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



Greetings Brethren,

In 1965 the Byrds had a hit with the song "Turn, Turn, Turn" which used the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1,

"To everything there is a season." It is strange that we who live in the Midwest and are familiar with the cyclical nature of the seasons forget about that aspect in other parts of our lives. The late forties and the early fifties were the summer of Masonry and the numbers swelled. But, summer is naturally followed by fall and winter and so the next years have not been positive for Masonry or other Fraternal organizations. That does not mean people didn't try to change the trend but rather that the conditions were not right and the ground not fertile, and every farmer knows that crops will not grow under those circumstances. The same occurred with fraternities. We Baby Boomers were not joiners and Fraternal, veteran, and religious organizations have suffered. But, as said in another song "times, they are a-changing." As people have become more isolated

in modern society, and less communication is taking place, young people are seeking someplace where they can experience a sense of belonging and family, and to be part of a group that stands for something positive. That is what Masonry is all about. This is the opportunity to start building for the next three hundred years, and we are the ones who can start building with our efforts. This is our opportunity to make a difference by "Making our Marks."

For nine months my officers and I have been traveling across the state encouraging Masons to Make their Marks in Masonry by doing what we have been doing: Being proud of our Masonic affiliation and heritage; Enjoying our Masonic experiences and meetings, Being lifetime seekers of light by learning something at every meeting, and Being examples of what Masonry teaches because we are people's vision of Masonry. This effort is not forgetting about recruiting, retention, and ritual because they are necessary for us to succeed but is trying to create a mindset that allows them to occur. We have encouraged Masons to have a more positive image of ourselves and our Fraternity. My officers and our ladies have provided complete support for our efforts and have been incredibly giving of their time, talents, and energy, all of which have been deeply appreciated by our brethren and by me. What we have appreciated most though is that attendance has been very good at our events and that brethren have been receptive to our message. That reception has made our efforts a pleasure as well as a labor of love.

Numerous events have been held to further this belief and message. Ten Grand Master's Area Meetings were held throughout the state. The crowds were good and the response very positive. Efforts have also been made to encourage cooperation with affiliated bodies. Visits with the members of the Amaranth in Davenport and Shrine in Des Moines allowed initial opportunities to share our message and learn from their messages. The Grand Lodge Officers and the Order of Eastern Star Officers enjoyed a brunch and sharing of plans together at Prairie Meadows on March 5. On April 1 the Grand Lodge and the York Rite Bodies co-hosted a Masonic Education Conference. This well-attended program featured a variety of speakers and topics with both a Masonic and a York Rite emphasis. Two highlights were Moises Gomez and Clifton Truman Daniels. Gomez, who worked at the New Jersey Port Authority and was on site on 9/11, spoke and provided pictures documenting the event and its aftermath. The key note speaker was Clinton Truman Daniels, the grandson of President Harry Truman. President Truman also carried the title of Past Grand Master of Missouri. Mr. Daniels discussed his grandfather's life and the renovation of the White

House that occurred during his administration. That renovation resulted in Iowa receiving the foundation stones with Masons marks on them.

Three other major events will fill out the Grand Lodge calendar. On June 24 another shared event will focus on a very important event in Masonic history, the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite are joining for this celebration which will open with an Opening of Grand Lodge, placing items in a time capsule to commemorate the event, presentation of a British Past Master's Degree for Past Masters and Masters of lodges, a presentation on British Masonry by a British Mason who has spoken all over Europe about British Masonry, a High Tea for the ladies, a fine meal and table lodge featuring several toasts. All of this will be presented for \$35 and the first three hundred will receive a medal created especially for this event. Over two hundred forty invitations have already been received. Don't miss this once in a lifetime event for Iowa Masonry.

On July 21, the Grand Master's Golf Outing will be held at the Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona. This day will provide an opportunity for Masons and their ladies to enjoy a day at the golf course while helping raise money for two Masonic charities: the Scholarship and Iowa Masonic Library and Museum Building Endowment Funds. This day promises fun and fellowship for all those that attend. The final event culminating the Grand Lodge Year will be the Grand Lodge Session which will be held at the spacious Davenport Convention Center with the Radisson Hotel in Davenport as the host hotel. Both of these facilities will provide an excellent setting for the meeting. Several interesting speakers are scheduled for the event. If you are the Master or a Warden of your lodge, this is your chance to make a difference. This is another chance to "Make your Mark" in Iowa Masonry. Don't miss out! Fraternaly and respectfully,



Kenneth A. Hurmence

Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

Message From First Lady Connie Hurmence

Greetings Ladies,

Hello from the Grand Master and myself. We want to invite all of you to join us at the 173rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel in Davenport on September 14, 15, and 16.

We have several programs lined up for the Ladies, including a visit to the Isabel Bloom Studio in Davenport. I look forward to seeing all of you and having a chance to greet each of you. I hope you will all enjoy your time in Davenport and have a chance to renew old acquaintances and meet new ones.

I want to encourage all of you ladies to help make our annual Craft and Bake Sale a big success again with your contributions. We will also be holding a Silent Auction again this year and have several unique items lined up for all to bid on. If anyone has something they would like to include in the Silent Auction, please let us know or notify the Grand Lodge office. We hope all of our Masons and their ladies will check out the items on the Silent Auction and the Craft and Bake Sale. Proceeds from both will go toward our ladies' project this year, the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum Building and Endowment Fund.

Ken and I have enjoyed our travels across the state of Iowa and beyond. We want to thank everyone along the way for your hospitality and your support of the Grand Master's program this year. It has been a wonderful experience for us and thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

See you in Davenport,

Connie Hurmence



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



Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel
Headquarters Hotel: 111 East 2nd Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801
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To make your reservation: www.radisson.com/grandlodgeofiwasept2017
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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

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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

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 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 Hurrence 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."

2017 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Pictures of the sixty recipients of a 2017 Grand Lodge of Iowa \$2,000 Scholarship are shown throughout this issue of the "Bulletin." All quotes are taken from the recommendations of high school staff members that accompanied the student's applications.

Brother John C. Rothlisberger chairs the Scholarship Selection Committee that sorted through over 650 completed applications, and selected 70 applicants for interviews. From those interviewed sixty outstanding students were chosen to receive \$2,000 scholarships, and the other ten received \$1,000 scholarships. The interviews were held at the Iowa Masonic Library in Cedar Rapids, South Gate Lodge in Des Moines, Exodus Lodge in Exira, and Tyrrell Lodge in Waverly. The students and their parents learned about Masonry and its support of public education, including the scholarship program at each location. Since the program began in 1970, 2,295 scholarships totaling \$3,260,900 have been awarded.

Zahra V. Aalaburasul,
Jefferson High School



"Zahra is a young woman who embodies the fundamental elements of leadership and who will continue to pursue and accept leadership positions throughout her life."

Courtney N. Becker,
Maquoketa High School



"She is impressed with Courtney's hard work, determination, confidence, easy going demeanor, creativity, kindness, and natural leadership."

Matthew R. Appler, North
Fayette Valley High School



"Matt will succeed with his future goals and plans because he has determination, strong academic talents, and a desire to succeed."

Jill K. Berkland, Sibley
-Ocheyedan High School



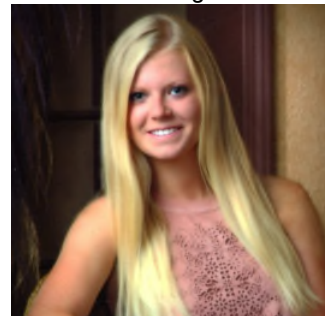
"Each job Jill does is done well and in the spirit of giving something back to this community. Her genuine interest in service to others is a quality we all could strive to achieve."

Alyssa K. Baatz,
Tri-Center High School



Alyssa has a natural gift towards helping others, and brings a positive attitude and "can do" spirit for not just herself, but for those around her."

Savannah J. Bogner,
North Scott High School



Savannah's communication skills, both written and verbal, are outstanding, when combined with her analytical skills, she is definitely ready to excel and stand out at the university level."

Kay Ann Bryant, Council Bluffs Lincoln High School



"Kay Ann is committed to her academics and her future. She enjoys participating in meaningful opportunities, and is very professional, organized, and focused."

Catherine M. Byrne, Pleasant Valley High School



"She is goal-oriented. Catherine always has a plan to overcome challenges and works tirelessly to achieve her goals. She is able to engage in meaningful reflection about her work."

Justin M. Budan, Ottumwa High School



"Many people would shy away from having a full schedule of advanced classes their senior year, but Justin takes them as if they were regular classes."

Emily J. Campbell, Audubon High School



"One of the things that impressed me most about Emily is her assertiveness. When she encounters a challenge or question, she goes straight to the person who can help her best."

Hannah C. Bush, W.D.M. Valley High School



"I consider Hannah to be an ideal representative of what the students of Stilwell Junior High School, Valley High School and the WDM Schools are all about."

Julianna K. Cassutt, West Delaware High School



"Julianna is a strong collaborator, making her a valuable asset to any team. Her leadership and ability to take initiative helped her to be successful, while also making an impact on her peers."

Scholarship Thank You

Hanna Bush – It was a great experience to interview and learn more about Masons. I will use the money to further my education in elementary education and international education.

Erin Chalupa – I will use your scholarship to help me follow my dream of attending college. I plan to go to Iowa State University in the fall of 2017. I plan to double major in Animal Science and Ag Communications. After multiple college visits and getting to know the program, I am very excited and confident in my decision for the future.

Courtney Becker – It was a pleasure sharing my interests and future aspirations with you in my interview. I will be using the scholarship money next year as I attend college at the University of Iowa as a Human Physiology Major.

Erin R. Chalupa,
Keota High School



"She clearly has a work ethic and willingness to always do her best at all times that is unique among her peers. Halfway is not good enough for this young leader."

Roger Cruz,
Ottumwa High School



"Outstanding student with an admirable work ethic. Roger's willingness to positively represent his school in academics, music, and athletics make him an excellent role model for his peers."

Gracie E. Danner, West
Liberty High School



"Gracie is able to expand her experiences, pack her schedule and get the most out of every opportunity by being involved in NHS & numerous agricultural professional organizations"

Allison M. Edgar, WDM
Valley High School



"I am confident that Allison is going to be very successful in her studies as she has been an exemplary student here at Valley."

Immaculate Edwin,
Marshalltown High School



"She is very thorough in her work and goes above and beyond what is expected to her studies, her family, her school, and her community."

Emma K. Fassbinder,
Hempstead High School



"There are very few students who could maintain their academics and fill their days so completely with extracurricular activities, volunteering, in addition to a social life."

Scholarship Thank You

Georgia Porter – I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the generous scholarship available. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor. I will be attending Simpson College to major in Mathematics and minor in Secondary Education.

Sydney Rottinghaus – Thank you for selecting me as one of the 2017 recipients of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarships. I am very honored and grateful for this award.

Shay Slifka – I want to extend my sincerest gratitude for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. Scholarships like this one help take some of the financial burden off my shoulders and will allow me to instead, focus on my studies.

“Celebrating 300 Years of Freemasonry, 1717-2017”

Masonic Treasures of the Grand Lodge of Iowa

By Bill Kreuger

The Iowa Masonic Library will open a new temporary exhibit on June 12, 2017 entitled “Celebrating 300 Years of Freemasonry, 1717-2017: Masonic Treasures of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.” The exhibit will tell the story of Freemasonry’s development from an operative craft guild into a speculative fraternal society. Included will be numerous artifacts, jewelry, china, artwork, regalia, and books from the Library’s vast collection.

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MASONIC TREASURES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA

The artifacts will trace the history from the “Goose and Gridiron Tavern” in London, England to the present United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Iowa. An actual piece from the “Goose and Gridiron Tavern” will be a featured artifact in the opening section. Other artifacts include foundation stones from the White House and United States Capitol Building that are marked by the operative stonemasons who created them. Other featured materials include a letter from Mordecai Gist, written in May 1791 welcoming President George Washington to South Carolina. Gist was the Grand Master of Masons in that state at the time. Also featured will be the 1723 edition of the Constitutions of the Free Masons, also known as “Anderson’s Constitutions, the Benjamin Franklin edition of the Constitutions and a first edition of Ahiman Rezon, published in 1756.

Featured Masonic jewels include a rare Grand Stewards’ Lodge jewel that was created in 1735 by William Hogarth, a collection of medallions that were created by Peter and Samuel Maverick of New York City in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, and English Masonic medallions from the 18th to the 20th centuries.

The exhibit will be open during our regular hours of operation, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The exhibit will run through Friday December 29, 2017. Lodges and groups are encouraged to visit the Iowa Masonic Library to view the exhibit during this time. Special arrangements may be available for weekend visits depending upon staff availability. For more information, please call 319-365-1438.

Camp Courageous Omelet Breakfast

Camp Courageous is a year round recreational and respite care facility located South of Monticello for individuals with vision, mental, physical and other disabilities.

The mission of Camp Courageous is to provide exceptional year-round recreational and respite care opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families. The camp is run primarily on donations, giving all individuals the opportunity to give through gifts of time, materials, money, and other means that support the camp. Each year, it has a pair of major fund-raisers, an omelet breakfast the last Sunday of April and a pancake breakfast the last Sunday of September.



April 30th was a beautiful spring day as the Grand Master’s lady Connie, the Grand Lodge Officers, their ladies, Worthy Grand Matron Jane Green and Worthy Grand Patron John Hauser, his lady Claudia, the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Officers and their companions all journeyed to Monticello to assist at the Annual Omelet Breakfast. They cooked omelets, served sausage and toast, provided drinks, cleared and reset tables, and generally assisted as a crowd of nearly 3000 were served from 7:00 a.m. until noon. It was a very successful and rewarding event that was enjoyed by all.

Senior Grand Warden William W. Post



The brothers of Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 in Alta and Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 in West Des Moines honored Senior Grand Warden William W. Post at a reception at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Masonic Center on March 4. Masons and their ladies from all across the state came for the fellowship, food and fun to pay tribute to this hard working Mason.

Following the Social Hour, the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Dakota Tennant opened Gnemeth Lodge. Brothers Guy Johnson and Bill Baughman were committeemen to receive and introduce the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers Bruce Tennant and Roman Redig were committeemen to receive and introduce Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence. Tom

Perkins and James Black served as committeemen to receive and introduce Senior Grand Warden Post. The honored brother was pleased to welcome a nearly full room of Masons. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with the Senior Grand Warden in the East.

Prior to the meal, the introduction of distinguished guests were made. Worshipful Master Roman Redig served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer gave the invocation prior to all enjoying a hot meat sandwich.

Brady Schlueter Raised at Exodus Lodge No. 342

Exodus Lodge No. 342 in Exira hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree for Brother Brady Schlueter. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the lodge room where Past Master David G. Best opened lodge. Brother David G. Best was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Dwayne Bornholdt was Senior Deacon. The Masons retired to the dining room for a chicken noodle dinner. Following the introductions, Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence presented a

Certificate of Appreciation and Teacher of the Year Award to Cindy Fredrickson.



The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Dennis R. Heflin and Ron Mulinger as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Hurmence was received with Brothers Dennis R. Heflin and Ron Mulinger 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. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Schlueter with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other items. Brother Schlueter thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.

Manchester Lodge No. 165 to host Tractor Ride August 26, 2017

Manchester Lodge No. 165 will host a Tractor Ride on Saturday August 26, 2017. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Manchester. The Ride begins at 8:30 a.m. and travels west to Masonville, from there they will travel through Lamont to Backbone State Park where they will have lunch. Lunch will be hosted by Constellation Lodge No. 67 (Colesburg). From Backbone they will travel to Dundee and on to Manchester for another break, before returning to the fairgrounds. If you are interested in participating, contact Scott Bishop at 563-927-4778 for registration.



Unity Lodge No. 212 Temple Rededication Ceremony Woodburn, Iowa

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Woodburn to conduct a Temple Dedication Ceremony for Unity Lodge No. 212.

Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Junior Grand Steward William R. Dayton led a practice for the Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Worshipful Brother Donald White gave the invitation to Grand Master Hurmence to rededicate the Lodge and also gave a History of Unity Lodge No. 212. 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".



Dennis Loughry was Orator and spoke about an article he found in The Osceola Democrat from September 17, 1908. Headline Read "Team Runs Away Driver Uninjured". Sunday at noon a team hitched to a wagon containing a scissor grinders outfit, a sort of house on wheels used by Mr. Joe Adams in traveling all over the country, started from the south side of the square and running hard went east to the southeast corner where they turned so abruptly that one of the horses was thrown on its knees and received a severe wound on each fore leg and finally with the assistance of some men who happened on the scene the team came to a stop. Mr. Will Coon was in the rig at the time but was not hurt. It was a lucky turn that saved both wagon and driver from serious injury. Some other news from that day: Miss Ruth Scott spent Saturday and Sunday in Osceola with her mother. Freeman Ruble is having a cement cave build. His brother Lawrence is doing the work.

After the ceremony everyone enjoyed a nice luncheon.

Brother Matthew Beliel Raised



Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 in Lucas hosted a Third Degree Reception on April 26, 2017, where Brother Matthew Beliel was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Kevin C. Goben was in the East for the conferral of the First Section and Drew Mathias 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 Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis gave the Charge.

The Grand Master presented Brother Beliel with his lapel pin and a set of his own working tools. Brother Beliel 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 Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.

Scholarship Thank You

Hannah Lee – I look forward to pursuing my dreams of being a physical therapist, and I could not follow my dreams without your support.

Joshua Parbs – The scholarship you have provided me will help me fund my college expenses. I greatly appreciate this amazing opportunity you have given me.



300th Anniversary

June 24, 2017



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

This was the first Grand Lodge in the World.

On June 24, 2017, Grand Master Hurmence and the Masons of Iowa will pay tribute to this auspicious occasion with a historic celebration.

There will be a Forum on English Freemasonry by members of the Grand Lodge of England, High Tea & Ladies Program, an English Past Master's Degree, Dedication of a Masonic Time Capsule, Toasts, Songs, and tremendous Festive Board.

It will be a jubilee of Freemasonry.

Schedule of Events

- 3:00 pm Open Grand Lodge of Iowa
Introductions
- 3:30 pm Forum on the History of
English Freemasonry
Ladies Tea & Program
English Past Master Degree *
- 5:00 pm Social Hour
- 6:00 pm Time Capsule Dedication
& Presentations
- 6:30 pm Festive Board & Toasts
- 8:00 pm Closing Comments

All activities are at the
Des Moines Scottish Rite
519 Park St. Des Moines, Iowa

We are encouraging the wearing of
Masonic regalia representing any
Masonic orders to the event such as
Officer aprons, Past Master jewels, York
Rite uniforms, Scottish Rite caps, etc.
It will be a jubilee of Freemasonry!

*Must be a Master or Past Master to attend

Registration Form

Name:

First and Last

Symbolic Lodge Name & Number

I am Master or Past Master of my Lodge yes no

Address:

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____

My Lady is attending as well. Her name is

First and Last

Cost is \$35 per person.

Payment by check to "Des Moines Consistory"
or by credit card (515-288-8927)

519 Park Street ♦ Des Moines, Iowa 50309

The 1st 300 Masons registered and paid will
receive a special commemorative 300th anniversary jewel.

**This completed form and payment must be
received by 10 June 2017 to guarantee your reservation.**



Logan Perry Raised at Antiquity Lodge No. 252 in Moravia

On Tuesday March 21, 2017 Logan Perry was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Antiquity Lodge No. 252 in Moravia. Brother Logan has been interested in Masonry since the 7th grade. One of his teachers, Brother Rob Campbell, taught math at Moravia and always wore his Masonic ring. The ring sparked numerous conversations with Logan and lit a desire to learn more about the Fraternity. As soon as Logan turned 18, he petitioned for the degrees. Brother Logan will be attending DMACC next year and will be an asset to Masonry. Masons from Webb Lodge No. 182 in Sigourney sponsored a smoked pork dinner prior to the degree in which New Master Mason Jake Barnes took the lead.



Matthew R. Fortmann,
Nevada High School



“He is a person of high integrity who continually strives for personal growth. He sets high standards for himself and follows through to make sure they are met.”

Alexis N. Hahn,
Cedar Falls High School



“She has the unique ability to work with everyone for the common good, and to work towards individual and team goals. Alexis is a leader other students trust and respect implicitly.”

Megan E. Hartle,
Johnston High School



“She worked exceptionally well in small groups, holding herself and her group accountable to what was being done. Megan was a great student to teach and above all a great colleague to her peers.”

Brother John Biege Celebrates his 100th Birthday
By Del Kramersmeier

The family of Brother John Biege hosted an open house on March 8, 2017 to celebrate his 100th Birthday. The celebration took place at Bower Lodge No. 464 in Eagle Grove, Iowa. John is still very active and drives his car everyday and exercises by riding his 3-wheel bicycle outside when he can. He walks the treadmill at the local fitness center quite often. He enjoys playing cards and playing pool. Brother John has been a Mason for 67 years and is a strong supporter of the Lodge. He also has two grandsons that are Masons. Over 200 family and friends attended the celebration.



Scholarship Thank You

Thomas C. Marciano – Wow! Just wanted to send you a quick note, to express my gratitude at being one of the individuals selected to receive a scholarship. I am planning to attend either Iowa State University or University of Oklahoma and Major in Aerospace Engineering.

Grace Judd – Thank you so very much for selecting me as one of the recipients of the \$2,000 scholarship this year. I am grateful that the Masonic Lodge puts such a big emphasis on education, and your generosity will help me in years to come.

Scholarship Thank You

Jill Berkland – I want to thank you for this amazing opportunity as well as all you do for your communities and the state of Iowa. This scholarship will go towards my education at the University of Iowa where I plan to major in Animal Science with a minor in Political Science.

Annika Wall – Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of one of your 2017 scholarship awards. I am grateful organizations like this are willing to help finance my education.

Brittany F. Hegstad,
Ankeny High School



"Brittany has a caring personality who communicates effectively with others and obtains high respect from her teachers and peers."

Madison J. Hodgdon, Cherokee
Washington High School



"Madison holds herself to the highest standard possible and it shows in every extracurricular activity, club, and job."

Kyle H. Hoffman,
Muscatine High School



"I have seen him demonstrate an uncommon level of maturity, leadership, and community activism and taken his love for science and engineering and worked hard to share it with younger kids."

Calabryan J. Holder, Council
Bluffs Lincoln High School



"He is an outgoing and devoted student, well-liked by students and teachers alike. Calabryan is energized by being involved and is a great team leader and team player."

Madelyn A. Huinker,
Iowa City West High School



"Madelyn is a consistent leader in all activities she is involved in, and is trusted, respected by peers and adults alike. She has the health, talents and resources to help give back."

Claire Huston,
East Mills High School



"Claire is intelligent, talented, and self motivated. She exhibits talent in numerous areas: leadership, music, and sports."

Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall

It was a beautiful day across the State of Iowa as Masons traveled to Prairie City to attend a reception hosted by Preston Lodge No. 218 for Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall. The social hour was hosted by members of the lodge at the Prairie City United Methodist Church.

The Masons then moved to the Lodge Hall following the social hour where Preston Lodge No. 218 was opened by Worshipful Master Sean E. Wilson. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brothers Carl J. Van Der Kamp and Gary D. Kendall as Committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A.



Hurmenace was received and introduced with Brothers John Barry Kane and Carl J. Van Der Kamp as Committeemen. Brothers Gary D. Kendall and Dennis E. "Toby" Williams served as Committeemen as Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall was introduced and received. Brother Kendall thanked everyone for coming and recognized the brothers that had mentored him on his journey in Masonry and then presided in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Preston Lodge No. 218.

The Masons joined their ladies at the Church where Caryl Van Der Kamp served as Master of Ceremonies. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Master's and their ladies in attendance. Marvin thanked the Grand Master for the appointment. The Grand Master talked about Marvin and thanked him for serving as Senior Grand Steward this year. Paul and Kerrie Davis provided nostalgia music as part of the evenings entertainment followed by an appearance by "Wanda." Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer gave the Benediction.

Brother Dillion Drew is Raised

East Gate Lodge No. 630 at Des Moines received a dispensation to move its Charter to the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple in Altoona for the purpose of a Third Degree and Reception on April 18, 2017.



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

The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Steve Green and Gene Hatfield as committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmenace was received and introduced with Brothers Steve Green and Gene Hatfield as Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section with Grand Master Hurmenace in the East. Senior Grand Warden William W. Post gave the Charge.

Grand Master Hurmenace presented Brother Drew with his lapel pin and a set of his own working tools. Steve Green presented Dillion with his White Leather Apron. Brother Drew thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree work. Illustrious Potentate Rick Corbin introduced members of the Za-Ga-Zig Divan and thanked everyone for attending. Grand Master Hurmenace spoke about his program. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.

Rowley Masonic Memorial Home Visit

Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmenace and the 2016-2017 Grand Lodge officers and their ladies traveled to the Rowley Home in Perry Iowa on March 4th. Cindy Friess and her staff welcomed them with open arms and a hearty brunch prepared by the kitchen staff at the home. Cindy introduced the Rowley Board of Directors and her staff. Grand Master Hurmenace made introduction of the Officers and their ladies. Michael Fletcher Chairman of the Rowley Board made a donation to the Grand Master and his lady Connie's fundraising effort for this year. Cindy made a presentation to Mike Fletcher recognizing his support as a board member for the past 14 years. After the program, tours of the new facility were given to the Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies.

Tyler Davis Raised at Home Lodge No. 370



Home Lodge No. 370 in Pleasant Hill hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree for Brother Tyler Davis. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Matthew T. Mc Millan opened Lodge. Brother David Minor was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Matthew T. Mc Millan was Senior Deacon.

The Masons joined their ladies in the dining room for a steak or chicken dinner. Following the introductions, Grand Master Kenneth A.

Hurmen presented Brother Jerry Mellor with his 50 Year Certificate.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers James Fredrigill and Guy Freeman as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Hurmen was received with Brothers Robert H. Erickson and Charles L. Brinkerhoff as Senior and Junior Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Hurmen in the East. Senior Grand Deacon Robert W. White gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmen presented Brother Davis with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other Items. Brother Davis thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.



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

New Lighting Installed in Lower Stack Level of the Iowa Masonic Library

By Bill Kreuger

Thanks to the generosity of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum Building Endowment Fund (IMLMBEF) we now have new lighting in the lower stack level of the Iowa Masonic Library where the non-Masonic periodicals are housed.. This new energy efficient LED lighting provides the proper level of illumination making the stacks a usable portion of the library. The periodicals housed there date from the early 1800s through the 1980s and cover the full spectrum of interests.

Over the years, dating back to the original library, a portion of our non-Masonic periodicals have not been shelved correctly, or missed altogether. We are in the process of re-organizing and putting them back into their correct locations. The new lighting has made this project possible.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, I, as your Assistant Librarian, would like to thank those who contributed to the IMLMBEF so that this project could be accomplished!



There are other projects that also need your support. They include:

- Upgrading the lighting in both Museums and upper levels of the Library stacks
- Tuck pointing portions of the building
- Upgrading the lighting and fixtures in the restrooms.

If you know of anyone, Mason or non-Mason, who would be willing to help support any of these projects, please contact the Chairman of the IMLMBEF, Steve Riley at rileyslr@gmail.com or the Grand Lodge of Iowa at 319-365-1438.

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 27, at their annual event. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and the Grand Lodge Family were invited to join in honoring the ladies.

Worshipful Master Kenneth L. Olson served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Chaplain Paul Plumb gave the Invocation and then served an impressive prime rib dinner.



Jordan Furman was Senior Warden and Dallas Brown was Junior Warden for the ceremony. The First Toast was made by Ken Olson to the 300th Anniversary of Masonry, the Second Toast was made by Ken Olson to Connie Hurmence, Ken Olson made the Third Toast to the Grand Master, the Fourth Toast was made by Dallas Brown to Twilight Lodge No. 329, the Fifth Toast was made by Jordan Furman to the Guests and Visitors, the Sixth

Toast was made in Honor of the Ladies by Ed Hanson, the Seventh Toast was made by Brett Thacker for Dedication to Masonry and Twilights New Lodge Building and the Tyler’s Toast was given by Jeff Cookinham. During the Toasts the Lodge held a live auction to raise money for the Lodge and the Grand Master’s Ladies Program for the year. Approximately \$1,000 was raised. Grand Master Hurmence and Worshipful Master Olson presented Paul Plumb, Dallas Brown, D.J. Naatjes, Terry Kinnetz and Brett Thacker with their “2 To Grow Award”. Paul Plumb gave the prayer.



Joshua Case Raised at Faith Lodge No. 179

Members of Faith Lodge No. 179 held a third degree for Brother Joshua Case. The Brothers gathered together in the dining hall for a soup supper.



The Masons then moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Michael C. Mc Lain opened lodge. Worshipful Brother Michael C. Mc Lain was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Warren Angus was Senior Deacon.

After a brief break, Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was conducted to the East and received the private Grand Honors of Masonry. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers present. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Hurmence in the East. Past Junior Grand Deacon John D.

Lloyd gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Case with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other items. Brother Case thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

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

Scholarship Thank You

Katarina Newcamp – Thank you so much for selecting me to be a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I have decided to attend the University of Iowa in the fall and the scholarship will definitely be helpful.

Justin Webster – I had a great time being able to travel to Cedar Rapids to meet with some of your members. Those that I met with were really polite and sincere. Thank you for your generosity.

Cassandra Ruppert – Thank you for all the time you put forth in reviewing my scholarship application and for taking the time to meet with me. I am truly honored to receive this scholarship.

Junior Grand Steward William R. Dayton

Masons from across the state gathered at the American Legion in Malcom to honor Junior Grand Steward William R. Dayton. Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 hosted the reception. A meat and cheese tray was 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 Mark Davis had opened the lodge. Committeemen were Brothers Josh Dayton and Jacob Dayton. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced with Jacob Dayton and Josh Dayton as committeemen. Junior Grand Steward Dayton was received and introduced with Brothers and his sons Josh Dayton and Jacob Dayton as committeemen. Brother Dayton thanked everyone for being there and talked about the importance of raising his sons Josh and Jacob to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand lodge Officers closed Poweshiek Lodge No. 174.



While the Masons were in the Lodge, the ladies were entertained with a jewelry party. After the program was finished and the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room for dinner and a program. Dayton Meat Locker provided a delicious roast beef and ham dinner. Past Senior Grand Warden Edison Sharp Junior served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grand Master Hurmence spoke about the many wonderful qualities of Bill and how he is an important part of this year's Grand Lodge Family. The Watermelon Carving was done by Judy Arndt. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer giving the Benediction.

Jacob Dayton Raised at Poweshiek Lodge No. 174

William R. Dayton had the opportunity on March 29, 2017, to raise his son Jacob Dayton to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. His other son Joshua was raised in November of 2016. Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 in Malcom hosted a Third Degree for Brother Jacob Dayton. Following dinner the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Mark Davis opened Poweshiek lodge. Right Worshipful Brother Terry Osborne was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Worshipful Brother Marvin Kendall was Senior Deacon. Then William R. Dayton conferred the Second Section of the Degree. Senior Grand Steward Marvin Kendall gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Dayton with his Lapel pin, his own personal set of miniature working tools, and other items. Brother Dayton thanked everyone for being there and for being a part of his degree. Junior Grand Steward William R. Dayton was in the East for the closing.



Conference of Grand Masters in North America

The 2017 North American Conference of Grand Masters was held at the Marriott LaVista Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska on February 19-21. The Conference was a mixture of business meetings and breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence represented Iowa during the business meetings and also served as General Chairman for the conference. Also attending were his lady Connie; Dennis E. Williams P.S.G.W. and his lady Nancy; and Terry E. Osborne, P.J.G.W. Some of the breakout sessions included: Improving the Lodge Experience, Lodge Development and Rejuvenation, Masonic Charities Beyond Bricks, and the George Washington Memorial. The Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2018.



Scholarship Thank You

Emily Steimel – I'm truly honored that you have chosen me to receive this money, I enjoyed meeting you and other members March 21 at South Gate Lodge in Des Moines. The lunch was a wonderful time to learn about all the great activities you and your fellow members do for our community.

Katie Parizek – Thank you for your generous \$2,000 Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I will be a business major at the University of Iowa, with a possible minor in Spanish. I plan to pursue a career in accounting or finance upon graduating in May 2021. Thanks to you I am one step closer.

Hannah G. Jacobs, Waterloo
West High School



"Hannah is a friendly, courteous young woman who wants to do well and works hard to get along with everyone. She is a role model in her classes, and students look up to her for her work ethic."

Grace L. Judd, Dallas Center
- Grimes High School



"I am very confident that Grace is going to be very successful in her studies as she has been an exemplary student here at D-C-G."

Laura J. Kaufmann,
Harlan High School



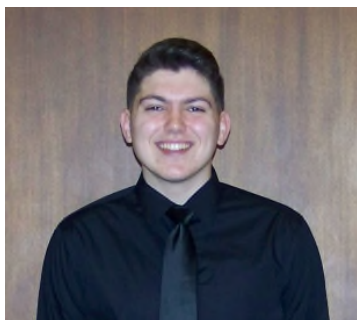
"Laura is a highly, self-motivated student who is willing to work hard to achieve success. She is a student who knows her future goals and is working diligently toward fulfilling them."

Hannah S. Lee,
Johnston High School



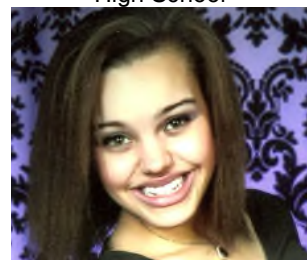
"Hannah is a leader, genuinely kind, has a great natural intelligence, and above all can manage her time well."

Riley F. Kempker, Mount
Pleasant High School



"He works particularly well in groups because he is a thoughtful listener and a creative thinker. Riley is a warm, kindhearted person, extremely well-liked by teachers and students alike."

Teayanna G. Leytham,
Council Bluffs Jefferson
High School



"Teayanna has been committed to the four pillars of success as recognized by the National Honor Society 'Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service'."

Kaylee J. Linder,
Pekin High School



"Kaylee can socialize or work with people of all disciplines and personalities. She finds a way to get the job done and not let personalities clash."

Christopher L. Lopez,
Ankeny High School



"Christopher is a leader both inside and outside the classroom but at the same time is a team player where he takes time to listen to others and works together."

Thomas C. Marciano,
Indianola High School



"Thomas is well respected by both the staff and the students at Indianola High School. He is one of the most well-rounded young men I have ever had the pleasure meeting."

Shauna N. Mc Aleer,
Northeast High School



"Shauna is a fine example of a quality student that is respected by other students, staff members, and community members. Shauna is passionate, committed and hardworking!"

Emily J. Miller,
Newton High School



"Emily is driven to excel; she never settles for mediocrity, never accepts "Good." She wears excellence like most wear a watch: everyday, without fail, becoming a part of who she is."

Ryan J. Millikin,
Pekin High School



"Ryan shows drive, discipline, and willingness to do his best. I appreciate his honesty and integrity, when faced with difficult choices."

Jenna C. Mullen, IKM -
Manning High School



"Jenna demonstrates strong leadership skills, is exceptionally responsible and can organize activities that involve the whole school. She is talented and is an impressive and busy young woman."

Katarina B. Newcamp,
Cedar Rapids Washington
High School



"Katarina is a bright, mature and confident young lady. She is pleasant young woman who is always willing to help and whom, you can count on to give you 110% effort at whatever she attempts."

Jessica J. Olson, West
Harrison High School



"Jessica has all the skills, desire, and ambition to become an asset to our communities, state and nation. She tempers those with compassion, good judgement, and empathy."

Erin R. Oppel,
Muscatine High School



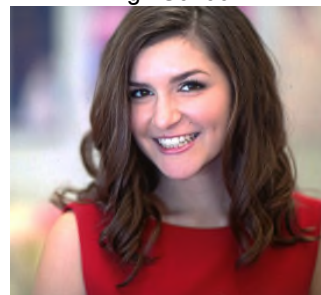
"Erin is undoubtedly one of the hardest working, most well-rounded people I know. She is constantly putting the needs of others before herself."

Katie E. Parizek, Cedar
Rapids Prairie High School



"Katie is extremely mature and responsible for her age. She is serious and conscientious about her academic performance as well as her service to the community."

Courtney K. Peckosh,
Cedar Rapids Washington
High School



"Courtney is truly a well-rounded student who has balanced academics, extracurricular activities, and part-time jobs, and managed to be extremely successful in each of them."

Grand Treasurer George S. Eichhorn

Masons from across the state gathered at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Building to honor Grand Treasurer George S. Eichhorn. Acanthus Lodge No. 632 hosted the reception. Barrata's Restaurant 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 Saffell had opened the lodge. Committeemen were Brothers Wade Sheeler and David Hansen. Grand Treasurer Eichhorn was received and introduced with Brothers Wade Sheeler and David Hansen as committeemen. Brother Eichhorn thanked everyone for being there. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Acanthus Lodge No. 632.

While the Masons were in the Lodge, the ladies were entertained by a drummer from Central College. After the program was finished and the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room for dinner and a program. Barrata's provided a delicious Pork Loin and Chicken Dinner. Worshipful Master Russell Saffell served as Master of

Ceremonies for the evening. Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook spoke about the Grand Master's program for the year and introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. Grand Master Hurmence was unable to attend due to an illness. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer giving the Benediction.

Brother Scott Hoodjer Raised

Tyrrell Lodge No. 116 in Waverly hosted the Grand Master and his officers on April 19, 2017. After an outstanding meal at 6:00 Worshipful Master Jacob Farren opened Tyrrell Lodge. Junior Grand Deacon Richard J. Hofmeyer then assumed the East and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree on Brother Scott Hoodjer. Senior Grand Deacon Robert W. White served as Senior Deacon.

Worshipful Master Jacob Farren reassumed the East and had Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence conducted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors. Grand Master Hurmence then introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and with their assistance Raised Brother Hoodjer to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall gave the Charge.

The Grand Master presented Brother Hoodjer with his lapel pin and a set of miniature working tools. Brother Hoodjer thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree work. Grand Master Hurmence talked about his involvement with Tyrrell Lodge when he was going to Wartburg College to get his degree in teaching and how the lodge welcomed him and made him part of their family. The Grand Lodge Officers then closed Tyrrell Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.



Dean H. Martin Receives 50 year Certificate

Dean H. Martin (right) is shown shaking hands with Worshipful Master Thomas Boardman (left) LaBelle Lodge No. 379 LaBelle, Florida after presenting Dean his 50 year certificate and pin. Dean was initiated January 4, 1966, passed August 23, 1966 and raised on January 3, 1967 in Butler Lodge No. 94 Clarksville, Iowa. Dean served in various lodge offices and was elected Worship Master of Butler Lodge No. 94 in 1971 and 1972. On May 2, 1979 Butler Lodge No. 94 was consolidated with Tyrrell Lodge No. 116 Waverly Iowa. Dean resides in Alva, Florida and holds dual membership with LaBelle Lodge No. 379 LaBelle, Florida and Tyrrell Lodge No.116 Waverly, Iowa.



Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America

The Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America was held in Omaha, Nebraska on February 19-21, 2017 at the Marriott LaVista Hotel. Session 1 on Sunday, the opening ceremonies were held.



Topics of discussion for the day were “Our Peculiar System of Morality”. Where do we go from here? Masonic Leadership Training – Lodge Officers and Secretaries, Masonic Education. Session 2, Sunday afternoon topics were: Masonic Relations and where do we stand? How can it improve and what advantages are there to Grand Lodges? Digitizing Records, Breakout sessions. On Monday our topics were: Awards, Recognition, Electronic

Voting, Masonic Renewal, National Sojourners, and Controversial Topics. Tuesday morning was the Frank S. Land Breakfast hosted by Shrine Imperial and DeMolay International. The topics for Tuesday were: The United Grand Lodge of England’s 300th Anniversary, Rightsizing Lodges, and Membership Questions from the New Grand Secretaries, Secret Work, and List of Lodges. The conference was loaded with many topics and great fellowship.

Roger Jensen Receives 50 Year Certificate



Past Grand Master Charles D. Yates traveled to Omadi Lodge No. 5 in South Sioux City, Nebraska on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 to present Brother Roger Jensen, a member of Montague Lodge No. 117 at Eldora, Iowa with his 50 Year Certificate. Worshipful Master of Omadi Lodge, Wayne Benson, is shown in the picture with Past Grand Master Yates and Brother Jensen.

Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 Present 50 Year Certificates

Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 at Lucas held an open house on February 25, 2017 to honor 50 Year Members, Jack Boyd, Ken Miller and Peter Marts. Jack Boyd and Ken Miller (pictured on the right) were presented with their 50 Year Certificates. Brother Marts was unable to attend.



Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star and Grand Lodge of Iowa Grand Officer Brunch

Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and their ladies assembled with the officers of Grand Chapter



of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star and their companions for brunch at the Triple Crown Buffet at Prairie Meadows in Altoona on March 5. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and Worthy Grand Matron Jane Green shared information about their programs and goals for the year. The brunch was a great opportunity to get better acquainted and share fellowship while enjoying a wonderful meal.

Margaret K. Peterson,
Wapello High School



“Maggie is always one of the first to step up and volunteer when efforts are needed and lend a helping hand when others are too busy to help. She lives for serving others.”

Jack K. Pieper, Mount
Pleasant High School



“Jack includes others and asks questions that draw them into the discussion. His personality allows him to be very easy going, and he gets along with teachers and students easily.”

Georgia L. Porter, West
Marshall High School



“Teachers would say Georgia is industrious, and does not shy away from being a leader. She participates thus making it easier for others to follow her example.”

Deandra K. Reddies,
Anamosa High School



“Deandra continuously tries to make herself better each day as a student, individual, and a contributor in society. She is truly a rare young adult.”

Sydney L. Rottinghaus,
Mason City High School



“Anyone who knows Sydney will tell you she is consistently mature, respectful, honest, positive, patient and genuine.”

Cassie J. Ruppert,
Maquoketa High School



“Cassie’s willing to step up when needed and possesses good morals. She knows the importance of being honest and hard-working, not only in the classroom but in her other endeavors as well.”

Question: Where did the word Cowan come from?

Answer: The Oxford English Dictionary says “Derivation unknown,” and defines it as “One who builds dry stone walls [i.e. without mortar] ... applied derogatorily to one who does the work of a mason, but who has not been regularly apprenticed or bred to the trade.” The word is probably of Scottish origin, and it appears, in that sense, in a large number of Scottish Masonic documents from 1598 onwards

**(See Note bottom page 46)*

Kevin Mc Kinney Raised at Neophyte Lodge No. 301

Osceola Lodge No. 77 hosted Neophyte Lodge No. 301 to confer a third degree for Brother Kevin Mc Kinney. The Brothers gathered together in the dining hall for a goulash and cheese soup supper.



The Masons then moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Justin Strange opened Neophyte Lodge. Worshipful Brother John D. Lloyd then assumed the East and conferred the First Section of the Degree. Worshipful Brother Strange served as Senior Deacon.

After a brief break, Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was conducted to the east and received the private Grand Honors of Masonry. The Grand Lodge Officers assumed their stations and places and conferred the

Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Hurmence in the East. Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Mc Kinney with his Lapel pin, his own personal set of working tools, and other items. Brother Mc Kinney thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers present and they closed Neophyte lodge with Worshipful Master Justin Strange in the East.

Brothers Keith Baskins and James Sage Honored for 50 Years

On Wednesday April 12, 2017 members of Equity Lodge No. 131 in Janesville presented Brother Keith Baskins with his 50 year certificate, letter and pin. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence made



the presentation and also presented Keith with a Grand Masters pin. Brother Keith served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1975 and Secretary for 20 years. Brother James Sage became a 50 year Mason on January 25 but was unable to attend due to illness.



Equity Lodge also had the pleasure of raising two Brothers, Phillip Winkler and Jacob Besh on Saturday March 25, 2017. Brother Winkler

is a consultant in the restaurant business and lives in Waverly. Brother Besh is a third generation member of the Lodge. He graduated from Denver High School and will be attending Morningside College in Sioux City this fall.

Golden Fleece - Roman Eagle

The legend of the Golden Fleece has been handed down from time immemorial.

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

At a later, though still ancient, period, there was formed among the Romans an order that embraced only those renowned in war. Its symbol was the Roman Eagle. Of these two orders, the object of one was worldly wealth; the object of the other was military glory. Both orders have faded from the face of the earth, as surely will perish all orders founded on sordid or vain desires.

Article adapted from Veritatem Petite (Seek the Truth) June 23, 1998, bulletin of the Research Lodge of New South Wales, Australia.

Iowa Masonic Education Conference

The 2017 version of the Iowa Masonic Education Conference, co-sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the Iowa York Rite bodies was held at the Des Moines Scottish Building on April 1. One hundred fifty Masons from across the state gathered together for an entire day of "Making Your Mark in Masonry". Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and Right Eminent Grand Commander Wade E. Sheeler kicked off the morning and welcomed everyone



to the conference. The morning sessions included presentations from Donald McAndrews from Virginia and Jeff Bolstad from Montana. Moises Gomez from New Jersey was the speaker during lunch. The afternoon sessions saw John Bridgegroom from Indiana and the Mark Master Degree. The Keynote speaker for the evening was Clifton Truman Daniels, grandson of Harry S. Truman. The White House foundation stone gifted to the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums by President Truman was on display during the conference.



Scott County Masons Visit Grand Lodge Library and Museums in Cedar Rapids and Camp Courageous in Monticello



On Saturday March 18, 2017 Masons from across the Quad City area traveled by bus to Cedar Rapids for a tour of the Grand Lodge Library and Museums. Bill Kreuger and Darrell Fremont gave those visiting an extensive tour and a sneak peek into the rare book vault. The group presented a donation of \$1,500.00 for the "Pillars of the Library" program supporting the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Endowment Fund. The donation was raised from an auction taking place at Davenport Valley Annual George Washington Dinner and Pie Auction. After a quick lunch it was off to Camp Courageous in Monticello for a tour of the facilities with Director and Brother Charlie Becker.



Brian Dietzler Raised at Canopy Lodge No. 290

Members of Canopy Lodge No. 290 held a third degree for Brother Brian Dietzler. The Brothers gathered together in the dining hall for a turkey dinner with chocolate cake.

The Masons then moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Robert R. Tandy opened lodge. Worshipful Brother Dennis M. Zahrt was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Worshipful Brother Tandy was Senior Deacon.

After a brief break, Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was conducted to the east and received the private Grand Honors of Masonry. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers present. 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. Worshipful Master Tandy presented Brother Dietzler with his White Leather Apron and Bible. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Dietzler with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other items. Brother Dietzler thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.



Tyler M. Schoulte, Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School



"In addition to having an excellent work ethic, Tyler is cooperative in class and a positive participant in class activities. He is always attentive and engaged."

Shay A. Slifka, West Marshall High School



"Shay is a person of character, humble, trustworthy and honorable. She is also an enthusiastic learner who is a resourceful and tenacious student."

Katherine J. Simpson, Spencer High School



"For a young woman who has already accomplished a lot, Katie will continue to be a leader and will have a positive impact on an organization and the people lucky enough to be around her."

Emily G. Steimel, WDM Valley High School



"Emily's positivity and strong work ethic are contagious. She displays a positive demeanor both inside and outside the classroom."

Johanna J. Skinner, West Harrison High School



"Johanna is a very responsible, optimistic, and compassionate student who has set a high standard for others to see that hard work does pay off."

Rachel J. Snodgrass, WDM Valley High School



"Rachel's impressive academic achievements and her success in serving her community are two attributes that place her above other applicants."

Question: Where does the Penal Sign of the First degree originate?

Answer: It appears in several of our oldest ritual documents from 1696 onwards. In England this [and several other familiar penalties] appear to have been in use as Naval punishments, authorized by the Admiralty from C. 1451 onwards.

*(See Note bottom page 46)

Katie L. Toms,
Marion High School



"Katie's activities within and outside of school demonstrate that she already is an active and caring citizen within her community. She is a model of positive leadership and involvement."

Annika J. Wall,
Jesup High School



"Annika's hard work both in and out of the classroom strongly suggests that she will continue to set goals and strive to achieve them in her life beyond high school."

Aubrey A. Werthmann,
Durant High School



"Aubrey Werthmann is very strong and active leader of the Durant Community School and I strongly recommend her as she will not just lead now but be a genuine leader of the future."

Junior Grand Deacon Richard J. Hofmeyer

It was a beautiful day across the state of Iowa as Masons traveled to West Union to attend a reception hosted by West Union Lodge No. 69 for Junior Grand Deacon Richard J. Hofmeyer. The social hour was hosted by members of the lodge.

The Masons then moved to the Lodge Hall following the social hour where West Union Lodge No. 69 was opened by Worshipful Master Kent P. Schuchmann. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brothers Mike Root and Jim Boelman as Committeemen. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was received and introduced with Brothers Steve Byerly and Bill Stocks as Committeemen. Brothers John Hofmeyer Sr. and John Hofmeyer III served as Committeemen as Junior Grand Deacon Richard J. Hofmeyer was introduced and received. Brother Hofmeyer thanked everyone for coming and recognized the brothers that had mentored him on his journey in Masonry. Worshipful Master Schuchmann shared the story of his experience early in life when he was injured and unable to work. His church assisted some and the Masons took care of the expenses for his family until he was able to get back on his feet and the effect this had upon him throughout his life. He now helps others as his means permit, and their needs require. Brother Hofmeyer then assumed the East and presided as the Grand Lodge Officers closed West Union Lodge No. 69.



The Masons then retired across the street to the 122 Food & Sprits for an excellent catered meal. Right Worshipful Brother Tex Heyer served as the Master of Ceremonies. Grand Master Hurmence introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Master's and their ladies in attendance. Brother Hofmeyer thanked the Grand Master for appointing him and explained how rewarding the experience of serving the Masons of Iowa has been. Grand Master Hurmence talked about Richard and thanked him for serving as Junior Grand Deacon this year. Grand Chaplain Eric Sommermeyer gave the Benediction.

Junior Grand Deacon Richard Hofmeyer Donates Books to the Grand Lodge of Iowa By William Kreuger

At his reception as Junior Grand Deacon Brother Hofmeyer donated two books to the Iowa Masonic Library. The following is a synopsis of those books.

Conversation on Natural Philosophy, in which elements of that science are familiarly explained, and adapted to the comprehension of young pupils, by Rev. J.L. Blake—Boston, Mass.: Lincoln, Edmands & Co., 1833

This is a book written especially for younger students that covers elements of the natural world, or the physical sciences. The topics are covered in a conversational manner. They include discussions of gravity, laws of motion, astronomy, earth and air science, optics and vision. The book included 23 illustrations that help highlight the discussions in the text. Those illustrations are appended to the back of the book.



Memoirs of General La Fayette, embracing details of his public and private life, sketches of the American Revolution, the French Revolution, the down fall of Bonaparte, and the restoration of the Bourbons, by the Marquis de La Fayette—Hartford, Conn.: Barber & Robinson, 1825.

This is essentially an autobiography of the Marquis de La Fayette, who was one of the important figures in American history during the Revolutionary period. It is taken from his memoirs and papers and covers his entire life. The book was published just a year after La Fayette made his famous journey back to the United States, so it is contemporary with that important event. It includes biographical sketches of important historical figures with whom La Fayette had contact, including, General Gage, Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, General Burgoyne, and many others.

Steven Wright Raised at Pymosa Lodge No. 271

Members of Pymosa Lodge No. 271 held a third degree for Brother Steven Wright. The Ladies



from Golden Rule Chapter No. 194 Order of Eastern Star prepared dinner under the direction of Arlene Drennan. The Masons then moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Dave York opened lodge. Brother Donnie Drennan was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Right Worshipful Brother Gary Warwick Past Grand Treasurer gave the trowel lecture.

After a brief break, Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was conducted to the East and received the private

Grand Honors of Masonry. Past Grand Secretary William R. Crawford introduced the Grand Lodge Officers present. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Hurmence in the East. Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall gave the Charge. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Wright his own personal set of miniature working tools, and other items. Brother Wright thanked everyone for being there and for being a part of his degree. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Grand Tyler Monte Harris in the East..

Question: Why does the Candidate wear the cable tow while taking his Obligation? He comes of his own free will, yet the cable tow is a symbol of restraint.

Answer: With us, the cable tow serves the practical purpose of restraint. As a symbol it has several different meanings. I suggest:

1. The implicit duty of regular attendance, 'if within the length of my cable tow, as noted in another question and in the Obligation of the 3rd degree.
2. Humility, it, the frame of mind in which one enters the order.
3. Submission, to the regulations, tenets and principles of the Craft.
4. The bondage of ignorance until one sees the light, later on.

**(Note: W. Bro. Harry Carr P.J.G.D., Past Secretary and Editor of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 United Grand Lodge of England. It is to be noted that the answers refer to the Ritual and customs of the Grand Lodge of England in 1976.)*

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ALL IOWA MASONIC GOLF OUTING!!!

Friday – July 21st, Altoona, 8:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start, 4-Person Best Shot



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				Lodge				
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2	Muscatine	Lee, Harold G	159	Jefferson	Bebb, Lee F	413	Douds	Vannoy, Donald C
2	Muscatine	Danner, Robert C	165	Manchester	Johnson, Fred R	435	Oxford Junction	Hansen, John W
4	Iowa City	Koza, John S	167	Wilton	Osborne, Charles H	438	Kellerton	Jackson, Richard D
15	Fairfield	Funkhouser, Tom R	167	Wilton	Voss, Warren O	444	Irwin	Campbell, Lyle E
21	Agency	Maize, Arthur E	204	Postville	Cogdall, Jean L	447	Estherville	Cramer, William P
22	Des Moines	Hicks, Herbert A	221	Davenport	Roenfeldt, Charles L	471	Holstein	Carstens, W Keith
44	Le Claire	Fox, James W	221	Davenport	Williams, Robert M	480	Eldon	Sickels, John W
51	Bellevue	Meyer, Willard M	223	Onawa	Peterson, Charles L	482	Milford	Johnsons, Jack J
53	Indianola	Seuferer, Leo E	223	Onawa	Mc Elwain, Merle D	508	Sioux City	Wickstrom, Douglas E
59	Newton	Gause, Lester H	228	Humeston	Woodsley, James S	509	Windsor Heights	Kauffman, Richard E
61	Knoxville	Beaver, Robert A	230	Ollie	Andreway, Richard L	521	Washta	Johnson, Harry A
65	Cedar Falls	Alderson, William R	232	Missouri Valley	Sproul, Joseph C	551	Farley	Perrenoud, John A
69	West Union	Campbell, Robert H	249	Ames	Smith, Thomas K	555	Prescott	De Young, Jay E
69	West Union	Rogers, James D	249	Ames	Jensen, Harold M	584	Bussey	Wells, Jimmie L
77	Osceola	Mc Daniel, Carl R	252	Moravia	Little, Styril E	584	Bussey	Pinegar, Larry D
91	Corydon	Scott, John A	259	Council Bluffs	Owens, Gary D	588	Mystic	Risher, Ronald R
99	Nevada	Hofer, Howard J	263	Cedar Rapids	Meaney, George W	616	Stanwood	Davidson, Robert E
103	Sioux City	Baron, Abraham FW	263	Cedar Rapids	Rowell, Robert L	628	Norwalk	Mayberry Jr, Elwood J
105	Waterloo	Bahe, Kenneth A	264	Carroll	Slechta, James L	630	Des Moines	Kohlbusch, Lavoine E
115	Madrid	Fisher, Marlyn K	284	Central City	Sweet Jr, Robert L	631	Council Bluffs	Devereaux, Charles A
116	Waverly	Flynn, Duane E	307	Cherokee	Royer, Don A	631	Council Bluffs	Pentico, Roger N
118	Tama	Hotchkiss, Dallas D	342	Exira	Nelsen, Willis N	632	Des Moines	Becker, George G
118	Tama	Hanna, Bruce C	369	Glidden	Johnson, Dale A	632	Des Moines	Underwood, James D
121	Panora	Gibson, Charles R	370	Pleasant Hill	Veach, Ronald L	632	Des Moines	Francis, Harry W
121	Panora	Coulter, Franklyn G	374	Oelwein	Hultman, Lloyd E	636	Ankeny	Nelson, Lloyd A
121	Panora	Taylor, Robert E	374	Oelwein	Minton, George B	639	Cedar Rapids	Long, Floyd A
125	Dubuque	Noth, Robert W	380	Anita	Scholl, Harold J	654	Des Moines	Davidson, Gary C
131	Janesville	Baskins, Keith M	393	Dysart	Brown, Paul A	657	Des Moines	Ostrem, Orval M
145	Mason City	Mott, Richard A	394	Reinbeck	Billerbeck, Gaylord	675	Davenport	Danner, Robert C
153	Sidney	Morres, Dallas D	407	Altoona	Townsend, Donald A			