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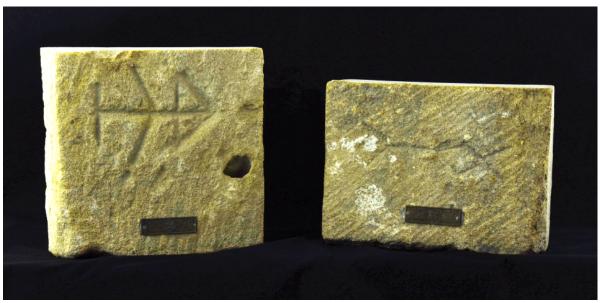
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Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence invites everyone to enjoy a wonderful day of Fellowship and Fun on the Golf Course

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Don't miss this opportunity to spend a great day with Iowa Mason's and their Ladies

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Grand Master's Message

"Make Your Mark in Masonry"



Greetings Brethren,

The markings on the stones on the front cover of this issue of the Bulletin were the genesis of my program. Masons who "Make their Mark" can make a difference in Iowa Masonry. At the Grand Master's Area Meetings brethren were encouraged to focus on five simple tasks that can be important in creating an atmosphere in lodges that create a positive image and encourage involvement. First, Masons should be positive, focusing on what we have done and can do. Second, Masons should be proud: Masonry has a proud tradition in the world, our country, our state, and in our communities. Masonry has played an important role in the past, and Masons continue to do things for our communities today and in the future. Masons should enjoy their Masonic experience and attend lodge not only to conduct the business of the lodge but also to enjoy the opportunity to share fellowship with their brothers and share the common bonds they enjoy. Masons should also leave every meeting with knowledge they did not have when they arrived. To assist with this, the Lodge Service Committee has put together educational packets which contain twenty-five short educational

program for lodges to use. If your lodge does not have one of these packets, contact the Grand Lodge Office, and they will provide one for your lodge to use. If your lodge has presented their own program, and you are willing to share it, please, send it to the Grand Lodge Office, and they will put it on the website for others to use. Last, Masons should remember that words have meaning and that the words in our ritual are what should guide a Mason's words, actions, and deeds. The more we embody those words; the better example we provide for Masonry to those in our communities. These are actions that we need to practice as Masons which will help with new membership and retention. Before they join an organization, people want to know that organization stands for something and is active in their community. Masonry has and will continue to be such an organization. Masonry has a great tradition. We need to show that our future is just as bright. As Grand Master, I want to express my thanks to the lodges that hosted these meetings, the attentive brothers who attended, and the Lodge Service Committee members for their presentations. Together we can make a difference.

The year 2017 is a special year for Masonry since it marks the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England. Several events are going to occur in Iowa for Masons to enjoy.

The first is an Educational Conference that will be held at the Scottish Rite in Des Moines. The York Rite bodies and the Grand Lodge are co-hosting this event which will feature several interesting speakers and features the grandson of President Harry Truman as the keynote speaker.

The second is a formal celebration of the 300th anniversary co-hosted by the Scottish Rite of Des Moines and the Grand Lodge. This event will feature several brethren from England who will present an English Past Masters' Degree, an explanation of British Masonry, a formal tea for the ladies, and conclude with a dinner and formal toasts. It will be a unique ceremony for Masons and an opportunity to celebrate a once in a lifetime event.

On Friday July 21 an All Masonic Golf Outing will be held at Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona. The outing will be a great opportunity for golfers to share their passion for golf with their passion for Masonry with fellow Masons (and their ladies).

The other new event that will be held is a ritual competition sponsored by the Board of Custodians. Lodges, study groups, MI/DL clubs, or Masons in an area are invited to participate or attend this event. Teams will open a lodge of Master Masons and confer the First Section of the Third Degree. They will be evaluated on their accuracy in both footwork and the ritual. Three first round contests will be held in the east, central, and western parts of the state. Masonic Instructors and District Lecturers will draw their parts on the day of the contest, non-proficient brethren will choose their part for the day in advance. The winners from each area will meet for a final session with the winner performing

the First Section of the Third Degree at the Grand Lodge School. This should be a rewarding and entertaining event for all involved. It should be an opportunity to see well-performed ritual, a chance to receive evaluation and tips about how to improve your lodge's ritual, and to focus on that part of Masonry that makes Masonry unique, the ritual in a positive manner.

The last event is the annual Grand Lodge Session which will be held in Davenport at the Convention Center with the Radisson Hotel being the host hotel. This is a change that was brought about because of the hotel accommodations in Waterloo. Hopefully, this situation will be remedied before the next time the Grand Lodge is scheduled to return to Waterloo. This change does allow the Grand Lodge to return to the Davenport area which was not available at the last session. The hotel and the Convention Center will provide an excellent site and setting for the event.

Further details on each of these events are available on the Grand Lodge website and in this issue of the Bulletin. The Masonic bodies are working together to make this year memorable and provide an array of events that will satisfy the interests of Masons across the state. Attendance at each of them should be rewarding.

Finally, I ask that Brothers who have not done so, respond to the label program letter. The money from the labels will be divided between the Iowa Masonic Library and Building Museum Endowment Fund and the Scholarship Endowment Fund. These are the two Grand Lodge Funds that are most visible to the public. The Building Fund helps preserve our past for future generations to share and the Scholarship Fund reaffirms Masonry's commitment to education and our state's future and contributions are deductible. The Pillars of Masonry program started by Grand Master Crandon is also an important part of our program. A good start was made last year but the fund is still not large enough to maintain the facility and preserve the irreplaceable items preserved there. Masons can also help our Masonic youth groups by purchasing Grand Master's pins. The variety of charitable funds including the Library Association and Masonic Homes allow lowa Masons help provide support for our past and future directing their money in funds they find most useful.

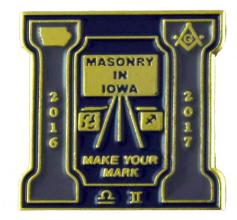
I would like to thank the Masons of Iowa for affording me this opportunity to serve. I am encouraged by the degrees taking place in lodges that have not had work in the recent past. My officers and I have enjoyed our opportunity to share fellowship with brothers across the state and appreciate their hospitality and receptiveness. No one can move Iowa Masonry forward alone, together we can make a difference and accomplish great things if we all work together to "Make our Mark in Masonry" Masonry will be better at the end of this year and a foundation will be created which will allow us to fulfill our role as builders. Together we can make ourselves, our lodges, our communities, and our state better.

Today is the day we can begin that task, Today is the day when we can make a difference. Today is the day to "Make our Mark," and Masonry will prosper from our efforts.

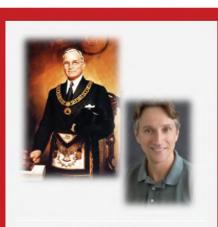
Fraternally and respectfully,

Kenneth A. Hurmence

Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



MASONIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE



DETAILS

Saturday, April I, 2017

9:00 am Registration / Coffee

9:45 am Welcome by Grand Master,

Kenneth A. Hurmence

Morning sessions

Donald McAndrews, VA

Jeff Bolstad, MT

12:00 pm Lunch

Moises Gomez, NJ

Afternoon sessions

John Bridegroom, IN

Todd Creason, IL

4:00 pm Mark Master Degree

4:30 pm Social Hour 5:30 pm Festive Board

Keynote Address: Clifton Truman Daniels
"My Grandfather, Harry S. Truman"

Where: Des Moines Scottish Rite

519 Park Street, Des Moines, IA

Cost: \$35 per attendee RSVP by March 20, 2017 Grand Master, Kenneth A. Hurmence and Grand Commander, Wade E. Sheeler invite all Iowa Masons to an exciting educational event that will be held on April 1 in Des Moines. It is the 2017 Iowa Masonic Education Conference, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Masonic Education Corporation and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa.

This one day conference will provide lowa Masons with a variety of exciting opportunities to hear some outstanding and thought provoking presentations.

Brother Don McAndrews, Past Grand High Priest will share some exciting strategies that are being used in Virginia to boost Masonic recruiting and retention. Sir Knight Jeffrey Bolstad, Department Commander of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA will speak on Masonic Leadership.

Our lunch speaker will be R.W. Brother Moises Gomez, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey who will speak on his experiences at "ground zero" on 9/11 and how his Masonic journey has been affected by this fateful day.

Afternoon sessions will consist of presentations by Bro. John Bridegroom of Indiana who will speak on the significance of Masonic jewels to our fraternity. Bro. Todd Creason 33°, founder of the "Midnight Mason" blog will speak on the need for Masons to educate themselves.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa will conclude the afternoon with an exemplification of the Mark Master degree to coincide with Grand Master Hurmence's theme of "Make Your Mark in Masonry".

Iowa Masons will have a special treat for our dinner speaker.

Brother Clifton Truman Daniels, grandson of President and M.W.

Harry S. Truman will share his reflections on his grandfather.

This promises to be an exciting day that you and your brothers do not want to miss!

For more information and to make a reservation: Grand Lodge of Iowa – Darrell Fremont 319-365-1438 or membership@gl-iowa.org

This conference is made possible by grants from the Masonic Education Corporation and the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

Thank you to the Des Moines Scottish Rite for hosting this event.

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 By Steve Waller

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 in Spencer, hosted a joint open business meeting and family fun, meal, tours of the Masonic Temple. Following fellowship and enjoyable meal everyone in attendance ascended to the Lodge room where Worshipful Master Travis Stouffer presented Junior Warden Jason Holt with Grand Lodge Ashlar Award.



(L-R) Sr Deacon Tony Virelli, W.M. Travis Srouffer, Jr Deacon Jason Holt, Ashlar recipient, Sr Warden G Andy Anderson, Jr Warden Justin Jorgenson and future Master Mason Evan Stouffer



(L-R) Senior Deacon Jason Holt, Senior Warden Justin Jorgenson, Worshipful Master G Andy Anderson, Junior Warden Tony Virelli, Junior Deacon Paul Caton. back row Treasurer Steve Waller, Installing Master P.M. Dallas Brown, Secretary P.M. Sam Harper.

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 saw new officers as they took office in January 2017 during an open installation P.M. Dallas Brown served as the installing Master and P.M. Sam Harper installing Secretary.

No. 116, Spencer.

Who Was Elected The First Grand Master Of Masons In North Carolina?

Samuel Johnston was elected on December 10, 1787. When Noth Carolina became a state, he was its first senator; in 1787 he was its governor. The Grand Lodge of Iowa is a decendant of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Masonic Trivia and Facts, Allen Roberts 1994 pg 35

Most Worshipful Brother Gary Herbert Leazer Grand Master of Mason's in Georgia



Most Worshipful Brother Gary H. Leazer was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia F. & A.M. at the Annual Communication in Macon, Georgia. Gary grew up in Keokuk, Iowa the oldest of four children born to Brother and Mrs. Herbert Horace Leazer and grandson of Brother and Mrs. Horace Herman Leazer. The Grand Master's Comments from the Installation "I cannot thank you enough for the trust you have placed in this lowa farm boy to take the reins for the coming year and lead this great Fraternity into the future. I make this commitment to you as Grand Master: that apart from my faith in the Lord God Almighty, and my love for Ruth and family, Freemasonry will take first place in my life." Gary has lectured twice in Iowa, first at Iowa Research Lodge No. 2 in Des Moines in 2000 and again in 2005 at the Grand Lodge of Iowa Communication. Congratulations Gary! From the Mason's in the great State of Iowa.

Cass Lodge No. 412 by Kim Kemp Secretary

Cass Lodge No. 412 in Griswold continues to be a The new Worshipful Master, G. Andy Anderson great lodge in the state of Iowa. They continued made heartfelt comments and thanked everyone their annual Presidents Day Fish Fry, spaghetti for making this day very special for himself and his supper fundraiser and their annual Old Time Corn guests as well as his special lady Bonnie. Everyone Boil in the City Park. They prepared nearly 2,000 retired to the dining room for special treats served ears of corn for their families and the Griswold High by our ladies of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter School Honor Band. The band has been involved in multiple fundraisers throughout the year to pay for their trip to San Diego to participate in the Holiday Bowl. The lodge donated part of the proceeds to the band. The Lodge also continued the clean-up work at the cemetery to help beautify the grounds. Worshipful Master Dennis Frazier recognized Barb Baier as Teacher of the Year and presented her a certificate of appreciation for her many years of service as an educator.

Right Worshipful Brother Ernie Dean Shoup to be Installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico



Deputy Grand Master Ernie Shoup and Grand Master Kenneth Hurmence

Right Worshipful Brother Ernie D. Shoup, Deputy Grand Master in the State of New Mexico, will be installed as Grand Master in March at their 140th Annual Communication. Right Worshipful Brother Shoup grew up in the Reinbeck, Iowa area and is the son of John R. Shoup Junior and Betty. Betty is a Past Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of Eastern Star. Ernie maintains his membership at Coin Lodge in Reinbeck and is also a member of San Juan Lodge No. 25 in Aztec, New Mexico. Our best wishes go out to Ernie and the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

Brother James Onderdonk Raised at Marshall Lodge No. 108

Marshall Lodge No. 108 in Marshalltown hosted a Grand Lodge Third Degree for Brother James Onderdonk. The lodge hosted a Chili dinner at 6:00 P.M. Worshipful Master Steve Smith opened Marshall Lodge No. 108 at 7:00 P.M. Past Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon conferred the First Section with Brother John Vannordstrand as Senior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence in the East. The Charge was given by Senior Grand Warden William W. Post. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Onderdonk with his Lapel pin, his own personal

working tools, and other Items. Brother Onderdonk thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. Grand Lodge Officers closed Marshall Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John A. Cook in the East and Right Worshipful Brother Ernie Shoup was in the West.

Freemasonry At Its Finest by Craig L. Davis

On January 10, 2016 Darrell Fremont and I had just completed a Secretary Conference at Hebron Lodge No. 374 in Oelwein, on our way home my car decided to break down in Urbana, Iowa. I made a phone call to Brother Roy Schulze who had driven up to attend the conference and was on the same road. I asked Roy to come help us out and give us a ride home.

Sometimes you get more than you ask for, but in Masonry I have come to expect nothing less than the best. When Roy arrived to pick us up, he had Brother Keith Ervin a 50 year member of Vinton Lodge No. 62 and owner of Ervin Motor Company in Vinton on the phone. Brother Ervin had been in bed and was going to his car dealership in Vinton and pick up a rental car and bring it to me. After we filled out the paperwork for the car, he had my car towed to his dealership and they fixed the problems. When I returned a couple days later to pick up my car, I had no idea what the cost for the repairs, towing and car rental was going to be. As previously stated in this article "I have come to expect nothing less than the best" in Masonry. I

was in shock when I received the bill and the only charge was for the sparkplugs they had replaced. Thank you Brother Ervin for everything that you have done for me! It is nice to know that Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love do exist in the Greatest Fraternity in the World.



Who Was The First Native Born American To Become A Freemason?

Johnathan Belcher. Born in Boston in 1681 and graduated from Harvard in 1699. During a visit to England he received his Masonic Degrees in 1704. He was governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire for over ten years, and was a man of standing in civil and political life in his community.

<u>The Beginnings of Freemasonry in America, Melvin M.</u> Johnson 1924



What is the worst that could happen?

You have heard about the ritual competition coming in July. You have a group of brothers that are excited about the competition. They want to compete. They are starting to work on their ritual. You are seeing their ritual and floor work improve. You are sure you have a winning group.

So, what is the worst that could happen? Your group did not get registered by the deadline on March 31, 2017 and missed winning the competition. How did that happen? One member of your group failed to send an email to iowacustodians@gmail.com by the March 31, 2017 or for our technologically conservative brethren, you can simply call Terry Osborne at 641-990-8607. If I am unavailable, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

You are probably wondering exactly when and where the competition will be held. That is exactly why you should not wait till the last minute to register. The Custodians can't finalize the dates and locations till we know how many groups will compete and where they are located. We will then do the best we can to coordinate a date and location that will work for your group.

We have had a question about our brethren that have problems walking. They will be given consideration on a case by case basis.

So how can you stop the worst thing from happening? Send an email today to iowacustodians@gmail. com or call Terry Osborne at 641-990-8607 and make sure you don't miss the March 31, 2017 deadline. Get ready to have some fun.

Secretary Conferences

The 2017 Secretary Conferences had a different flair this year. Grand Secretary Craig Davis held 12 Secretary Conferences across the state of lowa in January with the assistance of Darrell G. Fremont. Topics of discussion during the meetings were: variety of code questions, online lodge reporting, Biennial Incorporation Filing, 990 N filing with the IRS, updated awards forms, and a how to navigate lowa Courts Online. Attendance averaged about 8-10 at each meeting. Thank you to all the Lodge Secretaries that attended, we appreciate all that you do for your Lodges and Freemasonry in lowa!



Attendees at the Secretaries Conference in Manilla

Thomas Meyers and Bryce Buckallew Raised at Fidelitas Lodge No. 364

Fidelitas Lodge No. 364 in Fairfax held two Third Degrees for Brothers Thomas Meyers and Bryce Buckallew. Worshipful Brother Tom Bowersox was in the East for the opening and conferred the first section of the third degree on both brothers, Grand Marshal Jamie D. Johnson was Senior Deacon. Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was in the East for both second sections. The Charge was given by Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis.

Tom Bowersox gave the Bible Charge to each of the brothers. Grand Master Hurmence presented each of the new Master Masons with his lapel pin. Thomas and Bryce each thanked everyone for the support on their journey and look forward to the future.

Lodge was closed with Jamie Johnson in the East.



Thomas Meyers, Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and Bryce Buckallew

Past Grand Master Raymond E. Clause Receives 50 Year Recognition

On January 8, 2017 Trial Lodge No. 532 in Moville held its annual installation of Officers as Brother John Crowl was installed Worshipful Master.

Past Grand Master Charles D. Yates was in attendance to present Past Grand Master Raymond E. Clause with his 50 year certificate. The two Past Grand Masters have spent many hours together in their Masonic careers and it was a fitting bookmark for the distinguished careers of both men. A nice crowd was on hand to enjoy the event and refreshments.



Charles D. Yates and Raymond E. Clause

2017 ALL IOWA MASONIC GOLF OUTING!!! Friday – July 21st, Altoona, 8:00 am Shot Gun Start, 4-Person Best Shot



Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence would like to have everyone enjoy a wonderful day of fellowship and brotherly love on the course.

RSVP TO: Tom Nash 515-210-0659, tmfn@centurylink.net

Terrace Hills Golf Course is located at:
8700 N.E. 46th Avenue, Altoona, Iowa
4 - Person Best Shot Event
8:00am - Shot Gun Start
\$ 65.00 - Per Person
Includes: Golf, Cart, Lunch
Registration Form

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Name:	Chicken or Burger
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To Reserve Your Spot - Advance payment is requested, Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Iowa \$ 65.00 - Per Person

All proceeds from the golf outing will be donated to:
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Iowa Masonic Library and Museums Building Endowment Fund

Please save the date! Friday, July 21st Don't miss this opportunity to spend a great day spent with Iowa Mason's and their ladies.

The White House Foundation Stones By Bill Kreuger

The Grand Lodge of Iowa has two White House foundation stones in its collection. One stone was donated by President Harry S. Truman in 1953 and the other by Robert W. Breckenridge in 1966.

"Each Grand Lodge in the United States" became the recipient of a stone from the White House. Iowa's presentation took place during the 109th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. held on June 11, 1953 in Davenport, Iowa

The stones that were presented to lowa and the other United States Grand Lodges were removed during a comprehensive reconstruction of the interior of the White House that took place from 1949 to 1952. This reconstruction, known as the "Truman Reconstruction," was done to help remedy various problems that were evident in the White House and that had occurred over time. These included the addition of new services and technology both before and after World War II. There were portions of the White House structure that were near collapse. According to the Grand Lodge of Iowa proceedings, which documents the White House stone presentation, "you will recall that some two years ago they began to rebuild or reconstruct our present White House as the walls and the ceilings and the floors were literally falling in." ²

During the reconstruction and prior to the new construction, workmen inspecting the foundations of the White House noticed stones with strange markings on them. President Truman was informed of this discovery. It is reported that Truman actually crawled under the White House with the workers to inspect the stones they had discovered. He immediately recognized the marks on the stones as Masons' marks.

The White House, also known as the Executive Mansion, was built between 1792 and 1800. On October 13, 1792, George Washington laid the first cornerstone of the White House in a Masonic ceremony. The architect was James Hoban, who designed the executive mansion after the Leicester House in Dublin, Ireland. Scottish Masons were brought in to do the stone work. Sandstone for the building was quarried at Aquia Creek, Virginia and sent down river to the construction site. ³

In a letter, which accompanied the White House stone, President Truman wrote the following: "Most Worshipful Sir:

"Through the good offices of an ambassador from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which is Masonically supreme in the Capitol of the Nation, I place in your hands a stone taken from the walls of the White House during it just-completed rebuilding. A sufficient number of these stones, each with a Masonic symbol upon it, was discovered to give one to each Grand Lodge in the United States. These evidences of the number of members of the Craft who built the President's official residence so intimately aligns Freemasonry with the formation and the founding of our Government that I believe your Grand Lodge will cherish this link between the Fraternity and the Government of the Nation, of which the White House is a symbol.

"Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Harry S. Truman" 4

The second stone was donated to us in January 1966 by Professor Robert W. Breckenridge of Ames, Iowa. Professor Breckenridge taught in the Mechanical Engineering Department of Iowa State University from 1929 until his retirement in 1965. At the time of his death in December 1966, Breckenridge was serving on the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Archeological Society. His interests included metallurgy and archeology. He was particularly interested in identifying metal objects from the eastern United States.

Professor Breckenridge had been a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 174 in Brooklyn, Iowa, where he was a member for more than 20 years. He demitted from that lodge in October 1941. Items from Breckenridge's collection were also donated to the ISU Archeological Laboratory, the Department of Geology and to Effigy Mound National Monument.

Our White House foundation stones are currently on exhibit in the Masonic museum gallery of the lowa Masonic Library building. It will be a part of our exhibit on the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry, which opens on June 12, 2017.

¹ Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa ,A.F. & A.M.vol.60 (Cedar Rapids, Ia.: Grand Lodge-Iowa, 1953) p.211.

² Ibid, p.210

³ "The White House Museum Residence Construction: 1792-1800" www.whitehousemuseum.org/special/renovation-1792.htm

⁴ Harry S. Truman, letter, 22 November 1952.

^{5 &}quot;Robert William Breckenridge (b.17 Apr 1898, d. 20Dec. 1966)" www.genealogy.com/ftm/g/a/t/Charles-E-Gates-TX/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0081.html

Daniel R. Hopper Raised in Marion Lodge No. 6

Thursday, January 19th was a foggy, drizzling rain evening as Grand Master Kenneth Hurmence and his officers traveled to Marion Lodge No. 6 to assist Worshipful Master Kyle Martin and his officers raise Brother Daniel R. Hopper to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. After a hearty meal of potato soup prepared by Mark Cline and vegetable beef stew prepared by Cliff Haynes Worshipful Master Martin assumed the East opened Marion Lodge and conferred the first section of the Third Degree





on Brother Hopper. Senior Grand Deacon Marvin Kendall gave the scripture. Following an excellent first section Brother Hopper was reinvested and returned to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Martin had Grand Master Hurmence conducted to the West of the altar and then presented in the East where he was introduced and given the Private Grand Honors of Masonry. The Grand Master then introduced the Grand Lodge officers and Deputy Grand Secretary Tim Anderson introduced the past Grand Officers present. The Grand Master then had Brother Hopper conducted out of the lodge and his officers assumed the stations and places and conducted the second section of the Degree. Senior Grand Steward Marvin Kendall gave the Charge. Brother Tom Bowersox presented Brother Hopper

with the Bible he had taken his Degree upon and gave an excellent bible lecture. Worshipful Master Martin presented Brother Hopper with his apron. Grand Master Hurmence presented Dan with a packet of material which included two petitions to "Grow the Fraternity." He then presented him with his own set of miniature working tools and a lapel pin. Brother Hopper then shared comments with those assembled which included that he was born and raised in lowa and that his Grandfather was a Mason. In closing he remarked that "the experiences of the evening were second in significance only to the birth of his children." Deputy Grand Master Jack Cook then assumed the East and with the Grand Lodge Officers closed Marion Lodge.



Christmas Dinner Tradition Continues at Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll

Santa, eat your heart out. The Masons are in town. They may have the best Christmas show around. Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll and a host of volunteers served an estimated 400 free dinners on Christmas to all comers. "This is just a thrill to do this," said lodge secretary Bill Fish. Some rainy and



icy weather boosted attendance this year. The Christmas dinner is open to anyone wishing to attend, regardless of age or income. It's just a warm community meal, organizers say. Visitors to the lodge had their plates happily filled by volunteers with turkey, ham, potatoes, dressing, vegetables, rolls, pies and other selections.

Early Morning Lodge No. 672 Raises Clyde Boykins and Antonio Collins

Early Morning Lodge No. 672 in Bettendorf hosted a Third Degree for Brother Clyde Boykins on



Monte Harris presents Clyde Boykins his lapel pin

January 26, 2017. Worshipful Master Dean Dilley was in the East to open Lodge. Rob Litwiller conferred the First Section and Brother Monte Harris was Senior Deacon.

Realff Ottesen conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree. The Charge was given by Joe Laleman. Grand Tyler

Monte Harris presented Brother Boykins with the Grand Masters pin. Brother Boykins thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Realff Ottesen was in the East



Clyde Boykins presents Antonio Collins his lapel pin

to close.

On January 28, 2017 Early Morning Lodge raised Antonio Collins, cousin to Clyde Boykins. Realff Ottesen conferred the first section and Dennis Soebbing was Senior Deacon. Dennis Soebbing conferred the second section and Joe Laleman gave the charge.

Lou Galante Raised at Canopy Lodge No. 290

On the coldest night of the year, members of Canopy Lodge No. 290 held a third degree for Brother Lou Galante. The Brothers gathered together in the dining hall for a Chilli and Meatball Soup supper.



The Masons then moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Robert R. Tandy opened lodge. Worshipful Brother Michael C. Ryan was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Worshipful Brother Tandy was Senior Deacon.

After a brief break, Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was conducted to the East and received the private Grand Honors of Masonry. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers present and one Past Grand Master Dennis M. Zahrt. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Hurmence in the East. David Jackson from Farmers Lodge No.168 gave the Charge. Worshipful Master Tandy presented Brother Galante with his White Leather Apron and Bible. Grand Master Hurmence presented Brother Galante with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and other Items. Brother Galante thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree. Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Iowa 173rd Annual Communication September 14-16, 2017

John A. "Jack" Cook in the East.

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300th Anniversary June 24, 2017



On 24 June 1717, four London Lodges met at the Goose and Gridiron Tabern in St Paul's Churchyard, declared themselbes a Grand Lodge, and elected Anthony Sayer as their Grand Master. This was the first Grand Lodge in the World.

On June 24, 2017, Grand Master Hurmence and the Masons of Jowa will pay tribute to this auspicious occasion with a historic celebration.

There will be a Horum on English Freemasonry by members of the Grand Lodge of England, High Tea & Ladies Program, an English Past Master's Degree, Dedication of a Masonic Time Capsule, Toasts, Songs, and tremendous Festive Board.

It will be a jubilee of Freemasonry.

Schedule of Thents **Registration Form** 3:00 pm Open Grand Lodge of Iowa Name: Introductions 3:30 pm Forum on the History of First and Last **English Freemasonry** Symbolic Lodge Name & Number Ladies Tea & Program English Past Master Degree' I am Master or Past Master of my Lodge □ yes □ no 5:00 pm Social Hour Address: 6:00 pm Time Capsule Dedication & Presentations City: 6:30 pm Festive Board & Toasts Phone: 8:00 pm **Closing Comments** My Lady is attending as well. Her name is All activities are at the Des Moines Scottish Rite First and Last 519 Park St. Des Moines, Iowa Cost is \$35 per person. We are encouraging the wearing of Payment by check to "Des Moines Consistory" Masonic regalia representing any or by credit card (515-288-8927) Masonic orders to the event such as 519 Park Street ♦ Des Moines, Iowa 50309 Officer aprons, Past Master jewels, York The 1st 300 Masons registered and paid will Rite uniforms, Scottish Rite caps, etc. receive a special commemorative 300th anniversary jewel. It will be a jubilee of Freemasonry! This completed form and payment must be *Must be a Master or Past Master to attend received by 10 June 2017 to guarantee your reservation.

Jacob Barnes and Austin Blackwell Raised at Webb Lodge No. 182

On January 28, 2017 Masons from the Sigourney area gathered together at Webb Lodge No. 182 for two Third Degrees. The afternoon started with a pulled pork lunch prepared by Brother Rob Campbell. Worshipful Master Richard Danowsky was in the East to open Lodge. Brother Jacob Barnes took his

Master Mason degree with Senior Grand Steward Marvin D. Kendall in the East. Brother Robert Kutz was Senior Deacon. Senior Grand Warden William W. Post was in the East for the second section and Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was Senior Deacon.

Brother Austin Blackwell took his Third Degree after a short break, Junior Grand Deacon Richard J. Hofmeyer was in the East for the first section and Tom Francis was Senior Deacon. Grand Master Kenneth A, Hurmence was in the East for the second section and Junior Grand Warden Rick N. Mc Campbell was Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Hurmence presented each of the

Brothers with a set of working tools and his Grand Master Pin. Brothers Barnes and Blackwell each thanked everyone for being there and being part of their journey.

Deputy Grand Master John A. (Jack) Cook was in the East to close Webb Lodge No. 182 with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers.



Haggai Lodge No. 369 Supports School Project

The brothers of Haggai Lodge No. 369 in Glidden donated the proceeds from their Annual Masonic Soup Supper to the Glidden Ralston Student Council to help sponsor a family over the Christmas Holiday. Pictured are: Sam Brant, Trent Wiederien, Bob Linde (representing Haggai Lodge No. 369), Julia Fleecs, Madison Whitver, Alexis Determann, and Alison Bagley.

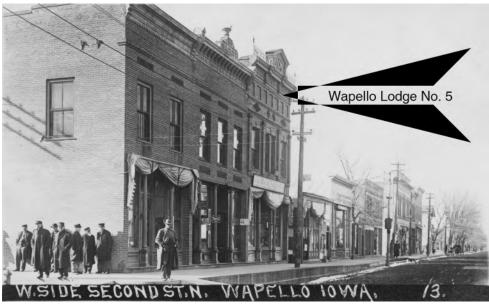


Alexandra Reeves earned her Girl Scout Gold Award through the Forever Angels project. The project raised funds to provide Angel gowns, pouches and Cuddle Cots for area hospitals. Alexandra is the daughter of Scott and Lori Reeves of Ottumwa. Brother Scott is a member of Astor Lodge No. 505 at Albia. Past Grand Master Art Crandon's \$2000.00 contribution to the project helped purchase 1 of 3 Cuddle Cots which was donated to Pella Regional Health Center. Alexandra and Past Grand Master Art Crandon are pictured during a donations ceremony at the hospital February 20, 2017.



Alexandria and Art

History of Wapello Lodge No. 5 A.F. & A.M. 1845 -1896



Wapello No 5 circa 1900

The following is the narrative presented by John Hale, Past Master of Wapello Lodge, at an Open Installation of Officers of the lodge for 1896. It is preceded by the account of the meeting taken from the Wapello Republican, a local weekly newspaper.

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS

About 200 People Witness the Interesting Ceremony and Partake of Wholesome Refreshments History of Order Read by John Hale, Past Worshipful Master Music by Nervobig's Orchestra.

Wapello Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M. held a public installation of officers in the lodge room last Tuesday night before at least 200 people, composed of invited guests and members of the order. Past Master Wells had charge of the installation services which were of a very beautiful and impressive nature, made doubly so by his earnest and expressive manner of conducting them. A very interesting feature of the evening was John Hale's history of No. 5 since it was organizedin 1844. This was followed by refreshments of various substances and kinds, that for deliciousness and wholesomeness could not be excelled. The ladies who had this part of the entertainment in charge are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. We never saw as many people served with refreshments in so short a time, and we think the ladies, with the assistance of a few of their worse halves, are entitled to no little credit for it. The evening's entertainment was greatly helped by the splendid music furnished by Herbovig's Orchestra, composed of H. H. Hervobig, violin, Frank Christie, clarionet, George Pfeiffer, Cornet, Frank Morgan, baritone, Miss Blanche Jamison, organist. Below is the Lodge History.

After a few appropriate preliminary remarks, the lodge historian, Past Master. John Hale, proceeded to read a brief history of Wapello Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., as follows:

On the second day of January, 1844, the Grand Lodge of Iowa was constituted at Iowa City, delegates being present from Des Moines Lodge (Burlington), Iowa Lodge (Muscatine), Dubuque and Iowa City Iodges, now numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. Of the officers then elected, only T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary, now remains, and he has continued to hold that office to the present time, except one year when he was elected Grand Master as a compliment, and really managed the Grand Secretary's office during that time.

Between the date of the meeting of the Grand Lodge and the next meeting in January, 1845, a dispensation was granted to George W. McCleary, Robert Burchell, Lewis Kinsey and others, to form

a lodge at Wapello, which was done, and this lodge was represented at that second meeting by G. W. McCleary, Worshipful Master, Z. C. Ingram, proxy for R. F. Burchell, Senior Warden and Lewis Kinsey, Junior Warden. At this meeting, a charter was ordered to this lodge as Wapello Lodge No. 5, being the first original charter issued by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the original document, not a very imposing document to the ordinary eye, but of extraordinary luster to the craftsmen of our lodge, being still in use in our lodge room.

The lodge at that date was composed of 15 members, being the three principal officers of whom I have spoken, and A. G. Siverly, Treasurer, J. McClearey, Secretary, David Hurley, Senior Deacon, J. Millard, Junior Deacon, and J. W. Watson, Tyler, with other members, Dr. John Bell, who had passed the Master's chair in Ohio, Joshua Marshall, J. F. Nye, J. M. Baker, Z. C. Inghram, W. Little, and Kennedy Story, none now living. During the next year, the lodge gained eleven members and lost five, the first Masonic funeral in the county occurring during that year -- being that of Thomas England, July 16, 1845. George W. McCleary acted as Worshipful Master until June, 1846, when he was succeeded by Lewis Kinsey, followed by Junior Warden (sett, the other Masters up to this time being John Bird, Dr. John Bell, Jr., son of the Dr. Bell first spoken of, A. J. Winter, C. F. Morris, Elias Keach, M. P. Van Loon, your speaker, Dr. T. G. Taylor, L. P. Wells, J. M. Edwards, Dr. J. F. Grimes, J. S. Hurley, John Jenkins, T. L. Garrett, L. C. Wonnell, L. A. Reilley, Dr. W. S. Grimes, and D. Kirkpatrick, being 21 Masters of the lodge in its 51 years of its chartered existence. So that while a few occupied the chair but for one term, most of them have been recalled as frequently as the lodge supposed it fair to ask them to sacrifice their time to the work.

The lodge, as I am credibly informed, was first organized in a room at Drake's hotel, the building which still remains on the north corner of Water and Merchant streets and is sometimes called the lowa House. It afterwards was held for a short time in a room over Pilger's store, in a building burned many years ago, which was situated on the opposite side of the street. The next move was in December, 1845, to a room in the house of John Allison, on the west side of second street, adjoining the lot on which our present lodge room is now situated, and from there it was removed in 1846 to a room prepared by the lodge for that purpose, in the house of J. W. Watson, where the savings bank is now situated, and from there it was removed in 1846, a committee was appointed to procure chairs for the use of members, and with more promptness than committees usually show, retired at once and returned with the chairs. This was soon followed by the purchase of a carpet, and a brother was employed to construct a dozen "spit boxes." It is to be presumed that the brethren had come to the conclusion that if they would "expect to rate as gentlemen, they must not expectorate on the floor."

But the needs of the lodge soon outgrew the confines of the lodge room, which as I remember it, was about the size of present anteroom, and in 1849 a committee was appointed to build a hall in connection with the Odd fellows. This committee did not act quite as speedily as the chair committee, the job was a little larger, but the building was erected, the lower story by Elias Keach, and the hall and anteroom above by this lodge and Louisa Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F., and in 1851 was jointly occupied by the two lodges. The Masonic lodge afterwards sold their interest to Keach, and agreed to take stock in a new hotel which was begun and the walls afterward completed on the lots now occupied by our school house, and was to have contained among other desirable things, a fine lodge room.

The hotel was not completed, and time and the elements soon reduced it to a ruin, and then it was fortunately discovered that the lodge had never received the stock bargained for, and the mortgage to secure payment to the lodge was foreclosed, and the King came to his own again.

The lodge continued to occupy that room, which is the same now occupied by the G. A. R. Post, up to May, 1882, at which time it sold its interest to Mrs. A. H. Rollins, and soon afterwards removed into the Odd Fellows hall, where it remained until it settled here.

In August, 1887, having previously purchased the lot, we contracted for the erection of this building, and December 24, held our first meeting here, and have since had the satisfaction of meeting in a hall which is under our own control, and where we hope our successors in the lodge may meet for many years to come and teach the great lessons of Masonry.

During the earlier years of the lodge money seemed to have been none too plent(y)iful for the needs of the lodge, and a few members seem to have borne the burden of the day as to labor, and perhaps

somewhat as to expense. But the lodge stood ready with their vote of thanks, and if all did not take up their share of the burdens, they at least stood ready to testify their gratitude to those who did. Among the early members of the lodge, your historian had the privilege of many cherished acquaintances. George W. McCleary, the first Master, was one time Grand Master of Masons for the state, was once Secretary of State, and was a man of the finest social instincts, a busy business man, but in sympathy with all nature around him, a student of natural history from the book of nature itself, and feeling ready to sympathize with the feelings of the smallest insect, as well as with all humanity. Dr. John Bell, Sr., one of the founders of the lodge, Dr. John Bell, Jr., many of you remember as one who stood high as a surgeon, was a young man when he entered the lodge and was at one time an officer of the Grand Lodge. A. G. Siverly was a man who was then advanced in years, but had all the vigor of mind and liveliness of feeling of a youth. Or rather a scientific cast of mind he made an interesting companion for both young and old. Time is too short this evening to give even the names of very many of those who are no longer with us. Z. C. Inghram, first clerk of our district court. The Hurleys — David, Aaron and James S. — Father and sons, the last being a man with whom I most intimately associated for twenty years and who was well as true and honest a man as ever lived. M. P. Van Loon, an esteemed friend: Dr. J. F. Grimes, called away in his prime, but who lived long enough to impress his friends with his sterling worth that the void caused by his loss will never be closed: G. W. Baldridge, Loftus, Friend: the Taylors, the father 0. A., for many years the patriarch of the lodge, and the son, A. M. once sheriff of the county and afterwards, as captain of a company was one of the first sacrifices of this county on the altar of the Union: and one that must be spoken of — good old warm-hearted Lew Kinsey. Never can I forget when I first saw him presiding as Master of this lodge conferring of the Fellowcraft's Degree, when he was so overcome by his feelings as to leave the chair, forsaking the ritual, and descending to take the candidate's hand, asked the candidate to remember that in our sacred precincts we were all on the same level, and that recognizing the brotherhood of the craft, and the wider brotherhood of humanity, we must still look higher, and that no position in the lodge or out of it, should ever cause us to forget the fatherhood of God, or exempt us from the highest obligation of man, that of due reverence to Deity. The impression that address left on my mind (for I was that candidate) will remain as long as my bodily frame endures, and I believe through the eons of eternity.

But time fails me, and the many not named are not the less remembered. More of our memories have passed away than are now living, but their memory is green with those who knew them.

Wapello Lodge has enrolled a list of members that will stand comparison with any other institution for true manliness, and devotion to our great principles, and it remains for us who are present members of the lodge to keep up the character their acts have given to it.

And yet it remains for me to render a well-earned tribute to the ladies, past and present, connected with the members of this lodge. They have not only waited the tedious hours of the lodge nights, but have cheered the brethren on their way, and rendered them every assistance in their power, helping to carpet and arrange their rooms, giving us the comfort of their presence on every suitable occasion, and especially fortifying our physical natures on such occasion as this by preparing such viands as only our ladies can prepare, recognizing the great fact that while men should not live to eat, man must eat to live.

For,

"We may live without poetry, music and art,
We may live without conscience, may live without heart,
We may live without friends, we may live without books,
But civilized man cannot live without cooks.
He may live without friends, what is friendship but grieving,
He may live without hope, what is hope but deceiving,
He may live without love, what is passion but pining,
But where is the man who can live without dinner?"

The Jesse A. Danielson Picture Collection By Bill Kreuger

The lowa Masonic Library was contacted in January in regards to a collection of World War I photographs and post cards that had been collected and purchased by Jesse A Danielson during his tour of duty in France from 1918 to 1919. The donor asked if we were interested in the collection. Since the Grand Lodge of lowa had collected both artifacts and materials both during and after World War I, we indicated that we were extremely interested.

The collection arrived in our office on Friday, February 3 in a shoe box. Upon examination we discovered that the collection had been organized by the family of Jesse Danielson and photos had been scanned and placed onto a compact disc, which came with the physical card collection.

The collection consists mainly of post cards that were purchased by Danielson and show cities and towns in France and Belgium. There are some photographs that were taken by one of Danielson's friends, a Sergeant McCarthy. Many of the pictures show the horror and devastation of the cities and towns in northern France and Belgium.

Jesses A. Danielson was a member of Acanthus Lodge No. 632, A.F. & A.M. in Des Moines. He was at the University of Wisconsin where he was enrolled in a course on auto mechanics. When the United States entered World War I, he left school to join the U.S. Army. Danielson was in the Signal Corps and was assigned as an equipment operator most likely since he had completed course work in auto mechanics in 1918.

The following information about the photographs accompanied the collection to help provide some provenance:

"The "Postcard" pictures are of various cities and towns in the area. No dates are shown on the pictures. The "Souvenir Booklets" are bound groups of pictures. Many are the same as the postcard pictures but somewhat smaller in size. The "ruins" pictures are apparently post-war. The "Photographs" are contemporary with the collector."

This is a very nice and complete collection of World War I related post cards and photographs. It makes a fine addition to our overall collection of World War I related materials. The fact that this collection was put together by an Iowa Mason and donated by his family makes it very special.



Schneider Tank Grivesnes, France



Mack at Ypres, Belgium cloth hall back of him



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Near the end of the "mole" at ZeeBrugge, Belgium

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