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2024 Regional Schools

Thursday, March 21, 2024,	Mizpah Lodge No. 639
616 A Ave NE, Cedar Rapids	5:30 P.M.
Friday, March 22, 2024,	Brubaker Lodge No. 675
511 Veterans Pkwy, Davenport	8:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 18, 2024,	Chrysolite Lodge No. 420
111 N 4th Ave, Logan	5:30 P.M.
Friday, April 19, 2024,	Morning Star Lodge No. 159
120 N. Wilson Ave, Jefferson	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, May 16, 2024,	Warren Lodge No. 53
1606 W 2nd Ave, Indianola	5:30 P.M.
Friday, May 17, 2024,	Paul Revere Lodge No. 638
303 Front St, Lucas	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, June 20, 2024,	Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8
206 N Main St, Mount Pleasant	5:30 P.M.
Friday, June 21, 2024,	Poweshiek Lodge No. 174
Hwy 63, Malcom	9:00 A.M.
Friday, July 19, 2024,	Waterloo Lodge No. 105
607 Bishop Ave, Waterloo	9:00 A.M.
Saturday, August 24, 2024,	Adel Lodge No. 80
411 S 12th St, Adel	9:00 A.M.
Monday, September 2, 2024,	Ottumwa Lodge No. 16
611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, September 19, 2024,	Grand Lodge School
1200 Collins Rd, Cedar Rapids	8:00 A.M.

2024 Neighborhood Area Meetings

Wednesday, March 6, 2024,.....	Mount Olive Lodge No. 79
527 Marshall St., Boone	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 20, 2024,.....	Bluff City Lodge No. 71
130 S 6th St, Council Bluffs	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 20, 2024,.....	Brubaker Lodge No. 675
511 Veterans Mem Pkwy, Council Bluffs	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 27, 2024,.....	Prudence Lodge No. 205
1413 N McCoy St, Algona	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 27, 2024,.....	Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263
616 A Ave NE, Cedar Rapids	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 27, 2024,.....	Vulcan Lodge No. 498
703 Center St, Bristow	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 27, 2024,.....	Crest City Lodge No. 522
217 N Pine St, Creston	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 27, 2024,.....	Mahaska Lodge No. 644
1312 17th Ave E, Oskaloosa	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 18, 2024,.....	Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 8
206 N Main St, Mt. Pleasant	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 18, 2024,.....	Hermon Lodge No. 273
928 Main St, Grinnell	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 18, 2024,.....	Hebron Lodge No. 374
113 N Fredrick Ave, Oelwein	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 18, 2024,.....	Trial Lodge No. 532
884 Glen Dr, Moville	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 18, 2024,.....	Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595
452 Main St, Manilla	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, April 24, 2024,.....	West Gate-Adelphic No. 509
1141 69th St, Windsor Heights	7:00 P.M.

Grand Master's Message

"Get in the Game, Live the Ritual"

Spring is almost here. It's an exciting time as we all seem to find more energy as the sun shines brighter and the air temperature gets warmer. In the world of sports, baseball returns with spring training and there is always the annual college football spring workouts and game. Spring should also be a time for excitement, training, and workouts in our Masonic world as well.

Now is a great time to review and update your lodge game plan. Your game plan should include events that support your community, provide fun and fellowship, and opportunities for all brothers to learn and grow in the Fraternity.

Your individual game plan should include participating in events sponsored by the Grand Lodge. Keep an eye on the Grand Lodge calendar on our website and on the Iowa Membership Portal for events to attend. Notices will be sent to your lodge for announcements to be read at Stated Communications. These events provide a chance to meet Masons from around Iowa to share ideas on advancing Iowa Masonry. There are events where you can enhance your skills and put them into practice for yourself and your lodge. There are events for your entire family to attend for fellowship and fun.

Upcoming Events:

Masonic Leadership Rally	March 2	Des Moines Scottish Rite
Spring Area Meetings	March – April	Lodge Service Committee – various lodge locations
Grand Master One Day Class	April 27	Cedar Rapids Masonic Temple
Grand Master Charity Golf Outing	June 24	American Legion Memorial Golf Course – Marshalltown
All Masonic Cornhole Challenge	July 13	El Kahir Shrine Center – Hiawatha
All Masonic Cornhole Challenge	August 3	Za Ga Zig Shrine Center – Altoona
Masonic Day at the Ball Park	August 18	Principal Park – Des Moines

As we move the calendar to March in anticipation of Spring, let's all take part in our Masonic Spring Training. If you have not been to lodge for a while, now is a perfect time to reconnect, recharge and refocus your Masonic journey. Your lodge needs you and remember, Freemasonry is a participation sport. We cannot build Iowa Masonry without you!

Make the decision today brethren to create, update and implement your Game Plan, practice your skills, coach your team, and develop leadership. It's time to get excited, it's time to be ready, it's time to give your best effort, it's Game Day!

Fraternally and Sincerely,



Darrell G. Fremont
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



Let the Games Begin!

What a beautiful day! Spring is around the corner, bringing sunshine and new growth. I would like to begin by thanking all of you who have completed the Seizure Awareness and First Aid Certification course. Over 350 persons have completed the course challenge issued by Senior Grand Warden, John Lloyd to the Craft.

The ladies and I are challenging all non-Masons and family members to complete the on-demand certification course. The initial challenge was 1,000 certificates. I believe that we can increase this number to 2,000. On January 24, 2024, at the Des Moines High Twelve Club, Mike Shannon led the certification training program, and ten brothers passed the course and examination at that time. The video was shown on the screen, and everyone answered the questions on their phone. We have also heard of lodges planning on doing something similar as an education event. The class and certification can be used by the lodge as community service and marketed to the public. Please send a picture of yourself holding up your certification to add to our collage being created for a banner to display at the Grand Lodge of Iowa Annual Communication in September. Please take the time to learn how to help a person who is having a seizure.



Left: David Ashby, Doug Stephenson, Richard Anderson, John Iles,
President Duane Wachter, and Irene Wachter
Right: Darlene Shannon, Ken Brickman, Larry Crist, Tom Gruis, and Bob West
Mike Shannon took the photo.

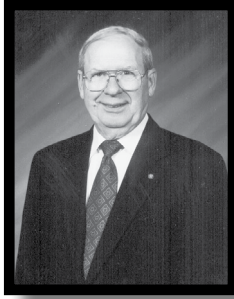
The Iowa Epilepsy Foundation

The Iowa Epilepsy Foundation is partnering with Iowa Masons with this certification challenge. I have shared with the foundation that we have over 350 new certified individuals and the response by the foundation was one of great excitement. The Iowa Epilepsy Foundation is partnering with the Grand Lodge of Iowa by promoting these Masonic fundraising/educational efforts on their website. Three scheduled Walks to End Epilepsy are scheduled. April 27 – Valley West Mall, West Des Moines, June 1 – T.B.D., Iowa City, and September 14 – Mount Trashmore Overlook Trail, Cedar Rapids.

The Iowa Epilepsy Foundation has given us permission to set up a table to pass out Masonic literature during these walks. Information will be provided in the feed of the Iowa Membership Portal for each event. I thank each Mason in advance who personally assists at an informational table. What a great way to create Masonic and Seizure awareness to the public.

Ann Fremont





Greetings:

D. Dean Johnson

Solemn strikes the funeral chime!
Notes of our departing time,
As we journey here below,
Through this pilgrimage of woe,
Mortals now indulge a tear,
For mortality is here!
See how wide her trophies wave,
O'er the slumbers of the grave.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened in Ample Form on January 29, 2024, in the Temple of King David Lodge No. 407 in Altoona, Iowa, for the purpose of conducting final Masonic Rites for Brother D. Dean Johnson, Past Grand Master. Brother Johnson passed from this world of labor on January 20, 2024, at the age of 97 years.

He was born in Sigourney, Iowa, on October 19, 1926. After graduating from Mitchellville High School in 1944, he enlisted in the Navy and served his country on the aircraft carrier USS Wasp from 1944 to 1947. Dean was united in marriage to Lorraine M. Hunsicker on July 27, 1946. They were parents of two children, Pamela and Gary. Dean was the owner-manager of Klein's Department Store in Highland Park, Des Moines, Iowa for 38 years.

Dean was an active member of King David Lodge No. 407 for 68 years. He served as Worshipful Master in 1963. He was also a member of Operative Lodge No. 308 in Polk City where he served as Worshipful Master in 1994. A student of the Ritual, he was awarded District Lecturer No. 2394 in 1965. Dean served as an officer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F.&A.M. on four separate occasions: Senior Grand Deacon (1983-1984), Senior Grand Warden (1987-1988), Deputy Grand Master (1993-1994), and Grand Master of Masons in Iowa in 1996-1997.

Brother Johnson was a member of the Des Moines York Rite Bodies, Des Moines Scottish Rite and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. He received the Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) in the Scottish Rite and was a member and Past Sovereign of Saint Bartholomew Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was a member of Altoona Chapter No. 284 and Polk City Chapter No. 361, Order of Eastern Star. He was active in the Order of DeMolay where he received the Honorary Legion of Honor and was an emeritus member of the Supreme Council, International Order of DeMolay.

Dean was preceded in death by his first wife, Lorraine, and by Ardis Lanzilotta. He is survived by his children, Pamela K. Johnson and Gary L. (Sherry) Johnson, two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one brother, John F (Helen) Johnson, and many Masonic Brothers and friends.

From the Book of Ecclesiastes:
To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born, And a time to die:
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to weep, And a time to laugh:
A time to mourn, And a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,4

Rest in Peace, my Brother, Rest in Peace.

Hiram, King of Tyre Wade Sheeler, Past Senior Grand Warden



King Hiram and the Cedars of Lebanon

In the Second Section of the Master Mason degree, we are introduced to Hiram, King of Tyre. Who was Hiram and what was his relationship to King Solomon?

Hiram the First was the Phoenician king of Tyre (located approximately 140 miles northwest of Jerusalem). In Phoenician, his name was Hirom ("my brother is exalted"), in Hebrew, it was Hiram, and in Arabic, it was called either Hirom or Hiram. Hiram reigned from approximately 980 to 947 B.C., a reign of approximately 34 years. He succeeded his father, Abibaal. King Hiram was succeeded by his son, Baal-Eser I. King Hiram lived a life of approximately 53 years, from the approximate date of his birth in 1000 B.C. to his death in 947 B.C.

During King Hiram's reign, Tyre grew from a small satellite of Sidon into the most important of the Phoenician cities and a dominant and thriving port and commercial center in the eastern Mediterranean. Hiram engaged in extensive building projects and colonized several Mediterranean islands such as Cyprus and Sicily. He also engaged in commercial maritime endeavors.

King Hiram and King David of Israel established a long and peaceful relationship. The Israelites were a pastoral people and supplied mutton and grain in exchange for imports from the Phoenicians. After the death of King David, in approximately 970 B.C., Hiram continued his relationship with King David's son, Solomon. 1 Kings 5:1 "Now Hiram King of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram always loved David."

When Solomon began construction of the First Temple, Hiram sent timbers (from the forests of Lebanon), gold and craftsman to help with the construction and assemble the furnishings. In return, Solomon gave grain and oil to Hiram to supply his household. The two kings developed a commercial trading alliance. Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the area of Galilee, but when King Hiram surveyed these areas, he was not pleased with them and termed them the "land of Kabul", which roughly means the "good-for-nothing land."

Through the alliance between Solomon and Hiram, both men and their kingdoms became wealthy. Solomon ensured himself supplies for the Temple. Hiram ensured himself access to the major trade routes to Egypt, Arabia, and Mesopotamia. The two kings also jointly opened a trade over the Red Sea, connecting the Israelite harbor of Ezion-Geber with a land called Ophir. Some have theorized that Ophir might actually have been the port city of Sopara near modern day Bombay, India.

The "Tomb of Hiram" (Qabr Hiram) dates from the Persian period, four to six centuries after the presumed time of King Hiram. It is six km southeast of Tyre. It has the form of a colossal limestone sarcophagus on a pedestal. The base is fifteen feet long, ten feet high, and ten feet wide. The sarcophagus is cut from a single piece of stone. It is twelve feet long, six feet high, and eight feet wide, with a cover three feet thick. The sarcophagus has been opened on one end. Hiram's known wealth would have made his sarcophagus a target of robbers. It is unknown whether Hiram remains actually rested here or is it simply a myth.



The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education



The 2024 Midwest Conference on Masonic Education Annual Meeting

**Minnesota
Masonic
Heritage
Center,
Bloomington,
Minnesota**

**May 3 – 5,
2024**

[www.mcme1949.org/
events.html](http://www.mcme1949.org/events.html)

Masonic educators and those interested in Masonic education from across Iowa will be attending the 2024 Midwest Conference on Masonic Education at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center in Bloomington, MN on May 3 – 5, 2024 to improve their skills as Masonic educators.

The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education was formed in 1949 at a gathering of interested Masons from Illinois (including Alphonse Cerza) and Iowa.

The outcome was to continue getting together by establishing its first annual meeting which was held in December 1950 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The organization is comprised of a loose and ever-changing collection of Masonic educators from Grand Lodge jurisdictions located in twelve North Central States and the Province of Manitoba. Other participants frequently include chairmen of Masonic education committees as well as Grand Lodge officers.

The aim of the conference is to promote Masonic education, in part by providing a forum for educators to gather, freely discuss Masonic education issues, socialize, and learn from sharing experiences while building beneficial relationships.

In addition, the conference initiates special projects such as collecting data on educational practices across all North American jurisdictions, as well as encouraging Masonic research and writing by individual educators.

The two day conference consists of workshops, speakers and other activities that will help Masonic educators to improve their skills and take home tangible new programs and methods that can be applied in their jurisdiction.

The conference is open to all Master Masons in good standing from any recognized jurisdiction that are interested in improving their skills as a Masonic educator!

For more information and to register for the conference, go to www.mcme1949.org.

Brother Jeremy Sireno Raised at Marshall Lodge No. 108



Marshall Lodge No.108 invited Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont and the Grand Lodge Officers to a Reception and Third Degree for Brother Jeremy Sireno and raised him to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Worshipful Master Robert Fisher opened lodge. Brother Robert Fisher conferred the First Section with and Brother John Vannordstrand as Senior Deacon. The Masons then moved to the dining room for a dinner from Sub City after which the lodge resumed labor.

Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was conducted to the East and received. Past Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon introduced the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was in the East for the Second Section. Grand Treasurer William R. Dayton gave the Charge. Grand Master Fremont presented his lapel pin and other items to Brother Sireno. Cory L. Stoneburner presented Brother Sireno with a Masonic box. Brother Sireno thanked everyone for attending his Third Degree. Deputy Grand Master Guy J. Mc Causland was in the East to close Marshall Lodge No. 108.

Brother Randy Welch Fellowcraft Degree at Jackson Lodge No. 42

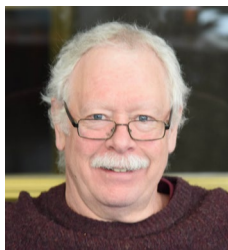
By Michael Shannon

Worshipful Master Blake Waldrop opened the Lodge with the Jackson Lodge Officers, then Right Worshipful Brother Drew Mathias conferred the degree and Brother Chris Welch, son of Randy Welch was Senior Deacon in the First Section. Worshipful Brother Larry Patrick was Worshipful Master and Brother JD Dieterman did the Middle Chamber Lecture as Senior Deacon in the Second Section. Worshipful Brother Dan Morrett gave the charge.



Retired Librarian Receives Award

By Bill Kreuger



Retired Assistant Librarian/Curator of the Grand Lodge of Iowa received news in early November that he is the recipient of the Candace Tangorra Metelic Award from the Midwest Open-Air Museums Coordinating Committee (MOMCC) for the best article published in Midwest Open-Air Museums Magazine for the year 2022. The article, entitled "American Fraternalism in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries," was published in Vol.43, No.2 Summer 2022 of the periodical. It was published while he was still employed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. Kreuger was aided by current Grand Master, Darrell Fremont, in photographing materials for the article.

Kreuger has been a member of the MOMCC, off and on, since the early 1980s and has presented at several annual and semi-annual meetings of the organization. This article was developed from a workshop he presented at the Fall 2012 Conference of the MOMCC that was held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. That workshop included a PowerPoint presentation of various Fraternal organizations, as well as aprons and regalia in the collection of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The article describes the vast resources of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum collections. It covers Masonic, (including Prince Hall), Order of the Eastern Star, The Holy Virgin/Heroines of Jericho, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, P.E.O., Z.C.B.J., C.S.P.S. (Czech Fraternal groups), Patrons of Husbandry (The Grange), Grand Army of the Republic, United Spanish War Veterans and Society of the Cincinnati. The article includes the reasons why Fraternal groups were popular during the period as well as the anti-Masonic movement that sought to disrupt the Masons and other Fraternal societies.

The award is presented annually and is named in honor of the first president of the MOMCC, Candace Tangorra Metelic. Kreuger currently serves as Program Chair for the 2024 MOMCC Fall Conference that will be held at Usher's Ferry in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in November 2024.

Past Masters Night at Newton Lodge No. 59

By Kelly Bruce



The Grand Lodge Officers were invited to the annual Past Masters Night on November 9th, 2023 for a Reception and Third Degree for Brother Caleb Perin.

Following social time, the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Dan Crook opened the lodge. The Worshipful Master recognized the Veterans and Past Masters of Newton Lodge. Worshipful Brother Andy Oxley then assumed the East and conferred the First Section with Worshipful Brother Jim White, Grand Tyler as Senior Deacon. Right Worshipful Harvey Woody gave the extended Trowel Lecture

Everyone then moved to the dining room to share a meal and fellowship. Worshipful Master Dan Crook received a Quilt of Valor presented by Pat Burch from the Quilts of Valor Foundation.



The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced. Right Worshipful Wade Sheeler and Right Worshipful Harvey Woody served as Committeemen. Right Worshipful Junior Sharp and Right Worshipful Wade Sheeler presented Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont and he was received with honors.

The Grand Master was in the East for the Second Section with Worshipful Brother Shaun Scott, Senior Grand Deacon as Senior Deacon. Worshipful Brother Marvin Kendall, Junior Grand Warden gave the charge. The Lodge presented Caleb with his lambskin apron and other items. Worshipful Brother Cory L. Stoneburner, Junior Grand Steward presented Brother Perin with a Masonic box and explained its significance. Brother's Ed Damman, Bryan Bever and Scott Schubacker from the York Rite bodies presented him with a memory book of his degrees. Grand Master Fremont presented his lapel pin and Brother Perin thanked everyone for attending his special night.



Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Camanche High School



Camanche Lodge No. 60 in Camanche invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the High School on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

Superintendent Tom Parker "Welcomed everyone to the Ceremony." Worshipful Brother James F. White Grand Tyler gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand

Master Darrell G. Fremont proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge officers.

Dylan Cottrell served as the Flag Bearer, Bob Aim, Tracy Anson, and Lee Hawkins served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, John Mahon was the Architect, Bobby Edens was the Bearer of Great Lights, Brayden Cottrell,



Rodney Alexander and David Willis served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Lynn Broughton carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Bruce A. Lutz, Senior Grand Steward presented the Flag Tribute and Worshipful Brother Cory L. Stoneburner, Junior Grand Steward gave the School Book Lecture. Tom H. Nash, Grand Marshal made the proclamation, and the Oration was given by Tom Parker, a Camanche native and Superintendent of Schools. He thanked the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the beautiful ceremony and talked about the new auditorium. He recognized all of the School Board members



and former members, Members of the City Council and State Senator Chris Cournoyer. Grand Lodge was closed by Senior Grand Warden John D. Lloyd.

Brother Aaron Anderson Raised at Legacy Lodge No. 678



Members of Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines invited the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers to a Third Degree for Brother Aaron Justin Anderson. Right Worshipful Brother Shane Harshbarger opened Lodge and conferred the First Section. Worshipful Brother Brad Reichardt served as Senior Deacon.

The lodge then continued with the Second Section. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was recognized and assumed the East. After introduction of his Grand Lodge Officers present, the Second Section commenced with Right Worshipful Brother John D. Lloyd, Senior Grand Warden serving as Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Right Worshipful Brother William R. Dayton, Grand Treasurer.

Grand Master Fremont presented Brother Anderson with his lambskin apron and pin. Brother Dallas Downey presented Brother Anderson with his Bible and Junior Grand Steward Cory L. Stoneburner presented him with a Masonic box and explained its significance. The degree finished with Worshipful Brother Deputy Grand Secretary Kelly H. Bruce presenting to Worshipful Brother Jeremy Davis, Worshipful Master Elect of Legacy Lodge with their Plus One Membership and Lodge of the Year awards. Following closing, everyone retired to the banquet room for a wonderful meal and fellowship.



Secretary Conferences 2024



January saw a new year and a new platform for Secretary Conferences. Conferences were held in: Elkader, Centerville, Camanche, Des Moines, Estherville, Marne, Sioux City, Rockwell City, Saint Charles, Eldora, Cedar Rapids and New London. The conference consisted of a PowerPoint presentation on My Portal in the Grand View membership platform, then they shared the code quiz which is always a favorite of the secretaries.

Caleb McClain Raised at Clarinda



November 27, 2023, was a very special night at Nodaway Lodge No. 140 in Clarinda. Brother Caleb McLain was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and became a sixth generation Master Mason. Worshipful Master Jerry Gomel opened the Lodge in Due Form at 5:00 P.M. After opening, the gavel was turned over to Brother Mike McLain, Caleb's father, who conferred the First Section. The Extended Trowel Lecture was given by Brother Paul Oliphant. After the First Section, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for a delicious supper at J. Bruner's Restaurant. After supper, labor was resumed with Most Worshipful Brother Darrell Fremont, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, introducing the current Grand Lodge Officers, as well as the Past Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. The Grand Lodge Officers took their stations and conferred the Second Section of Brother Caleb's Third Degree. Caleb's grandfather, Brother Gerald McLain, was also in attendance, and placed the Junior Warden's jewel on his grandson, and assisted with raising him, along with Caleb's father Mike McClain. The Charge was given by Right Worshipful Brother John Lloyd, Senior Grand Warden.

After the degree, the Grand Master talked about his plans for the upcoming year, and presented Brother McClain with a pin. Brother McClain was also presented a Masonic box made by Brother Allan Tedrow. Brother McClain thanked everyone in attendance and said he was excited to learn more, and to get in the game.



Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Nevada Recreation Center

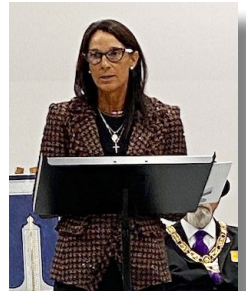


Nevada Lodge No. 99 in Nevada invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Nevada Recreation Center on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Nevada Mayor Brett Barker welcomed a very large crowd to the Ceremony.

Worshipful Brother James F. White, Grand Tyler gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the

Masons during the ceremony. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers.



Brian Archambault served as the Flag Bearer, Allen Sells, Doug Couser, and Charles Sloniger served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Jeff Harris was the Architect, Jason Sampson was the Bearer of Great Lights, Josh Vaughn, Joe Wakeman and Rick Atkinson served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Loren Heckathorn carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Ronald S. Payne, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Shaun M. Scott, Senior Grand Deacon gave the Flag Tribute. Tom H. Nash, Grand Marshal made the proclamation the Oration was given by Michelle Cassabaum from the Nevada Foundation. She thanked the Grand Lodge of

Iowa for the beautiful ceremony and spoke about the long journey of making this project come to life. She also introduced the members of the Nevada Foundation. Grand Lodge was closed by Deputy Grand Master Guy J. McCausland.



Wear the Apron in Everything We Do By Tom Nash, Grand Marshal

You now stand as a just and upright Mason, and I give it you strictly in charge, ever to walk and act as such. This is our first instruction as a Mason. Perhaps one of the most overlooked parts of the Ritual. When we are in lodge, we all should be following the rules of conduct of the lodge. We should be subduing our passions and treating each other with Brotherly Love. Even in disagreement, Masons should be able to remain respectful towards each other. We all wear the Apron, We are all brothers.

When the apron comes off, when we are conducting business outside the lodge, are we still remembering the lessons of the First Degree? Many Masons are proud of the Fraternity. They wear the square and compasses on shirts, hats, jackets, car windows, tattoos, and social media. We like to think we are representing the Fraternity in a good light. But are we? Are we being rude to people, cutting them off in traffic, arguing on social media, or any other numerous things that might give Masonry a bad name? With the political season in full swing, there are many passions guiding the discourse in the country. People disagree, that is unavoidable in human nature. As Masons we are taught certain tenets and maxims that teach us to be respectful of the opinions of others, even if we disagree. There are plenty of examples of people or organizations that seek to foster such strife in the world. Masonry is not one of them.

The Grand Lodge came up with a set of guidelines for social media postings a few years ago. They are found on the Grand Lodge webpage. Here is an excerpt.

- A Mason should conduct himself with the same courtesy he would in front of the general public.
- As a Mason, he must be aware that his postings are a permanent record; therefore, his conduct may influence the world with a positive or negative opinion about him personally and about the organizations to which he belongs.
- A Mason should never use disparaging comments, profanity, etc. when posting; including, but not limited to, graphic, video, and audio recordings.
- A Mason should not post “ritual” or “tyled” information.
- Masonic pages are to be supportive of the organization and its members, promote upcoming events, discuss past events, video sharing, and discussion of times of fellowship and promotion of Masonic bodies.
- A Mason should not use social media to obtain personal advantage in promoting political, religious or business activities by targeting other Masons.
- A Mason should not use social media to contact other Grand Jurisdictions unless you are a member of that jurisdiction. Remember that all inter-jurisdictional communication is, by Masonic protocol, conducted by and between Grand Lodge offices.
- No discussion or other information regarding to an application, background, or investigation of an applicant is ever appropriate or condoned.
- There should never be discussion regarding the ballot on a candidate.
- Nothing should ever be written or discussed relative to the business of a Lodge or of any discussions/actions which have occurred behind Tyled doors.
- Information about lodge or district social activities must comply with the Grand Lodge regulations already in place for them (for example no reference to alcohol or games of chance).
- Masons should advise a brother if something he has posted is improper within the framework of our Grand Constitution, Rules and Regulations, etc.

Ultimately, your actions as a Mason online should promote the highest standards of morality and integrity. You should always be mindful of the penalties as described in the Grand Constitution relating to trial, suspension, and/or expulsion for any un-Masonic behavior. Posting a comment related to the Fraternity and then posting a disparaging comment about a social or political stance can easily be misconstrued by readers that your stance is representative of Masonry and all Masons. Remember that the public and members of the Masonic Fraternity are reading your posts online.

When we take off the apron, that is the most important time to remember the lessons of our ritual, for that is what building our spiritual temple is all about. The image we project to the non-mason does indeed have an effect on the whole Fraternity. Peace and harmony is the strength and support of all societies. Respectful discourse is more important than any social issue, for when you become disrespectful, you harm yourself, and possibly Masonry as a whole.

Remember, Live the Ritual, whether you are wearing the Apron or not.

Quarterly Update from the Library and Museum

By Julia Wells

I visited with the Decorah Scottish Rite Club and gave a talk on the library. I also spoke at a few different lodge meetings in 2023 with Albert Pike being the most well attended. I am happy to come out to lodges or clubs to talk about the library. Call the Grand Lodge and talk to me about scheduling the time for me to come out to your event.

The exhibit that I hope to open this April is "Masons in Space." The process of getting artifacts is going slower than I anticipated so it might open a little later than I hoped. I am excited to show everyone the dues card I received for Buzz Aldrin from Tranquility Lodge. For those who do not know, when Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong made it to the moon, Aldrin helped constitute a lodge, Tranquility No. 200, on the moon in 1969. Tranquility No. 200 is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Some other famous Masons who have made it to space include John Glenn and Col. Leroy "Gordo" Gordon Cooper, Jr.

In late January, the state officers of Iowa DeMolay spent some time volunteering to work with me cataloging part of the museum. I had two young men doing data entry with me in my office and one taking photos upstairs. In the few hours they were able to stay, they got 78 artifacts cataloged into the PastPerfect museum software and 209 photos taken. This saves me multiple days of work. On a day where I have limited distractions, I can usually get about 60-100 artifacts cataloged and 200 photos taken. Anyone who wants to volunteer with the library is welcome to come out. All we ask is that you can pass a background check, seeing as we have some of the rarest items in the world in our collection.

I am currently working on cataloging as well as going through the old accession records to find when items were donated into the collection. The records of when things were added into the collection span over multiple books, binders, and areas. It is interesting to see the differences in handwriting and note taking shorthand over the last 136 years.

I am very thankful for the curators I have met here in Cedar Rapids, and their connections. We recently ran into some hurdles with making sure some artifacts were labeled correctly and what others might be. Thankfully one of the curators in town knew the right person to call to help me make these distinctions. Just like the fact that I sometimes need help identifying Masonic artifacts, sometimes artifacts in the collection just slipped through and were not labeled or the label is no longer attached to the artifact.

I look forward to what the next quarter will bring, and hope to have some fun things to tell you in the next bulletin!

Mirza Rhodes Lodge No. 303 Fundraiser Dinner



Mirza Rhodes brothers have been hosting dinners on Sundays to benefit a cause or need in the community. On November 12, the brethren set forth to deliver an outstanding Meatloaf dinner to benefit the Ogden Food Pantry. As the cooks prepared meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, roll and a dessert, others set the tables in anticipation of the crowd to come.

Oh boy did they come out and enjoy another great Mirza Rhodes Masonic meal, they supported the cause in the form of freewill offerings. After the

tables were cleared the lodge was able to present a check to Linda Bolton from the pantry in the amount of \$549.00. The lodge hosts these dinners monthly on Sundays and picks a different cause or need in the community each time.



Pictured: Front row - Linda Bolton from the Ogden Food Pantry. The whole crew: Ezra Walker, Robin Crouch, Alex Schmidt, Marshall Wiese, Brian Ahrens, Cory Stoneburner, Scott Hull, and Nick Padgett.

Our chefs: Robin Crouch, Nick Padgett, Alex Schmidt, Marshall Weise, and Ezra Walker.

The 2024 Grand Master's Annual Charity Golf Outing benefiting Iowa Masonic Charities

Four Person Best Shot Scramble

June 24, 2024



American Legion Memorial Golf Course

1301 S 6th St

Marshalltown, IA 50158

641.752.1834 / almemorialgolf.com

9:30 AM registration, 11:00 AM shotgun start

\$80.00 per person* \$320.00 per team

*includes green fees, cart, lunch, golf swag

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Team Name: _____

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Address: _____

Phone/email: _____

Golfer 2: _____

Golfer 3: _____

Golfer 4: _____

Mail entry fee payable to Iowa Masonic Charities and form to:

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Hole Sponsorships available, contact Bill Dayton for information.

email: mahotey@gmail.com



Lemonade for Lea!

A free will donation lemonade stand by the Grand Lodge Ladies.

Proceeds to benefit the Iowa Epilepsy Foundation.

Grand Master's One Day Class

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite Center

616 A Avenue NE

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Registration Deadline April 1, 2024

\$100.00 Registration Fee



APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATE TO PARTICIPATE IN A GRAND MASTER'S ONE DAY CLASS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Section A:

Date: _____
Mo. Day Year

Name of Candidate _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address _____, Iowa _____
P.O. Box or Street Address City Zip Code Plus 4

Lodge _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa.
Name City

Birth Date _____ e-mail _____

Phone No. _____ Occupation _____

I _____, respectfully submit this application to participate in the Grand
Candidate's Signature

Master's One Day Class to be held at _____, Iowa, on _____
Mo. Day Year

**Section B - This section must be completed only if the Candidate has been Initiated or Passed.
(If no degrees have been conferred, please skip this Section)**

Initiated on _____ in _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa
Mo. Day Year Lodge City

Passed on _____ in _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa
Mo. Day Year Lodge City

If the previous degrees were conferred by any other lodge than the lodge completing this application, or a lodge that has consolidated with your lodge, please show the date the Brother was elected into your lodge for Advancement and Membership: _____
Mo. Day Year

Section C - This Section must be completed for all One Day Class Candidates

Date of Election to Membership _____
Mo. Day Year

All membership fees have been paid in full by the candidate.

Signed: _____ Lodge _____ No. _____
Secretary

The Grand Master's One-Day Class fee shall accompany this Application.

Section D - Candidate Guide

Name of Guide (Required): _____ Lodge _____ No. _____

The above information has been verified by the Office of the Grand Secretary:

Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Secretary

(This form **must be received** in the Office of the Grand Secretary by the posted deadline
prior to attending a Grand Master's One-Day Class.)

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50 - Year Certificates Issued Since The December 2023 "Bulletin"

Congratulations to the following Brothers who earned their certificates.

Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

No.	Town	Name	No.	Town	Name
5	Wapello	Jordan, Murray D.	340	Traer	Carson, Jerald L.
16	Ottumwa	Harris, Dana D.	347	Sutherland	Miller, Jerry H.
16	Ottumwa	Swaim, David M.	370	Pleasant Hill	Fredregill, James M.
16	Ottumwa	Martin, Wayne L.	370	Pleasant Hill	Cleerman, Michael J.
24	Rochester	Bland, Kenneth W.	381	West Branch	Barnhart, Carroll D.
26	Washington	Tweeton, William M.	408	Alta	Baughman, Bill J.
28	New London	Hanson, James R.	464	Eagle Grove	Carpenter, William M.
29	Keokuk	Rothgeb, John D.	471	Holstein	Freese, Harold A.
55	Pella	Van Gorp, Elbert H.	478	Rockwell City	Duden, John F.
59	Newton	Jones, Russell D.	480	Eldon	Vass, Forrest R.
59	Newton	Curtis, Carol B II	502	Sloan	Hunter, Gary M.
59	Newton	Higgason, R. Max Jr.	506	Gowrie	Clark, Jay V.
65	Cedar Falls	Sullivan, Daryl D.	509	Windsor Heights	Miller, Richard E.
65	Cedar Falls	Thran, Don W.	522	Creston	Lundquist, Charles N.
69	West Union	Elfmann, Karl E.	538	Renwick	Benson, Ralph G.
72	Elkader	Reimer, Kenneth G.	548	Cedar Rapids	Hall, Keith T.
77	Osceola	Gorsline, David U.	549	Sharon Center	Davis, Terry M.
79	Boone	Logan, Edward L.	549	Sharon Center	Stutsman, James R.
91	Corydon	Leach, Gary M.	584	Bussey	Bellon, Ronald M.
103	Sioux City	Wuttke, Charles H.	592	Des Moines	Brown, Robert H. Jr.
105	Waterloo	Langham, Jerry A.	626	Bettendorf	O'Hanesian, Ray S.
139	Springville	Wunschel, Wayne A.	630	Des Moines	Kalina, Richard D.
140	Clarinda	Johnson, Max O.	630	Des Moines	Osterquist, James R.
147	Guttenberg	Horstman, Dennis L C	631	Council Bluffs	Cutler, William A. III
174	Malcom	Ormiston, Charles E.	632	Des Moines	Nisser, Robert D. Sr.
179	Mount Ayr	McLain, Gerald P.	632	Des Moines	Kitchen, Thomas J.
181	Decorah	Gamez, Adolph	654	Windsor Heights	Kooker, David L.
232	Missouri Valley	Harter, Wrex	657	Des Moines	Handsaker, Billy J.
259	Council Bluffs	Royalty, R.T. Sr.	662	Sioux City	Hanson, David A.
264	Carroll	Parker, Kim A.	668	Iowa City	Allen, Charles E.
269	Ottumwa	Kiple, Charles M.	668	Iowa City	Siders, Glenn R.
303	Ogden	Swanson, Robert L.	668	Iowa City	Plate, Harold M.
335	Carson	Larson, Scott E. Sr.	668	Iowa City	Swan, Scott A.