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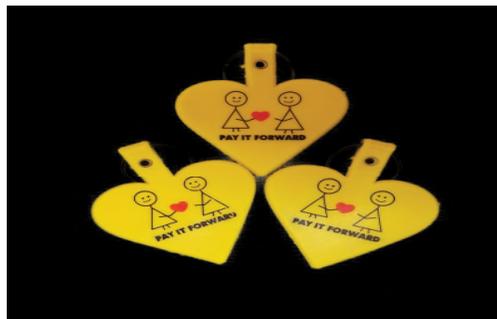
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Grand Master's Lady Project



Grand Master Dennis E. "Toby" Williams wife Nancy's project for the year is "Pay It Forward". Nancy, along with the wives of the Grand Lodge Officers will have Key Chains available for purchase at the low price of \$3 at any function that the Grand Lodge Officers are present. The proceeds raised from the sale of the Key Chains will be distributed to the Rowley Home and the Iowa Masonic Health Facility. Each facility will use the money to purchase I-Tunes cards for the patients with memory loss. If you would like to purchase a Key Chain, contact one of the ladies or if you would like to make a contribution to the Project, send it to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids Iowa, 52402-0279.



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- Wednesday, March 21, 2018** Amber Lodge No. 569, 27046 Highway 6, Quick 9:00 AM
- Thursday, March 22, 2018** Paul Revere Lodge No. 638, 303 Front Street, Lucas 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, April 4, 2018** Triangle Lodge No. 643, 3100 41st St., Sioux City 5:30 PM
- Thursday, April 12, 2018** Crescent Lodge No. 25, 210 6th Street NE, Cedar Rapids 5:30 PM
- Friday, May 4, 2018** Poweshiek Lodge No. 174, Highway 63, Malcom 9:00 AM
- Saturday, May 5, 2018** Early Morning Lodge No. 672, 2412 Grant Street, Bettendorf 9:00 AM
- Friday, June 22, 2018** Astor Lodge No. 505, 15 1/2 S Clinton Street, Albia 9:00 AM
- Saturday, June 23, 2018** Star Lodge No. 115, 233 S State Street, Madrid 8:00 AM
- Wednesday, July 11, 2018** West Gate - Adelphic Lodge No. 509, 1141 69th St, Windsor Heights 5:30 PM
- Thursday, July 12, 2018** Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297, 107218 West High St, Avoca 9:00 AM
- Saturday, August 25, 2018** Adel Lodge No. 80, 411 S 12th Street, Adel 9:00 AM

A Tribute to Harold R. Barkley

By Donald W. Gurney P.G.M.



Harold Barkley and I first met in 1975 when we were both first time Grand Lodge Officers for Gordon C. Hascall. Harold impressed me as a “nice man”, and that impression did not change with 40+ years of friendship. In fact I heard that description of him many times throughout the years when someone would comment that he was a “nice man”. My father died shortly after the 1975-1976 Grand Lodge year, and most of those officers and ladies came to the funeral. My mother, who was not generally complimentary, said he was a “nice man”.

I don't want to give the impression that Harold was a “roll over” type of person. He had very strong feelings about masonry, and the image we portray which included our way of dressing and the appearance of our lodge buildings.

He felt our Fraternity was judged by the image we portray, by the deeds we do, by the way we follow our own rules and guidelines, and by the way we conduct the business of our Fraternity. I recall one of the Grand Lodge Boards hadn't followed the Masonic Code in setting a salary. He met with the Board, explained his position, and told them if the problem was not corrected, he would bring the matter up on the floor of the Grand Lodge. The matter never came to the Grand Lodge floor.

Brother Barkley always felt there was a proper order, or procedure, or protocol that should occur. When it became known that he would likely be the next Grand Master, he called me one evening to ask if I would be his Deputy. The next day he called back, very much concerned and apologizing to me about asking me to be his Deputy, since I was eligible to be recommended as a Grand Master. I told him I was still working, and could not even think of that even if I was eligible or qualified.

Harold Barkley was born in Warren County, Iowa in 1926, moved with his family to Gowrie, Iowa, and graduated from Gowrie High School. He served in the Navy during World War II (Harold was grateful and humbled by his experience when he attended the Honor Flight to Washington D.C.). After he returned home from the Navy he married Darlene Barnum in 1946. Three children make up his family, Linda (Robert) Benton, Carlisle, Iowa, James Barkley, Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Terry (fiancée Kathy Ball) Barkley, Belle Vista, Arkansas. He held several jobs before he started farming near Gowrie, Iowa, in 1956, and later at Rockwell City, Iowa. Harold was active in his community serving on various agricultural related boards and committees, various church boards and committees, and various city related boards and committees. Harold was an active, interested, dedicated, and caring person. He farmed 43 years until his retirement in 1992.

Harold Barkley was Initiated on April 8, 1952, Passed April 29, 1952, and Raised May 20, 1952. He was a lodge officer for several years becoming Worshipful Master for the first time in 1962. Harold also held District Lecturer Certificate No. 2709. Harold belonged to the York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Eastern Star. He was Senior Grand Deacon in 1975-1976 for Gordon C. Hascall, Senior Grand Warden for Laverne R. Clary in 1979-1980, and Grand Master in 1986-1987. He was a popular member of the Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau, and served on several Grand Lodge boards and committees throughout the years. During his year as Grand Master, in addition to all the duties of the job, he championed the Grand Lodge Scholarship Endowment Fund which was increased about \$100,000.00 during the year.

Harold R. Barkley laid down his working tools on December 21, 2017. The Masonic Service was given Monday evening January 1, 2018, and his Christian Service was held Tuesday January 2, 2018.

Grand Master's Message
"Each One Reach One, Each One Teach One"

Greetings Brethren,

Welcome, our Masonic year is rolling along and many GREAT things are happening around our state. It's great to be an Iowa Mason and a good time to take a renewed look at our obligations.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are the basis of our Fraternity. What do these words really mean? Have you actually thought about what they mean to you and have you really taken their meaning to heart?

Brotherly Love; Every true Freemason shows tolerance and respect for the opinions of others and behaves with compassion and understanding toward his brothers.

Relief; From its earliest days Freemasonry has been concerned with the care of orphans, the sick and the aged. This work continues today. In addition, large sums are given to national and local charities. Masonic charity is exercised at every level.

Truth; Freemasons strive for truth both in their view of themselves and in their dealings with others. Masonry requires high moral standards, and its members endeavor to uphold these principles in their public and private lives.

Freemasonry has at its heart these three core principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



Our relationships must be honored, nurtured and protected. Therefore, I would like for every member of our Fraternity to reflect on the beautiful teachings which were conferred upon you. Reflect on the obligation you took when being initiated. Fulfilling and living up to our obligations and acting on our core principles is an essential part of the process that Masonry uses to make good men better. This process provides an example to your community of what Masonry is, and what it should represent.

Another way we can fulfill our obligations and help build our Fraternity is through community service. When our lodges are busy working in their communities, it also puts our Fraternity in the public eye. These actions encourage people to ask questions about what Freemasonry is. Some people will tell you that they had a grandfather or an uncle who was a Mason while others will express that they have never heard of our Fraternity. Community service is an important way to get our message in the public eye while serving our communities. Who would not want to be a part of an organization and join with men who are working to make their community better? (Be sure that you are knowledgeable about our Fraternity and what it stands for so you will be prepared to answer questions from prospective members.)

Every Mason in Iowa, should build upon the foundation of our temples by attracting and engaging men who demonstrate the highest levels of honesty, integrity and good character, men who will abide by the tenets of our Fraternity. Freemasonry is not for everyone, nor is everyone fit to be a Mason! Every Mason must do his solemn duty to recommend and elect only those men whose character and beliefs are compatible with the tenets of our Fraternity and present a positive view of our lodges and Fraternity. As your Grand Master, I ask every Mason, to consider men that have the qualities and interests to be a just and upright Mason. Think about men within your family, workplace, community and house of worship who would be good candidates for our Fraternity. I encourage all Lodges across Iowa to hold a Friendship Night to introduce these men to our Fraternity, to assist with these efforts in explaining our Fraternity to prospective members. The Lodge Service Committee has put together a wonderful Prospect packet that has many informative materials available. If you are in need of a speaker the Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau is at your disposal by simply calling the Grand Lodge Office.

Once new men enter our Fraternity, we need to offer these men and every Brother, a valued experience through fellowship, good ritual and educational opportunities. Every Mason, should become involved in his Lodges and his community. Every new Brother should be encouraged to pursue the Ashlar Award and every Mason should consider pursuing the Master Builder Award as a challenge to help our Fraternity grow and be all that it can be.

As we go into this issue of the Grand Lodge Bulletin it is difficult to realize that six months have already passed. No matter how much you think you are prepared for the office of Grand Master, it is a very humbling experience. I never dreamed that we would have experienced such a wonderful time. The generous courtesies extended to your Grand Lodge Officers and I have been extraordinary and greatly appreciated. The Masons of Iowa have also been very supportive of our "Each One Reach One, Each

One Teach One” program focusing on building our Fraternity and making our lodges more visible and active. Our 2017-2018 Team has also done an outstanding job in promoting our program and assisting local lodges in degrees and Rededications. I want to give a special thank you to all the ladies out there who have supported the Brothers in their Masonic work. Without the support of our ladies we could not have the smooth-running year that we are experiencing.

Several dates coming up in the future that may be of interest to you. The Custodians of the Work are working on the ritual competition for this year. Competition dates are July 21, July 28 and August 4. Get your team ready to go! Registration is due by March 31. The Iowa Masonic Golf Outing will be on July 27, at Terrace Hills Golf Course in Altoona, Iowa. Put together your best foursome and come swing for the greens with your fellow Iowa Masons!

Fraternally and respectfully,

Dennis Toby Williams

Dennis E. “Toby” Williams
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



Brother Ronald Dorrance III Raised at Cobia Lodge No. 631



Cobia Lodge No. 631 in Council Bluffs hosted a Grand Lodge Third Degree for Brother Ronald Dorrance III. The lodge hosted a Soup and Sandwich supper prior to the degree. Worshipful Master James Cline was in the East to open Lodge. Brother Cline conferred the First Section and Worshipful Brother Charles A. Rodrigues was Senior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Dennis E. “Toby” Williams in the East. The Charge was given by Junior Grand Warden Dennis R. Heflin. Grand Master Williams presented Brother Dorrance with with a Packet, set of working tools, masonic ball cap and the GM Lapel Pin. Brother Dorrance thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Grand Master Williams also presented Thomas Ross Junior with his Ashlar Award. Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge with Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson in the East.



Grand Lodge Ladies 2018

This is the year to “Pay It Forward”.

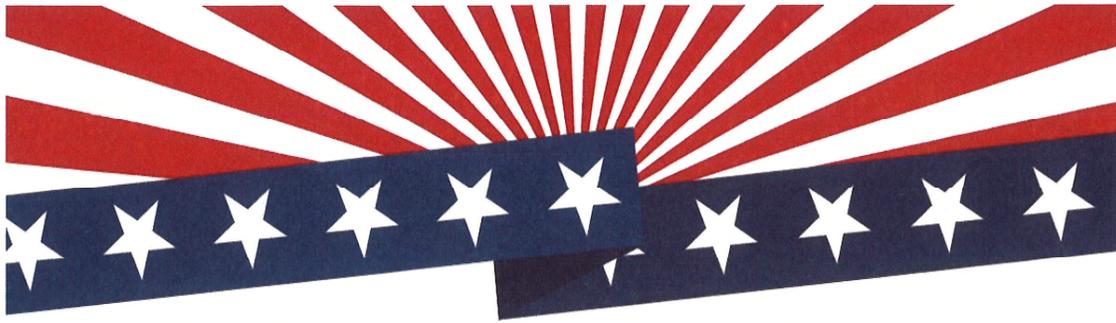
The activities for the ladies will include a Silent Auction and Bake Sale. We will NOT be having a Craft Sale as we are excited about our “Paying It Forward” theme.

Ladies coming to Grand Lodge can bring items to be donated to shelters in the DSM area. Examples: Personal Care Items: items for a Birthday Bag (to include the bag) for children up to 12 years of age: travel items from motels/hotels or from the store.



2018 will be the year of “Sisters Helping Sisters” by “Paying It Forward”
Hope to see you at Grand Lodge in September 2018.





Ritual Round Robin

July 21st

July 28th

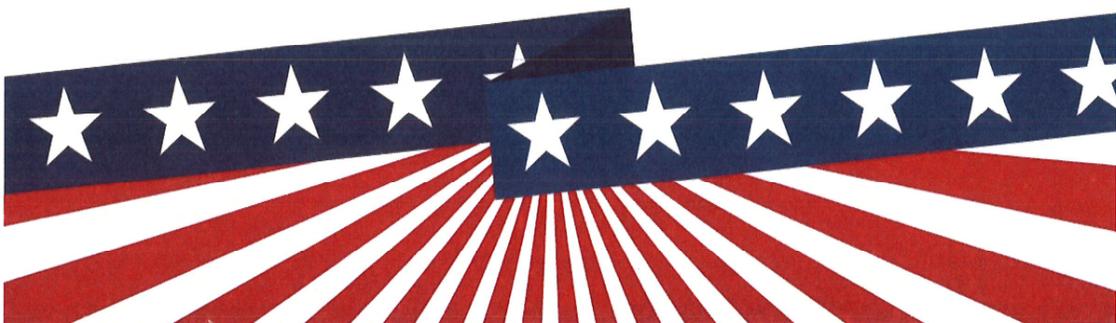
August 4th

Last year's participants said: "We had a great time practicing together. We improved our ritual and floor work. But most of all I feel we all got better acquainted."

**Locations will be set after the registration deadline of
March 31, 2018**

To register your team send an email today to iowacustodians@gmail.com or call Terry Osborne at 641-990-8607 and make sure you don't miss the March 31, 2018 deadline. Get ready to have some fun.

Enjoy the great fellowship and team spirit.



300th Anniversary Celebration November 2017, Emessay Notes

With over 130 Grand Masters and 4,000 Masons, festivities in London were held on October 31 to celebrate the organization of the First Grand Lodge. The Royal Albert Hall was the site for a thrilling production by the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE). The UGLE recognized the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Virginia, and Pennsylvania as the sixth seventh, and eighth Grand Lodges constituted in the world, although that ordering is questionable according to other standards.



Everyone has been acquainted with the who, what, and where of the formation of the first Grand Lodge, but the publication of United Masters Lodge No. 167, Auckland, New Zealand postulates the “why.” The paper was given by Brother Mark Hall to his lodge, the lodge of Liberal Arts No. 500.

It describes the “political climate” that existed in 1688, less than 40 years before the Grand Lodge formed, as one of upheaval. King James II had been replaced on the throne of England by William III and Mary through the “Glorious Revolution.” James was a Catholic in a Protestant country, and this caused deep divisions. This led to the creation of a group known as Jacobites, followers of James who had been exiled to France.

England and Scotland were separate countries but shared the same monarch. The Jacobites believed James should at least be the king of Scotland, and they had many supporters. When James returned and did battle through Ireland to regain the throne, many Scotsmen joined him, although he lost.

By 1707, this civil war in England made the Tories, who opposed replacing James II, very suspicious to the New King George I. Further attempts to reinstall James in 1708 and 1715 ended in failure. One of James’ colleagues was Earl of Mar whose son, Thomas Erskine, was later to become Grand Master of Scotland. The political climate at the formation of the Grand Lodge was hardly calm as there was another uprising in 1716.

Brother Mark Hall writes, “With so much of the established Freemasonry being in Scotland and north of England, where the Jacobites were strongest, it was feared that the authorities would draw the obvious, though erroneous, conclusion that Freemasons’ lodges were a subversive organization secretly supporting the Jacobite cause.

“The concern by London Masons that Freemasonry might be banned by the King’s Ministers has been advanced as the reason why four London lodges formed the First Grand Lodge in 1717 – to convince the authorities of their loyalty to the Crown.

“No other substantial reason has been established for the creation of the new Grand Lodge.” Since 1721, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England has always been of royal birth. Thus, the Duke of Kent is the current Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and presided over the ceremonies of the 300th celebration.



In 1751, five lodges of Irish Masons living in London formed “The Grand Lodge of England According to the Old Constitutions.” This new Grand Lodge had made innovations. These two unofficial names stuck.”

For over 60 years both Grand Lodges existed in parallel, not recognizing each other as “regular.” It wasn’t until 1813 that the Grand Lodges combined into what we know today as the United Grand Lodge of England. In 1813, the Duke of Sussex, son of George III, became Grand Master.

Good Faith Lodge No. 235 Recognizes 50 Year Members

On Saturday, January 6th nearly 30 members and guests of Good Faith Lodge No. 235 braved the cold weather to enjoy the warmth of friendship and hospitality at their lodge building in Winfield, Iowa. This night of fellowship was to honor two of Good Faith Lodges most faithful members. Brothers Gary Johnson and Edward Hudson were the guests of honor and recognized as 50 year members in Good Faith Lodge No. 235.

The evening started with a meal that was catered by Patty and Larry Gerling and included a variety of soups and hors d'oeuvres. Following the meal Senior Warden Mark Huston gave a short presentation on some of the domestic and world events that were going on in 1967 when both brothers were fully initiated in to the masonic Fraternity. All in attendance laughed and reminisced about how much things have changed in those 50 years, and in many cases said "those were the good ol days."

Following the presentation by Mark Huston both members took some time to share about their personal experiences in the Masonic Lodge, as well as some history of Winfield, Iowa. Both members were awarded a commemorative certificate and pin that were presented by Mike Huston and Jared Wolford. The night concluded with everyone sharing a round of applause in congratulations of this great achievement.



J.W. Jared Wolford, Gary Johnson, Ed Hudson, W. M. Mike Prior

The members of Good Faith Lodge feel very honored and fortunate to be associated with such great leaders in our community. We're privileged to have several members who have dedicated 50 years or more to our Fraternity. If you see Gary Johnson or Ed Hudson in your travels be sure to congratulate them, or if you have questions about the Masonic Lodge I'm sure they would be happy to answer them.

Trenton Johnson Raised at Evening Star Lodge No. 43

Brothers of Evening Star Lodge No. 43 held a third degree for Brother Trenton Johnson. The Brothers gathered together in the dining hall for a Ham and Beans, Potato Soup Dinner.

The Masons then moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Brother Kim Jones opened lodge and conferred the First Section of the degree in the East, and Robert Anderson was Senior Deacon.

After a brief break, Grand Master Dennis E. "Toby" Williams was conducted to the East and received the private Grand Honors of Masonry. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Junior Grand Warden Dennis R. Heflin in the East. Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Wunschel gave the Charge. Grand Master Williams presented Brother Johnson with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and a Masonic Ball Cap. Brother Johnson thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.

Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Senior Grand Deacon Charles A. Rodrigues in the East.



79th Annual Feast of the Holy Saints John

On December 27, 2017 the lodges from the Davenport area hosted their annual Feast of the Holy Saints John. After the meal and Seven Toasts Grand Master Dennis E. "Toby" Williams gave the keynote Address.

The Pledge of Allegiance



James B. Upham (a member of Converse Lodge in Malden, Massachusetts) was a man imbued with patriotic fervor. At the close of the last century, he was a partner of the firm publishing the "Youth's Companion," a juvenile periodical of Boston. One of his strong beliefs was that an American Flag should be flown over every schoolhouse in America. To this end, he persuaded his magazine to sponsor a plan to sell flags to schools at cost: the idea being so successful that 25,000 schools acquired

flags in just one year. He also campaigned to have flags flown over public buildings - his success in this endeavor is clearly evident today. As a result, James B. Upham became known as the "Father" of the movement to display flags in schools and public places.

Upham had still another idea - that on Columbus Day, 1892, the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of America, every public school in the land would hold a flag raising ceremony under the most impressive circumstances, and all schoolchildren rededicate themselves in love and service to their Country. Upham considered this as a National Public School Celebration of Columbus Day.

The President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, enthusiastically endorsed the plan and declared a national holiday for Columbus Day, October 12, 1892.

There was great excitement in the schools throughout the land during the months preceding the great day of celebration. Committees were busy at every school planning the Columbus Day program down to its finest detail. In preparing the suggested Columbus Day Observance to be printed in the Youth's Companion, Upham hesitated when he came to the salute (rededication) to be given by the students. [It was at this point that Francis Bellamy (a member of Little Falls Lodge No. 181 at Little Falls, New York) enters the story.] Upham discussed his dilemma with his long time friend, Bellamy, and asked for his help.

On a warm August evening in 1892, Bellamy shut himself in his room to formulate the actual pledge - "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Thus - was our Pledge of Allegiance born - and it was proclaimed with great rejoicing throughout the land on October 21, 1892. Those who knew Bellamy best knew that he had fulfilled a deep desire to compose a dignified message of loyalty which would convey the trust and most noble sentiments of a devoted patriot toward his native land. And all Masons rightfully salute Brother Francis Bellamy, the author of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Only three changes have been made to the Pledge in the 100 years since it was written. At the National Flag Conference in Washington, D.C., June 14, 1923, the words "the Flag of the United States" were substituted for "my Flag." The change was made on the grounds that those born in foreign countries might have in mind the Flag of their native land when giving the Pledge. The 1924 Flag Conference added, for the sake of greater definition, the words "of America." On Flag Day, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an act of Congress adding the words "under God."

For greater meaning and proper presentation when reciting the Pledge, there should be only three pauses: 1. After the word "America," 2. After "stands," and 3. After "indivisible."

This is the story of how the Pledge of Allegiance came into being, and a long delayed tribute to its author - Master Mason Francis Bellamy.

Trinity Lodge No. 282 in Duluth Minnesota By Brother Brian Quinlan

I write to you today and send greetings from Trinity Lodge No. 282 in Duluth, Minnesota. We have spent the last few years gutting and rebuilding our blue room, of which I have included pictures of in this email. I am proud to say that we are nearing the final stages of this project. Please allow me to share this project with you and explain the one thing Trinity Lodge is looking for... (it isn't money).

Like many Masonic buildings built in the early 1900's, ours needed substantial repairs. The ideas of selling, renting and maybe even merging was tossed around. Our lodge has been chartered since 1915 and our brethren were worried about losing our identity as well as our building. The commitment to restore our building was not without controversy or hard feelings, but as brothers, we came together and rose above the conflict.

We have all seen Masonic lodges dwindle in membership, and there was a concern that this project would affect ours. This project has had the opposite effect. It has really bonded us together and we have gained members through this process. We put many hundreds of hours of sweat equity into the Lodge. Almost all the work was done by the members of Trinity Lodge. We have a few members in the trades, and they helped direct everything including architectural design, engineering, framing, welding, rewiring, and sheet rocking. We had our share of setbacks too, including the city mandating a \$30,000 sprinkler system. By the members contributing this work we were able save tens of thousands of dollars. This sacrifice made these projects possible. We are still needing to paint the constellations on the ceiling, as well as the artwork. There is a plan for a canopy as well as to install pillars and iconography.

We are now working on restoring our chairs. These chairs are from the 1889 Temple Opera House (green chairs in the upper left photo). The Scottish Rite's Temple burnt down in 1895 and damaged the Temple Opera building, forcing it to close. We are personally restoring each of these chairs. This process includes dismantling, sanding, sand blasting, reupholstering, and restoring the dark finish of the wood. These chairs are ornate, beautiful and a part of history.

We are doing our best to rebuild our lodge and make it as grand and beautiful as it can possibly be. There is one area where we are lacking for our new building. This is the seating of our line, more especially our elected positions. The chairs we have for the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden are of humble design. This leads me to my endeavor and purpose for writing to you today. We are searching for a set of old Masonic grand throne chairs. We have not found any in Minnesota, which led me to write you Most Worshipful Brother Davis. I would be most grateful if you would let me know if there are any that might be in storage in your state from a lodge that closed or merged. We are not afraid putting in work to restore them if needed. Thank you for your consideration.



Secretary Conferences

Grand Secretary Craig Davis held 11 Secretary Conferences across the state of Iowa in January. Topics of discussion during the meetings were: variety of code questions, Online Web Forms, making sure each lodge has someone that knows how to do Biennial Filing, 990 N filing with the IRS, updated awards forms, monthly reports, year-end reports, table 7 and table 11. Terry E. Osborne, Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference talked about the Suspension for Non-payment of Dues. Attendance averaged about 10-12 at each meeting. Thank you to all the Secretaries from across the state that attended, we do appreciate all that you do for your Lodge and the Grand Lodge.



Teachable Moments



Have you ever considered why Solomon named the two columns Boaz and Jachin? Now I am not referring to the standard answer found in the work. I am certain you are aware that Boaz represents the land of Judah, and Jachin represents the land of Israel, and when united by the lintel “Yahweh” the two would have stability. We should look for the deeper meaning, and what we can learn and apply today. During Biblical times, parents spent a great deal of time considering a name for their children. They would research what the name meant and make their selection accordingly. Boaz, whose name means “Lord of Strength”, was a relative of Elimelech who took his wife Naomi and their sons to the land of Moab to escape a famine that was in their homeland of Bethlehem. While in the land of Moab, their sons married women from that land. Through the lapse of time, Elimelech and his sons died leaving Naomi and her daughter-in-laws alone. Naomi, determined to return to her homeland, told her daughter-in-laws to remain in Moab. One daughter-in-law, Ruth, refused to leave Naomi and said “Entreat me not to leave thee...” Through divine providence Ruth would marry Boaz and from this union came a son Obed, who was the father of Jesse, who was the father of David, who was the father of Solomon. The children of Israel were always looking for what was referred to as “teachable moments” where they could relate their past experiences to the present, thereby gaining strength by recalling God’s faithfulness to their children. Fathers, would retell these oral traditions to their families. Solomon would have heard the story of Ruth and Boaz countless times, of how, through God’s grace, his family had relied on the “Lord’s Strength” to deliver them in times of trouble. Jachin, whose name means “Establishment”, was the fourth son of Simeon. He was one of the priests who returned from exile, little else is known of Jachin, other than how God took a man and established in his life, and the lives of his descendants, his faithfulness. Perhaps Solomon named one column to remind everyone of the Lord’s Strength and how he is long suffering. He may have named the other after an ordinary man known only to his family thereby establishing God’s faithfulness to all mankind, the high, the low, the rich and the poor. You do not have to walk between Boaz and Jachin to be reminded of the Lord’s strength or establishment. That can be found in a rainbow, a sunrise or even in a child’s smile. When we attend Lodge and look at the two columns, we can recall our own life experiences, how those that have come through the storms of life gain hope through the “Lord of Strength”. Yes, God has “Established” a history of faithfulness to all mankind in each of our lives. So, when the world seems to be closing in, we would do well to recall those “teachable moments” in our lives when God established a blessing in the storm. “Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have a storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are you better than the fowls?” When you cannot hear the sparrow sing... and you cannot feel a melody.., there is an established place that is full of grace... there is a blessing in the storm.

[John A. Pearson, S. G. W., Chairman Masonic Education Committee, South Carolina. MASONIC LIGHT, August / September 2008]

Signet Lodge No. 264 Host Annual Christmas Dinner



The Brothers from Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll continue their Annual Christmas Dinner. People come from Carroll, Lake View, Churdan and even Ames for this event. On Christmas Day the Lodge serves nearly 300 meals. Most people in the community like the dinner, they do not have to spend Christmas alone. Signet Lodge has been holding the annual dinner for the last 25 years.

My First Semester
By Laura Kaufmann



Thank you for the scholarship it will go towards my higher education. I have just finished up my first semester at the University of Northern Iowa, and I love it! Just in the first semester, I have found my home away from home. I have become involved in the Panther Marching Band, Accounting Club, Honors Program, Friends of the UNI Permanent Art Collection and Gallery, and Chi Alpha, a religious student organization. In Marching Band, I was part of the frontline, which is a subset of the drumline that is on the sidelines playing keyboard instruments. I absolutely loved every minute of it. Band Camp started a week before classes, which warranted me moving into my dorm about four days before anyone else on the floor did. It was quite an experience as it was so quiet before everyone else got there. Through the Accounting Club, I have been able to go to many different recruiting opportunities and fun club outings. I am also a President Scholar, which means I am involved in the Honors Program. I have made some of my closest friends in this program as the twenty students from my class all have a class together

for two years. I am a Board of Director for the Friends of the UNI Permanent Art Collection and Gallery. This is a whole new experience for me. This group is a new supporting entity of the art gallery that formed this year. The dean of the business college recommended me for this position when I have only met her once! Along with around twenty other directors, I helped establish bylaws and start raising funds to restore art pieces at UNI's Art Gallery. Chi Alpha, a religious student organization, has been my religious home. I was a little unsure to join a religious student organization, but I am so thankful I have. My closest friends are from this group and Marching Band.

I also have a job working at the Foundation Office in the Business College department. Although it is not that exciting, I complete stewardship (writing thank you notes) for donations that the Business College receives. Even though I have been involved in many different aspects, I have kept my grades up and maintained all A's for my first semester. I am extremely happy about this as I continue my 4.0 into my college career.

Just in my first semester, I have already made connections on campus. In the first month of school, I had been at the President's House twice, and he knew me on a first name basis! The first time I went to his house, I showed up early (the business side of me showing), and no one else was there. I got to have a nice conversation with President Mark and his wife Cheryl. He is actually from Holstein, Iowa, so he knew all about Harlan and has actually been through the area a few times. The second time I was at his house for a reception, he remembered my name and a few details about our previous conversation.

Although I have only been in Cedar Falls for one semester, I am extremely excited for the many more to come. As of now, I plan on being there for five years to get my CPA license, but credit wise, I could be done early. I just want to thank you again for providing me with a scholarship. It will enable me to pay for my college education, especially the fifth year.

Star Lodge No. 115

Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to raise funds for the Madrid Community School District. The Lodge also matched the money raised at the fundraiser.

Pictured (L-R) are Brother Joseph Clark, Treasurer and Worshipful Brother Brian Ahrens (Worshipful Master of Star Lodge No. 115) with Superintendent Brian Horn and Board President Doug Gruefe from the Madrid Community School District.



They are shown making multiple donations: \$500 to Team Tiger (Parent/Teacher Group), two \$500 scholarships for graduating 2018 High School Seniors and \$1,000 to the Elementary School Lunch Program.



The Grand Lodge's Grant Wood to Make Historic Trip By Bill Kreuger

Our Grant Wood painting, entitled “The First Three Degrees of Freemasonry” will be making a historic trip in mid-February 2018. That is when it is scheduled to leave Iowa for the very first time since it was created in 1921. The painting will be headed for the “Big Apple,” more specifically, the Whitney Museum of American Art. There it will join other Grant Wood paintings from other museums and private collections for what has been billed as one of the largest exhibitions of Grant Wood’s work in recent memory. This exhibit is entitled “Grant Wood: American Gothic and Other Fables,” and will open on February 28, 2018 and run to about the first part of June.

This project came about through the efforts of the Whitney Museum curatorial staff, staff of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, as well as from colleagues from other local museums. In working with the Whitney’s curatorial staff, specifically Barbara Haskell, we were able to secure approval of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in November. In early December, conservator Sara J. Wohler examined the painting to determine if it was stable enough to travel. Upon her affirmative response, we then worked with staff of Terry Dowd, Inc. Fine Art Packaging from Chicago to measure the painting for a shipping crate.

In order to accomplish this, the painting was removed from its location in the Masonic Museum collection. It was taken to a secure location on the second floor of the Administration building where Ms. Wohler examined it with a small flashlight and a magnifier. She did find some “normal wear and tear” along the edges of the painting and even located a strand of the brush that Grant Wood used to create the painting. The painting was left in this location until mid-January 2018, when staff from Terry Dowd arrived with the crate.

Terry Dowd staff carefully covered the painting with plastic and then placed it into an inner cushion that was made of ethafoam material. After this, the painting was then carefully moved to the basement where the crate was located. Their staff then placed the painting into the crate, protected by the plastic covering and ethafoam. The crate was then sealed and is ready to be picked up. The date for pick up is on February 12, where it will be shipped with several other Grant Wood paintings from the Cedar Rapids area.

This painting is unique in that it is one of Wood’s earliest works and the only one that has a Masonic theme to it. For our Masonic brothers on the east coast, this exhibition will provide an excellent opportunity to view this beautiful painting up close.

Robert Henderson of Coggon Celebrates 75 years as a Mason



Sunday evening, October 29, members and friends of Mecca Lodge No. 523 met at Historical Hall in Coggon to celebrate Robert Henderson’s 75-year membership as a Mason. Also attending were members of Level Lodge No. 284 of Central City and Past Grand Master Don Stamy of Marion Lodge No. 6.

Since joining at the age of 21 in 1942, Robert has held most offices of the organization and is currently the longest serving District Lecturer in the State of Iowa. Vaughn McClelland, Worshipful Master, presented a plaque from the Grand Lodge of Iowa honoring his years of service in the Masonic Lodge.

Century of Tradition Continues

Pomegranate Masonic Lodge No. 408 of Alta, Iowa held its regular meeting on December 11, 2017. As part of the regular meeting Worshipful Master Roman Redig, on the right, announced his great-great grandfather Golman Z. Davenport, of Alta, became a full member of Pomegranate Lodge on December 6, 1917. Making him and his father, Roger Redig, Treasurer of the Lodge, on the left, among a select group with ancestors in Pomegranate Lodge for 100 years. Roger and Roman Redig are both of Aurelia. Not to be out done, William W. Post, Chaplin, in center of photo, of West Des Moines, who attends the monthly meetings, announced his maternal grandfather Carl G. Gulbranson became a member of Pomegranate Lodge on March 27, 1910. Member Joey Post



of Storm Lake is the great grandson of Carl. They all continue the family tradition of being members of the Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 in Alta, the last active Masonic Lodge in Buena Vista County. Our goal for 2018 is to bring in new members to keep the Masonic tradition going.

Iowa Grand Lodge history made...37 Years Ago?

As a follow-up to our story in the December Grand Lodge Bulletin, Iowa Grand Lodge history may have actually been made on the gridiron during the fall of 1981! Earlier that summer, 19 year-old



Bill Northup and his younger brother, Bo (18), were both raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by their dad, Worshipful Master, Billy H. Northup, Justice Lodge No. 230 in Ollie, Iowa. When they went back to college that fall, Bill was the starting fullback (as a junior) and Bo was the starting quarterback (as a sophomore) for the Iowa Conference Football Champion Central College Flying Dutchmen! Of note, Brothers Bill and Bo were also chosen to play in the Iowa Shrine Bowl football classic prior to beginning their college football careers.

It is also worth noting that 1981 was a very busy year for Justice Lodge. Worshipful Master, Northup presided over 39 tiled meetings that year, while also raising his other two sons, Norman and Phillip! Perhaps another Iowa Grand Lodge first???

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 By Steve Waller

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312 held its Annual 2018 Raffle with proceeds going to the scholarship fund for High School Seniors and Post Education Students. The Annual Raffle and other resources provide three to five local scholarships in May. This years raffle winners were Senior Warden Jason Holt electing pork certificates and Trinity Lutheran Pre-school electing beef certificates.



Pictured (l-r) are: Angela McCaulley Pre-school Board, Jody Kleve Pre-school Director, Tami Kroll Pre-school Board and presenting certificates Evening Shade Lodge Worshipful Master Andy Anderson.

Hawkeye Study Club

The Hawkeye Study Group celebrated a 5-year anniversary in September 2017. It was conceived in 2012 by Dave Jackson, Secretary, Farmers Lodge No 168 and Russ Smolik, Worshipful Master, Stellapolis Lodge No. 391, Williamsburg, after a visit that prompted a better working relationship between lodges. A plan to hold a study club to practice ritual between the two lodges was born, and perhaps working on some community service events together. It quickly expanded and the original four lodges comprising the study group were Farmers Lodge No. 168 at Kinross, Stellapolis Lodge No. 391 at Williamsburg, Canopy Lodge No. 290 at Oxford and Fellowship Lodge No. 549 at Sharon Center. The Hawkeye Study Club meets monthly and rotates among the hosting lodges, normally at North English, Williamsburg or Oxford and has included visitors from other lodges. The first meeting was held September 27, 2012 and we have been meeting the third Wednesday of each month ever since, only cancelling one or two meetings since that time. The typical meeting includes a dinner by the host lodge followed by a short business meeting, followed by ritual practice and/or an educational topic. It is really nice that Canopy, Stellapolis and Farmers Lodge members have been a regular and consistent force in attending and leading the Hawkeye Study Group. Each time a lodge has a candidate for the Degrees of Masonry, you can bet each degree ritual will be practiced at Hawkeye Study and the members of the study group lodges will be right there to help perform Degree work. Additionally, there have been several very enthusiastic educational sessions and history, growth and leadership discussions.



Past Master's Night at Newton

Newton Lodge No. 59 held its annual Past Master's Night on November 9. Grand Master Dennis E. "Toby" Williams and the Grand Lodge Officers were invited for a Reception and Third Degree. Newton Lodge No. 59 did courtesy work for Montague Lodge No. 117 in Eldora for Brother Dennis Groom and raised him to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason.

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

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Carl J. Van Der Kamp and Gary Pearson as Committeemen. The Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson was in the East for the Second Section. Grand Treasurer Guy H. Posey gave the Charge. Deputy Grand Master Nelson presented his lapel pin and other items to Brother. Brother Groom thanked everyone for being part of this special night. Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson was in the East to close Newton Lodge No. 59.

2018 Spring Neighborhood Area Meetings

Tuesday, March 20, 2018	Bellevue Lodge No. 51, 206 N Riverview, Bellevue	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	Tyrrell Lodge No. 116, 203 3rd St SE, Waverly	7:00 PM
Monday, March 26, 2018	Iowa Lodge No. 2, 317 E 3rd St, Muscatine	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 27, 2018	Crusade Lodge No. 386, 209 W Iowa St, Greenfield	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 28, 2018	King David Lodge No. 407, 707 8th St SE, Altoona	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	Trial Lodge No. 532, 787 Glenn Dr, Moville	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 5, 2018	Prudence Lodge No. 205, 1413 N McCoy St, Algona	7:00 PM

Senior Grand Warden Tim S. Anderson

The brothers of Astor Lodge No. 505 in Albia honored Senior Grand Warden Tim S. Anderson at a reception at the Albia First Christian Church on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Masons and their ladies from all across the state came for the fellowship, food and fun to pay tribute to a brother that has spent his life working for the fraternity.

Following the Social Hour, the Masons moved to the Lodge where Worshipful Master John Wales opened Astor Lodge No. 505. Brothers Frank Rinehart and Richard Bowersox were committeemen to receive and introduce the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers, receive and introduce Grand Master Dennis E. "Toby" Williams and receive and introduce Senior Grand Warden Anderson. The honored brother was pleased to welcome a nearly full room of Masons. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with the Senior Grand Warden in the East. The ladies program on Dolls was provided by Sandie Rinehart.



Prior to the meal, introduction of Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters were made by the Grand Master. After dinner Brother Paul Hatfield entertained the crowd with his wonderful array of country music. Several Past Grand Masters made presentations to Tim after the entertainment.

Worshipful Master John Wales served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Chaplain Wayne A. Wunschel gave the invocation prior to all enjoying a choice of Beef Stew or Cream Chicken over Biscuits.

Meet Brother Berkley W. Bedell

Brother Berkley Bedell is a retired American Politician and Businessman who served as the U.S. Representative for Iowa's 6th Congressional District from 1975 to 1987. After starting a successful business in his youth, Berkley Fly Company, he ran for Congress in 1972, but was defeated by incumbent Wiley Mayne. In 1974, Bedell beat Mayne and was elected to the U.S. House.

Bedell was born in Spirit Lake, Iowa where he graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1939, he earned spending money with a business in the midst of the Great Depression. His business involved braiding dog hairs around fishhooks, the result of which could be sold as fish flies. In time his business moved to a space above a grocery store. After graduating high school, he attended Iowa State University. On August 29, 1943 he married Elinor Healy, they had two sons Kenneth and Thomas and a daughter Joanne. In 1942 he joined the Army and served as a First Lieutenant and Flight Trainer. When he returned he began his fish tackle business and by the 1960's he had become very successful.

Brother Bedell became a Master Mason December 23, 1947 and received his 50 Year membership January 20, 1998. He belongs to Twilight Lodge No. 329 in Spirit Lake. Information taken from Wikipedia.



Albert G. Mackey

Bro. Mackey searched out copies of the "Old Manuscripts" and by the time of his death in 1911 had located approximately 150. Once he had found a manuscript he submitted it to a long microscopic analysis, syllable by syllable; compared it with other versions and published it. His book The Constitutions of the Freemasons was published in 1869.

William Preston

Bro. Preston welded five separate rites into one system, established their relations to one another, and in turn established their connections to Grand Lodges. Sometimes known as "America's Greatest Mason".

Kenneth D. Kranz Raised at Clinton Lodge No. 15 in Fairfield

Brothers of Clinton Lodge No. 15 held a third degree for Brother Kenneth D. Kranz. The Brothers gathered together in the dining hall for a Roasted Chicken and Lentil Soup.

The Masons then moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Frances Mosse opened lodge and conferred the East for the First Section conferral, and Right Worshipful Brother Ted Wiley was Senior Deacon. Right Worshipful Brother A.J. Brown gave the extended Trowel Lecture.

After a brief break, Grand Master Dennis E. "Toby" Williams was conducted to the east and received the private Grand Honors of Masonry. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Williams in the East. Senior Grand Warden Tim S. Anderson gave the Charge. Grand Master Williams presented Brother Kranz with his Lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and a Masonic Ball Cap. Brother Kranz thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.



Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Kevin A. Nelson in the East.

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1	Burlington	Ancell, Carl E	140	Clarinda	Owen, William E	482	Milford	Barriage, Leroy W
24	Rochester	Oepping, Vernon R	147	Guttenburg	Brown Jr, David M	505	Albia	Rinehart, Franklin D
44	LeClaire	Heesch, Roger A	174	Malcom	Miller, Phillip H	548	Hiawatha	Pumroy, Thomas F
49	Dubuque	Fouts, Stanley D	200	Olin	Morvedt, Loren R	577	West Des Moines	Sanders, Floyd D
58	Glenwood	Burgoin, Rex	208	Davenport	Bloomer, Richard J	592	Des Moines	Howe, Gary R
65	Cedar Falls	Besh, Bruce G	230	Ollie	Denly, John D	593	Rowley	Smith, Paul M
69	West Union	Lehman, Robert L	249	Ames	Shearer, Robert D	624	Waterloo	Kepple, James C
87	Independence	Ferres, Jeffrey T	264	Carroll	Richard, John W	626	Bettendorf	Phelps, Thomas A
99	Nevada	Crabb, Jerry D	266	Northwood	Foss, Paul R	628	Norwalk	Pierce, Douglas M
99	Nevada	Dunshee, Bill D	273	Grinnell	Heise, David W	628	Norwalk	Bohlender, Jack D
99	Nevada	McKinney, Keith V	308	Polk City	Trotter, James L	630	Des Moines	Chiles, Herbert L
99	Nevada	Pierce, Jack C	370	Pleasant Hill	Brinkerhoff, Charles L	630	Des Moines	Feaster, Lynn S
107	Columbus Junction	Bell, Ralph J	370	Pleasant Hill	Kehoe, Rex L	657	Des Moines	Brandow, Jerry A
107	Columbus Junction	Peters, Edward L	408	Alta	Stepan, Adolph A	657	Des Moines	Kiser, Ronald W
108	Marshalltown	Rosenberger, Dale K	408	Alta	Botine, Richard A	672	Bettendorf	Heesch, Roger A
118	Tama	Campbell, Donald L	412	Griswold	Peterson, Curtis L			
131	Janesville	Besh, Bruce G	438	Kellerton	Jones, Mancel D			
139	Springville	Meier, Robert P	471	Holstein	Rupert, Curtis L			