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2022 - 2023 Regional Schools

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.

Thursday, September 15, 2022, Grand Lodge School,
1200 Collins Rd, Cedar Rapids 8:00 A.M.

Thursday, October 13, 2022, Morning Star Lodge No.
159, 120 N Wilson Ave, Jefferson 5:30 P.M.

Saturday, October 15, 2022, Cobia Lodge No. 631,
130 S 6th St, Council Bluffs9:00 A.M.

Thursday, November 17, 2022, Iowa City Lodge No. 4,
312 E College St, Iowa City5:30 P.M.

Friday, November 18, 2022, Waterloo Lodge No. 105,
607 Bishop Ave, Waterloo9:00 A.M.

Thursday, March 23, 2023, Paul Revere Lodge No. 638,
303 Front St, Lucas.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, March 24, 2023, Capital Lodge No. 110,
519 Park St, Des Moines.....9:00 A.M.

Friday, April 21, 2023, Parian Lodge No. 321,
706 1/2 Durant St, Harlan.....5:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 22, 2023, Pomegranate Lodge No. 408,
201 1/2 S Main St, Alta9:00 A.M.

Thursday, May 18, 2023, Marion Lodge No. 6,
684 10th St, Marion 5:30 P.M.

Friday, May 19, 2023, Snow Lodge No. 44,
113 S Cody Rd, LeClaire9:00 A.M.

Thursday, June 15, 2023, Clinton Lodge No. 15,
52 1/2 E Briggs Ave, Fairfield.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, July 14, 2023, Arcadia Lodge No. 249,
107 Alexander Ave, Ames.....9:00 A.M.

Saturday, August 26, 2023, Adel Lodge No. 80,
411 S 12th St, Adel.....9:00 A.M.

Monday, September 4, 2023, Ottumwa Lodge No. 16,
611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa5:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 14, 2023, Grand Lodge School,
519 Park St, Des Moines.....8:00 A.M.



Grand Master's Message

To the Craft of Iowa,

My service to you, the Craft, has been one of the most challenging and, at the same time, richest experiences of my life. I was able to understand the necessities of small and large lodges from the experiences of my two lodges, Pomegranate No. 408 at Alta (69 members) and Gnemeth No. 577 at West Des Moines (210 members). I tried to instill a spark or at the very least a thought that a small lodge can thrive and not just survive. The same holds true for larger lodges where a spark of new membership can bring fresh ideas to the "same old routine". The key to a lodge thriving is **"educating the membership on the fundamentals of Freemasonry"**. This seems so simplistic, but it is true. 1) Practice Ritual; 2) **Recruit** good men; 3) **Restore** good men; 4) Deliver what we promise, Masonic Education; 5) Community Involvement; 6) Have a Business Plan with transparency; 7) Modernize with technology and programs; 8) Include the wives, partners, children, and family members. Numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are the keys to membership **Retention** which leads to an active lodge. Simplicity does require effort and dedication, something our forefathers used out of necessity. Isn't it time for all of Iowa Masonry to be "necessary" in our lives and community? Isn't it time for Freemasonry to be "relevant" in all of Iowa?

I want to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for his guidance and protective care. I want to thank Pomegranate Lodge and Gnemeth Lodge for their understanding, help, generosity, and brotherly love. I could not have done this without their support. I thank the Grand Lodge office staff, especially MWB Craig L. Davis, Grand Secretary, P.G.M. for their guidance and efforts in all they do. I thank the Committees of the Grand Lodge for the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge year for all your efforts and leadership throughout the year. I wish RWB Ted and Paula Wiley and the 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Officers/Family all the "best" for a safe and successful Grand Lodge year. Lastly, I thank the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officers for their "above & beyond" efforts, kindness, support, laughs, and brotherly love. "It was determined years ago that you are the best Grand Lodge Family ever put together" and that is a direct quote from the MAGRAI tour.



Finally, I want to thank my best friend, confidant, and the love of my life, Tammy. She has been the one constant in my life to provide me the ability to lead Iowa Masonry. Thank you for your smiles, humor, spark, driving ability, pocket change, potholders, treats, sparkle pins, support, and LOVE!

In appreciation and gratefulness,

William W. (Bill) Post
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

Message From Tammy



Thank You Ladies and Masons for a Wonderful Year!

What a wonderful year this has been! I have appreciated renewing friendships and WOW have I met GREAT people.

To the SPARKLE GANG, you Ladies have made each event full of grace and dignity, yet filled with laughter, hugs and smiles. You willingly jumped in this year because you support your Mason. As a result we have become great friends and will forever cherish each other.

To the Grand Lodge Officers – did you ever realize how many hugs you could give? I have been delighted to see each of you, and you opened your arms, and heart, to always give me a hug. The support you have given Bill has given him the opportunity to serve the Craft of Iowa with the passion and dedication he wanted. Thank you!

Scott & Michele – you have gone “above & beyond” as Deputy Grand Master & Lady. Scott, I doubt Bill’s calls ever went to voice mail, and I’m sure you always answered with “Yes, I can do that”! Your constant support and guidance helped form this dedicated group of GLO’s into our tight “Grand Lodge Family”. Michele, your support was always felt and your quiet strength and willingness to help in any way helped me this year.

To anyone who purchased our sparkle pin and baked for First Responders – THANK YOU for supporting these projects. I hope you received personal joy in delivering your baked goods, and please keep baking!

To the Masons of Iowa – you will never realize how special each of you are to me. Your support of Bill has been evident this year and I thank you for this. For those I got to see during this year – you’ve made every trip special to me!

To Bill – I have so enjoyed being the First Lady of Iowa Masons this year! Thank you for letting me “take my ideas and run with them”! You have reminded the Masons to keep the ladies involved, and our Grand Family is proof that ladies love to be involved! I am so proud of you for the hard work and dedication you put into planning and completing this year. You’ve had my love and support for this year, and soon you’ll have my love and support as you find time to fish!

Keep SPARKLING – I plan to do so too!

Tammy



Welfare Lodge No. 628 Donates to the Norwalk Community School District

On May 9th, Welfare Lodge No. 628 of Norwalk presented a \$1,500 donation to the Norwalk Community School District to help fund the purchase of new automated external defibrillators (AED’s.) Earlier this school year there was a medical emergency that illustrated the importance of having AED’s that are up to date with technology. Fortunately, this emergency had a positive outcome.



The school district then began an initiative to replace aging AED’s with new devices that are compatible with equipment used by the Norwalk Fire and EMS. This is critical when seconds can make a difference. This contribution was used to assist in the purchase of 10 new AED’s to be located in buildings throughout the district. This equipment is vital to the safety of students, staff, and the public.

Then on May 19th, at the Norwalk High School Senior Honors Night, Welfare Lodge presented \$1,000 scholarships to three graduating seniors to assist with their post-secondary education or vocational training. We also had the honor of presenting a \$5,000 scholarship to another student funded by the Iowa Masonic Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Welfare Lodge aspires to assist our local students and our schools in various ways. We are fortunate to have such a high-quality education system in Norwalk. We are pleased to be able to do our part in supporting our public schools.

Triangle Lodge No. 64 Rededication Ceremony



Triangle Lodge No. 643 in Sioux City invited Grand Master William W. Post and the Grand Lodge Officers to celebrate 100 years and rededicate the lodge in Due and Ancient Form.

Worshipful Master Jarrod P.K. Knudsen invited the Grand Master to rededicate the lodge. Grand Master Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient Form. Junior Grand Steward Michael R. Jensen gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Steward Dennis R. Revis gave the Flag Tribute.

Lee Carter served as the Orator for the day and talked about the building of the lodge.

Prior to the rededication, the lodge served a pork loin dinner. After dinner everyone enjoyed a piece of cake.

Brother Trevor Griggs Raised at Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 By Allan Tedrow



The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 in Boone on June 14 to confer a Third Degree on Brother Trevor Griggs. After a fantastic lasagna meal prepared and served by Kristy Klyn and Linda Tedrow, the brothers repaired to the Lodge to confer the degree.

Worshipful Master Bob Marshall opened the Lodge and welcomed all the Grand Officers and guests. He then invited Brother Curt Klyn to the East to confer the First Section of the degree. Worthy Brother Ian Decker gave the scripture along with the working tools and the extended Trowel Lecture. Brother Arlo Starbuck was Senior Deacon



for the First Section, the first time he had conferred this part in this degree.

After the First Section the Grand Master was conducted to the East and was accorded Grand Honors. Grand Master Post then had the Grand Officers assume their positions for the Second Section. Grand Master Post assumed the East and Conferred the second section. Worthy Brother Mike Jensen was the Senior Deacon and Worthy Brother Kelly Bruce gave the Charge.

Grand Master Post then introduced the Grand Officers and the Past Grand Officers. Worthy Brother Allan Tedrow explained the significance of a hand made box which was then presented to Trevor by his father, Brother Kevin Griggs. Grand Master Post then made several presentations on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge was then closed with Worthy Brother Kelly Bruce in the East, Right Worshipful Brother Scott Hull as Tyler and the balance of the Grand Officers assuming their positions. Right Worshipful Brother Keith Voss thanked the lodge for the meal and all the courtesies extended to the Grand Officers.



Bellevue Lodge No. 51 Presents Scholarships



Bellevue Lodge No. 51 presented six scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 to graduating seniors from their high school. Pictured left to right: Secretary John Pitlo, Claire Dunne, A.J. Humphrey, Cheyenne Merrick, Hailey Olszewski, Mariah Hueneker, Brother Bob Baugh, Worshipful Master Mike Dempewolf. Not pictured is MaKensie Schlie

The Eventful Life of Alexander M. Broadley

By Amy Weiler

For this issue's Mason, we will be going across the pond to a figure well-travelled and controversial but nevertheless, dedicated to the Craft.

Alexander Meyrick Broadley, also known as "Broadley Pasha", was born on July 19, 1847 in Bradpole, England. He became a barrister and worked in India for a time, working in law and surveying some ruins but was forced to leave in 1872 due to a scandal. To escape the scrutiny, Broadley travelled to Tunis where he continued to work as a lawyer and as a newspaper correspondent.

The next part of Broadley's life would be when he was most active in Masonry. His home lodge was St. Mary's Lodge No. 707 in Bridport, England, of which he was Initiated on July 16, 1869. He was the founder of Drury Lane Lodge No. 2127 of the United Grand Lodge of England in London, the date of warrant is 1885. He served as the first Worshipful Master of Ancient Carthage Lodge No. 1717 at Tunis and sixth Worshipful Master of Dorset Masters Lodge No. 3366. Broadley was appointed Prelate of the Knights Templar for the Provincial Priory of the Mediterranean in 1877 and Chancellor in 1880. A number of Broadley's writings regarded Masonry, including his books "The History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta" and "A History of Saint Mary's Lodge No. 707, Bridport, 1857-1907."



Broadley's biggest claim to fame came in 1882 when he was appointed as a defense lawyer for Ahmed 'Urabi. Also known as Ahmed Ourabi and Orabi Pasha, the client was an Egyptian colonel who fought against British rule and was the leader of the 'Urabi Revolution, which lasted from 1879 to 1882. Thanks to Broadley's efforts, 'Urabi's sentence of death was commuted to exile and he was sent to modern-day Sri Lanka. Though the exile was to be life-long, he would return to Egypt in 1901 and remained there until his death. This case was the event which earned him the moniker "Broadley Pasha."

After the trial concluded, Broadley travelled back to England, taking work as an editor for 'The World' and reintegrating with high society, interacting with royalty, nobility, and celebrities of the time. This continued until 1889 when a caricature of Broadley appeared in Vanity Fair. The Prince of Wales, the future King Edward VII, disapproved of it being printed in the same magazine as images of his family and demanded an apology be printed.

The exact reason for this vendetta isn't known. Some theorized it was due to the incident in India from earlier in Broadley's life while others suggested it had to do with the Cleveland street scandal. Whatever the case, the apology was run and Broadley's reputation crashed. No longer associated with 'The World' and a pariah, Broadley was exiled from England a second time.

The final years of Broadley's life, after a stay in Belgium where he associated with the king and one last move to England that ended up involving a financial scandal, were mostly spent in relative seclusion at The Knapp, a house located in his birth village. He greatly expanded his collection of books in addition to writing them, particularly ones on the subject of history, law and Masonry. He continued in this way until his passing in 1916. Despite the scandals peppering his life, Broadley remained a Mason, and his death was reported in "The Freemason" of London. Unmarried and with no children, the majority of his book collection was left to his nephew, who chose to sell. Today, parts of his collection can be found at Dorset History Center, the Bodleian Library, and the Royal Society.



Junior Grand Warden Keith R. Voss



In spite of proclaiming his family and himself as boring, brothers gathered in Jefferson to honor Junior Grand Warden Keith R. Voss. Morning Star Lodge No. 159 hosted the reception and social hour. Prior to the social hour, the Grand Lodge Officers toured the Bell Tower in Jefferson.

The social hour, reception and meal were held at the Elks Lodge. The Masons moved to the lodge room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Senior Warden John F. Schoening had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Allan L. Tedrow and Ian T. Decker as committeemen. Grand Master William W. Post was received and introduced with Brothers Allan L. Tedrow and Ian T. Decker as committeemen. Junior Grand Warden Keith R. Voss was received and introduced with Past Senior Grand Warden A.J. Brown and Floyd E. Brown as committeemen. The honored brother and the Grand Lodge Officers closed Morning Star Lodge No. 159. The ladies toured the Bell Tower during the receiving.

After the lodge closed all moved to the dining room for a program and pork loin dinner. Grand Master Post introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Lodge Officers. John Schoening introduced the Officers of Morning Star Lodge. Right Worshipful Brother Voss thanked everyone for attending and thanked Conley Glantz for traveling up from Centerville, Brother Glantz had been to each of Keith's three degrees and was a mentor to Keith. Several presentations were made to Brother Voss. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Dennis W. DeJooode giving the Benediction.

Speculative Lodge No. 307 Rededication Cherokee



Speculative Lodge No. 307 invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa to Cherokee to rededicate their lodge in Due and Ancient Form on June 21, 2022. Grand Master William W. Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the ceremony.

Worshipful Master Ryan C. Koehlmoos gave the invitation to Grand Master Post to rededicate the lodge. Grand Master Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient Form. Junior Grand Steward Michael R. Jensen gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Deacon Nathaniel G. Kemmer gave the Flag Tribute.



Ryan Koehlmoos was Orator and spoke about the History of the Lodge. Grand Musician Robert C. Danner was unable to attend the ceremony and Tammy Van Horsen Post played the piano for the ceremony.



Bikes for Books 5th Annual Event By Kelly Bruce, Mount Olive Lodge No. 79



On Monday, May 16th, Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 held the 5th Annual Books for Bikes event at Franklin Elementary School in Boone. The gym was full of students from Franklin, Page and Lincoln elementary schools. Principal Brad Winter from Franklin and Autumn



Seiler from Page and Lincoln kicked off the event with the kids shouting school pride. A representative from the City of Boone Police department conducted the bicycle safety course and the city Fire Department went over proper bicycle helmet usage.

Both principals proceeded with drawing names from the students who participated in the reading program. As the names were announced, excitement and cheers filled the gym as each student called, ran down to pick out their new bike. Both city departments assisted the excited winning students picking out and fitting their helmets while Worshipful Master Bob Marshall assigned names and explained some other features of the bikes.



In the first five years, ninety bicycles have been awarded and the students have amassed several hundred thousand minutes of reading time!



Teacher of the Year

The Teacher of the Year was also awarded at the Books for Bikes event. Transitional kindergarten teacher Julie Malin was presented with her plaque and award by Grand Lodge Officers (L-R) Right Worshipful Brother Deputy Grand Master Scott Hull, Worshipful Brother Grand Marshal John Lizer and Right Worshipful Brother Junior Grand Warden Keith Voss.

Education is at the core of what we do. Supporting education through a reading program at your local school is a great place to start. If you would like more information on how to support a Books For Bikes reading program at the school in your community, I would be happy to visit with your Lodge. You can contact me at: mt.olivelodge.no79@gmail.com



Grand Treasurer Damian N. Hurmence

Family bonds run deep in Masonry, such was the case on Saturday, May 21 in Cedar Rapids as Masons gathered to honor Grand Treasurer Damian N. Hurmence. Past Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was bursting at the seams of his suit as he had the opportunity to recognize his son on this day.



The Masons moved to the lodge room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Worshipful Master John G. Zehms had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Chad R. Conrad and Laurens A.C. Van Beek. Grand Master William W. Post was received and introduced with Past Grand Master's Kenneth A. Hurmence and Chad R. Conrad as committeemen. Grand Treasurer Damian N. Hurmence was received and introduced with Past Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence and Chad R. Conrad as committeemen. The honored brother and the Grand Lodge Officers closed Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112. After the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room for program and pulled pork and chicken dinner. Rebecca Conrad gave a talk to the ladies about recycling used plastic bags from the grocery store and everything she has made with them. Grand Master Post introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. Grand



Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Lodge Officers. John G. Zehms introduced the Officers of Mount Vernon Lodge. Right Worshipful Brother Hurmence thanked everyone for attending and talked about his blood line to the Fraternity. He spent time recalling his father having a petition ready for him when he finished college as well as a pen to fill it out. Several presentations were made to Brother Hurmence. Grand Master Post talked about the time he had traveled to Mount Vernon Lodge and met Damian and the friendship they have developed over the years. The evening concluded with Past Grand Chaplain Eric J. Sommermeyer giving the Benediction.



Brother Nicholas Keasey Raised at Logic Lodge No. 636



The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny to confer a Third Degree on Brother Nicholas Keasey. Worshipful Master Matt Hudson opened lodge and Brother Harvey Woody was in the East for the First Section and J Alan Fink was Senior Deacon. After the First Section everyone assembled in the dining room for a awesome smoked pork chop dinner. Grand Master William W. Post was conducted to the East after dinner and accorded the honors. He then introduced the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master William W. Post was in the East for the Second Section of the Third Degree and Dennis Revis was Senior Deacon.



Craig Davis gave the charge.

Grand Master Post presented Brother Keasey with his Grand Master Pin and other items. Kelly Bruce, Grand



Tyler presented Nicholas a 3x5x7 Masonic Box made by Brother Allan L. Tedrow. Brother Johnathan Olson presented Nicholas with his own Masonic Ring. Brother Keasey thanked everyone for attending and being part of his degree. Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull was in the East to close Logic Lodge No. 636.

A Man plucked off his Shoe and gave it to his Neighbor By Wade E. Sheeler, P.S.G.W.



In the Entered Apprentice degree, the candidate enters the lodge room neither barefoot nor shod. On one foot he wears a slipper, the other is bare. Later on in the degree, the question is asked “Why were you neither barefoot nor shod”? The answer, “This was agreeably to an ancient Israelitish custom. We read in the book of Ruth, that it was the custom in former times concerning redeeming and changing, that to confirm all things a man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor”. So what is the meaning of this ancient custom?

Elimelech and Naomi were Ephrathites from Bethlehem. They had two sons named Mahlon and Kilion. The family moved to Moab and later Elimelech died. The two sons married Moabite women, Orpah and Ruth. Later on Mahlon and Kilion died, leaving all three of the women as widows. Naomi decided to return back to the land of Judah. Orpah and Ruth decided to make the journey with Naomi, who begged both women to stay with their people in the land of Moab. Ruth was not to be deterred. She was determined to return with Naomi.

Naomi had a male relative from the clan of Elimelech named Boaz, who was of means. Ruth went to the fields of barley owned by Boaz and picked up barley left from the gleaners. Boaz eventually noticed Ruth and asked who she was. He instructed his gleaners to leave extra culms of barley in the field for Ruth. Boaz and Ruth eventually fell in love.

In ancient Israel under the terms of Levirate marriage, the brother of a deceased man is obliged to marry his brother's widow. Levirate marriage has been practiced by societies with a strong clan structure in which exogamous marriage (marriage outside the clan is prohibited). For the widow, this is a protection for her and her children ensuring that they have a male provider and protector. Although there is no record that Ruth's husband had another brother in Judah, we do read that there was a relative that was closer in lineage than Boaz. This individual was known as a “kinsman-redeemer”. If the man refused the levirate marriage, the women were to pull the sandal off of his foot and spit in his face (Deuteronomy 25:9).

Before Boaz could legally marry Ruth, he needed to get a release from the kinsman-redeemer. Boaz went to the gate of the city and met with ten elders. The city gate in ancient times, was analogous to today's court room. It was a place where issues were decided and witnessed. Boaz asked the kinsman redeemer to redeem Ruth. The kinsman-redeemer replied, “I cannot redeem it, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it”. He then drew off his shoe and gave it to Boaz.

The kinsman who relinquished his right may be understood to say to Boaz: “I give over to thee all my right in this matter as fully as I know give thee this shoe”. This act, which was witnessed by the elders, could not be rescinded.

Boaz took Ruth as his wife and their son Obed became the father of Jesse and grandfather of King David with lineage to Jesus.

Masonically, what does this mean to each of us? The shoe as a Masonic symbol, is to remind us of the duty of constancy and fidelity in our engagements. Whatever contract we may make, we must honestly fulfill. We must perform to the utmost of our abilities. Our Masonic obligations are contracts that we make with our brothers, that we are to fulfill. Our obligations bind us to the highest principles of Justice and Truth.

The shoe is a symbol of a promise and the Masonic blue is the color of perfection. The tekhelet dye comes from Murex snails whose blood is purple until exposed to sunlight when it then turns a sky blue. The sky blue does not fade and is everlasting. Blue threads are woven into Jewish holy garments and the Israeli flag is blue.

The symbolism contained in the story from the Book of Ruth is not to be confused with that in the Rite of Discalceation.



Grand Marshal John M. Lizer

Masons gathered in Gowrie to honor Grand Marshal John M. Lizer. Rose Lodge No. 506 hosted the reception and social hour at the First United Methodist Church in Gowrie.



The Masons moved to the lodge room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Worshipful Master William J. Barkley had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Ian T. Decker and Steven L. Cathcart. Grand Master William W. Post was received and introduced with Brothers Ian T. Decker and Steven L. Cathcart as Committeemen. Grand Marshal John M. Lizer was received and introduced with Brothers Ian T. Decker and Steven L. Cathcart as Committeemen. The honored brother and the Grand Lodge Officers closed Rose Lodge No. 506.



After the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room of the church for the program and dinner. Aliesha gave a talk of being in an orphanage



and how grateful she was to be adopted and given a home and family. Only about two percent of orphans are adopted and the rest will never know a normal life. Grand Master Post introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. Ned Palmer introduced the Officers of Rose Lodge. Worshipful Brother Lizer thanked everyone for attending and talked about Bill Post showing up to Rose Lodge on their Stated Communication night and everyone in the room looked at him and wondered "Who is this guy and why is he here?" Bill had heard many good things about John Lizer and eventually asked him to serve as a Grand Lodge Officer. Junior Grand Warden Keith Voss presented John with his new name badge. It read "JohnLizer". Allan L. Tedrow presented Brother Lizer with his own 3x5x7 Masonic box. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Dennis W. DeJooode giving the Benediction.

Brother Jody Brinks Raised at Signet Lodge No. 264

The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll to confer a Third Degree on Brother Jody Brinks. Past Grand Master William R. Crawford opened lodge. Brother Richard C. Fulton was in the East for the First Section and Bill



Crawford was Senior Deacon. The Grand Master was conducted to the East after the First Section and accorded the honors. Grand Master William W. Post was in the East for the Second Section and Kelly H. Bruce was Senior Deacon. Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull gave the charge.

Grand Master Post presented Brother Jody with his Grand Master Pin and other items. Kelly Bruce Grand Tyler presented James a 3x5x7 Masonic Box made by Brother Allan L. Tedrow. Brother Jody thanked everyone for attending. Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull was in the East to close Signet Lodge No. 264.



Favorite Memories from 25 Years in the Library and Museums

By Bill Kreuger

Craig Davis asked me to write one last article for the Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin. Instead of what I have usually done, which would be to pick an artifact or a book to expound upon, I thought I would provide some of my favorite memories. I will put them into categories, or areas of the collection where I have worked, such as researchers (Library), museum objects (Museums), museum exhibits (Museums), and interns (Library/Museum).

Researchers – There have been so many researchers that have come through the doors of our Library during the past 25 years. One of my favorite ones to work with, that I remember well, was one of my first experiences working with a doctoral candidate. When I worked at the Kirkwood Community College Library, I worked with students, but this was a whole new level.

Jessica Harland-Jacobs contacted me about a year after I started working for the Grand Lodge of Iowa. She explained that she was a doctoral student at the University of North Carolina. She was doing research on English Freemasonry and the part it played in English colonial efforts in different parts of the world. She came here in the fall of 1998, the best that I can recall. She provided a list of periodical articles she wanted to look at. She spent about a week, perhaps longer here in Cedar Rapids. She came to us because we were closer than the United Grand Lodge of England Library, and we had many of the materials she wanted to look at.

During the time she was here, we had a school group that was here from Franklin Middle School. I asked Jessica if she would speak to the students about research and using a library. She spent several minutes of her time talking with the students and they had an opportunity to see a “real life” historian doing her work.

Later, I received a letter from her indicating that she had received her Ph.D. and had gotten a job teaching at the University of Florida. Her dissertation was going to be used as the basis for a book she wrote, entitled *Builders of Empire: Freemasonry and British Imperialism, 1717-1927*. She sent me a signed copy of the book, as well as one for the library.

Alton Roundtree is another researcher that I had the pleasure of working with. He contacted us several years ago and was interested in using our Prince Hall collection for researching the history of Prince Hall Masonry in the United States. His work here helped to produce a book entitled *Out of the Shadows: The Emergence of Prince Hall Freemasonry in America*.

Museum Objects - Some of the favorite museum objects that I have had the opportunity to work with over the years include the Iowa Civil War flag that was carried by Company B of the 28th Iowa Regiment. It was made in Marengo, Iowa and went through several battles in the War, including Vicksburg. It was taken to the Dakota Territory after the War and finally returned to Iowa in 2004. We worked with several community organizations to get the flag properly preserved and framed, including the Local Carpenters' Union, Five Rivers Joint Apprenticeship Program, and the John Q. Wilds Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Another is the Order of Free Gardeners Apron currently on exhibit in the Masonic Museum. This is a very unusual item and helps add to our collection of non-Masonic Fraternal items.

Finally, the World War I poster collection that was re-discovered in the rare book vault by Tim Anderson and I several years ago. We have been able to carefully unroll many of those posters, flatten them and then have many of them encapsulated. Several UNI and Coe College interns helped with this process. Several were used in our exhibits on World War I and other special exhibits we have had over the years. Denny and Janet Zahrt helped with the framing of some of the posters so we could exhibit them in our gallery.

Exhibits - I have done several exhibits over the years but the ones that stand out to me are the very first one I did on Masons in the Spanish-American War. Another favorite was the one we did for the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry in 2017.

Interns - Finally, we have been very lucky to have had so many fine interns that have helped me over the years. We have had several from the University of Northern Iowa who helped with research, encapsulation projects, artifact inventory, and cataloging of museum collections. We have had a few interns helping us from Coe College as well. We had one of the Coe College history classes assist in poster encapsulation, research, and cataloging.

Overall, it has been a very good experience for me. When I went to school, way back in the dark ages, I always wanted to work in a museum and an archive. In July 1997, when I received the call from Russ Strawn telling me he had hired me as the Assistant Librarian and Curator, I knew I had found my calling. Thank you for the opportunity.

Brother Brandon Ruopp Remebered By Marshall Lodge No. 108 By Arthur G. Crandon, P.G.M.



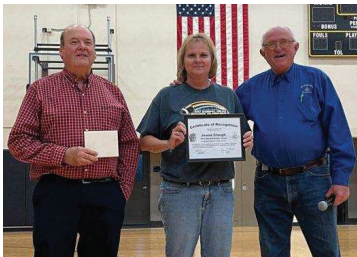
Masonry was at its best in Marshall Lodge. A night when a crowded dining room watched as M.W.B. Art Crandon presented a 50 Year Certificate to Brother Victor Hellberg.

Worshipful Master Robert Fisher then presented a check to the widow of Brother Brandon Ruopp in the amount of \$42,690.00. Brother Ruopp died suddenly on February 3, 2022 leaving his wife and three children under the age of nine. He was a Past Master and a strong leader of the lodge. His efforts as Worshipful Master earned Marshall Lodge the Grand Master's Award in 2018. He involved

the lodge in assisting the local Optimist Club in setting out flags on holidays and participating in an annual Big Brother/Big Sister Bowling event. The check was a collaboration of matching funds from the local members, area lodges, the Grand Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, Grand Charity Fund of the Grand Chapter of RAM, Grand Charity Fund of the Grand Commandery, and the Almoner's Fund of the Scottish Rite. Jeana Ruopp was also presented with Brother Ruopp's Past Master Apron.



Full Moon Lodge No. 561 Recognizes Teacher in their Community By Jim White



Brothers Jim White and Ed Damman presented the Full Moon Lodge No. 561 Teacher of the Year award to Miss Jeana Clough. Students of West Marshall Middle School and teachers were present to congratulate her for her going beyond to help our future leaders and citizens of our community.

50 Year Brothers Recognized at Columbus City Lodge No. 107 By Duncan Bell



On March 17th, Columbus City Lodge No. 107 recognized three 50 year brothers Sam Bell, Lindy Woods, Jim Crawford and one 70 year brother, Art Pugh. To honor the four distinguished brothers, the Lodge assembled a great meal with many friends and family members in attendance. After dinner, Brother Matt Storm gave a speech while Worshipful Master Anthony Lauber presented the brothers with their certificates. The Columbus Gazette, our hometown weekly newspaper, was present to take pictures and included an article on the front page of the next issue. After the meal, members transitioned into the lodge room for the Stated Communication, during which the honorary brothers expressed great gratitude to the Lodge.

Incoming Masters and Wardens **By Tom Nash, Lodge Service Committee**



This is the time of year we start looking for the next group of leaders for our lodges. The outgoing Master is hopefully wrapping up his year and all the projects that were started. While this is important to the lodge, what is just as important is preparing the lodge for the new set of officers. Some lodges have a deep bench to choose from when it comes to officers, while others struggle to fill chairs every year. Regardless of your situation, there are some tools that might help you to prepare for the next year.

One tool that is used often is the "Masters and Wardens Handbook" available on the Grand Lodge website. This handbook has many tips and suggestions as well as instruction on the topics that will arise during the upcoming year. If you have ever wondered where the guideline for balloting comes from, how to set up a lodge calendar,

or how do we open a Lodge of Sorrow, then this is the tool for you. There is a Lodge Assessment Survey located in the handbook as well. This is a great way to look at your lodge and see the areas that might need some improvement.

Another step to prepare the lodge for next year is learning the ritual of the position you are about to assume. As Masters and Wardens, the opening and closing of the lodge is a duty that should be taken seriously. To visitors, the first impression of a lodge is made during the opening ritual. To a new Mason, we obligate them to stand to and abide by all the laws, rules, and regulations. We should make every effort to live up to our obligations and be an example to the new Mason as well as our brethren across the Fraternity.

Connection with area lodges is a great way to make those relationships that will help when degree teams are needed or when a fundraising breakfast is planned. Even just sitting on the sidelines during a degree in a neighboring town helps build relationships.

If your lodge does not have a communications platform such as an email tree that reaches all members, or a social media page of some sort, now would be a great time to implement one. Sending out a trestle board via the postal service is getting to be an expense that some lodges can no longer afford. Think of an electronic version or platform to communicate with the brothers. One caveat to this is that you should not exclude those who do not use social media or e-mail. Have a provision to keep those brothers informed of lodge activities.

An upcoming method of communication is the Grand View system sponsored by Grand Lodge. It is a simple method of communicating with brothers not only in your lodge but in lodges across the state. There are multiple places to learn about this system. Work with your secretaries to make sure your lodge has the correct information in the Grand View program.

Your lodge is electing you because they have faith in your abilities to lead. There is no greater honor than to be given the gavel of leadership in the lodge.

Mahaska Lodge No. 644 Rededication Ceremony **Oskaloosa**

Mahaska Lodge No. 644 invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa to Oskaloosa to rededicate their lodge in Due and Ancient Form on June 4, 2022. Grand Master William W. Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the ceremony.

The lodge catered pulled pork and brisket sandwiches. Worshipful Master Miles Saban



gave the invitation to Grand Master Post to rededicate the lodge. Grand Master Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple



Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient Form. Junior Grand Deacon Anthony L. Oxley gave the

tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Deacon Nathaniel G. Kemer gave the Flag Tribute.

Jim Walker was Orator and spoke about the History of the Lodge. During his oration Grand Musician Robert C. Danner played the following three songs as everyone sang along. Faith of Our Fathers, Battle Hymn of the Republic, and America the Beautiful. Following the ceremony drawings were held to give away commemorative mugs.



Warren Lodge No. 4 Rededicated



Masonry is alive and well in Potosi, Wisconsin, just up the road from Dickeyville. Grand Master Gary Stang from Wisconsin invited Grand Master William W. Post to the River Chicken Feed and Rededication of Warren Lodge No. 4. The evening started off with great fellowship and a river chicken feed. River chicken is fried catfish with homemade potato salad and coleslaw. After everyone enjoyed two plates of catfish, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Rededicated Warren Lodge with Grand Master Stang presiding. Assisting in the ceremony were: P.G.M. John Wilkie, P.G.M. Beecher Daniels, P.G.M. Scott Pedley, P.G.M. Davey White, and Senior Grand Warden David Ritchie. The Oration was given by David

Ritchie. The Mason's then moved to the lodge room for the Stated Communication of Warren Lodge No. 4. All visiting dignitaries were introduced and given Grand Honors. Worshipful Master Davey White presented Grand Master Stang with a check for \$100 for his program for the year and presented Grand Master Post with a check for \$100 for Saint Florian. While the Mason's were in lodge, the ladies traveled to the Potosi Brewery for a fun night. Past Grand Masters Edwin D. Blinks and Craig L. Davis were also in attendance as well as brothers from Dubuque. It was a great night of Fellowship.



Senior Grand Steward Dennis R. Revis



Masons gathered in Indianola to honor Senior Grand Steward Dennis R. Revis. Warren Lodge No. 53 hosted the reception and social hour at their lodge.

The Masons moved to the lodge room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Worshipful Master Michael C. Angersola had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge



Officers were Brothers Drew C. Mathias and Greg Lane as committeemen. Grand Master William W. Post was received and introduced with Brothers Drew C. Mathias and Greg Lane as committeemen. Senior Grand Steward was received and introduced with Brothers Drew C. Mathias and Greg Lane as committeemen. The honored brother and the Grand Lodge Officers closed Warren Lodge No. 53.

Grand Master Post introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. Michael Angersola introduced the Officers of Warren Lodge. The evening concluded with the Grand Chaplain Dennis W. DeJooode giving the Benediction.



St. Johns Lodge No. 35 F. & A.M. Third Degrees By Gary Shaulis

Masons from Black Hawk Lodge No. 65 of Cedar Falls, Waterloo Lodge No. 105, Equity Lodge No. 131 of Janesville, Vulcan Lodge No. 498 of Bristow and Martin Lodge No. 624 of Cedar Falls assisted the Prince Hall Masons of St John's Lodge No. 35 of Waterloo to confer two Master Mason Degrees at Black Hawk Lodge on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Worshipful Master Walter Riley opened St. John's Lodge at 11:00 a.m. using Prince Hall Ritual with Worshipful Master David Johnson of Black Hawk Lodge in the West. It was an interesting opening with brothers using their respective ritual. After the opening the First Section of the Third Degree was conferred on both brothers together. The lodge then went from labor to refreshment for lunch. Labor was resumed about 1:00 p.m. for the two Second Sections, each done individually.

Six brothers from St. John's Lodge plus two Fellow Craft Masons were present. 14 brothers from the area were present and assisted. Worshipful Master Frank Swallow of Martin Lodge presented each of the new Master Masons with a Masonic Presentation Bible provided by Black Hawk Lodge and Martin Lodge. It was a wonderful day of Brotherhood.

Iowa City Lodge No. 4 Table Lodge

On Monday, May 23, 2022 Iowa City Lodge No. 4 held their Annual Table Lodge in Iowa City. The celebration started in 1842 and the brothers of the lodge spared no expense to hold a quality event.



Iowa City Lodge No. 4 was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree for the purpose of holding a Table Lodge. Worshipful Master Laurens Van Beek was in the East. Worshipful Brother Jason A. Wolcott served as Emcee for the evening and made the First Toast to Our Country and Flag. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Second Toast was made by Laurens Van Beek to the Craft. The Third Toast was made by Brother Cody Maxwell to the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Grand Master William W. Post gave the response. The Fourth Toast was given by Brother Harold Van Beek to Iowa City Lodge No. 4. The response was given by Laurens Van Beek. John Klaus led a rendition of Happy Birthday to Brother Harold

Van Beek as he celebrated his 60th Birthday. Brother David Sutton owner of Suttons Catering in Newhall catered the pork loin dinner.

Brother Miles Flamme-Wiese gave the Fifth Toast to New Brethren. New Master Mason Evan Tepoel from Mount Hermon Lodge gave the response. The Sixth Toast was given by Brother Dion Baylor to Visiting Brethren. The Response was given by Right Worshipful Brother Alex Hubert, Past District Deputy Grand Master from Ohio. Right Worshipful Brother Hubert gave a presentation about, Loge Liberte Cherie: A Light in the Darkness. Following the wonderful presentation, the brothers from Iowa City Lodge No. 4 closed the Lodge. Right Worshipful Brother John M. Klaus, Past Grand Treasurer from Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112 gave the final Toast of the evening, the Tyler's Toast. Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to Meet again!



Panora Presents Scholarships



Grace Webner has been selected this year as our \$1,000 recipient for our annual scholarship from the Panora Lodge No. 121. She leads by example through her hard work and dedication as well as by encouraging others to do their best in their activities. She has been a model to her peers in overcoming adversities that she has faced over the years. She has learned how to set goals and achieve them which she will use successfully in furthering her education. She plans to major in Kinesiology and Pre Physical Therapy. We are proud she has become a scholarship recipient. Scholarship from Panora Lodge was established in the 1980's.

Fort Madison Masonic Lodge to Celebrate 175 Years **By Zane Zirkle**

On July 1, 1847 the Grand Lodge of Iowa granted Fort Madison Lodge No. 13 their Charter. Masonic Lodges are Fraternal organizations known for their charitable nature and community involvement. In fact, just recently the local lodge donated funding for several youth to attend summer camps as well as issuing two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors to continue their education at universities.

Many people may not realize that 14 US Presidents were Freemasons including George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Many heroes from our Revolutionary War were also Masons. Paul Revere, Patrick Henry, and Benjamin Franklin were among them. Thirteen signers of the Constitution and eight signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons as were the famous explorers, Lewis and Clark. At the Alamo you can count Samuel Colt, Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston, William Travis, Davey Crockett and James Bowie as Masons.

Many astronauts were Masons, including John Glenn and one of the first men on the moon, Buzz Aldren. The list goes on and on with entertainers, authors, musicians, inventors, sports figures, military, and many international leaders.

Masons are known for their charity. The Shriners, established in 1870, have 22 medical facilities in the US, Canada, and Mexico and provide specialized care, adaptive equipment, and prothesis for children. They provide specialized pediatric care to children with orthopedic conditions, severe burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

In 2004 local resident Donald E. Mayer served as the Grand Master for the State of Iowa. Fort Madison No. 13 has many 50 year members as well as young men from the area.

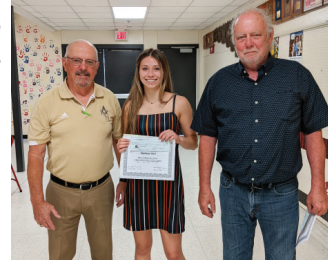
While people may believe negative information about Masonry, our members and our actions prove differently. The local lodge consists of good men striving to make each other better through our service to the Fort Madison community. We invite those with an interest in joining with us to contact a Mason.

The lodge is located at 4709 Avenue J. Our monthly meetings are open for members only and are held the second Thursday with a dinner starting at 6 pm followed by the Stated Communication at 7 pm.

Fort Madison Presents Scholarships **By H.B. Calvert**



Lodge Secretary H.B. Calvert and Lodge Treasurer John T. Byrd presented scholarships to Madison Pirri and Garrett Hermes. Each recipient received a \$1,000 scholarship from Fort Madison Lodge No. 13.



Cedar Lodge No 11 Presents Scholarships



Cedar Lodge No. 11 in Tipton presents five \$2,000 scholarships annually to Tipton High School graduates. The presentation to the recipients was held Tuesday June 7, 2022. Pictured left to right are: Cody Koch, Eli Jauron, Alyssa Mente, Madelyn Ham, Sydney Barton, and Worshipful Master Roger Hakeman.

Master's Lament...A Tribute to Brandon Ruopp

By Robert Fisher

As a young traveler, I was alone, stumbling through life. I had no real direction nor pursuit. That was until I met him.

I met another in the East. He greeted me with a smile on his face and a hat upon his head.

In darkness he appeared before me. Extending to me the hand of friendship, he ordered me to rise, follow my guide, and fear no danger.

Throughout my travels, I discovered his name to be Master.

In what seemed to be my darkest hour, Master returned to my side to bring me from darkness to light.

Not once, but many times did the Master assist in bringing me to light on my passage. Every time, he extended to me the hand of friendship: but with this addition, he called to me by name. A name that pleased my ears, and gave comfort to my weary soul.

He called me brother.

He called me brother and asked that I call him the same.

Brother presented to me several tools that would assist me through life and explained their uses.

There came a point in our meetings when he informed me that he could teach me no more as we met on the level.

Also, he told me that my own journey was just beginning, but that I would do fine by remembering his many lessons and applying them to my situation, and that I could call to him for guidance always.

I was glad to do this for him as well.

A short time after this important message from the Master, I found myself again in total darkness having lost my true brother. Taken too soon, full of life, and interested in following the same path that I had chosen for myself. I was devastated, yet the Master was there with a well attended ear, a strong shoulder upon which to lay my tears, and the experience to again guide me to the light.

While it is impossible to replace a lost sibling he helped fill the void created by great loss through his continued examples of friendship and brotherly love.

As the years passed, brother and I strengthened our bond through communication and fellowship. To the point that I consider him to be one of my best friends.

While our interactions were limited due to each of our own personal travels, we would still embrace each other as brothers and picked up right where we left off as if no time had passed at all.

Throughout my personal travels I attained the same level as Master, even fortunate enough to have him be the first to address and welcome me as such.

A day came when I received the horrible news that Master's time on earth was finished. I was heartbroken and did not understand but realized The Grand Architect of the Universe had called him home having accepted and approved of his labors.

I like many others felt the devastating loss of such a fine young man, a true man's man. Brother Ruopp had become like my own flesh and blood.

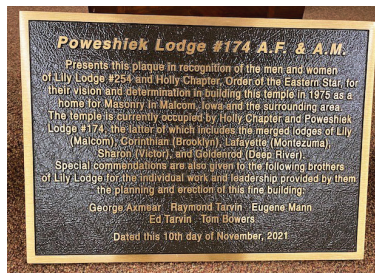
His loss will hurt for sometime, but the lessons learned from him will stay with me for a lifetime. I am extremely privileged to have met Brother Ruopp and look forward to the day when we may reunite as kindred spirits.

To his family, never hesitate to reach out to myself or any of us for assistance with any matter. We all know that Brother Ruopp would do the same for us if the tables were turned.

Brother Ruopp, you will be forever missed and always remembered. I love you. Until we meet again, please continue to guide us upon our journeys.



Temple Dedication at Poweshiek Lodge No. 174



Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 invited the Grand Lodge Officers to Malcom for a Temple Dedication Ceremony. The Grand Lodge Officer's led by Grand Master William W. Post performed the ceremony. Worshipful Master James A. Mills invited Grand Master Post and the Grand Lodge Officers to Dedicate the Temple in Due and Ancient Form. Grand Marshal John M. Lizer led the procession. Most Worshipful Brother Terry E. Osborne served as Architect. Brother Howard G. McDonough carried the Corn and Blue Candle, Thomas P. Francis carried the Wine and the Red Candle, and William R. Dayton carried the Oil with the White Candle. Don Ellis carried the Holy Bible. William R. Dayton was the Orator and left us with his oration: A dispensation was granted on December 8, 1868 for Malcom to form a lodge. The first Stated Communication under the dispensation was on February 2, 1869 with five applications for membership. The Charter was granted for Lily Lodge on June 8, 1869 with election of officers. In May 1877 the building committee let the bid for the new building for \$2940.00, Lily Lodge had 47 members. The original cornerstone was laid July 6, 1877 by Grand Master Z.C. Luse. The first Stated Communication in the new building was September 1877.

June 1975 Lily Lodge No. 254 formed a building committee comprised of Worshipful Master Ed Tarvin, Eugene Mann, Tom Bowers and Lester Schneekloth. They started drawing plans for a new lodge building. In August 1975 the building committee presented plans to the membership with the projected cost of \$25,000. Most of the members of Lily Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star gave sizable donations for operational money to get started.

It was time for a new building as the roof was leaking, plaster was falling from the ceiling and it also had a major problem with honey bees in the walls and ceiling. Talks started in earnest about a new building after it was joked that the Worshipful Master would have to sleep upstairs with the bees! The Eastern Star ladies spent many hours cleaning the furnishing before they could be moved because of the bees, everything was covered in wax.

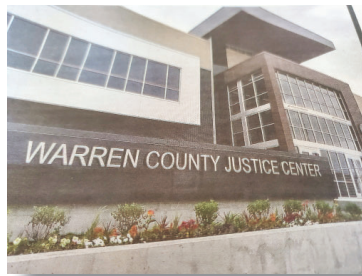
March 1976 the lodge received a letter from the Grand Lodge of Iowa seeking information from the lodge about its ability to pay off a new building. In April 1976 the trustees of the Grand Lodge along with Ross McCulla, who was the Chairman of Division and Reference, met with the lodge. They questioned if it would be possible to be able to pay for it or not. I believe the trustees gave their consent because Ross stood up and said "If they want to do it, they will get it done!" After a nice discussion the lodge was given permission to go ahead with the project. They had between 20 to 40 members. May 1976 Official Notice from the Grand Lodge for the go ahead with the new building with balance of \$516.45 in the account. On June 25, 1977, a Special Communication was held with the Grand Lodge for the cornerstone ceremony. The mortgage was burned with a special ceremony in 1986.

I would like to thank Lucy Axmear and Mary Lou Mann for providing me with the original programs from the cornerstone and burning of the mortgage plus some history of how it came together. The Eastern Star ladies had many card parties to raise money for the carpet and reupholstering of the chairs and benches and helping to pay bills. Cupboards and appliances were donated by Star members.

Concrete was provided by Howard Macy, a brother from Grinnell who owned a concrete firm. He donated some concrete and provided most the rest at cost. Having no one experienced in concrete pouring, Bill Bushong, a brother Mason from Montezuma who owned a construction firm, provided tools, experience and manpower for doing the flatwork and foundations. Ed Tarvin laid the bricks on the building at no cost. Melvin Mills, a Mason from Montezuma, installed the bathrooms. Sonny Schneekloth donated the furnace and air conditioner. With no carpenters in lodge, George Axmear's brothers, who were not Masons, came in one weekend and put the roof on.

Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 was formed in 2011 with the merger of Lily No. 254 (Malcom) and Corinthian No. 174 (Brooklyn) Other lodges that have consolidated with Powershiek Lodge are: Lafayette (Montezuma), Sharon (Victor) and Goldenrod (Deep River). Current membership of Poweshiek Lodge is 75.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Warren County Justice Facility



Warren Lodge No. 53 in Indianola invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Warren County Justice Facility. The ceremony was held on July 29, 2022 in Indianola. The procession was lead with bagpipes played by Michael S. Shannon. Avery Shannon, Michael's son was the bugler. 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. The American Legion served as the Flag Bearers, Mike Anersola, Jerry Marsh, and Kim Abild served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Shive Hattery was the Architect, Chris Nelson was the Bearer of Great Lights, Kyle McKasson, Cliff Low and Rodney Prickett served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Jeff Hensly carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Anthony L. Oxley, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Dennis R. Revis, Senior Grand Steward gave the Flag Tribute. After Worshipful Brother John M. Lizer, Grand Marshal made the proclamation the Oration was given by Darren Heater, Board of Supervisors, Kevin Parker, County Judge, Doug Eichholz, County Attorney, and Aaron DeKock, Board of Supervisors. They thanked Warren Lodge No. 53 and the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the beautiful ceremony. He also spoke about the history and future of the courthouse. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull.

Scholarship Thank You

Ethan Buer – I am so grateful to have received a scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Thank you for supporting me in my educational endeavors, and for investing in me.

Carly Schaffer - I am writing this thank you today to express my immense gratitude for awarding me as a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarship. As my senior year comes to a close, I have had time to recognize my most notable achievements, and this honor is definitely one of them. With that being said, I am excited to see where your support takes me in my next four years at the University of Iowa. In the fall, I will major in microbiology with the ultimate goal of becoming a neonatologist. Your donation will allow me to pay for classes to achieve my academic ambitions, but it will also allow me to participate in specific jobs or student organizations that will help me build support in my future endeavors. Your generosity has pushed me to obtain an ambitious career in which it can change the lives of others in the same manner your scholarship has done for me.

Cory Heithoff – Thank you for awarding me the Grand lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. 2022 Scholarship. It is a great honor. I am excited to study Agricultural Engineering at Iowa State University.

Anna Newby – Thank you very much for selecting me to receive one of the Iowa Grand Lodge Scholarships. It will be extremely helpful in making college affordable for me. I am grateful for your support as I attend Cornell College to study History in the Fall.

Willem Potter – Thank you for selecting me for the \$5,000 Scholarship. It is an honor to be selected from among the many qualified applicants. Just the other day I completed my orientation at Iowa State University. I look forward to attending in the fall.

Evan Larson – Thank you for your generosity in funding the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I am very honored to be the recipient of this award. I will be attending Grinnell College in the fall to study biochemistry/ bioengineering and play soccer.

Hannah Groos – I am deeply honored to receive this award. This fall I'll be attending Duke University. Thank you so much for investing in students like me.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Gowrie Fire Department



Rose Lodge No. 506 in Gowrie invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Gowrie Fire Department.

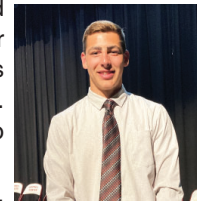
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Emerald Lodge No. 334

By David Hoy



Emerald Lodge No. 334 in Grundy Center established a new scholarship program to assist students in their community. The scholarships are available to students attending college or training school after high school. This year's scholarship recipient is Dayne Zinkula who has aspirations of becoming a teacher.



Emerald Lodge has also been busy with degree work. They have raised three brothers: Devon Conkling, Duane Jorgenson, and Tyler Mannion.



50 Year Certificate Presentation Equity Lodge No.131 at Janesville



Worshipful Brother Gary Shaulis received his 50 Year Membership Certificate from Senior Grand Warden Darrell Fremont on June 8, 2022. Brothers Shaulis and Fremont have been long time friends having served as officers together in Black Hawk Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Cedar Falls in the late 1960's. The ceremony was preceeded by a rib eye steak fry cooked by Worshipful Master Nathan Renner. In attendance were 46 brothers and the 2021 and 2022 scholarship recipients and families. Brother Shaulis was extremely pleased to have nine of the 2020-2021 Grand Lodge family present including Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Dennis Heflin.

Senior Grand Deacon Nathaniel G. Kemmer



The Des Moines Scottish Rite and Daylight Lodge No. 660 hosted a reception honoring Senior Grand Deacon Nathaniel G. Kemmer. Friends, family and Mason's gathered to salute this brother on his achievement. The Masons moved to the auditorium for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Worshipful Master Louis Reverol Jr. had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Brian Nelson and Melvin Bancroft as committeemen. Grand Master William W. Post was received and introduced with Brothers Eldon Walton and Brian Nelson. Senior Grand Deacon was received and introduced with Brothers Steve Kemmer and Brian Nelson as committeemen. The honored brother and the Grand Lodge Officers closed Daylight Lodge No. 660.

After the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room for the program and dinner. Grand Master Post introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. Louis Reverol introduced the Officers of West Gate-Adelphic Lodge No. 509. Worshipful Brother Nathaniel Kemmer introduced the Officers of Daylight Lodge No. 660. Worshipful Brother Kemmer thanked everyone for attending and Bill Post for choosing him as a Grand Lodge Officer. The reception concluded with the Grand Chaplain Dennis W. DeJooode giving the Benediction. Now, most of the time this would be the end of the story. Not tonight. Nathan and Sarah had arranged an auction to follow dinner to raise funds for St. Florian Burn Camp. The evening was a success.

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 Rededication Ceremony Spencer



Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa to Spencer to rededicate their lodge in Due and Ancient Form on June 20, 2022. Grand Master William W. Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the ceremony. Worshipful Master Steve Heaton gave the invitation to Grand Master Post to rededicate the lodge. Grand Master Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient Form. Junior Grand Steward Michael R. Jensen gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Steward Denis R. Revis gave the Flag Tribute. Sam Harper was Orator and spoke about the history of the lodge. Tammy Van Horsen Post played the piano for the ceremony.



Rhodes Lodge No. 303 Rededication Ceremony Ogden



Rhodes Lodge No. 303 invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa to Ogden to rededicate their lodge in Due and Ancient Form on June 23, 2022. Grand Master William W. Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the ceremony. Worshipful Master Ralph Walker gave the invitation to Grand Master Post to rededicate the lodge. Grand Master Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient Form. Junior Grand Deacon Anthony L. Oxley gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Deacon Nathaniel G. Kemmer gave the Flag Tribute. Ralph Walker was Orator and spoke about the history of the lodge. Tammy Van Horsen Post played the piano for the ceremony.

Masons Annual Great Ride Around Iowa 2022



MAGRAI 2022 started on Sunday, June 19th in Ames, Iowa. Brother's gathered and had dinner at Jethro's. The actual ride started on Monday. Arcadia Lodge No. 249 hosted the kickoff with doughnuts and coffee and then a light lunch. Truman Myers the son of Jerry and Erin was the guest speaker and spoke about his trips to St. Florian Burn Camp. St. Florian Burn Camp has been Grand Master William W. Post fundraising campaign this year. The proceeds from the ride were going to support the camp.

The riders left Ames and headed to Bethel Lodge No. 319 in Garner. The Bethel Lodge members were proud to show off the renovations that have been made over the past year. The next stop was at the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend. The ride ended in Spencer, where the Grand Lodge Officers conducted a rededication ceremony for Evening Shade Lodge No. 312.



Tuesday morning the riders headed off to Twilight Lodge No. 329 in Spirit Lake where they enjoyed homemade coffeecake, rolls and good fellowship. They next traveled to the Indian Motorcycle factory down the road. The next stop was in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where Grand Master Daniel Nace of South Dakota welcomed everyone and provided lunch at his establishment J.J.'s Billiards. The final stop of the day was in Cherokee and once again the Grand Lodge Officer's conducted a rededication ceremony for Speculative Lodge No. 307.

Wednesday, day three, riders headed south and west, ending up in Sioux City. The Sioux City Scottish Rite and Past Grand Master Charles D. Yates hosted a tour of their facility. Some of the riders went to the casino to try their luck. They were off to Le Mars where they visited Wells Blue Bunny for some ice cream. They then headed to Alta, where Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 served a nice dinner and then everyone was off to watch stock car racing.



Thursday they traveled to Grace Lodge No. 519 in Laurens where we were treated to some good pastries and a hot cup of coffee. They then traveled to Carroll for a bite of lunch. Then they made the trek to Templeton and toured the distillery. Finally, they headed to Ogden for a rededication ceremony for Rhodes Lodge No. 303. The evening wrapped up with a nice meal provided by Rhodes Lodge. Brothers Craig Elliott and Nathan Caraway were recognized for all the hard work that they had put into the organization and planning for MAGRAI 2022.

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 Congratulations to the following Brothers who earned their Certificates.

Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

No.	Town	Lodge	Name	No.	Town	Lodge	Name
15	Fairfield		Brown, Rickey L.	285	Siam		Morgan, Richard E.
16	Ottumwa		Kincart, Jerry D.	370	Pleasant Hill		Carey, Jerry B.
26	Washington		Roe, Mitchell D.	386	Greenfield		Gibbs, George A.
103	Sioux City		Johnson, Edward T.	408	Alta		Eriksen, William C.
108	Marshalltown		Hellberg, Hjalmar V.	412	Griswold		Wistrom, Roger L.
123	Guthrie Center		Hughes, Darwin M.	509	Windsor Heights		Liggit, Gary L.
140	Clarinda		Harris, Stephen L.	522	Creston		Larkin Jr., James E.
145	Mason City		Alverson, John B.	532	Moville		McElrath IV, William W.
174	Malcolm		Hedrick, Ronald H.	615	Sioux City		Eybers, Robert C.
182	Sigourney		Morse, Richard C.	628	Indianola		Miller, David P.
193	Lewisburg		Bennett, Avery A.	630	Des Moines		Clayton, Jack L.
205	Algona		Holmes, Douglas M.	644	Oskaloosa		Randell, Robert J.