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#### 2023 - 2024 Regional Schools

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, Ottumwa .....5:30 P.M.

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

Thursday, October 19, 2023, Morningside Lodge No. 615  
4110 Morningside Ave, Sioux City .....9:00 A.M.

Friday, October 20, 2023, Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297  
218 W. High St, Avoca .....5:30 P.M.

Thursday, November 2, 2023, Newton Lodge No. 59  
208 1st Ave W, Newton .....5:30 P.M.

Friday, November 17, 2023, Osceola Lodge No. 77  
100 S Park St, Osceola .....9:00 A.M.

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.



## Grand Master's Message

### "Evolve"

Greetings to the Craft of Iowa in this my final address to you as Grand Master. This past year has been, for me and your Grand Lodge Officers, one of absolute joy and personal growth. We have traveled the entirety of our great state of Iowa which has given us the chance to meet, talk, and work with thousands of Iowa Masons. Words cannot express what an honor that has been.



We have talked about the need to continually ask ourselves why we are Freemasons and have offered up the reason as being to evolve as human beings. As we all move forward in Freemasonry, our respective lodges, and in life, I urge you to not forget the lessons that the one single word "Evolve" has to offer. That being said, let's begin to build on that now. Let's use the word "Evolve" as a jumping off point into even greater things.

I would like to discuss two big things as they relate to bettering yourself and those around you. The first one is leadership. What does leadership really mean and how does it pertain to each and every person in this world? If you search the term on the internet, you will find thousands of definitions, synonyms, quotes, self help books, and personal opinions. That really defines the world we live in today, doesn't it. So many people out there have their own ideas as to what leadership is and how to implement it and they are more than willing to step forward and offer them up as a favor to you personally as if to leave their mark on you and the world and show that they have the perfect recipe to develop leaders and make them better. The fact of the matter is, leadership is as simple as listening to other people, respecting their opinions, and implementing solutions that keep in mind the benefit of everyone. Sometimes effective leadership is just knowing when to get out of the way.

This leads me to the second big thing, and that's culture. What is the culture of your surroundings? What is the culture of your lodge? Is it a pleasant place to be? Is it welcoming? Does it offer multiple kinds of opportunities for its members to enjoy fellowship, community service, and education? In short, does it promote the act of evolving? An all important question that every business person should always be asking themselves is "am I easy to do business with?" Successful businesses and organizations are easy to do business with. They offer a culture that is always evolving to meet the needs of its customers and its employees. A business or organization that is easy to do business with invites participation through positive energy, recognition, and ultimately satisfaction.

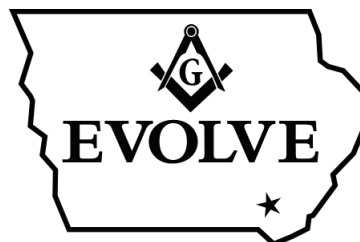
So ask yourselves, are you tapping into the idea of "Evolving" in order to promote leadership and a positive culture in your life, your community, and in your lodge? Are you easy to do business with? Brothers, the best men and Freemasons in this world are doing just that. Never forget that the rest of the world has been, is, and always will be evolving and it is up to us to stay in the game. We must evolve or the world will evolve without us. Let's stay relevant Brothers, through leadership, a positive culture, and "Evolving".

Thank you to the Craft of Iowa for all of your support, hard work, and determination throughout this past Grand Lodge year.

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theodore C. Wiley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'W'.

Theodore C. Wiley  
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa





### Dysart woman's philosophy is 'to leave the world a better place'

By: Donald A. Promnitz - [donald.promnitz@wfcourier.com](mailto:donald.promnitz@wfcourier.com)



Dysart - When Catherine Wieck arrived to teach in Dysart in autumn 1949, she fell in love with the town and, not long after, she fell in love with a man named Paul. "The trees were wearing their finest for fall and it was a beautiful, beautiful town, and I met a young fellow from here," Wieck said. "Then in 1951, we were married and I've been here, of course, ever since, living in town."

She is being recognized for her devotion to the community as one of the Courier's Eight over 80 winners. Growing up on a farm in Webster County, both of Wieck's parents were active in the community. Both taught Sunday school and threw themselves into doing whatever was needed by their neighbors. "When there was a celebration on, my dad was there helping, when there was... somebody in the community that had a need, my mom was there helping," she said. "And so I had a good example set for me."

Wieck's first venture into volunteer work was as the local 4-H leader. However, her work teaching in Dysart and La Porte city and raising three children sidetracked her from community work. That kicked off in earnest with the Tree Board, when it was founded in 1988. Members of the board had their work cut out for them, having to replace many of the trees lost in the 2011 derecho and helping in the creation of an arboretum. Over the last 35 years, the board has planted hundreds of trees throughout Dysart, most of them memorial trees.

"They're a living memorial to somebody who has been important to this community," she said. Then in 1997, Wieck founded another major project when the Reformed Church of Christ, down to only eight congregants, went out of operation and was given over to the community. As a member of the Dysart Development Corp. at the time, she decided to put the building to use as a historical museum.

Inside, visitors will find relics from the town's founding, including its role in taking children to the orphan train and its contributions to America's armed conflicts. Since then, they've added an agriculture museum and a machine shed with old vehicle exhibits. They also brought in a former schoolhouse from near Traer, refurbishing it to be as close as possible to what children from Tama County would have experienced in the 1930's and 40's.

The challenge now is getting people coming after her to get involved. At 92, Wieck intends to step down from the Tree Board when a suitable replacement is found. The involvement of the younger generation in continuing her work and helping to upkeep the community is a top concern, although she is seeing renewed interest. Parents are starting to pitch in to ensure good summer programs for their children, for example. While this has been centered primarily around athletics, Wieck sees it as a step in the right direction.

"I think it's changing some. We have a group called Club Dysart that is very active and they are younger people," she said. "We do have more younger people on our Tree Board, which is wonderful. It's a lot of work and we need younger ones." Even without the Tree Board, Wieck remains a fixture at the Dysart Museum, pulling weeds and showing guests around. The people that take over will be beneficiaries of her life's philosophy in motion.

"I guess if you want to know my philosophy about doing all this, I feel that the reason we're out in this earth is to leave the world a little better place than we found it," Wieck said. "I think the work we do is for our space. That's the way I like to think of it."

### Onyx Lodge No. 419 in Sanborn presents Scholarships

Brother Dan Moermond presented Abigail Kunzman with her Grand Lodge Scholarship and Brother Lowell Appleton presented Sidney Banuelos with her Grand Lodge Scholarship.





### Grand Marshal Bradley A. Reichardt



The brothers of Malta Lodge No. 318 in Burlington and Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines honored Grand Marshal Bradley A. Reichardt at a reception at the Des Moines Scottish Rite on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Masons and their ladies from all across the state came to honor Brother Reichardt.

Following the social hour, the Masons moved to the Blue Lodge room where Worshipful Master Todd W. Brown opened Legacy Lodge No. 678. Brothers Jeremy N. Davis and David J. Hellstern were committeemen to receive and introduce the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers Loren C. Stein and Jeremy N. Davis were committeemen to receive and introduce Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley. Shane A. Harshbarger and Erik L. Brincks served as committeemen to receive and introduce Grand Marshal Reichardt. The honored brother welcomed all Masons and thanked them for attending. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with the Grand Marshal in the East.

The ladies program was on Masonic Youth Organizations. Adam Reichardt spoke about DeMolay and Scarlett Coffman gave the Rose Lecture for Rainbow. Michelle Reichardt spoke about Rainbow and DeMolay.

Brad Reichardt served as Master of Ceremonies for the dinner program. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the invocation prior to all enjoying a pulled brisket and chicken lunch.

### Brother Kris Conrad Raised at Clinton Lodge No. 15



Clinton Lodge No. 15 invited the Grand Lodge Officers to Fairfield for a reception and Third Degree honoring Brother Kris Conrad on May 9, 2023.

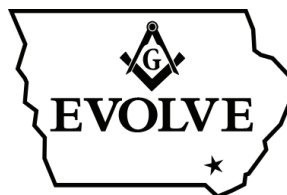
Clinton Lodge was opened by Brother Steve Arndt. Brother Arndt was in the East and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree, Brother Steve Barjonah served as Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Wiley was in the East for the Second Section and Drew C. Mathias was Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Senior Grand Warden Harvey N. Woody. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon presented Kris with a 3x5x7 Masonic box made by Allan Tedrow. Clinton Lodge presented Kris with a Bible and apron. Grand Master Wiley presented Brother Kris with his pin.

Brother Kris thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for traveling long distances to attend and be part of his degree and that the evening had been one of his most prophetic in his life.

Brother Kris thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for traveling long distances to attend and be part of his degree and that the evening had been one of his most prophetic in his life. Brother Dion Kranz presented the Grand Master with a \$100.00 check for his fundraising efforts this year.

The Grand Lodge Officers and a couple of the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Officers closed Clinton Lodge with Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.



## Books for Bikes / Teacher of the Year By Kelly Bruce, Mount Olive Lodge No. 79



The Books for Bikes sixth annual assembly was held on Monday, May 8th. Senior Grand Deacon Mike Shannon and Junior Grand Warden Drew Mathias assisted with this year's Books for Bikes assembly and presenting the Teacher of the Year. The two Grand Lodge Officers started off this year's assembly by presenting the award to second grade teacher Phyllis Minnehan from Franklin Elementary School.

After the Teacher of the Year was presented, the Boone police and fire departments, who participated with their consistent support, conducted the bike safety and helmet courses respectively and assisted with fitting the winning students with a new bike and safety helmet. Supporting education in assisting what a teacher can have on a child's ability to read and therefore be more successful in school cannot be underestimated. This year the first grade students at Page and Lincoln Elementary schools read a total of 19,340 books. The second through fourth grade students at Franklin Elementary amassed a total of 116,460 minutes of reading.

## Newton Lodge No. 59 participates in Bikes for Books Program



Members of Newton Lodge No. 59 had the pleasure of presenting eight bicycles to second and third graders in the Newton Community Schools on May 22.

Pictured presenting bikes at Thomas Jefferson Elementary are Brothers Bill Black, Wade Sheeler, Trenton Eilander, Kevin McCartney and Worshipful Master Dan Crook.

## Bryce Wiley Raised at Twin Lakes Lodge No. 478



Brother's from Morningstar Lodge No. 159 in Jefferson performed courtesy work for Twin Lakes Lodge No. 478. Morningstar Lodge No. 159 was opened with Worshipful Master Keith Voss in the East. Kim Jones served as Worshipful Master for the First Section of the Third Degree and Kelly Bruce was Senior Deacon. Brother Skylar Watson was in the East for the Second Section and Kelly Bruce was Senior Deacon. Brother Michael Shannon gave the charge and presented Brother Bryce Wiley with a Grand Master's pin. There were nine different lodges represented and Bryce was thankful for each of them attending and participating in his degree.

## Symbolism of the Ruffians By Wade Sheeler, P.S.G.W.



As every Master Mason knows, at the heart of the legend of the Third Degree is the plot of the ruffians to extort from Grand Master Hiram, the secrets of a Master Mason, a secret to which the ruffians had no right. Who are the three ruffians and what do they symbolize?

In Samuel Pritchard's *Masonry Dissected* (London: 1730), the ruffians were not named, though they were mentioned. It was not until 1760 when *Three Distinct Knocks* was published (H. Sergeant, 1760, pg 53), that they were named Jubela, Jubelo, and Jubelum.

Dr. Albert Mackey in his *Mackey's Encyclopedia* (vol iii, pg 1359) writes that Dr. David Eugene Smith has suggested that "The three names were originally one name for a "fellowcraft", a leader in the conspiracy against Hiram Abif, and that the names were corrupted names of Gibilimite. It is suggested that later writers gave

them the a, the o, and um to prove their conspiracy point. Gibilim was corrupted to Gibalim or three syllables or spelled another way as Chibbelum.

Henry Wilson Coil (*Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1966, pg 584) suggests that the names may have been derived from the Gothic Constitutions of Freemasonry, in which the three sons and daughter of Lamech are named Jabel, Jubal, Tubal, and Naamah.

Despite our familiarity with the drama of the Third Degree, the scene in which the ruffians appears is one of the most impressive that any man may witness. One cannot witness this drama without feeling that for all of our wisdom, there is secret which we have not yet received from the Master Builder; the mystery of evil in the life of man. Why is it that evil can overcome man, acting from low motives and for selfish aims, to give them power to throw the race into confusion and bring ruin upon all, defeating the very end which they seek. The very things that we hold dear and make life worth living are exposed to the perils of evil forces.

As with all Masonic symbols, there are as many meanings to the three ruffians as those who have sought to unlock their symbolism. To those who trace our symbolism to ancient solar worship, the three ruffians are the three winter months who plot to murder the beauty and glory of summer. To those who find the origin of Masonry in the ancient mysteries of Egypt, it is the drama of Typhon, the spirit of evil, slaying Osirus, the spirit of good, who is resurrected, in turn rising triumphant over death. A few find the explanation in the oldest drama of the life and death of Jesus, who was put to death outside the gates of the city by three of the most ruthless ruffians—the priest, the politician and the mob.

Albert Pike identified the three Brothers who are the greatest enemies of individual welfare and social progress as Kingcraft, Priestcraft, and the ignorant Mob-Mind. Together they conspire to destroy liberty, without which no man cannot advance.

The first strikes a blow at the throat, the seat of freedom of speech. The second stabs at the heart, the home of freedom of conscience, and that is nigh fatal, since it puts out the last ray of Divine Light by which man is guided. The third plotter fells his victim dead with a blow to his head, which is the throne of the freedom of thought. Pike expounded upon the meaning of the three ruffians, by writing that the ruffians robbed themselves of the most precious secret of personal and social life, which cannot be extorted, but is only won when we are worthy to receive it and have the wit and courage to keep it. We can not have real liberty until we are ready for it, and we can only become worthy of it by seeking and striving for it. The philosophers of the Age of Enlightenment identified these freedoms as rights which each man was born with.

The three great Greek thinkers searched until they found the causes of sin in the hearts of man. Socrates said that the chief ruffian is Ignorance—no man in his right mind does evil unless he is so blinded by ignorance that he does not see the right. Plato said man does see right and wrong and yet in a dark mood he does wrong in spite of knowledge. When the mind is calm and clear, the right is plain, but a storm of passion stirs up sediments in the bottom of the mind and it becomes so cloudy that clarity of vision fails. Aristotle said that man has a moral perversity, a spirit of sheer mischief, which does wrong deliberately and in face of right, for the sake of wrong and for the love of it.

Our ritual teaches us that the actions of the ruffians prevented Hiram from completing his work on Solomon's



Temple, so too would the loss of our freedom of speech, conscience and thought prevent our work on our spiritual temple to come to an untimely end. In spite of the attacks by the ruffians, Hiram kept the principles of Freemasonry in his heart. We must keep the principals of Freemasonry in our hearts in the face of our symbolic ruffians and their attacks. We must protect our opinions, our consciences, and our thoughts against those who may seek to influence them for their own personal benefit, but also ensuring that the mysteries of Freemasonry remain unimpaired for future generations.

Only a mind well tiled, with a faithful inner guard ever at his post, may hope to keep the ruffian spirit out of our lives. So let us live, watch and work until death, the last ruffian which none escape, lays us low, assured that even in that dark hour, the Great Architect may lift us out of the shadows into light eternal.

- Excerpts from Joseph Fort Newton, "The Ruffians" - Short Talk Bulletin

### Junior Grand Steward Shawn F. Mullihan

King David Lodge No. 407 and Logic Lodge No. 636 honored Junior Grand Steward Shawn F. Mullihan at a reception at King David Lodge No. 407 in Altoona on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Masons and their ladies from all across the state came to honor Brother Mullihan.

Following the social hour, the Masons moved to the lodge where Worshipful Master Adam Jones opened King David Lodge No. 407. Brothers Dan Middleton and Ronald Armbrist were committeemen to receive and introduce the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers Jeremy C. Long and Antonio B. Collins were committeemen to receive and introduce Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley. Jeremy C. Long and Antonio B. Collins served as committeemen to receive and introduce Junior Grand Deacon Shawn F. Mullihan. The honored brother was pleased to welcome a nearly full room of Masons.



Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with the Junior Grand Steward in the East. The ladies program on the History of Altoona was provided by Phyllis Murphy.

Brother Joe White served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the invocation prior to all enjoying ham balls and a meatloaf dinner.



Allan Tedrow presented Brad Reichardt and Shawn with boxes that he had made for them. Shawn received a gift from Jerry Myers. Shawn presented Joshua Yeager with some cupcakes, a keychain for John F. Bricker III and a unicorn for Michelle Reichardt. Shawn thanked Grand Master Wiley for selecting him to serve as a Grand Lodge of Iowa Officer. He also thanked his many mentors over the years. Grand Chaplain Myers gave the Benediction.



### Mizpah Lodge No. 639 Rededication Ceremony



Mizpah Lodge No. 639 in Cedar Rapids invited Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officer's to Mizpah Lodge to rededicate the lodge in Due and Ancient Form. The Mason's assembled in the dining room following a practice for the ceremony to enjoy a pasta dinner prepared by the lodge.

Worshipful Brother Kerry K. Staggs Sr. gave the invitation to Grand Master Wiley to rededicate the lodge. Grand Master Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient form. Junior Grand



Deacon John F. Bricker III gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Steward Joshua B. Yeager gave the Flag Tribute.

Kerry Staggs was Orator and spoke about the history of the lodge. Following the ceremony the lodge provided refreshments.



### Brother Keegan Jepsen Raised at Speculative Lodge No. 307

The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Speculative Lodge No. 307 in Cherokee to a Third Degree and Reception for Brother Keegan Jepsen. Worshipful Master Ryan C. Koehlmoos opened lodge and conferred the First Section. Brother Gene R. Polson was Senior Deacon. The Mason's moved to the dining room for a pulled pork dinner prepared by the lodge. After dinner, the Grand



Master Theodore C. Wiley was conducted

to the East and received the private Grand Honors. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon read a letter of recommendation from his brother who had been one of Keegan's teachers. The Grand Master was in the East and Senior Grand Steward Joshua B. Yeager was Senior Deacon. Right Worshipful Brother Drew C. Mathias Junior Grand Warden gave the Charge.

Worshipful Brother Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon presented Keegan with a 3x5x7 Masonic box made by Brother Allan Tedrow. The Grand Master presented Brother Keegan with his Grand Master pin. Brother Keegan thanked everyone for attending and taking part in his degree.



The Grand Lodge Officers closed Speculative Lodge with the Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.

### Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship

**Tate Myers**

I am simply honored to be one of the recipients of this year's Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding this scholarship. Thanks to your support I'll be able to advance my education past high school at Iowa Lakes Community College without carrying a financial burden with me.

I am currently a senior at Iowa Falls-Alden High School and this coming fall I'll be a freshman in Construction Technology program at Iowa Lakes. I am very dedicated and passionate about my academics which is why I'll strive for a 4.0 grade point next fall. In addition to academics, I plan to get involved in some extracurricular activities. After my scheduled graduation in May of 2025, I plan to pursue a career as an independent contractor to aid the need for such work.

These education pursuits would not have been possible without your generous donations to the Mark Earl and Esther Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship.

### Grand Lodge of Iowa Golf Outing 2023

The 2023 Grand Lodge of Iowa Golf Outing was held at Cedar Pointe Golf Club in Boone, Iowa on June 9, 2023. The Golf Committee was led by Chairman Donald Drennan and assisted by: Ron Mullenger, Tom Nash, J. Fink, Mike Shannon, Kelly Bruce, Curt Klyn, Allan Tedrow, they did a wonderful job in preparing and hosting the outing. I would also like to thank the volunteers who assisted during the event.

This years proceeds are going to support the Iowa Masonic Library Association.

#### Top Three in each Flight

##### First Flight

- 1st Place – Rylie Ellis, Shawn Mullihan, Brian Anderson, Dave Ellis
- 2nd Place – Bruce Thomas, Jerry Jones, Bill Mishler, Robert Koss
- 3rd Place – Dave Fordyce, Joe Seryanec, Tim Fordyce, John Fordyce

##### Second Flight

- 1st Place – Bryan McIlravy, Joe Rose, Orin McMillen, Paul Dudley
- 2nd Place – Jerry Jansen, Bill Fish, Jim Hubers
- 3rd Place – Bill Northup Jr., Dennis Revis, Eric Osorio, John Lizer

##### Third Flight

- 1st Place – Nathaniel Kemmer, Tom Cox, Nate Kemmer, Richard Bergez
- 2nd Place – Chris Bushore, Cindi Bushore, Ron Stephens, Sheri Stephens
- 3rd Place – David Leatherman, Chad Rohlfson, Chris Mathis, Jason Strait

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### Iowa City Table Lodge



On Monday, May 22, 2023 Iowa City Lodge No. 4 held their Annual Table Lodge in Iowa City. The celebration started in 1842 and the brothers of the lodge spare no expense to hold a quality event.

Iowa City Lodge No. 4 was opened on the Master Mason Degree for the purpose of holding a Table Lodge. Worshipful Master Cody Maxwell 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 Cody Maxwell to the Craft. The Third Toast

was made by Brother Miles Flamme-Wiese to the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley gave the response. The Fourth Toast was given by Brother Jon English to Iowa City Lodge No. 4. The response was given by Cody Maxwell.

Brother David Sutton owner of Suttons Catering in Newhall catered the braised beef ribs dinner. Worshipful Master Cody Maxwell presented Grand Master Wiley with two nice wood carving's of the seal of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. One for him and one for the silent auction at Grand Lodge. They also auctioned off another seal and Paul E. Anderson, Secretary of Iowa City No. 4 was the high bidder. He presented it to the Grand Lodge and they will use it at the Grand Lodge session in Des Moines in the fall. They also auctioned off a beautiful laser carved flag of the USA and Grand Master Wiley was the high bidder.

Brother Charles Miller gave the Fifth Toast to departed Brethren. The Sixth Toast was given by Brother Dion Baylor to visiting Brethren. The response was given by Right Worshipful Brother Robert Johnson, Education Committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Worshipful Brother Johnson gave a presentation about, The Masonic Pub Crawl. Following the wonderful presentation, the brothers from Iowa City Lodge No. 4 closed the Lodge. Worshipful Brother Jason A. Wolcott, former Grand Marshal gave the final toast of the evening, the Tyler's Toast. "Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to Meet again!"



### Brother Rylie Ellis Raised at West Gate - Adelpic Lodge No. 509



The bond between a father and son is strengthened when they become brothers. David Ellis requested that Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officers confer the Third Degree on his son Rylie. West Gate - Adelpic Lodge was opened by Brother Jon Hoffmann. Brother Nathaniel G. Kemmer was in the East and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree.



Grand Master Wiley was received and accorded the private Grand Honors and was in the East for the Second Section. Shawn F. Mullihan was Senior Deacon. The Charge was given by Senior Grand Warden Joshua B. Yeager. Junior Grand Warden Drew C. Mathias presented Rylie with a 3x5x7 Masonic box made by Allan Tedrow. West Gate - Adelpic Lodge presented Rylie with a Bible and apron. Grand Master Wiley presented Brother Rylie with his pin.

Brother Rylie thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for traveling long distances to attend and be part of his degree. Brother Rylie is looking forward to getting involved with the lodge.



## Gnemeth Lodge No. 577



Brethren, I want to take this opportunity to share some of the exciting things that Gnemeth No. 577 has been up to this year. Below are just some of the highlights from this year. We have several events on the calendar through the end of the year and invite any and all to join us!

In 2022, PM Paul Dudley forged a relationship with Hillside Elementary School. Gnemeth had been doing a clothing and fundraising for a local elementary school for many years and now our relationship with Hillside has grown. Last year, PM Paul Dudley started a clothing and food drive raising over \$2,200 dollars. This year we

are continuing to build on what Paul has started. In May, we held another food drive and were able to drop off more food and items to those children in need. We are holding another food/clothing drive in August. We welcome all donations from anyone who would like to support Gnemeth Lodge and Hillside Elementary School!



Gnemeth Lodge also hosts an annual cookout for the residents of Scottish Rite Park on the last Sunday of June. Past Grand Musician Doc (Gordon) Elliot was a resident at Scottish Rite Park and, after his passing, the cookout was named in Doc's honor. We have hosted this event for the last nine years and it has always been a pleasure to serve and converse with current residents during the cookout. This is something that the residents of Scottish Rite Park appreciate and we are honored to continue this event each year.

In June, Senior Deacon David Green along with our membership committee, Bro. Perry Pingatore and PM Dick Terp, put together a Masonic Night at the Ballpark. This was a great opportunity for family, friends and prospects to enjoy time of fellowship at the game. There were 50 Masons and family members in attendance and we look forward to more events like this in the future!



Lastly, the item I am most excited to share with you are some of the cosmetic improvements to our lodge and lodge room. Our aim at Gnemeth is to bring excitement into our degree work while offering a fresh take on the lodge itself. The two items we primarily focused on this year were painting the ceiling and installing a checkered floor around the altar. HandyMa'am Painting and Projects completed the ceiling, painted in a Masonic starry night. The artist, Sarah Bearden, can be reached

at 515-447-6488. Gnemeth Lodge was incredibly impressed with execution of our idea and we highly encourage other lodges to contact Sarah if they are interested in doing something similar! Our own PM Jim McKillip and his company installed the checkered floor. Gnemeth Lodge would like to extend an invitation to all brethren to join us for an evening of degree work or just stop by to take a look at our exciting updates. We would love to have you visit and see all the great things happening at Gnemeth Lodge! – WM Mitch Benson



## Dillon Ripperger Raised at Neophyte Lodge No. 301

Brothers of Neophyte Lodge No. 301 held a Third Degree for Brother Dillon Ripperger. The Lodge was opened with Brother Drew Mathias in the East and he conferred the First Section. Brother John Bricker III was Senior Deacon. Grand



Master Theodore C. Wiley was conducted to the East and received the private Grand Honors of Masonry, he then introduced the Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with



Grand Master Wiley in the East. Junior Grand Steward Shawn F. Mullihan gave the Charge. Grand Master Wiley presented Brother Ripperger with his lapel pin. Brother Johnson thanked everyone for attending and being a part of his degree. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.



## What's Happening in the Library and Museum by Julia Wells



Earlier this year I was invited to go to an informal monthly meeting with the curators of the different museums in Cedar Rapids. I jumped at the opportunity since I knew my predecessor, Bill Kreuger had a good relationship with each of these people. At every meeting we discuss what's happening with our collections, bounce ideas off each other, and ways to reach our institutional goals. From those conversations, I gathered that one way I think the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum could benefit is by adding some volunteers. If you or another Mason is interested in volunteering your time with the library, please let Craig Davis or I know. All volunteers must be able to pass a background check. The project to be worked on would center around cataloging the museum and storage spaces. Depending on the number of volunteers mixed with the space we currently have, volunteers will be chosen on a first come first served basis. We will not be having anyone volunteering or giving tours during the weekends. Donations have been steady since the last bulletin. We have gotten a few donations, and I really want to thank everyone who has started asking about donating items before bringing them to us. It really helps me be able to concentrate on cataloging and taking care of the day to day when new things do not just show up on our doorstep. I will be traveling to the Masonic Library and Museum Association meeting. I'm really excited to attend this meeting in Alexandria, Virginia at the George Washington Masonic Memorial to meet with various curators and librarians from around the country. This will be my first conference as the Assistant Grand Librarian. Having never been to the Washington D.C. area, I am hoping to make some quality memories with my colleagues and bring back some fresh ideas for our library and museum.

## Brother Shane Kellner Raised at Harding Lodge No. 649



The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Harding Lodge No. 649 in Mason City to a Third Degree for Brother Shane Kellner. Worshipful Master Ronald L. Bartusek opened lodge and Brother Theodore M. Boomgarden conferred the First Section. Brother Christopher L. White was Senior Deacon. The Mason's moved to the dining room for a ham ball dinner prepared by Unity Chapter Order of Eastern Star. After dinner, the past and present Grand Lodge Officers were received with Brothers Keith Myhre and Robert L. McGowan as committeemen and Grand Master Wiley were received with Brothers Keith Myhre and Robert L. McGowan as committeemen. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was in the East for the Second Section and Right Worshipful Brother Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan was Senior Deacon. Worshipful Brother Bradley A. Reichardt Grand Marshal gave the Charge. Worshipful Brother Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon presented Shane with a 3x5x7 Masonic box made by Brother Allan Tedrow. The Grand Master presented Brother Shane with his Grand Master pin. Brother Shane thanked everyone for attend and taking part in his degree.

The Grand Lodge Officers closed Harding Lodge with the Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan in the East.

## Mosaic Lodge No. 125 presents Scholarships



Mosaic Lodge No. 125 in Dubuque, held their annual Masonic Lodge Scholarship Dinner on May 17 for the high school seniors selected to receive \$2,000 scholarship stipend. Also present were the lodge representatives who shared what is Masonry and its purposes; Past Master and Secretary Brian Carroll gave a brief synopsis of each graduates' college goals and the institutions they are attending this fall. Brook Elizabeth O'Brien, Molly Drew Trotter, Karly Mira Cuzas,

Anna Christine Besler, Margaret Beatrice Sullivan, and Worshipful Master Jack Smeltzer who served as emcee and greeted the 47 parents and family members, lodge brethren, and other guests.



### Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Guthrie County Jail



Orange Lodge No. 123 in Guthrie Center invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Guthrie County Jail.

Worshipful Brother Kelly H. Bruce, former Grand Tyler gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley proceeded



to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Terry Ritchie served as the Flag Bearer, C.W. Thomas, Don Slaybaugh, and Larry Railsback served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Darwin Hughes was the Architect, Mike Thomas was the Bearer of Great Lights, Bill Umbaugh, Wars Umbaugh and Barry Williams served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Jeff



Smith carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother John F. Bricker III, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother

Joshua B. Yeager, Senior Grand Steward gave the Flag Tribute. Most Worshipful Brother William W. Post, Grand Marshal made the Proclamation, then the Oration was given by Sheriff Marty Arganbright. He thanked Orange Lodge No.123, the community of Guthrie Center and the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the beautiful ceremony. He also spoke about the



history and future of the jail. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan.

### Scholarship Thank You

**Brad Curren** – Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of your scholarship. I appreciate the time you took to chat with me and your support in education. Your scholarship will assist me in achieving my educational goals at Central College.

**Kaden Townsend** – Thank you for the generous \$5,000 scholarship you awarded me with. I will be applying this money toward my tuition at the University of Iowa. Your support for my future endeavors is very much appreciated.

**Laura Shannon** – I want to thank you for the \$2,500 Mark Earl and Ruth Spencer Technical Scholarship. I am going to DMACC on the Ankeny Campus to study Liberal Arts focusing on music as well as general studies. My educational pursuits would not have been possible without your donation to this scholarship.



**Brecklyn Carney** – It is an honor to be chosen for the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship for 2023. I will be entering Iowa State University in the fall of 2023 to major in Animal Science on a pre-veterinary medicine track. Thank you for your continued support of Iowa students.

**Carson Fuegen** – Thank you for selecting me for the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. Your generosity will help me achieve my goals in college.

**Emma Palmer** – I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of your \$5,000 scholarship. Due to my dad's cancer diagnosis and subsequent disability, my ability to earn money towards college was severely hindered. Thank you for supporting my college education.

**Abby Kunzman** – I cannot thank you enough for choosing me as one of your recipients for your scholarship program. This money will greatly benefit my future education paths.

**Lane Whirrett** – Thank you for your generosity and support as I start a new chapter in my life. It is an honor to be chosen as a recipient of your scholarship.



### Parian Lodge No. 321 Rededication Ceremony



Parian Lodge No. 321 in Harlan invited Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officer's to rededicate the lodge. The Mason's assembled in the dining room following a practice for the ceremony to enjoy a pork roast dinner prepared by the lodge.

Past Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin gave the invitation to Grand Master Wiley to rededicate the lodge. Grand Master Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient form. Junior Grand Deacon John F. Bricker III gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Steward Joshua B. Yeager gave the Flag Tribute.

Grant Christensen was Orator and spoke about the history of the lodge. Mayor Jay Christensen, no relation to Grant, brought greetings on behalf of the city and lauded Parian Lodge for their 150 Years of service to the community.



### Grand Lodge Reception in Ventura



Rock Sirius Lodge No. 294 in Nora Springs hosted a reception at Cedar Marsh in Ventura on June 10, 2023 to honor Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan and Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers.

The Masons moved to the lodge room outdoors where Rock Sirius Lodge No. 294 was opened by Worshipful Master Jim Murphy and received the past and present Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputy Grand Master and Chaplain. The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brothers Nathan Hunt and Chris White as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley was received and introduced with Brothers Nathan Hunt and Jerry Levay as committeemen. Right Worshipful Brother Jeremy J. Myers was introduced and received with Brothers Jerry L. Levay and Michael W. Fletcher as committeemen. Right Worshipful Brother Sean I. Morgan was introduced and received with Brothers Jeremy J. Myers and Michael C. Ryan as committeemen. Sean Morgan was in the East and Jerry Myers was in the West to close Lodge.

While the reception of officers was taking place, the ladies moved to the community center and enjoyed a "Who Done it" presented by local actors.

Grand Master Wiley introduced Grand Lodge Officers. Sean and Jerry presented gifts to each of the Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Chaplain Jeremy J. Myers gave the Benediction.



### Gloaming Lodge No. 482 presents Scholarships

Gloaming Lodge No. 482 recently awarded two scholarships for graduating Seniors. Pictures are (L-R) Owen Olson, Spencer High School, Worshipful Master Jack Johnson, and Audrey Farrar, Okoboji High School.





## Grand Master Ted Wiley's Motorcycle Ride



Keystone Chapter of the Iowa Widow's Sons Masonic Motorcycle Association held their first rally in Mount Pleasant, Iowa along with the Grand Master's Motorcycle Ride. Brothers from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, along with Iowa gathered together the last weekend of June to share in Friendship, Fellowship, Food and Fun. Scott Locker of the Christian Motorcyclist Association blessed the Grand Master's motorcycle. Fred Erickson President of the Grand Chapter of Widow's Sons in Iowa and Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley participated in the Grand Master's ride. The rider's traveled a loop from Mount Pleasant to Bonaparte Lodge and back. When they returned from Bonaparte they enjoyed a pork dinner with beans. Following the dinner the ladies socialized with brethren present and attended the Widow's Sons branding degree. There were six new members including the Grand Master that took part in the ceremony. This is the first time for an event like this and everyone had a great time.

## Newton Lodge No. 59 hosts the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team By Wade Sheeler



Newton Lodge No. 59 hosted the Oklahoma Masonic Indian degree team on July 8th. Over 150 brethren from various Iowa lodges were in attendance.

The brethren from Oklahoma raised Brother Ryan McKinzey of Jenks Lodge No. 497 (Jenks, OK) to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The Oklahoma Masonic Indian degree team dates back to 1955. Brother McKinzey was the 1,115th brother that they have raised.

Pictures: The Oklahoma Masonic Indian degree team pose with the brothers of Newton Lodge No. 59 and Grand Master Ted Wiley.

## Slowing the Sands of Time By Brother Chad Lacek, Dundee Lodge No. 190 in Carpentersville, Illinois *Emessay Notes November 2022*

Do you remember the carefree days of your youth when summer felt like it would never end? Time seemed to move so slowly back then. The days and weeks would crawl along, yet now months zip by faster than we can take hold of them. Have you ever stood on the eve of a New Year, and looking back, wondered where the time went?

I have asked many people those questions, and it seems we all experience the same phenomenon. Even more troubling is the observation that the older you get the faster times seems to move. It's accelerating! Yet we all know that 365 days when we were 8 years old is the same amount of time for us this year. Then what's the difference? What has changed?

I have good news. Scientists think they have discovered why we perceive time differently as we age, and they believe we have the ability to slow it down again. Let's begin with the "Why". Human Beings are designed to maximize efficiency. Our bodies and minds are always working to do the most with the least. The result of this evolutionary process is that we are creatures of habit. We drive the same route to and from work every day to





eliminate the need to actively navigate. We can get there and back on a sort of physical and mental “auto-pilot”. This frees our minds to work on other problems or to relax by zoning out to the radio. We develop a morning hygiene ritual where we follow the same steps, in the same way, every day. The only time this gets disrupted is if some external event forces us to deviate from the norm, and when that happens, we are usually out of whack the rest of the day. We need and want that routine to feel normal. The same is true for the jobs we perform, the hobbies we engage in, and the relationships we maintain.

Our conception of time resides in our memories. Imagine a book with the numbers 2022 stamped in gold on the cover. Now imagine that every time you experience something new or unexpected, you add a bookmark at that page in the book. Your car breaks down. You make a new friend. You taste something strange. Each of those is a bookmark. It has nothing to do with being good or bad, just something memorable. When you look back on New Year’s Eve, we are observing the number of bookmarks sticking out of our 2022 book. If there are lots of them, it feels like a lot happened that year. If a lot happened, then it must have taken a long time. Is the book almost empty? Then the year seems to flown by in no time at all.

Our efficiency is part of the problem. We get so good at living on autopilot that there aren’t many memorable moments on record. One day looks just like any other. This week blends with the weeks before it. Those weeks turn to months and those become years. Then we find ourselves wondering where time went.

When we were children, the whole world was new to us. Everything was fascinating, frightening, bizarre, or magical. Every day was filled with wonder. Every object and situation we encountered was a lesson to learn and a memory to preserve. We added dozens of bookmarks to every page of our book of life. Those days seemed to last so long because there was so much worth remembering.

As we grow older repetition and familiarity take the magic and mystery out of life. We’ve been there and done that. We have experienced so much that very few things catch our attention or attract our wonder. This is the reason why time seems to pass so quickly for us now, and why it seemed to pass so slowly when we were young.

So how can we slow it down? You probably have a notion of the answer by now. We need to create more memories. This doesn’t mean you need to take costly vacations to exotic lands, although that certainly qualifies. It just needs to be something memorable. Take a walk with a friend you haven’t seen in a while. Drive and unfamiliar route to work here and there. Attend a free lecture at your local library on a topic you know little about. There are countless ways to create more memories, but it requires a conscious effort to switch off your “auto-pilot” one in a while. If you would like to learn more about the perception of time, I recommend reading the work of Dr. David Eagleman, a neuroscientist at Stanford University.

There are many aspects of growing older that are out of control. The fullness of our time is fortunately not one of them. We choose to create more memorable events in our lives, even with the slightest efforts. Make room for spontaneity in your daily routine. Every new discovery will help you slow the sands of time.

### **Bethel Lodge No. 319 Rededication Ceremony**

Bethel Lodge No. 319 in Garner invited Grand Master Theodore C. Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officers to Bethel Lodge to rededicate the lodge. The Masons assembled in the dining room following a practice for the ceremony. Grand Master Wiley was unable to attend and Deputy Grand Master Sean I. Morgan stepped up and did a fine job.

Worshipful Brother Theodore M. Boomgarden gave the invitation to the Grand Master to rededicate the lodge. Deputy Grand Master Morgan and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient form. Junior Grand Deacon John F. Bricker III gave the tribute to public education “School Book Lecture”. Senior Grand Deacon Michael S. Shannon gave the Flag Tribute.

Ted Boomgarden was Orator and spoke about the history of the lodge. Following the ceremony the lodge held a reception at Cedar Marsh in Ventura.

## Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany and Dedicated Mason By Amy Weiler

On April 7, 1853, Leopold George Duncan Albert was born in Buckingham Palace. He was the youngest of four sons and the eight child of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. As a child, he was diagnosed with hemophilia. As time went on, symptoms manifested wherein he would bruise easily and painfully. He also had to deal with joints that would lock up. As a result, he was not allowed to play with other children, including his siblings, and the Queen became ever more over-protective. When Leopold was nineteen, he convince her to let him attend Christ Church of University of Oxford in 1872. While there, he became President of the Oxford University Chess Club. When he left, it was with an honorary doctorate in civil law. In 1876, he became an unofficial secretary to his mother in a capacity similar to his father. Post-university he also spent some time travelling throughout Europe, and in 1880 travelled in the United States and Canada.



It was while he was at the university that Leopold became a Mason at the suggestion of his older brother Albert Edward, the future King Edward VII and Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, who was the Worshipful Master of Apollo University Lodge No. 357 at the time. Leopold was Initiated into Apollo of Oxford, England on May 1, 1874, was Passed on November 7, and was Raised on April 17, 1875. A year later, he became a member of Lodge of Antiquity No. 2. He served as Worshipful Master of Apollo University Lodge from 1876 to 1877, and for Lodge of Antiquity from 1876 to 1880.

Leopold became involved in a number of branches of Masonry. On May 28, 1875, he joined Oxford University Chapter No. 40 of the Lodge of Perfection and was appointed First General later that year. On June 19, 1876, he joined the Knights Templar and served as E. Preceptor in 1878. He was appointed as Grand Junior Warden in 1877. Leopold became a 33° and honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite alongside his brother Prince Arthur. In 1881, he was installed as Grand Master of Mark Grand Lodge. That same year he presided over the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Leopold was also a Knight Grand Cross and Constable of the Order. In 1882, Leopold laid the foundation stone for the Masonic Hall located on Marlborough Street in Banbury. On February 23, 1876, he was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and he came to hold a corresponding rank in Royal Arch as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire.

Unable to pursue a military career due to his health, Leopold instead embraced the arts. While he was in school, he associated with John Ruskin, Oscar Wilde, and Lewis Carol. He later became a trustee of the British Museum and was known to be a patron for literature and the arts. On May 24, 1881, Leopold was made Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, and Baron Arklow by Queen Victoria.

Feeling stifled by his mother, Leopold attempted to assert some independence and pursued marriage, though he was at a disadvantage due to his hemophilia. Prospective brides included Victoria of Baden, Princess Karoline Mathilde of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg, Alice Liddell (who was the inspiration for "Alice in Wonderland," and his second cousin Princess Frederica of Hanover (who became a close confidant). After several rejections, the queen stepped in and, after removing some candidates she thought were unsuitable, arranged a meeting between Leopold and Princess Helene Friederike, the fifth daughter of George Victor, Prince of Waldeck and Pyrmont of Germany. Quite taken with one another, they married on April 27, 1882 at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. Their daughter Alice was born on February 25, 1883 and later their son Charles Edward on July 19, 1884.

At the suggestion of a doctor, in February of 1884 Leopold travelled to Cannes in France to escape the cold weather that exacerbated his painful joints while his pregnant wife remained in England. While staying at the 'Villa Nevada,' Leopold slipped and fell, hitting his knee and head. He passed away early the next morning on March 28, 1884, likely of a cerebral hemorrhage as a result of the fall. He was thirty-one years old.

When Leopold passed away, he was a few weeks away from a decade of Masonic membership, but though his time was short, his absence was acutely felt. On the same day of his death, the publication "The Freemason" printed an announcement of the Eighty-Sixth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, over which Leopold was to preside. At the announcement of Prince Leopold's passing to the Grand Lodge, the Pro Grand Master said, "The life of the Duke of Albany was a short one, measured by more lapse of years; but in that short period he succeeded in making a career for himself, and leaving a mark upon his own generation."

## Grand Lodge of Iowa, Lodge of the Year Program By Tom H. Nash

As the end of the year approaches, I am sure everyone has applied for the Lodge of the Year Award by now. The applications were due to the Grand Lodge Office by the 15th of August. If you did not make the deadline this year, not to worry. Next year is a new opportunity. The great thing about the Lodge of the Year program is that everyone who has enough points for the award will get the award. There is no winner for the award because if you have enough points to qualify, your lodge is a winner, and not in the “everyone gets a trophy” sense. It takes hard work to qualify for the program. This award is not a freebie by any means.

The first step to qualifying for this award is getting your lodge officers to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. So many points are to be had simply by sending your elected officers to this event. They will have an opportunity to vote on the all-important proposed legislation to change the code, as well as elect the officers for the upcoming year. They will also get to know Masons from around the state which will be important when help for your lodge is needed in the way of degrees and events. Much information on new programs is to be found at the Grand Lodge Communication. The Grand Lodge of Iowa does include all the Masters and Wardens of the subordinate lodges, so do not miss an opportunity to have your lodge’s voice heard.

If your lodge is active, you will almost certainly qualify for the Lodge of the Year Award. Some other activities include doing degree work in your lodge, providing education on a regular basis, holding Stated Communications, going to regional schools, Grand Master Area Meetings, having events for families, and widows of fallen brothers.

In short, if you follow the criteria for Lodge of the Year Award, you will be an active lodge and your membership will flourish.

Some upcoming changes to the award will be released at Grand Lodge this September.

Some of the changes include getting non-Masons to events at the lodge such as prospect nights, Chamber of Commerce or City Council dinners, having events such as Cornerstone Laying or Rededication Ceremonies, visiting youth groups, etc.

The goal is to get out in the community more and shake the hands of those who may not know what goes on inside the lodge. The lodge in your town should not be a mystery to the members of your community.

Getting the youth groups active is an important goal also, they perform a valuable function to lodges across the state and would love to be more involved.

I have been seeing a lot of fish fries and corn feeds on the Facebook page lately. It is great to travel to these events and share food with brethren from around the area. Almost all sections of Iowa have regional Facebook pages now. The Lodge Service Committee is running one entitled Iowa Freemasonry. Look us up. Lots of great information about degrees and events to stay active.

Other regional groups include Northwest Iowa Masons, Southwest Iowa Masons, Eastern Iowa Masons, and many many lodge Facebook pages out there. Get out there and get active in your area and learn more about Masonry. You cannot become a scholar by reading one book. Masonry comes in many different flavors, and you should get out and try as many as you can.

### Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa in Sioux City



Sean I. Morgan D.G.M.; Theodore C. Wiley G.M.; Ike Rayford, G.M.; Michael R. Wilcoxon G.M. PHA Nebraska; Craig L. Davis P.G.M./ G.S.



Charlene Upchurch Taylor, P.H. Worthy Grand Matron; Ike Rayford P.H.G.M.; Theodore C. Wiley, G.M.



Lynn Lewis P.G.M.; Sean I. Morgan D.G.M.; Theodore C. Wiley, G.M.; Ike Rayford, P.H.G.M.; Michael Wilcoxon, P.H.G.M. Nebraska; Craig L. Davis, P.G.M./G.S.; Eddie N. Sauls, P.H. P.G.M.; Earl Harrison, P.H.P.G.M.



## The Tenets of Freemasonry: Mere Words or Good Guidelines? By L.C. Addison II

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, what fine and lofty words indeed! These are the principal tenets of our wonderful institution. They form the foundation on which our Masonic lives are founded. So let's examine what these words mean.

**Brotherly Love** is a combination of the philos, which means love (or philia) and adeiphos, which means brother. It refers to the type of bond that we may experience with a family member or close friend. It denotes more than just a superficial relationship but rather one of deep compassion, affection and understanding. To have brotherly love for someone means that we truly care about and value that individual as we would a member of our own family.

**Relief** can be defined as a removal or lightening of something oppressive, painful, or distressing. A synonym would be welfare. It refers to [our] genuine care in our Brother's welfare. Being able to lift a burden from a brother's shoulders or have one lifted from our own, would indeed be a joyous thing and strengthen our bond with each other.

**Truth** ah what a word! Truth is derived from the old English word "treeowth" which means fidelity and taken closely from the old English word "treeowe" which means faithful. It can be defined as sincerity in action, character, and utterance and the fidelity of a standard. It is a reminder that our words, actions & character should be one of integrity. They should embody the highest standards of morality and the image of our Creator.

Yet, while it is nice to know what they mean, do we really need to use them as a guideline? In other words do we need to follow these very closely in lives, both daily & Masonic? My answer would be an emphatic, YES!! For how would we really be able to care for our brother's family in the unfortunate event of him being indisposed. Or, how could we care about our brother's welfare if we didn't even like the man himself? Better yet, if we weren't sincere with one another in our words and actions, how would our Brother know who we really are? Know Thyself; a common inscription found over the door of many ancient and some present ante room doorways, is a reminder that before we cross the threshold of Freemasonry, we must first possess these things in ourselves. Because Freemasonry doesn't endow us with these tenets, it deepens and gives us an appreciation for these qualities that we should already have in practice.

In closing, these words embody the basic and highest levels of humanity: They exude the qualities that our Creator implanted in us for most beneficent purposes, and that is why they form the principle guidelines of our wonderful institution of Freemasonry.

*[T.F.S. Three, five, and seven, 357, By Ed Halpaus, Grand Lodge Education Officer, Minnesota; Number 134-- November 01, 2008]*

### 16 books of the Bible are mentioned in this paragraph.

See how many you can find . . .

"I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help you find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph."

### Bellevue Lodge No. 51 present Scholarships



This photo is from the Bellevue High School Awards night. These seven seniors each received a \$1,200.00 Scholarship from Bellevue Masonic Lodge No. 51.

From left to right: John Pitlo, lodge secretary, Rynne Dunn, Memphis Jess, Ben Steinbeck, Taylor Deppe, Riley Carrier, Alivia Wagner, Lauren Keil, Robert Baugh, lodge Junior Deacon, Mike Blitgen, lodge member.

# The 14th Annual **King David Lodge #407**

Cow Pasture Golf Outing

September 17th, 2023

2pm shotgun start

Open to the public

Check-in time 1-2PM

16 hole course

\$60 per person includes  
golf, 1/2 cart and dinner.

\$30 per person for golf  
and dinner (bring your own cart)

Maximum 32 teams

Proceeds go to King David's Southeast Polk and Bondurant  
scholarship fund and Masonic operations

Griff's Valley View R.V. Park & Campground  
6421 N.E.46th St. Altoona, Iowa

## **Directions from Walmart in Altoona**

Take 56th St., North to N.E. 62nd Ave., left on  
62nd to N.E. 46th St., right on 46th 1/4 mile

To reserve a spot contact: (515) 423-8884 and leave a message or  
email to: [tcbtomcat@gmail.com](mailto:tcbtomcat@gmail.com)  
by September 13, 2023



Willow Creek Golf Course  
140 S.E. Willow Creek Dr  
West Des Moines, Iowa

Cost:  
\$100 per adult player  
\$40 per youth player  
Registration Opens 9:00 AM  
Shotgun start 11:00 AM

Mail check or money order to:  
North Star Lodge No. 2  
Des Moines, IA 50310

Make check/money order  
payable to:

North Star Lodge No 2  
Golf Tournament

Returned check fee \$25.00

Prizes awarded following  
tournament:

- Closest to the pin
- Longest drive (men & women)
- Cash prizes for four places per flight

**Contact information:**

Sam Clay  
515-778-8721

George Lane  
515-238-3640

## North Star Lodge No 2 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, September 9, 2023



**Come and join us for a weekend  
fundraiser golf outing.**



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North Star Lodge No 2 Tournament Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adult player fee \$100  
Youth player fee \$40



### **Are You Interested in Working at the Grand Lodge Library and Museum in Cedar Rapids?**

We are looking for outstanding people to work as: Deputy Grand Secretary, Membership Coordinator, and Building and Grounds Maintenance. The Job Descriptions are listed.

#### **Deputy Grand Secretary**

Need to be a Master Mason in Good Standing. Assist the Grand Secretary in the performance of his duties and in his absence to act as his proxy.

Prepare and distribute Masonic educational material.

Assist subordinate lodges in setting up lodge programming.

Review and analyze membership trends.

Develop, recommend, and implement short, intermediate, and long-term goals for membership retention and growth.

Schedule and arrange neighborhood meetings.

Work with the Grand Master in scheduling and arranging Grand Master Area Meetings.

Schedule, set the agenda, and Chair the Lodge Service Committee.

Coordinate activities of the Lodge Service Committee which are conducted at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Coordinate the activities of individual members of the Lodge Service Committee in the performance of their responsibilities.

Prepare the annual Lodge Service Committee report for the Annual Communication.

These are a few of the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Grand Secretary.

#### **Membership Coordinator**

The person selected for this position shall be responsible for the maintenance of Masonic membership records and related activities and correspondence connected with membership records and administrative assistant for the Deputy Grand Secretary.

Conduct tours of the library. Answer the phone and proofreading.

Prepare the annual assessment billings.

Prepare and coordinate bulk mailings.

#### **Building and Grounds Maintenance**

The person selected for this position shall be responsible for the custodial and maintenance requirements of the building and grounds plus other duties requested by the Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Secretary.

Knowledge of heating and cooling systems, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, lawn maintenance and irrigation systems required.

Please send a Letter of Application and Resume to:

Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M.

P.O. Box 279

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0279



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**50 - Year Certificates Issued Since The June 2023 "Bulletin"**  
**Congratulations to the following Brothers who earned their certificates.**

**Brothers are shown by Lodge No.**

No.	Town	Name	No.	Town	Name
42	Centerville	Smith, Gordon L.	406	Rock Rapids	Sieperda, Dean A.
61	Knoxville	Ratliff, Larry D.	419	Sanford	Noack, William L.
87	Rowley	Flickinger, Alanson J.	471	Holstein	Witt, Thomas W.
111	Fort Dodge	Parker, Christopher H.	522	Creston	Nurnberg, Roger C.
115	Madrid	Erickson, Gregory S.	592	Des Moines	Sellers, Michael M.
125	Dubuque	Edgar, Gerald A.	615	Sioux City	Chartier, Maylon R.
191	Hampton	Donaldson, Steven J.	615	Sioux City	Humbert, Thomas L.
275	Corning	Travis, Ronald L.	632	Des Moines	Rankin, Robert K.
285	Siam	Hiatt, Vernon L.	639	Cedar Rapids	Hayes, Darrell M.
312	Spencer	Maxwell, Dennis L.	657	Des Moines	Alber II, Jack A.