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#### 2018 Grand Master Area Meetings

**Monday, October 8, 2018** Signet Lodge No. 264,  
2002 N US Highway 71, Carroll..... 6:30 P.M.

**Monday, October 15, 2018** Speculative Lodge  
No. 307, 9355 2nd St, Chreokee.....6:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018** Red Oak Lodge No.  
162, 2700 N 4th St, Red Oak.....6:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018** Cyrene Lodge  
No. 325, 110 1/2 N Main St, Clarion.....6:30 P.M.

**Monday, October 29, 2018** Arcadia Lodge No.  
249, 107 Alexander Ave, Ames.....6:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018** Osceola Lodge No.  
77, 100 S Park St, Osceola.....6:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, October 31, 2018** Ottumwa Lodge  
No. 16, 611 E Pennsylvania, Ottumwa.....6:30 P.M.

**Thursday, November 1, 2018** Hesperia Lodge  
No. 340, 612 2nd St, Traer.....6:30 P.M.

**Monday, November 5, 2018** Hebron Lodge No.  
374, 113 N Frederick Ave, Oelwein.....6:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018** Mount Pleasant  
Lodge No. 8, 206 N Main St, Mount Pleasant  
.....6:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018** Helion Lodge  
No. 36, 137 Mc Kinsey, Maquoketa.....6:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018** Mount Hermon  
Lodge No. 263, 210 Sixth St NE, Cedar Rapids  
.....6:30 P.M.

#### 2019 Secretaries Conferences

**Wednesday, January 2, 2019** Empire No. 269  
921 Church St., Ottumwa 1:00 P.M.

**Thursday, January 3, 2019** Lyons No. 93  
94 Main Ave., Clinton 6:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019** Tyrrell No. 116  
203 3rd St. SE., Waverly 6:30 P.M.

**Thursday, January 10, 2019** Auburn Union Park  
No. 592 3843 6th Ave., Des Moines 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, January 12, 2019** Twilight No. 329  
935 S 2nd St., Spirit Lake 10:00 A.M.

**Monday, January 14, 2019** Parian No. 321  
706 1/2 Durant St., Harlan 6:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019** Trial No. 532  
787 Glen Dr., Merville 6:30 P.M.

**Thursday, January 17, 2019** Mount Olive No.  
79 527 Marshall St., Boone 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, January 19, 2019** Nodaway No. 140  
117 N 15th St., Clarinda 10:00 A.M.

**Monday, January 21, 2019** Prudence No. 205  
1413 N McCoy St., Algona 6:30 P.M.

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019** Iowa Masonic  
Library, 813 First Ave SE., Cedar Rapids 6:30 P.M.

**Thursday, January 24, 2019** Joppa No. 136  
102 Cedar St., Montrose 6:30 P.M.



## Grand Master's Message

### "Each One Reach One, Each One Teach One"



There are not many days left in this Grand Lodge year, and the hourglass will soon be empty.

We have had many great times this past year. To each of you a special "Thanks" is extended. Without you this journey would not have been possible. We have been welcomed with open arms in each lodge we have had the privilege to visit. Thank you for all the courtesies and friendships that have been extended to us. This past year has flown by so quickly. We can't believe that our 2018 Grand Lodge session is drawing close. We have several things to vote on and new officers to elect. Please attend! The vote and the elections will shape our Grand Lodge's future. Make sure that your lodge has a voice in shaping that future.

This year has been filled with many incredible and memorable snapshots that flood my mind as I write this communication. I would love to go over a few of these images, but just writing about a few memories would not do justice to the thousands of others that I could mention. My time as your Grand Master has been very exciting, revealing and rewarding, and serving the Masons of Iowa has been one of the greatest privileges that I have been granted.

Brothers, as we have traveled around our great state, we have visited many outstanding Lodges. We find that the Lodges that are growing and prospering are the ones that are active in Masonry and in their local communities. A successful lodge has events for their members -- dinners, education events, group outings or other events. A successful lodge is also involved in its community in things such as student scholarships, local charities, blood drives, youth fishing derbys and helping their local fire and police departments and more. Successful lodges care about their Masonic family, and their members are examples of the lessons that Masonry teaches. They are willing to teach, learn and share. They have leaders that make a difference.

On that thought, I want to address the current Senior Wardens of the Lodges around our great state. As Senior Warden, I am sure that you are planning to have some lodge education and activities that will make your lodge prosper and grow when you assume the office of Worshipful Master. The Lodge Service Committee is here to help our Lodges, and they have many programs that will help in this effort: The Wardens' Handbook, Lodge of the Year Award, the Ashlar and Master Builder Awards, and the Plus One Award. You can contact your local Lodge Services Committee member or the Grand Lodge Office for more information.

The memories we have shared this past year will always be in our hearts. Thanks for the memories. My sincere wish is that we can all continue to work together to make our dreams for Masonry's future a reality through our work and deeds.

Fraternally yours,

*Dennis Toby Williams*

Dennis Toby Williams  
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



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### Grand Lodge 2018 Ladies Programs in Des Moines

2018 will be the year of "Sisters helping Sisters" by "Paying it Forward". Two special projects are being undertaken. The First Lady is asking those who come to Grand Lodge to bring personal care items, that will be directed to Beacon of Life, the only shelter in Des Moines providing women with transitional housing in a supportive services environment. Personal Care Items: may include small or trial size containers of shampoo, comb, lip balm, hand lotion, women's underwear (all sizes), socks (all sizes) and feminine hygiene products, etc.

Supply as much as you can remembering that lots of women are being served. Shelters will always accept cash to buy necessary items. Sometimes quantity of small items is always good. She also encourages you to bring decorated birthday bags to help make a child's birthday nicer. Each bag (for either a boy or girl) should include: paper plates, napkins, birthday card, cake mix, frosting and one small gift item. These bags will be distributed to a local food pantry. There will be a Silent Auction and Bake Sale. The money from this activity will go toward the lighting project for the Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Library and Museums in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. If you cannot attend the Grand Lodge session, please send items with someone who is coming. If you need more information, contact Ladies' Chairman Kris Erickson (515-285-0880) or email; kristine.erickson77@gmail.com.

All activities for the ladies will be located in the Westview Room on the second floor of the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport/Conference Center.

#### Wednesday, September 19

2:00 to 4:00 P.M.: Ladies Hospitality Room open to receive silent auction items and baked goods.

#### Thursday, September 20

8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.: Ladies Hospitality Room open for registration, silent auction items and bake sale.

10:00 A.M.: Program by Administrators of the Masonic Homes who will speak on the key chain project.

1:30 P.M.: Program by Beacon of Life. For 35 years, the Beacon of Life has been a guiding light for women in our community experiencing homelessness due to trauma, substance abuse, domestic violence and incarceration.

#### Friday, September 21

8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.: Ladies Hospitality Room will be open for registration, silent auction items and bake sale.

9:30 A.M.: Breakfast and Program. Jennifer Hirakawa is the owner of Kawa Farms. Kawa Farms dog trainers conduct adult dog and puppy training in your home. No matter what breed, age, or issue, Kawa Farms' natural, dog-friendly methods are proven effective, We train using positive rewards and praise.

#### Saturday, September 22

8:00 A.M.: Ladies Hospitality Room Open

8:30 A.M.: Continental Breakfast hosted by the 2017-2018 Grand Lodge Ladies.





### **Iowa Almanac for Tuesday, July 24, 1862 "Carving Out A Niche...Literally"**

On July 24th, 1862, Jerome Palmer of Hinkletown, Iowa, enlisted in Company B, 28th Iowa Infantry. He served in the Civil War for three years before mustering out at Savannah, Georgia on July 31st, 1865. He returned to the Foote and Keota areas, opening the first hardware store in Keota.

The flag that Company B took into battle had been hand sewn by Marengo women, and to this day, you can see evidence of artillery shots as well as blood stains of one of the flag's carriers. It's preserved at the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum in Cedar Rapids.

But this story is about Jerome Palmer, and something he did in Virginia which was not known for nearly 150 years after the end of the Civil War.

From July to October 1864, in the heat of the Shenandoah Valley campaign, the Iowa regiments under General Phillip Sheridan became known for their bravery on the valley's battlefields. They took control of a town named Newtown. Staying over at a store there, Palmer took out a drawer from a wooden cabinet, and sketched on the bottom of it. He drew the American flag and wrote the word "Union" above it, among other war-related things, and then wrote his name and company identification on the bottom of the drawer. He put the drawer back and continued his service in the war.

But no one knew it was there, until someone tried to restore the cabinet, and in the summer of 2009, they turned over the drawer and found what Palmer had sketched 145 years before. It's now on display in a museum there, forever memorializing the service of Iowan Jerome Palmer, who enlisted for service in the Civil War on this date in 1862.

### **Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Boone County Courthouse**

Friday, May 4, 2018 was a beautiful, sunny day in Boone, Iowa as Masons from across the state gathered to celebrate 100 years since the laying of the cornerstone for the Boone County Courthouse. The Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. performed the same cornerstone laying ceremony to commemorate this historic event on the east side of the building. Worshipful Brother Drew C. Mathias kicked off the event with a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Past Grand Master Craig L. Davis proceeded to conduct the cornerstone laying ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Heidi Kokemiller and Veronica Nystrom who were both instrumental in putting this ceremony together read a list of the contents that would be placed in the casket for the new cornerstone. Robin L. Crouch and Steven E. Duffee were the Flag Bearers, Alan L. Tedrow, Marshall H. McDowell, and Kelly H. Bruce served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Ralph Walker was the Architect, Kevin Griggs was the Bearer of Great Lights, Blake A. Elsberry, Craig A. Elsberry, and Wesley C. Beardsley served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Scott Hull carried the Book of Constitutions. Many thanks to the Brothers of Boone County Lodges: Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid, Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 in Boone, Rhodes Lodge No. 303 in Ogden, and Mirza Lodge No. 609 in Pilot Mound for their help and participation in the ceremony. Worshipful Brother Roy L. Schulz, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Hollie F. Smith, Senior Grand Steward gave the Flag Tribute. After Worshipful Brother Brian L. Ahrens, Grand Marshal made the proclamation we had dedication remarks from: Chief Appellate Judge David Danielson, Local Attorney Richard Jordan, Boone County Supervisor Steve Duffy, and District Court Judge Adria Kester. Special thank you to the Grand Commandery for their assistance during the ceremony and Right Worshipful Brother John M. Klaus, Grand Musician for his wonderful music during the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony staff from the courthouse provided tours of the building.



### Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson



It was a beautiful day on June 1, 2018 as Masons gathered together in Waterloo to honor Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson. Waterloo Lodge No. 105 hosted the reception.

The lodge hosted a social hour prior to the reception.

The Masons moved to the Lodge Hall for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Past Master Tom Noelty had opened the lodge. Committeemen were Brothers Tim Swope and Bill Woerner. Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams was received and introduced with Andrew E. Schaffer and Bill Woerner as committeemen. Deputy Grand Master Nelson was received and introduced with Brothers Bob Nelson and Andrew E. Schaffer as committeemen. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand lodge Officers closed Waterloo Lodge No. 105.

After the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room for dinner and a program. Glaze Iowa Pork Chop and Southwest Citrus Chicken Breast were on the menu for the evening. Brother Nelson thanked everyone for being there and the Grand Master for selecting him to be his Deputy. Past Grand Master Jerry L. Levay presented Kevin with a gift from the 2011-2012 Grand Lodge Family. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain, Wayne A. Wunschel giving the Benediction.

### Winterset Parade

Evening Star Lodge No. 43 in Winterset sponsored a float in the Annual John Wayne Birthday Celebration Horse Parade in Winterset Saturday, May 26, 2018. The Duke shown in the picture with an apron on was a Brother as was his father who joined lodge in Madison County. Riding on the float were Wade Motsinger W.M. and Mike Motsinger J.W. Due to illness and family commitments the float was not complete, but further touches and refinements are being made for several future parades and events.



### Donald Potter Raised at South Gate Lodge No. 657



South Gate Lodge No. 657 in Des Moines hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third degree for Brother Donald Potter. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Thomas Nash opened lodge. Craig L. Davis was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Kirk Mitchell was Senior Deacon.

The Masons moved to the dining room for a roast pork dinner prepared by Brother Ken Sobocinski.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Scott Neil and Kirk Mitchell as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Secretary , Craig L. Davis was received and introduced with Brother George Robison and Lee Leonard as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Williams was received with Brothers Craig L. Davis and Lee Leonard as Senior and Junior Committeemen. The Grand Master presented Brother Ken Sobocinski with his Master Builder Award. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Williams in the East. Senior Grand Warden Tim S. Anderson gave the Charge. Grand Master Williams presented Brother Potter with his lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other items. Brother Potter thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Past Senior Grand Warden George W. Robinson in the East.



### 5th Generation Mason

On July 9th, 2018 Cael Wyatt took his 1st degree at Coin Lodge No. 394 in Reinbeck. His grandfather, Frank, a 50 year member, was the Worshipful Master and his father, Matt was Senior Deacon. Past Grand Masters, Donald W. Gurney and Kenneth A. Hurmence were present. Cael becomes the 5th generation of his family to join the brotherhood of Masons.

### Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Wunschel

It was a beautiful day on May 19, 2018 as Masons gathered in Cedar Rapids to honor Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Wunschel. Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 and Springville Lodge No. 139 hosted the reception.

The lodge hosted a social hour with brownies, cookies and bars, lemonade, tea and coffee.

The Masons moved to the Lodge Hall for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Master Doug Wilson had opened the lodge. Committeemen were Brothers Steven R. Nielsen and Chad Little. Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams was received and introduced with Richard L. Bowersox and Chad Little as committeemen. Grand Chaplain Wunschel was received and introduced with Brothers Mitchell Conant and Chad Little as committeemen. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand lodge Officers closed Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263.

While the Masons were in the Lodge, the ladies were entertained with a talk about Dislexia presented by Denise Little. After the program was finished and the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room for dinner and a program. We started the meal with homemade "Chodda" followed by a nice ham dinner prepared by Newhall Meat Locker. After introductions, Denise Little continued her program about Dislexia. We were then treated to homemade Boston Creme Pie. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Wunschel giving the Benediction.



### Vesper Lodge Scholarships By Jeanne Virtue

Brothers Gary Zima and Leland Hathaway of Vesper Lodge No. 223 in Onawa, presented the following graduating seniors from Monona County Schools with \$500 Scholarships on May 14th, 2018, at the West Monona High School Honors Night.

Everett J. Nagel will be attending Iowa Western Community College; McKenzie Rolph will attend Western Iowa Tech. Community College; Abby Jamison will attend the University of Iowa; Jennifer Kennedy will attend the University of South Dakota, and Benjamin Sadler will be attending Wayne State College in Nebraska.

These 5 scholarships bring the total number of scholarships given by Vesper Lodge (since the inception of the project in 2005) to 51. Leland Hathaway has been serving as chairman of the Selection and Presentation Committee since 2007, with funds raised for the project through Breakfast Fundraisers served at the Lodge on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of October through March.





### Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Twilight Lodge No. 329 in Spirit Lake



On Saturday June 16, 2018 Masons from across the state gathered together to perform a Cornerstone Laying ceremony at Twilight Lodge No. 329 in Spirit Lake. The morning started with a few thunderstorms, but we were able to get the ceremony completed in between the rain. The Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. opened at 9:00 am and held a practice at 9:15. Right Worshipful Brother Darrell G. Fremont kicked off the event with a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams

proceeded to conduct the cornerstone laying ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Andy Clark was the Flag Bearers, Bruce Countryman, Gary Rosemore, and Darwin Will served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Archie Barrige was the Architect, Jeff Vander Sluis was the Bearer of Great Lights, Dallas Brown, Ken Eckerman, and Jeff Cookingham served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Paul Plumb carried the Book of Constitutions. A big thanks to Brett Thacker and Dallas Brown for their help and participation in the ceremony. Worshipful Brother Roy L. Schulz, Junior



Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Charles A. Rodrigues, Senior Grand Deacon gave the Flag Tribute. After Worshipful Brother Brian L. Ahrens, Grand Marshal made the proclamation the oration was given by Brett Thacker. Special thank you to the Grand Commandery for their assistance during the ceremony and Devin Morgan making his debut as the Bugler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Frank Osdoba presented the Junior Warden of the Lodge with the history of Twilight Lodge and entrusted the care to the officers and members of Twilight Lodge No. 329. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson. The lodge provided a nice Jimmie John's luncheon after the event.

### Twilight Lodge No. 329 in Spirit Lake meets for the first time in New Building By Dallas Brown



On the evening of June 7, 2018 many years of toil finally came to fruition as the members of Twilight Lodge No. 329, A.F. & A.M. were able to hold their first Stated Communication at the new Iowa Great Lakes Center located at 3740 Aurora Avenue, Spirit Lake, Iowa. The new Masonic Center was apparently well received by all in attendance judging from their excitement and enthusiasm. There were 36 Brothers in attendance including visitors from Lodges in Danville, Illinois and Jupiter Beach, Florida.



### Evening Shade Lodge No. 312

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 in Spencer recently awarded scholarships for the 2017-2018 year. Recipients were invited to the lodge to attend the ceremony and enjoy a nice reception in honor of their achievements.



This year five seniors were selected: Alex Jorgensen, Grace Gilderhouse, Madison Norris, William Heaton, Copper Fox, and Justin Jorgensen.



The Worshipful Master of Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 also attended Twilight Lodge No. 329 in Spirit Lake to present Worshipful Master Dallas Brown with a financial donation towards the new Masonic Temple Building in Spirit Lake.

### Dennis P. Ryan Raised at Home Lodge No. 370

Home Lodge No. 370 in Pleasant Hill hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree for Brother Dennis P. Ryan. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Larry E. Beem 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. Past Grand Master Robert H. Erickson was the Master of Ceremonies during the dinner. Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams spoke extensively about his program for the year "Each One Reach One, Each One Teach One."

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers James Fredrigill and John Jones as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Williams 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 Williams in the East. Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Wunschel gave the Charge. Grand Master Williams presented Brother Ryan with his lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other Items. Brother Ryan thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson in the East.

### Panora Lodge No. 121 presents Scholarships

Panora Lodge No. 121 presented scholarships to three Panorama High School graduates. Each recipient was presented with a check for \$500 to help with their future college expenses. Madison Fear, daughter of Brett and Mandy Fear will use her scholarship to attend the University of Northern Iowa majoring in anthropology. Carson Fisher, daughter of William and Joan Fisher will use her scholarship to attend Iowa State University with intentions of majoring in the business field. Devyn Kemble, daughter of Dave and Stacy Kemble will use her scholarship to attend Northwestern College majoring in nursing. Panora Lodge No. 121 finances the scholarships through a spring and fall breakfast fundraisers. The lodge has given scholarships since 1985 and has raised over \$34,000 to present to graduating seniors.



Madison Fear



Devyn Kemble



Carson Fisher

### Remembering Brother William L. Kendall



Bill was born on April 21, 1935 in Jefferson Iowa. He Graduated from Jefferson High School in 1954. Bill started his military career in August of 1954. Bill was assigned to Special Forces and completed Jump School at Fort Bragg in North Carolina in March of 1955. He enlisted for Airborne Unassigned (Special Forces) in 1954 and retired on September 1, 1974. He spent all his military service with the Special Forces, Special Operations Group. Special Operations Group Combat Command Central and Regional Readiness Group. He spent five years in Vietnam. He worked with long-range reconnaissance teams only. He had 200 missions which included those flown in 1956-57 working on Project White Star in Japan. Bill was First Sergeant in charge of 1,400 students a month at the Jungle Operation Training Center, Fort Sherman, Canal Zone. He was later assigned as First Sergeant of the School of America, Fort Gulick, Canal Zone, where more than 200 Central and South American Army officers and men were trained during each class.

During his military career, Bill made over 3,400 parachute jumps, many in Vietnam. In Vietnam he received 35 medals and awards for valor or service against enemy forces. He also received 28 other awards for peacetime service. Three of his units were presented with the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy in Vietnam. This is the highest award that may be given to a military unit for action against enemy forces.

In 1973 Bill returned to the United States from Panama and retired from service in 1974. Bill was also a avid golfer, bowler and enjoyed watching car races. He was an active member of the VFW serving as Commander for several years on the local level. He was also Jr. Vice Commander on the State level. In 2006 he was appointed Inspector General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a national VFW position. Bill was also a member of the American Legion, the Jefferson Lions Club, Greene County Genealogy Society, Elks and Morning Star Lodge No. 159. He received his degrees in 2002.

Bill worked on the design of the Medal of Honor Flag to honor Captain Darrell R. Lindsay, Medal of Honor Recipient from Jefferson. In June of 2002, Congressman Tom Latham introduced legislation recommending the flag to become the official Medal of Honor Flag. It passed 380 votes to 0. Senator Grassley presented the proposal to the Senate where it also passed. On October 21, 2002, President George Bush signed into law the bill making the Medal of Honor Flag official.

Brother Kendall passed away on June 9, 2018.

### Burlington Masons Present Plaque to Police Department

The Masons of two Burlington Lodges, Des Moines Lodge No. 1 and Patriot Lodge No. 650, presented a plaque to the Burlington Police Department on June 14, at the Burlington Police Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

"Burlington Masons and the Burlington Police Department have a long history together, dating back to the founding of Des Moines Lodge in 1840" said J.R. DeLap, Worshipful Master of Des Moines Lodge No. 1. The plaque, a wooden American Flag, painted in several shades of blue, is a representation of support for local law enforcement.

"Let this (plaque) be a reminder to any Burlington police officer or citizen who sees it, of the support we as a community, especially the Masons, have for the fine work our police department does each day" said DeLap.

Des Moines Lodge No. 1 has the distinction of being the oldest Masonic Lodge in the state of Iowa as one of the founding four lodges chartered under the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1844.





Darkness to Light  
A Journey Through Masonic Symbolism  
George H. Harrison



On page 55 is a photograph of the painting "From Darkness to Light" by Maude Wolfe of Smithland Iowa. Maude's painting, done in 1903, was a gift to her husband's lodge, most likely copied from a lithography print of the same name published by Pettibone Brothers Manufacturing of Cincinnati Ohio in 1887. The painting represents a journey through the symbolism of the Masonic Degrees.

The journey begins with the first degree. Depicted in the bottom center of the painting is an Altar, in the center of which is a star. It sits on a checkered floor surrounded by a tessellated border. Three burning tapers, or lights, surround the Altar. On the Altar is the volume of sacred law, opened to Psalm 133 and with a square and compass placed over it. On the floor in front of the Altar is a sword, a shoe and a rolled paper.

The checkered floor represents the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple, and, symbolically, human life, checkered with good and evil. The surrounding border represents the beautiful border that surrounded King Solomon's Temple. Symbolically it represents the many blessings and comforts which surround us by the grace of God, symbolically represented by the star on the Altar. The three burning tapers around the Altar are placed East, West and South, reminding us of the path to the sun, which rises in the East, travels West by way of the South (always south of its meridian height,) until it sinks in there. From the West it travels in darkness, by way of the North to rise again in the East as the glory of a new born day. Thus, Masonically the North is a place of darkness.

The shoe, we know from the Book of Ruth, represents the sincerity of our intentions in becoming a Mason. The sword reminds us of the manner in which we first entered the lodge and teaches us to be mindful in matters Masonic. The rolled paper represents the charter, under which the Lodge operates.

The volume of sacred law is opened to the 133rd Psalm because it teaches how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. The volume of sacred law is dedicated to God and on it we obligate newly admitted brethren. The square is dedicated to the Master of the Lodge because it the jewel of his office and constantly reminds him of the duty he owes to the Lodge of which he presides. The compass is dedicated to the craft, because by a due attention to its use, they are taught to circumscribe their passions and keep their desires within due bounds.

On the right of the Altar we find several a rough stone or ashlar, and a perfect ashlar; a plumb, square, and level; a 24-inch gauge and a common gavel (the working tools of an entered apprentice); and a trestle board upon an easel. They represent the six jewels of a Lodge and the working tools of an entered apprentice. The six jewels are the rough ashlar, the perfect ashlar, the trestle board, and the plumb, square and level. The rough ashlar symbolically represents man entrance into life, which is rude and imperfect. The perfect ashlar is that state of perfection to which we should all strive to achieve by a virtuous education, our endeavors and the blessings of Almighty God. The trestle board represents the story of our life upon which the square teaches morality, the level equality and the plumb rectitude of life. The trestle board teaches use to live our lives according to the rules and designs laid down by God in the Book of Life, which is our spiritual trestle board.

Upon the trestle board is a point within a circle, bordered by two parallel lines representing Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. On the vertex rests the sacred volume of law. The point within the circle presents each individual Mason, the circle itself represents the boundary lines of his duty he owes to God and Man. The book of sacred law teaches us, once again, to regulate our lives and actions according to its rules and designs, as did the Saints John.

The trestle board also has upon it a ladder ascending from the earth to the heavens as seen by Jacob in his vision, saw, the three principal rounds of the ladder are Faith, Hope and Charity, represented by the three female figures, on the left and one to the right of the Altar. The figure on the left, nearest the Altar, represents Faith; the figure in the lower left, Hope; and the figure of a seated woman nursing the young, Charity. The greatest of these three is Charity, for Faith may be lost in sight, Hope ends in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave, to the boundless realms of Eternity.

The other four female figures represent Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice which represent the Perfect Points of Entrance for an Entered Apprentice. Symbolically they teach us to govern our lives according to their dictates. The lamb near the Altar represents Purity from which we drive the Masonic Apron, is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason.

The 1st Degree, as a whole represents the first stage of life in which we acquire the knowledge necessary to journey through life to our final reward before the Throne of the Great Architect of the Universe. As we tread the pathway of life we find many obstacles and many opportunities. In this



painting we may record them in the area marked "Ne Varietur," which is intended to be used as a record of our Masonic journey by recording the dates of our degrees and membership the appendant bodies.

Following this pathway we come to another Altar surrounded by three burning tapers with a pot of incense burning near it. The pot of incense is an emblem of a pure heart. As it glows with a fervent heat, so should our hearts continually glow with gratitude to God for the many blessing and comforts we enjoy through His beneficence.

We next come to a ford in the River Jordan, marked by a sheath of corn represented by wheat. The ford symbolically represents an obstacle in life, which we must overcome to continue our journey.

Once successfully over the ford, we come to another Altar, that of a Fellow Craft, and to a flight of winding stairs consisting of three, five and seven steps. The second degree represents the middle period of life. Once again, we are presented with a series of lessons which will help us to overcome the vicissitudes of life. The flight of stairs as a whole is symbolic of the passage that a Fellow Craft must travel to receive his wages in the middle chamber of King Solomon's Temple. The two pillars at the entrance are representative of the two pillars that stood on the Temple's porch. They are symbolic of Strength and Establishment. Together they allude to the promise of God to David that He would establish his kingdom in strength. The pillars are adorned with lily work, network and pomegranate. The lily denotes peace, the network denotes unity and the pomegranate denotes plenty. Surmounting each pillar is a globe, representing the terrestrial and celestial. Together they symbolically denote Masonry universality.

The three steps denote many things Masonic, such as the three degrees, the three principle officers of the Lodge (the Master and Senior and Junior Wardens) and the three supports of the lodge, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. More importantly, they allude to the trinity of deity.

The five steps represent the five orders of architect, the Tuscan, the Doric, the Ionic the Corinthian and the Composite. Of these, Masons most revere the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian, for they alone show originality. The five steps also allude to the five human senses, hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling and tasting. Of these, Masons most revere seeing, hearing and feeling, for by seeing we see the sign, by hearing we hear the word and feeling we feel the grip by which one Mason may know another in the dark as well as in the light.

The seven steps represent the seven liberal arts and sciences. Of these, geometry is most revered by Masons for it is the basis on which Masonry is erected.

Our journey now takes to the 3rd degree, which represents our advance to age. To the right of the Altar are several symbols of the third degree. The beehive is an emblem of industry and represents the practice of that virtue by all creatures. Anchor and ark are emblems of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life. The forty-seventh problem of Euclid invited by Pythagoras teaches Masons to be general lovers of the arts and sciences. The funeral procession represents that which carried our Grand Master Hirma Abif to his final resting place over which was constructed a statue showing a broken column representing his untimely death, a virgin weeping representing the sorrow of the Craft at his loss, and Time representing the faith that awaits us all.

From here our journey passes from Blue Lodge or Craft Masonry to York Rite Masonry. The four figures approaching the four veils represent Jews who had been freed from slavery in Babylon and returning to Jerusalem to help rebuild the Temple. Moronically, you must be able to pass through the veils to recover the Lost Word of a Master Mason. The entrance into the passage in the mountain leads to the secret vault in which the Word was preserved. The horsemen on the plateau represent the Knight Templar, the only Masonic Order based on Christianity. The rafts landing on the coast represent those rafts that carried the wood for the King of Tyre to Joppa for use in the building of Solomon's Temple.

There still remain four symbols, the Rainbow, the Clouded Canopy or Starry Decked Heavens, the New City descending from Heaven and the All-Seeing Eye. The first degree mentions the Clouded Canopy or Starry Decked Heavens as the covering of the Lodge which symbolically represents that place where all good Masons hope to arrive by the aid of that ladders, "which Jacob, in his vision, saw, ascending from the earth to the heavens ..." The All-Seeing Eye, according to the Third Degree Lecture, pervades into the inmost recesses of the human Heart, and will reward us according to our merits. The New Jerusalem (Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, p 368), like Jacob's Ladder,

extends from the earth to the heaven. The rainbow, while not mentioned in the lectures or by Mackey, is a symbol of hope. Hope in the fulfillment of the inviolable promises of God.

### **Gloaming Lodge Presents Scholarships**

Gloaming Lodge No. 482 in Milford presented two scholarships during their Stated Communication in June. Walker Coldren and Ethan Tanner are shown receiving their scholarship from Worshipful Master Steve Clark.



### **Matthew Frazee Raised at Washington Lodge No. 26**

Brothers of Washington Lodge No. 26 held a Third Degree for Brother Matthew Frazee. The Brothers gathered together in the dining hall for a delicious meal of smoke meats, cheesy potatoes and green beans.

The Masons then moved to the lodge room where (91 years young) Worshipful Master Brother Howard R. Jones opened lodge. Worshipful Brother William M. Tweeton was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Joseph D. Wright was Senior Deacon.



After a brief break, Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams was conducted to the East and received. Most Worshipful Brother Craig L. Davis Grand Secretary introduced the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Williams in the East. Junior Grand Warden, Dennis R. Heflin gave the Charge. Grand Master Williams presented Brother Frazee with his lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and a Masonic ball cap. Brother Frazee thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson in the East.

### **Preston Lodge No. 218 Rededication Ceremony Prairie City, Iowa**

Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Prairie City to conduct a Temple Dedication Ceremony for Preston Lodge No. 218.

Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Brian L. Ahrens led a practice for the Ceremony at 2:00 P.M. Grand Master Williams was excited as Preston Lodge is his home Lodge. Preston Lodge provided a wonderful luncheon with brownies prior to the ceremony. Worshipful Brother Thomas L. Wicker gave the invitation to Grand Master Williams to rededicate the Lodge. Grand Master Williams and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in due and ancient form. Junior Grand Steward Michael E. Root gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Deacon Charles L. Rodrigues gave the Flag Tribute.

Carl J. Van Der Kamp was Orator and spoke about the History of the Lodge.



### **Grand Treasurer, Guy H. Posey**



Masons from across the state gathered at the Sioux City Scottish Rite to honor Grand Treasurer Guy H. Posey. Landmark Lodge No. 103, and Twilight Lodge No. 329 hosted the reception.

The Masons moved to the lodge hall for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers after Worshipful Master John P. Riedesel had opened the Lodge. Committeemen were Brothers Brett Thacker and James Cline Jr. Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams was received and introduced with Brett Thacker and Dallas Brown as committeemen. Grand Treasurer Guy H. Posey was received and introduced with Brothers Brett Thacker and Dallas Brown as committeemen. Right Worshipful Brother Posey thanked everyone for being there. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand lodge Officers closed Landmark Lodge No. 103.

While the Masons were in the Lodge, the ladies were entertained by Lynn Posey. After the program was finished and the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room for dinner and a program. The Grand Master mentioned a special ringtone that he has for Guy. "The Witch Doctor." Guy thanked everyone for being there and paid tribute to his lady Lynn. Past Grand Master Craig L. Davis made a presentation to the Grand Treasurer. Guy had served as the Grand Marshal in 2010-2011 Grand Lodge year. The evening concluded with the Grand Marshal Brian L. Ahrens giving the Benediction.

### **Past Grand Master Dennis M. Zahrt 50 Years**



Brubaker Lodge No. 675 in Davenport recognized Most Worshipful Brother Dennis M. Zahrt for his 50 years of service to the Fraternity. Senior Warden Chris Soebbing presented Dennis with his certificate at the May, 2018 Stated Communication. Dennis' wife Janet and officers from the 2006-2007 Grand Lodge family were present for the ceremony.

### **Thank you for your Service Brother Tim Felton**



After 42 years of service to the Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office Brother Tim Felton has retired. Brother Felton has been a dedicated DARE instructor since 1991 and countless other community programs. In 2005, he was selected as Iowa DARE Officer of the Year and in 2012 he was recognized by Television Station KWWL as "Someone You Should Know." In addition to DARE, he has been active in the Northeast Iowa Drug Task Force. Brother Felton served as Worshipful Master of Great Lights Lodge No. 181 in Decorah in 2009 and has served as secretary since 2011. Congratulations Brother Felton on your service to the Community of Decorah.

### Job's Daughters Supreme Visitation



On Sunday, May 6, 2018, Bethel No. 1 Job's Daughter International, Council Bluffs, Iowa hosted the Supreme visitation at the Council Bluffs Masonic Temple. The following were present from Job's Daughter International: Shelly Cole – Supreme Guardian; Ralph Schmidt – Associate Supreme Guardian; Aimee Bright – Supreme Bethel Honored Queen; Hannah Gerow – Miss International Job's Daughter;

Samantha Harman – Supreme Bethel Chaplain; Doris Edwards – Supreme Deputy to Iowa; Lisa Hauser – Bethel Guardian Bethel No. 1 Council Bluffs; John Hauser – Associate Bethel Guardian. We were also honored to have attending from the Grand Lodge of Iowa: Toby Williams – Grand Master; Charles Rodrigues, Senior Grand Deacon, and Terry Osborne, Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference. From the Iowa DeMolay: Daniel Cunningham – State Master Councilor; Cameron Weaver State Senior Councilor. Members of Cobia Lodge No. 631 assisted the Bethel by helping in the kitchen led by Rob Brownback, Worshipful Master.

The event started off with baked potato bar lunch after which those attending were divided into two teams, one with Adult and another with the Youth to go on a historical scavenger hunt in the neighborhood around the Masonic Temple solving clues that were given to us in a narrative entitled "Chipper's Adventures". The adults were given a five minute head start and the adventure began and included stops like the Bayliss Park Fountain, the Broadway Fountain, the Black Squirrel Statues, the Veterans Memorial Wall, the Squirrel Cage Jail, the Public Library, the Union Pacific Railroad Museum, the Bunny Statues, and the "Little People House".

Once back at the Temple, Claudia Hauser, Guardian Secretary did a presentation which included a review of all the stops along Chipper (a black squirrel) route. Claudia also talked about the philanthropic project for Job's Daughters, the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund or HIKE. She noted that yesterday our Bethel had participated in Mid-America HIKE in Ashland, Nebraska we turned in \$759.81. This year Iowa has turned in \$3096.17 and Honored Queen Samantha Harman has raised \$1525.21 of that amount and will be recognized at Supreme Session. Yesterday her sister Avril Harman received the award for the Jobie-to-Bee for raising the most donations in the four states.

The day's events also included a silent auction for the HIKE fund which raised \$490.00 with all proceeds going to the HIKE Fund which will added to Iowa's total.

In the Grand Master closing remarks, he asked the Jobs Daughters to find a date in July where he could bring his Grand Officers to Council Bluffs to challenge them to a round of miniature golf with pizza afterward.

### Bluff City Lodge No. 71 Presents Scholarships

Bluff City Lodge No. 71 in Council Bluffs presented Scholarships on May 16, 2018. Past Master David Brewer presented scholarships to Gabriel Kjeldgaard, Peyton Schulte, Jared Gardener, Gavin Plowman. Nursing scholarship recipients were Ashley Mathis and Krystal Feekin. Recipients from various schools were: Sydney McLaren from Saint Albert, Makenzie Cumberledge, Thomas Jefferson, Thaddaeus Kinney, Abraham Lincoln, Paige Kelley, Lewis Central. Junior Warden Grant Anderson and Secretary Wes Rodenburg gave the recipients and their families tours of the lodge room and explained the purpose of the Fraternity and different symbolism.





### Marshall Lodge honors 50-year member

Allen Croft Wagner was recently honored with his 50-Year Certificate by Marshall Lodge No. 108, A.F. & A.M. Lodge Worshipful Master Brandon Ruopp (right) and Secretary Arthur Crandon (left) made the presentation at Accura HealthCare of Marshalltown where Brother Wagner is a resident. Treasurer Carlon Flowers was also in attendance. Born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, Wagner served in the Marine Corps and has lived in Maryland, Florida and Iowa. He travelled extensively in his employment as a computer analyst first for Martin-Marietta working with NASA's space program and then at Lennox Industries for 38 years. Wagner retired after several years in sales positions with Scharnweber Water Conditioning, Cashway Lumber and Stewart Building Center.



He received his Masonic degrees in Orlando Lodge No. 69, F. & A.M. in Florida and was raised to the Degree of Master Mason on May 22, 1968. Starting with his time at Lennox, Wagner was a visiting member in Marshall Lodge No. 108, A.F. & A.M. where his son Bill was a member of the G.V. Fiscus Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Wagner was admitted to Marshall Lodge on a demit from Eola Lodge No. 207, F. & A.M. in Orlando, FL, on December 14, 2014.

Those present at the 50-Year Certificate presentation were his wife Violet and several of their children which include Bill Wagner and Bonnie Liss of Florida, Deb Hans, Sondra Clough, Mary Mayers and Mike Coleman of Iowa.

Brother Allen passed to the Grand Lodge above on Sunday May 13, 2018.

### Evening Shade Lodge No. 312

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 in Spencer held a social event for members, spouses and friends called Sip & Paint. Artist Kip Davis provided instruction for the evening.



Pictured are R to L Secretary - Past Master Sam Harper, Junior Warden - Justin Gregg, Past Master - Dewey Stouffer, Worshipful Master - Justin Jorgenson.

### Scholarship Thank You

**Levi Tuecke** – Thank you very much for the \$2,000.00 scholarship! I'm very excited to head off to Iowa State this fall for engineering.

**Jackson Birdie** – I would like to thank you for helping me continue my education. I realize that choosing the scholarship recipients was no easy task and I am honored to have been one of those lucky few.

### Faith Lodge No. 179 is Busy



Members of Faith Lodge No. 179 and the Mount Ayr Order of Eastern Star presented scholarships to John Young, Will Young, and Haley Hickman on June 4, 2018. The recipients and their parents were introduced by Worshipful Master Steve Oxley. Marcus Daughton and Mecadez Berkinholtz were unable to attend. Steve Trullinger smoked the pork loin and the Eastern Star prepared the rest of the dinner.

Chandra Poore a Special Education Teacher from Mount Ayr Community High School was recognized as the Teacher of the Year.

Brothers from Faith Lodge No. 179 and Topaz Lodge No. 438 had a float in parades in Kellerton, Clearfield and will participate in the Ringgold County Fair Parade.



### Junior Grand Warden Dennis R. Heflin

The brothers of Parian Lodge No. 321 in Harlan honored Junior Grand Warden Dennis R. Heflin at a reception at the Corley Community Center on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Masons and their ladies from all across the state to pay tribute to a brother that has spent his life working for to make Masonry in Iowa a little bit better.



Following the Social Hour, the Masons moved to the Lodge where Worshipful Master Ted Johnson opened Parian Lodge No. 321. Brothers Ron Mullenger and John Kelly were committeemen to receive and introduce the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers Neil R. Paulsen and Richard L. Humphrey were committeemen to receive and introduce Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams. John Kelly and Richard L. Humphrey served as committeemen to receive and introduce Junior Grand Warden Heflin. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with the Junior Grand Warden in the East. The ladies program on Wildlife was presented by Christina Roelfs.

Everyone enjoyed a smoked pork dinner with ice cream sundaes for dessert. After the meal, introduction of Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters were made by the Grand Master. Worshipful Master Johnson, Past Grand Master Eric A. Rozeboom and Linda Heflin made presentations to Dennis.

Neil R. Paulsen served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Wunschel gave the Benediction.

### The Iowa Masonic Library "It's Birth and Growth"

Its principal purpose is to gather and preserve Masonic and kindred works, and such books as relate to secret societies, their ritual, and ceremonies.

Its reference department, while incidental, serves the purpose of making study possible along any desired line.

Without this aid the Masonic inquirer would find his inquiries made difficult and himself inconvenienced.

This department also brings within the reach and influence of the Fraternity the brightest students of the state, and both are benefitted by the contact.

### **Trial Lodge No. 532 Reaches Milestone**

Trial Lodge No. 532 in Menville has been very active in their community throughout the years. They have supported the CAN Cage Project on Main Street. They have recycled enough cans over the past 10 years to give out more than \$28,000 in Scholarships to local students and also support the community in other projects.

### **Emerald Lodge No. 334 Teacher of the Year**

Emerald Lodge 334 of Grundy Center had the honor of hosting Grand Master Toby Williams on May 7th, 2018 to award Mrs. Ronda Sternhagen the teacher of the year award. Mrs. Sternhagen has taught art for over 25 years. She is actively involved in the community. She also is part of the leadership team developing the core curriculum for arts education in the state of Iowa. It is our pleasure to present this award to her from all the Masons at Emerald Lodge. The evening was accompanied by great food and a bit of history about Masonry.



G.M.Dennis Williams, Mrs. Ronda Sternhagen W.M. Matthew Wikert

### **ApronGeddon: From Mess to Blessed. Grand Master Saves the Day!** **by Dave Jackson – Secretary, Farmers Lodge No 168**

From e-how.com to Reddit, and other on-line resources, there are many answers to the age old question: How to wash a load of aprons without tangling all the strings? But there are no good and representative online images of the likes of the colossal Masonic Mess that occurred at Kinross, when a well-intentioned lodge member set off to do a good deed.



In February 2018, one of our Farmers Lodge members took all our aprons home to wash and dry them. He placed the officer aprons and white aprons together in the washer and dryer. Everything seemed fine, but out of the dryer emerged “ApronGeddon”, a monster ball of matted knots and tangles, the likes of which has never been seen! The lodge member texted a photo with the caption: “It comes to life after Midnight, if you feed it.” He did not know to lay out all the strings together and bind them with a rubber band or tie them together prior to putting them on a gentle wash cycle. From time immemorial, never has anything of this magnitude ever happened in our lodge. We were afraid if this thing got loose it would take over and consume neighboring lodges. The photo of ApronGeddon, the monster ball, was shared and texted to some other brothers across the state. Several attempts were made to untangle the big, knotted ball, without success. We quickly priced new aprons and immediately knew that between new officer aprons and white member aprons, we could not afford nearly \$1,000 to replace the set with new ones.

Grand Master Toby Williams caught wind of the plight and arranged a donation of a set of officer aprons on his dime. He picked them up in Indianapolis and sent Tim Anderson, Senior Grand Warden, to present them to the lodge during the April Stated Communication. The lodge was truly impressed and overjoyed with the new aprons and generosity of Grand Master Toby Williams. They posed for a group photo with the new aprons.

And for those who don't want to make this mistake while washing aprons in the future, here's a tip from ehow.com: Tying the Strings

“Tying the apron strings together helps prevent them from tangling with other aprons or with other



clothes in your laundry, but it may not always prevent it. It will certainly make tangles easier to handle. To do this, tie the edges of the apron strings together in a tight bow with short loops and short ends. Keep the bow tied throughout the wash and dry cycle. Remove the bow at the end of the dry cycle.” Others have used big rubber bands to hold all the strings together, or push them all into a long stocking or tube sock, and tie it into a loose bow. Regardless of the method, you will want to make sure you don't recreate the likeness of ApronGeddon.



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



Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams and the 2017-2018 Grand Lodge officers and their ladies traveled to the Iowa Masonic Health Facilities in Bettendorf, Iowa on May 19th. Tammy Teggler and her staff welcomed them with open arms and a hearty brunch prepared by the kitchen staff at the home. Ted Wiley introduced the Grand Charity Board of Directors and Tammy introduced her staff. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis made the introduction of the Officers and their ladies. Karrie Nelson made

a donation to the Memory Program on behalf of Nancy Williams. Nancy and the Grand Lodge Officers ladies have been raising funds this year by selling keychains. Amy Wyrick and the Silver Bell Choir put on a wonderful program after the brunch. After the program, tours of the facility were given to the Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies.



### **Fraternal Lodge No. 221 Rededication Ceremony Davenport, Iowa**



Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Batavia to conduct a Temple Dedication Ceremony for Fraternal Lodge No. 221.

Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal Brian L. Ahrens led a practice for the Ceremony at 5:30 P.M. Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson presided over the ceremony. Fraternal Lodge provided a wonderful Salisbury Steak Dinner prior to the ceremony. Worshipful Brother Roger K. Kadel gave the invitation to Deputy Grand Master Nelson to rededicate the Lodge. Deputy Grand Master Nelson and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in due and ancient form. Junior Grand Steward Michael E. Root gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Deacon Charles L. Rodrigues gave the Flag Tribute.

Richard W. Skeppstedt was Orator and spoke about the History of the Lodge.

### **Iowa Lodge No. 2 Holds Recognition Night**

Iowa Lodge No. 2 holds recognition night in Muscatine. Brothers Everett Adams and Jon Merritt received recognition for their 50 years of membership in Masonry. Joshua Hutton received a Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship.





### Mosaic Lodge No. 125 Holds its Annual Award Night

Mosaic Lodge No. 125 in Dubuque held its Annual Scholarship Award Night on May 16, 2018. Following a delicious chicken breast with white jardine sauce and roast pork dinner, Past Grand Master Edwin Blinks gave a brief program on Masonry and that it has made a difference. Past Master Brian Carroll, a member of the Lodge Scholarship Committee presented five \$2,000.00 scholarships, he also gave remarks as to the recipients plans for the future.

Worshipful Master Shawn Evarts presented Tonya Millard of the Dubuque YMCA/YWCA with a grant from the lodge charity fund to assist in providing scholarships for those with pressing needs and issues, so no child, adult or family is turned away for the inability to pay. He ask her to give remarks regarding the program.

Past Master Edwin Blinks invited Russell Hibben and Robert Happ to come forward, along with their wives and presented them with their 50 year Certificate, card and letter from Grand Master Dennis Williams. He invited their wives to pin them with their 50 year pin. Greg Stechman took the recipients, their parents and those interested on a tour of the Temple.

### Cory Waller Raised at Signet Lodge No. 264

Brothers of Signet Lodge No. 264 held a Third Degree for Brother Cory Waller. The Brothers gathered together in the dining hall for a delicious meal of smoke meats, cheesy potatoes and green beans.

The Masons then moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Brother Joshua R. Smouse opened lodge. Worshipful Brother Richard C. Fulton was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Joe A. Reed was Senior Deacon.

After a brief break, Grand Master Dennis Toby Williams was conducted to the East and received and introduced the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Williams in the East. Senior Grand Steward, Hollie F. Smith gave the Charge. Grand Master Williams presented Brother Waller with his lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and a Masonic ball cap. Brother Waller thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson in the East.



### Scholarship Thank You

**Alexis Redshaw** – I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude in receiving the scholarship your organization has generously provided. This scholarship will help to relieve some of the financial burden I will experience in the upcoming years, and for that, I will be forever grateful in having your organization's support.

**Hannah Schmitt** – Thank you for granting me a scholarship to support my future college career. In addition, thank you for everything you do to encourage our communities and to help people. Your goals are truly inspiring.

**Cale Pellett** – Thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient of your \$2,000 scholarship after our interview, it was nice meeting you all! Means a lot and I really appreciate it!

**Hannah Heit** – I am incredibly grateful and honored to have been awarded the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship, which will be put towards my tuition costs at Iowa Staate University this coming fall.

**Magdalena Dale** – Thank you very much for the scholarship. I greatly appreciate it. I plan to work a year to gain experience and make money to pay for college and then I will be pursuing an education in equine sciences.

**Tate Lobeck** – I would like to thank you for the generous monetary donation to my future. I will be attending Iowa State University to study biology.

**Madolyn Clark** – I am sincerely honored to be the recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity which will help make my college more affordable. I am looking forward to attending Central College to get started on my career path of becoming a dentist.

**Matthew Bohan** – Thank you very much for selecting me as a \$2,000 award winner. I plan to attend UNI in the fall and major in biology.

### **2018 All Iowa Masonic Golf Outing**

It was a beautiful day on July 27, 2018 as Mason's from across Iowa gathered at Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona for the All Iowa Masonic Golf Outing. Brother William R. Dayton from Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 in Malcom was the Chairman of the event and his committee 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 Grand Lodge of Iowa Library and Museums Lighting Project. The results from the outing are listed below.

#### **First Flight**

1st Place – Bob Burch, Bob Koss, Bob Lemley, Janae Lemley

2nd Place – Scott Eilander, Scott Enyart, Scott Ford, Jay Fink

#### **Second Flight**

1st Place – Anna Dayton, Bill Dayton, Jake Dayton, Josh Dayton

2nd Place – Jack Cook, Scott Cook, Ken Hurmence, Steve Trullinger

#### **Third Flight**

1st Place – Colton Eccles, Lane Shaver, Larry Slaughter, Chad Rohlfson

2nd Place – Denny Heflin, Eve Kenkel, Margaret Kenkel, Ron Mullenger

#### **Most Golf**

Wayne Wunshel, Darrell Fremont, Todd Morgan, David Sutton

#### **Best Dressed**

Nancy Davis

#### **Men's Longest Drive No. 2**

Doug Miller

#### **Women's Longest Drive No. 2**

Anna Dayton

#### **Closest to the Pin No. 4**

Dennis Toby Williams

#### **Longest Putt No. 9**

Margaret Kenkel

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### Scholarship Thank You

**Mason Studer** – Thank you for awarding me with the Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship. This scholarship will be very beneficial in helping me achieve my goal of attaining a degree in Automotive Collision and Restoration.

**Malachi Hornbuckle** – Thank you very much for selecting me as one of the Iowa scholarship winners for 2018. It means a lot to me that you think investing in my education is worthwhile.

**Marshall Curnes** – Thank you for awarding me the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I am very appreciative of this award as it will help me greatly with my college expenses.

**Cole Swenson** – I am honored to be the recipient of the Masonic Charitable Education Scholarship. I will be attending SWCC this fall. These funds will help greatly with college.

**Isabella Martinez** – I'd like to give the Masonic Foundation a big thank you for the scholarship! It means so much to me and I appreciate the support it will give me to pursue my academic goals.

**Renee Ried** – I would like to offer a sincere thank you for selecting me to be one of the recipients of a \$2,000 scholarship! I am very honored and I appreciate your generosity.

**Katie Sturmer** – Thank you for selecting me as one of your scholarship recipients. This scholarship will help me reach my goals and pursue my dreams.

**Bailey Beckman** – Thank you so much for choosing me as one of the recipients of your scholarship! I will use the funds to help with tuition as I begin my program at Kirkwood.

**David Lopez-Sanders** – I want to express my heartfelt thanks for being selected as a 2018 Grand Lodge Scholarship recipient. It is such an honor and privilege to have talked with you that day and I learned so much about your worthy organization. I am overwhelmed by the commitment of the Grand Lodge toward Iowa youth.

**Kianna Lechtenberg** – I am honored to have been selected for the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I have enjoyed learning more about the Masonic Group and their history.

**Ellie Mendlik** – Thank you for awarding me with your scholarship. I appreciate the work you do in our communities. Thank you for believing in my education.

**Olivia Jones** – Thank you so much for presenting me with the Grand Lodge of Iowa MCEC Spencer Scholarship. I am beyond excited for my future and beyond thankful for your investment in me.

**Lily Poppen** – Thank you so very much for your generous scholarship of \$2,000 towards my college expenses. This autumn I will attend College in Brunswick, Maine at Bowdoin College. This fall I will be working in Portland with Syrian Refugee Housing Placement, part of the college's mission to common good! Thank you for all the common good and service to me and the community.

**Danielle Elliott** – Thank you so much for the very generous scholarship. I really appreciate the help to pay for my college bill. I hope you will continue to help other students in the future years to come.

**Mason Studer** – I am honored to have received a scholarship from MCEC. Thank you for your support.

**Meghan Ryan** – Thanks so much for selecting me for your scholarship. Your scholarship money will support me tremendously as I attend Drake University in the fall for Pre-Pharmacy.

**Daniel O'Hara** – Thank you so very, very much for your committee's selection of me as one of ten outstanding students to receive your 2018 Grand Lodge Scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for your financial gift and recognition, as well as for the positive impact your organization has within the country and community.

### Lodges Working Together

On Sunday, July 29, 2018, the members of Montague Lodge No.117 and Marshall Lodge No. 108 joined forces to donate and serve workers in the destruction zone of Marshalltown following the tornado on July 19th. The Eldora Lodge brought their food trailer to a vacant lot on the east side of town and together they fed over 200 construction workers and utility crews with pork burgers, chips, and a bottles of water. The city has been devastated but they are making a come-back with the generosity and kindness from people far and wide. This was just another act of the Masons helping out in time of need.



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Congratulations to the following brothers who earned their Certificates.

Brothers are shown by lodge.

No.	Town	Lodge	Name	No.	Town	Lodge	Name	No.	Town	Lodge	Name
6	Marion		Wagor, John C	108	Marshalltown		Rock, John L	478	Rockwell City		Kirkhart, Arlen E
10	Keosauqua		Halbrook, Glenn T	108	Marshalltown		Gallentine, Richard W	509	Windsor Heights		Marlin, Thomas E
13	Fort Madison		Gibbs, Richard R	110	Des Moines		Zickefoose, J Kent	549	Sharon Center		Hughes, Gary D
16	Ottumwa		Gaumer, Richard J	167	Wilton		Wulf, Dennis V	549	Sharon Center		Winborn, Phillip E
42	Tipton		Walters, Robert H	182	Sigourney		McFarlan, Gary K	577	West Des Moines		Sampley, Harley F
53	Indianola		Mahr, Loren F	264	Carroll		Duff, Leslie G	592	Des Moines		Beedle Jr, Walter R
55	Pella		Malcolm, Donald E	285	Siam		McCowan, James R	597	Lohrville		Gemberling, Henry C
59	Newton		Brooks, Raymond L	312	Spencer		Griffin, John J	597	Lohrville		Barker, Arley D
63	Chariton		Prough, Paul A	312	Spencer		Jones, Clinton L	615	Sioux City		Kimbell, Mertyn F
65	Cedar Falls		Ellison, Carl J	321	Harlan		Kirkhart, Arlen E	632	Des Moines		Zickefoose, J Kent
83	Hartford		Lee, James O	329	Spirit Lake		Stammer, Larry L	638	Lucas		Goben, Paul M
103	Sioux City		Rawe, Raymond P	356	Adel		Rhinehart, Charles R	644	Oskaloosa		Crumly, John A
105	Waterloo		Penne, John A	393	Dysart		Brecher, Marvin W	668	Iowa City		Vineyard, Gene D
				436	Gladbrook		Skare, Samuel E				