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## THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

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## 2023 Regional Schools

Thursday, March 23, 2023, Paul Revere Lodge No. 638, 303 Front St, Lucas.....5:30 P.M.  
Friday, March 24, 2023, Capital Lodge No. 110, 519 Park St, Des Moines.....9:00 A.M.  
Friday, April 21, 2023, Parian Lodge No. 321, 706 1/2 Durant St, Harlan.....5:30 P.M.  
Saturday, April 22, 2023, Pomegranate Lodge No. 408, 201 1/2 S Main St, Alta .....9:00 A.M.  
Thursday, May 18, 2023, Marion Lodge No. 6, 684 10th St, Marion ..... 5:30 P.M.  
Friday, May 19, 2023, Snow Lodge No. 44, 113 S Cody Rd, LeClaire .....9:00 A.M.  
Thursday, June 15, 2023, Clinton Lodge No. 15, 52 1/2 E Briggs Ave, Fairfield.....5:30 P.M.  
Friday, July 14, 2023, Arcadia Lodge No. 249, 107 Alexander Ave, Ames.....9:00 A.M.  
Saturday, August 26, 2023, Adel Lodge No. 80, 411 S 12th St, Adel.....9:00 A.M.  
Monday, September 4, 2023, Ottumwa Lodge No. 16, 611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa .....5:30 P.M.  
Thursday, September 14, 2023, Grand Lodge School, 519 Park St, Des Moines.....8:00 A.M.

## 2023 Secretary Conferences

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Great Lights Lodge No. 181, 106 1/2 W. Water St., Decorah.....10:00 A.M.  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 Webb Lodge No. 182, 207 S Jefferson St., Sigourney.....10:00 A.M.  
Thursday, January 5, 2023 Snow Lodge No. 44, 113 S Cody Rd., Le Claire.....10:00 A.M.  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 King David Lodge No. 407, 707 8th St. SE, Altoona.....6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 Gloaming Lodge No. 482, 1000 Okoboji Ave., Milford.....10:00 A.M.  
Thursday, January 12, 2023 Cass Lodge No. 412, 421 N. Main St., Griswold.....6:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Trial Lodge No. 532, 884 Glen Dr., Moville.....6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 Rose Lodge No. 506, 1204 1/2 Market St., Gowrie.....6:30 P.M.  
Saturday, January 21, 2023 Unity Lodge No. 212, 410 Vine St., Woodburn.....6:30 P.M.  
Monday, January 23, 2023 Bethel Lodge No. 319, 356 State St., Garner.....6:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 Grand Lodge Library and Museum, 813 1st St. SE, Cedar Rapids. ....6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, January 25, 2023 Fort Madison Lodge No. 13, 64709 Avenue J., Fort Madison .....6:30 P.M.

## Grand Master's Message

### "Evolve"

To the Craft of Iowa



In the few short weeks since I was elected by you to serve as your Grand Master, I have traveled to every quadrant of the state along with many dedicated brothers to meet you and present my focus for the upcoming year. These many meetings have also afforded me the opportunity to meet many of you individually to hear what's going on in your respective lodges. For these reasons I place great value on these meetings and I hope that if you were able to attend one, we were able to give you reasons "Why" we are urging you and your lodge to "Evolve" this next year and beyond.

Brothers, please take note of those two words right now....."Why" and "Evolve". If you have already heard me speak and you have listened to what I am saying, I am really trying to drive home the reason for why we do what we do. We all talk on a regular basis about what we are doing with our lives and what we are doing in our lodges but we seldom speak of why we are doing these things. We are confronted daily with so many new opportunities that we sometimes become oblivious to the all important question of why we would do any of them. When we talk about the opportunities that exist in our lodges, we must be aware that there are multiple organizations and businesses out there saying that they offer the exact same thing. So why would anyone invest their time in Freemasonry. This is what we need to give our attention to.

The last few weeks we have been talking about the Lodge Service Committee and how they are continuing to reach out to all of the lodges throughout the state to ask how things are going and see if there is anything they can do to help. Someone in your lodge should expect a phone call if they haven't already received one. We have also been talking about how Brother Bill Northup, the Executive Director of the Masonic Charitable Education Corporation, has been helping individuals and lodges with financial planning. And we have worked hard to make everyone understand why we are pushing the online Grandview platform which will connect all Iowa Masons, make life simpler, and save money. We also have been promoting my fundraiser which is to support the Iowa Masonic Library Association which maintains the library and its services for the Masons of Iowa and the public. Brothers, these valuable topics outline "What" we do. Now let's talk about "Why" we do them.

We do these things because they help to preserve Freemasonry's past, shore it up in the present, and ensure that it will exist in the future. All three together are important. But the real reason why we do these things is much more personal. Freemasonry endeavors to challenge us as immortal beings to Evolve. The time given to us on earth is special in that it exists to help us learn and understand our place in whatever it is that The Grand Architect of the Universe has in store. Each of us has our own destiny, but all of us share in the same destiny that as immortal beings, we are required to ascend step by step until we reach the summit where the completed treasures of truth await us. Does this sound familiar? If not, then please review your ritual. If it does, then you'll understand that we are meant to Evolve throughout our entire life, not just for part of it.

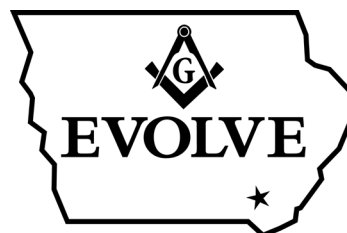
Please take these words to heart Brothers.

If you Evolve, those around you will Evolve, and your lodge will Evolve. Trust me, it will happen.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theodore C. Wiley".

Theodore C. Wiley, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



## **“Ignite Iowa Masonry” 178th Annual Communication**



Mayor Tiffany O'Donnell brings greeting's on behalf of the City of Cedar Rapids



Charles L. “Chod” Cremer,  
T.S. Parvin Recipient  
with Brother Craig L. Davis



Legacy Lodge No. 678 receives  
the Grand Master Award from  
Grand Master William W. Post



Worthy Grand Advisor,  
Kaitlyn Carstensen  
receives a donation from  
William W. Post for Iowa Rainbow



State Master Councilor,  
Wyatt Hyde  
receives a donation from  
Grand Master William W.  
Post for Iowa DeMolay



Bethel Guardian  
Claudia Hauser  
receives a donation from Grand  
Master William W. Post for  
Iowa Job's Daughters.

Grand Master William W. “Bill” Post began his year after being installed in Davenport and traveled around Iowa and surrounding states with the Grand Lodge Officers sharing his theme for the year “Ignite Iowa Masonry”. The year concluded with the 178th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the Cedar Rapids Marriott on September 17.

### **Grand Lodge School of Instruction**

The Grand Lodge School of Instruction was held at the Marriott with Custodians: P.G.M. Terry E. Osborne, P.J.G.W. Loren C. Stein and P.S.G.W. Neil R. Paulsen. The schools were divided into Masonic Instructor and District Lecturers and Craft School, schools were well attended. On Saturday Terry E. Osborne announced the New Masonic Instructors and District Lecturers in Iowa.

### **Business of the Grand Lodge**

Grand Master William W. “Bill” Post opened the 178th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa on Friday, September 16 at 8:30 A.M. The Grand Master gave his report to the Craft in addition to the other reports that were given throughout the morning session. Election of the 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers was the first order of business after lunch. The Grand Master's Award was given to Legacy Lodge No. 678 at Des Moines. Worshipful Brother Bill V. Northup the new Executive Director of Fundraising for the MCEC and other Grand Lodge of Iowa Charitable giving gave a report on his first year endeavours. Timothy J. Whipple (Legacy Lodge) gave a presentation on “How to use Pay Pal” in the Grand View System.

The eleven lodges that earned the Lodge of the Year Award were recognized. 53 Lodges were recognized as recipients of the Plus One Award with Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines was recognized as the lodge with the largest net gain of membership. The ten Master Builder Awards and eight Ashlar Award recipients were recognized. Brother Blaize Reha of Crest City Lodge No. 522 in Creston was named New Mason of the Year.





Surprise Visitor  
"Fireman" Ann Fremont



Truman Myers speaking on  
behalf of St. Florian Burn Camp



Erin Montgomery, Camanche  
receives Teacher of the Year  
presented by Grand Master  
William W. Post

The Teacher of the Year was Erin Montgomery from Camanche Community School District. The T.S. Parvin Award was given to Charles L. "Chod" Cremer of Olive Branch Lodge No. 21 and Camanche Lodge No. 60. Following the awards presentations, Barry Weer, Past Grand Master of Illinois and representative of the Masonic Service Association of North America presented Grand Master Post a plaque acknowledging him as Grand Master of Masons in Iowa and congratulating him on his service to Freemasonry.

### Installation

The 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers were installed with Craig C. Hummel, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Master; Arthur G. Crandon, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Marshal; Craig L. Davis, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Chaplain; Darrell G. Fremont, P.S.G.W. as Installing Grand Secretary; and Robert C. Danner, F.G.Musician. as Installing Musician.

The 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers installed were:

Grand Master, Theodore C. Wiley - Mount Pleasant  
Senior Grand Warden, Harvey N. Woody - Ankeny  
Junior Grand Warden, Drew C. Mathias - Indianola  
Grand Treasurer, Richard C. Fulton - Carroll  
Grand Secretary, Craig L. Davis - West Des Moines  
Deputy Grand Master, Sean I. Morgan - Ventura  
Grand Chaplain, Jeremy J. Myers - Osage  
Deputy Grand Secretary, Aaron R. Kinser - Watkins  
Grand Marshal, Bradley A. Reichardt - Pleasant Hill  
Senior Grand Deacon, Michael S. Shannon - Ankeny  
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Grand Tyler, William L. Dahms - Donnellson  
Grand Musician, Mark A. Kimzey - Mount Pleasant

There was one piece of legislation this year, the Per Capita increase from \$50.00 to \$65.00 passed. We would like to give a big thank you to the Iowa Scottish Rite Foundation for providing lunch for the attendees on Friday and to the York Rite Bodies for providing breakfast on Saturday morning.

Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 10:45 A.M.



## Meet Your 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley

Brother Wiley was born on November 18, 1970, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he currently lives. Brother Ted graduated from Mount Pleasant Community High School and the University of Northern Iowa. He is the President of Jean C. Wiley and Sons Inc. Building Contractors. He is serving as the President and Chairman of the Education Committee of the Southeast Iowa Builders Association, Construction Trades Advisory Panel at Southeastern Community College, Trustee of the Enhance Henry County Foundation, President of the Mount Pleasant Noon Rotary, and serves on the following Boards; Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, Mount Pleasant Area Business Recruitment, Mount Pleasant Airport Advisory Board and Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility (Citizens Advisory Committee.) He also finds time and is active in the First Presbyterian Church as a Session Elder, Deacon, Building and Grounds Chairman and Mission Committee Chairman. Ted married Paula Wiley on May 16, 1998 in Burlington and they have a daughter Piper.



Brother Ted received his symbolic degrees of Masonry at Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8 in Mount Pleasant. He was Initiated on December 6, 2000; Passed on January 17, 2001; and Raised on March 21, 2001. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 2006 and 2013. His service to Iowa Masonry includes serving as Junior Grand Deacon in 2008-2009 and again as Junior Grand Warden in 2015-2016; a member of the Ad-Hoc Technology Committee, Lodge Service Committee, Trustee of the Grand Charity Funds, Division and Reference 2020-2021 and Chairman of Division and Reference 2021-2022.

Other Masonic affiliations include the Davenport Consistory. He holds District Lecturers Certificate No. 3049.

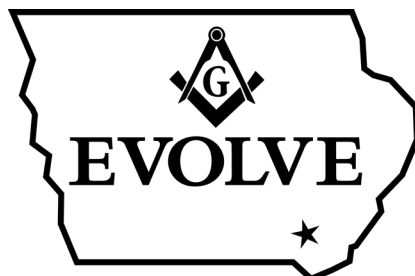
## Senior Grand Warden Harvey N. Woody



Brother Woody was born in Des Moines on July 15, 1950 and graduated from Newton High School in 1968. He attended Upper Iowa University and graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in 1974, and Supervisory Training in 1989. Brother Harvey and his Lady Linda were married on October 21, 2000 in Baxter, Iowa. They have five children, twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Brother Harvey served in the United States Army Reserve from 1976-1985 as a Military Policeman and Army Hospital Medical Clerk. He worked in Law Enforcement and now enjoys retirement.

Harvey has worn the Purple of the Fraternity as Grand Marshal in 2015-2016, Deputy Grand Master in 2019-2020, and served on the Lodge Service Committee from 2015-2021, General Chairman of the 2018 Grand Lodge Communication. Brother Woody received his symbolic degrees of Masonry in Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny in 2012 and 2013, being Initiated on November 15, 2012, Passed on December 18, 2012, and Raised on January 22, 2013. He served as Worshipful Master of Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny in 2015 and Arcadia Lodge No. 249 in Ames in 2020. He is currently a member of Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny and Newton Lodge No. 59 in Newton.

He joined the Des Moines Scottish Rite in 2013 and is a member of Knights of Saint Andrew. He is a member of the Des Moines York Rite, Corinthian Chapter No. 14, Alpha Council No. 1, Temple Commandery No. 4 as well as Gebal Chapter No. 12 in Newton, Malachi Council No. 55, and Oriental Commandery No. 22. He is a member of Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Shrine Past Masters Club, Royal Order of Jester's and South Central M.I.-D.L. Club, serving as President in 2019. He is a member of the York Rite College No. 37 and Royal Order of Scotland. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3188.



### Junior Grand Warden Drew C. Mathias

Brother Mathias was born in Des Moines on September 16, 1945 and is a resident of Indianola. He graduated from Des Moines East School in 1963, He attended Grand View Junior College until 1995 and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Forestry and a Minor in Botany in 1970. Brother Drew spent most of his life working at Simpson College in Indianola and retired in 2008. He is a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Indianola. Brother Drew married Faye (Olson) on May 28, 1966 in Des Moines and they have three children, Darlene, Lori, and Dena.

Brother Mathias received his three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Warren Lodge No. 53 at Indianola. He was Initiated on May 15, 1977, Passed on June 23, 1977 and Raised on August 15, 1977. Brother Mathias is currently a member in Warren Lodge No. 53 in Indianola and Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 in Lucas. He served as Worshipful Master of Warren Lodge No. 53 in 2008 and 2013 and Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 in 2020. Brother Mathias served the Grand Lodge as Grand Tyler in 2017-2018, and served on the Lodge Service Committee from 2018 to 2020.

He is a member of Za-Ga Zig Shrine, South Central M.I./D.L. Club and Three Rivers Study Club. Drew holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3192.



### Grand Treasurer Richard C. Fulton



Brother Fulton was born in Fairfield, Iowa on September 26, 1950, and graduated from Fairfield High School. He graduated from Iowa State University in Ames and attended the University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking. Brother Fulton served the United States Army from 1972-1975 in Fort Riley Kansas and worked at Iowa Savings Bank in Coon Rapids and Carroll. He married Karla Parker in Coon Rapids on September 10, 1977. Richard and Karla attend First United Methodist in Carroll and serves on the Finance Committee and Administration Board and a Trustee. Richard and Karla have two children Melissa Swinford and John Fulton. Richard has served on the Coon Rapids City Council, Coon Rapids Economic Development, Carroll County 911 Board, Coon Rapids Kiwanis and Carroll County Airport Commission.

Brother Fulton received his Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Charity Lodge No. 197 at Coon Rapids in 1979, being Initiated on September 20, 1979, Passed on October 4, 1979, and Raised on October 18, 1979. He served as Worshipful Master of Charity Lodge No. 197 in 1986, 1990, 1995, 2003, 2004, 2007 - 2008, and 2011. He served as Worshipful Master of Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll in 2001 - 2002 and is currently serving as Secretary. Richard has served on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee from 2019-2022 and as Chairman of the Finance Committee from 2021-2022.

### Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan

Brother Sean I. Morgan was born in Bloomington, Indiana on March 1, 1984, his family moved to Clear Lake Iowa in 1989 where he attended Clear Lake High School. Brother Sean has been self-employed at P.S.C. since 2010. He has two sons, Devin Warner (21) and Issiah Morgan (18).

Brother Sean received his three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Benevolence Lodge No. 145 at Mason City in 2012, he was Initiated on October 15, 2012, Passed on November 12, 2012 and Raised on February 4, 2014. He has served as Worshipful Master of Benevolence Lodge No. 145 in 2015 and Rock Sirius Lodge No. 294 in Nora Springs in 2017. His current membership is in Rock-Sirius Lodge No. 294. Brother Morgan served the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Steward in 2015-2016 and has served on the Lodge Service Committee in 2018-2019 and the Long-Range Planning Committee in 2019.

He is a former Plymouth City Council Member. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3181.



## The Rite of Discalceation Wade E. Sheeler, P.S.G.W.



A Candidate for Initiation into Freemasonry will often find the various requirements odd that they must fulfill in order to proceed through the degrees. The preparation often remains a puzzle to him, since the experience that is explained through our Ritual is only partial. Our Ritual tells us that Masonry is a system of allegory veiled in symbolism.

In the Entered Apprentice degree, we hear the words of verses 7 & 8 in the Book of Ruth: "Now this was the manner in former times concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things a man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor; and this was testimony in Israel". "Redeeming" here means taking back or recovery of land or property pledged for a debt. "Changing" refers to the transfer of ownership.

In the Master Mason degree, the initiate enters the lodge room barefoot. The symbolism is different and distinct between the two degrees. The Rite of Discalceation, from the Latin word, "discalceatus" means "unshod". Freemasonry's ritual of the Entered Apprentice degree refers to the passage in Ruth. In the Masters' degree it is not verbal but an act which differs from that in the first degree.

Freemasonry takes this symbol from the Old Testament as well as from many other places. Exodus (Chapter 3, verse 5) states "Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Joshua (Chapter 5, verse 15) reads "And the Captain of the Lord's Host said unto Joshua, loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy." The association of removing footwear when treading holy ground is an obvious symbol. Sandals were used to protect the feet from injury and filth. To wear such protections in a holy place, is an inference that the holy place was harmful to the feet or dirty.

This custom was widespread throughout the world. It was not confined to Israel. Pythagoras instructed his disciples to "offer sacrifices with thy shoes off." In all eastern religious edifices, the worshiper removes his shoes in order not to defile the temple with that which touches the profane earth. The custom was found in Ethiopia, ancient Peru and in England during the time of the Druids. Adam Clarke, a British theologian thought the custom so general in the nations of antiquity that he quoted it as one of the thirteen proofs that the whole human race descended from one family.

The Rite of Discalceation becomes more beautiful as we progress through the degrees. In the first degree, it is only a voluntary testimony of sincere and truthful intentions; later it becomes an act of humility that signifies that he who removes his shoes knows that he enters that which must not be defiled by anything unworthy. He who walks with both feet bare, signifies that he treads upon that which is hallowed.

What proof is necessary that behind the tiled door of the lodge is a holy place? Freemasonry teaches that the Great Light is "dedicated to God, as the inestimable gift of God to men for the rule and guide of their faith. In the Holy Bible, we read from (Matthew, Chapter 18, verse 20): "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them". Every Masonic Lodge is opened and closed in the name of God. By this promise, therefore no Lodge meets without the Great Architect being in the midst of them. Consequently, the Lodge is Holy Ground.

This being so, you may ask why do Freemasons not remove their shoes when entering the Lodge? "Once a Freemason, always a Freemason". No brother is required to repeat the obligations that he once assumed, on every occasion he is present when a degree is being conferred. It is well accepted that the obligation is binding upon him for the remainder of his life. Every time he follows the words in his mind, he re-obligates himself. Whenever he sees a new candidate being initiated, he subconsciously is re-initiated himself. If he is again so prepared, in his heart, he fulfills all the outward requirements.

While the promise and fulfillment make the Lodge holy ground, it is kept holy only if those who form it and conduct it, so revere it as a holy place.



Albert Mackey wrote: "The Rite of Discalceation is a symbol of reverence. It signifies, in the language of symbolism, that the spot which is about to be approached in this humble and reverential manner is consecrated to a holy purpose. Of all the degrees of Freemasonry, the third degree is the most important and sublime. The solemn lessons which it teaches, the sacred scene which it represents, and the impressive ceremonies with which it is conducted, are all calculated to inspire the mind with feelings of awe and reverence."

Into the holy of holies of the Temple, when the Ark of the Covenant had been deposited upon the altar, and the Shekinah was hovering over it, the high priest alone, and on only one day of the whole year, was permitted, after careful purification, to enter with bare feet and to pronounce, with fearful veneration, the tetragrammaton (Hebrew name of God). The Master Mason's Lodge is the holy of holies of the Masonic Temple, where the solemn truth of death and immortality are inculcated. The aspirant upon entering should purify his heart from every contamination.

Holiness is not a thing, but an idea. The sacred words of the Great Light are holy to us for what they teach and mean, because of whence they came. Book, Temple, and Flag are holy to us because of our reverence for ideas for which they stand. They are holy to us because we make them, holy, keep them holy, think of them as holy, and cherish them as holy. So, it must be with our Lodge. The Master Mason who symbolically removes his shoes before entering the Lodge, knows that here he will find that holiness, which is in the promise of God to David, the holiness of the Book upon the Altar, the very presence of the Great Architect, through whom the Lodge receives the greatest of his blessing to man--- friendship. Those who labor for the wages of the Master, indeed put off their shoes from their feet, in humble and thankful acknowledgment that the place in which they stand is indeed holy ground.

### Brother Robert Roth Raised at Coral Lodge No. 335



The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Coral Lodge No. 335 in Carson for a Third Degree for Brother Robert Roth. Past Grand Masters Craig C. Hummel and Dennis R. Heflin were in attendance. Brother Mike



Crowe opened lodge and conferred the First Section. Brother Doug Reed was Senior Deacon. After the First Section, the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were received and the Grand Master was conducted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors. Grand Master William W. Post was in the East for the Second Section and Right Worshipful Brother Junior Grand Warden Keith Voss was Senior Deacon. Most Worshipful Brother Past Grand Master Craig C. Hummel was the First Craftsman. The Grand Master finished up the degree with the charge.

Brother Robert was presented with a Bible that belonged to his father. Brother Secretary Joe Riddle also presented Brother Robert with a Masonic Bible. Worshipful Brother Grand Tyler Kelly Bruce presented Robert with 3x5x7 Masonic Box made by Brother Allan Tedrow. The Grand Master presented Brother Robert with his Grand Master's Pin, trowel pin and other items. Brother Roth thanked everyone for taking part in his degree.

Visiting Brother Gary Unger from Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield Nebraska, commented on the wonderful hospitality provided by Coral Lodge and how impressed he was by the passion expressed in Iowa Masonic Ritual. The Grand Lodge Officers closed Coral Lodge with the Grand Master in the East.



## Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley Reception



Masons from across the state gathered in Mount Pleasant to Honor Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley. Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8 hosted a reception in his honor at the Union Block in Mount Pleasant.

The Masons moved to the lodge building where Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master John Klopfenstein. Brothers Donald C. Wiley and Duane A. Wiley were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

Brothers Donald and Duane were also committeemen for Grand Master Wiley. Grand Master Wiley thanked everyone for attending and expanded on Grand Master Post's theme "Ignite Iowa Masonry" to "Evolve" Masonry in Iowa and continue to fan the flames.

The ladies enjoyed a program hosted by The Airport Road Winery.

The Masons rejoined their ladies at the Union Block for a social hour. Worshipful Master John Klopfenstein served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the invocation prior to dinner. After dinner Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Masters, Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies and families as well as other dignitaries.

Worshipful Master Klopfenstein introduced the Southeast Iowa Masons in attendance and recognized the Officers of Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was introduced and spoke on program "Evolve" and introduced his Lady Paula and the rest of his family. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the Benediction.

## Two Brothers Raised at Webb Lodge No. 182



The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Webb Lodge No. 182 in Sigourney to confer two Third Degree's on Brother's Thomas Stout and Michael Leech. Worshipful Master Rob Campbell opened lodge with the assistance of the officers in attendance. Ross Yoder was in the East for the First Section and Bob Kutz was Senior Deacon as Brother Thomas Stout received his Third Degree. Grand Master Ted Wiley in the East for the Second Section, John F. Bricker III was Senior Deacon and Mike S. Shannon gave the Charge. Brother C.C. Hoffman served as Junior Grand Warden. Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and everyone enjoyed a smoked brisket and pork roast lunch prepared by Rob Campbell and the members of Webb Lodge No. 182.

Worshipful Master Campbell resumed labor on the Third Degree. Brother Marvin Kendall was in the East for the First Section of the Third Degree for Brother Michael Leech. Grand Master Wiley was in the East for the Second Section. Bradley Reichardt was Senior Deacon and Mike S. Shannon gave the Charge. William Campbell served as Junior Grand Warden. Brother Shannon presented each of the brothers with a 3x5x7 wooden box made by Brother Allan L. Tedrow. Grand Master Wiley presented each of the brothers with his lapel pin. Both brothers thanked everyone for attending and taking part in their degrees. Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan was in the East to close Webb Lodge No. 182.

### **Meet Linda Heil, Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper**



Hello, my name is Linda Heil. I began the position of Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeping Services with the Grand Lodge on August 22, 2022. It has been a wild ride, with Grand Lodge, multiple mailings and just working to learn the ropes. Craig Davis and the rest of the staff have been great to work with.

I come to the Grand Lodge with varied experience spanning more years than I might like to admit. My career has been everything from my own business, retail operations, banking, payroll, accounting, and fundraising.

I am the proud mother of two adult children Kimberly Colcalsure and David Green. My daughter is the mother of three of my grandsons, Riley, Caleb, & Jaxson. My son David is the father of my two granddaughters and one grandson, Kiana, Kaitlyn, and Logan. I should also mention my wonderful son in law Tanner and my daughter in law Robin.

My father was a Third Degree Mason, and I was a Rainbow girl, and most recently my grandson Caleb has recently become involved in DeMolay, however he hasn't done his induction into DeMolay as of yet. (In other words, I know just enough to be dangerous)

I am married to David Elton a retired Correctional Officer from Oakdale Prison. David and I live in Cedar Rapids with our three extremely spoiled Pembroke Welsh Corgis. (Lady Sophie, Lady Guinevere, & Colonel Casey) I love to rescue plants from stores that need a home. I collect Snowbabies, Santa Claus statues, Snowmen, and all things Corgi (bed sheets, windchimes, socks, stuffed animals)

I (Dave and I) follow Southern Gospel Music and often road-trip to see a favorite group that is the Signature Act at Silver Dollar City 'Spoken 4'

On a funny note, my first husband, second husband, & son are all named David.

### **Meet Julia Wells, Assistant Librarian**

Hello Iowa Masons! I am your new Assistant Librarian, Julia Wells, at the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum in Cedar Rapids. While I have big shoes to fill from Bill Kreuger, I hope everyone exercises a bit of patience with me while I learn everything there is to know about our wonderful collection.



A bit about me, I am a majority Rainbow girl out of Alabama and an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Alabama. While in Rainbow, I served as Grand Worthy Advisor in 2016-2017 and I also served as State Sweetheart for the Alabama DeMolay Association in 2010-2011. My family is as active as they come in the Masonic Fraternity.

Some of you might have met my father, Jim McGee, or stepmother, Donna McGee, in their many travels around the country for various Masonic events. I also have two brothers who are members of the Craft and are trying to one day be as active as our dad is. I recently got married during the same time as the Iowa Grand Lodge took place. My husband (Dakota), a Master Mason and Senior DeMolay from Nebraska, moved from Wisconsin with me to take this position. Dakota and I have an adorable cat named Casper that I love to show everyone photos of him when given the chance!

Some of my plans for the library and museum going forward are showcasing some new artifacts by changing up the exhibits and attempting to help clean house on duplicate documents and books. If anyone would like to volunteer some time to help scan works into our collection, please let myself or any other member of the Grand Lodge staff know.

While I am excited to see what kind of cool things you can show me, please remember all donations must go through our Grand Secretary before being dropped off at the Grand Lodge Library. My job has a lot to do with helping preserve our history for the future, please remember that our collection physically cannot hold everything. Another plan of mine is to work with the Grand Secretary to create a collections management policy to make sure that anything donated to us is something we really should have in our collection.

I hope to meet many of you at future events and by you coming to visit us at the Library and Musuem!



## Joint Reception for Junior Grand Warden and Senior Grand Deacon



It was a family affair as Masons gathered in Indianola to honor Junior Grand Warden Drew C. Mathias and Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon. Warren Lodge No. 53 hosted the reception and social hour at their lodge. Drew is Michael's father-in-law.

The Masons moved to the lodge room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Worshipful Master Michael C. Angersola had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Drew C. Mathias and John D. Lloyd as Committeemen. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was received and introduced with Brothers William W. Post and John D. Lloyd. Junior Grand Warden Drew C. Mathias was received and introduced with Brothers Michael S. Shannon and John D. Lloyd as Committeemen. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon was introduced and received with Brothers Drew C. Mathias and John D. Lloyd. The honored brother's and the Grand Lodge Officers closed Warren Lodge No. 53. Grand Master Wiley introduced his Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Grand Masters. Worshipful Master Michael Angersola introduced the officers of Warren Lodge. Brothers Mathias and Shannon each shared stories about their journeys throughout Masonry. Brother Allan Tedrow presented Drew and Mike with a 3x5x7 box. Mike Shannon and the four other Masonic Instructors presented Brother Mathias with an apron case that they had made for him. The afternoon concluded with the Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers giving the benediction.

## South Central M.I.-D.L. Reception and Third Degree at Prairie City



The South-Central MI-DL Club hosted its annual Grand Lodge reception and Third Degree on October 24 at Prairie City with Preston Lodge No. 218 as host lodge.

Preston Lodge was opened with Marvin D. Kendall in the East. Brother Tom H. Nash moved to the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Marty Jacobs was Senior Deacon as they conferred the Third Degree on Brother Troy K. Cordes from Operative Lodge No. 308. Lodge was called to refreshment so that the Masons could join their ladies at the Prairie City United Methodist Church for a chili and oyster stew supper.

Following dinner, the Masons returned to the lodge hall where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Tom

H. Nash and James F. White as committeemen. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was received and introduced with Brothers Past Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and Past Grand Master William W. Post as committeemen. Senior Grand Warden Harvey N. Woody presented Brother J. Alan Fink with his District Lecturer's Certificate. Grand Master Wiley was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section. Harvey N. Woody gave the Charge. The Grand Master presented Brother Cordes with his Masonic Pin, and Brother Allan L. Tedrow presented him with a 3x5x7 Masonic Box.



Brother Cordes thanked everyone for attending and taking part in his Third Degree.

The Grand Master spoke on his program and his fund raising efforts for the upcoming year. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.



## After 4-year wait, Iowan and Mason climbs Denali



### Brad Shears and Brian Beatty are members of Benton City Lodge No. 81 in Shellsburg

By Sabine Martin, The Cedar Rapids Gazette

Brad Shears, 43 finally summited Denali – the highest peak in North America 20,000 feet above sea level – on May 29 after training for four years because of the pandemic and weather delays.

“It was a huge relief,” he said. “I am kind of sad, but also it was huge journey for myself and for my family. It’s very emotional.”

When he’s not climbing mountains, Shears works at Modern Piping in Cedar Rapids. Shears said he has climbed mountains seriously for five years, starting with a two-day journey of Mount Rainier in Washington state.

Mountain climbing season in 2020 was canceled because of COVID-19. Shears had to cancel his climb in 2020 because of the pandemic, and again in 2021 due to bad weather.

“I went last year, and I climbed the mountain until about 16,500 feet and we were unable to continue because of the weather,” he said. “As I was at base camp last year, when we had to come home, I signed up and was on the first climb of this year.”

Shears said he was bundled up in a down parka to resist the minus -5 degrees Fahrenheit temperature and 15 mph winds and 20 mph gust when he summited. Denali, located in Alaska, also is one of the coldest mountains.

“It’s always sunny here. It doesn’t go down in the summertime,” he said.

The journey to the top of the mountain started nine months ago, when Shears prepared for the 21-day climb in his garage in Atkins for five to six days a week with a Denali virtual training regimen.

It’s specifically a lot of step-ups with a pack, dragging a tire down gravel roads, lots of running, floor exercises,” he said. “I kind of converted my garage into a little mini training facility.”

On the weekends, Shears said he put on a backpack weighing 60 to 70 pounds and walked nine miles around the Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area.

“My wife and I will walk that, and, in the wintertime, I would wear my big boots and snowshoes, and all of the equipment needed to prepare for the climb to see if it works in the cold.”

### 14,000 FEET UP

During the climb, Shears said within a week, he and his team had hiked up to 14,000 feet. On Denali, after that height, it is straight up climbing on fixed lines.

The team had to wait 12 days at 14,000 feet for strong winds to slow to climb up. He said he ate once in the morning and once at night – meals consisted of hearty food like grits.

“It was so sunny out we had our shirts off and relaxed and enjoyed the weather. You would look up and see the wind blowing off the mountain at 35 mph,” he said. “They tried to summit, and they pulled a guy off the mountain and his hands were black, it was so cold.”

Once cleared to start going to the top of the mountain, Shears said climbers have to do two runs up – one to set up camp and sleep and one for the summit.

“You kind of climb the mountain twice,” he said.

### THE HEAD WALL

Shears said from 14,000 to 16,500 feet, climbers go up a steep slope of ice with fixed lines on it. He said this area of the mountain is called the head wall.

“We are attached to the fixed lines as we climb with a mechanical ascender,” he said. “For roughly 1,000 feet it’s straight up and down. From there it’s rock and a very exposed ridge line.”

Brian Beatty, who has climbed mountains since the 1980’s and is a mentor to Shears, said he knew Shears would be successful climbing Denali.

“He has a lot of drive and endurance,” he said. “Sometimes I would see him out running past my house, he’s just really got a passion for what he’s doing.”

Brain Beatty, who also has climbed Denali, said the mountain is one of the most difficult to climb because it is close to the Arctic Circle, making it severely cold.

"The vertical rise of Denali is far bigger than Everest. In fact, the footprint of Everest could fit on the north face of Denali," he said. After the whole journey, Shears said the next big climb on his horizon is a range of mountains in Peru, but he plans to hike some 14,000-foot mountains this summer and early fall in Colorado with his wife.

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### Great Lights Lodge No. 181 Hiram in the Hills By Dustin Cote

"Not a crow of a cock or a bark of a dog could be heard in the lowest valley"

On September 22, 2022 a Called Communication of Great Lights Lodge, No. 181 in Decorah, Iowa, was held



on Brother Dave Dunlavey's property. Deep in the woods, at the bottom of a winding and bumpy timberline road, next to a babbling brook, a special outdoor Third Degree was held.

Fellowcraft Austin Mitchell from Elkader Lodge No. 72 was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by his father, Past Master Allen Mitchell.



In attendance were Current and Past Grand Lodge Officers, and over 40 brothers from more than 15 lodges from three different states.

Excellent weather held out and a fine meal and fellowship was shared afterwards and late into the night. It was a unique and memorable experience for all. If you would like to attend next year's Hiram in the Hills, please contact Great Lights Lodge No. 181 Secretary to stay informed.

### Tom Sincox 50 Year Certificate By A. J. Brown



Thursday, May 5 was a special night for Ottumwa Lodge No. 16. The current Worshipful Master Tom Sincox stepped down temporarily from his seat and let last year's Worshipful Master Dan McCoy assumed the East to present Brother Sincox with his 50 Year Certificate. After some very kind remarks from Brother Tom about what Masonry means to him and a hearty congratulations from the brethren assembled, Brother Tom resumed his seat in the East. Brother Tom's 50th year in Masonry will be remembered by having served as Worshipful Master in 2022.

Pictured are Brother Tom Sincox receiving his certificate from Past Master Dan McCoy. Also pictured are: front row left to right: Lloyd Lawson (50+ year brother), Jeff Woodburn (Senior Warden), Tom Sincox (Worshipful Master), Scott Roberts (Junior Warden), Dale Weaver (50+ year brother and Junior Steward), back row Floyd Brown (Chaplain), Dan McCoy (Tyler)



## Reed Bornholdt "50 Years" In his own Words

Fraternal greetings, Brother Jim and the Brethren of Onyx Lodge No. 419!

My apologies for the tardiness of expressing my gratitude for all of the efforts of you, WM Stanley Gable and all of the Brothers of Onyx Lodge No. 419 for securing my 50 Year Certificate.

I moved to the Minneapolis area in 1973 ... one year after being raised in Rising Star Lodge No. 496. My initial employment required several evenings and weekends each month. As my time allowed, I visited a couple of local lodges and was encouraged to join them. Marriage, work, children's activities and scouting managed to keep me from being a more active Mason. However, I'd like to think that I've done my best to try to live a Masonic life. In the past 15 years, I was accepted into the officer line of Lebanon Lodge No. 346 in Savage MN and served as Master in 2019. I was privileged to raise my eldest son and have him follow me to the East in 2021. I am also a 32nd Degree K.C.C.H. in the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite, a Zuhrah Shriner (and FUNster), Royal Arch and Cryptic Council (Commandry to follow this Fall). It certainly helps to not need to drive 75 miles for these activities.

I always looked forward to receiving my Grand Lodge of Iowa Bulletin and enjoyed keeping up with Iowa Masonry. In particular, I would turn to the back page and search for the latest 50 year brothers. Further, I wasn't certain how my dual affiliations (particularly multiple states) are handled by the respective Grand Lodges. Last week, Lebanon No. 346 in Savage, MN held its Senior Warden and 40th anniversary dinner. Lebanon Lodge is one of the youngest in Minnesota. The highlight of the evening is to recognize our 25, 50, etc. recipients. We happened to have two 25 year, one 50 year and one 60 year recipients. I received a 50 year lapel pin in March from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. I knew that I would be receiving a 50 Year Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. I was deeply honored that my son, WB Adam Bornholdt, presented it to me (along with some touching remarks). I was ready to return to my seat when I was pulled back and presented another 50 Year Certificate from Onyx Lodge No. 419 and the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

I was overcome and honored. I must admit that Iowa does a much more beautiful job with 50 Year Certificates! Thank you so much for working with my son Adam to make this possible for me!

Here is a photo from the presentation ceremony:

(L to R) WM Paul Smith, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Minnesota Tony Krall, me, WB Adam Bornholdt, SW William Loman, District Representative WB Reed Endersbe, Emcee WB John Curlott



As I've told my Lebanon Brothers on several occasions, I will be forever grateful for the impact that my Masonic Brethren have made on the lives of my family and me.

My Father (via Rising Star Lodge No. 496), Grandfather, Great Uncle and I have all been members of Onyx Lodge. Having the O'Brien County Sheriff and a Primghar 6th Grade Teacher as parents, I was "known" to most of Primghar's residents. My father was a PM of Rising Star, and he and my mother served several times as Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron of the Primghar OES Chapter.

I had known most of the Rising Star brethren and their families practically from my birth. We did things together nearly every day. It wasn't (and still isn't) uncommon for residents of smaller communities to help one another whenever needed. This trait was never presented more clearly than the day of my father's fatal car accident on November 20, 1966 while he was on duty.

When my mother, sister and I returned home from school after hearing this horrible news, we were in deep shock. I was 16 at the time (my Sister 13). As we exited the car to go into our house, I happened to glance down the street. The first two people to come to our aid were two Brothers. They were literally flying down the street to help provide relief and comfort to us. The Rising Star Brethren never left us alone afterward.

I will never forget them. I have since tried to do my best to provide similar relief to poor, distressed widows and orphans in my neighborhood when required.

Thank you again for this honor. I am proud to say that I am a member of Onyx Lodge No. 419. I pray that you will continue to grow and continue to help many more northwest Iowa good men become better men.

### Past Master's Night at Newton

Newton Lodge No. 59 held its annual Past Master's Night on November 3. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited for a reception and Third Degree for Brother Chris Dydell and raised him to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.



Following social time, the Masons moved to the lodge room where Past Master Wade Sheeler opened lodge. Past Masters conferred the First Section with Wade Sheeler in the East and Brother Anthony L. Oxley as Senior Deacon. Past Master Sheeler introduced the Past Masters and thanked them for their service to the lodge and to the Fraternity. The Masons then moved to the dining room for a dinner that was prepared and served by members of Newton Chapter No. 100, O.E.S.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Andy Oxley and Ward Bailey as Committeemen.



Grand Master Wiley was received and introduced

with Brothers Oxley and Bailey as Committeemen. Grand Master Wiley presented Brother Lee Koke, Allan Chipps, and Greg Van Vark with their 50 Year Certificates. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was in the East for the Second Section. Grand Marshal Bradley A. Reichardt gave the Charge. Grand Master Wiley presented his lapel pin and other items to Brother Dydell. Allan L. Tedrow presented Brother Dydell with a 3x5x7 Box. Brother Dydell thanked everyone for attending of his Third Degree. Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan was in the East to close Newton Lodge No. 59.

### Grand Master Area Meetings

Most Worshipful Theodore C. Wiley led thirteen Grand Master Area Meetings. The meetings were held across the state in late September and October. His program for the year is "Evolve".

The goal of this continuing program is to help your lodge plan to grow and cultivate current, new, and former members, plan for financial stability, modernize communication and record keeping, and increase community involvement. Basically, get back to the fundamental tenants of our insitution. He also outlined his charity which is the Library Association.

Worshipful Brother Bill Northup spoke on how Grand Lodge can help with financial planning. Members of the Lodge Service Committee outlined the new Ashlar Award and upcoming revisions to the Master Builder and Golden Trowel Awards. Worshipful Brother Aaron Kinser went through the Grand View login and an overview of the program. Following each meeting there was a period of Q&A as well as a quiz where the correct answer won a t-shirt.





**B.V. Northup, JD**  
**Executive Director**  
**Masonic Charitable Education Corporation**



As he begins his second year in this new role, Bill is very pleased to be serving you and Iowa Masonry as the Executive Director of the Masonic Charitable Education Corporation. In this role, his goal is to assist you with strategies to help meet the financial needs of your lodges and serve as a resource to help you with your own personal financial planning goals, while promoting our Iowa Masonic Charities.

By way of background, Bill is an attorney and member of the Iowa Academy of Trust and Estate Counsel, who recently retired from a 33-year career as an experienced wealth planning professional, specializing in working with successful individuals and their families, helping them to develop customized estate plans designed to build, manage and pass on their assets in alignment with their goals and values.

Masonically, Bill is a 40 year Iowa Mason and Past Master of Justice Lodge No. 230 in Ollie, with a dual-membership in Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines. He has held a number of committee and board positions with the Grand Lodge of Iowa, including serving on the Appeals and Grievances Committee, the Board of the Masonic Charitable Education Corporation, the Grand Charities Board, and the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees. He also had the privilege of serving as Junior Grand Steward in 1990-91, when he earned his Masonic Instructor Certificate and is currently studying to become a District Lecturer.

Bill can assist you with most financial-related matters, but here are some of the most common examples of what he has counseled lodges and Iowa Masons with during this first year:

**\* Investing the Assets of your Lodge:** We are all aware of how challenging it has been to find a decent investment return in this low interest rate environment. To assist with this challenge, Bill has brokered an agreement with professional investment advisors to manage your lodge's investments at a very favorable cost, while also providing a diversified investment portfolio in order to manage risk. If you would prefer working with a local advisor, Bill will help you evaluate their process, both in terms of investment results, as well as cost.

**\* Establishing Charitable Status for your Lodge:** Although we are very charitable by nature, of course, Masonic lodges do not technically qualify as charitable organizations under the IRS definition. So Bill has worked with several Iowa lodges to establish their own "Charitable Foundation", whereby they can receive gifts that qualify for a charitable deduction, while distributing the annual income to support worthy charitable causes in their communities.

**\* Budgeting and Fundraising Ideas for your Lodge:** In this world of rising costs and inflation, it can be a challenge to meet the financial needs of your lodge. Bill can sit down with you to evaluate your budget, while also sharing the fundraising ideas that many lodges around the state have shared with him this past year. These activities can be a fun way to engage lodge membership in some great fellowship, while also creating nice visibility for your lodge in the community.

**\* Financial & Estate Planning for your Lodge Membership:** Bill has also been meeting with individual Iowa Masons who have questions about their personal financial and estate planning. He will review your current Plan, if you have one, and discuss those things that you may want to consider, based upon your specific goals and objectives. Bill can also assist you with finding an attorney to draft your estate documents, if you don't currently have one, as well as a tax professional if those questions arise.

Bill is available to meet with you and your individual lodges, and there is no cost for this service. You should feel free to either send him an email or call him at:

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## Alphonse Mucha, Artist and father of Czechoslovakian Freemasonry

By Amy Weiler



Alfons Maria Mucha (1860-1939), known as Alphonse Mucha on the international stage, was an artist and Freemason. He was born, educated and spent his early life in Moravia (which today is a region of the Czech Republic). As a young adult, he primarily painted theatrical scenery in Moravia and Vienna. Later, he was hired to paint murals in Hrusovany Emmahof Castle in Moravia, and did freelance work painting portraits. He received further education at the Munich Academy of Fine Arts in Germany, as well as the Académie Julian and Académie Colarossi of Paris, France.

Mucha's big break in the art world came in late 1894. Working in a print shop while living in Paris, there was a sudden order for a new poster for a new play, "Gismadona," starring Sarah Bernhardt, one of the most famous actresses in Paris at the time. Mucha volunteered to create the rush order, and completed the lithograph advertisement in under two weeks.

The poster he made was an immediate hit. Bernhardt hired him to design her posters on a six year contract, and Mucha had no shortage of work, creating more advertisement, book illustrations, and posters. In addition, he designed theater sets, carpets, wallpaper and jewelry. The style used for the initial poster, as well as many of Mucha's following illustrations, were most characterized by their use of pastel colors, women subjects wearing clothing reminiscent of Neo-Classicism, and floral backgrounds. Initially called "Mucha style," this became known as being part of Art Nouveau. Despite being a pioneer of it, Mucha did not want to be pigeonholed in any specific art style and insisted he wasn't following a trend, only being inspired by Czech art and his own talent. Mucha's Freemasonry journey began while he was living in Paris. Possessing a deeply spiritual side, the esoteric qualities of Freemasonry greatly appealed to him. He was Initiated into Les Inséparables du Progrès Lodge of the Grand Orient of France on January 25th, 1898. A couple years later, he published "Le Pater," an illustrated book of The Lord's Prayer that explored Mucha's reflection on occultism and religion (he was a life-long Catholic), and was influenced by Masonic philosophy and imagery. His art would continue to be influenced by Masonry from then on.

Mucha was living in Prague when Czechoslovakia was formed in 1918 in the wake of World War I. He created designs for stamps, government papers, and banknotes for the fledgling nation. In 1928 on the tenth anniversary of the country's founding, he revealed what is considered his masterpiece, "The Slav Epic," which he spent many years working on. It shows the history and mythology of the Slavic and Czech people in a series of twenty monumental paintings.

At the same time, Mucha continued his work in Freemasonry. He co-founded the lodge Jan Amos Komenský in Prague in 1919, the first Czech-speaking Masonic lodge (which continues to exist today as Lodge Comenius of Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic). He was appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia and he was the second Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Czechoslovakia. Mucha designed jewelry for lodges, including Jan Amos Komenský Lodge, as well as chalices and aprons for officers of the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia.

However, this would be brought to an end with the rise of fascism. Being a prominent Freemason and Slavic nationalist painted a target on his back and when Germany invaded Czechoslovakia in early 1939, Mucha was quickly arrested by the Gestapo. While he was released, he had caught pneumonia and he died on July 14, 1939. Despite the tribulations and the passage of time, Alphonse Mucha's work endures to this day, from his paintings to his jewelry to his lithographs. Today, several of his paintings still lay in the hands of the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic.

## Brother Allan Tedrow receives his District Lecturer's Certificate

Allan L. Tedrow is a former Junior Grand Deacon from Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 in Boone. Allan received his Masonic Instructor No. 3116 on March 21, 2019. He has attended Regional Schools at least three times a year and regularly attended the Grand Lodge School of Instruction held at the Annual Communication. The Custodians of the Work determined that Allan had maintained the Ritual and has learned the floor work. Allan was awarded his District Lecturer Certificate No. 3207 by Past Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull at the Mount Olive Stated Communication on October 4, 2022.



## Lodge Service Committee By Tom Nash

There have been a lot of questions lately about the Lodge Service Committee.

What is their mission and who makes up the committee?

The Lodge Service Committee is a standing committee established by the Masonic Code of Iowa consisting of fourteen members from across the state. Chapter 11 section 12 of the Code sets out the duties of the committee. They include but are not limited to assisting the Executive Director in conducting the various activities of the Committee. The activities include: personal visitations of lodges in their areas; Grand Master Area Meetings; Lodge Service Committee Neighborhood Meetings; the various activities of the Committee at Grand Lodge; the development and distribution of Masonic educational materials; review and analyze membership trends; recommend, develop and implement short, intermediate, and long term goals for membership retention and growth; and to provide appropriate assistance to subordinate lodges for the improvement and betterment of Freemasonry in Iowa.

What happens is that these fourteen brothers go out to various lodges across the state. They may schedule a formal visit such as a Neighborhood Area Meeting with lodges across the region. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet with nearby lodges to collaborate and make new contacts. The LSC members may also visit area lodges in an informal setting just to get to know the lodges in the area and assist where needed.

Last year the LSC was tasked with helping lodges go through lodge assessments. The positive results from that effort were numerous and meaningful. The great thing that we saw from those visits was the diversity of ideas from around the state for fundraising, fellowship, and recruitment.

Some of the fundraising ideas we saw were things like raffling of meat packages, pancake breakfasts, corn feeds, working with events such as baseball games, little league concessions, high school football concessions, golf outings and car shows. The common theme is brothers being involved in the community and displaying the beauties of Masonry.

There are many fellowship events held by lodges that are easily planned and supported. Lodge Rededications, Cornerstones, Table Lodges, picnics, guest speakers, cribbage nights, etc. All of these provide opportunities to just get together and get to know your brother Masons a little better.

The point being that the members of the LSC are filled with knowledge and ideas if you are looking for some way to improve your lodge. The common theme is building a Fraternity that others will want to join.

One thing noticed in the lodges that I personally visited were the means of communications with the members of the lodge. Some lodges send out a monthly trestle board in the mail, some lodges use phone trees or emails. There are many social media applications to communicate with members which are used with various levels of success. The lodges who were most successful had a mixture of these communication ideas. The younger crowd likes the electronic means of communications while the older crowd still wants a phone call or mailing. Mixing it up to insure you reach all members is the most important thing. The Grand View system offers a great way to standardize communications. One thing to remember is that you cannot over communicate with members.

Another huge part of the LSC is masonic education. If you need education materials, they are maintained on the Grand View system under the resources button. The enlightenment courses, as well as the Masters and Wardens handbook are located there. These pieces of education are valuable for all Masons, as they have a lot of information that will help make lodges more successful. We are also working to get more materials on the Grand View system. Until that time comes, there are additional resources available at the Grand Lodge website under the Lodge Service menu.

Some of the items on the Grand Lodge website are numerous handbooks and tools for leadership and ceremonies and many historic articles that may be used for the masonic education portion of meetings. The material is free to use and easy to access and download.

The Lodge Service Committee is here for you. You will find them as ready to impart information as you will be to receive it.



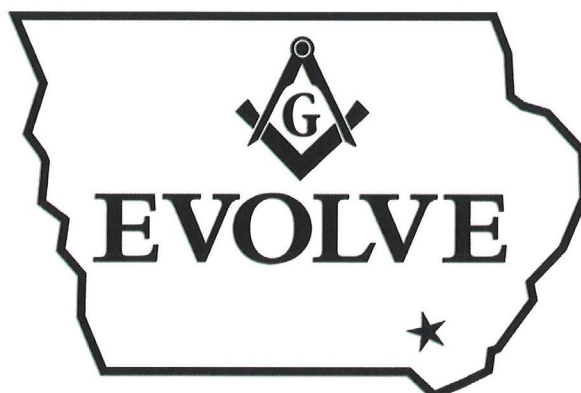


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MORE INFORMATION TO COME

## APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATE TO PARTICIPATE IN A GRAND MASTER'S ONE DAY CLASS

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

**Section A:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo. Day Year

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa - \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box or Street Address City Zip Code Plus 4

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa.  
Name City

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully submit this application to participate in the Grand  
Candidate's Signature

Master's One Day Class to be held at \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, on \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo. Day Year

**Section B - This section must be completed only if the Candidate has been Initiated or Passed.  
(If no degrees have been conferred, please skip this Section)**

Initiated on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa  
Mo. Day Year Lodge City

Passed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa  
Mo. Day Year Lodge City

If the previous degrees were conferred by any other lodge than the lodge completing this application, or a lodge that has consolidated with your lodge, please show the date the Brother was elected into your lodge for Advancement and Membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo. Day Year

**Section C - This Section must be completed for all One Day Class Candidates**

Date of Election to Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Mo. Day Year

All membership fees have been paid in full by the candidate.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

*The Grand Master's One-Day Class fee **shall** accompany this Application.*

**Section D - Candidate Guide**

Name of Guide (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

The above information has been verified by the Office of the Grand Secretary:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Secretary

(This form **must be received** in the Office of the Grand Secretary by the posted deadline prior to attending a Grand Master's One-Day Class.)

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10-14-2020

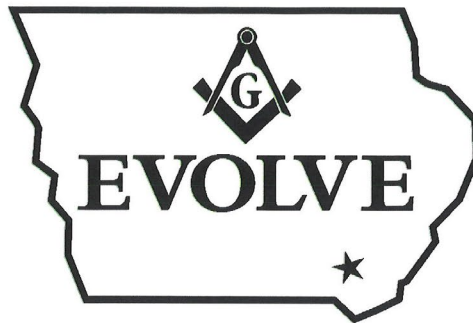
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**Grand Master's One Day Class**

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

**Des Moines, Scottish Rite Center**

**519 Park Street**

**Des Moines, Iowa**

**Registration Deadline April 1, 2023**

**\$100.00 Registration Fee**

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**Brothers are shown by Lodge No.**

No.	Town	Name	No.	Town	Name
8	Mount Pleasant	Bilderback, Ivan B.	252	Moravia	Johnson, Richard L.
13	Fort Madison	Moore, Russell P.	259	Council Bluffs	Stender, Robert E.
21	Agency	Chrisman, Roger V.	301	New Virginia	Daugherty, Edwin L.
24	Rochester	Ochiltree, Leo E.	312	Spencer	Petersen, Lindell R.
42	Centerville	Kluxdal, James L.	315	Saint Charles	Banks, Roger E.
44	LeClaire	Garrison, Guy	370	Pleasant Hill	Smith, Darwin H.
51	Bellevue	Bruhn, Otto H.	407	Altoona	Wood, Thomas D.
58	Glenwood	Kier, Joe E.	447	Estherville	Bixby, John K.
59	Newton	Chipps, Alan S.	482	Milford	Barriage, Archie R.
59	Newton	Koke, Lee N.	487	Ruthven	Hansen, Peter D.
59	Newton	Van Vark, Gregory C.	498	Bristow	Creeden, Michael M.
83	Hartford	Rhodes, Dennis D.	508	Sioux City	Streeter, Ivan A.
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118	Tama	Rairdin, Donald G.	548	Cedar Rapids	McCormack, Jessie L.
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