youth Groups, and Affiliated Bodies. We face the same opportunities and challenges and the sharing of ideas and fellowship is beneficial to each of us. We thank the Craft of Iowa for affording us this opportunity. We look forward to meeting each of you and giving our thanks to all of those attending the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in Davenport.

Fraternally and respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Hurmence".

Kenneth A. Hurmence  
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

### Clay Lodge No. 193 at Lewisburg Raises Brother Derick Jones



It was a typical hot July evening as Grand Master Ken Hurmence and 25 brothers from across the state of Iowa gathered at a one room school house in Wayne County to assist Worshipful Master Larry Williamson and the members of Clay Lodge No. 193 in Raising Brother Derick Jones to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Following an excellent supper of pork loin, baked beans, pasta salad, and the fixin's served at 6:30 P.M. the brothers assembled in the upper floor where the lodge was opened on the Third Degree by Worshipful Master Williamson and

the brothers of Clay Lodge at 7:30.

Grand Master Hurmence was conducted to the Altar and presented in the East where he was introduced and given the private Grand Honors of Masonry.

Brother Dan Ryan then assumed the East and Worshipful Master William the West and conferred the first section of the Degree on Brother Jones. After he was reinvested, Grand Master Hurmence assumed the East and he and the Grand Lodge officers conferred the second section of the Degree. Brother Matt Clayton served as Junior Warden and the charge was given by Senior Grand Steward Marv Kendall.

Following the Degree Grand Master Hurmence spoke to Brother Jones about being proud , having fun, that words have meaning and "Making your Mark." He then presented him with his personal set of working tools and a Grand Master's lapel pin.

The Grand Lodge officers then closed Clay Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.



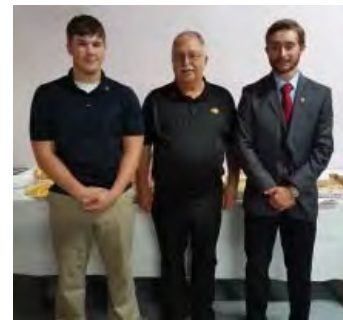
### Astor Lodge No. 505 at Albia Raises Fourth Generation Mason

Monday, July 31st was a memorable evening for Brother Cory Clark, his father Eric and his grandfather Rex as a 4th generation Clark was Raised to the Degree of Master Mason in Astor Lodge No. 505 in Albia.



*Rex, Cory and Eric*

Grand Master Ken Hurmence made time in his busy schedule to drive to Albia and take part in this important event. There were members present from Antiquity Lodge at Moravia, Jackson Lodge at Centerville, and Integrity Lodge at Bussey. Brother Cory has joined the U.S. Armed Forces on the buddy plan with Brother Dylan Salter who was Raised in Ottumwa Lodge No. 16 on June 28. They will be leaving on August 22.



*Cory, Grand Master Hurmence, and Dylan*

The lodge was opened at 7:00 P.M. by Worshipful Master John Wales.

After opening he had Grand Master Hurmence conducted to the Altar and presented in the East where he was introduced and given the private Grand Honors of Masonry. Deputy Grand Secretary Tim Anderson then assumed the East and conferred the first section of the Degree and Senior Grand Steward Marv Kendall gave the scripture. After Brother Clark was reinvested Grand Master Hurmence assumed the East and conferred the second section. Brother Keith Voss gave the charge. Brothers Eric and Rex Clark assisted in Raising Brother Cory.

It was an emotional time after the Degree, when Cory's grandfather Rex Clark presented him with his great grandfather Spaur's Masonic ring.

Worshipful Master Wales then closed Astor Lodge and all retired to the dining room for pizza and other goodies.



*Rex Presenting Cory Masonic Ring*

**Grand Lodge of Iowa  
173rd Annual Communication  
September 14-16, 2017**



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**Grand Lodge 2017 Meal Ticket Order Form**

**Thursday, September 14**

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.

Apple Brandy Grilled Pork Chop \$40.00	Number_____	Cost_____
Grilled Chicken Breast \$40.00	Number_____	Cost_____

**Friday, September 15**

Lunch – Hot Beef Sandwich

Provided by the Iowa York Rite Bodies	Number_____	Cost Free
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Ladies Luncheon – \$28.00	Number_____	Cost_____
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All – Masonic Banquet – 6:00 p.m.

Prime Rib \$45.00	Number_____	Cost_____
Pan Seared Canadian Walleye \$40.00	Number_____	Cost_____

**Saturday, September 16**

Ladies Continental Breakfast	Number_____	Cost Free
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Masonic Breakfast for all

Provided by the Iowa Scottish Rite Bodies	Number_____	Cost Free
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Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Iowa

Send to: Grand Lodge of Iowa

Attention: Tickets

PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0279

Note: Reservation cut-off is Friday, September 1. 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

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### Randy Riggle to Perform at Grand Lodge

Randy has been a seasoned veteran of the comedy scene since 1982 as a nationally touring comedian. His combination of innovative style, quick wit, and brilliant impressions has made Randy popular with all types of audiences for many years. He currently tours the nation with three different shows. The "Nostalgia Show" is a 2-hour multi-media show that pays a comedic tribute to the 1950's and 60's. The "Nostalgic Christmas Show" is a seasonal production that is a 90-minute comedy show about everyone's favorite holiday! And, of course, his stand-up comedy!



He debuted his talent during an "open mike" night at the Pittsburgh Comedy Club on February 2, 1982 and Groundhog Day has never been the same! Since then he has had hundreds of college appearances to his credit including Penn State, Ohio State, and the Universities of California and Hawaii. Randy has also performed for such corporations as Westinghouse, PNC Bank, and the United Steel Workers of America. To date...he has performed in 47 states including Alaska & Hawaii.

Riggle is a native of southwestern Pennsylvania, and has brought quality entertainment to the area through his independent production company Riggle Productions for the past 35 years.

He has written for many comedians including Jay Leno and Joan Rivers as well as opening for such acts as Dennis Miller, Kenny Chesney, Jerry Seinfeld, Ellen Degeneres, and Weird Al Yankovic. This talented comedian has appeared nationally on all three major networks including NBC, ABC, and CBS. Randy has also performed at some of the country's top comedy clubs including the IMPROV. Most recently, he has become a regular on the strip in Las Vegas.

Randy's act features a clean, refreshing approach to humor as he is a favorite in both Christian and secular markets. A proven ability to make people laugh and enjoy themselves makes Randy Riggle a definite threat to your funny bone! Why not see for yourself.....

### Grand Lodge 2017 Ladies schedule of events, Radisson in Davenport

#### Wednesday, Afternoon, September 13

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Registration will be held in the Moline Room in the Ballroom. Please bring your pre-priced craft items, silent auction items and baked goods to the Moline Room in the Ballroom.

#### Thursday, September 14

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Moline Room in the Ballroom will be open to accept crafts and baked goods, silent auction items. Please come to enjoy cookies, coffee, juice, and muffins.

10:00 a.m. – Program "Healthy Heart and Healthy Habits" By Karen Doy

Lunch is on your own. Don't forget to pick up a detailed list of establishments that are close by.

1:30 p.m. – Program "Isabel Bloom Studio Showroom and Tour Center"

#### Friday, September 15

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Moline Room in the Ballroom will be open.

Ladies Hospitality Room open for registration and accepting craft and baked goods.

11:30 a.m. – Public Memorial Service in Lodge Room

Noon – Ladies Luncheon in Hospitality Room and Program on "Quilts of Valor." By Terry Austin.

Free time for Ladies this afternoon.

#### Saturday, September 16

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Craft items not sold by 10:00 a.m. should be picked up. Any items which remain will be donated to a local charity.

8:30 a.m. – Moline Room in the Ballroom - Continental Breakfast hosted by the First Lady Connie Hurmence and the 2016-2017 Grand Lodge Ladies, homemade breads, fruit salad, juice, coffee and tea.

9:30 a.m. – Program "Charlie Becker, Executive Director Camp Courageous of Iowa."

### Newton Lodge No. 59 Donates to "Kids Without Beds"

The members of Newton Lodge No. 59 presented a check for \$1,500 to the "Kids Without Beds" program of First Christian Church in Newton. The lodge donated \$1,500 and received a matching donation from the Grand Lodge Charity Fund. Shown presenting the check are Worshipful Master Andy Oxley and Dick Palmer, who coordinates the program. "Kids Without Beds" helps low income families secure a proper bed for children.



### Mosaic Lodge No. 125 Scholarship and Awards Night

By D. Keith Robertson

Mosaic Lodge No. 125 in Dubuque held its Annual Scholarship Night on May 17, 2017. Following a delicious stuffed pork dinner Past Grand Master Edwin D. Blinks gave a brief program on Masonry and that it has made a difference. Brother Robert Happ, a member of the Lodge Scholarship Committee presented six \$2,000 scholarships. Past Grand Master Blinks presented a \$2,000 scholarship on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to Emma Fassbinder.

Charity Committee member Jack Smeltzer presented Ellen Dettmer, PR/Marketing Director, from Area Residential Care, with a grant from the lodge charity fund to assist in their summer gardening project to help those with special needs.



Past Grand Master Blinks presented Past Master Robert North with his 50 year certificate, card, pin and letter from Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence. Greg Stechman and Zachary Spurgeon took the recipients, their parents and those interested on a tour of the temple.

Those pictured: Back Row: Grace Manternach, Kayla Felderman, Mosaic Scholarship. Front Row: Rebecca Schueller, Elizabeth Kelsey, Mosaic Scholarship, Brian Kelly Worshipful Master, and Emma Fassbinder Grand Lodge Scholarship.

### Teachers of the Year Honored by Crossroads Masonic Lodge

By William R. Crawford

Crossroads Masonic Lodge No. 677 recognized their Teachers of the Year at its April meeting. Julie Murphy, a Language Arts Teacher at the Central DeWitt High School, was honored as the New Teacher of the Year. Theron Bertoline, a Mathematics Teacher at the Central DeWitt Middle School was honored as the Teacher of the Year.

Shown is Mrs. Murphy who received a check for use in the classroom and an engraved glass apple from Secretary Lynn Broughton. She thanked the Masons for their support of public education and also expressed her appreciation of the community's support.

Mr. Bertoline, was at the Drake Relays and unable to attend. The awards were presented at a later date.



### **Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 200 Lodge Rededication Ceremony Olin, Iowa**

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Olin to conduct a Lodge Rededication Ceremony for Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 200. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis led a practice for the ceremony at 11:15 A.M.



Prior to the ceremony everyone enjoyed a nice Luncheon prepared by Gwen's.

Worshipful Master William Heldt gave the invitation to Grand Master Hurmence to rededicate the Lodge. Grand Master Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in due and ancient form. Junior Grand Steward William R. Dayton gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture" and Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall gave the tribute to the flag.

John Lacock was Orator and spoke about the history of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 200 in Olin. At the end of the ceremony Grand Master Hurmence presented Worshipful Master William Heldt with a plaque commemorating the event.

### **Iowa Masonic Health Facilities Visit**

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and the 2016-2017 Grand Lodge officers and their ladies traveled to the Iowa Masonic Health Facilities in Bettendorf, Iowa on May 20, 2017. The Administrator Chris Vetter, welcomed everyone to the facility and presented Penny Hoker with a bracelet and thanked her for all she has done for Iowa Masonic Health



Facilities in their efforts promoting the music program. Chairman Eldon F. Walton welcomed everyone to the facility. Grand Master Hurmence introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and spoke briefly on his many visits to the home over the years. Jeff Hoker from ABATE talked a little bit about the Motorcycle Ride and the fundraising efforts for the day. The facility held



several fun activities to celebrate National Nursing Home Week. Tours of the facility were given to the Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies.

### **Mark Williamson Installed as the Grand Master of North Dakota**

On June 17, 2017 Mark Williamson was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Most Worshipful Brother Mark lived and worked in Victor, Iowa for a while and shared the following thoughts with me recently. "Since our visit, I have been thinking about my time in Iowa. We



had just graduated college and the company moved us to Victor. Since we were from a small town in North Dakota, we felt right at home in small town Iowa. We were able to assimilate very quickly and were soon entrenched in the community. I don't think I knew it at the time, but I believe this was a "precursor" to my seeking light in Masonry. I know it's hard to describe, but when you think about the things I learned and the helping attitudes we had as volunteer firemen, the service concept similarities are uncanny. There is also a "brotherhood" of sorts enjoyed by firemen. This coupled with the values we were instilled with as we attended church, it appears to me that it was inevitable that I become a Mason. My service has continued since I left Iowa and eventually moved back to North Dakota and at our Grand Communication in June, will be installed as the next Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Dakota." Congratulations Mark and the Best of Luck on your ensuing year.



## The Grand Lodge of Iowa Celebrated 300 Years of Freemasonry, 1717-2017

On Saturday June 24th, 2017 Masons from across the Pond and across the Great State of Iowa gathered together at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Center, 519 Park Street, Des Moines to celebrate the founding of the Grand Lodge of England 300 years ago.

The festivities started with Brother Ron Husted on the Bagpipes called everyone to order in the



Tapestry Room. Past Grand Master Bryce B. Hildreth welcomed everyone to the event and introduced Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence. W. Charles Smithson Master of Kadosh then read the proclamation from Brother and Governor Terry E. Branstad, proclaiming June the month of Masonry. It was one of the final documents signed by Branstad before becoming the Ambassador to China.

The Masons then moved to the auditorium where Grand Master Kenneth Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers opened the Grand Lodge of Iowa in Ample Form. Bryce B. Hildreth,

P.G.M. introduced our Distinguished Brethren from Foreign Jurisdictions; Ronald E. Bryant (Deputy of South Queensland, Australia), Paul W. Johnston (Grand Master of the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales, & Provinces Overseas), Christopher Hatton (Senior London Grand Rank), Simon E. Polkinghorne Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, Province of Surry, United Grand Lodge of England), and Graham Hancock (Senior London Grand Rank) and received the Private Grand Honors. The Iowa Masonic Dignitaries, Des Moines Valley Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Officers, Grand Lodge Officers, and Past Grand Masters were introduced and received honors. Following introductions, Christopher Hatton (Senior London Grand Rank) held a forum on the History of English Freemasonry in the Blue Lodge Room. Our English Brethren performed the English Past Master Ceremony in the auditorium. Grand Master Hurmence was the active candidate. The Ladies enjoyed a High Tea and program by Tom Coleman from Beaverdale Confection Company. My wife said the chocolate covered marshmallows were wonderful.

Everyone adjourned to the W.T. and Edna Dahl Grand Banquet Room for a social hour followed by the Time Capsule Dedication by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Time Capsule was crafted by Brother Benjamin J. Mayer from Winterset. The list of contents in the Time Capsule were: 300th Anniversary Jewel, 2017 List of Iowa Lodges, 2017 Scottish Rite Directory, Iowa State Capital Commemorative Coin, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Jewel, 2016-2017 Grand Master's Pin, 2017 Grand Lodge Bulletins, Symbolic Lodge Petition, Scottish Rite Petition, Gavel used by Grand Master Hurmence while presiding at the 2017 Conference of Grand Masters, miscellaneous items donated by 107 Iowa Masonic Lodges.



The Festive Board began with Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer giving the invocation. The 1st Toast was given by Ronald E. Bryant (Deputy of South Queensland, Australia) to the Queen, the 2nd Toast was given by Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis, P.G.M to the Office of the President of the United States of America, the 3rd Toast was given by Junior Grand Warden Rick N. McCampbell to the Ladies, the 4th Toast was given by Brother Ronald D. Lindhart to the Scottish Rite, the 5th Toast was given by Past Grand Master Bryce B. Hildreth to the Grand Lodge of England, the 6th Toast was given by Past Grand Master Edwin D. Blinks to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and the 7th and final Toast of the evening was by Past Grand Treasurer John M. Klaus the "Tiler's Toast." Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer give the Benediction and everyone sang "Auld Lang Syne."



United States of America, the 3rd Toast was given by Junior Grand Warden Rick N. McCampbell to the Ladies, the 4th Toast was given by Brother Ronald D. Lindhart to the Scottish Rite, the 5th Toast was given by Past Grand Master Bryce B. Hildreth to the Grand Lodge of England, the 6th Toast was given by Past Grand Master Edwin D. Blinks to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and the 7th and final Toast of the evening was by Past Grand Treasurer John M. Klaus the "Tiler's Toast." Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer give the Benediction and everyone sang "Auld Lang Syne."

### Grand Tyler Monte L. Harris Honored

Masons from across the state gathered at the Davenport Masonic Temple to honor Grand Tyler Monte L. Harris. Brubaker Lodge No. 675 hosted the reception. Roberta Gimmy served wonderful treats during the social hour.



The Masons moved to the Lodge Hall for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers after Worshipful Master Russell R. Risley had opened the lodge. Committeemen were Brothers Dennis M. Zahrt and Dennis R. Soebbing. Grand Master Hurmence was introduced and received with Brothers John A. “Jack” Cook and Dennis E. “Toby” Williams as committeemen. Grand Tyler Harris was received and introduced with Brothers Dennis M. Zahrt and Phil Haan as committeemen. Brother Harris thanked everyone for being there and talked about his journey to reaching this day. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Brubaker Lodge No. 675.

Tom and Diane Taylor provided a delicious Salisbury Steak and Chicken Dinner. Past Grand Master Dennis M. Zahrt served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grand Master Hurmence spoke about his program for the year and introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer giving the Benediction.

### Full Moon Lodge No. 561 at Melbourne Presents Two Grand Lodge Scholarships

This Year the Grand Lodge of Iowa awarded 60 - \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors of Iowa Public High Schools. Brothers Jeff Lanning, Senior Deacon and Dean Schoppe, Senior Warden of Full Moon Lodge No. 561 are shown presenting Shay Slifka and Georgia Port with their scholarships. Shay and Georgia both attend West Marshall High School at State Center.

Jeff Lanning says “this level of recognition says a lot for the students of West Marshall High School and it’s teaching staff.”



### West Gate - Adelpic Lodge No. 509 Supports Community



For the past 20 plus years West Gate – Adelpic Lodge No. 509 has been supporting the Windsor Heights community by annually donating to the fire and police departments. Pictured are Worshipful Master E. Jay Coon and Secretary Jim Nagle presenting a check in the amount of \$500 to the Windsor Heights Police Department.

The lodge also hosts a pancake breakfast for a youth organization each year. It started out for a Little League program and now does it for other youth groups. At the beginning we sold tickets and then donated the money left after expenses to the organization. Now we provide all the supplies for the breakfast and have the youth sell the tickets and they keep all the money. This year we supported South Gate Assembly of Rainbow for Girls. They printed and sold the tickets then helped at the breakfast by keeping the tables clean and restocked with silverware.

**Trinity Lodge No. 208 Temple Rededication Ceremony  
Davenport, Iowa**



Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Davenport on Saturday, May 20 to rededicate Trinity Lodge No. 208 to the Masonic principles on which it was founded.

Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Jamie D. Johnson led a practice for the Ceremony at 12:00 P.M. At 1:00 P.M. Worshipful Master William T. Monroe then invited Grand Master Hurmence to rededicate Trinity Lodge No. 208. Grand Master Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in due and ancient form. Junior Grand Deacon Richard J. Hofmeyer gave the tribute to public education, "School Book Lecture" and Junior Grand Steward

William R. Dayton gave the tribute to the American Flag.

Worshipful Master Monroe (*pictured on the right*) completed the ceremony as Orator speaking about the distinguished history of Trinity Lodge No. 208.



**Brother Leslie Lickiss Raised**

Great Lights Lodge No. 181 in Decorah hosted a Third Degree Reception on July 24, 2017, where Brother Leslie Lickiss was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Following a wonderful pork chop dinner at 5:30 P.M., the lodge was opened by Worshipful Master Christopher McCartney and his officers.



Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer then assumed the East and conferred the Degree on Brother Lickiss. Brother Mike Root served as Senior Deacon.

After Brother Lickiss was reinvested Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was conducted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors. Grand Master Hurmence then introduced the Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Hurmence was in the East for the Second Section and Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis gave the Charge.

The Grand Master presented Brother Lickiss with his lapel pin and a set of his own working tools. Brother Lickiss thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree work. Grand Master Hurmence talked about his program and upcoming upcoming events at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.

**Tyrrell Lodge No. 116 Presents Scholarships  
By Virgil B. Sell Secretary**

Tyrrell Lodge No. 116 in Waverly held its annual scholarship awards night on May 3, 2017 with 34 people attending. The evening began with a pizza dinner. The Lodge presents six \$1,000.00 scholarships every year. This year's recipients were: Makayla Holub, Tyler Bunce, Faith Abben, Skylin Heidemann, Keegan Crawford, and Chaska Hunt. Worshipful Master Kent Farran is shown in the back row. We are always proud of these young people we present scholarships to and wish them well in all their future plans.



## 2017 All Iowa Masonic Golf Outing



It was a hot and humid day on July 21, 2017 as Mason's from across Iowa gathered at Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona for the All Iowa Masonic Golf Outing. Brother Tom Nash from South Gate Lodge No. 657 in Des Moines was the Chairman of the event and did a wonderful job. We would also like to thank Joe Riding from the Golf Course for their contribution to the event and the lunch following the outing. We would also like to thank all of the sponsors, participants, and volunteers for their support of the Iowa Masonic Scholarship Fund and Iowa Masonic Library Museum Building Endowment Fund. The results from the outing are listed below.

**Champions** - Brian Stolle, Jason Stolle, Bob Carlson, Guy Johnson

### **First Flight**

*1st Place* – Ty Green, Mike Linde, Nick Reifert, Angie Van Dalen

*2nd Place* – Jack Edson and Signet Lodge

*3rd Place* – Toby Williams, Scott Enyart, Hollie Smith, Scott Ford

### **Second Flight**

*1st Place* – Mark McCulloch, Denton Christine, Troy Christine, Andy Metz

*2nd Place* – Ken Hurmance, Jack Cook, Scott Cook, Steve Trullinger

*3rd Place* – Eldon Walton, Randy Stoner, Rick Hubbell

### **Third Flight**

*1st Place* – Nancy Davis, Craig Davis, Eric Fraser, Mark Tague

*2nd Place* – Bill Post, Archie Barraige

*3rd Place* – Amuray Lendasse, Jim Burr, Andrew Arthur, Albert Ratner

### **Fourth Flight**

*1st Place* – Derek Niklasen, Tyler Smith, Paul Dudley, Allen Briggs

*2nd Place* – Tammy Post, Don Post, Matt Post, Katie Post

*3rd Place* – Wayne Wunschel, Keith Zeigler, Todd Morgon, Dan Kelly

### **Fifth Flight**

*1st Place* – Art Crandon, Ward Miller, Dennis Buffington, Dennis Lynk

*2nd Place* – Bruce Tennant, Dakota Tennant, Justin Trevillian, Tony Batcheller

**Closest to the Pin No. 4** - Brian Stolle;

**Longest Putt No. 18** - Ward Miller;

**Longest Drive No. 7** - Mark McCulloch;

**50/50 Winner** - Denton Christine

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### Junior Grand Warden Rick N. Mc Campbell



Masons from across the state gathered at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Building to honor Junior Grand Warden Rick N. McCampbell. Crest City Lodge No. 522 hosted the reception. Breads, meat and cheese were served during the social hour.

The Masons moved to the Lodge Hall for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers after Worshipful Master Mike McLain from Faith Lodge No. 179 in Mount Ayr had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the reception of Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Rusty Hill and Gene Hatfield. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced with Brothers John A. "Jack" Cook Deputy Grand Master and Loren C. Stein Past Junior Grand Warden as committeemen. Junior Grand Warden McCampbell was received and introduced with Brothers Robert H. Erickson, Past Grand Master and Richard L. Bowersox Past Grand Treasurer as committeemen. Brother McCampbell and Senior Grand Warden William W. Post had a little fun before McCampbell thanked

everyone for being there. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Crest City Lodge No. 522.

While the Masons were in the Lodge, the ladies were entertained with a quilt program by Pam McCampbell. After the program was finished and the Lodge closed all moved to the tapestry room for lunch and a program. A delicious pulled pork and pulled chicken was on the menu for the luncheon. Right Worshipful Brother William R. Yungclas served as Master of Ceremonies. After lunch Rick and Tammy Post lit up the afternoon with dueling piano's. Grand Master Hurmence spoke about the Grand Master's program for the year and introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. The afternoon concluded with the Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer giving the Benediction.

### Prudence Lodge No. 205 Temple Rededication Ceremony Algona, Iowa

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Algona to conduct a Temple Dedication Ceremony for Prudence Lodge No. 205.

Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis led a practice for the Ceremony at 4:00 P.M. Worshipful Master Tom Nugent gave the invitation to Grand Master Hurmence to rededicate the Lodge. Grand Master Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in due and ancient form. Junior Grand Deacon Richard J. Hofmeyer gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture" and Grand Tyler Monte L. Harris gave the tribute to the flag.

Tom Nugent was Orator and spoke about the history of Prudence Lodge No. 205 in Algona.

After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a nice Roast Beef and Pork Supper prepared by Vickie's Catering and served by the Order of Eastern Star. After Dinner Brother Fritz Nielsen (90 years young) entertained all in attendance with his rendition of "Algona" a song about their hometown.



### Scholarship Thank You

*Emily J. Campbell* – The funds will help me on my educational journey at Iowa State University where I will major in Agriculture Studies.

*Katherine Simpson* – It is such an honor to be recognized by an organization that does so much to help others. I appreciate your support and am grateful for the opportunity to represent the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

### Brother Doug Mayland Raised

Prudence Lodge No. 205 in Algona hosted a Third Degree Reception on June 22, 2017, where Brother Doug Mayland was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Worshipful Master Tom Nugent opened lodge and was in the East for the conferral of the first section and Arthur Pixler was Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was conducted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors. Grand Master Hurmence then introduced the Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Hurmence was in the East for the Second Section and Bruce Thomas Past Master gave the Charge.

The Grand Master presented Brother Mayland with his lapel pin and a set of his own working tools. Brother Mayland thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree work. He also shared that he waited 59 years for his father to ask him to be a Mason and that his father waited 59 years for Doug to ask him to join Masonry. Brother Bill Peake preformed the funeral service for his father and mentioned to Doug that if he gave a crooked smile, he might just make sure that he became a Mason. Doug sent Bill an Emogee with a crooked smile and now you know the rest of the story. Grand Master Hurmence talked about upcoming events and invited everyone to attend Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge with Senior Grand Warden William W. Post in the East.



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### Brother Willis Nelson Honored

It was a beautiful early summer day as Exodus Lodge No. 342 at Exira held its annual Flag Day Breakfast Fundraiser at the Brayton Town Hall. There were approximately 120 persons served and around \$700.00 raised. During the breakfast Brother Willis Nelson was presented with his 50 year membership certificate and pin from Past Masters Bruce Hoegh and Dwayne Bornholdt and Past Grand Chaplain Denny Heflin from Harlan presenting a 2016-17 Grand Master's pin. Many of Brother Nelson's family and close friends attended the event.



Pictured on the left are of Brother Willis Nelson receiving his 50 year membership certificate and pin from Past Masters Bruce Hoegh and Dwayne Bornholdt and Senior Warden Jerry Evans is holding the decorated cake with Masonic emblems.

### Hebron Lodge No. 374

By William C. Stocks Secretary

On May 3rd Hebron Lodge No. 374 and Oelwein Chapter No. 45 Order of the Eastern Star held their annual scholarship dinner to honor their 2017 scholarship winners. Recipients of the Hebron Lodge scholarships were Madison Jackson and Kaleb Huffman and for the Eastern Star scholarships were Justin Ritter and Joshua Peterson. The scholarship winners and their parents were guests at a dinner provided by the Masons and Eastern Star. The Oelwein Masonic Teacher of the Year, Justin Villont, an Oelwein art teacher, was honored. Ken Hurmence, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, a retired teacher, was the featured speaker. He spoke on how much Masonry values education. He shared how his personal goals after graduating from high school were changed through circumstances of the times. Ken encouraged the graduates to pursue their future and education with open minds.



### Brother Liam Bicsak is Raised at South Gate

It was a special night at South Gate Lodge No. 657 in Des Moines on May 18 as Brother Liam Bicsak 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 James McLaughlin opened lodge and Past Master Kirk Mitchell was in the East for the First Section, Drew Mathias 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 Ken Sobocinski.

Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Kirk Mitchell and Josh Swallow as Committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced with Brothers Ken Sobocinski and Josh Swallow as Committeemen. The Grand Master assumed the East as the Grand lodge Officers conferred the Second Section. Senior Grand Deacon Robert W. White gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Bicsak with his pin, his own working tools and a packet of information. Worshipful Master McLaughlin presented Brother Bicsak with his Apron and Enlightenment Course. Brother Liam thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree. It was an emotional night for Brother Bicsak as he had wanted to be a Mason all his life.



Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook and the Grand Lodge Officers then closed South Gate Lodge.

### Brother Doug Worden is Raised at Star Lodge No. 115



On July 26th, brothers from across the state traveled to Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid for a Third Degree for Brother Doug Worden.

Worshipful Master Brian Ahrens opened lodge and was in the East for the First Section, Kelly Bruce was Senior Deacon. The Officers of Star Lodge did an outstanding job conferring the First Section.

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced and given the Private Grand Honors. Grand Master Hurmence then introduced the Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master assumed the East as the Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section. Past Grand Treasurer Lane H. Shaver gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Worden with his pin, his own miniature set of working tools and a packet of information. Brother Doug thanked everyone for being there, being part of his degree and expressed how excited

he was to learn and participate. A long standing tradition of the lodge is to have all in attendance introduce themselves and offer congratulations. Many of the brethren mentioned to Brother Doug that he has been a Mason by Nature all of his life.

Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook and the Grand Lodge Officers then closed Star Lodge.

On August 4th, Brother Doug unexpectedly laid down his working tools. A Celebration of Life and Masonic Services were held August 12th.

### Scholarship Thank You

*Ryan Millikin* – It truly is an honor to be selected. It was fun talking with you and the other interviewers! This scholarship will help pay for my college education.

*Annie Cassutt* – Thank you for awarding me with a scholarship. I plan to use it to further my education. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Jack Johnson Receives 50 Year Recognition

Gloaming Lodge No. 482 in Milford recognized Past Master Jack Johnson for his 50 Years of service in the Masonic Fraternity. Brother Johnson was joined by his family for his 50 year certificate presentation. Brother Jack thanked Gloaming Lodge for the opportunity to enjoy the Masonic Fraternity and the support of his family.

Left to Right: (Sons) Chris, Tom, Zach (grandson), Brother Jack, Louis (son), and Worshipful Master Steve Clark



### Garrett Huismann Raised at Coin Lodge No. 394

Coin Lodge No. 394 in Reinbeck hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree for Brother Garrett Huismann. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Frank Wyatt opened lodge. Brother Wyatt was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Matt Wyatt was Senior Deacon.

The Masons joined their ladies in the dining room for a hamburger or pork dinner.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Walt Miller and Bill Williams as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Most Worshipful Brother Ernie D. Shoup Grand Master of New Mexico was received with Brothers Miller and Williams as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Hurmence was received with Brothers Bill Williams and Walt Miller 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 Warden William W. Post gave the Charge. Garrett's father Mark presented him with his own Masonic Bible and a Masonic Ring. Grand Master Shoup also presented Garrett with his Grand Master's pin and challenge coin. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Huismann with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other items. Brother Huismann thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.



Grand Master Shoup presented the lodge with a portrait of himself as Grand Master of New Mexico as well as pins and coins.

Worshipful Master Frank Wyatt presented both Grand Masters with a gift.

It was a special night, Brother Jack Shoup (Ernie's father) was serving as Worshipful Master this year and had been planning this night since last fall. Shortly after Brother Jack was installed as Worshipful Master, he lost his life after a brief battle with a brain tumor. The lodge members made sure that this night was as special as Brother Jack wanted it to be. Brother Jack was fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as Worshipful Master of his lodge the same year his son Ernie served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. "Well Done!" Brother Jack.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.



### Vesper Lodge No. 223 in Onawa Present Scholarships



L to R, Lodge Master Adam Sutton, Paige Nichols, Kalena Holland, John Rahilly, and Jade Disney

Brother Adam Sutton, Worshipful Master of Vesper Lodge No. 223 in Onawa presented the following graduating seniors from Monona County Schools with \$500 Scholarships on June 4, 2017, at the Lodge Hall. Paige Nichols of Onawa, the daughter of Clint and Shannon Nichols. She will be attending the University of South Dakota in the fall to study Kinesiology and Exercise Science.

Kalena Holland is the daughter of Jeff and Tracy Holland of Onawa and will be going to Western Iowa Tech Community College to study Human Resource Management. John Rahilly is the son of Jodi Samuelson of Onawa. John plans to attend Western Iowa Tech for a Pre-Physical Therapy Program.

Jade Disney plans to attend Iowa Western Community College then transfer to Wayne State College to continue his education toward a career as a history teacher. His mother is Lina Schlicting of Onawa. Skyler McDermott is the daughter of Shane and Tracy McDermott of Anthon and attended the Maple Valley Schools. She will attend Morningside College and pursue a career and job that she feels will make a difference in her part of the world. (Skyler was unable to attend the Presentation Ceremony due to a previous family commitment.)

Lodge members entertained the winners and their families with special desserts and soft drinks following the presentation.

These 5 scholarships make a total of 46 scholarships given since the inception of this special project at Vesper Lodge in 2005. Leland Hathaway has been serving as chairman of the Selection and Presentation Committee since 2007.

Funds for this special Lodge Project are raised through donations and Breakfast Fundraisers served on the second and fourth Sunday mornings of October through March.

### Brother Leo C. Harrington Receives 75 Year Award

Brothers Wade Sheeler and Garfield Berndt had the honor of presenting Brother Leo C. Harrington a 75 year membership certificate at his home in Newton on May 19th. Brother Harrington was raised in Newton Lodge No. 59 on May 29, 1942. Leo received his Masonic degrees prior to going into the United States Navy in World War II. He is 97 years old. Leo and his wife Marcia, a retired Newton school teacher live in their independent apartment at Park Center in Newton. Shown with Brother Harrington is Brother Garfield Berndt, who is one of the newest members of Newton Lodge No. 59, having been raised in August of 2016.



### Scholarship Thank You

*Immaculate Edwin* – I would like to thank you for your generous, financial support towards my higher education.

*Margaret Peterson* – I am honored to be a recipient and it will be used to help finance my education at Mount Mercy University.

*Georgia Porter* – I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of this scholarship. I am thankful that my efforts have not gone unnoticed.

*Jack Pieper* – Thank you for the generous scholarship! It was very interesting to learn more about Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the interview in March.

## Interesting Additions to Our Collections

By Bill Kreuger

Over the course of the summer, we have had some very interesting additions to our library and museum collections. In the early part of June, Brother Mitch Conant, his wife Sharon and Mitch's cousin Kevin Koeberl donated some of their family related archival materials. Previously, in 2012, Brother Mitch had donated his mother's identification card from Germany which is dated 1943. His mother is Maria Josefa Conant, nee Koberl. This card was issued during the period of the Third Reich and it bears the symbol of "Deutsches Reich" on its cover. A reproduction of this card is currently on exhibit in our General History museum.



Maria Koberl Identification Card



Maria Conant Passport

The materials that Mitch donated in early June continue the story of his mother's life in post-War Germany and then her immigration to the United States. The first item is a personal identification card for Maria Koberl, dated 1952. This card was issued by the Federal Republic of Germany and was used by her while she continued to live there. A second item is Maria Josefa Conant's passport issued in 1955 by the Federal Republic of Germany. By this time, Maria had married Brother Mitch's father and was soon to be on her way to the United States. The passport is stamped in the back by the U.S. Department of Justice as having admitted Mrs. Conant into the United States on March 31, 1956.

While Mitch was here, he had another item from his Uncle, Josef Koberl. This was a POW post card that was sent by Josef to his family in Germany while he was in prison in Russia after World War II. According to Mitch, his family was opposed to Hitler during a period that if you were caught it might lead to being sent to a concentration camp, or worse. Mitch's Uncle was caught and he was given the choice of either going to a concentration camp or to the Eastern Front to fight against the Russians. His Uncle chose the latter and was eventually captured by the Russians and sent to a POW camp.



POW Card

The war in Europe ended in May 1945. For Mitch's Uncle, this was not to be, as he remained a prisoner of the Russians until well after the War ended. The POW card that Mitch's cousin Kevin donated to us is dated September 8, 1947, almost two and a half years after the War.

Josef was eventually let out of prison and later immigrated to the United States. His son, Brother Keven Koeberl, is a Mason living in New York.

Mitch's wife, Sharon also donated several items that belonged to her grandfather, Harold H. Hoover, Sr. of Ohio. Her grandfather was also a Mason and a member of the Civil Air Patrol there. Two of the items include a 65 year membership pin from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, F. & A.M. Brother Hoover was a member of Mansfield Lodge No. 35 in Mansfield, Ohio. A second item is a photograph showing the presentation of his pin in March 2000. Brother Hoover passed away in 2002 at the age of 103.

Another interesting collection of items were donated by the El-Kahir Shrine of Cedar Rapids. In



Past Imperial Potentate Anthony's Model Oldsmobile

mid-June, we were given a number of items that had belonged to two Imperial Potentates from Cedar Rapids, Edwin Alderman (1908-1909) and Dr. Russell Anthony (1986-1987). This collection includes medallions, ribbons, ceramics and even a scale model automobile that is actually a whiskey bottle.

One of the more interesting items that I felt a connection with almost immediately is a silver commemorative engraving presented to Brother Edwin Alderman on March 13, 1909 to mark the corner-stone laying

ceremony of the Murat Shrine Temple in Indianapolis, Indiana.

It so happens that my first professional job out of graduate school was working at the Indiana State Museum, then located on Alabama Street, near the Indianapolis City Market and Market Square Arena (since torn down). I used to pass this strange looking mosque-like building almost every day to and from work. I remember that it was labeled the Murat Shrine Temple. At that point, I was not involved in Masonry and had no clear understanding of what the building was used for.



Murat Temple Engraving

Fast forward 39 years later and it feels like I have come full circle. What a coincidence to have a commemorative plate from a building that was built over 100 years ago and that I used to pass by all the time. What makes this even more intriguing is the fact that a person from Cedar Rapids, my hometown now, had a significant role in the completion of this building. What a small world!

It is hoped that many of these items will soon be placed on exhibit either in our gallery, or in one of our temporary exhibit cases in our hallway. We will try and keep you posted.

### Exira Masons (Exodus 342) and Exira Lions Club working together

Members of Exodus Lodge and the Exira Lions Club have jointly hosted various events within the



Exira-Elk Horn community over the past several years. They served an appreciation breakfast for the 45 plus high school students of Exira-EHK School District involved in the Leo Leadership group sponsored by the Exira Lions Club. They have been doing this appreciation breakfast the first part of May for the last three years. The high school teachers are also guests.

These groups also serve a light meal at the "Exira's National Night Out" event on August 1, 2017. There was no cost for the meal only a free will offering. The Lion's

provided a sandwich and chips while Exodus Lodge served homemade desserts. They raised \$425 which they donated to the local fireman's group to help cover costs incurred from recent devastating fires that destroyed four business buildings on Exira's Main Street.

The two groups along with the above mentioned Leo Youth Club are currently planning a major benefit on October 15 for Tori's Angels Foundation. Tori's Angels is a group that raises funds to support the families of children who have life threatening conditions. Tori's Angels is located in Panora, Iowa.

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3	Dubuque	Lorenz, Richard A	156	Bedford	King, David R	522	Creston	Cheers, Kenneth W
11	Tipton	Wehde, Ruel K	178	Sac City	Titus, Ralph W	549	Sharon Center	Strutsman, Roger C
13	Fort Madison	Kent, John D	178	Sac City	Auen, Herbert	549	Sharon Center	Weeber, Thomas L
16	Ottumwa	Smith, Graham P	178	Sac City	Berkler, John D	549	Sharon Center	Hinz, Gordon L
24	Rochester	Wehde, Ruel K	182	Sigourney	Tollensdorf, Donald W	592	Des Moines	Atkinson, George D
29	Keokuk	King, Thomas W	229	Attica	Jones, Lodus D	592	Des Moines	Woods, Austin A
58	Glenwood	Stacy, Dennis W	249	Ames	Pyle, William V	593	Rowley	Crain, Richard A
58	Glenwood	Ross, Terry D	263	Cedar Rapids	Rowell, Robert D	618	Donnellson	Kent, John D
59	Newton	Coburn, Lowell O	264	Carroll	Prior, Donovan D	628	Norwalk	Benge, Gerald L
59	Newton	Modin, Louie E	285	Siam	Mc Clamon, Howard D	632	Des Moines	Willet, James R
62	Vinton	Nolte, Charles T	285	Siam	Teuscher, Howard M	644	Oskaloosa	Stringfellow, David J
67	Colesburg	Hamlett, Bryce A	312	Spencer	Avery, Stephen F	646	Dike	Middleswart, LaVerne D
69	West Union	Van Nordstrand, Karr A	394	Reinbeck	Wyatt, Frank L	646	Dike	Hinkle, William A
87	Independence	Kress, Donald C	398	Arthur	Evans, Robert I	649	Mason City	Mc Gowan, Robert L
102	Osage	Larson, Paul D	398	Arthur	Fox, Marshall D	649	Mason City	Motter, Noel J
111	Fort Dodge	Hartman, Howard G	407	Altoona	Van Nordstrand, Karr A	660	Des Moines	Goodman, James T
116	Waverly	Messerschmidt, Dennis E	470	Kingsley	Wahl, Charles C			
125	Dubuque	Elliott, Bruce S	505	Albia	Peterson, Richard L			