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**2024-25 Regional Schools**

- 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.
- Thursday, October 17, 2024, Jackson Lodge No. 42, 216 1/2 N 12th St, Centerville.....5:30 P.M.
- Friday, October 18, 2024, Osceola Lodge No. 77, 100 S Park St., Osceola.....9:00 A.M.
- Thur., November 14, 2024, Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 112, 115 Business Hwy 30 SE, Mount Vernon.....5:30 P.M.
- Friday, November 15, 2024, Snow Lodge No. 44, 113 S Cody Road, LeClaire.....9:00 A.M.
- Friday, March 21, 2025, .....Signet Lodge No. 264, 2002 N US Highway 71, Carroll .....5:30 P.M.
- Saturday, March 22, 2025 Pomegranate Lodge No. 408, 201 1/2 Main Street, Alta.....9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, April 17, 2025, Bower Lodge No. 464, Hwy 17 S, Eagle Grove.....5:30 P.M.
- Friday, April 18, 2025, .....Mount Olive Lodge No. 79, 527 Marshall St, Boone .....9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, April 28, 2025, .....Preston Lodge No. 218, 402 W 2nd St, Prairie City.....5:30 P.M.
- Friday, May 16, 2025, Gnemeth Lodge No. 577, 218 1/2 5th St, West Des Moines.....9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, June 19, 2025, .....Clinton Lodge No. 15, 52 1/2 E Briggs Ave, Fairfield .....5:30 P.M.
- Friday, July 18, 2025, .....Waterloo Lodge No. 105, 607 Bishop Ave, Waterloo.....9:00 A.M.
- Saturday, August 23, 2025, .Adel Lodge No. 80, 411 S 12th St, Adel.....9:00 A.M.
- Monday, September 1, 2025, Ottumwa Lodge No. 16, 611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa .....9:00 A.M.
- Thursday, September 18, 2025, Grand Lodge School, 901 4th St, Sioux City.....8:00 A.M.



## Grand Master's Message "Get in the Game, Live the Ritual"

Greetings Brethren,

It is amazing to me that almost one year has passed since the 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers were installed at the 179th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Time is something we all need to value and not waste thinking that doing nothing and waiting for things to change will make everything better. If we continue to hope things are different for our lodges and Grand Lodge, the results from that thinking are evident in the membership and financial trends that are before us. Hope is not a strategic direction. Action and a plan are how we can keep moving forward.

The 180th Annual Communication is upon us and this communication will require that you, the Masons of Iowa, to Get in the Game and make the decisions that will lead us into the future. You have seen the legislation to be discussed and the business of receiving and voting on reports of the various boards and committees of the Grand Lodge. If you have questions and/or comments, you need to make your voices heard. You, my Brethren are the Grand Lodge, and the direction you want Iowa Masonry to go for the next twenty years is up to you. All of you. How do we want to be remembered? Is this the year we set the course to make a difference, to increase Masonic awareness in our communities and state, enhance the Masonic experience for all Iowa Masons and develop leadership for our lodges and Grand Lodge. I believe we can get this done to preserve, protect and promote our Fraternity to turn the trends in a different direction.

Your Grand Lodge Officers have been great ambassadors promoting, coaching and encouraging lodges to Get in the Game, Live the Ritual. We have traveled near and far across this beautiful state of Iowa. Every stop we were welcomed, and we truly enjoyed every moment. We participated in many public events of cornerstones and lodge rededications. These are good events to schedule to increase Masonic awareness in our communities.

We held a Leadership Rally that provided great education on what young men want in an organization to be a part of. What real Masonic leadership is, and the skills and tools needed to develop Masonic leaders. The importance of coaching and how that affects a person's bond to the team for a lifetime and the legacy of how we want to be remembered. How can we make a difference in young Masons journeys? Leaders are not born, they are raised.

Humbly, I cannot express what an honor this has been to serve the craft of Iowa as the 155th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. I thank you for the trust and the privilege of serving you. To sum up my thoughts as we close out the 2023-2024 Grand Lodge year, I defer to the lyrics of Robert Hunter of the Grateful Dead,

Sometimes the light's all shinin' on me  
Other times I can barely see  
Lately it occurs to me  
What a long, strange trip it's been

Fraternally and sincerely,



Darrell G. Fremont  
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



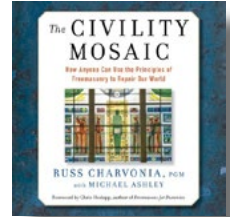


## It's Not Too Late to Pull America Back from the Brink Civility is the Answer

By Russ Charvonia, Past Grand Master of Masons of California and Founding  
President of the Worldwide Civility Council

“The best thing you can say about 2050 is that many didn't live to see it. Billions died before average summer temperatures hit the 130-degree Fahrenheit mark. World War III also had much to do with the death count. Emulating the break-up, or was it breakdown of the European Union and the United States plunged into civil war.”

This is the opening to *The Civility Mosaic: How Anyone Can Use the Principles of Freemasonry to Repair Our World* that I cowrote with Michael Ashley and published in 2021. Little did we know back then that the hot civil war we warned of might erupt earlier. Much earlier. It's fair to say that based on last week's attempted assassination of President Donald Trump that America was mere inches away from an all-out melee the likes of which we haven't seen before. Note: I phrased the last sentence purposefully as I believe the casualties from today's domestic hostilities would well surpass the 19th century Civil War. Our weapons technology alone has exponentially advanced in the ensuing years and includes automatic guns, nuclear ordinances, and now even autonomous drones, to name a few deadly innovations.



Returning to last Saturday's historic event, if Donald Trump hadn't turned his head at the last moment, 20-year-old would-be assassin Thomas Crooks might have killed the 45th president, finally exploding the powder keg of tension built up over the last few years. If Trump fell at the hands of Crooks, it almost certainly would have set off violence coast to coast, derailing an already fraught presidential election, and leading to uncontrollable unrest to boggle the mind. Thankfully, we were spared such suffering.

But just because we dodged both a literal and figurative bullet doesn't mean we are out of the woods yet. Anyone who has been watching public affairs for some time has likely come to this unfortunate conclusion: the United States of America has been in a soft form of civil war for years. It's little wonder that Netflix just released a movie with this exact title depicting the terrifying breakdown of polite society due to embattled secessionist forces.

Back in the real world, even sporting events have devolved from escapist entertainment promoting lighthearted competition and comradery to yet another arena for endless cultural combat. Social media only seems to amplify this worrying trend as algorithms feed us tailored content that solidifies our beliefs. Meanwhile, both sides of the political coin endlessly duke it out online as they hunker down in their respective ideological camps.

Clearly, it's getting more divisive by the moment in our nation. It didn't have to be this way, though. The crisis we endured during the COVID-19 Pandemic beginning in 2020 could have unified people on the left and right as we collectively sought to overcome a raging virus that took far too many lives. That, of course, did not happen. Instead, divergent responses to the disease—often strictly demarcated along party lines, only widened the yawning gulf between citizens. Similar to the previous Civil War, battles broke out between dissenting family members, poisoning relationships. Sometimes permanently.

Returning to last week's assassination attempt, there seemed to be a glimmer of hope as raging hot political tensions cooled. But that only lasted for a day or two at most. Before long, the same uncivil clashing we have seen so much resumed with a vengeance. There is little doubt that we are in for even more societal turmoil in the coming weeks and months, especially as we draw nearer to what promises to be yet another contentious national election.

Now that we better understand our collective challenge, and even more importantly, the outsized stakes involved, it's past time we do something about it. Never one to sit on the sidelines, I wrote a book about this very problem. And as Saturday's events demonstrate in technicolor clarity, we desperately need a solution. Below are some practical insights we can all follow—Masons or not—to heal our world and growing civil divisions.

### Presume Decency

Whether we are interacting with others online or in person, the tendency these days is to rush to judgment. It's natural to be defensive in these trying times, especially if we have preconceived notions of others. We must buck this instinct. Rather than lead with suspicions, let's use the signature egalitarian framework Freemasonry extols to give the other person grace and latitude, assuming their best intentions until (occasionally) proven otherwise. A small but critical gesture, it goes a long way toward establishing a cooperative atmosphere from the outset, especially now when so many people feel ill at ease with one another.

### Recognize Others Communicate Differently from Us

Our cultural differences can be a source of division or an opportunity for deeper connection. The way forward

is to recognize that others possess unique life experiences and backgrounds, informing their disparate communications styles. By choosing to develop emotional intelligence (EQ) so as to accommodate the unique and novel ways others relate to us, we can find common ground, turning what could be contentious exchanges into something positive. Don't believe me? The next time you find yourself in a heated exchange, lean into empathy. Try to hear the other person out—even if what they are saying goes against everything you believe. You may be surprised by the results.

#### Treat Everyone On the Level—And By the Square

One of the biggest problems we humans face is our need to feel superior to others. The constant jockeying for position is something British journalist Will Storr explores in his recent book: *The Status Game: On Human Life and How to Play It: On Social Position and How We Use It*. Rather than trying to place others beneath us on the social hierarchy, let us lean into Masonic principles emphasizing the human family we all belong to.

#### Walk the Talk

In Freemasonry we look up to leadership, especially our Grand Masters, to show us the right path. Similarly, parents serve as the exemplars their children follow. Like it or not, our kids pick up on everything we do, especially the actions we take, not just our pretty words. Starting today, let's be sure to model the kind of ethical, civil behavior that we want others to emulate. It's been said being ethical is about what you do when no one is watching. If we live our lives in the most upright manner—even in the quiet, seemingly banal moments, we can establish a pattern of goodness for others to follow.

It's no secret we live in dark times. But it's also true that but one candle can extinguish the darkness. In the trying times ahead, I implore you to be that light for the world. If you each one of us accepts our civic responsibility with courage—not fear—in our hearts, we can transform this world for the better. Not just for us but for all those generations to come. To learn more about how you lean into Freemasonry's tenets to affect such positive social change, please get your book today (available on Kindle and Audible).

### CIVILITY RULE NO. 58

Let your Conversation be without Malice or Envy, for 'tis a Sig[n o]f a Tractable and Commendable Nature: And in all Causes of Passion [ad]mit Reason to Govern. From George Washington's "Rules of Civility..."

During the last few decades, we have witnessed the world becoming increasingly uncivil. Violence and confrontation, anger and division have taken the place of conversation, compromise, and debate. Recent events and people's response to them show that the situation is only worsening. Our brothers, it is time that we make a choice.

As Masons we revere George Washington. Known as "The Great Man," Washington rose to power during a time of great turmoil and differing opinions. Washington was the least educated of the founding fathers. After his own father's death Washington was educated at home. Washington chose to continue his studies on his own. In an exercise, probably to practice penmanship, he copied the 110 "Rules of Civility," which were from Francis Hawkins' *Youth's Behaviour, Or, Decencie in Conversation Amongst Men*, published in 1668. Throughout his life Washington would reference these rules. He chose civility over the snobbery and air of entitlement of the Aristocracy which his social class gave him. Similarly, he could have chosen the rough and rude demeanor of the frontiersman his work as a surveyor would have suggested. He could have chosen the might makes right attitude of a soldier. Still, Brother George Washington chose civility with "The Rules" as his guide.

Now is the time for us to make a choice. As a Mason we have chosen to be guided by the Four Cardinal Virtues. One of which is Temperance. We have already chosen to be temperate in both our actions and our speech. We have chosen to learn the lesson of the Compasses that we may remember to circumscribe our actions and keep our passions within due bounds, toward all humankind. In this time, to add to our working tools, we need to include civility.

During these upcoming months, please remember that our country was forged by great men, the greatest of which exemplified civility. Masons have changed this world before. Let us choose to do so again. The world is watching, and the future depends on our actions. Let us choose to be civil.

Fraternally,

The Masonic Civility Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America

## Full Moon Lodge No. 561 Recognizes Teacher of the Year



Full Moon Lodge No. 561 in Melbourne recognized Dawn Diser as their local Teacher of the Year.

## Grand Lodge Joint Reception in Camanche



Camanche Lodge No. 60 hosted a reception in Camanche on Saturday, June 8, 2024, to honor Senior Grand Steward, Bruce A. Lutz and Deputy Grand Master, Guy J. McCausland.

The Masons moved to the lodge where Camanche Lodge No. 60 was opened by Worshipful Master Ted Shemwell and received the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master, the Senior Grand Steward and Deputy Master. The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Mark Cottrell and Chris Fraiser as committeemen. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was introduced and received with Brothers Dennis M. Zahrt and Edison Sharp as committeemen. Worshipful Brother Lutz was introduced and received with brothers Tracy Anson and Chris Fraiser as committeemen. Worshipful Brother McCausland was introduced and received with brothers William R. Crawford and Brett McCausland as committeemen. Brother Bruce Lutz was in the East to close the lodge and Brother Guy McCausland was in the West. The ladies and non-Masons enjoyed a program by Janet Zahrt on the Quilts of Valor.

The Masons joined their ladies in the community center for the banquet and program. Brother Mark A. Cottrell served as master of ceremonies. Brother Dylan Cottrell presented the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance, then Grand Musician Paul W. Cort sang our National Anthem. Grand Chaplain Paul E. Anderson gave the invocation prior to dinner. Grand Master Fremont introduced the Past Grand Masters and his Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Fremont talked about his choice for the Senior Grand Steward and how Bruce was hesitant at the time to take the position, but he is glad he did and has loved every minute of it. Grand Master Fremont also talked about Deputy Grand Master Guy McCausland and Shelley and how they have worked together with he and Ann.

Bruce Lutz introduced his family that were present and thanked Grand Master Fremont for selecting him to serve as a Grand lodge Officer. Guy McCausland thanked Grand Master Fremont for appointing him as Deputy Grand Master and introduced his family. Guy also introduced the 2019-2020 Grand Lodge officers. Past Grand Master Crawford made a presentation to Guy on behalf of the 2019-2020 Grand Lodge Family. Grand Chaplain Paul E. Anderson gave the benediction.



## Scholarship Thank You!

**Emily Newby** – I enjoyed talking to everyone during the interview and even reciting the 4-H pledge. I plan on using the money for my studies at the University of Northern Iowa.

**Cassi Paustian** – Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and belief in me! Your investment in my future motivates me to work harder and strive for excellence in all that I do.

**Macey Jermier** – I wanted to reach out and thank you all sincerely for your generosity. This scholarship is truly life changing for me.

**Emily Bricker** – Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for your 2024 scholarship. Your support means the world to me as I take these next steps in my life.

**William Kroneman** – Thank you for selecting me to receive a scholarship. This scholarship will greatly help me pay for college and will help me reach my goal of graduating debt free.

**Marshall Zeien** – It is a great honor to receive the Grand lodge of Iowa scholarship. This scholarship will help fund my education at North Iowa Area Community College. I am grateful for your support, and I would like to thank you for choosing me.

**Emily Quanbeck** – Thank you so much for the \$5,000 scholarship. This money will go towards earning a degree in Exercise Science.

**Rebecca Conrad** – Thank you so much for the Grand Lodge of Iowa scholarship! I have grown up admiring the Masonic lodge because it teaches generations to come to uplift one another without expected return. I will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall.

**Lindee Rohne** – Thank you again for the scholarship, support, and passion and investment you have for education.

**Addison Bentler** – This scholarship will help me continue my education and reach my dream of becoming a trauma surgeon. Thank you for your support.

**Kyler Riecken** – Thank you for your generous scholarship support to students such as myself. Your support opens opportunities that I would not have otherwise. Your brother.

**Leander Reicks** – This scholarship will help me pursue my goal of studying agriculture operations management in college, bringing me closer to my ultimate goal of owning a farm.

**Michael Carter** – With this scholarship I will be able to continue my education and get one step closer to my career goal of being a welder. I truly appreciate this help.

**Aubree James** – Thank you so much for this scholarship! The additional funds will be a great help towards paying for my college tuition.

**Brendan Hudson** – I appreciate the scholarship and it will be very beneficial to aid for college expenses. I plan to enter electrical utilities program this fall.

**Stephanie La Rosa** – Thank you so much for your generosity in offering this scholarship. I am looking forward to attending Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids this fall to begin my education towards becoming a nurse.

**Danica Vanhorkom** – Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the 2024 Iowa Masonic scholarship.

**Allison Cook** – Thank you for the Grand lodge of Iowa scholarship. I will use this scholarship to fund my passion for environmental engineering at Iowa State.

**Matthew Mikles** – I want to express my deepest gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa scholarship.

**Christian Hodgins** – Thank you so much for awarding me the \$2,500 Scholarship. I am extremely grateful.

**Ryan Wulf** – Thank you for the scholarship. I will use it to help pay for classes at Northwest Iowa Community College.





## Haggai Lodge No. 369 Presents Scholarships

Haggai Lodge No. 369 once again honored Art Geyer recipients at senior awards night at Glidden-Ralston High School. The recipients are from L to R are : Emmet Snyder, Charles Schon, Elizabeth Lloyd, Mark Lensch, Tiela Janssen, Addison Boell, Brileigh Bock.



Haggai Lodge No. 369 awarded two Salisbury agriculture scholarships for 2024 in the amount of \$5,000 each. Morgan Tuel graduated from Glidden-Ralston, and Hannah Bundt graduated from Paton Churdan. Morgan and Hannah will use the scholarships to continue their schooling.



## Senior Grand Deacon Shaun M. Scott

Masons gathered together in Cedar Rapids for a reception to honor Worshipful Brother Shaun M. Scott.

The Masons moved to the lodge, where Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master David Royer. Brothers Kevin Wormwood and Mike McMeins were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master and Senior Grand Deacon.



Shaun had the privilege of closing Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263. The ladies enjoyed a program on the K-9 unit from the Cedar Rapids Police Department.

The Masons joined their ladies for a chicken cordon blue and salisbury steak lunch and program. Brother David Royer served as master of ceremonies for the day. Brother Jeff Jones gave the invocation prior to lunch. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont introduced the Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officer's and their ladies.



Brother Shaun was introduced and he in turn introduced his family and friends. Shaun recognized the mothers in attendance with flower's. Grand Master Fremont talked about Shaun and the friendship that they have developed over the years. Darrell worked with Shaun on his Masonic Instructor certificate. Brother Douglas Wilson gave the benediction.



## Panora Lodge No. 121 Presents Scholarship



This year Panora Masonic Lodge No. 121 awarded their \$1000 scholarship to Ryan Cogil. He was a Panorama Senior this year and will be attending John Deere Tech program at Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, Iowa. This is a two year program and on its completion he will have earned John Deere's level two certification for hydraulics, electrical and service advisor. We wish him success in his future education.





## Grand Lodge Second Degree at Malcom By Kelly H. Bruce Deputy Grand Secretary



Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 invited the Grand Master and his officers to a Second Degree for Brother Seth Cline. Prior to the degree, everyone enjoyed fellowship and brisket for dinner then retired to the lodge room. The lodge was opened with Brother Mark Davis in the East. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the degree with Grand Treasurer William Dayton in the East and Senior Grand Deacon Shaun Scott as the Senior Deacon while Grand Master Darrell Fremont enjoyed serving as the Junior Deacon. The First Section of the Degree ended with Junior

Sharp, P.S.G.W. explaining the working tools to Brother Seth.

The Second Section of the Degree had Senior Grand Warden John Lloyd in the East and Grand Tyler James White serving as the Senior Deacon. White performed the Middle Chamber lecture followed by John Lloyd giving the extended "G" lecture to Brother Seth after entitling him to wages. Past Grand Master Terry Osborne gave the Charge. After the degree, Brother Seth received congratulatory remarks on being passed to the Fellow Craft Degree and thanked the brethren for attending.

## West Gate- Adelpic Lodge No. 509 Memorial Day Cookout



It all began as the lodge Senior Deacon and social chair Steve Blondino was asked as part of his duties to bring back pancake breakfasts to raise the lodges' profile within the community and fundraise for area charities. Being familiar with Can Play's endeavors for kids it was a natural choice to host a fundraiser for their behalf. Can Play Sports provides access to sports and recreation programming for thousands of underserved youths in central Iowa with financial, physical, cognitive, emotional, or chronic health care barriers to play. Brother Steve called and offered to hold a breakfast fundraiser benefitting the organization of Can Play Sports. Dylan Declerck,

Founder of Can Play made a surprising request. That it would be a great thing to feed the kids and families his program serves. Due to circumstances, the event would have to take place on Memorial Day weekend and on site as a special treat for kids in their Soccer Camp Program. Upon being informed of the request, Steve brought it to Worshipful Master Jon Hoffman. Brother Hoffman's response was decisive and unequivocal to go feed the kids. The lodge voted in unanimous support of the execution of the event which involved not just food for the kids and their families but also logistically setting up a functional onsite kitchen and service line. This would require making numerous purchases in addition to the food for the sake of sanitary and cooking. Senior Warden Drew Thelen and Past Master Hollie Smith would be instrumental as both have experiences in cooking and planning for large events. Additionally, due to keeping the monthly pancake fundraiser on that same day, West Gate-Adelpic Lodge had brothers and their families engaged to separate charitable operations at two separate locations. Simultaneously a breakfast was held to raise money to donate directly to Can Play and a cookout was occurring on their soccer camp site on a holiday weekend. Getting in the game and living the ritual is about going outside your comfort zone and bringing the light of Masonry to the community through finding opportunities to serve.

Additionally, family members came in to help with the event to include a grandma, spouses and children making it a family affair. Even a brother from another lodge came to help cook and serve the 200 people that were fed from Can Play. Fundraising events generated over \$550.00 in donations, West Gate Adelpic spent over \$1500.00 to feed the crowd and volunteer labor total hours 190 hours of preparation, fundraising and cooking as an



in kind donation value of \$4180.00. The priceless gift was the happiness brought to the children and families served and the smiles on the brothers and their families for bringing the ritual out of lodge and out to the community to make a difference. West Gate-Adelpic Lodge brethren that made this possible through their labors and commitment were; Jon Hoffmann, Drew Thelen, Jacob Stansby, Hollie Smith, Steve Blondino, Luis Reverol SR., Luis Reverol Jr., Jim "Bubba" Boyd, Craig Finch, Jesse Davis and David Green of Gnemeth Lodge.



**“The Murder of Hiram”  
Painting by A.J. Knapp**

**By Wade E. Sheeler, PSGW**

As Master Masons, we are all familiar with the drama played out in the Third Degree. The actions of the three ruffians have deep meaning and symbolism. They are much more than simply taking the life of Grand Master Hiram in their attempts to obtain the secrets of a Master Mason. The symbolism of their horrid deed also confronts each of us in our daily lives.

The origins of the drama portrayed in the Second Section of the Master Mason degree are shrouded in secrecy as well as the origin of the three ruffians. The three ruffians were first mentioned in Samuel Pritchard's *Masonry Dissected* (1730), though they were not named. It was not until the publication of *Three Distinct Knocks* (H. Serjeant, 1760) that they were named Jubela, Jubelo, and Jubelum. Albert G. Mackey (*Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, 1873) wrote that Dr. David Smith had suggested that the names may be variations of the Hebrew word for “jubilee”.

“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 Gblimite. It is suggested that later writers gave them the a, the o, and the um to prove the conspiracy point. Gblim was corrupted to Gibali or three syllables or spelled another way “Chibbelum”.

There does not appear to be any ritualistic connection between this and the word “Jabulon” in the Royal Arch. There also does not appear to be any ritualistic connection between this and another significant word “Gblum or stone-squarer”. Henry Wilson Coil (*Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia*, 1966) suggests that the names may come from the Gothic Constitutions of Freemasonry, in which the three sons and daughter of Lamech are named Jabel, Jubal, Tubal and Naamah. There is never any evidence that the three ruffians were referred to as “Juwes” in any context.

In our English language, the word “ruffian” has always had a connotation of being associated with being rough. The word apparently comes from the Italian word “ruffian” and the Middle French “ruffian” or “rufien”, both meaning a pimp, swaggerer, or panderer. The English literary critic Samuel Johnson defined a ruffian to be a “cut-throat, a robber; or a murderer. The Scottish word “ruffie” denoted a “low worthless fellow.”

We need to remember that Hiram Abiff symbolizes the human soul. We are told that he entered into the temple to offer his prayers to deity and draw his designs on his trestleboard, much as we draw our designs upon our own trestle boards. Grand Master Hiram's work was the construction of King Solomon's Temple, which symbolizes the work that each Mason is engaged in, building his own spiritual temple. Through the actions of the ruffians, they conspire to destroy liberty.

The first action strikes at the throat and our freedom of speech: our freedom to communicate our opinions and ideas without fear of persecution. The second strikes at that heart and our freedom of conscience: our freedom of religious choice and morality, the source of Divine Light that guides us. The third strikes at the head and our freedom of thought: our freedom to hold a thought or viewpoint independent of others.

Brother Albert Pike identified the three ruffians as the greatest enemies of individual welfare and social progress

as Kingcraft, Priestler-aft; and the ignorant Mob-Mind. Together they conspire to destroy liberty without which man can make no advance.

George Steinmetz (Freemasonry: It's Hidden Meaning, 1982), posts that the ruffians represent the three elements of the Three Degrees: the material, intellectual, and spiritual. The first ruffian symbolizes material desires and greed, which prompts the attempt to gain selfish benefits regardless of the rights of others. He strikes with the working tool which symbolizes the material or physical. The second ruffian symbolizes emotions which incites attitudes of the heart and mind. He symbolizes intolerance, bigotry, hatred, and envy. He strikes with the working tools which symbolize the intellectual. The third strikes the fatal blow with the setting maul, which destroys the freedom to think and reason.

It is interesting to note that Hiram's enemies came from his inner circle, those workmen who he most trusted. So do most of man's adversaries. A man will usually guard himself against those adversaries he most fears but has little reason to protect himself from those he loves and trusts.

Grand Master Hiram prayed on a daily basis for guidance before drawing his designs on his trestleboard, so must we. He drew his designs for the building and beautifying of the temple in the Sanctum Sanctorum or Holy of Holies. There he felt the presence of God.

When we pray, we recognize the Supreme Architect of the Universe who can help us achieve all things. Through prayer we learn to meditate, to recognize our strengths and weaknesses. Until a man learns to pray, he can not begin to learn how to apply the tenants of Freemasonry to his daily life. Through these teachings we begin to put into practice the Brotherhood of Man, under the Fatherhood of God. As we pray, we can ask God to help us to draw the designs which will improve our lives.

Each Master Mason becomes his own architect. Each supervises the building of his temple "not made with hands". Each builds into his own temple the beauty, harmony and knowledge to the extent he is willing to work.

Through the secrets of our Fraternity, we learn that nothing constructive can ever be gained by force. Violence destroys. It is much easier to be a wrecker than a builder. Man will always encounter wreckers, ruffians, enemies anxious to extort from him his good name or to acquire something without working for it. There will always be those who try through force to make others compromise their fidelity to their trust. When this comes from those we love and trust, the evil deed is even worse.

Too often our enemies will endeavor to destroy our freedom of speech. When a man's throat is silenced, it is difficult to express his opinions. Others will try to maim us through a blow to the heart. The heart symbolically holds all that is good or divine in a man. By killing this divine light, man becomes useless. A blow to the head destroys our freedom of thought. This creates ignorance, the greatest of all enemies. Where there is ignorance, there is despotism. A few control the many. These few use the many as pawns in their quest for power.

There is something of a ruffian in each of us. The good and bad are constantly at war with one another in our hearts and minds. Physical blows are not always necessary to destroy one another. Lies, half-truths, and gossip can break a victim's heart or destroy his good name.

The legend of Grand Master Hiram teaches all Freemasons that to betray a trust is a fate far worse than death itself. It reminds man that he should live each day prepared to die and die as a man prepared to live forever.

### Golden Rule Lodge No. 24



Golden Rule Lodge No. 24 in Rochester held their recognition night on May 9, 2024. Shaun Copp a science teacher and coach at Tipton Middle School was named Teacher of the Year by Golden Rule Lodge. Copp is shown with Worshipful Master Bruce Eiselstein.

The lodge also recognized Brother Ken Bland with his 50 year membership from the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Worshipful Master Eiselstein is shown making the presentation.





## Grand Lodge Joint Reception in Ogden



Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 (Boone) and Mirza Rhodes Lodge No. 303 (Ogden) hosted a reception in Ogden on May 18, 2024, to honor Junior Grand Steward, Cory L. Stoneburner and Deputy Grand Secretary, Kelly H. Bruce.

The Masons moved to the lodge room where Mirza Rhodes Lodge No. 303 was opened by Worshipful Master Marshall Wiese and received the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, the Junior Grand Steward and Deputy Grand Secretary. The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Curt Klyn and Robert



Brady as committeemen. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was introduced and received with Brothers W. Scott Hull and Robert Brady as committeemen. Worshipful Brother Stoneburner was introduced and received with Brothers Scott Hull and Robert Brady as committeemen. Worshipful Brother Bruce was introduced and received with Brothers Jake Love and Robert Brady as committeemen. Prior to closing the lodge, Kelly H. Bruce was presented his District Lecturer certificate by his long-time friend and mentor Allan L. Tedrow, assisted by the Custodians of the Work, Neil R. Paulsen and W. Scott Hull. Brother Cory Stoneburner was in the East to close the lodge and Brother Kelly Bruce was in the West. The ladies and non-Masons enjoyed a program by ventriloquist Mary Porter.



The Masons joined their ladies in the dining room for the banquet and program. Brother Curt Klyn served as master of ceremonies. Past Grand Chaplain Dennis W. DeJoode gave the invocation prior to dinner. Following the invocation everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Jenny Stoneburner.

Grand Master Fremont introduced the Past Grand Masters and his Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Fremont talked about his choice for the Junior Grand Steward job and how Cory and he got along so well when they first met. Grand Master Fremont also talked a little about Kelly Bruce and how excited he was when the Grand Secretary asked him to approve his pick for the Deputy Grand Secretary office.

Cory Stoneburner introduced his family that were present and thanked Grand Master Fremont for selecting him



to serve as a Grand Lodge officer. Kelly Bruce thanked Grand Master Fremont for approving his selection as his Deputy Grand Secretary and introduced his family. He also thanked Past Grand Master William W. Post for his first appointment. Past Grand Master Post also presented Kelly with a gift from his Grand Family. Allan

Tedrow also presented each of them with a Masonic box. Cory made sure that Allan gave the entire talk about the significance of the box, because of another Grand Lodge officer did not get to hear the entire talk in Camanche. Past Grand Chaplain Dennis W. DeJoode gave the benediction.

## Bikes for Books at Belle Plaine



Hope Lodge No. 175 made their Bikes for Books presentations to the HLV and Belle Plaine Schools second grade classes. This is the first year that Hope Lodge has participated in this program. Many area lodges participate with their schools to help promote reading. Each student reads a certain amount of minutes and maintains a log of total minutes read. Then they submit their log sheet and the more they read the bigger the opportunity to win a bicycle. Hope Lodge presented a bicycle and helmet to each of the two students in each second grade class of each school.



The winners are as follows:

Mrs. Parrott's class - Annalise Kaplan

Mrs. Bird's class - Landon Taschek

Masons John Brandt, Bruce Robinson and Scott Schabacker made the presentations.



### Brother Scott Behrens Raised at Legacy Lodge No. 678



The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were invited to Legacy Lodge No. 678 in Des Moines for a Third Degree for Brother Scott Behrens. Past Grand Master Bryce Hildreth was also in attendance. Worshipful Brother Nate Kemmer opened the lodge and conferred the First Section. Right Worshipful Brother Wade Sheeler was Senior Deacon. After the First Section, Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was escorted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors. After introducing his officers, the Grand



Master assumed the East for the Second Section and Worshipful Brother Junior Grand Deacon Ron Payne was Senior Deacon. Also, in attendance were Brother Scott's grandfathers, Steve Bookout and Junior Sharp. Right Worshipful Brother Sharp was given the honor of sitting in the West as the Senior Grand Warden and Brother Bookout assisted in Brother Scott's raising. The degree concluded with Worshipful Brother Deputy Grand Secretary Kelly Bruce giving the charge. Brother Scott was presented with his apron by Worshipful Master Jeremy Davis. Worshipful Brother Junior Grand Steward Cory Stoneburner presented Brother Scott with a Masonic box and the Grand Master presenting Brother Scott with his pin. After closing, brethren gathered for a light supper and fellowship.



### Pymosa Lodge No. 271 Presents Scholaships



Past Master Donnie Drennan and Worshipful Master Mike Blevins presented two scholarships to Emily Bricker. Emily is the daughter of John and Nikki Bricker. They presented a \$5,000 scholarship from the Grand Lodge of Iowa. They then presented her with a \$650 scholarship from Pymosa Lodge and an \$800 scholarship from Exodus Lodge.

Pymosa Lodge then presented seven \$500 scholarships to Atlantic students and three \$500 scholarships to CAM (Anita) students.

### Grand Musician Paul W. Cort



King David Lodge No. 407 hosted a reception to honor Worshipful Brother Paul W. Cort.

The Masons moved to the lodge room, where King David Lodge No. 407 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master Chad Wiley. Brothers Danny Middleton and Scott Wheeler were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master was received by Most Worshipful Brothers Bryce B. Hildreth and William R. Crawford as committeemen. Grand Musician Paul W.



Cort was introduced and received with Brothers Shawn F. Mullihan and Jeremy C. Long as committeemen. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont presented Guy McCausland with his District Lecturers certificate. Guy McCausland had the privilege of closing King David Lodge No. 407. The ladies enjoyed a program on the K-9 Unit in Altoona.

The Masons joined their ladies for a baked chicken and ham ball dinner. Brother Shawn Mullihan served as master of ceremonies for the program. Brother Floyd E. Brown gave the invocation prior to dinner. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont introduced the Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officer's and their ladies.



Brother Paul was introduced and he in turn introduced his family and friends. Deputy Grand Master Guy J. McCausland presented Paul with some new bedazzled Crocs. Sometimes Paul forgets his black dress shoes and wears his Crocs or whatever he has on. Grand Master Fremont talked about how he selected Paul as his Grand Musician. Paul would tell you that he is a vocalist with some musical talent, but we know otherwise. Brother Floyd E. Brown gave the benediction.



## Quarterly Update from the Library and Museum By Julia Wells

The Masonic Library and Museum Association is holding their annual meeting at the Grand Lodge Library September 27-29th. This is a huge honor as the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum has not hosted in a number of years. We will be hosting an informal get together, a tour of the President Herbert Hoover Library and Museum, and dinner in the Amanas, as well as the business meeting. The mission of Masonic Library and Museum Association (MLMA) is to assist and support through education, facilitation of communication, coordination of effort and other means, those individuals charged with the collection, management, and preservation of the Masonic heritage. If you have an interest in joining the Masonic Library and Museum Association as an individual, visit [masonic-libraries.com](http://masonic-libraries.com) for more information. They offer institutional and individual memberships at differing price points.



It has been requested that I give a few tours during the Grand Lodge session this year. Craig and I have decided to hold two tours on Thursday the 19th, one tour at 10:00 A.M. and the other tour at 2:00 P.M. For headcount reasons, if you would like to participate in either tour, please call the Grand Lodge office so we can keep track. Please be reminded that all regular tours of the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum are by appointment only. If you or your lodge wish to come visit, please call and schedule and time with me.

Also in September, on the 14th, we will be hosting a reception for the addition of the Don Mosier, PGM, motorcycle to the Masonic collection. We are forever thankful for Carol Mosier who donated the motorcycle, and we wanted to show that appreciation. The reception will be over in time for those who wish to attend the Grand York Rite bodies reception later that day.

I am also once again seeking volunteers. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to hold some of the fascinating artifacts in the collection, now is your time! Depending on your individual skills, I will help place you in an area that best suits your abilities. I am lucky enough that I have one intern starting in the Fall semester, but many hands make light work. One of the biggest areas that need attention, outside the data entry on the computer, is writing down what we have stored in some of the rooms on the second floor of the building. If that is something you think yourself or your lady might be interested in, please call the Grand Lodge and talk to me about volunteering.

### Brother Miles McCoy Raised at Antiquity Lodge No. 252



Miles McCoy a 5th generation McCoy was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on July 10th at Antiquity Lodge No. 252 Brother Wade E. Sheeler conferred the First Section with Brother Drew C. Mathias as Senior Deacon. Brother Sheeler also gave the extended Trowel Lecture.

Keith R. Voss was in the East for the Second Section of the Third Degree. Monte McCoy served as Senior Deacon. Michael S.

Shannon gave the charge. Congratulations to Miles and the entire McCoy Family.

### Gloaming Lodge presents Scholarship

Gloaming Lodge No. 482 in Milford presented a 2024 scholarship to Okoboji High School Senior David Lee at his graduation event on May 18, 2024.



Pictured (L to R) are: father Bruce Lee, stepmom Britney Lee, Worshipful Master Jack Johnson, David Lee, mom Jenny Pernick, and stepdad Kevin Pernick.

## Grand Tyler James F. White



Masons gathered in Melbourne for a reception to honor Worshipful Brother James F. White. The Masons moved to the lodge room, where Full Moon Lodge No. 561 was opened for the purpose of Receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master Mike White. Brothers Andy Oxley and David Aves were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master was received by Most Worshipful Brothers William R. Crawford and Arthur G. Crandon as committeemen. Grand Tyler James F. White was introduced and received with Brothers Lucas White and David Aves as committeemen. Worshipful Brother Jim had the privilege of closing Full Moon Lodge No. 561. The ladies played bingo at the library. The Masons joined their ladies for a chicken noodle casserole, and lasagna dinner. Brother Mike White served as master of ceremonies for the program. Brother Andy Oxley gave the invocation prior to dinner. Everyone joined to give the pledge to the flag followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Worshipful Brother Paul W. Cort. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont introduced the Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. Worshipful Brother Jim was introduced and he in turn introduced his family and friends. Jim also recognized Mike Aves, David Aves and Andy Oxley as Past Grand Lodge Officers from Full Moon Lodge No. 561. The Grand Lodge Officers were excused and later returned to the reception in their new team baseball jerseys and Deputy Grand Master Guy McCausland presented Grand Master Fremont with his. Grand Master Fremont talked about the time he saw Jim do a Masonic Service and he knew then that he wanted Jim as one of his officers. Junior Grand Deacon Ronald S. Payne presented Jim with an Academy Award for his service this year. Worshipful Brother Paul Cort was the entertainment. Brother Andy Oxley gave the benediction.

### Grand Lodge First Degree at Woodburn

Unity Lodge No. 212 invited the Grand Master and his officers to a First Degree for Brother Jerry Nelson. Prior to the Degree, everyone enjoyed fellowship and dinner then retired to the lodge room. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the degree with Deputy Grand Master Guy McCausland in the East and Grand Master Darrell Fremont as Senior Deacon. Junior Grand Deacon Ron Payne and Grand Tyler James White performed the Explanatory Lecture. Senior Grand Steward Bruce Lutz performed the Third Section of the Degree and Deputy Grand Secretary Kelly Bruce presented Brother Jerry with a point within a circle pin and lecture. Before the Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge, the Grand Master presented Brother Jerry with his pin. Brother Jerry thanked Unity Lodge and the Grand Lodge officers for beginning his journey and the new friends he just acquired.



### I'm A Mason

For the Love of the Game. On Sunday May 19th, Denny Heflin's Grand Family as well as John and Kathy Kelly, Kim and Lori Jones, Fred and Karen Erickson, and Jason Delzell, traveled to Storm Lake together to donate their time to benefit Brother Randy Crampton. Crampton's wife, Cheryl, is in an advanced stage of lung cancer. The Grand family cleaned up the yard and spent time with their brothers. Brother Dennis and his Grand Lodge family are "In the Game!"





## Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the East Ridge Elementary School

Clarksville Lodge No. 668 in Iowa City invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the East Ridge Elementary School on Saturday, July 27, 2024, in Coralville. The Grand Master Andrew Richardson, Most Worshipful Prince Hall F. & A.M. Grand Lodge of Iowa and Jurisdiction, and his Grand Officers attended the ceremony and also participated.



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



Darrell G. Fremont proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Keith Jones served as the Flag Bearer, Evan Matthews, Cody Maxwell, and Miles Flamme-Wiese served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Tandi Brannaman was the Architect, Perry Shawver was the Bearer of Great Lights,

Dwayne Papke, Robert Tandy and Omar Aguilar served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Deon Baylor carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Ronald S. Payne, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Shaun M. Scott, Senior Grand Deacon presented the Flag Tribute. Tom H. Nash, Grand Marshal made the proclamation, and the Oration was given by Doctor Corey Seymour. "Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed guests, and brethren of the Masonic lodge. Today, we gather to celebrate a momentous occasion: the laying of the cornerstone for this new school building. This ceremony is rich in symbolism and tradition, reflecting values that have guided us through the ages.



As we know, Masons hold education in the highest regard. The cornerstone we lay today represents not just the physical foundation of this building but also the foundation of knowledge, wisdom, and enlightenment. This school will be a beacon of learning, a place where young minds are nurtured and prepared to shape the future. The cornerstone has always been a symbol of strength, stability, and endurance. It is the first stone set in the construction of a building, ensuring that all other stones are aligned correctly. In the same way, education sets the direction for a child's life, ensuring they grow into well-rounded, informed, and responsible citizens.



The Masonic principles of Brother Love, Relief, and Truth align perfectly with the values we hope to instill in the students who walk these halls. Brotherly Love encourages respect and understanding among individuals. Relief embodies compassion and service to others, while Truth signifies the pursuit of knowledge and integrity. These principles will undoubtedly resonate within the walls of this institution.

This cornerstone is not just a symbol for the Masons; it is a symbol for the entire community. It represents our collective commitment to progress, our dedication to providing the

best for our children, and our belief in the power of education to transform lives. By laying this cornerstone, we are affirming our support for the educators, students, and families who will benefit from this new facility.



As we lay this cornerstone, we look to the future with hope and anticipation. We envision a future where this school stands as a pillar of excellence, producing graduates who are not only academically proficient but also ethically grounded and socially responsible. We trust that the values imparted here will extend far beyond these walls, influencing the broader community and contributing to a better world.



In conclusion, let us remember that this cornerstone is more than just a piece of stone. It is a foundation upon which dreams will be built, knowledge will be shared, and futures will be shaped. As Masons and community members, we are proud to be part of this significant moment. Let us commit to supporting this school, its educators, and its students, ensuring that the values we hold dear continue to guide and inspire future

generations." Deputy Grand Master Guy J. McCausland closed Grand Lodge in Due Form.



## Harding Lodge No. 649 Rededication Ceremony, Mason City



Harding Lodge No. 649 invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa to Mason City to rededicate their lodge in Due and Ancient Form on June 15, 2024 to celebrate 100 years as a Chartered lodge. Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony.

Junior Grand Steward Cory L. Stoneburner presented the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Deacon Shaun M. Scott presented the Flag Tribute.

Worshipful Master John D. Determan was the Orator and spoke about the history of the lodge. Harding Lodge was originally going to named Harmony Lodge but was named after President Warren G. Harding. They would meet on the first Friday of each month. The mortgage was burned in 1874 and the lodge held a Third Degree on June 11, 2024 to celebrate 100 years.

### Incoming Masters and Wardens By Tom H. 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 chose 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.

In the past we have had the "Masters and Wardens Handbook." This year, that document will be replaced by the "Cornerstone Handbook," The two documents serve the same purpose with the Cornerstone Handbook being more up to date and current. The Lodge Service Committee is trying to update as many resources as possible and this is the latest in that endeavor. The new handbook has many additional resources including, history of ritual and other educational pieces, guidelines for investigation committees, proper protocol, and many other items to be used for education, and to help the lodge run smoothly.

When planning for the upcoming year, it is important to remember that there are deadlines for reports to be submitted to Grand Lodge. It is a good idea to include the deadlines in the upcoming year calendar, just like any other lodge event you may be planning. The information used in the reports gives a snapshot of health of Masonry across Iowa. If a lodge is having an issue, there may need to be additional resources deployed to assist. If a lodge is doing great things, these reports may provide ideas that can be adopted by struggling lodges to help them be more successful.

One area we are lacking in is personal awards. The T.S. Parvin Award and the Legends of Masonry awards are great ways to recognize those individuals who are pillars of the lodge. Every lodge has one or two people who are the Masons making sure dinner is cooked, bathrooms are clean, or the lawn is mowed. While humility is a trait of great Masons, showing gratitude to these Masons not only provides a sense of satisfaction for a job well done, but encourages other Masons to become that spark plug that might help the lodge in new ways.

Most Masons I know would never seek recognition, but as a lodge, it is important to remember to thank these individuals for everything they do. Remember to build your bullpen. Leaders in the lodge don't always wear the hat in the East. The criteria for these awards are in the Grand View system.

With Grand Lodge Annual Communication upcoming it is hoped that as many Masters and Wardens will be able to attend. There are some huge issues before the Masonic community to discuss, and every Master and Warden is asked to provide input on the issues. The Grand Lodge does not reside just in a Cedar Rapids building, but in every lodge across the State. If the Master or Wardens of your lodge are unable to attend, it is important that the voice of your lodge be heard through a proxy. Another great aspect of attending Grand Lodge is collaboration. You may just meet someone who has a solution for an issue your lodge has been facing.

Always remember, The Grand Lodge is there to help, help them to better help you.

## Brother Steven Adams Raised at Camanche Lodge No. 60



Camanche Lodge No. 60 invited Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont and the Grand Lodge Officers to a reception and Third Degree for Brother Steven Adams, son-in-law of Senior Grand Steward Bruce Lutz, and raised him to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Worshipful Master Ted Shemwell opened lodge. Brother Bruce A. Lutz conferred the First Section with Brother Dylan Cottrell as Senior Deacon. Brother Steven is Bruce Lutz's son-in-law. The Masons then moved to the dining room for a dinner that was



prepared by Brother Robert L. Alm.

Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was conducted to the East and received with brothers Dennis M. Zahrt P.G.M. and Lynn A. Broughton as committeemen. The Grand Master introduced the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers.



Grand Master Darrell G. Fremont was in the East for the Second Section. Senior Grand Warden John D. Lloyd gave the Charge. Grand Master Fremont presented his lapel pin and other items to Brother Adams. Cory L. Stoneburner presented Brother Adams with a Masonic box. Brother Adams thanked everyone for attending of his Third Degree.

Deputy Grand Master Guy J. McCausland in the East to close Camanche Lodge No. 60.

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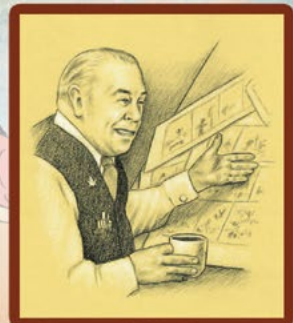
BR. WILLIAM HOGARTH, GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND GRAND STEWARD IN 1735, CREATED SEQUENTIAL PAINTINGS OF THE SAME SCENE AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF DAY, MAKING HIS WORK A FORERUNNER OF MODERN COMIC STRIPS. ONE OF THESE, "NIGHT," GENTLY SATIRIZES A MASONIC MEETING.



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Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

No.	Lodge	Town	Name	No.	Lodge	Town	Name
6		Marion	Nesset, Lawrence T.	307		Cherokee	Ehmcke, Lance D.
16		Ottumwa	George, Norman L.	312		Spencer	Jones, Rex J.
25		Cedar Rapids	Canfield, David A.	312		Spencer	Hart, John D.
25		Cedar Rapids	Nesetril, Duane M.	335		Carson	Clark, Lowell F.
28		New London	Aynes, Raymond A.	369		Glidden	Van Horn, William H.
29		Keokuk	High, Stephen J.	374		Oelwein	Brasch, Robert A. Jr.
51		Bellevue	Kepple, Larry W.	412		Griswold	Rulla, Irapaul M.
53		Indianola	Burch, Robert L.	464		Eagle Grove	Riley, Maurice E.
55		Pella	Marvel, James K.	480		Eldon	Goudy, James J.
61		Attica	Andrews, Larry L.	482		Milford	Johnson, Sheldon B.
65		Cedar Falls	Miller, Larry G.	508		Sioux City	Garvis, David J.
69		West Union	Sander, Wayne C.	555		Prescott	Wynn, Keith L.
72		Elkader	Bickel, Daniel G.	615		Sioux City	Thompson, William P.
77		Osceola	Oshel, Rickie M.	616		Stanwood	Brendes, James L.
99		Nevada	Otto, Duane D.	630		Des Moines	Patten, Jack M.
153		Sidney	Moores, Larry L.	630		Des Moines	Swacker, James H.
153		Sidney	Longinaker, Jay W.	630		Des Moines	Paterson, William E.
182		Sigourney	Thompson, James E.	631		Council Bluffs	Vosler, Buddy R.
182		Sigourney	Rees, William E.	632		Des Moines	Slaughter, Larry W.
182		Sigourney	Baker, Jerry D.	639		Cedar Rapids	Mann, Paul W.
192		Iowa Falls	McCord, James D.	643		Sioux City	Johnson, Harris W. Jr.
273		Grinnell	Latcham, Allen L.	644		Oskaloosa	Johnson, James E.