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Mount Pleasant

Community High School

# "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual"

Rebecca Conrad Mount Vernon High School



"Rebecca is a creative leader. I have seen her work on projects and with a team to guide others to a successful outcome"

Cassi Paustian Pleasant Valley High School Bettendorf



"Cassi is goal oriented, combines natural ability with excellent work habits, and is driven to help others succeed"

Abigail Dvorak Cedar Falls High School



"Abigail is a skilled thinker, vocalist, leader, and compassionate caregiver who possesses an acute understanding about herself, her community and her world."

Emily Bricker Elk Horn Kimballton High School



Confidence, dependabilty, and work ethic are the top three attributes that come to mind when I think of Emily Bricker



"Hard-working, compassionate, talented, and kind are only a handful of words that describe Addison"

Charles Huesman Durant High School



"Charles is an extraordinarily strong and active leader of the Durant Community School and I strongly recommend him as he will not just lead now but be a genuine leader of the future"

# 2024 Scholarship Recipients



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#### 2024 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Pictures of the twenty-six recipients of a 2024 Grand Lodge of Iowa \$5,000 Scholarship and \$2,500 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 Craig A. Bargfrede chairs the Scholarship Selection Committee that sorted through over 330 completed applications, and selected 26 applicants for interviews. From those interviewed, fifteen outstanding students were chosen to receive \$5,000 scholarships, and the other eleven received \$2,500 scholarships. The interviews were held by Zoom. Since the program began in 1970, 2,616 scholarships totaling \$4,025,900 have been awarded.

#### 2024 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Christian Hodgins Kennedy High School Cedar Rapids



"To say that Christian is committed to serve others would be an understatement."

#### Claire Bohan Marshalltown High School



"Claire has always held herself to the highest standards of integrity, hard work, and helping others"



#### 2024 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Danica Van Gorkom Algona High School



"Danica is an exceptionally talented and caring young person who will be a tremendous addition to any organization that she is involved with"

Grace Erickson Newell Fonda High School



"Grace's dedication to bettering her community is seen in so many ways. I appreciate her gentle style of motivating others and leading by example"

Kyler Reiken Riverside High School Oakland



"Kyler is extremely hard working and is always busy with something that makes him a better student, athlete, or person outside of school"

Emily Newby Abraham Lincoln High School Council Bluffs



"I am proud to recommend Emily because I know her creativity, energy, dedication to following through on tasks and caring for others will get her far in life"

Fran Travis Spirit Lake High School



"Fran exhibits exemplary personal attributes that set her apart as a remarkable individual"

Aubree James Treynor Community High School



"Aubree is a very bright young lady, with many gifts and talents"



Emily Quanbeck Okoboji Hlgh School Milford



"What truly sets Emily apart is her unwavering work ethic and commitment to excellence"

Joey He Lincoln High School Des Moines



"Joey has proven that through hard work, follow through, and teamwork, she can accomplish anything and be a great leader"

Matthew Mickles Johnston High School



"Matthew continues to demonstrate his teamwork and leadership skills on a daily basis while he participates and excels in his athletic and academic endeavors"

#### 2024 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Lauren Phillips Centerville High School



"Lauren is an outstanding individual who possesses a remarkable combination of academic excellence, leadership qualities, and a commitment to making a positive impact in both her school and community"

Lindee Rhone Waverly Shell Rock High School



"Lindee meets all challenges head on and does not stop working until her goals are met"

Stephanie LaRosa West Delaware High School Manchester



"Stephanie is accepting, kind and inclusive of her peers and classmates. She goes out of her way to make others feel welcomed and loved"

Lauren Briggs Burlington Community High School



"Lauren is a genuine and trustworthy person. Her integrity is strong and her independence and moral character are admirable"

#### Marshall Zeien New Hampton High School



"Marshall is a humble, kind, and driven leader who puts his best into everything he does"

Wyatt Massoth North Polk High School Alleman



"Wyatt is a highly self motivated student who is willing to work hard to achieve success"



Macey Jermier Dallas Center - Grimes High School



"Beyond her impressive academic and extracurricular achievments, what truly sets Macey apart is her character. She is a compassionate and dedicated individual who not only values education but also exhibits a genuine desire to make a positive impact on others"

Morgan Schulte Benton Community High School Van Horne



"Morgan embodies the qualitites of dependability, truthfulness, loyalty, punctuality, and being worthy of trust"

Allison Cook Dubuque High School



"Allison is an outstanding young woman who is driven to improve herself and the people around her"

## 2024 Mark Earl & Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarships

Brendan Hudson Waco High School Wayland



Heidi Wemmie Cardinal High School Eldon



Heidi stands out as one of the most accomplished and driven students in my class.

Brendan possesses remarkable interpersonal

skills, is a natural leader.

Gabrielle Kustes English Valley High School North English



Gabrielle is a positive leader, an active community member, and a role model for her peers.

Isaac Currin SW Valley High School Corning



I have had the great fortune to meet many successful people in life. Isaac has all the qualities of those talented people.

Leander Reicks New Hampton High School



Karcyn Michael Chariton High School

> Karcyn is a determined, strong, and powerful individual, and I loved having her in my classroom.

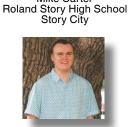


Leander will give's his best effort every minute of every day.

Luke Wernimont East Sac County High School Lake View



Luke is a great communicator and makes his school a better place.



William Kroneman

Benton Community High School Van Horne

Mike Carter

Michael is an outstanding applicant, an accomplished student, and an exemplary scholarship candidate.

Ryan Wulf Durant High School



Ryan is an excellent role model and leader for our school and our community.



William is a well-rounded individual, gets along well with everyone, and is a good leader who doesn't like to waste time.

# Grand Master's Message

#### "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual"

In this issue of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, we celebrate our scholarship awardees. I hope you take the time to view the photos of these young men and women and read a portion of their accomplishments in the comments.

As lowa Masons, we should be very proud of our long history of providing these scholarships to deserving students looking to further their education and training as they prepare to enter the work force in many assorted occupations. It is because of your donations and support of the Iowa Masonic Charities Scholarship and the Iowa Masonic Scholarship Endowment that provides the funding for 35 scholarships totaling \$125,000.00 each year.



As we move the calendar to June in anticipation of summer, our 2024 Masonic season is

heating up. Many events are planned and many lodge events are taking place in your area. Make plans to attend one or several of these events as they provide Fraternal fellowship opportunities with your Brothers and friends. You enhance your Masonic experience by going to lodge, attending events and degrees. Now is the perfect time to reconnect, recharge and refocus your Masonic journey.

#### Upcoming Events:

Grand Master Charity Golf Outing	June 24	American Legion Memorial Golf Course – Marshalltown
All Masonic Cornhole Challenge	July 13	El Kahir Shrine Center – Hiawatha
All Masonic Cornhole Challenge	August 3	Za Ga Zig Shrine Center – Altoona
Masonic Day at the Ball Park	August 18	Principal Park – Des Moines
180th Annual Communication	September 19-21	Radisson Hotel – Cedar Rapids

This is also the time of year that we must not forget those Brothers that have not shown up for lodge meetings or events. They may not have even paid lodge dues for 2024. Make sure we reach out to them, invite them, demonstrate that we care about them and that we value their Masonic membership. The summer months are a great time for the lodge to host a membership appreciation picnic or event. Make sure the member's entire family is invited and involved.

Your Grand Lodge officers have been busy traveling the state delivering the message to "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual". We have been greeted with hospitality and we witness a resurgence of Masonic activity across lowa. There is momentum building that is very encouraging and will carry us through this Grand Lodge Year.

Freemasonry is a participation sport. We all need to "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual".

Fraternally and sincerely,

Darrell G. Fremont Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



# Let the Games Begin!

Happy spring to one and all. Spring is the awakening of the earth after slumber. Our Masonic travels this spring have been an awakening for Masonic activities. The officer receptions have taken us to several lodges in lowa. At each event, it has given me the opportunity to visit with ladies from the local lodges to inquire about the ladies and family involvement. The discussions are lively, interactive, and produce shared ideas for activities for the summer months and beyond.

This leads me to the non-masonic activities to be held at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication Sept 19-21. My co-chairs and I are currently working out the final details of this tremendous fellowship opportunity for all ladies, children, and non-masons. The Rosewood Room will be where you will want to be! There will be silent auction items to bid on, games to participate in, food to share, and a few other extra surprises. The final details will be in the agenda that your Mason will receive prior to Grand Lodge.

The silent auction is a long tradition at Grand Lodge. The First Lady asks lodges and individuals to contribute auctions items to raise money for her Charity of Choice. Please share your gifts and talents with the craft to raise money for the lowa Epilepsy Foundation and lowa Masonic Charities! Items donated in the past include themed gift baskets, homemade items out of wood or fabric, and purchased bigger ticket items to be auctioned silent or live during the All-Masonic dinner. The Masons love to buy cookies or bar treats between their sessions. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Epilepsy Awareness activities are ramping up for the summer. Walks to End Epilepsy is a great time to gather your friends and family to walk for an hour to raise money for the research and education of Epilepsy. June 1 at 8:00 am at City Park in Iowa City and September 14 at Mount Trashmore in Cedar Rapids. Both walks are outside, and the weather is going to be glorious! Follow the Grand Lodge Facebook page for information and updates closer to each walk. Look for the Grand Master's pop-up tent at each event. The Masons will have an informational table under the pop-up tent to share Masonry literature and answer questions. Thank you to all who donated to the Walk to End Epilepsy in Des Moines April 27th.

It takes many hands to make the Grand Lodge Annual Communication run smoothly. Please volunteer your time and talents wherever and whenever possible.

Let the Games Begin!

Congratulations to our Grand Lodge graduates: McCain Myers, Emily Bricker, Sadie Voss, Sydney Brown and our grandson, A.J. Stinson! Your futures are bright. Go and shine your light!!

Ann Fremont, Grand Master's Lady

# Grand Master's Baseball Outing

Join us in commemorating a monumental milestone at the Grand Lodge of Iowa Ancient Free and Accepted Mason's 180th Anniversary Celebration! This significant occasion calls for a grand celebration, and what better way to celebrate than with an exciting day at the ballpark? Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 18th, and come watch the Iowa Cubs hit it out of the park. Plus, a special treat for the kids – they can run the bases after the game! It's a perfect day out for the whole family. Get your tickets today and be a part of history in the making!

Iowa Cubs vs. Clippers

Aug 18, 2024 1:08 PM CDT

Principal Park

1 Line Dr, Des Moines, IA 50309, US

Link to purchase tickets found here: https://grandlodgeofiowa.org/masonic-day-at-the-ballpark/

Purchase Deadline: Aug 16, 2024 11:59 PM CDT







#### Grand Lodge of Iowa 180th Annual Communication



#### September 19-21, 2024 Radisson Collins Road Headquarters Hotel: 1200 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402 Standard King or Double/Double – \$111.00/nightly plus tax King Suite – \$121.00/nightly plus tax To make your reservation: https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/G9658776 or call: 1-319-393-6600 (Please reference Grand Lodge of Iowa when calling).

Thursday, September 19		
Lunch – Provided by Iowa York Rite Bodies	owa York Rite Bodies Provide Number	
Grand Masters Fellowship Banquet – 6:00 P.M.		
Sliced Pork Loin \$43.00	Number	Cost
Chicken Marsala \$43.00	Number	Cost
Friday, September 20		
Masons Lunch –		
Provided by the Iowa Scottish Rite Bodies	Provide Number	
Ladies Brunch – Fresh Start \$34.00	Number	Cost
All – Masonic Banquet – 6:00 P.M		
Sliced Beef Medallions - Provided by Iowa Masonic Charities	Provide Number	
Herb Crusted Chicken - Provided by Iowa Masonic Charities	Provide Number	
Saturday, September 21		
Ladies Continental Breakfast	Provide Number	
Masonic Breakfast for Masons		
Breakfast Buffet - Sunrise - \$34.00	Number Total Enclosed	Cost

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 Tuesday, September 3. 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

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#### The Masonic Cable Tow



#### Wade E. Sheeler P.S.G.W.

In Freemasonry there are many indirect mentions of the word cord. Jewels hang from cords around our necks. The apron is tied by means of two cords. A silver cord appears in the scripture of the Third Degree. The anchor and ark doubtless had a cord to secure the ship. In the Past Master's degree of the York Rite there is reference to a three fold cord. The stones that were quarried for King Solomon's temple and the timbers of Lebanon that were used in construction of the temple, were doubtless towed by ropes. The sheaf of corn that hung near the waterford was hung by a cord.

There is a symbolism of the rope or cord that while not taught directly in the Ritual is understood by every Brother who understands the "Mystic Tie" of our Fraternity. That is the twisting together of many fibers to make an unbreakable cord.

The term cable tow is strictly Masonic in usage. If you look for the word in Webster's dictionary, you will not find it. Even in Freemasonry, the word cable tow varies in form and usage. In Samuel Pritchard's "Freemasonry Dissected" (1730), the cable tow was referred to as a "cable rope". In another edition, the tow line.

In English lodges, the hoodwink and cable tow are only used in the First Degree and have no symbolical meaning. In American lodges, it is used in all three degrees and has numerous meanings. The appearance of the cable tow in the Second and Third Degrees in American lodges possibly came about in 1843 with the meeting of the Baltimore Convention where it was defined as the scope of a man's reasonable ability. In the early days of American Freemasonry, the cable tow was considered to be as long as an hour's journey, roughly three miles.

Albert Pike was dissatisfied with the standard definition of the cable tow. He felt that it should represent a man deprived of light, knowledge of reason, of God, nature or even himself. To him it was a symbol of bondage. When the cable tow is lifted, the candidate receives light both physically and symbolically and he becomes bound to his brethren by a stronger obligation. Joseph Fort Newton saw the releasing of the cable tow as the moment a brother becomes bound to his lodge and brothers.

The origin and form of this word can be traced back to various sources. In Hebrew, it is "Khabel", in Dutch "cabel", both meaning a rope. In India and in Egypt as well as many other ancient mysteries, a cord or cable was used in the same way. Its' meaning was to have been some kind of pledge, a vow that a man pledged his life to. Even outside rites of initiation, the mention of ropes may be found. In I Kings, 20: 31 & 32, we read the following description: The King of Syria, Ben-hada, had been defeated in battle by the King of Israel and his servants are making a plea for his life. They approach the King of Israel "with ropes upon their heads," and speak of his "Brother Ben-hada." The King of Israel inquired if he was still alive? He is my brother. The servants brought the King of Syria before the King of Israel and his life was spared and a new pledge was given between the two men.

The cable tow is an outward and visible symbol of a vow in which a man has pledged his life or has pledged himself to save the life of another at the risk of his own life. If the lodge may be considered as symbolic of the world, then the cable tow may be considered like the cord which unites a baby to its mother at birth. As the umbilical cord is cut at birth and replaced by a tie of love and obligation between a child and his mother, so may a Brother be tied to the lodge at his time at the Altar of Obligation. The physical cable is replaced by a tie of love to his fellow Brothers. Outer authority is replaced by inner obligation.

A new Brother pledges his life to service to the Craft. He agrees to go to the aid of a Brother, using all his power on his behalf if within the length of his cable tow. Remember though that the cable tow has two ends. If it binds a new Mason to the Fraternity, then by the same token it binds the Fraternity to each man in it. One obligation needs to be emphasized as much as the other. The Fraternity is under vows to its members to guide, instruct and train them for service to the Craft and humanity in general. We are all under a vow to share fellowship, friendship and charity with our fellow brethren.

Masonry rules men as beauty rules an artist, as love rules a lover. It does not drive; it draws. It exercises its' influence upon us by its' human touch and moral nobility. At the Altar we take solemn vows to follow and obey its' principles and ideals. Masonic vows are not simply empty words. They are vows in which a man pledges his life and his sacred honor.

The prophet Hosea wrote in the Book of Hosea (Chapter 11, verse 4), "I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love".

Source: Short Talk Bulletin "The Cable Tow" – September 1930



# Cedar Rapids Lodges Host Grand Master's One-Day Class

Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 was host for the Grand Master's One-Day Class held at El Kahir Shrine Center in Hiawatha. Floyd A. Sauter served as Chairman of the Committee for the Class. The Class was held on Saturday April 27, 2024 with 21 Candidates. The day started with donuts provided by El Kahir Shrine and registration for the day with Kelly H. Bruce, Shaun M. Scott and Jim C, Mason.

The First Degree was exemplified by Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 from West Des Moines. Troy D. Christine was in the East for both sections of the degree. The candidate for the degree was Samuel W. Humphrey from Des Moines. Troy D. Christine and William W. Post gave the Explanatory Lecture and Brother Post gave the Charge. Gary E. Rockow from Klemme was the candidate for the Second Section of the First Degree. After a short break the Second Degree team made up of Brothers from Arcadia Lodge No. 249 in Ames Conferred the Degree with James D. Musal in the East. Brother Anthony S. Wolfmueller from Muscatine was the candidate for the First Section. Jayson Ochanpaugh was in the East for the Second Section and Kimberly E. Jones gave the Middle Chamber Lecture. Michael T. Ouellette from Marengo was the candidate. Jayson gave the Charge. Following the Second Degree everyone enjoyed lunch provided by Sutton's Catering and sponsored by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Iowa.

The First Section of the Third Degree was given by a group of Brothers from the Boone and Central Iowa area. Ian T. Decker was in the East for the degree. Brother Richard L Schilling from West Des Moines was the candidate for the First Section. The Second Section of the Third degree was performed by the Grand Lodge Officer's with Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont in the East. Senior Grand Warden John D. Lloyd gave the Charge. McKinley H. Schilling was the candidate for the Second Section of the Third Degree. John M. Klaus was the musician for the day. Wade E. Sheeler served as Master of Ceremonies for the day. Jamie D. Johnson was the degree master for the day. The Custodians of the Work, Terry E. Osborne, Neil R. Paulsen, and W. Scott Hall gave instructions to the class. Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Iowa presented the Flag at the opening ceremony. A special thank you to Potentate Tom Kurtz and El Kahir Shrine for hosting this event.



# Abigail Kunzman

Dear Grand Lodge of Iowa,

As one of your 2023 Scholarship recipients, I can proudly say that I am thriving at the University of Iowa, and your generous scholarship has been tremendously helpful in paying for my tuition. I have just started my second semester and still planning on pursuing my dream of becoming a dermatologist, and I am thankful that you helped me start this journey. I really appreciate all that you do! Go Hawkeyes!

Sincerely, Abby Kunzman

Brother Damian Moulton Raised in Polk City





The Brothers of Logic Lodge No. 636 invited the Shrine Past Master's Club to a Third Degree for Brother Damian Moulton. Because of a scheduling conflict at their lodge, they had Operative Lodge No. 308 in Polk City do the courtesy work for them.

Brother Drew C. Mathias conferred the First Section with Brother Michael S. Shannon as Senior Deacon. Brother Harvey N. Woody gave the Extended Trowel Lecture.

Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was in the East for the Second Section. Shawn F. Mullihan gave the Charge. Grand Master Fremont presented his lapel pin and other items to Brother Moulton. Allan L. Tedrow presented Brother Moulton with a Masonic box. Brother Cory L. Stoneburner presented Brother Moulton with a Trowel on behalf of the Shrine Past Masters Club. Brother Moulton thanked everyone for attending his Third Degree.

Brother Tyler Fisher was in the East to close Operative Lodge No. 308.



#### Senior Grand Warden John D. Lloyd

The brothers of Osceola Lodge No. 77 in Osceola honored Senior Grand Warden John D. Lloyd at a reception at the Revelton Distillery on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Masons and their ladies from all across the state came to honor Brother John.

Following the social hour, the Masons moved to the Lodge where Worshipful Master Ronald B. Schlichte opened Osceola Lodge No. 77. Brothers Rus Johnson and Paul Henry were committeemen to receive and introduce the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Past Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley and A.J. Brown were committeemen to receive and introduce Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont. Past Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon and Past Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin served as committeemen to receive and introduce Senior Grand Warden John D. Lloyd. 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 was on the Revelton Distillery by Rob Taylor the owner and a member of South Gate Lodge No. 657.

Worshipful Master Schlichte brought greetings on behalf of the Masons of Osceola Lodge No. 77. Grand Master Fremont introduced the Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers. Brother Lloyd presented Art Crandon, Darrell Fremont, and Dennis Heflin with University of Northern Iowa ball caps. Art Crandon made a presentation on behalf of his Grand Lodge Family.

Terry Jacobson served as Master of Ceremonies. Past Grand Chaplain Floyd E. Brown gave the invocation.



# Masonic Youth in Iowa By Julia Wells, Assistant Grand Librarian

As some of you know, I was very active in the Masonic Youth groups growing up. I served as Grand Worthy Advisor for Rainbow in Alabama, and many other offices on the state and local levels, as well as State Sweetheart for Alabama DeMolay. While Alabama does not have Job's Daughters, when I moved to a Jurisdiction with it, I started learning what I could. For those who missed it, Iowa Job's Daughters celebrated their 90th birthday this past February. While I couldn't make it because of being under the weather, I heard wonderful things, and that the library was even featured in the evening's presentation.



Job's Daughters is a Masonic youth group for young ladies ages 10-19 who have a Masonic affiliation or she can be sponsored by a Mason. Currently, the only Bethel in Iowa is in Council Bluffs. However, if you know of a young lady who would like to join, please contact the Bethel Guardian, Lisa Hauser.

DeMolay is a Masonic youth group for young men 12-21. Membership is on the rise with their two new chapters that opened recently, Black Hawk Chapter in Cedar Falls and James A. Guest Chapter in Burlington. They recently had their Grand Master's One Day Class in April where they initiated five new members. I am one of three advisors who head up the Sweetheart program. If you know of a girl 16-20 who you think would be a good fit for a Chapter Sweetheart, please let us know. The chapters in Iowa are located in Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, Altoona, Davenport, and Burlington.

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls is a Masonic youth group for young ladies ages 10-20 that does not require Masonic affiliation to join. The assemblies in Iowa are located in Cedar Rapids, Cedar Falls, Altoona, and Muscatine. Rainbow gave me a lot of things but the thing I cherish most is the family I made through the organization.

The Masonic Youth organizations promote the ideals that get young people ready for life. The opportunities I have had to give back to my community with my sisters are some of my most special memories. All three groups promote public speaking, community service, and leadership development.

If your child is within the age ranges, I implore you to reach out and let them experience it for themselves. I promise they won't regret it!

The contact information for the three bodies are:

Job's DaughtersRainbowDeMolaycbclaud@aol.combcdanner@machlink.commyers.robert.l.iii@gmail.com

#### Brother Nicholas Nagan II Raised at Home Lodge No. 370



Home Lodge No.370 invited Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont and the Grand Lodge Officers to a reception and Third Degree for Brother Nicholas Nagan and raised him to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Past Master David R. Minor opened Lodge. Brother Minor conferred the First Section with and Brother Matthias Mc Millan as Senior Deacon. The Masons then moved to the dining room for a ham ball dinner prepared by the Eastern Star and homemade pie made by Mary Hicks. Grand Master Fremont Introduced the Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers.

The Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were received with Brothers James M. Fredregill and Guy H. Freeman serving as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was received with Brothers, Charles L. Brinkerhoff and James M. Fredregill as Senior and Junior Committeemen.

Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was in the East for the Second Section. Grand Treasurer William R. Dayton gave the Charge. Grand Master Fremont presented his lapel pin and other items to Brother Nagan. Cory L. Stoneburner presented Brother Nagan with a Masonic box. Brother Nagan thanked everyone for attending his Third Degree.

Deputy Grand Master Guy J. McCausland was in the East to close Home Lodge No. 370.





# Brother Robert (Bob) Jones Receives his 75 Year Membership

On March 13, 2024, the officers and members of Mahaska Lodge No. 644 convened at Homestead in Oskaloosa, Iowa, to honor Brother Robert (Bob) Jones with a 75 Year Certificate. Brother Bob's journey with Mahaska Lodge began on December 16, 1948, when he joined at the age of 21. Throughout the decades, Bob has established himself as an esteemed figure within the Oskaloosa community, known for his outstanding contributions as both a volunteer and a business owner.

During the ceremony, attendees reflected on Bob's significant impact on the

local Boy Scouts, highlighting the countless young lives he and his family have influenced over the years. The event was marked by heartfelt reminiscences and shared memories, underscoring Bob's enduring legacy in shaping the lives of others.

The prestigious award was presented by Worshipful Master Jim Walker, symbolizing the deep respect and admiration held by Mahaska Lodge for Brother Bob's lifelong dedication to Freemasonry and his exemplary service to the community.

#### Junior Grand Warden Marvin D. Kendall



Masons gathered in Prairie City at Preston Lodge No. 218 to honor Junior Grand Warden Marvin D. Kendall on March 23, 2024. The social hour, dinner and program were held at the United Methodist Church in Prairie City.

The Masons moved to the Lodge for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Master David Yeager opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Wade Sheeler and Carl J. Vander Kamp. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was received and introduced with Arthur G. Crandon and Theodore C. Wiley as committeemen. Junior Grand Warden Kendall was received and

introduced with Brothers Kenneth A. Hurmence and Arthur G. Crandon as committeemen. The honored brother and the Grand Lodge Officers closed Preston Lodge No. 218.

After the lodge closed all moved back to the church for a program and meal. Past Grand



Chaplain Dennis W. DeJoode gave the invocation. Grand Master Fremont introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. David Yeager introduced the Officers of Preston Lodge. Right Worshipful Brother Kendall thanked



everyone for attending and thanked many of his mentors throughout his Masonic journey. Several presentations were

made to Brother Kendall. The evening concluded with Grand Chaplain DeJoode giving the Benediction.



# North American Conference of Grand Master's

# Brubaker Lodge No. 675 Hosts the 83rd Annual Feast of Saints John



Masons from the Quad Cities invited Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont and the Grand Lodge Officer's to the 83rd Annual Feast of the Holy Saints John on December 27, 2023 hosted by Brubaker Lodge No. 675. Worshipful Master Joe P. Koranda welcomed everyone to the event.

The first toast was given by Joe Koranda to the United States of America. The second toast was given by Scott Fogelson to the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont gave the

response. The third toast was given by Scott Conklin to Brubaker Lodge No. 675. The response was given by Derek Fuller. The fourth toast was given by Joe Koranda to the visiting brethren. The response was given by Jeremy Begle. The fifth toast was given by Christopher Soebbing to the Craft. The response was given by his father Dennis Soebbing. The sixth toast was given by Phil Haan to departed brethren. The response was given by James Williams. Grand Master Fremont was the Keynote Speaker. He talked about his theme for the year, "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual." Welcome to a world where passion and purpose unite, where every moment is an opportunity to unleash your inner champion. "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual" is not just a motto; it's a way of life. It's a call to action, a reminder that Iowa Masonry is a grand arena waiting for you to step onto its stage. In this realm, there are no spectators, only participants. It's a place where dreams are transformed into reality

through dedication, discipline, and determination. Here, every challenge is a chance to shine, every obstacle a stepping stone to success.

The Ritual begins for all Masons with a spark of inspiration, a burning desire to excel. It's the feeling in your heart that says, "I can do this," and the commitment to back it up. It's the late-night practice sessions, the early morning workouts, and the unwavering belief in your potential.

"Get in the Game, Live the Ritual" means embracing the grind, the sweat, and the tears as part of the journey. It's about understanding that success is not an overnight phenomenon, but the result of consistent effort and unshakable determination.

So, whether you're pursuing a championship title, a lifelong passion, or a personal goal, remember: "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual." It's a way of life that transforms ordinary individuals into extraordinary Masons, and it's your invitation to join the ranks of those who refuse to be spectators and instead choose to live a Masonic life to the fullest.

#### "THE GAME PLAN"

Increase Masonic Awareness in our state and communities! Enhance the Masonic Experience for all Iowa Masons! Develop Leadership for the future of our lodges and Grand Lodge!

The final toast of the night was the Tyler's Toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, Happy to meet again."

#### Mirza Rhodes Lodge No. 303 Presents a 50 Year Certificate



On February 13, 2024, prior to the start of our Stated Communication, the lodge was excited to present one of our brothers, his 50 Year Certificate. Worshipful Master Marshall C. Wiese called Brother Steve E. Duffee to the East for the presentation. Worshipful Master Wiese presented the certificate and pin; thanked Steve for his many years in Masonry and his contributions to Freemasonry and his lodge. Brother Duffee asked the Worshipful Master if he could say a few words. He stated that he came from a long line of family that were Masons. He has his dad and grandfather's 50 year pins (he was wearing both on this night) and how much those mean to him. He also stated to the Craft to stay in Masonry, that the benefits that you get out of it are immense.



#### Junior Grand Deacon Ronald S. Payne



Cobia Lodge No. 631 hosted a reception in honor of Ronald S. Payne at the Masonic Temple in Council Bluffs on Saturday March 16. Social hour was hosted by the local Order of Eastern Star. Brother Payne made scones for everyone.

The Masons moved to the lodge room where Cobia Lodge No. 631 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master Matt Stork. Brothers Shawn Williams and John Hauser were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

**W Solution** Brothers Theodore C. Wiley and Dennis R. Heflin were committeemen for Grand Master Fremont. Brothers Dennis R. Heflin and John Hauser were committeemen for Worshipful Brother Ronald S. Payne. Ron had the privilege of closing Cobia Lodge No. 631. The ladies enjoyed Ann Fremont's Epilepsy Awarness presentation.



The Masons rejoined their ladies for the dinner. Brother John Hauser served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Past Grand Chaplain Donnie A. Drennan gave the invocation prior to dinner. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont introduced the Past Grand Master's and their ladies and the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.



Worshipful Master Matt Stork was introduced and brought remarks on behalf of the Lodge. Brother Payne talked about how important Masonry has been in his life and thanked several brothers present for their mentorship. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was introduced and spoke about his program "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual". Past Grand Chaplain Donnie A. Drennan gave the Benediction.



#### Webb Lodge No. 182 2nd Annual Pheasant Hunt

In the early hours of March 9, five avid members of Webb Lodge 182 gathered for the eagerly anticipated 2nd annual pheasant hunt, generously sponsored by Brother Dan Behrens. The air was thick with anticipation as the Brothers, along with young Jack Behrens on his inaugural hunt with his father, embarked on a thrilling adventure.

With Casey, the esteemed German Shorthair, eagerly awaiting his cue in the bed of the truck, the anticipation reached a crescendo. As the day unfolded, Casey's expert nose and steadfast determination led to numerous successful points on birds, punctuating the exhilarating experience for all involved.

The hunt culminated in a triumphant group photo, capturing the camaraderie and triumph of the day's endeavors. Little did they know, fate had another surprise in store as the following weekend beckoned with the promise of another thrilling hunt.

With Casey leading the charge once again, aided by two younger companions this time, the scene was set for another unforgettable outing. Witnessing the dogs' remarkable skills in action proved to be just as exhilarating as the thrill of the hunt itself.

Stay tuned for more thrilling adventures from Webb Lodge No. 182 as they continue to embrace the spirit of the great outdoors and the timeless pursuit of game.

#### Newton Lodge No. 59 By Wade E. Sheeler

The members of Newton Lodge No. 59 hosted a pancake breakfast on March 9th to raise funds for the Open Arms Foundation. Shown presenting a \$1500 check to Nic Pietrack, Executive Director of Open Arms are the members of Newton Lodge No. 59.

Open Arms Foundation is a new organization in the Newton Community who assist children from households with substance abuse issues.



#### **Brother Wesley Butler Raised**





Members of Jackson Lodge No. 42 in Centerville invited the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers to a Third Degree for Brother Wesley Butler. Worshipful Brother Blake Waldorf opened lodge and Brother Drew C. Mathias conferred the First Section. Worshipful Brother Chaz E. Welch served as Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Darrell Fremont was received and introduced the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officer's. Grand Master Fremont was in the East for the Second Section, Bruce A. Lutz was Senior Deacon and Brother Marvin D. Kendall gave the Charge. Following the Degree Junior Grand Steward Cory L. Stoneburner presented Wesley with a Masonic box made by Allan Tedrow. Grand Master Fremont presented him with his Grand Master pin that he had worn during the degree. Brother Welsey is a 4th generation Mason and member of Jackson Lodge No. 42 in Centerville. Brother Wesley's father, Chad Butler was raised in Jackson Lodge on May 9th, 1996 and is a Past Master and the current Secretary for Jackson Lodge No. 42 and a member of the York Rite. His grandfather, Rick Butler was raised in Jackson Lodge on October 22nd, 1982 and was also a member of the Shrine and York Rite where he served as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa in 2007-2008. Rick passed to the Celestial Lodge above in 2016. Wesley's Great Grandfather, Reggy Butler was raised in Crystal Lodge No. 313 in Mitchellville on June 26th, 1964 and became a member of Jackson Lodge in 1995. Reggy passed to the Celestial Lodge above in 2002. A fitting tribute to the family on this special night. Jackson Lodge No. 42 was closed by the Grand Lodge Officer's with Deputy Grand Master Guy J. Mc Causland in the East.

#### Grand Treasurer William R. Dayton

Masons from across Iowa assembled in Malcom Iowa for a reception to honor Right Worshipful Brother William



R. Dayton. The afternoon started with a social hour at the Malcom Auditorium.

The Masons moved to the lodge, where Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master Don Ellis. Brothers Kenneth A. Hurmence and Josh L.Dayton were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

Brothers Arthur G. Crandon and Josh L. Dayton were committeemen for Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont. Brothers Kenneth A. Hurmence and Josh L. Dayton were committeemen for Right Worshipful Brother William R. Dayton. Brother Dayton had the privilege of closing Poweshiek Lodge No. 174.



The ladies enjoyed a program on Down Syndrome given by Wendy Dayton. The Masons joined their ladies for the dinner. Brother Don Ellis served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Past Senior Grand Warden



Junior Sharp gave the invocation prior to dinner. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont introduced the Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Officer's and their ladies. Right Worshipful Brother Dayton was introduced and he in turn introduced his family and members. Presentations were made to Brother Dayton, by the lodge, Cory L. Stoneburner, and Past Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence. Grand Master Fremont commented that he was happy that Brother Dayton was part of his family. Past Senior Grand Warden Junior Sharp gave the benediction.



#### Darla Hansen Sings the National Anthem at Shriners Baseball Classic



Darla Hansen a former Shriner patient was chosen and performed the National Anthem at the Shriners Baseball Classic in Arlington, Texas. Hansen was severely burned as a child and credits the Shriners Hospitals for saving her life. "I'm so thankful to those Shriners from Audubon County who came to my parents after I was burned at the age of four, to help me get to Galveston to the burn hospital. They are the best of Shriners hospitals and God's plan for me, I'm here."



Darla's friend and co-worker, Janelle Sears' son, Brett pitches for the University of Nebraska baseball team.

Janelle came to work one day and said, "Guess what? Nebraska's first series of their baseball season is for the Shriners Baseball Classic in Arlington, Texas where the Texas Rangers play. You've got to sing the National Anthem for that." "I said, I don't think it will be that easy," Hansen said. Hansen was one of three people chosen. Hansen said the opportunity is very meaningful to her. "I wanted to do it because it's a Shrine event. They saved my life. I get to sing at a huge stadium, where my friend's son is playing,' she said. "There's so many things about it that are just so special." Darla provided the entertainment at the 2021 Grand Lodge Session in Davenport.





#### Grand Chaplain Paul E. Anderson

Masons from across Iowa assembled in Iowa City for a reception to honor Right Worshipful Brother Paul E. Anderson. The afternoon started with a social hour hosted by the lodge. The Masons moved to the lodge, where Iowa City Lodge No. 4 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master Miles J. Flamme-Wiese. Brothers Henry Herwig and Ted Abel were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

Brothers Kevin R. Smith and Ted Abel were committeemen for Grand Master Fremont. Brothers Jason A. Wolcott and Ted Abel were committeemen for Right Worshipful Brother Paul E. Anderson. Brother Anderson had the privilege of closing Iowa City Lodge No. 4. The ladies enjoyed a live band.

The Masons joined their ladies for the dinner. Brother Miles J. Flamme-Wiese served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grand Chaplain Anderson gave the invocation prior to dinner. Throughout the evening there were several toast's made. The first was given by Brother Miles to the United States, the response was the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. The second was given by John P. English to the Craft. The third was given by Kevin R. Smith to the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the response was given by Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont. Dinner was served by David Sutton from Sutton's Catering. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies and the Past Grand Masters and their ladies. Worshipful Brother Miles J. Flamme-Wiese introduced the officers of Iowa City Lodge No. 4. Grand Master Fremont





introduced Grand Chaplain Paul E. Anderson. Brother Anderson thanked the Grand Master for appointing him as Grand Chaplain and thanked everyone for attending. He also introduced his family. Brother Cory L. Stoneburner presented Brother Anderson with a Masonic box. Brother Jason A. Wolcott presented Brother Brother Anderson with a Grand Lodge seal made out of wood. Paul had won the seal at an auction at the 2023 Table Lodge and donated it to the Grand Lodge. Jason had won it at the silent auction at the 2023 Annual Communication. Things that come full circle. The fourth toast was given by Ryan A. Hobbs to Iowa City Lodge No. 4, with the response coming from Worshipful Master Flamme-Wiese. The fifth toast was to the visitors by Dion Baylor. The sixth toast was to the ladies by Jason A. Wolcott and the response by Ann Fremont. The final toast of the night was the Tyler's Toast given by Cody A. Maxwell. Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

Grand Chaplain Paul E. Anderson gave the Benediction.

## Grand Marshal Tom H. Nash



Masons from across Iowa assembled in Des Moines, Iowa for a reception to honor Worshipful Brother Tom H. Nash. The afternoon started with a social hour hosted by South Gate Lodge No. 657.

The Masons moved to the lodge, where South Gate Lodge No. 657 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master Jeff Smith. Brothers Tyler T. Fisher and Lee J. Leonard were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

Brothers Craig L. Davis and Arthur G. Crandon were committeemen for Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont. Brothers Craig L. Davis and Jacob Pike were committeemen for Worshipful Brother Tom H. Nash. Brother Nash had the privilege of closing South Gate Lodge No. 657.

The ladies enjoyed a presentation about Kyle's Bikes that was given by Kevin Longcor.

The Masons joined their ladies for the dinner. Brother Jeff Smith served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Past Grand Chaplain Dennis DeJoode gave the invocation prior to dinner. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont introduced the Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officer's and their ladies.

Worshipful Brother Nash was introduced and he in turn introduced his family and friends. Grand Master Fremont commented that Brother Nash was a great choice to serve as Grand Marshal. Past Grand Chaplain Dennis DeJoode gave the benediction.

# Hartford Lodge No. 83 Installation

The Officer's of Hartford Lodge were installed on January 4th, 2024. The Installing Master was Jon Hoffmann



Left to Right: Kyle Nordyke, Senior Deacon; David Dick, Senior Warden; Charles "Trip" Bartlett, Worshipful Master; Jamie Ross, Junior Deacon; Theron "Tom" Conrey, returning secretary.



Left to Right: Kyle Nordyke, Jon Hoffman, David Dick,WM Charles (Trip) Bartlett, Jamie Ross, Theron Conrey, Janon McCaughey, Leo Houghton, and Steve Klein.





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# Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

	Lodge			Lodge	
No.	Town	Name	No.	Town	Name
6	Marion	Nesset, Lawrence T.	307	Cherokee	Ehmcke, Lance D.
16	Ottumwa	George, Norman L.	312	Spencer	Jones, Rex J.
25	Cedar Rapids	Canfield, David A.	312	Spencer	Hart, John D.
25	Cedar Rapids	Nesetril, Duane M.	335	Carson	Clark, Lowell F.
28	New London	Aynes, Raymond A.	369	Glidden	Van Horn, William H.
29	Keokuk	High, Stephen J.	374	Oelwein	Brasch, Robert A. Jr.
51	Bellevue	Kepple, Larry W.	412	Griswold	Rulla, Irapaul M.
53	Norwalk	Burch, Robert L.	464	Eagle Grove	Riley, Maurice E.
55	Pella	Marvel, James K.	480	Eldon	Goudy, James J.
61	Attica	Andrews, Larry L.	482	Milford	Johnson, Sheldon B.
65	Cedar Falls	Miller, Larry G.	508	Sioux City	Garvis, David J.
69	West Union	Sander, Wayne C.	555	Prescott	Wynn, Keith L.
72	Elkader	Bickel, Daniel G.	615	Sioux City	Thompson, William P.
77	Osceola	Oshel, Rickie M.	616	Stanwood	Brendes, James L.
99	Nevada	Otto, Duane D.	630	Des Moines	Patten, Jack M.
153	Sidney	Moores, Larry L.	630	Des Moines	Swacker, James H.
153	Sidney	Longinaker, Jay W.	630	Des Moines	Paterson, William E.
182	Sigourney	Thompson, James E.	631	Council Bluffs	Vosler, Buddy R.
182	Sigourney	Rees, William E.	632	Des Moines	Slaughter, Larry W.
182	Sigourney	Baker, Jerry D.	639	Cedar Rapids	Mann, Paul W.
192	Iowa Falls	McCord, James D.	643	Sioux City	Johnson, Harris W. Jr.
273	Grinnell	Latcham, Allen L.	644	Oskaloosa	Johnson, James E.