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**172nd Annual Communication  
of the Grand Lodge of Iowa**



**Message from Peggy Crandon  
First Lady of Mason's in Iowa**

Hello Ladies,

I am Peggy, wife of the Grand Master. I would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to attend the 172nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to be held on September 15, 16, and 17 at the Marriott Hotel on Collins Road in Cedar Rapids.

We have several interesting programs and activities lined up for the Ladies and I am looking forward to greeting each of you. I hope you will enjoy your time with us.

I encourage all of the Masons and Ladies to support the Craft and Bake Sale, either by donating items or by purchasing them. Several items have also been donated for the Silent Auction. The proceeds from the sale of these items will go towards our project for the year – The Iowa Masonic Library and Museum Building Endowment Fund.

Art and I would like to thank everyone for all the support shown and hospitalities extended to us as we have travelled this beautiful State of ours and beyond its borders for Iowa Masonry.

Thank You,  
Peggy Crandon

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## Grand Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

How time flies when you are having fun! Many places, many faces, and many miles have made this an incredible year so far. This has been such a rewarding year as Peggy and I have traveled from coast to coast and border to border of this Great Jurisdiction. Many goals have been completed, but many lay ahead of us yet to be completed.

The Education Conference in February was a success. We had a full house and everybody there enjoyed the presentations and the Degree exemplified that evening. I am satisfied that I witnessed what another State may do for Degree Work, but it makes me appreciate what Iowa has for Ritual. Your Grand Lodge Officers have conferred several Second Sections of the Third Degree and we have several more on the schedule. It gives me great pleasure to visit the many Lodges around the State and observe the local Brethren conferring the Ritual. The Next Generation Roundtable Discussion continued through the Neighborhood Area Meetings. I hope all who wanted to, were able to attend one of the NAMs and help in the discussion of "Empowering the Craft for the Future". Membership is of vital importance to this Fraternity and only you as Masons can make a difference.

In April thirty two Masons and their Ladies enjoyed an exciting trip to Washington, D.C. We contacted Senator and Brother Charles Grassley who provided tickets and a guide for our tour through the U.S. Capitol. We had a side trip to Richmond to visit the oldest Masonic Building in the United States. It was constructed in 1785 and has been used as a Lodge ever since.

Officer Receptions are winding down and we will finish those early in July. This year's Officers have been well supported by the local Brethren and I could not be more proud of them myself. Each and every one of these Officers have made excellent ambassadors of Masonry this year.

There will be one more Optional Mentor Training Course offered on June 25 at the Library in Cedar Rapids. Make plans now to attend. On July 29 there will be an All-Iowa Masonic Golf Tournament at the Legion Golf Course on Marshalltown. Information is in the Bulletin and on the web-site. Proceeds will go to Camp Courageous and the Life Enrichment Center. Let's make this a memorable day for Masonry. Pin sales continue and the Pillar Program is still in need of your support. There is a lot of work needed at the Library and Museum and we as Masons have an obligation to maintain that Building.

Grand Lodge is coming again in September and I hope you are making plans to attend. All Masters and Wardens of the subordinate Lodges should be there to represent their Lodge. "YOU" Brethren, are the Grand Lodge. Your input is vital to the future of Iowa Masonry.

Fraternally and Respectfully,



Arthur G. Crandon  
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

## The Traveling Gavel

Worshipful Master Chuck Legler pointed out that in the Entered Apprentice Degree, Psalms 23, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell in unity." Using this Psalm as a guide, he announced that Viona Lodge No. 538 in Renwick has started a traveling gavel program. It is designed to promote visitation from and/or between other lodges. When another lodge of four or more members visits the host lodge, the visiting lodge then obtains possession of the traveling gavel and then takes it back to their home lodge, until another lodge visits them and is able to fulfill the requirements who will take it back to their lodge.

A Masonic Gavel is an emblem used by the Master to lead and direct the lodge. Its design is similar to what an Operative Mason would use to break off the rough edges of stones (Ashlars) in order to fit them for their final use. As all Masons have heard in the first degree, we symbolically use it to develop ourselves pleasing to our Creator.

This Masonic Gavel Set is made of walnut, ash and oak. The head of the gavel is walnut and signifies beauty. The handle is ash and is symbolic of flexibility. The base is oak (in the shape of Iowa) and denotes strength. Together these symbols allude to the beauty, the flexibility, and the strength of the Masonic Philosophy. The ash handle has two sets of three rings. The three rings near the head symbolize the three great lights. The three near the end of the handle indicate the three degrees of Masonry with each (ring) degree becoming larger and thus more important and significant.

**And so Worshipful Master Legler said "Let the visitation of our visiting brothers begin!"**

## A TRIBUTE TO W. ROSS McCULLA

*by Paul H. Wieck, P.G.M.*



"Behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand."

A plumbline may consist of a string with a weight attached or it may be composed of bone, muscle and sinew--of character, intelligence and fortitude. Of such was our distinguished brother, W. Ross McCulla, a man of stature and perseverance. A true plumbline.

In the words of then Grand Secretary Charles T. Jackson, penned in 1977: "Iowa was blessed during the 1976-77 Grand Lodge year with a young, dynamic leader in the person of W. Ross McCulla. It was obvious from the very first hours of his term that his was to be a firm leadership. It was also obvious that his every move would be made after careful consideration was given to what would be best for the Grand Lodge of Iowa and for Masonry in general. It also became obvious that his handling of controversial matters would be done in such a way that, while those who differed with him in opinion might not change their minds, yet, they would respect him for having the courage to stand up for his convictions."

Brother W. Ross McCulla was born June 7, 1927, and graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1944. He married Irene Healey on August 10, 1947. They were the parents of three sons: David, Dennis, and Greg. Ross was a man of the soil and worked the family farm until 1979. From then until 1989, he served Iowa Masonry as executive director of the Iowa Masonic Nursing Home at Bettendorf. After retiring in 1989, he and Irene moved to Grinnell. He was a 76 year member of Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn where his funeral services were conducted on May 5, 2016, following his passing on May 2. Masonically, Brother McCulla was initiated December 11, 1953, passed December 29, 1953, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 6, 1954, in Corinthian Lodge No. 174 in Brooklyn (now Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 in Malcom). After faithful service in the line offices, Brother Ross served his Lodge as Worshipful Master on several occasions. A student of the Ritual, he proudly carried District Lecturer Certificate No. 2242.

Ross was a member of the York Rite Bodies in Oskaloosa, a recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, a Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, and a 50 year (plus) member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a Thirty-Third Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Research Lodge No. 2.

Ross's activity in the Grand Lodge of Iowa began early in his life as he was appointed Junior Grand Deacon when he was only 34 years of age, and elected Junior Grand Warden in 1967. In 1976 he was elected Grand Master for the 1976-77 Grand Lodge Year. Service on various Boards and Committees included a stint on the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Funds and the 10 years as Director of the Iowa Masonic Nursing Home.

Masonic Funeral Rites were conducted by the Grand Lodge with Brother William Kimler presenting the eulogy. Brother Terry Osborne shared as a vocalist. Interment was at the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Rest in Peace, Brother Ross.  
Good Morrow, Brother, Good Morrow.



# 2016 ALL IOWA MASONIC GOLF OUTING

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*Grand Master Arthur Crandon wants everyone to enjoy a wonderful day of fellowship and brotherly love on the course.*



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## Brother Lloyd Crumly Honored with 70-Year Certificate

By Senior Grand Warden A.J. Brown

Mahaska Lodge No. 644 met for their stated communication in Oskaloosa on April 7, 2016 with a rare presentation. Senior Grand Warden A.J. Brown presented a 70-Year Certificate for Brother Lloyd Crumly on behalf of The Grand Lodge of Texas and the Grand Lodge of Iowa to Brother John Crumly who is



John Crumley and Mahaska Lodge

Brother Lloyd's son. Brother John shared some very nice remarks on behalf of his father upon receiving the certificate. All brothers present agreed that this was an honor that was rarely seen in Masonry. Unfortunately Brother Lloyd was in the hospital and was not able to receive his certificate.

The brothers then went to the hospital after the meeting and Brother A.J. presented the 70-Year certificate to Brother Lloyd in his hospital bed. Brother



Lloyd Crumley and AJ Brown

Lloyd expressed his deep gratitude for the fraternity and thanks for the honors accorded him. He also shared some thoughts and wisdom from his experiences in life. He was also proud to tell us that he had been happily married to his wife Mary for 77 years! It was a great night for all who were present to share in this milestone.

Unfortunately Brother Lloyd passed on to the Grand Lodge Above on April 25, 2016 at the age of 96.

## Camp Courageous Omelet Breakfast



Camp Courageous, a year round recreational and respite care facility located South of Monticello for individuals with vision, mental, physical and other disabilities. The mission of Camp Courageous is to provide exceptional year-round recreational and respite care opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families. The camp is run primarily on donations, giving all individuals the opportunity



Darrell Fremont, AJ Brown, Harvey Woody and Ted Wiley



Mike Ryan, Ken Hurmence, and Sean Morgan

to give through gifts of time, materials, money, and other means that support the camp. Each year, it has a pair of major fund-raisers an omelet breakfast the last Sunday of April and a pancake breakfast the last Sunday of September.

April 24th was a beautiful spring day as Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon, his lady Peggy, the Grand Lodge Officers, their ladies, Worthy Grand Patron Russ Hibben, his wife Leonna, the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Officers and their companions all journeyed to Monticello to assist at the Annual Omelet Breakfast. They cooked omelets, served sausage and toast, provided drinks, cleared and reset tables and generally assisted as a crowd of nearly 3000 were served omelets from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM. It was a very successful and rewarding event that was enjoyed by all.

### 2016 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Pictures of the 60 recipients of a 2016 Grand Lodge of Iowa \$2,000 Scholarship are shown throughout this issue of the "Bulletin." All quotes are taken from the recommendations of High School Staff members that accompanied the student's applications.

Brother John C. Rothlisberger, chairs the Scholarship Selection Committee that sorted through over 650 completed applications, and selected 70 applicants for interviews. From those interviewed 60 outstanding students were chosen to receive scholarships. The interviews were held at the Iowa Masonic Library in Cedar Rapids, South Gate Lodge in Des Moines, Exodus Lodge in Exira, and Tyrell Lodge in Waverly. The students and their parents learned about Masonry and its support of public education, including the scholarship program at each location. 2,225 scholarships totaling \$3,130,900 have been awarded since the program began in 1970.

Caleb R. Sneller, Sergeant  
Bluff Luton High School



*"Caleb is the type of student, teachers want to have in their class; coaches want on their team; advisors want to have in their student activity; and parents want their children to have as a friend.."*

Alexa R De Vore, Clarke  
Community High School



*"Alexa is a dedicated student and excellent role model to her peers and younger students. She approaches each task with enthusiasm and a positive attitude."*

Alexander N Stephens,  
Center Point Urbana  
High School



*"Alex will work with any and all individuals and help them find success. His mature social skills help him interact and connect with all his peers."*

Alice A Kirsch, Linn- Mar  
High School



*"Alice has distinguished herself as an exemplary musician, student leader, and role model in our 335 member program."*

Amaris L Hornbuckle, Nevada  
High School



*"Amaris is dedicated to doing her best, working hard, leading by example, and demonstrating strong character both in and out of the classroom."*

Amber Heubner, South  
Hardin Community School.



*"Amber is that rare student who takes on the most challenging coursework and activities and is flawless in their execution."*

Amelia I Koster, St Ansgar High School



*“Amelia’s involvement in a variety of organizations and activities is a testament to her drive to better herself and better others.”*

Andrew E. Lang, Osage High School



*“Andrew’s respectful nature and good will toward others are evident in all that he does. He is incredibly active in Boy Scouts, and he has become quite a leader in his group.”*

Anna L. Ruble, Waukee High School



*“Anna is an extremely well rounded, detail oriented, and highly professional young woman.”*

Anna E. Tuecke, Central Community High School



*Anna Tuecke must not sleep much; her academic focus, talents and interests are time consuming. The character that Anna has developed holds dear family, travel, friendship, creativity, and education..*

Ben P. Martin, West Branch High School



*Ben is a very well rounded individual that strives for success in all facets of his life. He is involved in many different activities inside of school and in his community.*

Breana K. Schuiteman, MOC-Floyd Valley High School



*Breana is a leader in all her pursuits. She is a vocal leader as well as one that leads by example. Her positive attitude and good work ethic serve as a model to underclassmen..*

**Andrew Lang** – Thank you for your time in reviewing my scholarship application. Words cannot fully express the deep appreciation and excitement I have for being chosen as a Scholarship recipient. I will be using the scholarship money for tools that will be needed for my program. Your generosity will lessen the financial responsibility on myself and my family. I am very excited to start my education in the Powerline Program.

**Breana Schuiteman** – Thank you so much for taking the time for my interview. I enjoyed meeting with you. Thank you so much for this scholarship. It will help me pursue my dream.

Brenna R. O' Hara, Linn-Mar High School



*"Brenna is outgoing, thoughtful, and motivated. She is a young woman with goals and the determination to reach them and is a role model with a positive attitude."*

Brooke R. Ehrenberg, Roland-Story City High School



*"Not only is Brooke intelligent, but she will be a woman of quality who gives of herself to her family, community and world."*

Bridgeen M. Graham-Lynch, West Central Valley High School



*"I believe Bridgeen has the academic talent and drive to succeed at the next level. She was one of my top level students."*

Brooke H. Lapke, Maquoketa High School



*"Brooke has ambition, is goal-oriented, and has a sense of purpose and drive. She knows how to work hard and apply herself in order to achieve her goals."*

Briley A. Fisher, Nashua-Plainfield Senior High School



*"Briley is one of the most strongly principled young people with whom I've had the pleasure to associate. She is a gifted and giving young lady."*

Caitlin R. Eckerman, Alta-Aurelia High School



*"She is a student who can be counted on to assist whenever she is asked. She has helped in several community service projects and does what she can to make our school a better place."*

**Michael Rueschenberg** – Thank you for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. The money will be put to great use as I attend Iowa State University in the fall.

**Harley Verdick** – I greatly appreciate being one of the recipients for your scholarship this year. It is something that will impact my life in a positive way, and allow me to enter college with an extra \$2,000. You have a wonderful program, and I enjoyed the selection process.

**Kailie Hazer** – Thank you for selecting me to interview and choosing me as one of your scholarship recipients. I really enjoyed getting to look around the museum and seeing so many artifacts from history.

## Historic Preservation Showcase Seminars Held at Iowa Masonic Library

By Bill Kreuger

On Saturday May 7, 2016, the Iowa Masonic Library participated in the Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation Showcase, an event that was part of National Historic Preservation Month and put on by the Cedar Rapids Historic Preservation Commission. The Library hosted a series of preservation seminars that featured various area speakers on the broad topic of historic preservation. Included were seminars on "Adaptive Re-Use of Historic Properties," "Historic Tax Credits," and "Green Historic Preservation." All of the seminars were held in the second floor lobby area of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums.

Other events and activities took place in the "neighborhood" around the Iowa Masonic Library. This included a "Who Do You Think You Are" event put on by the Linn County Genealogical Society in the Library parking lot, an exhibit by the Fairfax (Iowa) Historical Foundation, tours of the Grant Wood studio, bus tours of Cedar Rapids, led by Cedar Rapids' Historian Mark Stoffer Hunter, and the opening day of "Overalls All Over," the months long celebration of the 125th anniversary of Grant Wood's birth. The day ended with the annual awards ceremony for Excellence in Preservation. The ceremony was also held on the second floor of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums.



*Overalls All Over, 2nd Ave looking toward Grant Wood's Studio with the Iowa Masonic Library in the background.*

During the event, visitors had an opportunity to explore the Masonic and General History museums of the Iowa Masonic Library. Self-guided tours of both museums were available.

The event was supported by The Grand Lodge of Iowa, Iowa Masonic Library, Physicians Clinic of Iowa, The History Center/Linn County Historical Society, Medquarter Regional Medical District, and the City of Cedar Rapids.

## Casey Kain Raised at Mosaic Lodge No. 125

Mosaic Lodge No. 125 in Dubuque hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree for Brother Casey Kain. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Brian P. Carroll opened lodge. He then conferred the first section of the Degree with Most Worshipful Brother Edwin D. Blinks serving as Senior Deacon.

The Masons then moved to the dining room for an excellent Lasagna dinner. Following dinner the Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brother Donald Giesemann as Senior Committeeman and Eugene Chappell as Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Crandon was then received with Brothers Edwin D. Blinks as Senior Committeeman and D. Keith Robertson as Junior Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the second section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Crandon in the East. Senior Grand Deacon Michael C. Ryan gave the Charge. Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Kain with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other items. Brother Kain thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.



Grand Master Art Crandon presents Brother Casey Kain with his own set of miniature working tools

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont in the East.

## Astor Lodge No. 505 Recognizes Local Law Enforcement

On April 12, 2016 Astor Lodge No. 505 at Albia hosted a Law Enforcement Appreciation Spaghetti Supper for the officers of the City of Albia and the Monroe County Sheriffs Department. There were approximately 25 officers in attendance at the dinner. This is a great way for the lodge to recognize and thank the groups that serve of your community.

### Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont

Masons from across the state traveled to Polk City to attend a reception hosted by Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid and Operative Lodge No. 308 in Polk City for Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont. The Social Hour was held at the Polk City Community Center. The Masons moved to the lodge room following the social hour where Operative Lodge was opened by Worshipful Master Michael A. Miller. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brothers Jim Trotter and Kurt Kruse as Committeemen. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was received and introduced with Brothers



*Darrell and Ann Fremont with quilt she made for him.*

D. Dean Johnson and Lane H. Shaver as Committeemen. Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was introduced and received with Brothers Michael B. Aves Sr. and David K. Aves as Committeemen. The honored brother thanked everyone for being there and then presided in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed lodge.

The Masons joined the others at the Community Center where Lane H. Shaver was Master of Ceremonies. We enjoyed a wonderful Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Ice Cream. Brother Fremont thanked the Grand Master for the appointment and all of those that support him throughout the year. Grand Master talked about his program "Let's Try Masonry". Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes gave the Benediction.

### Grand Master's DeMolay Class

Iowa DeMolay hosted the Annual Grand Master's DeMolay Class on April 16 at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Masonic Center. State Master Councilor Nick Myers opened the Chapter and then led an outstanding conferral of the Initiatory Degree to seven young men who were becoming a part of this outstanding Masonic Youth Organization. Members from across the state conferred the DeMolay Degree in a most impressive fashion.



After closing, all moved to the dining area for a pulled pork and brisket dinner. After the dinner awards were presented to DeMolay members for exceptional service. State Master Councilor Myers served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Master Crandon received a plaque for Honorary Membership in DeMolay.

*Left to right: Carter Evans, Declan Lizza, Brandon Howl, Executive Officer Matt Buckley, State Master Councilor, Nick Myers, Grand Master Art Crandon, Bryant Wood, Jeremiah Johnson.*



### Golden Rule Lodge No. 24 Teacher of Year

Mike Wehde (center) was recognized as 2016 Golden Rule Lodge No. 24 Teacher of the Year on April 16 at the annual Ladies Night dinner in Rochester. Wehde is a teacher and coach in the Tipton Community School District. Currently, he teaches Industrial Technology and Principles of Engineering and is also a CED instructor. Shown with Wehde are, from left, his father Ruel (treasurer of Golden Rule Lodge No. 24) and Ken Bland (Worshipful Master).

**Developing A Symbol: The Square and Compass with the Letter G in American Freemasonry**  
by Aimee E. Newell, Ph. D



*In the United States today, the most prevalent Masonic emblem is the Square and Compasses, almost always with a Letter G in the center. It appears on lodge buildings throughout the country, branding them in one glance as Masonic, serving as a logo for the fraternity.*

Henry W. Coil's history of this symbol from his oft - cited Encyclopedia, has long been repeated, without published debate: "... as late as- 1873, the letter in the symbol was unusual.... No representation of it has been found as early as 1850."<sup>1</sup> Yet, even a cursory examination of American lodge and museum collections turns up any number of objects made well before 1850 and marked with this very symbol. Despite its widespread use, this symbol has received little consideration of what it can tell us about the development and evolution of American Freemasonry. The emblem actually appears much earlier than Coil's date of 1850. For example, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library in Lexington, Massachusetts, holds a Masonic snuffbox in its collection that was made in France for the American market in the 1780s or 1790s.<sup>2</sup> It shows a Square and Compasses symbol at top center, complete with a G in the middle. The rest of the decoration is an allegorical scene with a Master Mason standing between columns marked "J" and "B," for Jachin and Boaz, at the center. The Mason is flanked by palm and acacia trees, the sphinx and a pyramid, and female figures. Prudence, at one side, holds a mirror, while Justice, at the other side, holds a sword and stands over the prostrate figures of a man holding a torch and a woman holding a mask. Also in the museum's collection, a horn cup dating to about 1780 is carved with an arrangement of Masonic symbols, including the Square and Compasses with the G.<sup>3</sup> A note accompanying the cup suggests that it was originally owned by William Chapman (dates unknown) of Connecticut. And, an apron, which dates to about 1615 and was probably made in Massachusetts or New Hampshire, is also part of the collection.<sup>4</sup> The body includes a painted motif of the Square and Compasses with a G in the center. One more pre-1850 example to dispute Coil's assertion is a set of watch papers. Clockmakers and watch owners placed these round papers inside a pocket watch to protect the works from dust.<sup>5</sup> This set of papers is dated with handwritten inscriptions on the back. One inscription is dated March 26, 1820, and the other October 27, 1825. The Square and Compasses symbol appears on the left with the G in the middle.

All of these examples underscore the usefulness and importance of objects for Masonic research. While the fundamental questions addressed here can be studied through documents and published Masonic rituals, the material evidence substantially adds to the body of evidence and informs my conclusions. Objects, sometimes made by the Freemason himself, or selected by the Freemason as consumer, help to show us how practicing Masons intersected with prescriptive texts and the rituals they learned inside the lodge. The domestic items described here offer a level of insight beyond what printed materials can offer; they suggest personal choices made by American Freemasons regarding how they learned about the Craft and chose to identify themselves as a member.

*[Aimee E. Newell, Ph.D., "Developing a Symbol, The Square and Compasses with the Letter G in American Freemasonry," Philalethes Volume 65, No. 3, Spring 2012, 118-120. Permission to excerpt courtesy of Philalethes, The Journal of Masonic Research & Letters.]*

1. Henry Wilson Coil, *Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia* (New York: Macoy, 1961), 633.
2. *Masonic snuffbox, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, Mass. (Hereafter SRMML).*
3. *Horn cup, SRMML, 94.024a-c.*
4. *Masonic apron, SRMML, 97.068.1.*
5. *Watch papers, SRMML, 83-42a-d.*

### Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody

Masons from across the state traveled to Des Moines to attend a reception hosted by Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny and Arcadia Lodge No. 249 in Ames for Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody. It was a beautiful day with temperatures in the 80's.

The Masons moved to the lodge room following the social hour where Logic Lodge was opened by Worshipful Master Larry D. Goodmanson. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brothers James Musal and James Farrell as Committeemen. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was received and introduced with Brothers William R. Yungclas and James Farrell as Committeemen. Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody was introduced and received with Most Worshipful Brother Bryce B. Hildreth and Brother Wes Agar as Committeemen. The honored brother thanked everyone for being there and then presided in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed lodge.

The Masons joined the others in the dining room where William R. Yungclas was Master of Ceremonies. We enjoyed a wonderful roast pork dinner. Brother Harvey thanked the Grand Master for the appointment and all of those that support him throughout the year. Grand Master talked about his program "Let's Try Masonry". Brother Ted Solomon gave the Benediction.



### Morningside Lodge No. 615 Teacher of the Year

By Secretary Daniel Priestley

Sioux City Community School District educator Sonja Grimsley has been named Teacher of the Year by Morningside Masonic Lodge No. 615.

In honor of this recognition, a dinner was held at the Morningside Masonic Lodge located at 4110 Morningside Avenue, on Friday, April 29 from 6:15 PM to 8:00 PM.

Mrs. Grimsley has been employed with the Sioux City School District for 21 years and works at East Middle School as a Special Education Teacher where she teaches students with mild intellectual disabilities.

In addition to supporting the academic success of her students, Mrs. Grimsley serves as the Red Ribbon Coordinator for East Middle School. She is an active member of the 100+ Women Who Care – Siouxland Chapter, and has been a supporter of the United Way of Siouxland since 2000.



"Mrs. Grimsley works tirelessly to meet each of her students' needs" said Linda Steele, Assistant Principal for East Middle School. "This past year Mrs. Grimsley was diagnosed with ovarian cancer the day before school started. Faced with a diagnosis that could have stopped her in her tracks, she chose to be a fighter and be at school each and every day that was physically possible."



"Masons are firmly committed to building a better community and better world through education and enlightenment" said Tim Bonney, Worshipful Master of Morningside Masonic Lodge No. 615. "We recognize the commitment, effort, and work it takes for those that nurture our youth to become tomorrow's leaders. For these reasons, we are pleased to honor Mrs. Grimsley as the recipient of our lodge's Teacher

of the Year Award as she embodies the spirit of the award."

The brethren of Morningside Lodge have also nominated Mrs. Grimsley for the 2016 Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Teacher of the Year award. The winner for the statewide award will be announced during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which will be held in Cedar Rapids, IA in September.

## Scholarship Recipient Update

My Name is Shayla Kopriva and I received the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship in 2014. I am writing to give and update on how this scholarship benefited me.



Since I graduated from North Tama High School in 2014, I have attended Kirkwood Community College. At my time at Kirkwood, I have remained very involved on campus with Student Ambassadors, Student Leadership Council, STEM Club, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and collegiate volleyball. I have received honors for my academic success, such as Dean's list and the NJCAA Volleyball Academic 1st Team All-Region Award. I also had the opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Guatemala and will partake in a study abroad trip to Spain and Morocco this summer for Spanish and cultural studies. I am an employee at the Arc of East Central Iowa and work with children and adults with disabilities.

I will graduate from Kirkwood this May of 2016. Then I will transfer to the University of Iowa as a Health and Human Physiology Major and a Spanish minor this fall. After I receive my Bachelor's degree, I plan to apply for medical school. My ultimate career goal is to become a family physician. I have a passion for helping others and I want to continue this passion for the rest of my life through the medical field.

This scholarship allowed me to focus more on my studies and involvement in extra-curricular activities and less on the cost of my tuition. I believe this scholarship helped me get one step closer to my future goal of becoming a family physician. I still feel extremely honored and grateful for receiving the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I hope I am making you proud of your investment in my future!

Cassidy Rawson, North Linn High School



*"Cassie is an impressive individual who will have a positive impact on everyone she meets. She is talented, caring, dedicated, and focused in her academic and personal pursuits."*

Clayton R. Christian, Glidden-Ralston High School



*"In a day and age when peer pressure is very high, Clayton chooses to stand out from the crowd and do what he thinks is right.."*

Courtney R Titus, Murray High School



*"Courtney's talents include getting along with people well, good time management, leadership, a caring demeanor, and being a good listener. She is very capable, tremendously ambitious, and extremely hard working."*

**Clayton Christian** – Thank you very much for selecting me for the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. and A.M. Scholarship. It is an honor to be in the presence of other wonderful students and great citizens in the Masons. The scholarship will help immensely to help cover my college expenses.

**Sanah Munir** – Thank you very much for awarding me with the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. and A.M. Scholarship. I truly enjoyed the application and interview process. I learned a lot from the scholarship experience. The scholarship money will be very helpful as I pursue my dreams towards becoming a doctor.

Dale A. Taylor, Mount Pleasant High School



*"Dale is a unique kind of student who is kind and sensitive and who-despite his prodigious talent and his many accomplishments-is humble to his core."*

David P. Goldsmith, Clear Creek Amana High School



*"David is a mature, encouraging, hardworking student. He achieves both academic and social success. He is one of the most amazing young men I've had the pleasure of teaching."*

Eliason S. McNess, Urbandale High School



*"And while his achievements are glowing, perhaps the most important thing you could know is that he is a person of high character."*

Emily C. Brekke, Waukee High School



*"Emily is an exceptional student. Her work ethic, maturity, and common sense will lead to many successes in the future."*

Erica J. Rittgers, Southeast Valley High School



*"I can't say enough about the impeccable character that Eric demonstrates. She is a go-to student when looking for a role model for her peers."*

Grace K. Goehring, Okoboji High School



*"Grace is a thoughtful young woman with great depth and compassion for others. She is approachable, optimistic, and contemplative in her day to day life."*

**Amaris Hornbuckle** – I was excited to learn that the committee selected me to receive one of your scholarships. I enjoyed talking with the interview committee and I will use this money to pursue my educational plans.

**Jaclyn Miller** – Thank you very much for awarding me one of this year's \$2,000 scholarships. I feel extremely proud to be linked to your organization and appreciate you helping me pursue my math education degree this fall. I enjoyed meeting with three members of your scholarship committee and learning more about your organization.

### Rowley Masonic Community Visit

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge officers and their ladies traveled to Perry, Iowa on March 5th to visit the Rowley Masonic Community full spectrum of senior living



options including Independent Living, Assisted Living, Health Care and Dementia Care. Administrator Cindy Friess and her staff welcomed them with open arms and a hearty brunch prepared by the kitchen staff. Grand Master Crandon introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. Michael Fletcher, Chairman of the Rowley Board, introduced the staff and made a donation to the Grand Master and his lady Peggy's fundraising efforts for this year. Otley Lodge also made a contribution of \$500.00 to the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Endowment Fund with a promise that the other \$500.00 would soon follow.

After the program, tours of the new facilities at the Rowley Masonic Community were given to the Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies. Later that morning I did catch Former Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller and Deputy Grand Secretary Tim S. Anderson playing a little pool in the "Rowley Pool Hall." For more information about the Rowley Masonic Community visit their web site at:

<http://rowleymasoniccommunity.org/>



### Paul Revere Lodge honors Brother Dwayne Ansley

Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 at Lucas held an open house on Saturday, March 12 to honor Brother Dwayne Ansley in celebration of his 50 years of faithful membership. Pictured is Brother Dwayne, holding his 50-year certificate, along with Lodge Brothers in attendance.



*Front row: Left to right - Dan Morrett, Dan Ryan, Dale O'Connell, Dwayne Ansley, Jack Boyd, Jerry D'Attilio, Gary Chandler, Butch Stroud.*

*Back row: Left to right - Steve Shenefield, Larry Ratcliff, Ross Cochran, Kevin Goban, Dean Pruiett, Gary Trimble, Rick Ruble, Bill Evans, Craig Cooper, Jr. Dixon, Kevin Kent.*

### *Special Day for Junior Grand Deacon John D. Lloyd and Tanner Cornelison*

Saturday March 19, 2016 was a busy day in Osceola, Iowa. The day started out at 11:00 A.M. with Worshipful Master Ron Harper Opening Osceola Lodge No. 77 for the purpose of conferring the Sublime degree of a Master Mason on Brother Tanner Cornelison. Brother Terry Jacobson was in the East for the first section and Robert White was Senior Deacon. Kevin Goban give the working tool lecture. Bob Davis was in the South for the first time and did a fine job. The Masons joined the ladies at the Church for homemade beef, chicken and noodles, of course Senior Grand Warden Theodore Wiley made sure to be the first in Line for seconds. Members from the Church served the meal with the assistance of the children.

Masons from across the state gathered together to honor Junior Grand Deacon John D. Lloyd that afternoon. Masons moved to Osceola Lodge No. 77 where Ron Harper Worshipful Master was in the East to Receive the Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers with Brothers Robert White and Larry Ward as



*Worshipful Master Ron Harper greets Junior Grand Deacon John Lloyd*

Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was introduced and received with Brothers Robert White and Larry Ward as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Worshipful Brother Lloyd was introduced and received with Robert White and Larry Ward as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Brother Lloyd thanked everyone for being there and the Grand Master for selecting him to serve as a Grand Lodge Officer.

Grand Master Crandon assumed the East and conferred the second section of the third degree on Brother Cornelison, A. J. Brown was Senior Deacon and Keith R. Voss gave the charge. The Grand Master presented the new Brother with his Grand Master's pin. Tanner thanked everyone for being there and supporting him on his journey through the degrees. Worshipful Brother Lloyd was in the East to close Osceola Lodge No. 77.

### **Joint Officer Brunch**



Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and their ladies assembled with the officers of Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star and their companions for brunch at the Triple Crown Buffet at Prairie Meadows in Altoona on March 6. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and Worthy Grand Matron Nancy Keihne shared about their programs and goals for the year. The brunch was a great opportunity to get better acquainted and fellowship while enjoying a wonderful meal.

### **Hope Lodge No. 175 Track Meet**

April 21st was the very first Hope Lodge No. 175 Track and Field meet at the Belle Plaine High school. The Lodge sponsored the meet and worked in the concession stand. Ten brothers and their ladies had a good time working this community project. After the event the crew met at the home of Worshipful Master Bruce Robinson to discuss next year and future events.

*Pictured on the right are Worshipful Master Robinson and Aaron Kinser preparing food for the concession stand.*



Coach Gable will speak at the Grand Master's Banquet  
Thursday Evening September 15

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### *Adam Smith Raised at Home Lodge No. 370*

Home Lodge No. 370 in Pleasant Hill hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree for Brother Adam Smith. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Ryan Genest opened lodge. Brother David Minor was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Jerry Mellor was Senior Deacon.

The Masons joined their ladies in the dining room for a roast beef dinner. Following the introductions, Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon presented Brother Ray Sullivan with his 50 Year Certificate.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers James Fredrigill and Guy Freeman as Senior and Junior Committeemen.

Grand Master Crandon was received with Brothers Robert H. Erickson and Charles L. Brinkerhoff as Senior and Junior Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Crandon in the East. Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody gave the Charge. Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Smith with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other Items. Brother Smith thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont in the East.



Adam Smith and Grand Master Crandon

### *Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon Has a Surprise Visit*

Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was sitting in a Stated Communication of Marshall Lodge No. 108 at Marshalltown on March 10 when there was a knock on the door. What happened next will remain a mystery for the ages. The Grand Lodge Officers were carrying on a long time tradition by making a surprise visit to the Grand Masters home lodge. The Grand Lodge Officers enjoy Red Socks for some reason.

After the business of the meeting was concluded, the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Close Marshall Lodge with Grand Master Crandon in the East.



### *Cosmos Lodge No. 470*

It was a day for celebrating milestones, Sunday, as the Cosmos Lodge in Kingsley recognized five fifty year members. A ceremony and reception was held for Jack Burrignt, Adair Countryman, Gene Moser, Lowell Seggerman and Joel Seglem. All five men were presented certificates and pins by Denis Stubbs, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Grand Master's pin was also presented to the fifty year members.



*(front row) Joel Seglem, Lowell Seggerman, Gene Moser, Adair Countryman and Jack Burrignt. Denis Stubbs (back)*

After remarks, special music was presented by Faith Seggerman (pictured right). She played "You Raise Me Up," on her saxophone. Cake and ice cream were then served to Lodge members, and their family and friends in attendance.

Cosmos Lodge No. 470 dates back to 1885. Today Kingsley's Cosmos Lodge includes Pierson's Rutland Masonic Lodge.

Hailey Verdick, Iowa  
City High School



*“Hailey has demonstrated strong capabilities and leadership. She is also an individual of excellent character and personal attributes, integrity and compassion.”*

Hannah Bockhaus,  
Tripoli High School



*“Hannah is extremely organized, intrinsically motivated, engaged, and has a work ethic that is rare, usually working ahead of her peers.”*

Hannah Ritchey,  
Shenandoah High School



*“I appreciate Hannah’s energy, her desire to think outside the box and her motivation to help others be at their best and her drive to be the very best she can be.”*

Jaclyn R. Miller, North  
Polk High School



*“Jaclyn is a very personable young lady with a great sense of humor. She has a great work ethic, is well organized, and is a good leader.”*

Jameson D. Plate, Fort  
Madison High School



*“Jameson is a very focused, determined, intelligent, and self-motivated student. He has been involved in many activities and has shown initiative in serving our community.”*

Jenna Brannaman, Mount  
Vernon High School



*“Jenna is always positive. Nothing brings her down. Her personality is contagious. She is polite, kind, and mature in every situation.”*

**Nguyen Nguyen** – I am writing to thank you for your generous \$2,000 scholarship. It is an honor for my family and I to be receiving such a prestigious scholarship. Once again thank you the Scholarship Selection Committee for seeing potential in me. I promise to work my hardest, and hopefully one day I can use my knowledge and skills to serve others!

Jessica Singsank, IKM-  
Manning High School



*"I see Jessica as hard working, determined, organized and honest. She has the ability to accomplish any goal set before her."*

Joseph L. Tibbs, Iowa  
Falls-Alden High School



*"Joseph has an altruistic kindness about him characteristic of much older adults. He's motivated and directed far beyond his years!"*

Kailie Hazer, Maquoketa  
High School



*"Kailie is a friendly, well-liked individual and is respected by her teachers and peers alike. She has the motivational drive to do her best and meet the high goals set before her."*

Katie Stewart, Waverly-  
Shell Rock High School



*"Katie has distinguished herself by being a strong role model with superb character and indisputable integrity. She displays great enthusiasm and initiative."*

Karlee Boyle, Janesville  
High School



*"Karlee is a hardworking individual who strives to achieve personal goals and also wants to make her community and the world a better place."*

Kathryn M. Sharp,  
Centerville High School



*"I do not write recommendations lightly. Katie is hard working and self-directed. She makes very good choices in life and has a solid set of moral values."*

**Michelle Putze** – Thank you for choosing me for the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I enjoyed meeting and talking to you and I am very grateful for the awarding of this generous scholarship. I am excited to attend Iowa State University this fall and become a history teacher with the help of your scholarship. Again, I am extremely grateful and honored. I wish you a very joyous year filled with blessings.

Matthew J. Voss, Benton  
Community High School



*“Matthew is a young man who has worked extremely hard in all endeavors and has established positive and significant goals for the future. He is highly regarded and respected.”*

Lauren Luce, Iowa City  
West High School



*“Lauren is as qualified, experienced, and passionate a candidate that the education system could hope to recruit. She volunteers her time to serve as a school aide and associate.”*

Madaline Berg, Sigourney  
Jr/Sr High School



*“Madi is a very strong leader. Her ability to get along with others and her strong sense of well being will help Madi in becoming a productive citizen in society.”*

Katie Meinecke, Norwalk  
High School



*“Katie is respected and respectful, very considerate, and thinks of others. She is intrinsically driven and able to motivate others.”*

Makayla Phillips, Clear  
Creek Amana High School



*“Makayla is a confident, polite, intelligent, energetic, and well-organized person. She is also very creative and willing to work hard. She is a very well rounded individual.”*

Mallory Willett, South Central  
Calhoun High School



*“Mallory is a talented musician, a driven athlete, and strong student leader who leads by example, rather than mere words. She challenged herself all through HS.”*

**Sydney Rieckhoff** – I want to thank you for awarding me a scholarship on behalf of your organization! I had a wonderful time at the interview day, I really appreciated the opportunity to meet other ambitious young people from across the state of Iowa and learning more about your organization. This scholarship will be a big help as I go on to attend Stanford University next fall. Once again thank you for your organization’s support of young people in our community. I look forward to making the Grand Lodge proud in the years to come!

**Saturday, April 30, 2016**  
**“What A Great Day For Masonry In Sioux City, Iowa”**  
**By Mark Harman Worshipful Master**

Tyrian Lodge No. 508 had the opportunity to raise four Fellow Crafts to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Brothers Shane Schoultz and Christopher Mondoza from Tyrian Lodge, Brother Tommy Young from North Riverside Lodge No. 662 in Sioux City and Brother Mike Rudder from Trial Lodge No. 532 in Moville.

Four new Master Masons in Siouxland was a Great Day, but Masonry in its true form was displayed to these Brethren.

The cast of officers for the degrees included one Past Grand Master, Chuck Yates, six past Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters from at least seven different Iowa Lodges, one Past Potentate of Abu Bekr Shrine, Joe Peterson, three current Divan officers of Abu Bekr and nine 33rd Degree Masons from the Sioux City Scottish Rite Valley, along with visitors from Nebraska.

It was definitely a great day for Masonry in Siouxland and in Iowa! As Worshipful Master of Tyrian Lodge No. 508, I would again like to thank each and every Brother who was there to share in this very special day with our new Master Masons.



*New Master Masons, front row, 2nd from left, Christopher Mondoza (508) Mike Rudder (532), Shane Schoultz (508) and Thomas Young (662).*

**Cory Carlton Raised at Paul Revere Lodge No. 638**

Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 in Lucas hosted a Grand Lodge Third Degree for Brother Cory Carlton. Brother Kevin Kent was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Keith Goben was Senior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon in the East. Grand Marshal Harvey N. Woody gave the Charge. Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Carlton with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other items. Brother Carlton thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon in the East.



*Left to right: Terry Jacobson, Cory Carlton, Mike Ryan, Dan Ryan, Brian Teets, and Brad Reece.*

**The Origin of “Tiler” or “Tyler”**  
**January, 2016 “Connecticut Freemasons”**

The outer guard of a Masonic Lodge room is called a “Tiler.” In some jurisdictions, the word is “Tyler.” According to Gary A. Littlefield, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, there are at least two theories of the origin of the word.

He said that famed Masonic author Albert Mackey believes that, since tilers were workmen who installed materials to cover the buildings where Freemasons met and shut it off from the outside world, the symbolic name of tiler was given to the Brother who guards the outer door.

Another theory is that in England around 1700, men’s hats were sometimes called “tiles’ and the doorkeeper of clubs, fraternities, and societies was called a “tiler” because he took care of the tiles. This Theory has a flaw, Brother Littlefield say, since some clubs called their “doorkeeper” a beadle.

## **Fort Madison Lodge No. 13 Honors Dedicated Brothers** By H.B. Calvert

At the April stated communication of Fort Madison Lodge No. 13 Worshipful Master Danny Sweezer presented Certificates of Appreciation to lodge members who have demonstrated extra service to the lodge. Each member was presented the certificate as the WM announced what the brother specifically does to help keep the lodge running. Just a little something to show how much we appreciate their devotion.



The photo from left to right: Brothers H.B. Calvert, Brent Zirkel, Worshipful Master Danny Sweezer, Brothers Ray Holt, John Kent, and Don Mayer. Missing from the photo is Brother Al Meisrose.

There was a meal prior to the stated, we have a dinner prior to every monthly stated, we take turns cooking and collect a free will offering to cover expenses. It is a good chance for fellowship and mingling with the different brothers.

The brothers who were presented certificates do various things for the lodge, I was honored for taking the secretary job when no one else wanted it, snow removal from the parking lot, and mowing grass, Brent for taking the Treasurer's job (same reason as mine), mowing grass, and helping at the weekly school, Ray for the weekly school and mowing grass, John Kent for organizing the volunteer work at Christmas and delivering fruit baskets to our Past Master's widows at Christmas, and last but certainly not least is Don who keeps us on the straight and narrow and does a pretty good job of keeping us out of trouble. A crew of four take turns cutting the grass, that way no one gets burned out. Another certificate was to be presented to Brother Al Meisrose for taking care of our lawnmower and other power tools, but he was absent at our meeting. We will make sure he gets it next month.

### **Dwayne Feight honored for 50 years of Service by South Gate Lodge**

Brother Dwayne Feight shared a very special day in his life with many friends, family and brothers on February 13th. Grand Master Arthur Crandon presented him with a 50 year certificate and his son and daughter, William and Jane, presented a 60 year anniversary cake to him and his bride, Joan. About 50 people helped celebrate and enjoyed a light lunch, featuring Dwayne's own recipe for pizza rice. It was a very heartfelt and enjoyable Saturday afternoon!

Dwayne was raised in 1966 and was fortunate enough to have every position in his degrees played by someone from his church. This made it even a more special event. Dwayne earned the Masonic Instructor distinction in 1972 and became a District Lecturure in 1975. He has always enjoyed ritual and helping brothers develop in their skills. He even recently successfully did the Senior Decan part in a degree for the first time in 20 years! In 1998 he served South Gate Lodge as Worshipful Master. Masonry is a family tradition for Dwayne, as his father and grand father were both also 50 year members.

Along with helping many brothers with ritual over the years, Dwayne is very proud of the Thanksgiving Meal that he started back in 1999. This is a free meal offered each Thanksgiving for free to anyone who would like a nice meal and great company. This not only helped many people enjoy a great meal on special holiday, it also brought the lodge members together to work towards a very rewarding goal. This gave us that special feeling of helping someone in need, a feeling we cherish. He turned the reins over for this event in 2014 and it is still going strong. Cribbage Boards for everyone, he said. That's right! Dwayne accomplished his goal of making a cribbage board for every single lodge in the state of Iowa. Fellowship is his favorite part of Masonry and he wanted to make sure that every lodge had this game to play and share fellowship. In one year, he made over 1000 Cribbage Boards and donated them to different charities around the area.

South Gate is very appreciative of Dwaynes contibutions and proud of how he has served not only his lodge, but his community. Congratulations Dwayne!

Meredith L. Music, Iowa City West High School



*“Meredith has an outstanding work ethic and consistent study habits. She is a genuine young woman who is trustworthy and loyal. Overall, Meredith is an outstanding young woman.”*

Michael J. Rueschenberg, Harlan Community High School



*“Michael has demonstrated a remarkable degree of maturity and the ability to excel both in and out of the classroom.”*

Michelle R. Putze, Woodbury Central High School



*“She displays humility, perseverance, spirituality, courage, selflessness, honesty, sincerity, modesty, sympathy, and self-discipline.”*

Natalie J. Lambert, Southeast Valley High School



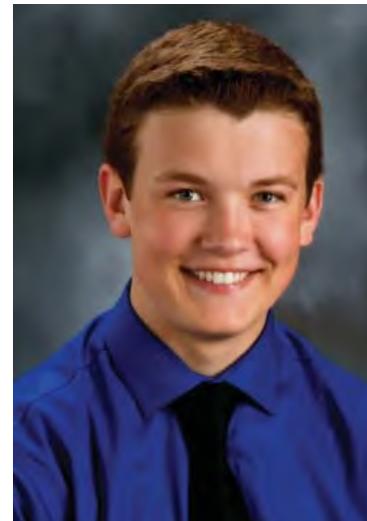
*“She is an intelligent, capable, dedicated, and personable young woman whom I am proud to say I know. She is every teacher’s ideal student!”*

Nguyen T. Nguyen, Storm Lake High School



*“She takes on each task of her day with focus, determination and grace, keeping her eyes fixed on her ultimate goal of becoming a nurse to advance her community.”*

Nicholas A. Mohling, Prairie High School



*“Both in and out of school, Nicholas has a passion for learning and helping. He is driven to apply his knowledge and experiences in new and challenging ways.”*

**Caitlin Eckerman** – I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to you and the rest of the Grand Lodge Scholarship Selection Committee for selecting me as one of your scholarship recipients. Words cannot express how thankful I am! I enjoyed visiting with you and the other members at my interview in Exira.

### Junior Grand Steward Sean I. Morgan

Saturday, March 12th was a beautiful day as Masons from across the state traveled to Mason City to attend a reception hosted by Rock Sirius Lodge No. 294 for Junior Grand Steward Sean I. Morgan. The social hour and dinner were held at the Prime and Wine Restaurant.

The Masons then moved to the Mason City Masonic Center following the social hour where Rock Sirius Lodge was opened by Worshipful Master Rick Lehman. Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brother Jim Murphy as Senior Committeemen and Jerry Garl as Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was received and introduced with Brothers Jim Murphy and Jerry Garl again as Committeemen. Brothers Jim Murphy and Jerry Garl then served as Committeemen as Junior Grand Steward Morgan was introduced and received. Brother Sean thanked everyone for being there and then presided in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Rock Sirius Lodge.



The Masons rejoined the assemblage at the restaurant where Jerry Myers was Master of Ceremonies. Jerry presented Sean with a necktie that his lady Erin purchased on a recent trip to Thailand. Sean presented the Grand Master with a hand crafted gavel and inlaid box he made in his shop. We enjoyed a wonderful Chicken Kiev dinner. After dinner Sean wanted to play the game "Pie in the Face," each Grand lodge Officer put their name in hat to see who would play the game with Sean. Peggy Crandon drew Art's name out of the hat. Both Art and Sean are very bad at this game and ended up with Pie in the Face! Brother Sean thanked the Grand Master for the appointment and all for the support that he has received throughout the year. Grand Master Crandon thanked Sean for accepting the appointment and talked about his program "Let's Try Masonry". Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes closed the evening with the Benediction.

### Hebron Lodge No. 374 Scholarship By William C. Stocks Secretary

Hebron Lodge No. 374 and Oelwein Chapter No. 45, Order of Eastern Star honored five scholarship winners and their parents at a dinner at the Oelwein Masonic Temple on Wednesday, May 5th, with 52 people attending. Worshipful Master Craig Harrison introduced the Lodges three recipients, Elliott Phillips, Kylie Recker, and Alexis Gamm. Worthy Matron Mary Davis introduced the Order of Eastern Star winners, Hannah Meyer and Troy Rau. Each of these seniors then introduced their parents and told of their future college plans. The program was presented by former Hawkeye quarterback Chuck Long. He is now CEO of the Iowa Sports Foundation and talked on Adaptive Sports Iowa which is one



of the programs under the Iowa Sports Foundation. It caters to the unique skill sets of athletes with physical disabilities which allows them to participate in beep baseball, wheelchair basketball, RAGBRI, team and track events. Mr. Long also shared highlights of his football career and answered questions about his career and Iowa Sports Foundation programs.

*From left to right Kylie Recker, Elliott Phillips, Chuck Long, Alexis Gamm, Hannah Meyer and Troy Rau.*

### Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes

Masons from across the state gathered on Saturday, March 5th at the Hartford Middle School to honor Grand Chaplain Russell D. Altes. Hartford Lodge No. 83 hosted the reception. Cookies and punch were served during the social hour at the United Presbyterian Church.

The Masons moved to the Middle School for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers after Worshipful Master Glen Ross opened the lodge. Committeemen were Brothers George W. Robinson and Ben Kain. Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon was received and introduced with Lester C. Fleming and Charles L. Brinkerhoff as committeemen. Grand Chaplain Altes was received and introduced with Brothers Johnathan Altes and Benjamin Altes as committeemen. Brother Altes thanked everyone for being there and a special Thank You to Albert Alan for all the time and effort he put into the reception. Grand Chaplain Altes was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Hartford Lodge No. 83.



*Grand Chaplain Russ Altes and his sons Jonathan Altes and Benjamin Altes.*

After the reception the Masons rejoined their ladies at the Church for Dinner and a program. The ladies from the Church provided a Spaghetti dinner. Johnathan Altes served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Past Worthy Grand Matron Diane Bargfrede made a presentation to Russ on behalf of the 2006 Stars and Stripes family. Grand Master Crandon spoke about the many wonderful qualities of Brother Altes and their great friendship. The evening concluded with Steve Palmquist giving the Benediction.

### Special Night at Cyrene Lodge

On a rainy Monday night, May 9, brothers from across the state traveled to Cyrene Lodge No. 325 at Clarion to assist in Raising Brother Timothy Hamilton to the sublime Degree of Master Mason.



*Grand Master Art Crandon makes presentations to Tim Hamilton.*

The lodge was opened at 6:30 PM by Worshipful Master Brian Jensen and the members of Cyrene lodge. After opening cast changes were made and Brother Dan Brown of Ashlar Lodge at Fort Dodge assumed the East and conferred the 1st section of the Degree on Brother Hamilton. At the conclusion of the 1st section the Worshipful Master had the Senior Deacon conduct Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon to the Altar and then presented him in the East. He was introduced, given the private grand honors of Masonry, and presented with the gavel of Cyrene Lodge. The Grand Master then introduced the Grand Officers present and recognized Merle Poulson "Poulie", a 52 year member of Cyrene Lodge who celebrated his 100th birthday on May 6th. The 2nd section of the Degree was then conferred on Brother Hamilton with the Grand Master presiding in the East. The Grand Officers filled the stations and places and Chad Chapman served as Junior Warden. Grand Tyler Keith Voss gave the charge to Brother Hamilton and Brother Steve Krueger. After appropriate comments by Brother Hamilton The Grand Officers assumed the stations and places and closed Cyrene Lodge with Deputy Grand Master Darrell Fremont in the East. Refreshments were served in the dining room.



*Merle Poulson congratulates Tim Hamilton as Grand Master Crandon and Dan Brown look on.*

### Q: What is a "communication"?

**A:** Masonically, communication is the name given to a meeting; a lodge or Grand Lodge meets in a stated, special, regular, business, emergent, and occasional communications. It is the use of the word in its ancient sense of sharing thought, actions, and friendship in common.

Noah B. Smith, Waukee High School



*“Noah is a student of strong ethics and moral character. He is a good friend, student, and son.”*

Roxanna Zeledon, Ottumwa High School



*“Without hesitation, I would recommend Roxana because she excels at anything she sets her mind to, and makes it her mission to learn from all her experiences.”*

Samantha M. Umberger, Glenwood High School



*“She carries herself with confidence, is an organized leader, and is someone you can count on. She is positive, energetic, and responsible.”*

Sanah S. Munir, Waverly-Shell Rock High School



*“Sanah is a well-rounded person with impressive accomplishments and exceptional promise. Her leadership makes her stand out.”*

Shelby A. Myers, Murray High School



*“Shelby is respected by her teachers and friends. Her personal relationships and choices are her own, not influenced by status or friends.”*

Srithi Palaniappan, Linn-Mar High School



*“Sruthi is always thoughtful in her questions and suggestions, and she is always thinking in ways to help make our school experience better for all students.”*

**Q: What is dotage?**

**A:** Dotage is a feebleness of mind due to advanced years, or senility. In Masonry, it refers to a state of mind and not to a year of mind.

Sydney C. Rieckhoff,  
Kennedy High School



*“Sydney is compassionate about her school work, her extra-curricular activities, and most importantly, service to others to help them fulfill their dreams.”*

Tyler A. Van Wey,  
Marion High School



*“Tyler has showcased a high level of work ethic, responsibility and initiative. He has led by example and shown incredible character.”*

Devin J. Van Werff,  
Johnston High School



*“Devin applies his best efforts in everything he does. He has been one of those rare students that even as a sophomore understood the importance of revision and both sought out responds to regular feedback.”*

### Terry Brownell Raised at Anamosa Lodge No. 46

Anamosa Lodge No. 46 in Anamosa hosted a Third Degree for Brother Terry Brownell on April 23rd. After a bountious meal of ham and bean soup with cornbread served by Worshipful Master Stan Chadwell the Masons retired to the lodgeroom. The lodge was opened in form on the



3rd Degree Brother Tom Bowersox was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Kevin Hirl was Senior Deacon. Right Worshipful Steve Elliott give the extended Trowel Lecture. Worshipful Master Chadwell then had Grand Master Crandon presented at the altar, conducted to the East, and given the private

Grand Honors of Masonry. The Grand Master then assumed the East and conferred the second section on Brother Brownell. Brother Steve Neilsen gave the 3rd section lecture and Brother Tim Anderson gave the charge. Brother Brownell thanked everyone for being there and for being a part of his degree. Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont then assumed the East and with the Grand Lodge officers closed Anamosa Lodge.



### THREE GENERATIONS OF MASONS

By Lyle Miller

Pictured on the right are three generations of the Kerr family who have been members of the Masonic Fraternity for the past 162 years...and still counting!

On the right is Francis Kerr who was a member of Sardijs Lodge No. 444 in Irwin for over 47 years. On the left is Francis's son Don Kerr who was a member of Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 in Manilla for over 65 years. In the center is Don's son Mike Kerr, also a member of Goldern Leaf Lodge, who became a 50 year Mason on December 28th 2015.



**Tyrell Lodge Scholarship Recipients**  
*By Virgil B. Sell Secretary*

Tyrell Lodge No. 116 at Waverly Iowa, had its annual scholarship awards night April 6, 2016 with about 35 people attending. The Lodge gives out six \$1000.00 scholarships a year, hoping it will help these young people with some college cost as they continue their education. The recipients are in random order with W.M. Kent Farran, Aubry Bienemann, Briley Fisher, Collin Poesch, Jocelyn Kramer, James Schellhorn, Katie Gallmeyer. We are very proud of these young students and wish them well in all their future endeavors.



**Matt Post Raised at Humanity Lodge No. 378**



Humanity Lodge No. 378 in Emerson hosted a Grand Lodge Third Degree for Brother Matt Post. Brother Mike Crouse was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Alan Crouse was Senior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Crandon in the East. Senior Grand Deacon Michael C. Ryan gave the Charge. Grand Master Crandon presented Brother Smith with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other Items. Brother Smith thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont in the East.

**David Fry Raised at Hope Lodge No. 175**  
*By Roy Schulze*

Hope Lodge No. 175 in Belle Plaine raises another new Master Mason. On Tuesday February 23rd Hope Lodge raised brother David “Doodles” Fry to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brother Fry marks the fifth new Brother raised since August of 2015. Hope lodge No. 175 had been laying pretty much dormant for quite a few years, however, after having a blowout bash for their 150th Anniversary in August 2015, participating in the huge Belle Plaine 4th of July Parade, hosting an open house, participating in community visibility projects and fellowship events good men in the community are coming forth and asking One to be One. Hope Lodge No. 175 is proof that through cooperation, determination and a effort Iowa Masonry can thrive and be a driving force in our communities once more!





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**50 - Year Certificates Issued Since The March 2016 "Bulletin"**  
 Congratulations to the following brothers who earned their Certificates.

Brothers are shown by lodge.

No.	Lodge	Name	No.	Lodge	Name	No.	Lodge	Name
5	Wapello	Nichols Jr, Robert K	123	Guthrie Center	Thomas, Carl W	378	Emerson	Shaw, Daniel M
8	Mount Pleasant	Smith, Edward M	141	Marble Rock	Laartz, Lyle R	381	West Branch	Maske, John R
13	Fort Madison	Peterson, William J	164	Norway	Larson, Donald E	391	Williamsburg	Hynds, William F
16	Ottumwa	Boinott, George E	165	Manchester	Crannell, Harold R	394	Reinbeck	Burdick, Kenneth R
16	Ottumwa	Harms, Ernest L	167	Wilton	Davies, Kenneth G	419	Sanborn	Sterler, Ronald D
16	Ottumwa	Jones, Donald D	167	Wilton	Lilienthal, Gary	436	Gladbrook	Reinig, Earl L
25	Cedar Rapids	Jensen, Lyle E	179	Mount Ayr	Smith, Bobbie D	438	Kellerton	Minnick, Lyle
25	Cedar Rapids	Palmer, Ralph H	191	Hampton	Heilskov, Verner E	470	Kingsley	Countryman, Adair C
25	Cedar Rapids	Torson, Douglas A	208	Davenport	Harris, Ramon R	470	Kingsley	Seglem, Joel
26	Washington	Moenck, John F	218	Prairie City	Cummings, Donald W	506	Gowrie	Fox, Darwin E
46	Cedar Rapids	Koehler, Kenneth B	229	Attica	Brandon, John D	508	Sioux City	Severson, Phillip A
48	New London	Beck, Donald L	229	Attica	Jones, Jim B	519	Laurens	Markley, Glenn D
69	West Union	Crandall, Bruce J	249	Ames	Simser, Jay C	555	Prescott	Blazek, Kenneth G
69	West Union	Karlson, Everett L	259	Council Bluffs	Peterson, David R	555	Prescott	Tucker, Lewis E
77	Osceola	Kale, Dennis L	263	Cedar Rapids	Coonrod, Donald K	561	Melbourne	Weuve, Roger C
80	Adel	Stroud, De Wayne E	263	Cedar Rapids	Keyes, Henry M	562	Whiting	Miller, Wesley C
81	Shellsburg	Armstrong, Derrol W	263	Cedar Rapids	Markham Jr, John L	615	Sioux City	Mathers, Danny R
81	Shellsburg	Bull, Richard L	269	Ottumwa	Copeland, David I	626	Davenport	Keppy, David H
81	Shellsburg	Hagan, Vernon R	284	Central City	Bolton, Larry L	630	Des Moines	Dougherty, Dennis R
87	Independence	Butler, Donald L	285	Siam	Mackoy, James R	630	Des Moines	Weese, Larry N
102	Osage	Lincoln, Richard L	299	Perry	Clark, Jerry L	633	Windsor Heights	Smith, James S
103	Sioux City	Ludwick, Jerry W	312	Spencer	Mileham, Donald G	636	Ankeny	Adams, James D
103	Sioux City	Severson, Phillip A	315	Saint Charles	Kirk, Larry D	636	Ankeny	Heyer, John C
103	Sioux City	Teach Jr, Frank G	318	Burlington	Sandberg, Laverne R	643	Sioux City	Krambeck, Davey L
108	Marshalltown	Butler, Edward G	319	Garner	Stover, James V	654	Des Moines	Anderson, Larry W
110	Des Moines	Davis, Clarence E	321	Harlan	Rickers, Douglas R	654	Des Moines	Classen, Willard D
112	Mount Vernon	Grindle, Jon M	325	Clarion	Boyington, George W	657	Des Moines	Jenkins, Doyle D
117	Eldora	Yantis, John P	370	Pleasant Hill	Sullivan, Raymond L	657	Des Moines	Stout, Franklin P
118	Tama	Garrett, Earl R	374	Oelwein	Odekirk, Frank M	657	Des Moines	Woods, Ronald L