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2024 Regional Schools

Thursday, March 21, 2024, Mizpah Lodge No. 639 616 A Ave NE, Cedar Rapids	5:30 P.M.
Friday, March 22, 2024, Brubaker Lodge No. 675 511 Veterans Pkwy, Davenport	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 18, 2024, Chrysolite Lodge No. 420 111 N 4th Ave, Logan	5:30 P.M.
Friday, April 19, 2024, Morning Star Lodge No. 159 120 N. Wilson Ave, Jefferson	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, May 16, 2024, Warren Lodge No. 53 1606 W 2nd Ave, Indianola	5:30 P.M.
Friday, May 17, 2024, Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 303 Front St, Lucas	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, June 20, 2024, Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8 206 N Main St, Mount Pleasant	5:30 P.M.
Friday, June 21, 2024, Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 Hwy 63, Malcom	9:00 A.M.
Friday, July 19, 2024, Waterloo Lodge No. 105 607 Bishop Ave, Waterloo	9:00 A.M.
Saturday, August 24, 2024, Adel Lodge No. 80 411 S 12th St, Adel	9:00 A.M.
Monday, September 2, 2024, Ottumwa Lodge No. 16 611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, September 19, 2024, Grand Lodge School 1200 Collins Rd, Cedar Rapids	8:00 A.M.

2024 Secretary Conferences

Tuesday, January 2, 2024, Elkader Lodge No. 72 500 Strawberry Point Rd, Elkader	10:00 A.M.
Wednesday, January 3, 2024, Jackson Lodge No. 42 216 1/2 N 12 St, Centerville	10:00 A.M.
Thursday, January 4, 2024, Camanche Lodge No. 60 220 9th Ave, Camanche	10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, January 9, 2024, South Gate Lodge No. 657 1111 Randolph St, Des Moines	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, January 10, 2024, North Star Lodge No. 447 E Central Ave, Estherville	10:00 A.M.
Thursday, January 11, 2024, Grove Lodge No. 492 Washington St, Marne	6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Tyrian Lodge No. 508 820 Nebraska St, Sioux City	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Twin Lakes Lodge No. 478 504 5th St, Rockwell City	6:30 P.M.
Saturday, January 20, 2024, Model Lodge No. 315 131 W Main St, Saint Charles	10:00 A.M.
Monday, January 22, 2024, Montague Lodge No. 117 1305 23rd Ave, Eldora	6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, Iowa Masonic Library 813 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, January 24, 2024, New London Lodge No. 28 128 W Main St, New London	6:30 P.M.

Grand Master's Message

"Get in the Game, Live the Ritual"

Thank you, my brethren, for the confidence you have bestowed in me to serve as the 155th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. I am humbled by this honor and vow to lead the Craft to the best of my ability.

"Get in the Game, Live the Ritual" is where passion and purpose unite, where every moment is an opportunity to unleash your inner champion. "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual" is not just a motto; it's a way of life. It's a call to action, a reminder that Iowa Masonry is a grand arena waiting for you to step onto its stage. In this realm, there are no spectators, only participants. It's a place where dreams are transformed into reality through dedication, discipline, and determination. Here, every challenge is a chance to shine, every obstacle a stepping stone to success.



The Ritual begins for all Masons with a spark of inspiration, a burning desire to excel. It's the feeling in your heart that says, "I can do this," and the commitment to back it up. It's the late-night practice sessions, the early morning workouts, and the unwavering belief in your potential. "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual" means embracing the grind, the sweat, and the tears as part of the journey. It's about understanding that success is not an overnight phenomenon, but the result of consistent effort and unshakable determination.

The theme of "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual" encourages each of us to step up our game and to move our lodges, communities, and Iowa Masonry forward. Many say that sport imitates life. In my view, sport imitates our Fraternity. Freemasonry provides boundaries, rules, protocols, and structure for the team. To succeed in Freemasonry, we need to be an active participant, practice the skills, develop leadership, and provide coaching for our teammates. Freemasonry is about improving ourselves as we continue to build up our lodge and our community.

To become a successful team begins with having a good Game Plan. At the Grand Master Area meetings, we discussed the importance of planning and implementing the Game Plan. The Lodge Service committee provided materials and their plans to refocus, redistrict and retool to improve communication and services to all lodges across the state. Bill Northup, Executive Director of Iowa Masonic Charities discussed the Grand Lodge charitable funds and how they are used. If you were unable to attend, there will be a video on the Grand Lodge of Iowa YouTube channel, and the files distributed are already located under Master Mason Resources in the Iowa Membership Portal.

As this is the December Grand Lodge Bulletin, it reminds us that we are moving towards the holidays that allow us a time of reflection, gratitude, and renewal. I encourage your lodge to plan service projects, celebrations and gatherings with your entire Masonic family and include the widows and orphans. Make fellowship events a part of your Game Plan. These events outside of the tiled lodge allow everyone to become closer and become a Brotherhood that we all enjoy and appreciate the most about our great Fraternity.

Make the decision today brethren to create and implement a Game Plan, practice the skills, coach your team, and develop leadership.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Darrell G. Fremont".

Darrell G. Fremont
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



Let the Games Begin!

by Ann Fremont

This is the theme that I have chosen this year. As Darrell and I began to plan for the 2023-2024 Grand Lodge year together, we wanted to make sure this was the year of family inclusion. Darrell began planning family friendly events throughout the state with the cornhole tournaments. I want my plans for families to begin in each lodge in the state.

When my husband first joined the Masonic Fraternity, he was away many nights during the week, studying, practicing, and learning the Ritual. I was home by myself. The one redeeming quality was on each Stated Communication night, all the ladies that could attend gathered with the men for a meal. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for all in attendance. Once the men left, the ladies stayed for conversation. We planned events throughout the year. One year we planned a family picnic in the local park. The park had horseshoe pits and we were able to plan a horseshoe tournament. There were also games for the children, a potluck lunch and all the brothers and families that could attend were present. It was a grand afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Forty to forty-five is now the average age of men joining the Fraternity. These men have wives, significant others and children so this is a perfect time to begin building family events within your lodge, if you do not have any now. I am asking Masons to begin talking with your wives, significant others to find out if they would consider the idea of having a game or craft night during your Stated Communication. The ladies and children could meet in the lodge or rotate between houses. The ladies could even meet another night of the week so you could care for the children. A lady's night out!!

Let us have fun and fellowship as a family this year in our magnificent Fraternity.

The Iowa Epilepsy Foundation

By Ann Fremont

The Iowa Epilepsy Foundation is the charity I have chosen for my fundraising endeavor this year. You ask, why this foundation? 53 years ago, I was diagnosed with Epilepsy. Our granddaughter, Atalea, was diagnosed with Epilepsy two years ago. Darrell and I are very passionate about educating all Masons and their families about Seizure Awareness and Epilepsy. Purple ribbon magnetic pins, purple represents Epilepsy, are selling for \$10.00 each. With each pin you will receive a wallet card with instructions on how and how not to assist a person during a seizure.



Taking time to learn about distinct types of seizures and how to respond effectively not only benefits individuals with seizures, but also empowers us as a community to offer a helping hand when needed. Please start by printing out the Seizure First Aid poster located in the resource file of the membership portal and place it in a very visible location in your lodge. I personally challenge each Mason to complete the Seizure Recognition and First Aid Certification course. This course is found at epilepsy.com/firstaid and is 75 min in length. It is on demand and free of charge. Upon completion, you will be First Aid Certified for two years. Please print out the certificate and take a picture holding your certificate. Send your picture to Darrell or myself. The goal is to have 1000 completed certificates by Grand Lodge Annual Communication 2024. Brother Skylar Watson is putting together a collage of the photos for publication.

The Iowa Epilepsy Foundation is partnering with The Grand Lodge of Iowa by promoting these Masonic fundraising/educational efforts on their website. Three scheduled Walks to End Epilepsy are scheduled. April 27, 2024 - Valley West Mall, West Des Moines, June 1, 2024 - Iowa City, and September 14, 2024 - Cedar Rapids. The Iowa Epilepsy Foundation has given us permission to set up a table to pass out Masonic literature during these walks. Information will be forthcoming in the feed of the Iowa Membership Portal closer to each event.

I thank each Mason in advance who personally assists at an informational table.



Seizure First Aid

How to help someone having a seizure

1

STAY with the person until they are awake and alert after the seizure.

- ✓ Time the seizure
- ✓ Remain calm
- ✓ Check for medical ID



2

Keep the person **SAFE**.

- ✓ Move or guide away from harm



3

Turn the person onto their **SIDE** if they are not awake and aware.

- ✓ Keep airway clear
- ✓ Loosen tight clothes around neck
- ✓ Put something small and soft under the head



Call
911
if...

- ▶ Seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes
- ▶ Person does not return to their usual state
- ▶ Person is injured, pregnant, or sick
- ▶ Repeated seizures
- ▶ First time seizure
- ▶ Difficulty breathing
- ▶ Seizure occurs in water

Do
NOT

- ✗ Do **NOT** restrain.
- ✗ Do **NOT** put any objects in their mouth.
- ✓ Rescue medicines can be given if prescribed by a health care professional

Learn more: [epilepsy.com/firstaid](https://www.epilepsy.com/firstaid)



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“Evolve” 179th Annual Communication



Mayor Frank Cownie bringing greetings on behalf of the City of Des Moines



Dwayne A. Feight
T.S. Parvin Recipient
South Gate Lodge No. 657



Columbus City Lodge No. 107 receives the Grand Master Award from Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley



Grand Worthy Advisor,
Shelby Knapp



State Master Councilor,
Michael S. Roach



Bethel Guardian
Lisa Hauser

Most Worshipful Brother Theodore C. Wiley began his year in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the 178th Annual Communication. In a year when he challenged the Mason's of Iowa to Evolve and continue to Evolve until the end, he stood strong and battled the challenges that face Masonry today. The year concluded at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Center at 519 Park Street, downtown Des Moines.

Grand Lodge School of Instruction

The Grand Lodge School of Instruction was hosted by the Custodians of the Work: Terry E. Osborne, P.G.M., Neil R. Paulsen, P.S.G.W., and W. Scott Hull, P.D.G.M. The schools were divided Masonic Instructors and District Lecturers, as well as a Craft School. The Grand Lodge Officers and incoming Grand Lodge Officer's were in a school as well. After lunch, Senior DeMolays conferred the First Section of the Third Degree on State Master Councilor of Iowa DeMolay, Michael Roach. Grand Master Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officer's performed the Second Section of the Third Degree. Saturday morning Terry Osborne announced the new Masonic Instructors and District Lecturers in Iowa.

Business of the Grand Lodge

Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley opened the 179th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa on Friday, September 15, 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 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers was the first order of business after lunch. The Grand Master's Award was given to Columbus City Lodge No. 107 in Columbus Junction. Worshipful Brother Bill V. Northup, the Executive Director of the Masonic Charitable Education Corporation, gave a report about what has happened the past year and a proposal to change the name of the MCEC to "Iowa Masonic Charities." Jeremy Davis gave the Finance Committee report on the financial situation of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The fifteen lodges that earned the Lodge of the Year Award were recognized. Twenty-one Lodges were recognized as recipients of the Plus One Award with Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines recognized as the lodge with the largest net gain of membership. The six Master Builder Awards and fifty-four Ashlar Award recipients were recognized. Brother Bryan A. York of Pymosa Lodge No. 271 in Atlantic was named the New Mason of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year was Peggy Hansen from Griswold Community School District. The T.S. Parvin Award was given to Brother Dwayne A. Feight of South Gate Lodge No. 657 in Des Moines. Following the presentations, Craig Davis, Past Grand Master of Iowa and Administrator of the Masonic Service Association of North America, presented Grand Master Wiley with a plaque acknowledging him as Grand Master of Masons in Iowa and thanking him for his continued support of the Masonic Service Association.



New Mason of the Year
Bryan A. York
Pymosa Lodge No. 271



Past Grand Master's
Lady Luncheon



Teacher of the Year
Peggy Hansen
Griswold Community
School District

Installation

The 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers were installed with Craig L. Davis, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Master; Arthur G. Crandon, P.G.M. as installing Grand Marshal; Eric A. Rozeboom, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Chaplain; A.J. Brown, P.S.G.W. as Installing Grand Secretary; and John M. Klaus, P.G.T. as Installing Grand Musician.

The 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers installed were:
Grand Master, Darrell G. Fremont – Des Moines
Senior Grand Warden, John D. Lloyd – Clive
Junior Grand Warden, Marvin D. Kendall – Pella
Grand Treasurer, William R. Dayton – Brooklyn
Grand Secretary, Craig L. Davis – West Des Moines
Deputy Grand Master, Guy J. McCausland – Camanche
Grand Chaplain, Paul E. Anderson – Iowa City
Grand Marshal, Tom H. Nash – Elkhart
Senior Grand Deacon, Shaun M. Scott – Marion
Junior Grand Deacon, Ronald S. Payne – Council Bluffs
Senior Grand Steward, Bruce A. Lutz – Clinton
Junior Grand Steward, Cory L. Stoneburner – Boone
Grand Tyler, James F. White – Melbourne
Grand Musician, Paul W. Cort - Ankeny



Tracy Bloom, PGM
Grand Secretary
Kansas



David Ritchie
Grand Master
Wisconsin



Andrew Richardson
Grand Master
Iowa Prince Hall



Legacy Lodge No. 678
Most Growth 2023

There were 5 pieces of Legislation this year, the per capita increase from \$65.00 to \$75.00 passed. Chapter 45 Section 1 and 2 were changed It takes the power away from the Grand Master to arrest Charters and gives it to the Grand Lodge. Chapter 42 there were many changes in the entire Chapter. It gives the Grand Secretary a new time-line to distribute billing and outstanding dues to local lodges and to send out notifications to each member if their lodge is behind in paying their per capita. Chapter 8 changed the name of Masonic Charitable Education Corporation to "Iowa Masonic Charities." The final piece of legislation was created by the Jurisprudence Committee, Chapter 5 to require local lodges to submit copies of their by-laws and Articles of Incorporation as well as updates to their bi-annual filing with the Secretary of State.

Meet Your 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont



Brother Fremont was born in Waterloo on September 25, 1952 and graduated from Cedar Falls High School. He received his Associate of Arts degree at Hawkeye Community College and his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Northern Iowa. Brother Darrell and his lady Ann were married on December 31, 1999 in Key Largo, Florida. They have two daughters, Allison Dyer, Keira Hippe and two sons, Bryce Fremont and Kyle Schultz. Brother Darrell has spent most of his life working in Information Technology and was employed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Darrell is a member of the Lutheran Church of Hope - Grimes Campus and is the past Association Manager of the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association. He was inducted into the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 2009.

Darrell has worn the Purple of the Fraternity as Senior Grand Steward in 2010-2011, Deputy Grand Master in 2015-2016, Deputy Grand Secretary 2017-2021, Senior Grand Warden 2021-2022, and served on the Technology Committee from 2016-2020, Lodge Service Committee 2016-2017, Executive Director 2017- 2021. He served as Worshipful Master of Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid, 2008, 2009 and Operative Lodge No. 308 in Polk City in 2012 and is currently a member of Operative Lodge No. 308 in Polk City, Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 in Cedar Rapids and Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines.

He joined the Des Moines Scottish Rite in 2010 and has been an active participant in the degrees and received K.C.C.H. in 2021. He is a member of the Des Moines York Rite, Corinthian Chapter No. 14, Alpha Council No. 1, Temple Commandery No. 4. He is a member of Iowa Research Lodge No. 2, Cedar Rapids High Twelve, Des Moines High Twelve, El Kahir Shrine, Za Ga Zig Shrine and South Central M.I.-D.L. Club. He is a member of the York Rite Sovereign Iowa College No. 37, Red Cross of Constantine Bartholomew Conclave, life member of Black Hawk Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Cedar Falls and received his Legion of Honor in 2016. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3162.

Senior Grand Warden John D. Lloyd

Brother John D. Lloyd was born in Ottumwa on June 12, 1949, and is a current resident of Clive. He graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1967, he attended Drake University and Drake University Law School. Brother Lloyd spent his life working in the Law field where he served as an Iowa District Court Judge. John served as a Trustee for the Clarke County Public Hospital from 1983-2000, the Clarke County Development Corporation Board of Directors 1980-2002, Iowa State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section – President 1983-84, Iowa State Bar Foundation, Board of Directors 2001-2011, President 2009-2011, Iowa Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure, Chairman 2005-2009, Client Security and Attorney Disciplinary Commission 1996-2005, Chairman 2003-2005, Lawyer Trust Account Commission 1985-1992, Chairman 1991-1992. Brother Lloyd and his lady Jan have been married for 49 years. They have a son Bryan D. Lloyd. John and Jan attend Osceola United Methodist Church.



Brother Lloyd received his three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Osceola Lodge No. 77 at Osceola. He was Initiated on July 9, 2003; Passed on August 25, 2003; and Raised on September 15, 2003. He served as Worshipful Master of Osceola Lodge. Brother Lloyd served the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Deacon in 2015-2016, Deputy Grand Master in 2020-2021, and has served on the Appeals and Grievances Committee and currently is the Chairman.

Brother Lloyd is a member of the Des Moines Scottish Rite. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3168.



Junior Grand Warden Marvin D. Kendall



Brother Kendall was born in Knoxville on October 21, 1952 and is a resident of Pella. He graduated from Albia Community High School. Brother Marvin spent most of his life working at Maytag Company in Newton. He is a member of the Riverside Church in Knoxville. Brother Marvin married Donna Jo Sparks on June 23, 1973 in Monroe and they have three children, Melissa, Vicki, and Alishia.

Brother Kendall received his three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Pella Lodge No. 55 at Pella. He was Initiated on June 4, 1979, Passed on October 3, 1979 and Raised on December 6, 1979. Brother Kendall is currently a member of Preston Lodge No. 218 in Prairie City. He served as Worshipful Master of Pella Lodge No. 55 in 1985, 1990, and

1991 and Preston Lodge No. 218 in 2012. Brother Kendall served the Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Steward in 2016-2017 and served on the Long-Range Planning Committee from 2017 to 2022.

Marvin holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3105.

Grand Treasurer William R. Dayton

Brother Dayton was born in Grinnell, Iowa on April 30, 1958, and graduated from Grinnell High School. After graduation he worked in the family business, Dayton Meat Products. He married Anna Fleming in Malcom on January 27, 1979. Bill and Anna have three children Joshua Dayton, Jacob Dayton (Wendy) and Barbara Manley and they all work in the family business at Dayton Meat Products. Bill has served on the Malcom City Council for 10 years, Malcom Fire Department for 10 years. He has served as Club President of Brooklyn-Victor Country Club for 4 years, President of Iowa Meat Processors in 2011 and elected to the American Cured Meat Association Hall of Fame in 2015.



Brother Dayton received his Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 at Malcom in 2011, being Initiated on October 27, 2011, Passed on November 2, 2011, and Raised on November 10, 2011. He served as Worshipful Master of Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 in 2016 and is currently serving as Secretary of the Lodge. Bill has worn the Purple of the Fraternity as Junior Grand Steward in 2016-2017 and has served on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee from 2020-2023 and as Chairman of the Finance Committee from 2022-2023, he also served on the Long-Range Planning Committee from 2017-2020. Bill belongs to the Des Moines Scottish Rite and holds District Lecturers Certificate No. 3185.

Deputy Grand Master Guy J. McCausland



Brother Guy J. McCausland was born in Clinton, Iowa on December 8, 1955, his family moved to Camanche in 1959 where he attended Camanche Senior High School. He attended Morningside College in Sioux City, and also attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. He worked in Law Enforcement at the Camanche Police Department as well as the Clinton County Sheriffs Department and eventually retired from the Seventh Judicial District Department of Correctional Services in 2017. He married Shelly Buckendahl on May 26, 1979 at Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Guy and Shelly have four children, Lindsay, Brett, Kelsay, and Katelyn. They attend the United Methodist Church in Clinton, where Guy serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee, Administrative Council and the Church Safety Team. He also served on the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the Camanche Days Board, serving as President in 1991. Guy has been active in coaching youth sports for over 35 years, football, wrestling, track, baseball, and softball. He has also been a member of the Clinton Civil War Reenactment Committee.

Brother McCausland received his three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Camanche Lodge No. 60, he was Initiated on May 26, 1981, Passed on June 30, 1981, and Raised on September 29, 1981. He served as Worshipful Master in 1986 and again in 2009. Brother Guy served the Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Deacon in 2019-2020, the Public School Support Committee 2020-2021, then the Lodge Service Committee from 2021 to present. He also belongs to the Clinton Valley of Scottish Rite, where he received his K.C.C.H. in 2007 and his 33rd Degree in 2013. He has served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection and Treasurer. He also belongs to Kaaba Shrine and Clinton High Twelve. He holds Masonic Instructors Certificate No. 3114.

The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education Annual Conference



The 2024 Midwest Conference on Masonic Education Annual Meeting

**Minnesota
Masonic
Heritage
Center,
Bloomington,
Minnesota**

**May 3 – 5,
2024**

[www.mcme1949.org
/events.html](http://www.mcme1949.org/events.html)

Masonic educators and those interested in Masonic education from across Iowa will be attending the 2024 Midwest Conference on Masonic Education at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center in Bloomington, MN on May 3 – 5, 2024 to improve their skills at being Masonic educators.

The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education was formed in 1949 at a gathering of interested Masons from Illinois (including Alphonse Cerza) and Iowa.

The outcome was to continue getting together by establishing its first annual meeting which was held in December 1950 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The organization is comprised of a loose and ever-changing collection of Masonic educators from Grand Lodge jurisdictions located in twelve North Central States and the Province of Manitoba. Other participants frequently include chairmen of Masonic Education as well as Grand Lodge officers.

The aim of the conference is to promote Masonic education, in part by providing a forum for educators to gather, freely discuss Masonic education issues, socialize, and learn from sharing experiences while building beneficial relationships.

In addition, the conference initiates special projects such as collecting data on educational practices across all North American jurisdictions, as well as encouraging Masonic research and writing by individual educators.

The two day conference consists of workshops, speakers and other activities that will help Masonic educators to improve their skills and take home tangible new programs and methods that can be applied in their jurisdiction.

The conference is open to all Master Masons in good standing from any recognized jurisdiction that are interested in improving their skills as a Masonic educator!

For more information and to register for the conference, go to www.mcme1949.org.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Lakin Foundation Child Development Center



Cass Lodge No. 412 in Griswold invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Lakin Foundation Child Development Center.

Worshipful Brother William L. Dahms, Grand Tyler gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Brother Don Smith served as the Flag Bearer, Leo Robinson, Larry Tietz, and Bruce Brunk served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Kim Kemp was the Architect, Doug Eckles was the Bearer of Great Lights, Clarence Waddell, George Reiken and Dennis Frazier served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Alex Campbell carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother John F. Bricker III, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Michael S. Shannon, Senior Grand Deacon gave the Flag Tribute. Grand Marshal Bradley A. Reichardt made the proclamation, the Oration was given by Brother Steve Byer. He thanked Cass Lodge No. 412, the community of Griswold and the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the beautiful ceremony. He also spoke about the building of the new Pre-K Building. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. Iowa Masonic Charities

Iowa Masonic Charities, formally the Iowa Masonic Charitable Education Corporation (MCEC):

This Fund was originally created to provide low interest loans to students pursuing educational opportunities at an accredited College or University. Today, it awards Technical Scholarships and Grants to Senior applicants from Iowa Public High Schools who plan to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College. Ten \$2,500 scholarships were awarded to deserving students in 2023.



Iowa Masonic Scholarship Endowment Fund:

This Fund awards College Scholarships to Senior applicants from Iowa Public High Schools. In 2023, the Scholarship Selection Committee considered 315 completed applications to select 25 finalists for interviews. From those interviewed, fifteen outstanding students were chosen to receive \$5,000 scholarships, and the other ten received \$2,500 scholarships. Since the program was initially funded in 1970, a total of 2,590 scholarships amounting to \$3,923,400 have been awarded.

Iowa Grand Lodge Charity Funds—Field Financial Aid:

This Fund awards Grants to Iowa families in need through an application process. Individual Iowa lodges have access to this fund by applying to the Grand Charity Board, providing an explanation of the need and any necessary supporting documents. Although it is not required, in most situations, the lodge also provides a matching donation to the same cause. Examples of recent requests include funding for wheelchair ramps at the homes of the elderly or infirm, Clothe-a-Child programs, the “Shop With A Cop” Holiday Gift Drive, support for a worthy Brother who is suffering or in need, and general contributions to charitable endeavors in the local community. Over the last ten years, 94 grants totaling \$211,377 have been awarded.



Iowa Masonic Library & Museum Building Endowment Fund:



This Fund was established to create a permanent endowment designed to provide financial support for building upgrades and infrastructure needs of the Iowa Masonic Library & Museum, including such things as lighting improvements, heating and cooling repair, tuck-pointing, plumbing and fixtures.

Iowa Masonic Library Association:

This association established a fund to help finance special operational projects of the Iowa Masonic Library & Museum. The association annually supports a portion, if not all of the Assistant Librarian's salary, and recent funding priorities also include major digitization projects for the library collection, and the purchase of significant hardware and software for library and museum operations.



If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding Iowa Masonic Charities, or any of these individual funds in particular, please contact:

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Editor's Note:

The editor of the Grand Lodge Bulletin of Iowa, would like to recognize the Iowa Masonic Charities for their contribution to fund the December Grand Lodge Bulletin as well as the distribution. Their kindness and generosity will save the Grand Lodge significant amount of money as we strive to provide the services that our membership has been accustomed to. Thank You!

Current Grand Lodge Officer Jewels By Worshipful Brother Mike Shannon

Over the past year, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Senior Grand Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Serving this honorable position, I couldn't help but think of all the Iowa Brothers who have worn the Senior Grand Deacons jewel before me. My research revealed a rich narrative about when the current Grand Lodge Officer jewels were purchased and other interesting facts about them.

I discovered that the Grand Lodge Officer jewels, currently in use by the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, have been in use for over 114 years and offer a rich look into Iowa Masonry's past. In my fact finding into this topic, I found a wealth of interesting information and had the exaltation of looking through the Grand Lodge of Iowa Proceedings from 1907-2023.

At the Grand Lodge of Iowa Annual Communication in 1907, The Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Most Worshipful Brother W. F. Cleveland, stated, "I would also call your attention to the present jewels of the Grand Officers, which have served their purpose well in the past, but should be replaced with new ones". Not too expensive, but of a quality and design befitting the dignity of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and that the present jewels and vessels be deposited in the Iowa Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids, there to be preserved as mementos of a dead but cherished past".

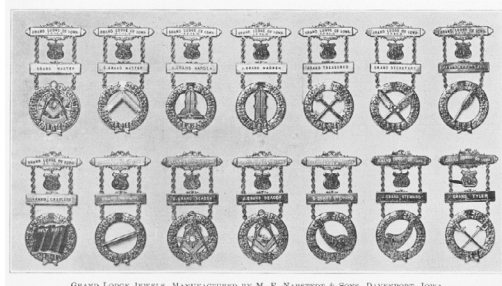
Brother W.G. Newsome later presented his final report of the Finance Committee and stated "We your Committee on Finance, approve of the recommendation of the Grand Master in reference to the consecration vessels and jewels of Grand Officers. We recommend that the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Tyler be authorized to purchase them and when the bill is approved by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary shall issue an Order on the Treasurer in payment of the same."

Even though the purchase of a new set of Grand Lodge Officer jewels was approved in 1907, as stated above, the purchase of the jewels was not made and it came up again at the Grand Lodge of Iowa Annual Communication in 1909 when Brother W.F. Fidler offered the following motion, "Whereas the jewels of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa have served their purpose long and well, therefore be it – Resolved that the Trustees be authorized to procure a new set of jewels for this Grand Lodge, and that the old jewels be deposited in the Masonic Museum Department of the Iowa Masonic Library as heirlooms of a past generation."



Brother G. L. Schoonover then presented his final report of the Finance Committee and stated, "We have investigated the probable cost of the Grand Lodge Officer jewels, as approved in the resolution.....and recommend an appropriation of not to exceed \$500 for that purpose. We believe that the jewels of the Officers of the Grand Lodge should be in keeping with the dignity of the stations which they occupy and feel that it is the consensus of the opinion of the members of this body that its officers should have insignia of their rank which they will not be ashamed to wear at any Masonic gathering which they may be called upon to attend in their official capacity.

At the Grand Lodge of Iowa Annual Communication in 1910, The final report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Iowa reported, "The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Grand Secretary were authorized to contract for a set of jewels for the Grand Lodge Officers, the purchase of same having been ordered by the Grand Lodge at the last session. A contract was made with Nabstedt & Sons of Davenport, Iowa for a complete set of jewels to be made of fourteen karat gold at a cost of \$500. The jewels have been accepted and will be delivered at this session to the proper officers, who will take great pleasure in showing them to you for your inspection and we trust your approval (see photo below from the 1910 Proceedings).



Also of interest, at the same Annual Communication in 1910, it was said, "Brother Gardner made a statement relative to the placing of a diamond in the jewel of the Grand Master, where upon Brother John W. Bary moved that the Board of Trustees be instructed to procure a suitable diamond to be placed in the jewel of the Grand Master. After some discussion, the motion was lost."

The Jewels were originally purchased to be pinned on the jacket pocket and were worn this way for many years. The pin-type fasteners are still visible on the back of the Grand Lodge Officer jewels.

At the Grand Lodge of Iowa Annual Communication in 1939, a supplemental report was included in the Annual Proceedings stating, "The Grand Master presented to the Grand Lodge orally Tuesday the question of changing the jewels used by the Grand Lodge Officers from the present pin-type fastener to a ribbon type to be worn about the neck of the officers. He stated that the cost of making the change would be offset by the saving in gold reclaimed. This presents a change in Grand Lodge equipment or property and is therefore a matter that should receive attention and action of the trustees of the Grand Lodge. The matter is respectfully referred to the Board of Trustees for their consideration, with power to act."

At the Grand Lodge of Iowa Annual Communication in 1940, The Board of Trustees issued the following statement, "Your Board of Trustees studied the matter and after full consideration, it was decided to make no change in the form of the jewels."

Later, at the Grand Lodge of Iowa Annual Communication in 1967, Brother Joe Johnson introduced a resolution pertaining to the gold neck collars stating, "The Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge be and are hereby authorized and directed to obtain appropriate gold jewel collars containing a replica of the seal of the state of Iowa to be furnished to each Grand Lodge Officer during his term of office, upon which, shall be affixed the jewel of his office and that a similar collar shall be presented to each past Grand Master."



The purchase of the gold jewel collars was finalized at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in 1968 when the Trustees reported, "In compliance with the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1967, the Trustees authorized Brother Charles T. Jackson, Deputy Grand Secretary, to order 30 gold jewel collars to supply to the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters. The order was placed with the Luther Company of Berlin, Wisconsin, and there is ample evidence that these collars are now in use."

The Grand Lodge Officer jewels, are a true testament to the rich history of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, are a historic link to our celebrated past, and continue to be a commitment to preserving the ideals of Masonry into the future. They are a true testament to the rich history of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and its steadfast support to the traditions of days of old.

Brother Avery Shannon Raised at Warren Lodge No. 53



Prior to the Third Degree everyone enjoyed a Taco Bar prepared by Darlene Shannon, Avery's mother. Warren Lodge did courtesy work for Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny. Warren Lodge No. 53 was opened by Worshipful Master Dennis R. Revis. Grandpa and Brother Drew C. Mathias assumed the East and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree, Father Michael S. Shannon served as Senior Deacon.

After dinner the Shrine Past Master's were introduced. Drew Mathias was in the East for the Second Section and Mike Shannon was Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Craig L. Davis. Brother J Alan Fink, Worshipful Master of Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny presented Brother Avery with his lambskin. W. Scott Hull presented Brother Avery with material from the Shrine Past Masters. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon presented Brother Avery with a Masonic box made by Allan Tedrow and the Grand Master Pin. He also presented Brother Avery with his Grandfather's Masonic ring and told him to save a seat in lodge, as his Grandfather will be there in spirit.

Brother Avery thanked everyone for attending and taking part of his degree. Drew Mathias closed Warren Lodge.

Items from the Collection

By Julia Wells, Assistant Librarian & Curator

Hello Iowa Masons!

In small talk the most common question I get asked is, "did you find anything cool yet?" Well, I found four items that I think are pretty nest. I recently found a Masonic apron worn by Dr. F. F. DeSouchet, of France. DeSouchet was a soldier under Napoleon I. He came to America where he fought in the War of 1812 and later with President William Henry Harrison at the Battle of Tippecanoe. I found two issues of the Boston Gazette from 1813 in a drawer as well. As far as I can tell, they do not have any Masonic articles, but when I have more time, I plan to read the whole paper and I'll see what I can find!



I found the original Trowel used during the cornerstone ceremony of the Iowa Masonic Library in 1955. To me, the trowel is unbelievably cool. It might not seem like it with how many items we have in the collection, but I worry things like the trowel will get lost to history. I also found T.S. Parvin's Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Council of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa jewel that was presented to T.S. Parvin in 1854-1855. He not only served as our Grand Secretary from 1844-1851 and 1853-1901 but served in seemingly as many appendant bodies as he could while in Masonry.



Saint Florian Car Show



Past Grand Master William W. Post and the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officer's held the 2nd Annual Saint Florian Car Show to raise awareness and funds for Saint Florian burn camp. The event was held at Jethro's on 22nd Street in West Des Moines with 24 cars participating. The West Des Moines Fire Department brought the Ladder Truck Number 215 to the show.

Votes were cast by people attending the car show and awards went to the top 10. Bill Post's 1935 Ford finished in 3rd place, Jim Crane's 1966 Mustang in 2nd and Frosty Harrington's 1932 Ford in 1st place. The Past Grand Lodge Officers awarded their pick to Jim Kenn and his 57 Chevy Bel-Air. The Sparkle Ladies chose Jim Crane's 1966 Mustang. A special thanks to Jethro's and the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge officer's for their support of this event. Same time, same place next year.

Brother Eric Wiley Raised at Celestial Lodge No. 413



The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Celestial Lodge No. 413 in Douds to a Third Degree and Reception for Brother Eric Wiley on behalf of Keosauqua Lodge No.10. Worshipful Master Paul M. Wells opened lodge and Brother James A. Pedrick conferred the First Section of the Third Degree. Afterwards the Masons moved across the street to the Lunch Box restaurant for a grilled pork loin dinner and homemade pie. After dinner, Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was conducted to the East and received the private grand honors. The Grand Master was in the East and Senior Grand Warden Harvey N. Woody was Senior Deacon for the Second Section of the Third Degree. Worshipful Brother John F. Bricker III Junior Grand Deacon gave the Charge. Worshipful Brother Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon presented Eric with a Masonic box made by Brother Allan Tedrow. The Grand Master presented Brother Keegan with his pin. Brother Keegan thanked everyone for traveling from across the state to attend his Third Degree. The Grand Lodge Officers closed Celestial Lodge with the Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.

Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont Reception



Masons from across the state gathered in Des Moines to Honor Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont. Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines, Operative Lodge No. 308 in Polk City and Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 in Cedar Rapids hosted a reception in his honor at the Des Moines Scottish Rite.

Social Hour began at 3:00 pm in the Tapestry Room. The Masons moved to the Auditorium where Legacy Lodge No. 678 was opened for the purpose of Receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers David J. Hellstern and Timothy J.

Whipple were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers A.J. Brown and Bryce Fremont were committeemen for Grand Master Fremont. Grand Master Fremont thanked everyone for attending and supporting him. He talked about his Program "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual." Grand



Master Fremont was in the East to close Legacy Lodge.

The ladies enjoyed a program on "Seizure Awareness" by Roxanne Cogil, Executive Director, Iowa Epilepsy Foundation.

The Masons rejoined their ladies in the Grand Ballroom. Right Worshipful Brother Lane H. Shaver served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. After dinner, Grand Master Fremont introduced the present Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. He also introduced the Past Grand Masters and their ladies. Grand Chaplain Paul E. Anderson gave the invocation prior to dinner. The dinner was Beef Medallions or Chicken Cordon Bleu.



Worshipful Master Todd W. Brown introduced the Legacy Lodge Officers and their ladies and brought greetings. Worshipful Master Lewis Cox introduced the Operative Lodge Officers and their ladies and brought greetings. Worshipful Master Bruno Bracewell introduced the Mount Hermon Lodge Officers and their ladies and brought greetings. Grand Master Fremont talked briefly on his program. Ann Fremont talked about her program and Epilepsy Awareness. Presentations were made to the Grand Master. His Lady Ann wanted to play a game and gave Darrell a choice of taking the small box or taking the curtain. He almost went for the box, which was empty, but chose the curtain. Behind the curtain was a beautiful new pop-up tent with his logo and Ann's logo in purple and gold. It left Darrell a little speechless. Grand Chaplain Paul E. Anderson gave Benediction.



Brother Kadin Gordon Raised at Auburn Union Park Lodge No. 592



It was a family affair at Auburn-Union Park Lodge on August 1, 2023. Brother's from across the Des Moines Metro gathered for the Third Degree for Brother Kadin Gordon. Kadin is the son of Past Deputy Grand Master Kyle Gordon and Grandson of Keith Gordon. Auburn-Union Park Lodge was opened by Kyle Gordon. Brother Kyle was in the East and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree and Past Senior Grand Warden Darrell G. Fremont was the Senior Deacon. Senior Grand Warden Harvey N. Woody gave the Extended Trowel Lecture. The Shrine Past Masters Club was introduced and worked in the Second Section. Kyle Gordon was in the East for the Second Section and Past Grand Master Craig L. Davis was Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Brother Bryan D. Bever. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon presented Kadin with a Masonic Box made by Allan Tedrow and a Grand Master Pin on behalf of Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley. Auburn-Union Park Lodge presented Kadin with his apron. Past Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull presented Kadin a trowel and information from the Shrine Past Masters Club and the Shrine.

Brother Kadin thanked everyone for attending and being part of his degree. Kadin is looking forward to his future in Masonry. Kyle Gordon closed Auburn-Union Park Lodge. Everyone enjoyed a piece of Roland Kouski's Mother's homemade cake.

Jackson Lodge No. 42 in Centerville



On Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 Jackson Lodge No. 42 conducted work for the first time in their newly remodeled lodge hall. Brother Jesse Fagen was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. There were several brothers in attendance who had been to Jackson Lodge to help with degree work many times in the months prior to the renovations as well as several brothers who were seeing Jackson Lodge for the first time, including a Brother from Texas who is in Iowa on business. Worshipful Master Blake Waldrop would like to thank everyone in attendance for supporting Jackson Lodge and especially those brothers that helped raise Brother Jesse Fagen and have helped with all the degree work at Jackson Lodge this year.



Michael Douglas Raised at Signet Lodge No. 264



Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll hosted a Third Degree for Brother Michael Douglas.

Worshipful Master Jason Bush opened Signet Lodge. Richard Fulton was in the East for the First Section conferral, Brother Joe Reed was Senior Deacon, and Brother Richard Fulton gave the extended trowel lecture.

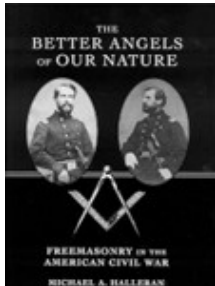
After the First Section everyone enjoyed a pulled pork dinner. Afterward Signet Lodge resumed labor on the Third Degree. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was introduced and received with Brothers, John Bricker III and Kelly Bruce as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Wiley introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and other distinguished guests. Grand Master Wiley was in the East for the Second Section. Junior Grand Deacon John F. Bricker III was the Senior Deacon and Theodore Boomgarden gave the charge. Drew Mathias presented Michael with a Masonic box made by Allan Tedrow. Grand Master Wiley presented Michael with his pin. Worshipful Master Bush presented Michael with a Bible, the book "Freemasonry for Dummies" and his white leather apron. The lodge and Grand Lodge Officers observed a moment of silence in honor of Right Worshipful Brother Walter Riley, Grand Junior Warden of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa.



Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.

Christmas Gifts for Masons

The Iowa Masonic Library and Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. invite you to make gift selections for the holiday season for Masons and non-Masons alike. We have selected a few of the books in stock at the Grand Lodge that can be purchased. An image of each book, information about the book, and pricing appears in this publication. Hurry, limited quantities!



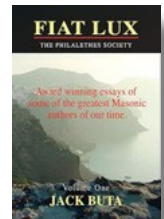
One of the enduring yet little examined themes in Civil War lore is the widespread belief that on the field of battle and afterward, members of Masonic lodges would give aid and comfort to wounded or captured enemy Masons, often at great personal sacrifice and danger. This work is a deeply researched examination of the recorded, practical effects of Freemasonry among Civil War participants on both sides.

From first-person accounts culled from regimental histories, diaries, and letters, Michael A. Halleran has constructed an overview of 19th-century American freemasonry in general and Masonry in the armies of both North and South and provided telling examples of how Masonic brotherhood worked in practice. Halleran details the response of the Fraternity to the crisis of secession and war and examines acts of assistance to enemies on the

battlefield and in POW camps.

The author examines carefully the major Masonic stories from the Civil War, in particular the myth that Confederate Lewis A. Armistead made the Masonic sign of distress as he lay dying at the high-water mark of Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. *\$25.00 while supplies last.*

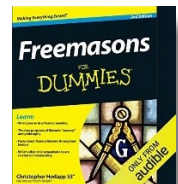
Volume One of Fiat Lux contains 30 award winning essays by some of Freemasonry's most recognized authors over the past 50 years. It includes Allen Roberts series on Freemasonry under two Flags. An interesting look at the sacrifices of men who risked their own lives to render aid to a brother, even when they wore the uniform of their enemy. *\$25.00 while supplies last.*



Masonic ritual contains a veiled secret which points toward a hidden psychological current, inherent in the Western Mystical Tradition. This scarcely perceivable sentient science has manifested throughout the ages within the ancient Gnostic schools, the writings of the great Hermetic philosophers, and the noble art of Freemasonry. These institutions have operated as a means of perpetuating a method of personal typology and perception, which is essential to human interaction. The intrinsic numerological correspondences of Craft ritual contain the keys to perfecting this powerful system of communication and the Self. This seminal work provides a practical framework, through which the student can master his own typology, understand the elements of perception, and utilize vital communication techniques which can unlock the very mysteries of human existence. By employing techniques as diverse as Jungian psychoanalysis, Masonic geometry, and alchemical parable, Porter has formulated a unique and timely tome that is certain to revolutionize the perceptions of contemporary Masonic culture and how we articulate ideas. We can detect deception, influence others, effect positive change, and synthesize a unique cognitive vernacular, specifically crafted to convey the most profound Masonic truths. *\$15.00 while supplies last.*

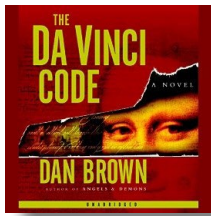


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If you're intrigued by the mystery that surrounds the Masons, get ready to learn the facts about this ancient order in Freemasons for Dummies. *\$12.00 while supplies last.*



While in Paris, Harvard symbolologist Robert Langdon is awakened by a phone call in the dead of the night. The elderly curator of the Louvre has been murdered inside the museum; his body covered in baffling symbols.

"Blockbuster perfection.... A gleefully erudite suspense novel." — *The New York Times*

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As Langdon and gifted French cryptologist Sophie Neveu sort through the bizarre riddles, they are stunned to discover a trail of clues hidden in the works of Leonardo da Vinci—clues visible for all to see and yet ingeniously disguised by the painter.

Even more startling, the late curator was involved in the Priory of Sion, a secret society whose members included Sir Isaac Newton, Victor Hugo, and Da Vinci, and he guarded a breathtaking historical secret. Unless Langdon and Neveu can decipher the labyrinthine puzzle while avoiding the faceless adversary who shadows their every move the explosive, ancient truth will be lost forever. *\$24.95 only two copies remain in stock.*

Brother Tristan Wolfe 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 Tristan Wolfe. Brother Michael Crouse opened lodge and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree. Brother Dale Hemphill was Senior Deacon. After dinner Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan was conducted to the East and he had Grand Secretary Craig Davis introduce the past and present Grand Lodge Officers. Deputy Grand Master Morgan was in the East for the Second Section and Theodore Boomgarden was Senior Deacon. Grand Treasurer Richard C. Fulton gave the Charge. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon presented Tristan with a Masonic Box. The Deputy Grand Master presented Brother Tristan with Theodore Wiley's Grand Master Pin. Brother Tristan thanked everyone for attending and taking part in his degree, and how much it meant to him. Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan was in the East to close Coral Lodge No. 335 with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers.

Katie Karels

As I believe this is my last payment, I wanted to write a quick thank you in appreciation for extending me this loan 10 years ago. Starting my college education, I had no idea what an amazing opportunity your loan provided me. Between your low interest rates and the teacher loan forgiveness program, I will have paid my student loans off within 5 years of my college graduation, a goal I set in high school. Your loan made that possible for me.

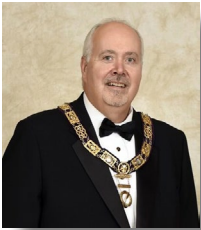
I am now in my fifth year of teaching at Cherokee Community Schools in Cherokee, IA. In my time here, I have tripled enrollment in the Family & Consumer Sciences program and see over 200 students every year. The best part of my job is getting to teach skills to my students that they will use the rest of their lives! Not a day goes by that I don't get a good laugh in with my students. So thank you for making my dream back then a reality now.

Brother Gerald A. Edgar Receives his 50 Year Certificate

Gerald A. Edgar, Mosaic Lodge No. 125 (Dubuque) & dual at Bethel Lodge No. 319 (Garner) was awarded his 50 year certificate in July. However in August, his son Lee E. Edgar who lives in Delaware and also a Bethel Lodge member, honored his Dad by presenting the award at the Bethel Lodge Stated Communication. Lee continues family traditions by being a third generation DeMolay & seventh generation son-to-son Mason.



Kelly H. Bruce Appointed Deputy Grand Secretary



Hello Brethren! I am your newly appointed Deputy Grand Secretary. I was raised in 1983 and served as Grand Tyler for the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge family. I received my Masonic Instructor Certificate in 2021 and am a member of the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. I was born on Friday the 13th, 1964 and graduated from Ballard High School in Huxley, Iowa. I received an Associates of Science Degree at DMACC in Ankeny in 1992 with a major in Human Services with emphasis on community organizing.

My wife Lori and I share four boys Dustin, Chris, Billy and Cameron and one granddaughter Lilli. My Father was a Mason and my son Dustin is a third generation Mason and we both belong to Mount Olive Lodge No.79 in Boone, Iowa.

As I am getting acclimated to my regular duties we are looking at ways to establish a more personal relationship with the lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction by looking a redistricting, adding more lodge operations and updating resources in the Grand View system. I am honored by the appointment and it's a privilege to serve the lodges of the great state of Iowa.

Shaun M. Scott hired as Membership Coordinator



Greetings Brethren, I am your new membership coordinator here at the Grand Lodge of Iowa. I'm very excited to be here and be able to serve the Craft in this role. Much of my career has been in sales and customer service leadership, so this is right in my wheelhouse. I love being a Mason and want to see our Iowa Craft thrive for many millennia to come. Prior to coming to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, I was a stay-at-home dad to my children. Needless to say, they didn't want me to start working somewhere, but then once I started, they were happy that I work at the library. Mainly because they want to play hide and seek in all the nooks and crannies of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum.

Twelve years ago, I met the love of my life, Michelle. I was lucky enough to find not only my wife, but also my best friend. We have been married for nine years and have two awesome kids, Brooklyn (9) and Josh (5). Brooklyn loves to dance and play basketball. She is also active in choir at her school and loves to play the drums. Josh plays soccer and also likes to try to play drums as well as guitar.

I was born in Saint Louis, MO, but moved around quite a bit as a kid. I've lived in Nashville, Knoxville and Memphis, TN, Peoria, IL, Des Moines, West Des Moines, Hiawatha, Cedar Rapids and Marion, Iowa, St. Paul and Montgomery, MN, and few other places that I know I'm missing. I've moved away from Cedar Rapids multiple times, but for some reason I kept coming back. Iowa is a great place to raise a family, even though as a teen I didn't agree since I complained there was nothing to do here.

Growing up, my father was in the hospitality industry and there was an organization that had a meeting at his property. He said he was familiar with the group as he was a State Officer for the same group; when he was a teenager in Indiana. That organization was Iowa DeMolay. It just so happened that he had a 13 year old son at home. Thus, in 1993 I started my Masonic Journey.

Fast forward to 2010 when I was raised as a Master Mason. I'm a Past Master of Fidelitas Lodge No. 364. I am currently serving as Senior Warden of Mount Hermon No. 263 and as Senior Grand Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Iowa. I hold Masonic Instructor Certificate No. 3128. I am very active in my church, serving on the praise team as a drummer and vocalist as well as audio visual duties. Hopefully, I'll get to meet you all at some point.

Brother James Bartels Honored



Brother James Bartels has served the Tiffin City Council for over 30 years and retired this week. At a council meeting Mayor Steve Berner declared it the "Commemorative Jim Bartels meeting" and the council announced they are renaming Tiffin City Park as Jim Bartels City Park. Bartels's started serving on the City Council in the late 80's. According to the County Auditor's Office, Bartel's is the seventh longest-serving public official in county history.

Brother James is a 57 year member of Canopy Lodge No. 290. He took his degrees in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 200 in Olin, back in the 1960s.

And the Greatest of These... Wade E. Sheeler, P.S.G.W.

The three great tenants of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The practice of Charity has been so inextricably linked to the Masonic Fraternity, that one could easily claim that it is one of the landmarks of our Order. Charity is a universal characteristic of Freemasonry. It has been said that a Mason should give without remembering and receive without forgetting.

The Old Charges or Gothic Constitutions outlines a Mason's duties to God, his master, his family and society in general. It was from these Old Charges that the Reverend Dr. James Anderson drafted the "Antient" Charges (1723) which prefaced the Book of Constitutions. In operative terms the Old Charges directed stone masons to assist a strange mason with up to two weeks' worth of work and lodging. In speculative terms, they enjoined a Mason to assist the needy and act with Charity towards all mankind.

There has been some speculation that Charity may have at least been one of the reasons for the founding of Freemasonry. Box clubs were known to have existed in many of the trades and crafts in the 1600s. Members of a particular trade or craft would meet on a regular basis in a local inn or tavern to socialize and discuss the affairs of their craft. In a prominent location at these meetings would be a box which the members would pay their dues and into which fines for misdemeanors that a member may have committed could be paid. If a member became ill or was prevented from working for lawful reasons, he could claim support from the box until such time as he had regained his health or secured gainful employment. Many of these "box clubs" are said to have had primitive initiatory ceremonies and to have begun to admit men who had no particular connection with a particular trade or craft. Freemasonry may have developed out of such a series of box clubs original to operative stone masons.

In 1725, the immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England (FRANCIS, 2nd DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH) proposed that the Grand Lodge should form a central fund of Charity to provide financial relief to distressed brethren and their dependents. After much debate, the Committee on Charity was established in 1727. It is of particular interest that Anthony Sayer, the first Grand Master applied for charity on three separate occasions prior to his death in 1742.

The word "charity" originated in Old English to mean a "Christian love for one's fellows" and until at least the beginning of the 20th century this meaning remained synonymous with charity. The word "charity" is linked to Christianity with the word originally coming into the English language from the Old French word "charite", which derived from the Latin word "caritas", a word that can be traced back to the Ancient Greek word "agape", the highest form of love, and "the love of God for man and of man for God". Over time the meaning of "charity" has evolved from Christian love. Modern translations usually translate "agape" as love.

Most forms of charity focus on providing the basic necessities of life such as food, clothing, and shelter, but other actions also are considered forms of charity, such as visiting the imprisoned, the elderly, and the sick, educating orphans, and supporting social movements.

Christians believe that their giving is a reflection of the love of Christ that resides in them. In the flesh, we are takers, ever since the days of Adam and Eve. Even our very act of giving can be corrupted by self-serving motives. Christ's life in us reverses this trend. We become givers when in close communion with his Spirit. Not just givers of money, but of everything: time, energy, love, talents, emotions, and on and on.

In Judaism, "Tzedakah", a Hebrew term that literally means righteousness but commonly used to signify charity-refers to the religious obligation to do what is right and just. Jews give "tzedakah", which can take the form of money, time, and resources to the needy out of righteousness and justice, rather than benevolence, generosity, or charitableness. The Torah requires 10% of a Jew's income to be allotted to religious deeds or causes, regardless if the recipient is poor or rich.

In Islam three are two methods of charity..."zakat" and "sadaqa". Zakat is one of the five pillars upon which the Muslim religion is based. 2.5% of one's savings is compulsory to be given as "Zakat" per each Islamic calendar year. Sadaqa is a voluntary charity. It can be given using money, personal items, or other resources. Even smiling to another person is considered "sadaqa".

The practice of charity in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism is call "dana". It is the virtue of generosity or giving. In Pauls' first Epistle to the Corinthians, he places the greater emphasis on Charity (Love). "So faith, hope, and charity remain, but the greatest is love" or ("charity").

In the Third Section lecture of the First Degree, we hear these words:

"The covering of a lodge is a clouded canopy, or starry decked Heaven, where all good Masons hope at last to arrive by the aid of that ladder which Jacob, in his vision, saw ascending from earth to heaven, the three principal

rounds which are Faith, Hope, and Charity, which admonishes us to have faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind. The principal of these is Charity, because Faith may be lost in sight, Hope ends in frustration, but Charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity.

We often fall into the too common error that charity is only the sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor and destitute. The word as used by the apostle is "love", denoting that kindly state of mind which renders a person full of good-will and affection towards one another. John Wesley expressed his regret that the ancient Greek had not been correctly translated as love instead of charity, so that the triad of virtues would have been not "faith, hope, and charity", but rather "faith, hope, and love".

Charity is a beautiful gift of giving without expecting anything in return. It is a simple yet powerful gesture that can make a world of difference to those in need. It can unite, people, and communities, alleviate suffering, bring hope to those who have lost it. In a world where greed and self-interests often reign superior, charity reminds us of our shared humanity and collective responsibility to love and care for one another.

I would like to share a couple stories on the meaning of charity.

In Dorothy Lipson's book "Freemasonry in Federalist Connecticut 1789-1835, she describes how Masonic charity differed in its underlying assumptions and style than civic charity. Remaining vestiges of Puritan times, which associated misfortune with divine retribution made appeals to civic charity particularly painful. Masonic charity, more broadly defined than civic charity, was available to its members wherever they were. Masonic charity was secret, unlike civic charity whose administration made the entire town privy to the needs of each recipient.

Federal Lodge in Watertown, Connecticut purchased a cow for the use of a widow and her children, and the cow was carried on the books of the lodge for several years as a lodge asset, presumably to spare the family the embarrassment of accepting charity.

Another story comes from a small town in the mid 19th century.

A young man said to his wife, "Mary, you have a shawl you never use. May I have it? She was puzzled for a moment, but got the shawl and gave it to her husband. He thanked her and left the house. She was suspicious, because several evenings during the past few months he had left after dinner without any explanation. He was never gone long and when he returned he seemed to have an inner peace about him. He said nothing and neither did she. A few days later, Mary was shopping in the village when she saw her shawl again. She was shocked. It was on the shoulders of a beautiful young lady. Angrily Mary followed the young girl to her home, a shabby shack. Mary knocked on the door. The girl opened the door and smiled when she saw the visitor. She held the door open and Mary stomped in. As Mary looked around the small shack, she saw an elderly lady propped up on a cot. The lady smiled and said: "How nice of you to visit" Mary was stunned and without words. Mary said, "I do not know what to say, so I will tell you the truth. I saw my shawl on your daughter and I was furious. Last week my husband asked me for it, but didn't tell me why. I still don't understand how you have it". The mother said "We have no idea who left it. We have no idea who has been doing some nice things for us these past few months." It started soon after my husband died. We had no money and I am unable to work. My daughter could not find a job. We were desperate. We had no food and no fuel. Then one morning when my daughter opened the door, she found several packages of food, clothing and coal on the porch. You have no idea what it meant to us. A short time later more packages arrived. My daughter found a note to call upon Mr. Tompkins and ask about a job. Mr. Tompkins soon hired her. He also sent a doctor to come and see me and has been coming regularly ever since. He won't take any money. We still find packages, but we have no idea where they come from. Suddenly Mary asked: "Was your husband a Mason?" "Yes, he was" the lady replied. "He loved his lodge, and his brothers". A short time later Mary left, promising to visit again. After dinner that evening Mary looked up from her knitting and said to her husband, "I think I learned the great secret of Masonry today". Her husband looked at her and asked, "And what is it". Mary answered, "to do good unto others and do so quietly.

Charity should inspire our lives and actions as brothers of this great Fraternity. It should encourage us to do a little bit more than what we would otherwise do and be a little better than what we would otherwise be.

Sometimes all that is needed by someone who is sad, or lonely, or in distress is a kind word or a gesture, a smile, a handshake, a pat on the back, or a hug. It is the little things my brothers, the little things that can add up. Charity is giving our love to others to brighten their day or make their lives a bit better.

Charity is about what our giving means to others. It should be given freely and with an open and giving heart. Our charity should be given without hope of recognition or notoriety, but only with love towards our fellow man. This my brothers is the greatest of these... love one another.

Past Grand Treasurer Steven J. Donaldson Receives his 50 Year Certificate



Anchor Lodge No. 191 presented Steve Donaldson with his 50 Year certificate on August 8, 2023. Brother Steve served the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1988-1989 as Grand Marshal, 1991-1992 as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer in 2004-2005. Brother Steve has also been an important part of Anchor Lodge No. 191 in Hampton. He served as Worshipful Master in 1978, 2001, 2009 and 2011. He is currently serving as Senior Warden. Brother Steve is shown in the photo with his sons, Shawn and Shane. Congratulation Right Worshipful Brother Steve.



Great Lights Lodge No. 181, Hiram in the Hills

Worshipful Master Curtis E. Jones and the Great Lights Lodge No. 181 in Decorah invited Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont and the Grand Lodge Officers to their annual Hiram in the Hills, held on Brother Dave Dunlavy's farm just northwest of Decorah. Great Lights Lodge No. 181 performed courtesy work on Brother Bruce Ehler from West Union Lodge No. 69. Rick Hofmeyer from West Union Lodge was in the East to open and confer the First Section of the Third Degree, he also gave the extended working tool lecture. Brother Mike Root from Great Lights Lodge was Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Darrell Fremont was conducted to the East and received grand honors. Darrell introduced this year's Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Fremont was in the East for the Second Section of the Third Degree. Junior Grand Warden Marvin Kendall served as Senior Deacon and Grand Treasurer William R. Dayton gave the Charge. Great Lights Lodge No. 181 was closed with Deputy Grand Master Guy McCausland in the East. After a few photo's everyone headed to the work shop for dinner. Iowa chops and baked beans were on the table. Following the Third Section Lecture presented by Past Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and F. Richard Zeis (Independence Lodge No. 87). Grand Master Fremont presented Bruce with his lapel pin. Bruce thanked everyone for attending his Third Degree.

Scholarship Thank You

Trista Swain – Thank you for choosing me as one of many scholarship recipients! I plan to attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha to major in molecular and biomedical science with a minor in medical humanities. This will set me on the right path to become a medical doctor. I hope to use my education to impact my rural community.

Weston Drost – I feel honored and grateful to have been selected as a recipient of this scholarship. I will be heading to DMACC in Ankeny next week. I am looking forward to this experience and the next chapter in my life! This scholarship will help greatly with funding my education.

Payton Henningsen – Thank you for the generous gift of money! The money will greatly help with tuition expenses. Thank you for making my dream to attend college a reality.

Austin Walsh – Thank you very much for the Masonic Scholarship. I was very pleased to receive it. I will be attending Kirkwood College this fall for horticulture science.

Ethan Franklin – I am a few weeks away from starting my freshman year at the University of Michigan. I enter college with the confidence knowing there are people like the Grand Lodge of Iowa that believe in me.

Grand Lodge of Iowa Ritual Competition

Looking for an opportunity to improve your Masonic ritual and have some fun? I have great news. There will be a ritual contest in February. The competition will be on opening and the First Section of the Third Degree including the prayer and scriptures. You can start to get your team together now.

Teams will compete and be scored as in past competitions. Craft members of the team will pick their part and MI/DLs will be placed by drawing for available parts.

Don't worry if you can't get a team together you can compete as an individual. How will that work? Similar to visiting a lodge to help with the degree, you will be placed in a chair and others will be placed in chairs to complete a degree cast.

Don't worry, you will not be responsible for errors caused by others. There will be two divisions. A Craft division and a MI/DL division. Both Craft and MI/DL may be part of the same cast during the competition. But everyone will be scored on their own individual performance.

If you are not a Masonic Instructor or District Lecturer you will enter as deacons, stewards, or master/chaplain. On the day of the contest, you will be assigned as either the senior or junior part of the chairs you signed up for. (i.e., either senior or junior deacon etc.) If you do not have a MI or DL certificate you will enter the craft division. If you are a Masonic Instructor or District Lecturer, you will be assigned to any chair needed or available to complete the cast for that degree. Again, you will not be responsible for mistakes caused by others in the competition. Deadline to sign up is December 15, 2023. To sign up or request more information please send an email to iowacustodians@gmail.com. Dates and locations will be determined after the registration deadline.

State Master Councilor Michael Roach Raised at Grand Lodge

The Brothers of King David Lodge No. 407 in Altoona moved their Charter to the Des Moines Scottish Rite and hosted a Third Degree for Brother Michael Roach, State Master Councilor of Iowa DeMolay. The degree was held in conjunction with the Grand Lodge School of Instruction.



Worshipful Master Jonathan Freel opened King David Lodge. Senior DeMolays from across the state participated in the First Section of the Degree. Shane Harshbarger was in the East for the First Section conferral, Brother Brad Reichardt was Senior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge Officer's conferred the Second Section with Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley in the East. Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan introduced the cast. Grand Marshal Brad Reichardt was the Senior Deacon and he gave the Charge. Senior Grand Deacon Michael Shannon presented Michael with a Masonic box made by Allan Tedrow. Grand Master Wiley presented him with his pin.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.

Randy Tolley Receives his Masonic Instructors Certificate

Past Grand Master Ed Blinks presented Randy Tolley, Treasurer of Mosaic Lodge No. 125 in Dubuque his certificate to validate his becoming a Masonic Instructor. Randy was presented with the Ashlar Award and a T-shirt by Deputy Grand Secretary Aaron R. Kinser. We congratulate Randy on his diligent and industry in learning all the necessary parts of the Ritual to obtain this recognition.



Brother Konrad Murphy Raised at Helion Lodge No. 36

Brother's of Helion Lodge No. 36 in Maquoketa held a Third Degree for Brother Konrad Murphy. He is the father of Ryan Murphy who just became a Master Mason on November 6, 2021. They become just the fifth set of Father/Son family members in Helion Lodge. The others are: David and son Ryland Richards, Mike and son Dan Percy, Don and son Donald Carson, and Jerry and son Brad Barnes.



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 23 at Prairie City with Preston Lodge No. 218 as host lodge.

Preston Lodge was opened with Mitch Petty in the East. Brother Petty remained the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Tyler Fisher was Senior Deacon as they conferred the Third Degree on Brother William Florence from Adel Lodge No. 80.



Lodge was called to refreshment so that the Masons could join their ladies at the Prairie City United Methodist Church for the chili and vegetable soup supper.

Following dinner, the Masons returned to the lodge hall where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Hollie Smith and Lee Leonard as committeemen. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was received and introduced with Past Grand Master Craig L. Davis and Past Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon as committeemen. Grand Master Fremont was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section. Senior Grand Warden

John D. Lloyd gave the Charge. The Grand Master presented Brother Florence with his pin, and Brother Allan L. Tedrow presented him with a Masonic Box.

Brother Florence thanked everyone for attending to taking part in his Third Degree.

The Grand Master spoke on his program and the upcoming events for the year. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with Deputy Grand Master Guy J. McCausland in the East.



Brother Aaron Anderson Raised



Members of Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines invited the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers to a Third Degree for Brother Aaron Justin Anderson. Right Worshipful Brother Shane Harshbarger opened Lodge and conferred the First Section. Worshipful Brother Brad Reichardt served as Senior Deacon.



The Lodge moved right into the Second Section. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was recognized and assumed the East. After introduction of his Grand Lodge Officers present, the Second Section commenced with Right Worshipful Brother Senior Grand Warden, John D. Lloyd serving as Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Right Worshipful Brother Grand Treasurer, William R. Dayton.

The Grand Master Fremont presented Brother Aaron with his lambskin apron and pin. Brother Dallas Downey presented Brother Aaron with his Bible and Junior Grand Steward Cory L. Stoneburner presented him with a Masonic box and explained its significance. The degree finished up with Worshipful Brother Deputy Grand Secretary, Kelly H. Bruce presenting to Worshipful Master Elect, Worshipful Brother Jeremy Davis of Legacy Lodge with their Plus One Membership and Lodge of the Year awards. Following closing, everyone retired to the banquet room for a wonderful meal and fellowship.



Legends of Iowa Masonry

The "Legends of Iowa Masonry" is an award that can be presented to a Master Mason who has served their community, local lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above their standard, normal obligations. The "Legends of Iowa Masonry" is not given for service as Worshipful Master or any elected or appointed office or committee. The recipient is recognized by his brethren in Masonry for his service to the Fraternity, because of his efforts to support one or more Masons, a lodge or lodges, the Grand Lodge, or the Fraternity as a whole. It is a singular distinction, and indicates the esteem, respect, and admiration of the Brothers of their local lodge. Any Masonic lodge in Iowa may bestow a maximum of one "Legends of Iowa Masonry" award each year.

Brothers receiving this award will be honored at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication every year. Submissions must be written and submitted to the Grand Lodge of Iowa Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Secretary, no later than 15 August of each year, and must include:

- Nominated brother's full name and mailing address
- Nominating lodge name, phone number, and email address
- High quality photo of the brother being nominated in jpeg format
- Summary of the nominated brother's accomplishments and contributions
- \$35 check made out to the Grand Lodge of Iowa for a 16x20 inch, foam board wall plaque and a certificate.

The award recipient is not required to be an officer of the lodge, or any special lodge committee, but they often are. The recipient must be a Master Mason in good standing with his lodge, as well as the Grand Lodge Iowa. The nominated brother will receive a 16x20 inch foam board wall plaque and a certificate at the Annual Communication, after which, the lodge can take this plaque back to their lodge to be displayed with distinction as they see fit.

A lodge may elect the award to be given only once per year and the award may only be received once in a lifetime, by a Master Mason. It is a great honor and pleasure to receive such an award, knowing it comes directly from the brethren of your lodge, friends, and community.

Legends of Iowa Masonry

2017

Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

Pillar: a person or thing regarded as reliably providing essential support; stalwart

Operative Lodge #308 in Polk City has one particular member who stands out as meeting this definition of a pillar. He has shown a tireless, on going support for our Lodge, our members, and our activities throughout the year. Jim Trotter is our "go-to" man when it comes to the pizza sale fund raiser we have twice a year. This sale is main source of funds for the educational scholarship for North Polk Schools we award, and Jim organizes all aspects of the effort from lining up workers, motivating us to sell pizzas, ordering the ingredients, and collecting money. We raise thousands of dollars thanks to his efforts.

Brother Jim is also the "go-to" man for our booth at the Polk City Four Seasons Festival held each summer on the downtown square just across from our Lodge building. This community outreach effort puts our Lodge out in front of the town and puts a face on our Fraternity. Jim organizes the ordering of supplies and food as well as working all day during the event.

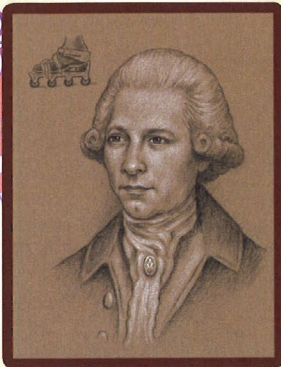
Brother Jim is the "go-to" for our Lodge operations as secretary at Operative Lodge. He serves our membership by making personal contact with every brother when there is a case of sickness in the family. Our brothers also receive birthday wishes, thanks to the efforts of Brother Jim. This is in addition to all of the Grand Lodge reports and paperwork he completes as Lodge secretary.

Brother Jim exhibits a love for our Lodge that each and every brother can be proud of; when he calls you brother, he means it! We would like to recognize his love, loyalty, and essential support for the fraternity that has become such an important part of our lives and the Lodge we call Operative Lodge. Shake his hand and say "Thank you Brother" the next time you see Brother Jim Trotter, a pillar of Operative Lodge #308 in Polk City.

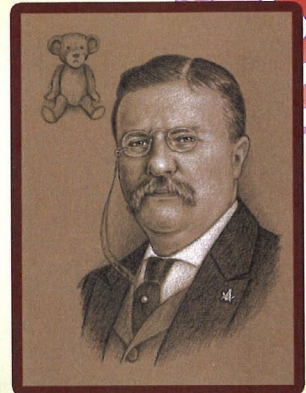
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TOYS, GAMES, AND FREEMASONS

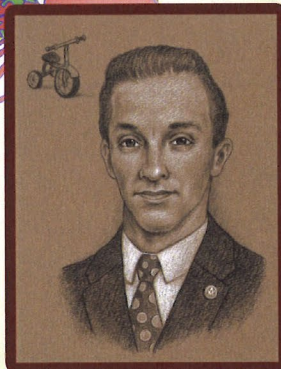
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BELGIAN FREEMASON
JOHN JOSEPH MERLIN (1735-1803)
INVENTED BOTH **INLINE SKATES** AND
THE FIRST AUTOMATED **CAROUSEL**, OR
"MERRY-GO-ROUND."



TEDDY BEARS OWE THEIR EXISTENCE TO
BR. THEODORE "TEDDY" ROOSEVELT
(1858-1919), 26TH U.S. PRESIDENT,
WHEN HE REFUSED TO "HUNT" A CAPTIVE
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THROUGH A CARTOON BY
BR. CLIFFORD BERRYMAN.

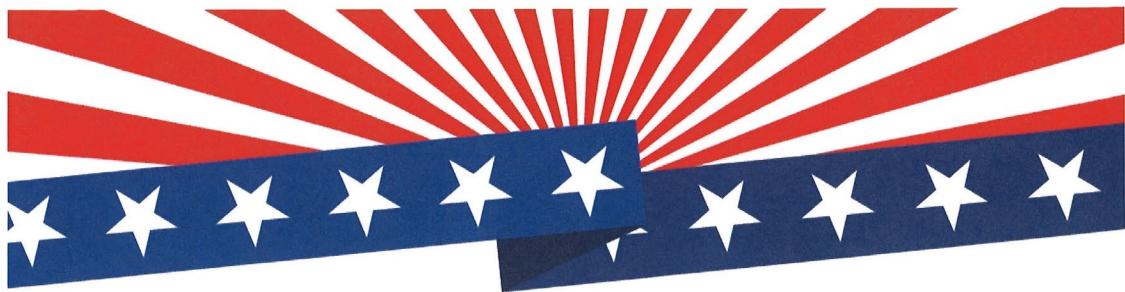


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WASHINGTON, D.C., IS BELIEVED
TO HAVE FOUNDED THE FAMOUS
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CHELSEA ELDEEN AND HER HUSBAND,
BR. GRAEME ELDEEN, DESIGN AND SELL
TABLETOP GAMING DICE FEATURING
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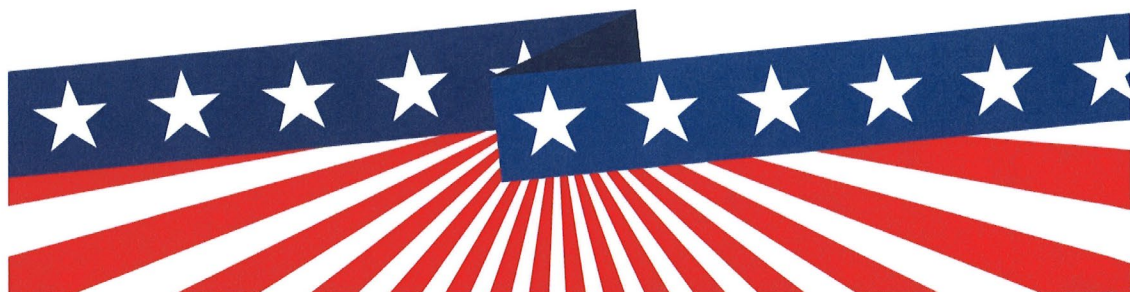
Ritual Round Robin

On the first section of the Third Degree including the Opening and Scripture.

If you don't have enough for a team, you can compete as an individual. Individuals compete in either a Craft or MI/DL Division.

Locations and Dates will be set after the registration deadline of **December 15, 2023**

For more information or to register your team or individually send an email today to: iowacustodians@gmail.com or call Terry Osborne at 641-990-8607 and make sure you don't miss the December 15, 2023 deadline. *Get ready to have some fun.*



Grand Master's One Day Class

Saturday, April 27, 2024

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Registration Deadline April 1, 2024

\$100.00 Registration Fee



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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Section A:Date: _____
Mo. Day YearName of Candidate _____
First Middle LastMailing Address _____, Iowa - _____
P.O. Box or Street Address City Zip Code Plus 4Lodge _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa.
Name City

Birth Date _____ e-mail _____

Phone No. _____ Occupation _____

I _____, respectfully submit this application to participate in the Grand
Candidate's SignatureMaster'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 CityPassed 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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Front, L to R: Guy J. McCausland, Deputy Grand Master, William R. Dayton, Grand Treasurer, John D. Lloyd, Senior Grand Warden, Darrell G. Fremont, Grand Master, Marvin D. Kendall, Junior Grand Warden, Craig L. Davis, Grand Secretary, Paul E. Anderson, Grand Chaplain, A J Brown, Chairman Division and Reference. Back L to R: Tom H. Nash, Grand Marshal, Cory L. Stoneburner, Junior Grand Steward, Bruce A. Lutz, Senior Grand Steward, Shaun M. Scott, Senior Grand Deacon, James F. White, Grand Tyler, Ronald S. Payne, Junior Grand Deacon, Kelly H. Bruce, Deputy Grand Secretary, Paul W. Cort, Grand Musician

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Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

No.	Town	Name	No.	Town	Name
1	Burlington	Anderson, H. Eugene	153	Sidney	Selby, D. William
24	Rochester	Rehling, J. Peter	159	Jefferson	Hedges, L. Carl
25	Cedar Rapids	Ryon, J. Stephen	175	Belle Plaine	Robinson, B. Kenneth
36	Maquoketa	Paulsen, R. Merle	208	Davenport	Strazewski, W. John
36	Maquoketa	Ruchotzke, A. Edwin	208	Davenport	Marshall, J. David
37	Davenport	Faust, H. Gregory	232	Missouri Valley	Utman, P. Roger
37	Davenport	Pollard, J. Peter	269	Ottumwa	Stookesberry, D. Craig
44	Le Claire	Albee, D. Jack	275	Corning	Frey, K. Lyle
49	Dubuque	Mihal, G. James	307	Cherokee	Grosland, A. David
53	Indianola	Lowe, S. Clifford	307	Cherokee	Grand, R. Donald
53	Indianola	Wilson, L.R.H.	312	Spencer	Johnke, L. Dennis
71	Council Bluffs	Bailey, D. Terry	335	Carson	Waller, S. Raymond
72	Elkader	Dettbarn, E. Kenneth	412	Griswold	Duhn, P. Allan
79	Boone	Duffee, E. Stephen	420	Logan	Warner, L. Gary
81	Shellsburg	Workman, J. Orlie	520	Baxter	Milligan, E. Loren
87	Rowley	Schremser, H. Daniel	532	Moville	Jackson, L. Rex
100	Clinton	Kelly, T. Warren	592	Des Moines	Vrieze, A. Terry
105	Waterloo	Schumacher, R. Daryl	646	Dike	Nagel, D. Daryle
123	Guthrie Center	Rees, L. Gary	675	Davenport	Ralfs, L. Richard
140	Clarinda	Harris J. Roger			