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2022 Regional Schools

Thursday, March 24, 2022 Grove Lodge No. 492,
Washington St., Marne.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, March 25, 2022 South Gate Lodge No. 657,
1111 Randolph St., Des Moines.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 14, 2022 Rhodes Lodge No. 303,
505 W Mulberry, Ogden.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, April 15, 2022 Osceola Lodge No. 77,
100 S. Park St., Osceola.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, May 19, 2022 West Union Lodge No. 69,
132 S. Vine St., West Union.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, May 20, 2022 Mizpah Lodge No. 639,
616 A Ave. NE., Cedar Rapids.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, June 16, 2022 Star Lodge No. 115,
233 S State St., Madrid.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, July 15, 2022 Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8,
206 N Main St., Mount Pleasant.....9:00 A.M.

Saturday, August 27, 2022 Adel Lodge No. 80,
411 S 12th St., Adel.....9:00 A.M.

Monday September 5, 2022 Ottumwa Lodge No. 16,
611 E. Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa9:00 A.M.

Grand View "Light" Tour

The Grand Lodge of Iowa Staff will be traveling across the State of Iowa in April to share Grand View with its membership, officers and secretaries. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to access the Grand View Membership System and what it has to offer. The following dates are listed below:

Monday, April 4, 2022 Davenport Masonic Center,
511 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 Great Lights Lodge No. 181,
106 1/2 W. Water St. Decorah.....6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 8,
206 N. Main St.Mt Pleasant.....6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 11, 2022 Sioux City Scottish Rite,
801 Douglas, Sioux City.....6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Council Bluffs Masonic Temple,
130 S 6th St, Council Bluffs.....6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 Des Moines Scottish Rite,
519 Park, Des Moines.....6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite,
616 A Avenue NE.,Cedar Rapids.....6:30 P.M.



Grand Master's Message "Ignite Iowa Masonry"

Dear Brethren of Iowa,

There is no fire department that can extinguish our IOWA MASONIC FIRE. On the Bulletin cover, some of the Grand Lodge Officers put our MASONIC FIRE to the test. Not even Engine 1 of the Cedar Rapids Fire Department could extinguish our MASONIC FIRE. Now we are preparing for your lodge to build your own MASONIC FIRE, or rather ENTHUSIASM, in your lodge that will last for years, if not decades, to come. As members of this Grand Jurisdiction, I am asking all Iowa Masons to do your part to IGNITE IOWA MASONRY.

I have received positive feedback stemming from the Grand Master Area Meetings (GMAM's). Many of the lodges that attended the GMAM's have embraced the enthusiasm and ignited a fresh spirit among the Craft. Many lodges are gaining new members, restoring SNPD members, and have taken an in-depth review of their lodge. The self-assessment survey is a great tool these lodges have utilized to clarify and prioritize what improvements are achievable for their lodge.


The Grand Lodge office has sent emails and letters to the lodges that attended the GMAM's to prepare your lodge for a follow-up visit. The Lodge Service Committee members and the Grand Lodge Officers are prepared and have started visiting those lodges. We would like to receive your feedback on the effectiveness of the GMAM's and offer guidance your lodge may need to move forward.

In the upcoming weeks, the lodges that did not attend a GMAM will receive an email or letter preparing them for a visit from a Lodge Service Committee member and/or a Grand Lodge Officer. My goal is to communicate with every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. You need this information, and we need to know what we can do to help and guide your lodge to a better tomorrow.

A few reminders:

- Contact Worshipful Brother Bill V. Northup, Executive Director of the Masonic Charitable Education Corporation, for members desirous of leaving a legacy gift to their lodge. He can also provide guidance to a lodge that has received a gift. Call (515) 556-2036 or email at bvnorthup@gmail.com or mail to 519 Park Street, Des Moines, IA 50309
- June 10, 2022 – Grand Master's Golf Outing at Beaver Creek Golf Course, Grimes, IA. Registration and sponsorship forms are on Grand Lodge website.
- June 19 – 23, 2022 – MAGRAI.com – Masons Annual Great Ride Around Iowa. Features Northwest Iowa. Rededication of 3 lodges and much more. Sign up for updates and information on the MAGRAI.com website.
- August 28, 2022 - Grand Master's Charity Car Show at Jethro's BBQ 'n Bacon Bacon, West Des Moines.
- Your attendance at these three events will support the St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation or the Iowa Masonic Library Association.

Fraternally,



Bill Post, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



A Message from the Grand Lodge Ladies - Be the Sparkle in Someone's Life!



The Grand Lodge Ladies are full of spark this year! We have been enjoying meeting other ladies and if we haven't met you yet, I hope we will in the near future. This year we are selling a "sparkle" pin. Each pin is \$5 and the proceeds will support the St. Florian Youth Miracle Burn Camp. We appreciate the ladies and men who have been purchasing our pins – and wearing them!

A fantastic way YOU can Be the Sparkle in Someone's Life is to BAKE! We are encouraging everyone to bake some cookies, pies, cinnamon rolls or cakes and take them to your local EMS, Fire, Police and Public Safety Dispatch Departments. These men and women are dedicated to serving the public, and this would be a great way to show your appreciation.

Be sure and attend an event where the Grand Lodge ladies are – you just might get to take home a potholder to help with your baking!!

Keep Sparkling!!

Tammy Van Hosen-Post

A Tribute to Raymond E. Clause

By Charles D. Yates



Raymond E. Clause, age 85, of Menville, passed away on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at the AbiliT Senior Living of Lawton. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church of Menville. Burial was held at the Arlington Cemetery of Menville. A Masonic service was held at 7:00 p.m. by Trial Lodge No. 532 of Menville on December 3, 2021.

Raymond Edward Clause was born February 2, 1936 in Sioux City, Iowa to Brady C. and Pearl (Towers) Clause. As a teen, he lived with foster parents Lewis and Gladys Foster, who later adopted him. Ray graduated from Menville High School in 1954 then earned a B.S. in Business from Morningside College in 1958.

He was united in marriage to Irene Flewelling on August 17, 1957 at the Federated Church of Menville. To this union three children were born, Susan, David and Karen.

Ray's career included working at Sioux City Iron Company as a controller and he was Secretary Registrar of the Sioux City Scottish Rite Bodies.

He served on the board at the Meadows Country Club, was President of the Menville Jaycees and was a secretary for the Woodbury Central School Board. Ray was a member of the United Methodist Church where he served on the board and was the chairman of the Pastor Parish Committee. He and Irene were also awarded the Parents of the Year at Morningside College in 1984. In his free time Ray loved spending time with his family, golfing, bowling, watching sports, square dancing, gardening, camping, going on cruises and boating. He dearly loved his cats and playing cribbage.

His Masonic career shows that he was a very dedicated Mason. He served the Craft of Iowa as Grand Master of Masons 1998 – 1999. His theme for that year was Extend the Hand of Freemasonry. Those words were more than a theme to Ray. To him they were a way of life.

He served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand of Iowa in 1975-1976. He served on the Masonic Chartable Education Corporation of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 45 years. He was a Past Master and Secretary for Trial Lodge No. 532 of Menville. He was a 33 degree Inspector General Honorary of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Sioux City. He was a member of the Sioux City York Rite and was a member of Abu Bekr Shrine. He held membership in the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland, Northwest Iowa MI-DL club, DeMolay Legion of Honor and was an honorary member of the Acacia Fraternity of Morningside College. He was a Worthy Patron for Eastern Star Chapter No. 502 in 1972.

He is survived by his loving wife, Irene of Menville, IA; children, Susan (Kevin) Black of Mankato, MN, David (Carolyn) Clause of Mankato, MN and Karen (Tracy) Michels of Northfield, MN

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; adoptive parents; brother, Marvin Clause and sister, Margaret Harrison.

Iowa Masonry has lost a true Gentlemen and friend - A Mason's Mason! We will miss his smile, his fun loving attitude, his warm hand clasp as he extended the Hand of Freemasonry which was the theme for his Grand Lodge year.

I am extremely honored that Grand Master William W. (Bill) Post requested that I write this Tribute.

Charles D. Yates, P.G.M.

A Tribute to Donald E. Mosier

By Craig L. Davis



Donald E. Mosier, 65, of Cedar Rapids passed away on January 28, 2022, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 4, 2022, at the Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite Consistory, 616 A Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Reverend Timothy D. Bonney will officiate. Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 3, 2022, also at the Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite Consistory, with a Masonic Service beginning at 7:00 PM by Grand Master William W. Post. Burial will take place immediately following the services at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

Don was born on July 29, 1956 in Huron, South Dakota to Earl and Pearl (Sorenson) Mosier. He was united in marriage to Carol (Hunt) Mosier on May 16, 1981, in Earlville, Iowa. Don is survived by his wife, Carol; his daughters, Carissa Gillmore and husband Lucas of Tiffin, IA, and Danielle Mosier of Cedar Rapids; his grandchildren, Keegan, Gavin, Rowan, and Georgia Gillmore.

Don spent countless hours working with his father in the family garage as a young man. Working on the repair of alternators and other components ignited his interest in science, technology, and electronics. This interest led to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1978. He then joined Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids where he was allowed to create innovative designs for aircraft displays. During that time he had been granted 19 patents from the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Don also enjoyed reading, cooking- especially perfecting and trying new recipes, baking birthday cakes for his grandchildren, traveling with Carol, riding his Harley and driving his Corvette. Don's greatest enjoyment in life was time spent with his family who dearly miss him.

If you could not find Don outside his house smoking meats, vegetables and everything else, he was probably attending a Masonic function somewhere. Don received his first instruction into Masonry at Kingston Lodge No. 548 in Cedar Rapids, where he served as Worshipful Master four times and later became a Charter member of Albert Pike Lodge No. 681 where he also served as Worshipful Master four times. He served the Grand Lodge of Iowa as Senior Grand Steward in 1996-1997, then again as Junior Grand Warden in 2002-2003. He was elevated to the Office of Grand Master for the 2007-2008 year. His Theme for that year was "Engineer our Future". Don would remark in his report "Of course that choice reflected my profession. But it also expressed my belief that the Fraternity can be strengthened by continually reexamining our goals, reevaluating our methods and procedures, and making conscious decisions to execute well thought out changes. By so doing, we can ensure the future vitality of our beloved Fraternity. The process works in engineering; it works in business, and it will work in our Fraternity."

Don was also active in all appendant bodies of Masonry. He was a 33 degree Inspector General Honorary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Cedar Rapids, he also served as Personal Representative of S.G.I.G Gary L. Sissel. He did serve on the Iowa Scottish Rite Foundation. He was very active in Cedar Rapids York Rite where he served as Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Iowa in 2001-2002. He was a Past Sovereign of the St. Ignatius Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and currently serving as Intendant General for Iowa. He was an Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor. He also held membership in Malta Chapter Order of Eastern Star No. 155. Don was also an active member in the El Kahir Shrine in Cedar Rapids, he served on the Directors Staff, Past Masters Club, Chefs Unit, Chairman of the Shrine Endowment Fund, and Cinco Estaciones Teocalli No. 77 Order of Quetzalcoatl. Royal Order of Jesters. Don also served on the Cottage Grove Place Board of Directors.

Don was currently serving as the Chairman of Jurisprudence for the Grand Lodge of Iowa. He will be greatly missed by members of Jurisprudence as well as all Masons from across the State of Iowa. I am honored to be asked by Grand Master William W. Post to write this tribute. I served with Don as his Senior Grand Warden. He was a true friend to me and always had time for a chat. I will miss him, but he will always be with me...in my heart. Well done good and faithful servant!

Recent Research of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum World War I Collection

By Peter Limbert

The World War I, contemporaneously known as the Great War, was a period of immense destruction, death, and upheaval not only for continental Europe, but for world society as a whole. Born out of old ambitions and political rivalries, the conflict introduced the world to the ravages of warfare on a truly industrial scale. Armies fought according to outmoded principles established during the Napoleonic Wars (1803-1815) and the Franco-Prussian War (1870) without fully recognizing the crucial role that technology played in reshaping the battlefield. As the major powers settled into trench warfare, the world realized that what had initially seemed like another brief European power squabble had transformed into a tragedy unlike any that had come before. before it. World War I would come to reshape the very foundations of the societies on which human civilization stood. In the brief span of five years, everything changed in ways one could scarcely have thought possible only a decade prior. The World War I collection of the Iowa Masonic Museum has a wide variety of fascinating artifacts that bring to life the event that changed the twentieth century. From gas masks to grenades and dog tags to trench tools, the collection provides an amazing look into what service and life during the Great War looked like for Germans, French, and Americans alike. They can tell us important information about the experiences of those who both lived through the conflict and those who did not. Recent research into the collection has helped to shed light on some aspects which were previously unknown, which has opened the doors to very fascinating opportunities to tell unique stories in the future. Detailed in this article are some of the new secrets that have been revealed about a handful of items in the collection and what they could mean for how future analysis on the Museum's artifacts is conducted.

German Army Armband

One of the first sets of items that had research performed on them is the group of items shown in the image below (see Fig. 1). The first item of the three was the "German Red Cross Brassard" from the collection. Upon initial inspection, this piece seemed to be just that: a typical armband sported by members of the German Army medical division. Upon closer examination of the back and interior portions of the piece, however, it became clear that it was something else entirely. Although the front is heavily faded from exposure and handling, the back and interior portions retained their original color in vibrant quality. Along the back equator, there is a bright purple band of cloth, which stands in stark contrast to the whites and reds of the rest of the armband.

Upon consulting resources regarding the uniforms of the German Army, it was revealed that the purple in fact denoted that the wearer was a chaplain, rather than a medical officer. In the German Army, medics and surgeons wore simple white armbands with red crosses stitched on the front. Purple stripes were used to differentiate religious officials within the German Army so that they could be easily distinguished in times of need. As in many wars, chaplains during World War I administered to the religious needs of soldiers and performed rites for the wounded and deceased. This opens up opportunities to examine the role of noncombatant officers in the German Army, as well as the role that religion played in the Great War.



German Army Shoulder Strap

The second object out of this set is a green, stitched wool shoulder strap from the German Army (see Fig. 2). Initially, it was thought that the number stitched onto the top of the strap in red stitching read, "02." Upon comparison with objects of similar provenance, however, it is clear that it in fact reads, "70." This indicates that the soldier who wore this band, most likely an infantryman, belonged to the 70th Regiment of the German Army. The yellow border stitching along the edges of the strap, which has now faded to a creamy white over time, also indicates that the soldier belonged to the XVI Army Corps (Sixteenth Army Corps) of the German Army, which was officially garrisoned at Saarbrücken, Germany. XVI Corps was reorganized at the start of mobilization in 1914 and served along the Western Front in the territory of Lorraine, a contested region along the French/German border that changed hands between countries during the war. Further research could help to determine which specific battles this piece's original owner may have participated in. As of now, it is unclear, but remains an exciting opportunity for further investigation.



German Army Field Telephone

The third piece of this set of items was a quirky object that seemed at odds with the rest of the collection (see the bottom item of Fig. 1). Initially thought to be part of a radio or other communication device, the piece remained somewhat mysterious. Upon investigation, it was revealed that it was, in fact, a piece of telecommunications equipment, but in quite a more unique way than was originally thought. By comparing photographs taken during World War I with the piece in the collection, it was discovered that this object was the earpiece of a German Army field telephone. The electrical components of the piece suggested this, but it was difficult to categorize due to the unusual metal loop attached to the bottom. It turns out that this loop served as a connector to the piece's original microphone. A relatively young technology at the time, field telephones were first utilized during the Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905) before being adopted by the German Army for use in its military. Surprisingly versatile, this technology was invaluable to communication during World War I.



Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Carroll County Jail

Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony



Ceremony at the Carroll County Jail. The Ceremony was held on November 13, 2021 in Carroll.

Worshipful Brother Kelly H. Bruce Grand Tyler gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand Master William W. Post proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Richard Fulton was Flag Bearer, Bill Fish, Craig Luchtel, and Mark Bennett served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Joe Reed was the Architect, Norm Hutcheson was the Bearer of Great Lights, Jerry Janson, Jason Bush and Ed Smith served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Larry Lieb carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Michael R. Jensen, Junior Grand Steward presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Ian T. Decker, Former Senior Grand Deacon gave the Flag Tribute. After Worshipful Brother John M. Lizer, Grand Marshal made the proclamation the Oration was given by Gene Meiners and Sheriff Ken Pengrey. They thanked Signet Lodge No. 264 and the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the beautiful ceremony. He also spoke about the history of the Courthouse. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull.



Brother Steven Eckert Raised at Hartford Lodge No. 83 By Michael Shannon

On December 2, 2021, Hartford Masonic Lodge No. 83 raised Brother Steve Eckert to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason with 17 Brothers from across Central Iowa in attendance. Jon Hoffman served his homemade spaghetti and meatballs prior to the degree and James Lee was presented with his 50-year Certificate by Worshipful Master Marvin Grace. Hartford Lodge recognized the current Grand Lodge Officers in



attendance who were Most Worshipful Brother Bill Post, Right Worshipful Brother Dennis De Jooode, and Worshipful Brother Dennis Revis. Worshipful Master Marvin Grace opened the Lodge in the Third Degree. Worshipful Brother Drew Mathias conferred the First Section with Worshipful Brother Dennis Revis serving as Senior Warden, Jon Hoffman serving as Junior Warden and Mike Shannon as Senior Deacon. For the Second Section of the Degree, Most Worshipful Brother Bill Post was conducted to the East with Worshipful Brother Dennis Revis as Senior Grand Warden, and Kirk Mitchell as Senior Deacon. Mike Shannon played the bagpipes for the "Dirge" and several Brothers wore Scottish Kilts to the degree. The Charge was given by Most Worshipful Brother Bill Post and Brother Steve was given his first Grand Master's Pin from

Grand Master Bill Post.

2021 Masonic Quiz Bowl



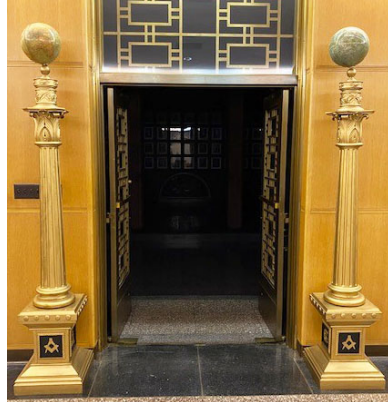
The 2021 Iowa Masonic Quiz Bowl took several interesting twists and turns during the year. The Committee met early in the year to begin planning the quiz bowl competition. As the year progressed, and the competition date grew closer, it became apparent that because of the pandemic, the competition would not be able to be held as it had been in the past. The 2021 Quiz Bowl Championships took place, not in-person but virtually. The Championships were sponsored in-part by the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. as part of our on-going efforts to support education. The virtual competition went well, as the teams followed the same rules as in-person contests. At the end, there were two winners announced. The "small" school division winner was Des Moines Christian High School. The "large" school division winner was Waukee High School. The Committee decided to award the winners of the Championships a buzzer system to be used in future competitions. On Friday, January 7, 2022, the buzzer systems were awarded to each of the winning teams. The awards were presented by J. Fink, Committee Chair and Fred Erickson, P.J.G.W. Accepting for Des Moines Christian High School was the team's sponsor, Alex Pasker. Accepting for Waukee High School was the team's sponsor, Matt Ely and several members of their Quiz Bowl team. Congratulations to these two teams.

Harold Trask Receives his 50 Year Certificate



Brother Matt Trask is shown giving his father Brother Harold Trask his 50 year Certificate in Viona Lodge No. 538 of Renwick. Historically the Masonic Fraternity has been strong and established in the Trask family. Brother Harold Trask is the son of Brother Charlie Trask, who was the son of Brother Grant Trask, who was the son of Brother Lorenzo Trask. And the best is yet to come, Keaton Trask is the son of Brother Matt Trask and currently is a student in Humboldt Community School System!

Jachin and Boaz
A Gateway to the Middle Chamber
By Wade E. Sheeler, P.S.G.W.



Every Fellowcraft who has journeyed to the Middle Chamber, has first passed between the two great pillars of Jachin and Boaz that adorned the porch of King Solomon's Temple. The origins of the meaning of these great pillars have many and varied symbolic meanings.

Since the dawn of civilization, the entrance to mysterious and sacred places has often been guarded by twin pillars. They mark the passage from the known to the unknown.

In ancient Greek mythology, the Pillars of Hercules was a phrase that was applied to the promontories that flank the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar. Plato placed the mythical island of Atlantis beyond the "Pillars of Hercules". Renaissance tradition says that the pillars bore the warning *Ne plus ultra* ("nothing further beyond"), which served as a warning to sailors and navigators to go no further.

According to Roman sources, while on his way to the garden of Hesperides on the island of Erytheia, Hercules had to cross a mountain "Atlas" (from which the name of the Atlantic Ocean comes). Instead of climbing the mountain, Hercules used his superhuman strength to go through it and thus connected the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. The two mountains that guard the Straits of Gibraltar, are Gibraltar and Jebel Musa.

In the Book of Exodus, Chapters 13 and 14 we read the story of Moses leading the Hebrews from their captivity in Egypt and wandering in the wilderness, "the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night."

The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus in the first book of Antiquities of the Jews (circa 1st Century A.D.) writes of the legend of the Pillars of Enoch. Lamech, who lived before the flood and his son, Jabal, who discovered Geometry or Masonry, and his son Jubal, the inventor of music, and Tubal Cain, the founder of smithing. They knew God would take vengeance for sins either by flood or fire. In order to preserve their sciences, they inscribed them on two pillars of stone fashioned by Jabal. One being made of marble, which would not burn and the other being made of Lacerus which would not sink in water.

Enoch was the grandfather of Noah, he was a virtuous man and "walking with God". Masonic tradition makes Enoch the originator of an underground temple dedicated to God, which was constructed by his son Methuselah. This underground temple consisted of nine brick vaults placed perpendicularly one on top of the other. Enoch engraved on a triangular golden plate the true name of Deity and attached it to an agate block which was set in the ninth arch. Fearing that the arts and sciences which he had disseminated might be lost during the destruction of the world by either fire or water of which he had a prophetic warning, he made two pillars. On one pillar he engraved cipher directions to find the treasures in the subterranean vault and on the other he engraved the history of the creation and arts and sciences and the doctrines of speculative Freemasonry as practiced in his time. This legend is contained within the oldest Gothic Constitution, the Cooke Manuscript (circa 1450). After Enoch's death and the destruction of the world, the knowledge of the underground temple and its' sacred contents was lost until the building of the Second Temple.

As early as 3150 B.C., ancient Egyptians created the obelisk, a rectangular stone pillar with a point on the top.

These obelisks were created to celebrate and honor the Gods. Over the centuries, they became linked to Ra, God of the Sun, and father of all Egyptians deities. In deference to the Egyptian value of balance, the obelisks were always raised in twos, often outside a temple in honor of the gods or to honor achievements of a great king or patriarch.

In I Kings 7:15-22, we read a description of the great pillars on the porch of King Solomon's Temple: "He cast two bronze pillars, each eighteen cubits high and twelve cubits around. He also made two capitals of cast bronze to set on the tops of the pillars; each capital was five cubits high. A network of interwoven chains festooned the capitals on top of the pillars, seven for each capital. He made pomegranates in two rows encircling each network to decorate the capitals on top of the pillars. He did the same for each capital. The capitals on top of the pillars were in the shape of lilies, four cubits high. On the capitals of both pillars, above the bowl-shaped part next to the network were two hundred pomegranates in rows all around. He erected the pillars of the portico of the Temple. The pillar to the south (right) he named Jakin and the one to the north (left) Boaz." (New International Version Bible).

A cubit was the length from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger. It was approximately 18 inches in length. The capitals appear to have imitated the shape of the seed-vessel of the lotus or Egyptian lily, a sacred symbol to the Hindus and Egyptians. The word "Jakin" in Hebrew was probably pronounced "Ya-kayan" and meant "He will establish". The word "Boaz" is pronounced in Hebrew as "Baaz". This word means "in strength". These pillars were created by Khurum the Tryian artist. Similar columns stood at the entrance of the famous Temple of Malkarth in the city of Trye. The pillars were made from a combination of "Sun" metal, that being a combination of copper and "Moon" metal being either tin or zinc. The mixture of the sun and moon expressed harmony and balance. In Jeremiah 52:21 the pillars are described as being four fingers thick.

On the top of each pillar was a large bowl (now erroneously called a ball or globe). One of the bowls probably contained water and the other fire. The celestial globe was originally the bowl of fire and was atop the pillar of Jakin. It symbolized the divine man. The terrestrial globe held the bowl of water and was atop Boaz and symbolized earthly man. The first published account of these being "globes" was made by William Preston in the 19th century.

In Qabbalistic teachings, Jachin and Boaz represent the two pillars of Sepiroth, the Tree of Life. These two pillars symbolize Mercy and Severity. The union of the two pillars is said to generate a third pillar, the one in the middle, which represents man and mankind.

The pillars Jachin and Boaz were destroyed along with the rest of the first Temple in 586 BC by Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon when he conquered Jerusalem.

Twin Lakes Lodge No. 478 Year End Finale

The brothers of Twin Lakes Masonic Lodge ended their year of activities with a well attended soup supper. The lodge was decorated with a Christmas Tree surrounded by presents that the members had purchased for families served by New Opportunities. The Field Financial Aid Fund of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the local lodge have jointly participated in assisting New Opportunities for many years. Brother Tim Lyons prepared venison chilli and Brother Joe Kangle's wife, Sally, prepared cheesy potatoes with ham and several sides. The brothers then opened Lodge to elect principal officers for the ensuing year. Chris Sullivan was elected Worshipful Master. Matt Gaffney was elected Senior Warden and Tim Lyons was voted to be Junior Warden. Dennis McKenney and Joe Kangle were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Junior Warden elect Tim Lyons and Joe Kangle delivered the gifts to Heidi Billmeier the next day at New Opportunities. Several newly raised Masons shopped for this project for the first time and are looking forward to doing it again.



Grand Musician Robert C. Danner



Masons gathered in Davenport to honor Grand Musician Robert C. Danner. Bubaker Lodge No. 675 hosted the reception and social hour.

The Masons moved to the Lodge Room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Monte L. Harris opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Dennis M. Zahrt and Lynn A. Broughton. Grand Master William W. Post was received and introduced with Dennis M. Zahrt and Lynn A. Broughton as committeemen. Grand Musician Danner was received and introduced with Brothers Dennis M. Zahrt and Lynn A. Broughton as committeemen. The honored brother asked Grand Master Post and the Grand Lodge Officers to close Brubaker Lodge No. 675.

After the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room for program and Thanksgiving meal. Magician David Casa, a former student of Robert Danner, performed his magic for the crowd. Grand Master Post introduced his Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Grand Masters. Craig Davis introduced past Grand Lodge Officers and O.E.S. Grand Officers. Monte L. Harris introduced the Officers of Brubaker Lodge. Worshipful Brother Danner thanked everyone for being there and talked about how each of the organizations must support each other to survive. He was humbled to have many of his Eastern Star members there and recognized them. Several presentations were made to Brother Danner. Grand Master Post spoke about his choice for the Office of Grand Musician and knew that there was only one choice for him. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Dennis W. De Joode giving the Benediction.

Signet Lodge No. 264 Makes Donation to RSVP

The Carroll Masonic Lodge recently donated \$250 to RSVP in Carroll for serving as a call center for the Lodge's annual community Christmas Day dinner.

Last month, RSVP fielded about 65 calls from people requesting delivery of dinners at their homes, and five or six more calls from people interested in volunteering to help with the dinner.

This year's dinner served about 330 meals. Approximately 160 people ate at the Lodge on U.S. Highway 71 North, while the rest of the meals were delivered to homes in the community or picked up at the Lodge to take home.

RSVP has served as a call center for the dinner since about the time the Masons first began offering the free dinner in 1994.

RSVP Coordinator Stacy Venteicher said the Masons' donation will help cover expenses — such as postage and materials — her office incurs offering the Pen Pals and Speak Up programs in area schools.

Pen Pals this year is serving 161 third graders at Kuemper Catholic, Ar-We-Va, Glidden-Ralston, Boyer Valley, Schleswig and St. Rose of Lima Catholic in Denison.

RSVP pairs volunteers with students through letter-writing. Pen Pals is intended to give students an opportunity to practice the art of letter-writing, increase reading and writing skills, and improve their social skills and involvement in school.

There are approximately 150 Pen Pal volunteers, with a few corresponding with two students.

Speak Up is serving 309 fifth graders at Carroll, Kuemper, Glidden-Ralston, IKM-Manning, Schleswig and St. Rose of Lima. The program builds students' public-speaking skills. RSVP has 15 or 16 volunteers assisting in classrooms and 10 more who help put all the materials together.

Venteicher said combined costs of Pen Pals and Speak Up are approximately \$8,000 a year.

The donation was presented by the Masons' Christmas dinner chairman, Joe Reed, who was also the lodge's Worshipful Master last year and is succeeded this year by Bill Fish.



Iowa Masonic Health Facilities Visit



Grand Master William W. Post and the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge officers and their ladies traveled to the Iowa Masonic Health Facilities in Bettendorf, Iowa on November 20. Tami Tegeler and the staff welcomed them with open arms, and a hearty brunch prepared by the kitchen staff at the home. Chairman of the Grand Charity Committee Jason A. Wolcott served as Master of Ceremonies. The Grand Master introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and let everyone know that it was his fourth visit to the facility. His first being with Grand Master Lester C. Fleming and he remembered that there was a memorial service in the chapel during the visit. Tami Tegeler introduced the following staff: Chad Lehman, Deann Milifchek, Dave Overfield, Misty Overfield, Paula Schroeder, Autumn Martin, and Amy Wyrick. After the program, tours of the Mansion were given to the Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies.

The Bettendorf Mansion was built in 1909-1910. The elaborate Spanish-Moorish style home was built on thirty-three acres at a cost of \$150,000. Unfortunately, Mr. William Bettendorf never enjoyed his beautiful home. He died unexpectedly in 1910 before he was able to move in. His widow and her son by a precious marriage, Oscar Staby, moved into the house, but found the house and grounds to be too much to manage.

The Bettendorf Mansion was vacant for several years until 1925, when the Grand Lodge of Masons in Iowa purchased the Mansion, contents, and grounds for \$50,000. They immediately built a 79 room adjoining as a "hospital" for Master Masons, their wives and widows. The "hospital" opened in 1927 as "Masonic Sanitarium" and operated under that name until it was changed to the current name of "Iowa Masonic Health Facilities." Although priority admission is given to Masons and their families, Masonic affiliation is no longer required.

The Bettendorf Mansion, which currently houses the business offices of the facility, was left practically intact and remains as such today.

In 1979 a new wing was added to the northwest side of the nursing facility.

In 1984 a new community center, reception area, and parking lot were added.

In 2002 and existing maintenance building was torn down and replaced by a new maintenance building. At that time construction began on the 18 bed "Ann Ruge Special Care Unit for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders" which opened in 2003.

In 1987-1988 Masonic Village, an independent living retirement community consisting of 40 independent living condominium style villas, was constructed on the southern portion of the property. Although priority admission and substantial discounts are given to Masons, Masonic affiliation is no longer required. When independent living is no longer an option, priority admission to the nursing home is extended to Masonic Village residents.

Iowa Masonic Health Facilities is a non-profit health care center offering on-site intermediate and skilled nursing services. It remains under the ownership and jurisdiction of the Masonic Organization and is governed by five appointed Board Members: Jason A. Wolcott (Chairman), Matthew A. Buckley, A.J. Brown, Dennis M. Zahrt, Lynn A. Broughton.

Danville Lodge No. 48 Donates Books By Secretary Gary Dockendorff



Members of Danville Lodge No. 48 donated 50 books to the Kindergarten Class at Danville Community School to support their reading program. Pictured from Left to Right are: Brother Matt Hauptman, Brother Kenton Cole, Brother Gary Dockendorff, and Kindergarten Teacher Allie Massner.

Brother Joshua Scholthus Raised



Members of Hope Lodge No. 175 in Belle Plaine invited the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers to a Third Degree for Brother Joshua Scholthus.

All moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Scott Schabacker opened lodge and conferred the First Section. Secretary Kenneth B. Robinson served as Senior Deacon. After the First Section the Mason's and Ladies moved to the dinning room where they enjoyed a chicken and noodle dinner prepared by Scott and Susan Schabacker.

After dinner the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were received with Most Worshipful Brother Terry E. Osborne as Senior Committeemen and Worshipful Brother William R. Dayton as Junior Committeemen. Grand Master William W. Post was received with the same Committeemen. Grand Master Post was in the East for the Second Section and Most Worshipful Brother Craig L. Davis was Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Keith R. Voss. Grand Tyler Kelly H. Bruce presented Brother Trent with a Masonic box and explained the significance of it. Grand Master Post presented Joshua with his pins and other items. The lodge presented Chris with a Lambskin Apron and other items.

Brother Josh thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for being there and expressed what an honor and incredible experience it was.

The Grand Lodge Officers closed Hope Lodge with Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull in the East.

Masonic Lodge Donates Funds towards LUCAS Device



Signet Masonic Lodge No. 264 of Carroll presented a donation of \$2,500 to be put toward the purchase of two LUCAS chest compression devices at St. Anthony Regional Hospital. The LUCAS device funding project is part of the St. Anthony employee giving campaign. Currently, \$36,400 has been raised with a goal of \$40,000.

The Masonic Lodge understands the importance of giving back to our community, and this project is a great way to do that," said Joe Reed, member of the Masonic Lodge and Past Worshipful Master. "Other ways we give back include serving a Christmas Day dinner for those in need and the Annual

Masonic Lodge Flight Breakfast to help fund scholarships.

"Our goal is to purchase two LUCAS devices, and this donation puts us one step closer to achieving that goal," said Ed Smith, President and CEO of St. Anthony. "The LUCAS devices will greatly benefit our patients, residents and staff. St. Anthony is grateful to the Masonic Lodge for making this generous donation."

A LUCAS device delivers safe and effective chest compressions to sudden cardiac arrest patients. Additionally, this device increases blood flow to the brain compared to manual compressions. A LUCAS device costs \$20,000. Ninety percent of the funds have been raised by St. Anthony employees, however, outside donations are accepted. For more information on the project, contact the St. Anthony Foundation at 712-794-5287.

Pictured from left to right: Trish Roberts, St. Anthony Foundation Director; Joe Reed, member of the Masonic Lodge, Past Worshipful Master; and Ed Smith, St. Anthony President and CEO

St. Anthony Regional Hospital and Nursing Home was founded in 1905 by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Today, the organization is sponsored by St. Anthony Ministries and maintains a special relationship with its founders. St. Anthony has provided care to the communities in west central Iowa for more than 115 years and continues to fulfill its Franciscan heritage. Access to specialty physicians, the latest technology, and cost-effective care set St. Anthony apart in effectively treating each individual's physical, spiritual and psychosocial needs. St. Anthony has been recognized for excellence in quality and safety by CMS and Consumer Reports. Learn more at stanthonyhospital.org.

The Suspension of Harris M. Parvin By Amy Weiler

Though Theodore S. Parvin was heavily involved in Masonry through much of his life, most of his family (with the exception of his son Newton R. Parvin) were not nearly so involved themselves. But there was a brief time that there was another family member that was a Mason, with the evidence present in old records.

Harris McCully Parvin (1847-1897) was the second oldest of T.S. Parvin's children and the oldest son. He is listed as being a member of Crescent Lodge No. 25 in 1872 and 1873 (whether he was initiated into Crescent or whether he transferred from another lodge was not specified). But on May 24th, 1874, Harris was suspended for Unmasonic Conduct by edict of Grand Master O.P. Waters as written in the returns for Crescent Lodge No. 25. The exact circumstances as to the suspension are not listed in the proceedings, and isn't even recorded within the pages as a suspension. The proceedings dated June 1st, 1847 indicate there was contention over the issue, with multiple Masons being suspended in a similar fashion. The proceedings include an opinion piece by T.S. Parvin titled "What are the Powers of the Grand Master in Masonic Trials and Appeals?" (pg. 39-43) as well as a section of the Grand Secretary's General Report (pg. 56-58). These pieces discuss the authority regarding a Grand Master's ability to suspend Masons. A section of the latter, titled "What Is To Be Done In Such Cases?", reads:

2. Masonic Suspensions. - One lodge returns a member "Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct, by edict of the Grand Master." Sections XLVI. And XLVII. of the By-Laws grant "to the subordinate lodges (and to them alone) the power to suspend or expel Masons for unmasonic conduct." There is no law in Iowa or elsewhere vesting such power in the Grand Master

The By-Laws, section XI., provides, that "the Grand Secretary, when publishing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, shall cause to be published therewith a list of all suspensions and expulsions under this jurisdiction."

For Harris' specific case, we do have in our collection two letters regarding the issue. Both were penned by Andrew R. West (1831-1895), a member of Crescent Lodge No. 25 (and future Worshipful Master), with one to Theodore S. Parvin and the other to Harris M. Parvin. The written body of each letter is transcribed below.

H.M. Parvin
Iowa City, Ia.

My Dear Sir.

We have been asked to consent to the withdrawal of the Edict suspending you from Masonry. No word, or expression has been recd from you. I want to receive from you a full expression of your present feeling toward us, and in reference to your past errors, and hope to hear from you by return mail.

I want you to feel, that this is a case between yourself and Masons who want to do what is right towards all parties. Don't fail to answer by return mail.

Affectionately yours, Andrew R. West, January 2, 1875

T.S. Parvin Esq
Iowa City, Iowa

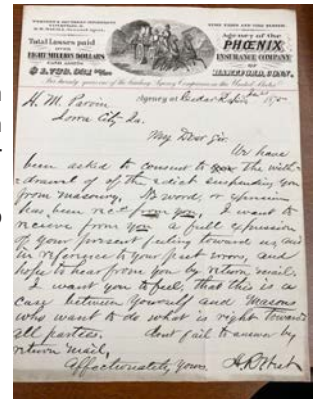
"Yours of recent date was duly received.

The contents was satisfactory, but you have been misinformed in regard to "our Lodge decisions" in reference to a "unanimous vote" in the matter referred to, there has been no such ruling, nor any occasion for it. Our [lodge] has been unanimous in all action had in the matter referred to, so far as I can now recollect, and last night, on a full statement of fact, as recd from you, and others. The [lodge] was again unanimous in asking the withdrawel of "the Edict" and granting a demit as asked for. I sincerely hope this may be satisfactory, as I think it will, and that our action may have the effect to cheer Harris, and that finally he may be restored to you sound, in mind and body, to be a blessing to you in your declining years. And I also ask, that all that is unpleasant, and painful to you in the past, may be now completely buried."

Fraternally yours

Andrew R. West, Jan. 26, 1875

According to the return for Crescent Lodge 25 dated May 1, 1875, Harris M. Parvin was reinstated on February 13, 1875 by edict of Grand Master Joseph Chapman. According to that same return, he was then Dimitted on February 22, 1875 and the matter was apparently concluded.



Past Master's Night at Newton No. 59



Newton Lodge No. 59 held its annual Past Master's Night on November 11. Grand Master William W. Post and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited for a Reception and Third Degree for Brother Trenton Eilander and Raised him to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Following social time, the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Josh Yeager opened lodge. Past Masters conferred the First Section with Wade Sheeler in the East and Brother Jim White as Senior Deacon. Worshipful Master Yeager introduced the Past Masters and thanked them for their service to the lodge and to the Fraternity. The Masons then moved to the dining room for a dinner that was prepared and served by members of Newton Chapter No. 100, O.E.S.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Andy Hamm and Ward Bailey as Committeemen. Grand Master Post was received and introduced with Andy Hamm and Ward Bailey as Committeemen.

Grand Master William W. Post was in the East for the Second Section. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis gave the Charge. Grand Master Post presented his lapel pin and other items to the Brother. Brother Eilander thanked everyone for being part of this special night. Then the Grand Secretary reminded him of his Grandfather. Grand Master Post presented Worshipful Master Josh Yeager with the Lodge of the Year Award and a Plus One Award. The Grand Master then presented Brother Jason Anderson with his Ashlar Award. Brother Jerry Wylie received his 50 Year Certificate and Brother Bill Yeager received Newton Lodge's Mason of the Year.

Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull in the East to close Newton Lodge No. 59.

Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 Elf Sitting



Santa and some of his Brother elves stopped by Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 to attend the city of Boone's lighted Christmas parade on December 2nd. After the parade, the children shared their want lists with Santa and received some goodies from the elves.

Brother James Trent Raised

The Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Fairfield by Clinton Lodge No. 15 for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Brother James Trent.

All moved to the lodge room where Secretary Steven R. Arndt opened lodge and Conferred the First Section. Right Worshipful Brother Ted C. Wiley served as Senior Deacon. The Masons went to refreshment and were served a pasta dinner.

Grand Master William W. Post was conducted to the East and received the Public Grand Honors. Grand Secretary Craig Davis introduced the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Post was in the East for the Second Section and Worshipful Brother Michael R. Jensen was Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Craig Davis. Grand Tyler Kelly H. Bruce presented Brother Trent with a Masonic box and explained the significance of it. Grand Master Post presented James with his pins and several other items.

Brother Trent thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for being there and what an honor it has been and an incredible experience.

The Grand Lodge Officers closed Clinton Lodge with Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull in the East



Hattie Elizabeth Burdette
By Scott Schabacker

George Washington Opening Lodge.

When you see this portrait, think of the Washington Quarter in your Pocket.

This print was released to Lodges along with the release of the Washington Quarter just in time for the Bicentennial of Washington's birth and the completion of the work on the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria Virginia.

Masonic Lodges contributing \$500 to the upkeep of the Memorial received a copy of this print if their Lodge agreed to donate \$5.00 for each Entered Apprentice with the print being mailed after 100 candidates. Lodges reaching the 200 plateaus also received a portrait of Benjamin Franklin Closing the Lodge. So popular was the program that most Grand Lodges adopted the \$5.00 provision as a mandatory statewide requirement for candidates. In Illinois, the fee is required by Code 356.

Things to look for in your portrait.

The Masonic jewel and apron worn for the pose belonged to George Washington as did the chair and pedestal. Both pieces of furniture were returned to Mount Vernon whereas the apron and aewel were to be kept at the new Memorial. The background and drapery were installed as part of the furnishings at the Memorial as well.



Lansdowne portrait

George Washington stands before you in a full-length portrait by Gilbert Stuart. The painting, done in 1796, is known as the Lansdowne portrait because it was a gift to the Marquis of Lansdowne, an English supporter of American independence, from Senator and Mrs. William Bingham of Pennsylvania. It depicts the 64 year-old President of the United States during his final year in office.

One of the originals is still hanging in the White House today as it was saved by First Lady Dolly Madison during the burning of the White House by the British during the War of 1812.

Stuart painted three copies of the Lansdowne, and five portraits that were closely related to it. His most famous copy has hung in the East Room of the White House since 1800.



George Washington (The Athenaeum Portrait)

The Athenaeum Portrait, also known as The Athenaeum, is an unfinished painting by Gilbert Stuart of former United States President George Washington. Created in 1796, it is Stuart's most notable work. The painting depicts Washington at age 65, about three years before his death, on a brown background. It served as the model for the engraving that would be used for Washington's portrait on the United States one dollar bill.

A corresponding portrait of Martha Washington is also known as the Athenaeum Portrait, and is exhibited near the painting of her husband at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Gilbert Stuart first painted George Washington in 1795 (in a work now known only from copies). That painting was so successful that, according to artist Rembrandt Peale, Martha Washington “wished a Portrait for herself.” She persuaded her husband to sit again for Stuart “on the express condition that when finished it should be hers.” Stuart, however, did not want to part with the picture and left it unfinished so that he could refer to it when producing future commissions. Known as the “Athenaeum” portrait because it went to the Boston Athenaeum after Stuart’s death. John Neal, an early-nineteenth-century writer and art critic, wrote, “Though a better likeness of him was shown to us, we should reject it; because the only idea that we now have of George Washington, is associated with Stuart’s portrait of Washington.”



Sources: <https://aw22.org/historical-documents/>
<https://gwmemorial.org/pages/george-washington-the-mason>
<https://georgewashington.si.edu/portrait/non-flash.html>

The Truth About Presidents Day

Courtesy of Mount Vernon Ladies' Association
<https://www.mountvernon.org/>

In 1879, the United States made Washington's February 22 birthday a federal holiday. Today, the third Monday in February is frequently referred to as “Presidents’ Day.” So, which is it? We get to the bottom of what’s official and what’s not.

George Washington was a humble man who did not enjoy flashy celebrations. During his lifetime, Washington paid little attention to his own birthday, and often “celebrated” it by responding to letters or attending to matters at Mount Vernon.

However, national celebration of his birthday began while he was alive and continued after his death. While his birthday is still recognized to this day, the parameters around it changed in the late 20th century, when it unofficially became known as “Presidents’ Day”.

The road to what the majority of the public in the United States now recognizes as Presidents’ Day is a long and confusing one. After Washington died in 1799, his birthday was informally celebrated across the country. It wasn’t until January 31, 1879, that Washington’s birthday became a federally recognized holiday.

Washington’s birthday is also recognized in another unique fashion. Starting in 1896, it has become a tradition to read Washington’s Farewell Address on February 22 (the actual day of his birth) in the US Senate by a current member. This tradition reminds us of a man whose patriotic spirit still inspires us to this day, particularly federal workers who uphold what he helped create.

Saturday Night at the Goose and Gridiron

Discussion Group Ground Rules

Welcome! If this is your first time at this type of discussion group, there are a few rules you need to know. If you are a returning member, welcome back! The following sections lists some Do's and Don't for both the participants and the facilitator. Please make yourself familiar with the rules and respect them during the discussion. Above all, participate and have fun!

Facilitator and Participant Dos and Don'ts

Do be an active and engaged listener. Respecting the ideas of each participant is a key element of a successful discussion group. Be open to what people have to say even if you disagree. The facilitator needs to let the group know that putting down others is absolutely taboo at this discussion group.

Do encourage participants to offer specific examples that back up what they take to be a universally accepted view. The facilitator should try to get them to support their perspectives with cogent, well-constructed, reasoned views.

Do question the perspectives offered by others and try to examine any perceived logical inconsistencies. The collective goal is for all participants, not just the facilitator, to become a more expert questioner.

Don't allow the dialogue to become a one-on-one back-and-forth between facilitator and participant (or between one participant and another). Remember: this is a community of philosophical inquirers. So a good facilitator should involve everyone else at every turn.

Do make sure everyone has a chance to speak. Invite but do not pressure quieter participants to contribute to the dialogue.

Do be receptive to unexpected and unfamiliar responses. Facilitators should avoid steering the dialogue in a preconceived direction, as if they know better than others what the answers, or questions, should be.

Don't browbeat a participant or put him on the spot in a way that makes him uncomfortable. You should nudge participants into articulating their perspectives as clearly as possible, but if someone doesn't have a response to your further prodding, move on to other participants.

Don't strive for consensus. In the version of Socratic inquiry practiced at this discussion group, it doesn't matter if everyone begins and ends a dialogue with disparate perspectives. There's never any need to try to force any sort of agreement.

Do remember that this is just one version of philosophical discourse, and it might not work for everybody.

Don't try to bring the discussion to any sort of artificial closure. Most dialogues last about two hours. (If held at a coffeehouse or any venue that sells food and drinks, it is of immense benefit to the owner if you take a ten-minute "pause for the cause" after an hour or so of discourse.) A discussion group is considered a success when participants leave a discussion with many more questions than they had at the beginning.

Don't ever use readings to start a group discussion. This is not supposed to be a group based on didactic directiveness. One of the ways we steer away from the traditional "philosophy club" model is that there is no teacher or guide or guru to lead the discussion, but rather a facilitator who simply makes sure that the group as a whole picks a question among those proposed by the group and then makes sure that the dialogue is well-distributed among participants, so that everyone who cares to can take part.

While AFTER the dialogue, it is quite appropriate for anyone who took part to suggest to others that there's certain books they may want to take a look at that relate to the topic discussed, so participants can get a more keen sense that they are part of a wonderful questioning tradition that includes great thinkers across the ages and disciplines, this should never be done as a way to jump start the dialogue itself.



GRAND LODGE OF IOWA A.F. & A.M. “IGNITE IOWA MASONRY”

Beaver Creek Golf Course
11200 NW Towner Dr,
Grimes, IA 50111
Phone (515) 986-3221

Friday, June 10, 2022

Cost: \$80 per player

(If Paid By May 27th)

\$90.00 per player

(If Paid After May 27th)

Registration Opens 9:00 AM

Shotgun start 10:00 AM

Limited to 36 Teams

Register Early!

Cost Includes:

18 holes of golf, cart, meal
and prizes...

- Putting challenge on the practice green
- Best Dressed
- "Most Golf"
- Three longest drives, closest to the pin, longest putt contests
- Mulligans
- Flight prizes

Don't worry if you are not a golfer; bring a lawn chair, sit at a tee, and join us for dinner in the clubhouse.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Reservations are required.

Golf Outing Committee:

Brian Stolle, Chairman
Gnemeth Lodge No. 577

Brian Lee
Gnemeth Lodge No. 577

Mark McCulloch
Gnemeth Lodge No. 577

Craig Hummel, PGM
Coral Lodge No. 335

Grand Master's Annual Golf Outing Friday, June 10, 2022 *4 Person Best-ball*



Choose your own team or enter as a single golfer and enjoy playing golf while making new friends. This tournament is definitely not restricted to Masonic Lodge members. Please tell your friends, family, neighbors, and members of other Masonic organizations about this fun event and encourage them to participate.



Please support Grand Master Bill Post's projects by being a golfing participant, just having fellowship and dinner, and/or sponsoring a hole.

Get your team, dinner, and sponsor registration forms from:

Your Lodge Secretary

Golf Committee Members

Grand Lodge website at www.grandlodgeofiowa.org

Order of the Eastern Star website at www.iowaeasternstar.org
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Grand Master’s Annual Golf Outing

Team Registration Form

Friday, June 10th, 2022 10:00 am

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Please support Grand Master Bill Post’s project “St. Florian Burn Foundation” by registering for this wonderful day of golf and fellowship. Prizes will be awarded.

Limited to 36 Teams – Register Early!

Registration Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Golf Cart, and Meal

Registration Fee: \$80.00 per person (If Paid By May 27th or \$90.00 If Paid After May 27th)

Registration opens at: 9:00 am

Shotgun Start at: 10:00 am



Player#1: _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Bratwurst _____ Hamburger _____

Player#2: _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Bratwurst _____ Hamburger _____

Player#3: _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Bratwurst _____ Hamburger _____

Player#4: _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Bratwurst _____ Hamburger _____

Teams are limited to only 4 players - **NO exceptions allowed.**

Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Iowa (“2022 Golf Outing Golf & Meal” on Memo line)

Want to pay by credit card :

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**MOTORCYCLE RIDE &
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Rededication of 3 Lodges

Registration Form

Deadline to register is May 1st, 2022

(Online registration will be available on the web site soon)

June 20th to 23rd, 2022

(optional pre-ride June 19th and post-ride June 24th-check website for details)

Registration Fee: \$50/vehicle (includes (1) MAGRAI Dri-Fit T-shirt)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell number: _____

Email: _____

Home Lodge: _____

Days attending the Ride: ___ Mon ___ Tue ___ Wed ___ Thu

Shirt size: Men's ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL

Ladies ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

** (additional T-shirts \$25/ea)

Payment Options:

Make checks payable to: **Grand Lodge of Iowa ("MAGRAI 22" on Memo line)**

Paying by credit card: Available on the web site soon. **www.magrai.com**

Send checks and registrations to:

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Save the Date
Sunday August 28, 2022

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CAR SHOW**



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5	Wapello	Keltner, Job Jr.	275	Corning	Oliphant, Paul R.
13	Fort Madison	Hawkins, John M.	370	Pleasant Hill	Gilliam, Jack D.
22	Des Moines	Martin, Robert L.	407	Altoona	Rosenberger, Jay N.
22	Des Moines	Davis, James A.	420	Logan	Iversen, Frederic M.
26	Washington	Schantz, Donald D.	482	Milford	Lowman, Philip
43	Winterset	Olson, James C.	509	Windsor Heights	Ellis, Billie H.
44	Le Claire	Johnsen, Larry W.	509	Windsor Heights	Root, Robert W.
71	Council Bluffs	Richards, Martin A.	519	Laurens	Peck, Ben L.
80	Adel	Dorman, Dennis E.	521	Washta	Kerns, Alfred R.
103	Sioux City	Van Buskirk, Ronald L.	555	Prescott	Wynn, Larry E.
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123	Guthrie Center	Crow, Larry R.	634	Stockport	Askew, George F.
123	Guthrie Center	Railsback, Larry L.	638	Lucas	Allen, Larry D.
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