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“EVOLVE”

Alaina Gebel
Waukon High School



Regardless of the activity, Alaina gives her complete dedication.

Allison Humphreys
Winfield Mount Union
High School



Her peers have always looked up to her and relied upon her in whatever capacity she was asked.

Josie Boyle
Western Dubuque
High School
Epworth



Josie's positive personality is contagious.

Tejas Gururaja
Linn-Mar High School
Marion



Tejas will continue to positively impact his peers and community.

Payton Henningsen
Denison Community
High School.



Payton is a very talented individual both inside and outside the classroom.

Kali Nelson
Lisbon High School



Kali has demonstrated all of the qualities one would look for in a leader in the classroom, in athletics and in the community.

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2023 Regional Schools

Thursday, June 15, 2023, Clinton Lodge No. 15,
52 1/2 E Briggs Ave, Fairfield.....5:30 P.M.
Friday, July 14, 2023, Arcadia Lodge No. 249,
107 Alexander Ave, Ames.....9:00 A.M.
Saturday, August 26, 2023, .Adel Lodge No. 80,
411 S 12th St, Adel.....9:00 A.M.
Monday, September 4, 2023, Ottumwa Lodge No. 16,
611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa5:30 P.M.
Thursday, September 14, 2023, Grand Lodge School,
519 Park St, Des Moines.....8:00 A.M.

2023 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Pictures of the twenty-five recipients of our 2023 Grand Lodge of Iowa \$5,000 and \$2,500 Scholarships 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 Craig A. Bargfrede chairs the Scholarship Selection Committee that sorted through over 315 completed applications, and selected 25 applicants for interviews. From those interviewed, fifteen outstanding students were chosen to receive \$5,000 scholarships, and the other ten received \$2,500 scholarships. The interviews were held by Zoom. Since the program began in 1970, 2,590 scholarships totaling \$3,923,400 have been awarded.

2023 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Alyssa Gauss
Pleasant Valley High School
Riverdale



Alyssa demonstrates the attitude, knowledge, and skills necessary to be successful in college and her future career.



2023 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Jayda Archer
Ankeny High School



Jayda is one of my hardest working students, is a devoted learner and a natural leader.

Rebecca Wetzel
Southwest Valley High School
Corning



Rebecca will work hard putting in the time and effort to succeed at a high level.

Abby Kunzman
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
Community High School



Abby is the kind of student teachers live for in the classroom.

Brecklyn Carney
Centerville High School



Brecklyn has shown herself to be one of the most intelligent, motivated and compassionate young women I've had the pleasure of teaching.

Kaden Townsend
Southeast Polk High School
Pleasant Hill



While Kaden has perspective of the big picture, he put his full self into every present moment.

Emma Palmer
Waukon High School



Emma is a student who puts others ahead of herself.

Trista Swain
Griswold High School



Trista is a leader and a positive role model for other students.

Davis Schmidt
Northwest High School
Waukee



Davis is not just a great student but a great student body President.

Zachary Pearlman
Durant High School



As a student, Zachary is nothing short of exceptional.

2023 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Bethany Young
Jefferson High School
Cedar Rapids



What makes Bethany extraordinary is her leadership which is very organic and happens naturally.

Brad Curren
Harlan Community
High School



Brad makes any group or team stronger by being involved.

Sidney Banuelos
Boyden-Hull High School



Sidney embraces the challenges she has faced and the opportunity to receive an education to better herself and her community.

Paisley Grafton
Central Lee High School
Donnellson



I have no doubt that Paisley will be successful wherever she goes; her drive and hard work will take her far.

Kiersten Randall
West Marshall High School
State Center



I have no doubt that Kiersten will exceed at the next level of education.

Soren Maricle
Central DeWitt High School



Soren is the type of student that can overcome adversity to become successful.

Ethan Franklin
Norwalk High School



Ethan is extremely intelligent and one of the top students that I have taught during my 23 years as an educator.

Afton Schlumbohm
Central Lyon High School
Rock Rapids



Afton is always someone who can be counted on.

Ashley Rosener
Maple Valley Anthon Oto
High School
Mapleton



Exhibits energy, offers useful solutions and is always willing to take on more responsibility.

Grand Master's Message

"Evolve"

To the Craft of Iowa,

I want to start this address with the following allegory that I recently stumbled upon: A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I return to you in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

Brothers of Iowa Masonry, is this not what we should be challenging ourselves to do?

For the past several months I've been harping on the idea of Evolving in hopes that some of you may find some sort of purpose in the idea that by challenging ourselves to heed the teachings of Freemasonry, we will be better equipped to take on the daily challenges of life and become better men to ourselves, our families, and our communities.

Some of the issues that we're dealing with in modern society are not caused by laziness or complacency but simply the inability to see past the daily grind of life. Life is hard, it's full of emotion, twists and turns, and unplanned events that contribute to physical and mental fatigue. Life can raise you to the highest levels of euphoria, only to turn around and gut punch you and leave you for dead. Life is hard, we know that life is hard for a reason. It's the hard part of living a life that makes us better men. It's the hard part that forces us to learn. It's the hard part that makes us "Evolve". Freemasonry exists to help us navigate the experience that is life so that we can focus on the never ending task that we should all be committed to - Evolving.

One might say that religion exists for that purpose. Freemasonry exists to bring the very best of each religion to light. It exists to unify us as human beings and to help us recognize the very aspects of our daily lives and how we conduct ourselves in order to ultimately gain access into the celestial lodge above.

Still not convinced? After all, why make the effort? Why take the time to study the ritual? Why take the time for fellowship? Why take the time to contribute to the welfare of others? Why try and better yourself? Why should you attempt to influence your own future in such a way that when you're an old man, at the end of your glorious life, you can actually say that you are proud of the things that you have accomplished. You can say that you are proud of the positive influence that you've made on other people, and that you have actually made a difference in your own personal growth. That you are a better person than you were as a child, as a young man, as a middle aged man, and as an older man. And even at your death, if you were given the opportunity to stick around for an untold number of years to come, you could become even better.

Brothers, this is what it's all about. This is why we get up in the morning. The good news is it doesn't end there. We know that there is life for us beyond the grave where we will continue on and our souls will continue to Evolve. It's our job to make the best of the time that is given to us here on earth because time will have no meaning when we leave here and we cannot even comprehend what awaits us.

If you are taking the time to read this you have shown to yourself that you are committed to this Fraternity in some capacity. If you identify as a casual Mason, I am asking you to rise above that and become a part of the future of Freemasonry. I am asking you to take part in assuring that the principles and ideals, that this Fraternity were founded on are carried into the future. I am asking you to go back to your lodge and rally your friends and brothers around the idea that you can make a difference. That you can reawaken that which is already inside of you, the idea that together you can make a difference in your lives and the lives of others.

You can be Freemasons.

Three years ago the world suffered a devastating virus that changed life as we know it. We lost a part of ourselves and in doing so the Fraternity lost and is still losing a significant number of Masons. But here's the good news - we have a chance to take it all back, but we have to start now. Heed Past Grand Master Bill Post's words and "Ignite Iowa Masonry"! The world is a new place and we all face big changes and new challenges because life is hard, and it will continue to be hard.



As we move forward most of us think we know where we're going but that doesn't mean we know what to expect. Look out for each other. This is the fight for Freemasonry and we can win it. Join me in the fight for Freemasonry. Join me in the fight for Freemasonry and for your future. Continue to search for that which enabled the wise woman to give away the precious stone and help to pass it on to others. Start with one simple act - go to a lodge meeting and get involved.

Let's get it done Brothers. Let's "Evolve".

Fraternally,



Theodore C. Wiley
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

Ladies Programs for Grand Lodge



Hello Grand Lodge Wives & Partners,

This is a fantastic year for Iowa Masonry and we are enjoying throwing our support behind the Grand Lodge officers and the theme of "Evolve". We are being treated to many fine dinners and programs including historical presentations, tours, and support for philanthropic initiatives such as support for Ukraine. It truly is a year of learning, sharing, and making new friends.

We invite you to join us in Des Moines for the 179th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa September 14-16. We plan to have some fun events scheduled during the day and will have a schedule listed in the September Grand Lodge bulletin.

We are currently working on putting together the details of a silent auction and as we get closer to September, we will get the details out to everyone. In the meantime, please be thinking of items that you can donate. This is a fun event every year and we always see great and interesting things that represent our individualism, our communities, our state, and Iowa Freemasonry. All the proceeds will go towards the Iowa Masonic Library Association.

As a librarian myself, I have had the opportunity to work with adults and young adults alike in the world of higher learning and to help them to further their education and get ahead in life. My current role as Associate Director of Development for the University of Iowa Libraries, has given me the further opportunity to meet with interesting people from around the world who have a connection to our great state and experience their life stories. I have even enjoyed finding Masonic connections among these people. The tie between Freemasonry and education can be wholly represented by the idea of "Evolving". We join the Grand Master in promoting the message. We all need to embrace this concept in order to make the most of ourselves and those around us.

So please join us in Des Moines and bring your optimism for the Fraternity and a willingness to relax and have a good time.

Paula Wiley

**Grand Lodge of Iowa
179th Annual Communication**

September 14 - 16, 2023



1050 6th Avenue

Headquarters Hotel: Holiday Inn Downtown, Des Moines, Iowa 50314

Standard King or Double/Double – \$139.00/nightly plus tax

King Suite – \$139.00/nightly plus tax

To make your reservation: <https://tinyurl.com/ctwradda>

or call: 515-283-0151 (Please reference Grand Lodge of Iowa when calling).

Thursday, September 14

Lunch – Buffet \$18.00

Number_____ Cost_____

Grand Masters Fellowship Banquet – 6:00 P.M.

Beef Tenderloin \$40.00

Number_____ Cost_____

Shrimp Scampi \$40.00

Number_____ Cost_____

Friday, September 15

Masons Lunch – Buffet

Provided by the Iowa Scottish Rite Bodies

Provide Number _____

Ladies Lunch – All-American \$20.00

Number_____ Cost_____

All – Masonic Banquet – 6:00 P.M

Iowa Chop \$37.00

Number_____ Cost_____

Salmon \$37.00

Number_____ Cost_____

Saturday, September 16

Ladies Continental Breakfast

Provide Number _____

Masonic Breakfast for Masons

Provided by the Iowa York Rite Bodies

Provide Number _____

Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Iowa

Send to: Grand Lodge of Iowa

Attention: Tickets

PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0279

Note: Reservation cut –off is Friday September 1. Reservations are a must!

No meal tickets will be available at Grand Lodge Session

Your tickets will be available for pick up at the credentials table.

Name and Address: Please Print

Saint Florian Fire and Burn Foundation

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to the Masons of Iowa!!

The Masons of Iowa, as well as all of the sparkling ladies throughout Iowa that continue to support Masonry, can be proud of your charitable giving for the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge year project. PGM Bill Post and lady Tammy Van Hosen-Post presented the final check to Saint Florian Burn Foundation President Stacey Loen at their annual Board of Director's meeting in Altoona on January 6, 2023. The gifts to Saint Florian totaled \$90,000.00 from the Masons and ladies. The Board of Directors expressed their sincere appreciation through "tears of joy" to the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the generous gifts and for the exposure Saint Florian has received from the Grand Lodge project.

"I cannot thank the brethren of Iowa and ladies enough for opening their charitable hearts to support such a worthwhile cause. Your generosity will make a huge impact on the lives of the pediatric burn survivors that the Saint Florian Foundation serves. Visit www.stflorianfireandburnfoundation.com to see the good work the Foundation does for burn survivors and their families. Thank you, my Brethren."

— PGM Bill Post.



Seated (L to R): former first lady Tammy Van Hosen-Post; PGM Bill Post; Stacey Loen, President
 Standing (L to R): Jackie Olson; Andrea Suhr, Secretary; Sam Swann; Bridget Werling; Mike Brand;
 Derek Trobaugh, Vice President; Josh Schut.

Absent from picture: Tyler Kruse, Treasurer; Andy Sheehan; Megan Wichmann; Sarah Wellsandt.

Grand Lodge Donates to Camp Courageous



The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. has a long history of supporting Camp Courageous, located in Monticello. The excellent programs that Camp Courageous provides its clientele are worthy of our support. Past Grand Master Bill Post, and lady Tammy Van Hosen-Post, met with the Camp's director, Brother Charlie Becker on December 20, 2022. After a delightful conversation, PGM Bill presented Brother Charlie a check for \$2000.00. This donation is provided by the Swab Endowment of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Grand Lodge of Iowa is very proud of our partnership with Camp Courageous as we continue to support the programs of the Camp.

Brother Ben Alviar Raised at Bellevue Lodge No. 51



Bellevue Lodge No. 51 invited the Grand Lodge Officers to Bellevue for a Reception and Third Degree honoring Brother Ben Alviar on March 29, 2023.

Bellevue Lodge was opened by Brother Mike Dempewolf. Brother Mark Cottrell assumed the East and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree, Brother Guy McCausland served as Senior Deacon.

After dinner the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers John Pitlo and Charles Struckman as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was received and introduced by Brothers John Pitlo and Charles Struckman as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Wiley was in the East for the Second Section and Craig L. Davis was Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Senior Grand Steward Joshua B. Yeager. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon presented Ben with a Masonic box made by Allan Tedrow. Grand Master Wiley presented Brother Ben with his pin. Brother Ben thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for traveling long distances to attend and be part of his degree.

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



Junior Grand Deacon John F. Bricker III

Pymosa Lodge No. 271 hosted a reception in honor of John Bricker III at the Cass County Community Center in Atlantic on Saturday March 18. Social hour was hosted by Pymosa Lodge.

The Masons moved to the lodge room where Pymosa Lodge No. 271 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master Robert Clausen. Brothers David York and Bryan York were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

Brothers David Wright and David York were committeemen for Grand Master Wiley. Brothers Donald A. Drennan and David Wright were committeemen for Worshipful Brother John F. Bricker III. John Bricker had the privilege of closing Pymosa Lodge No. 271.

The ladies enjoyed a program about the Danish Museums. The Masons rejoined their ladies for the dinner and program. Right Worshipful Brother Donald Drennan served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the invocation. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Masters and the Past Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.

Worshipful Brother Bricker was introduced and he in turn introduced his family and members of Pymosa Lodge. John talked about how important Masonry has been in his life. He also introduced several Brothers that have been mentors for him and thanked Grand Master Ted for choosing him to serve as Junior Grand Deacon. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was introduced and spoke about his program "Evolve". Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the benediction.



Angelo Soliman, Father of Pure Masonic Thought

By Amy Weiler



Due to the nature of Brother Soliman's origins, we cannot be certain about the specifics of his earliest years. It is generally believed that he was born in 1721 as Mmadi Make, a name with ties to a princely class of a state in modern Nigeria. Captured and enslaved by a Spanish ship at seven, he eventually came to be owned by a Marquise in Sicily. Here he was baptized as Angelo Soliman, getting his first name from a kindly African woman in the household named Angelina.

Even when he was young, Soliman had a reputation as a highly intelligent individual and received an education as a youth, arranged by the Marquise. She later reluctantly gifted him to Johann Georg Christian, Prince of Lobkowitz, at the latter's urging. As an Imperial General for Austria-Hungary, Lobkowitz travelled across Europe on military campaigns. Soliman became his valet and companion. He remained with him for over twenty years, and received schooling from the Lobkowitz's own chamberlain between campaigns. Upon Lobkowitz's death in 1755, Soliman joined the Vienna household of Prince Joseph Wenzel I of Liechtenstein. He eventually became the chief servant of the household,

something of a personal secretary to Wenzel, and a member of the inner circle of the Empire. He also received a salary. He became known as an important advocate for the poor and a go-between for members of the lower-classes and the sovereign.

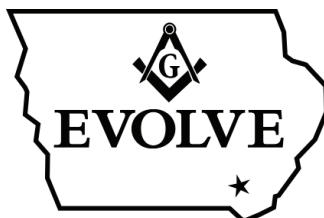
In 1768, Soliman married Magdalena Christiani, the sister of a French general who served as a marshal for Napoleon Bonaparte. Though their union was done secretly, it was discovered by Wenzel, who released Soliman from his service and barred him from the palace. He and his wife moved to the inner city in Vienna and had their only child, a daughter named Josephine, on December 18, 1772.

A couple years after Wenzel's death in 1772, his nephew Prince Franz Joseph dropped the restrictions, granted Soliman his former positions back, and was given free apartments in the palace along with a 600 Gulden salary. Soliman was put in charge of educating his son Aloys, who would later rule as Prince of Liechtenstein.

According to lodge records, by November of 1781, Soliman had become a Freemason, though he would be kept off the rolls until 1783 due to questions on his status as a free man (he was added after he received a pension on full salary for life that year). He joined "True Harmony" (Zur Wahren Eintracht), an elite Vienna Lodge. His fellow members included the poet Ferenc Kazinczy and musicians Joseph Haydn and Wolfgang Mozart (records kept by the lodge indicate Soliman and Mozart met on multiple occasions). He rose to the rank of Vice-Grand Master of Ceremony (Grand Master), today the equivalent of Worshipful Master. For his Masonic name, Soliman chose "Massinissa," taken from an ancient Numidian king in North Africa. Soliman added scholarly elements to Freemason rituals, which affected Masonic practices throughout Europe. He is known as "Father of Pure Masonic Thought" due to his contributions to Masonic rites.

Besides his native language of Igbo, Soliman was also fluent in French, Italian and German. Supposedly, he learned German in seventeen days. He was also proficient in English, Latin, and Czech and was an expert chess player.

Soliman passed away at the age of 75 from a stroke while taking a walk on November 21, 1796. Although Soliman had been a close friend of Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II they could be found walking in the capital's park together, Joseph had died a few years earlier and the one ruling at the time was Francis II. Over the objections of Soliman's daughter Josephine, Soliman was deprived of a Christian burial and Francis II instead ordered his body stuffed, mounted, dressed in a feather headdress and apron, and put on display in the Imperial Natural History Museum of the Imperial House of Austria. The indignity did not end until the October Revolution of 1848, when the museum caught fire.



Beyond the Walls By Rob Campbell

As the sun rose over the rolling hills of southern Iowa, a group of Masonic Brothers gathered with their shotguns and hunting dogs, eagerly anticipating their trip to Bensink Farms Hunting Preserve, nestled in the heart of the countryside. The excited barks and yelps of their dogs echoed from the back of their trucks as they made their way to the hunting grounds.

The journey from the lodge room to the hunting field was a shared experience of common interest and excitement. Brother Dan Behrens had been passionate about hunting birds for years and had joined the hunting club to work with his dog. One day, during a lodge meeting, he mentioned his interest and immediately had four fellow Brothers eager to join him.

Dan's proposal provided an opportunity for the Masonic Brothers to connect not only within the lodge room but also through a shared interest outside of it. For them, Masonry was more than just a monthly gathering to pay bills and eat supper; it was a brotherhood that extended beyond the walls of the lodge.



Pictured are from left to right Brothers Bill Rees, William Campbell, Rob Campbell, Bob Kutz and Dan Behrens

Grand Treasurer Richard C. Fulton



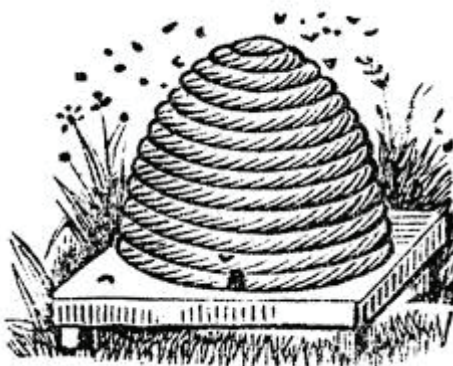
Masons from across Iowa assembled in Carroll, Iowa for a reception to honor Right Worshipful Brother Richard C. Fulton. The afternoon started with a social hour at the First United Methodist Church.

The Masons moved to the Lodge, where Signet Lodge No. 264 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge officers by Worshipful Master Jason Bush. Brothers John Fulton and Bill Fish were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers John Fulton and William Crawford were committeemen for Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley. Brothers John Fulton and Bill Crawford were committeemen for Right Worshipful Brother Richard C. Fulton. Brother Richard had the privilege of closing Signet Lodge No. 264.

The ladies enjoyed a program by Liz Garst, Director Whiterock Conservancy, Coon Rapids, Iowa. The Masons joined their ladies for the dinner. Brother Mark Bennett served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Past Grand Chaplain Donald A. Drennan gave the invocation prior to dinner. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Masters and the Past Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.

Right Worshipful Brother Fulton was introduced and he introduced his family and lodge members. Grand Master Wiley commented that he was happy that Dick was part of his family. Past Grand Chaplain Donald A. Drennan gave the benediction.





Symbolism of the Beehive in Freemasonry By Wade E. Sheeler, P.S.G.W.

The bee is one of nature's most energetic creatures. It never appears to rest, working from sunrise to sunset gathering nectar. The bee and hence the beehive has long been considered symbols of work and industriousness. In former times, when work had to be done by hand and every large piece of construction required great numbers of men, they seemed at a distance to be as busy as a swarm of bees going about their work. Although the ant may have sufficed to show that kind of activity, they do not produce the edible honey and the ant hill is not nearly so attractive.

In the lecture of the Third Section of the Master Mason Degree, the lecture contains the following words: "The beehive is an emblem of industry and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings from the highest seraph in heaven to the lowest reptile of dust. It teaches us that as we came into the world rational and intelligent beings, so should we ever be industrious ones, never sitting down contented while our fellow creatures around us are in want, when it is in our power to relieve them without inconvenience to ourselves."

In Bernard Jones "Freemasons Guide and Compendium", he writes "On old jewels, tracing-boards, lodge furniture, banners, summonses, certificates, etc, the beehive with its flying bees is often a prominent symbol, and in at least one case is to be found in a lodge seal. As far back as 1724-1727, a Masonic pamphlet (Letter from the Grand Mistress) which is often attributed to Jonathan Swift (1667-1745), speaks at length of the bee and the beehive as a symbol, and apparently our 17th century brethren were taught that the beehive was an emblem of industry recommending the practice of that virtue to all created things.

The bee and the hive have long been symbols of industry and regeneration, wisdom, and obedience with a place in Egyptian, Roman, and Christian symbolism. In Hinduism, Gods were frequently associated with bees, including Vishnu, Krishna, and Indra. These three are referred to as the Madhave, the nectar born ones and are represented by the bee. In Ancient Egyptian culture, the bee represented both royalty and the obedient subject. Horapollon stated "of all insects, the bee alone had a king". While we now know that the "king" is actually a "queen", it is understandable how the hive structure contributed to this ancient symbolism. In a story of Egyptian mythology, Ra, the Sun God cried and his tears fell on the ground and turned into bees to convey messages to humankind. People in Egypt believed that bees represented one's soul.

The bee has long been admired as a builder and geometrician. Each comb consists of two layers of hexagonal cells arranged back to back. The partition is not a plane, but a collection of rhombs (a parallelogram with four equal sides and opposite equal acute angles). Three rhombs form the base of each cell. If a pin is stuck through each of the rhombs at the base of a cell, the points will penetrate three different cells on the opposite side of the comb. Thus each cell base is supported by three of the walls of the opposite cells. Bees were mentioned among the ancient Greeks as well. They believed that bees constructed the ancient site of Delphi. In the Temple of Apollo, there is a stone carved beehive. In the Christian tradition, the bee is even regarded as a symbol of Jesus Christ. The Paschal candle lit before Easter is made of pure beeswax to represent Christ. Christians associate the sweetness of honey with Christ's forgiveness of our sins and the sting of the bee to his justice. In Judaism, honey is considered a kosher food.

The Emperor Napoleon had bees stitched into the fabric of his robes. Clovis I (first king of the Franks) also used the bee as one of his symbols.

The earliest mention of the bee in Masonic ritual goes back to 1724 in Ireland. The early Masonic catechism

reads “A bee has in all ages and nations been the Grand Hieroglyphic of Masonry, because it excels all other living creatures in the contrivance and commodiousness of its habitation or comb.”

Bees are mentioned 66 times in the Bible and honey is mentioned 61 times. A swarm of bees has often thought to be a divine occurrence. Honey bees have many characteristics which emulate various religious teachings:

- They are industrious and purposeful as they work.
- Their lives are short, but they are willing to serve their community.
- They respect leadership and serve one queen in their hive.
- They work together to prosper the hive. Each member has its role.
- They are fiercely protective of the queen.
- They are peace-loving and only attack when threatened.
- They produce honey, which is valued for its sweetness and is regarded as a sign of wealth and plenty.

Exodus 3:17 refers to Israel as “a land flowing with milk and honey”.

Proverbs 16:24 “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body”.

Bees serve others. Being a part of a colony, bees help to sustain each other by gathering nectar from flowers to feed the young and build the honey comb. Bees also pollinate crops and plants which benefits humans and other animals.

The beehive appears in the seals of the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Virginia and Utah. It is one of the symbols that the Mormons borrowed from Freemasonry and can also be found in the seal of the State of Utah.

Scholarship Thank You

Tejas Gurujia – I am incredibly thankful to the committee for selecting me as one of the recipients. I am attending Northwestern University in Chicago, and this scholarship money will help pay the college fees.

Jayda Archer – I am eternally grateful for being awarded this scholarship, as it will enable me to attend the school I feel is a best fit for me. Thank you for playing such a large role in my education journey!

Josie Boyle – I was thrilled to learn of my selection of this honor, and I am deeply appreciative of your support. The gift will help me pursue my undergraduate degree in communication and English at the University of Iowa.

Alyssa Gauss – Thank you very much for selecting me as one of your scholarship finalists. I appreciated being able to share more about myself in the interview and greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk with you.

Kali Nelson – Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity and helping me further my education as I take the next steps in life. I will forever remember your kindness and generosity. I know my Grandpa Bill will be proud as his legacy continues on.

Ashley Rosener – I want to express my sincere gratitude to the donors who contributed to this scholarship fund. Thank you for the commitment to supporting my educational needs to pursue the career of my dreams.

Rebecca Wetzel – I would like to thank you for your generosity in funding this scholarship and giving me the opportunity to pursue a higher education. With your support I will be able to work towards my future career and goals.

Afton Schlumbohm – Thank you for choosing me as a recipient for the Grand Lodge Scholarship. I will be using it to further my education as a PA.

Alaina Gebel – I am excited to attend Iowa State University to attain a degree in Agriculture Education so I can educate the next generation of leaders. I will do my best to represent your lodge and morals. Thanks again for this very generous investment.

Davis Schmidt – Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarship. Your generosity will help me pursue a great education that will set me up for success in the future.

Paisley Grafton – I am writing to thank you for your generous Grand Lodge Scholarship. I will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall of 2023 to major in Pharmacy. I am inspired by your generosity and I hope that one day I will be able to help other students achieve their dreams, just as you did for me.

Waterloo Table Lodge



Black Hawk Lodge No. 65 and Martin Lodge No. 624 in Cedar Falls, Waterloo Lodge No. 105 in Waterloo, Equity Lodge No. 131 in Janesville hosted a Table Lodge at the Waterloo Elks Lodge No. 407. The Grand Lodge officer's joined the local lodges for this event. The evening started with an invocation from Brother Jons Olsson from Martin Lodge No. 624. After dinner, toast teacher Craig L. Davis Grand Secretary led the assemblage in two practice toasts. The first toast was to Our Country by Abraham Swingle Worshipful Master Black Hawk No. 65. The response was by the Craft as pledge Allegiance to the flag. The second toast was given by Frank Swallow Worshipful Master Martin Lodge No. 624 to the Lodges hosting the Table Lodge. The response was given by Michael Boomer Past Master of Equity Lodge No. 131. The third toast was given by Benjamin Davidson Worshipful Master of Waterloo Lodge No. 105 to the visiting brethren. The response was given by Walter Riley Worshipful Master St. John's Lodge No. 35 Prince Hall. The fourth toast was given by Abraham Swingle to the Craft. The response was given by Wayne Castle Secretary of Martin Lodge No. 624. The fifth toast was given by Benjamin Davidson to our departed brothers. The response was given by Jons Olsson Treasurer Martin Lodge No. 624. The sixth toast was given by Frank Swallow to the membership of the Masonic Youth organizations. The response was given by Gary Shaulis Secretary of Equity Lodge No. 131. The seventh toast was given by Benjamin Davidson to our veteran's. The response was given by Glen Keith Senior Warden Black Hawk Lodge No. 65. The eighth toast was given by Abraham Swingle. The response was given by Craig Davis Grand Secretary. Most Worshipful Brother Davis introduced Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley the 154th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. Grand Master Wiley spoke about the significance of the table lodge and each of the toasts, he also spoke briefly about his theme for the year "Evolve". The final toast of the night was the Tyler's toast given by Zack Bowers Junior Deacon of Waterloo Lodge No. 105. The box for Fraternal assistance was passed around the room and the money collected was given to Grand Master Wiley for his program the Iowa Masonic Library Association. We sang "Auld Lang Syne" followed by the benediction given by Jons Olsson.

Brother Nathan Camp Raised at Model Lodge No. 315 By Michael S. Shannon



Brother Nathan Camp was raised on February 8, 2023, and Brother Shane Palmer was raised on February 22, 2023 to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason at Model Lodge No. 315 in Saint Charles, Iowa. Both brothers proved their proficiency as a Fellow Craft by reciting the Posting Lecture in open lodge before their Third Degrees. Mike Shannon presented both brothers with boxes from Worshipful Brother Allan Tedrow and Right Worshipful Brother Drew Mathias presented them both with the Grand Master's pin.

Do's and don'ts for Making Contributions to the Iowa Masonic Library By Julia Wells



This quarter let's discuss some best practices regarding donating to the library and museum. In the past few months, we've had all kinds of new items donated to the library and museum. While we are so thankful for these items, I hate having to reject items when people made the trip all the way to the building. So here are some simple do's and don'ts when it comes to donating items.

Do call ahead, while the staff in the Grand Lodge love visitors, we are all doing our best to further Iowa Masonry so please call ahead before arriving for donating or visiting. Do consult with the Grand Secretary or Assistant Grand Librarian before visiting with items for donation. If you discuss with one of us about your item, we are less likely to reject your items or waste your time coming over. Do make a note

as to what your donation is and why it is important. Donations come in waves, and often I must set your item down to answer a phone call or do something urgent and I would hate to forget who it came from or its history. If you are donating photographs, newspaper clippings, or other small items please use the label suggestion to help those cataloging have as much information as possible. Do utilize the online catalogue via the Grand Lodge website to help determine how many of the items you are considering donating that the library and museum already has in the collection. It is because of overcrowding with particular items that the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum does not want certain books or items. As I mentioned in a previous bulletin, I have created a collections management policy. Inside the policy states we aim to only collect items regarding Freemasonry and Masonic Youth; books of relevance to Freemasonry, Iowa, and religion; periodicals and proceedings regarding to Masonic history and its various orders; Rituals and cyphers for the various bodies within the Fraternity. The collections policy regarding the general museum is still in the works but is narrowed down to artifacts of historical significance and no more natural history specimens.

Please don't just show up with items or leave items at any of the entry doors. Those of us cataloging already have enough on our plates trying to support the collection, please do not add onto our workload without giving us any information about what we are now taking ownership of. Dropping items and leaving will result in being barred from donating in the future. Please don't assume that just because something is Masonic or you deem it cool enough to be displayed, it is something the collection can handle. Along with that, please don't bring anymore aprons, Masonic Bibles, swords, gavels, or copies of Morals and Dogmas by Albert Pike that are not of historical significance. It is hard to remember sometimes that we are an institution for the betterment of Masonry, not a catch-all for discarded items from loved ones. Another don't to remember when donating to the library is don't use staples or rubber bands. Staples, if not removed, will rust, and deteriorate the document it is holding together. I cannot tell you how many staples I have removed from items being dropped off.

In the end, please just be mindful that the library and museum are continuously a work in progress. Hopefully with these suggestions, everyone can be as excited as I am for the future of the library and museum.

Haggai Lodge No. 369 By Kirk Thelin



The Glidden Community Auction was held March 3rd at the Lincoln Club in Glidden. Haggai Lodge No. 369 sponsored this annual event. It was a total success with many in attendance and the proceeds were distributed to local groups and individuals.

Long time organizers Roger Hartwigsen and Bob Linde had this to say, "With the Support of the business owners that donate and the public that bids, we were able to have our most successful auction ever".



Spring 2023 Grand Master's One-Day Class



The Grand Master's One-Day Class was held at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Center in Des Moines, Iowa on April 29th. The day started off with registration of 15 candidates. Aaron R. Kinser and Dillon Holtkamp handled the registration. The Custodians of the Work: Neil R. Paulsen, Past Senior Grand Warden, Terry E. Osborne, Past Grand Master, and W. Scott Hull, Past Deputy Grand Master held a review for the guides for the One-Day Class.

The opening ceremonies were held in the auditorium with Wade E. Sheeler, Past Senior Grand Warden and Chairman of the Class presiding. The Grand Commandery presented the American Flag. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley brought greetings to the class.

The First Degree got underway with the members of area lodges conferring the degree. Timothy J. Whipple gave the prologue. Nathan G. Kemmer was in the East for the conferral. Bradley A. Reichardt served as Senior Deacon. Brothers John D. Lloyd and Benjamin A. Sheeler gave the explanatory lecture. Arthur W. Pixler gave the charge. After the First Degree there was a short break for refreshments provided by Altoona Chapter Order of DeMolay.

The Second Degree team was made up of members of the area lodges. The prologue was given by Michael W. Fletcher. Kimberly E. Jones was in the East for the degree. Mitchell A. Petty, was Senior Deacon in the First Section. In the Second Section Troy D. Christine gave the geometry lecture and John D. Determan served as Senior Deacon and gave the stair lecture. Todd W. Brown gave the charge of the degree. After the Second Degree everyone enjoyed lunch.

The First Section of the Third Degree team was made up of members from central Iowa. Thomas D. Cox gave the prologue. Shane A. Harshbarger was in the East for the First Section and Gregory R. Spooner was Senior Deacon. The Second Section was conferred by the Grand Lodge Officers with Theodore C. Wiley in the East. Grand Marshal Bradley A. Reichardt was Senior Deacon. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon gave the charge. Legacy Lodge No. 678 was closed with Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.

It was a great day for Masonry in Iowa. Thank you to the Des Moines Scottish Rite, Iowa Scottish Rite Foundation and all of the committees, ritualists for their time and effort for making this a great event. To our new Brother's "Welcome."

Traveling Gavel

Brothers of Full Moon Lodge No. 561 of Melbourne passed the traveling gavel onto Newton Lodge No. 59. The tradition of having lodges visit other lodges was started by Bill Black of Newton.

Brothers of Full Moon Lodge of Melbourne were proud to present 50 year Certificate to worthy Brother William Overman member of Eden Lodge in Rhodes Iowa. Pictured are Jim White, Bill Overman and Edwin Damman.



Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Lil' Wildcat Education Center



Haggai Lodge No. 369 in Glidden invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Lil' Wildcat Education 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. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Michael McLohan from the American Legion served as the Flag Bearers, Roger Hartwigsen, Bob Linde, and Harry Reeve served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil. Kirk Thelin was the Architect, Rick Burdine was the Bearer of Great Lights, Bill Fish, Matt Conner and Dan Pottroff served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, William R. Crawford 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. After Most Worshipful Brother William W. Post, Grand Marshal made the proclamation, the Oration was given by Brother Seth A. Johnson. He thanked Haggai Lodge No. 369, the community of Glidden and the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the beautiful ceremony. He also spoke about the history and future of the education center. Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form by Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley.

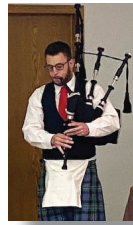


Past Grand Master William R. Crawford Receives his 50 Year Certificate

Past Grand Master William R. Crawford received his 50 Year Certificate from Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley on April 1, 2023 during the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Lil' Wildcat Education Center in Glidden. Bill is currently a member of Haggai Lodge No. 369 in Glidden and Camanche Lodge No. 60 in Camanche. Bill has given a lifetime of service to Masonry and the Grand lodge of Iowa. Bill was appointed as Junior Grand Deacon by Most Worshipful Brother Raymond E. Clause in 1998. Later that year he was appointed to serve as Deputy Grand Secretary and later took over as Grand Secretary. Bill served the Craft of Iowa as Grand Secretary for 15 years. In 2019 Most Worshipful Brother Terry E. Osborne Past Grand Master asked Bill to serve as Chairman on the Committee of Division and Reference. In 2019 he was installed as Grand Master of Mason's in Iowa. His theme for the year was "Celebrate Our Past, Embrace Our Future" and he spent the year sharing the history of one of the Seven Wonders of the Masonic World, the Grand Lodge Library and Museums. To this day you can find him traveling around to local lodges and helping with degree work or answering questions about Freemasonry. Congratulations Brother Bill!



Grand Lodge Reception in Mount Pleasant



Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8 and George Washington Lodge No. 136 (Donnellson) hosted a reception in Mount Pleasant on April 15, 2023 to honor Grand Tyler, William L. Dahms and Grand Musician Mark A. Kimzey.

The Masons moved to the lodge room where Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8 was opened by Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon to receive the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Tyler and the Grand Musician, The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master and honored Brother's were received and introduced with Brothers Donald Wiley and Duane Wiley as committeemen. Brother Mark Kimzey was in the East to close the lodge and William Dahms was in the West.

The Masons joined their ladies in the dining room for the banquet and program. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the invocation prior to dinner. Grand Master Wiley introduced the Grand Lodge officers. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Lodge officers and their ladies.

William L. Dahms introduced his family that were present and thanked Grand Master Wiley for selecting him to serve as a Grand Lodge officer. Mark A Kimzey thanked Grand Master Wiley for selecting him as his Grand Musician and introduced his family. Grand Master spoke briefly about Bill and Mark and explained why he chose each of them to be part of this year's Grand Family. Michael Shannon presented each brother with a box made by Allan Tedrow. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the benediction.

Senior Grand Warden Harvey N. Woody



The brothers of Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny and Newton Lodge No. 59 honored Senior Grand Warden Harvey N. Woody at a reception at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Masons and their ladies from all across the state came to honor Brother Harvey.

Following the social hour, the Masons moved to the lodge where Worshipful Master Daniel J. Crook opened Newton Lodge No. 59. Brothers Wade E. Sheeler and Carl J. Vander Kamp were committeemen to receive and introduce the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers A.J. Brown and Darrell G. Fremont were committeemen to receive and introduce Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley. William R. Crawford and Wes Agar served as committeemen to receive and introduce Senior Grand Warden Woody. The honored brother was pleased to welcome a nearly full room of Masons. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with the Senior Grand Warden in the East. The ladies program on Get to know Ukraine was provided by Svetlana Miller. Wade Sheeler presented Brother Harvey with a plaque from Newton Lodge No. 59. Allan Tedrow presented Brother Harvey and Senior Grand Steward Joshua Yeager with Masonic boxes that he had made for them. Worshipful Master Wade E. Sheeler served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the invocation prior to all enjoying a dinner.

Are You Interested in Working at the Grand Lodge Library and Museums in Cedar Rapids?

We are looking for outstanding people to work as: Deputy Grand Secretary, Membership Coordinator, and Building and Grounds Maintenance. Job Descriptions are listed.

Deputy Grand Secretary

Need to be a Master Mason in Good Standing. Assist the Grand Secretary in the performance of his duties and in his absence to act as his proxy.

Prepare and distribute Masonic educational material.

Assist subordinate lodges in setting up lodge programming.

Review and analyze membership trends.

Develop, recommend, and implement short, intermediate, and long-term goals for membership retention and growth.

Schedule and arrange neighborhood meetings.

Work with the Grand Master in scheduling and arranging Grand Master Area Meetings.

Schedule, set the agenda, and Chair the Lodge Service Committee.

Coordinate activities of the Lodge Service Committee which are conducted at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Coordinate the activities of individual members of the Lodge Service Committee in the performance of their responsibilities.

Prepare the annual Lodge Service Committee report for the Annual Communication.

These are a few of the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Grand Secretary.

Membership Coordinator

The person selected for this position shall be responsible for the maintenance of Masonic membership records and related activities and correspondence connected with membership records and Administrative Assistant for the Deputy Grand Secretary.

Conduct Tours of the Library. Answer the phone and proofreading.

Prepare the annual assessment billings.

Prepare and coordinate bulk mailings.

Building and Grounds Maintenance

The person selected for this position shall be responsible for the custodial and maintenance requirements of the building and grounds plus other duties requested by the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Secretary.

Knowledge of heating and cooling systems, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, lawn maintenance and irrigation systems.

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 Congratulations to the following Brothers who earned their certificates.

Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

No.	Town	Name	No.	Town	Name
16	Ottumwa	Priester, Carol A.	364	Cedar Rapids	Wiley, John L.
16	Ottumwa	Kincart, Jim L.	370	Pleasant Hill	Passmore, David L.
16	Ottumwa	Wagler, Richard M.	370	Pleasant Hill	Lavine, Lawrence
25	Cedar Rapids	Benton, Herbert L.	370	Pleasant Hill	Mamminga, Michael M.
44	LeClaire	Rogers, Thomas M.	374	Oelwein	Maurer, Gene E.
65	Cedar Falls	Foster, Richard L.	407	Altoona	Timmins, Donald C.
65	Cedar Falls	Kruger, Lawrence H.	408	Alta	Diidcher, John B.
67	Colesburg	Houlton III, Charles B.	412	Griswold	Duhn, Allan P.
77	Osceola	Moffett, Larry D.	447	Estherville	Hansen, Harvey H.
80	Adel	Bingman, Albert W.	454	Woodward	Royer, John T.
107	Columbus Jct.	Williams, Douglas E.	482	Milford	Clark, Steven R.
107	Columbus Jct.	McCormac, Harold R.	519	Laurens	Ryon, Dales H.
107	Columbus Jct.	Pine, Dennis E.	538	Renwick	Witzel, Leroy E.
110	Des Moines	Clark, William R.	548	Cedar Rapids	Neff, George A.
153	Sidney	Moore, Max G.	548	Cedar Rapids	Neighbor, Douglas N.
192	Iowa Falls	Kulow, Norman K.	561	Melbourne	Hill, Talbert C.
193	Lewisburg	Bremer, Lyle D.	592	Des Moines	Boyarski, Robert P.
200	Olin	Burhop Jr., John W.	592	Des Moines	Allen, Kenneth E.
208	Davenport	Slack, Gary R.	592	Des Moines	Wright, Gerald G.
223	Onawa	Robinson, Keith A.	615	Sioux City	Woodford, David R.
235	Winfield	Good, William D.	615	Sioux City	Dreessen, Robert G.
249	Ames	Sears, James H.	628	Indianola	Hildreth, Mark E.
263	Cedar Rapids	Shook, Philip A.	631	Council Bluffs	Besore, William A.
264	Carroll	Bensley, John R.	644	Oskaloosa	Warwick, Edward S.
264	Carroll	Carlson, V. William	660	Des Moines	Field, Donald R.
266	Northwood	Nydegger, Joseph E.	662	Sioux City	Diamond, James O.
307	Cherokee	Polson, Gene R.			