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THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

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2020 Regional Schools

Thursday, June 18, 2020 West Union Lodge No. 69, 132 S Vine St, West Union.....5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 Morningside Lodge No. 615, 4110 Morningside Ave,.....5:30 P.M.

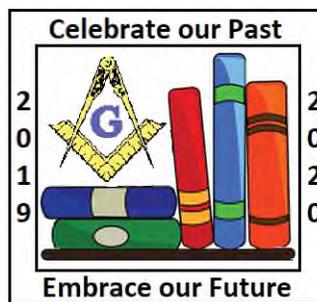
Wednesday, July 15, 2020 Signet Lodge No. 264, 2002 Highway 71, Carroll.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, July 16, 2020 Star Lodge No. 115, 233 S State St, Madrid.....9:00 A.M.

Saturday, August 29, 2020 Adel Lodge No. 80, 411 S 12th St, Adel,.....9:00 A.M.

Monday, September 7, 2020 Ottumwa Lodge No. 16, 611 E Pennsylvania Ave,.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, September 17, 2020 Grand Lodge School, Sioux City.....8:00 A.M.



Order of the Free Gardeners

(Cover Photo)

The Order of Free Gardeners originated in Scotland about 1716. The Order quickly spread throughout Scotland and to other places in the British Isles and beyond. The Order initially consisted of independent lodges, until a Grand Lodge with subordinate Provincial Lodges was established in the early to mid-19th century.

There are no Free Gardeners Lodges operating in the U.K. at the present time. The last Grand body there was the British United Order of Free Gardeners, which ceased about 1987. Free Gardenerly remains active in the West Indies.

The Order of Free Gardeners conferred three degrees, Apprentice Gardener, Journeyman Gardener, and Master Gardener. This Apron is given to the candidate during the conferral of the Apprentice Degree. The letters P, G, H, and E are the initials for the four heads that the river flowing through the Garden of Eden separate into, "Pison", "Gihon", "Hiddekel", and "Euphrates". The crown is a symbol used in the Journeyman Degree. It has five points, which allude to the five human senses. The Three Pillars probably allude to Adam, Noah, and Solomon.

Grand Master's Message "Celebrate our Past, Embrace our Future"

Dear Brothers,

What a change in plans a pandemic can cause! Since the middle of March, most Masonic activities and events have either been postponed or cancelled. What had been a very busy and fun year for your Grand Lodge Officers came to a halt. Hopefully, things can resume, at least on a limited scale, in the not too distant future.

Masons across the state are still practicing Masonry, keeping in touch by electronic means such as Zoom. There are other reports of Masons helping their neighbors in a variety of ways including providing transportation to grocery stores. Well done brothers!

Individuals and lodges have continued to make contributions to the Iowa Masonic Library Association for the book binding. Thanks to your generosity, many of these treasures will be given new life. Thank you to all!

The Iowa Masonic Quiz bowl was held in March. The youth that participated were an awesome group, with an incredible knowledge on a wide variety of topics at their fingertips.

The golf outing has been rescheduled for August 28, 2020, please add to your schedule.

It will not be all that long until it is time for the 176th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in Sioux City on September 17-19. Currently, we are planning for a normal session, but be aware there could be changes because of coronavirus. Every Iowa lodge should be represented. Each Master, when installed, promised to attend the Communications of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

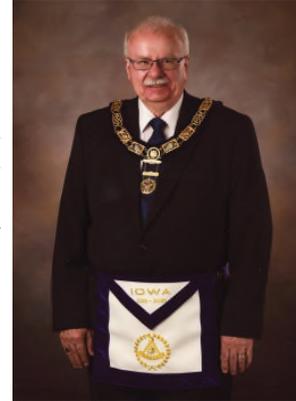
The Grand Master's Banquet on the 17th will feature "The Browns" for our entertainment. They are an outstanding Southern Gospel quartet from LeMars. If you listen to Enlighten on Sirius Satellite Radio, you probably have heard them. They do perform a variety of music.

Following the All-Masonic Banquet will be the installation of the 2020-21 Grand Lodge Officers. It will be followed by a reception in their honor hosted by First Lady Elaine and the Grand Lodge Officer Ladies.

First Lady Elaine and Ladies Chair Donna Yates have put together a very interesting and informative time for the ladies. Information on the Ladies program is found elsewhere in the Bulletin. Attending the Annual Communication is not limited to only Masons. Ladies are very much welcome.

Plan your schedule, order meal tickets (no tickets will be sold at Grand Lodge), reserve a room if needed, and I will see you in Sioux City. Tickets can be ordered either online or on the form in this issue of the Bulletin.

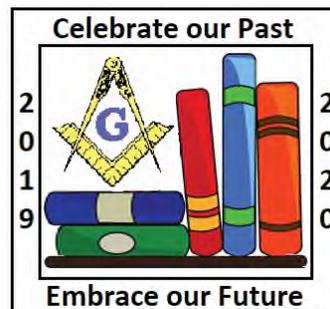
Stay safe.



Fraternally and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Crawford".

William R. Crawford
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



**Grand Lodge of Iowa
176th Annual Communication
September 17-19, 2020**

Sioux City Convention Center, Courtyard By Marriott
Headquarters Hotel: 901 4th Street, Sioux City IA 51101
Standard King or Double/Double – \$114.00/nightly plus tax
To make your reservation: call the hotel: 1-888-236-2427

Grand Lodge 2020 Meal Ticket Order Form

Thursday, September 17

Lunch – On your own

Grand Masters Fellowship Banquet – 6:00 p.m.

Beef Medallions – \$35.00

Number_____

Cost_____

Friday, September 18

Lunch – Ham and Cheese Sandwich

Provided by the Iowa York Rite Bodies

Number_____

Ticket Required

Ladies Brunch – \$20.00

Number_____

Cost_____

All Masonic Banquet – 6:00 p.m.

Iowa Pork Chop – \$30.00

Number_____

Cost_____

Saturday, September 19

Ladies Continental Breakfast

Number_____

Ticket Required

All Masonic Breakfast

Provided by the Iowa Scottish Rite Bodies

Number_____

Ticket Required

Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Iowa

Send to: Grand Lodge of Iowa

Attention: Tickets

PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0279

Note: Reservation cut-off is Wednesday, September 2. Reservations are a must!

No meal tickets will be available at Grand Lodge Session

Your tickets will be available for pick up at the credentials table.

Name and Address, Phone Number and email: Please Print



COURTYARD
BY MARRIOTT

Ladies Message

Greetings Ladies,

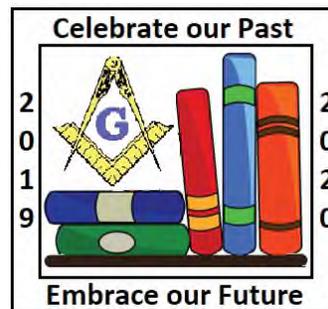
Hello from the Grand Master and me. Oh what a year it has been! We started off with activities almost every weekend representing Masonry in and out of the state of Iowa. We enjoyed seeing so many Masons and their ladies but then in March everything came to a halt, all events were cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19, so we just sat at home. My theme for this year has been "Happiness is..." and it has become a challenge with the new way of living. Sometimes I see "Happiness" as a sunny day, that Bill and I are well, or that I can even work a little. As guidelines are lifted, we hoping to have more travel and visits around the state.

We are now planning events for the Grand Lodge Session at the Convention Center in Sioux City on September 17-19. I hope you will join me for the Ladies activities. We will have a hospitality room, a "Bring a Little, Take a Little Fair", a program about comfort dogs, a luncheon with a "Balloon Art" presentation, joining the Masons for a program on "Drones" by the Sioux City Police Department, and celebrating with Elaine at my birthday party on Saturday.

I have decided to change the craft sale and silent auction to a "Bring a Little, Take a Little Fair" (Treasures from My Home to Yours). We are asking that you have a treasure search around your home for items that you would like to contribute to this Fair. All items except crafts and bake sale items will be sold by either free will donation or priced at the contributor's discretion. Money from these "Treasures" will be donated to the Iowa Masonic Library Association for rebinding books which is the Grand Master's and my project this year. Please come to the hospitality room and renew friendships and meet other Ladies that have accompanied their Masons. I have had to share my birthday with Grand Lodge for many years, so this year I am asking you to join me celebrate my birthday on Saturday morning. Come and see if there will be streamers, cake, and candles. Well, one candle for every year may burn the place down, so maybe not candles. I would love a birthday card from each of you but please no other gifts, but donations for the project are always appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Sioux City in September.

Elaine Crawford, First Lady of Masons in Iowa





HAPPINESS IS

Going to the

"Give a little Take a little" Fair

Ladies Hospitality Room

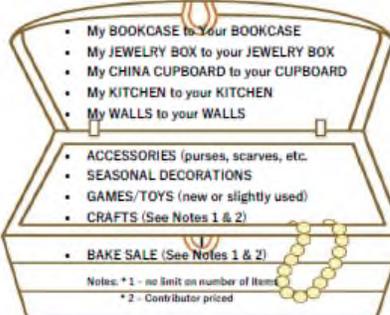
For Fun and Fellowship and of course shopping

Please join us find a few TREASURES at

At Grand Lodge Sept. 2020



TREASURES from My Home to Yours



- My BOOKCASE to your BOOKCASE
- My JEWELRY BOX to your JEWELRY BOX
- My CHINA CUPBOARD to your CUPBOARD
- My KITCHEN to your KITCHEN
- My WALLS to your WALLS

- ACCESSORIES (purses, scarves, etc.)
- SEASONAL DECORATIONS
- GAMES/TOYS (new or slightly used)
- CRAFTS (See Notes 1 & 2)

- BAKE SALE (See Notes 1 & 2)

Notes: * 1 - no limit on number of items
* 2 - Contributor priced

One of our prime objectives is to have fun, but more importantly to give every person coming to Grand Lodge a welcoming, comfortable space. Remember the very first time you went to Grand Lodge and had to walk into the Hospitality Room without knowing someone or even seeing a familiar face. Donations will be used for the rebinding of books in the Iowa Masonic Library. We are asking that you look around your home for items that you would like to contribute to this Fair. All items except crafts and bake sale items will be sold by either free will donation or priced at the contributor's discretion. You are welcome to donate to as many categories as you choose. We do ask that you bring no more than 5 items in any one category except crafts and bake sale items.

Please be prepared to take with you any items which you contributed that do not sell.



Grand Lodge 2020 Ladies Schedule of Events

Happiness is....

Hospitality Room for the Ladies will be on the first floor of the convention center, close to the Grand Lodge Room.



Wednesday, Afternoon, September 16

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Registration will be held in Ladies Hospitality Room. Please bring your “Treasures”, baked goods, and/or priced crafts to the Ladies Hospitality Room.

Thursday, September 17

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Ladies Hospitality will be open to accept items for the “Bring a Little, Take a Little Fair”. Please come to enjoy cookies, muffins, and coffee.

10:00 a.m. – Program “Comfort Dogs” By Steve and Deb Loger.

Lunch is on your own.

Free time for the Ladies, with the hospitality room open until 4:00 p.m.

Friday, September 18

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ladies Hospitality open for registration and items can be added for the “Fair”.

11:00 a.m. – Public Necrology Service in Grand Lodge Room.

Noon – Ladies Luncheon in Hospitality Room and Program on “Balloon Art” by Dennis E. (Toby) Williams. Tickets will be \$20 and ticket pre-purchase is required. Tickets are available on the Ticket Order Form in this publication.

2:00 p.m. or later Grand Lodge Meeting Room - Joint program with the Masons on “Drones for Search and Rescue” presented by Captain Mark Kirkpatrick of the Sioux City Police Department.

Saturday, September 19

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Fair items not sold by 10:00 a.m. should be picked up. Any items remaining will be donated to a local charity.

8:30 a.m. – Ladies Hospitality Room – A Come and Go Happy Birthday Party (Continental Breakfast) hosted by the First Lady Elaine Crawford and the 2019-2020 Grand Lodge Ladies. Card Shower for First Lady Elaine who is celebrating her birthday that day. Please NO gifts.



2020 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

There are no pictures of the seventy recipients of a 2020 Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarships. All quotes are taken from the recommendations of high school staff members that accompanied the student's applications.

Brother John C. Rothlisberger chairs the Scholarship Selection Committee that sorted through over 467 completed applications and selected 70 applicants for interviews. Because of Covid-19 restrictions there were no interviews conducted. The allocated amount for the scholarships was divided equally among the students, each one receiving \$1,850.00. The interviews were to be held at the Iowa Masonic Library in Cedar Rapids, Acanthus Lodge in Des Moines, Exodus Lodge in Exira, and Tyrrell Lodge in Waverly. Masonry in Iowa continues to support public education, including the scholarship program. Since the program began in 1970, 2,515 scholarships totaling \$3,650,400 have been awarded.

Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. Scholarship Recipients 2020

Julia R. Reed

Waverly-Shell Rock High School

"Julia always demonstrates high character and is a positive example for her peers at all times." Business Education Teacher

Emma M. Holesinger

Hempstead High School, Dubuque

"Emma is extraordinarily motivated!" Counselor

Peyton E. Pangburn

Northwood-Kensett High School

"Peyton adds a lot to our school, and I am certain that she will add a lot to any college that she is considering." Counselor

Ashlin S. Young

Algona High School

"Ashlin is a well-rounded student. She takes her academics seriously, spends time volunteering, and has a kind and caring personality." English Instructor

Elijah T. Roeth

Muscatine High School

"The value Eli puts on challenging and achieving is evident by looking at his many accomplishments on his transcripts."

Social Studies Teacher/Cross Country Coach

Heather R. Willmott

Indianola High School

"Heather is a young lady of diverse talents. Being successful in everything that she is involved in is evident with Heather's attitude and work ethic." French Teacher

Desrei L. Arbolente

Thomas Jefferson High School, Council Bluffs

"Desrei is a role model and provides support and camaraderie for her peers, school, and community." Counselor

Emma R. Bock

Lisbon High School

"Emma goes out of her way to volunteer for things that are not required." Advisor

Emma M. Sanders

Cascade Jr./Sr. High School

"In addition to academics, Emma thrives in the fine arts." Math Teacher

Jacob M. James

Abraham Lincoln High School, Council Bluffs

"Jacob stands out from his peers due to his leadership skills and involvement." TAG Strategist

Megan R. Wessell

Nevada High School

"Megan is a humble yet confident leader." Principal

Carlie M. Foltz

Center Point-Urbana High School

"Carlie is always the first one to arrive and the last one to leave for any event she is helping out with." Principal

Jacob J. Loew

Madrid High School

"In and out of school, Jacob is a leader with integrity in every sense of the word." TAG Advisor

Lucas A. Samuelson

Southeast Valley High School, Gowrie

“Lucas shows utmost respect and kindness for his classmates and teachers.” Math Teacher

Mason L. Lubben

Maquoketa High School

“Mason shows great maturity and leadership in all his duties, and he exemplifies courage with his actions by doing what is right even if it is not the popular thing to do.” Social Studies Teacher

Nell E. Sybesma

Maquoketa High School

“I consider Nell to be a great all-round person.” Counselor

Rachel M. Cline

Aplington-Parkersburg High School

“Rachel is flexible, organized and has superior communication skills.” Curriculum Coordinator

Nicholas A. Cordes

AHSTW High School, Avoca

“Nicholas is a gifted student that will prioritize his college academic work and his college volunteer work.” Principal

Chloe E. Swanson

Maquoketa High School

“Chloe strives to do as much as she can to help others and she has made a positive impact on our school and community.”

English Teacher

Patrick J. Taylor

Iowa City West High School

“Patrick is a natural leader, as he is confident in himself and strives to help others find their confidence as well.” TAG Counselor

Seth M. Enriken

Adel-DeSoto-Minburn High School

“Seth’s thirst for knowledge pushes him constantly.” GAT Teacher

Colby J. Heithoff

Coon Rapids-Bayard High School

“Colby is a very diligent student who is always respectful in and outside of the classroom.” Math Instructor

Kaden N. Porter

Davis County Community High School, Bloomfield

“Kaden’s best qualities are her ability to self-reflect and her ability to persevere through her struggles. We can always expect her best, as evidenced by her achievements.” English Teacher

Allison M. Nuss

New Hampton High School

“Allison maintains high expectations for herself and has the work ethic to achieve them.” Social Studies Teacher

Jack W. Grell

Woodward-Granger High School

“Jack is dedicated to learning and passionate about the purpose of his future.” Science Teacher

Grace E. Hertz

Cedar Falls High School

“Grace exudes sunshine, greeting those she sees in the hallway or in other settings with a kindness that suggests she’s known you forever and is truly glad to see you.” English Teacher

Rachel N. White

Carroll High School

“Rachel is self-motivated and has high expectations for herself. Her work ethic is impeccable.” Spanish Teacher

Noah M. Craver

Centerville High School

“Noah is an exceptional student. He takes pride in all he does and his personality, perseverance, and schoolwork reflect this pride.” English Department Chair

Mariah K. Kacer

Southeast Polk High School, Pleasant Hill

“Mariah is kind, compassionate, patient, and she makes all of our students feel important.” Teacher and Coach

Ayden L. Williams

Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids

“Ayden has a dedication and passion to excel.” English Teacher

Cade G. Brouwer

Cascade High School

“Cade is easily in the top ten of students that I have taught over the last 22 years.” Math Teacher

Katelyn H. Groe

Lake Mills High School

“Kate is a delight to have in the class. I know I am speaking for all of the educators at our school when I tell you how hard she works to ensure she gets the best education possible.” Math Teacher

Naomi E. Henderson

Hudson High School

“Naomi’s drive and enthusiasm to help others will not only make her an excellent teacher someday, but provides a wonderful role model for the younger students today.” Math/Science Teacher

Lauren S. Horn

Madrid High School

“Lauren is a young woman from whom we can expect much as she enters college and adult life.” TAG Coordinator

Abigail M. Shepley

Baxter Community School

“Abbey is ethical, responsible, innovative, and a leader and I have been proud to be her teacher over the years.” English Teacher

Addisen K. Popp

Roland-Story High School, Story City

“I find Addisen to be a well-rounded student who is driven to achieve at a high level in many areas. She is a pleasant person to be around and always has a positive outlook on life.” Science Teacher

Cail E. Donkersloot

Spirit Lake High School

“I would place Cail at the top when thinking about students willing to do the right thing for others and pursuing his passion with energy.” Principal

Kayde A. Bowers

Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids

“Kayde’s most impressive quality is his strong work ethic and never give up attitude.” Math Teacher

Caitlin M. Smith

Mediapolis High School

“Whether it is in the classroom or outside of the school day, Caitlin consistently demonstrates strong leadership skills, motivation, respect and integrity.” Counselor

Eliana C. Hornbuckle

Nevada High School

“Eliana’s commitment to improvement, leadership skills, and overall character is an everyday occurrence.” Principal

Matthew C. Mehrtens

Roland-Story High School, Story City

“Matthew is a very sincere and thoughtful young man. He truly cares about his teachers and friends.” ELA Teacher/Director of Speech

Savannah R. Stalzer

Albia Community High School

“Savannah is an eager learner, and though gifted, has a quiet humility.” Counselor

Sameer Faruquee

Hempstead High School, Dubuque

“Sameer is a well-rounded, insightful student who achieves across the curriculum. I am confident that he will continue to excel in the classroom at the college level.” GAT Facilitator/Math Teacher

Olivia E. Sarasio Meyer

Forest City High School

“Olivia possesses a wonderful sense of infectious optimism and humor in which she strives to brighten everyone’s day.” Director of Bands

Adrian J. Dale

City High School, Iowa City

“Adrian has gone above and beyond the expectation of a high school student, when it comes to extracurriculars and volunteering.” Counselor

Jayne N. Levi

Nashua-Plainfield High School

“Jayne’s leadership and service are a genuine reflection of her character, and her intelligence and work ethic are evidence that she has a great future in front of her.” Social Studies Teacher

Ella C. Popenhager

Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids

“Ella is a very bright young lady with the motivation to achieve above and beyond what is considered status quo.” Math Teacher

Drake P. Smith

Danville Community High School

“Drake was chosen by staff to receive an award, showing he has above average employability skills based on work habits and attitudes, cooperation, commitment to quality, quantity of work, and attendance and punctuality.” Counselor

Emma F. Kizer

Central DeWitt High School

“Emma displays great promise at her future endeavors.” Speech Teacher

Karsen D. Kettwick

Central DeWitt High School

“Karsen takes pride in himself, his school and his community.” Principal

Taylor M. Tendall

Forest City High School

“Taylor has a volunteer spirit and motivation that sets her apart from her peers.” Spanish Teacher

Meggie G. Kleveland

Forest City High School

“Meggie is an exemplary member of the Forest City community. She is one of the most giving/selfless students I have ever met.” Director of Bands

Noah R. Jorgenson

Sidney High School

“Noah accepts new challenges with a positive attitude, and goes above and beyond expectations by being an exemplary student.” Counselor

Joran E. Grothe

Ridge View High School, Holstein

“Jordan is one of the most motivated students that I have worked with in my career. She is motivated to gain as much knowledge as she can from high school.” Counselor

Yujin J. Kim

Ames High School

“Yujin understands that cooperation is as powerful as competition.” Social Studies Teacher

Brooklyn M. Vander Veld

Sioux Center High School

“Brooklyn is an excellent communicator. She has excellent social skills and she is well liked by her peers.” Science Teacher

Brooke A. Zylstra

Boyden-Hull High School

“If I had to pick out a word to describe Brooke, it would be determined. She is very goal-oriented and there is just no “quit” in her!” Science Teacher

Savannah K. Zhou

Linn-Mar High School, Marion

“While Savannah is a talented and hard-working student, she is also someone who uses her gifts to help others. She is a person of high character who always displays integrity.” Principal

Alexander R. Bebb

Ogden High School

“Alex is a caring, driven individual who consistently exhibits interests and enthusiasm to learn.”
ISU College of Veterinary Medicine

Megan J. Ford

Saydel High School, Des Moines

“Although Megan is a strong advocate through her words, what sets her apart from other students is her willingness to serve and put her money where her mouth is.” ELP Coordinator

Isaiah A. Hanners

Pocahontas Area High School

“Isaiah’s work is done with pride, and it is usually done by doing more than what is asked.” Social Studies Teacher

Sherryl M. Tabanao Rowe

Albia Community High School

“Sherryl has developed a strong confidence from within, because of what she has accomplished, rather than because of the recognition she has received.” Counselor

Delaney J. Conrad

Southeast Valley High School, Gowrie

“Delaney’s academic achievements show she has great study skills and is able to highly achieve, but her accomplishments go beyond just academics.” Counselor

Tessa M. Burg

MOC-Floyd Valley, Orange City

“Tessa strives daily to live out our school’s mission statement regarding learning, excellence and civic responsibility.” Principal

Ethan M. Rosonke

New Hampton High School

“Ethan’s rock solid character and personal integrity are truly admirable.” Social Studies Teacher

Evan D. Voogd

Norwalk High School

“Evan’s contagious love for learning and involvement in activities has allowed him to be seen as a leader by his peers and staff members at Norwalk High School.” Student Advocate

Taryn R. Bertini

Glenwood High School

“Taryn understands the value of hard work and being committed to a team.” Principal

Allyson E. Farley

New London Community School District

“Allyson is fiercely determined.” English Teacher

Jessica M. Longest

Spirit Lake High School

“I believe Jessica’s ability to remain poised and focused under pressure, as well as her mental discipline and experience, will allow her to continue making valuable contributions to our world.” Principal



Iowa DeMolay 2020

Scholarship Thank You

Brooke Zylstra – Thank you for rewarding me this scholarship. Thank you for supporting me in furthering my education. I really appreciate it.

Emma Bock – I am grateful to have been chosen as a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I plan to use this scholarship towards my college expenses as a student at Iowa State University, pursuing a degree in biology.

Jordan Grothe – Thank you for investing in my future. I appreciate the support and I will keep you updated in my educational experiences. I hope you stay safe in this time of uncertainty.

Meggie Kleveland – I would like to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarship. I feel incredibly blessed to have received this award, and I am appreciative of your generosity. I am paying my own way through college, so your donation has helped lighten my financial burden.

Jack Gell – I appreciate the award and wanted to say thank you. I have decided to attend Augustana University in the fall.

Ethan Rosnke – Thank you for awarding me with one of your 2020 scholarships! I am hoping you will also be able to pass my thanks to everyone who made this scholarship possible. I was ecstatic to receive this news during this grim time we are enduring.

Olivia Meyer – Thank You! I cannot express how grateful and honored I am to be one of your scholarship recipients. Next fall, I plan to attend the University of Wisconsin La Crosse to study Communications and Spanish. I can't thank you enough for your generosity and for investing in me and my future.

Mason Lubben – I would like to thank you for awarding me one of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarships. Thank you for entrusting me with the generous amount.

Jessie Longest – I wanted to personally thank you all for awarding me this scholarship. It is a true honor, and your dedication to support students in their educational endeavors is beyond appreciated. I am pleased to update you all and let you know that I will be attending the University of Southern California this fall.

Jacob Loew – Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for your scholarship.

Megan Wessels – Thank you for awarding me one of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarships. I will use the funds to further my education at the University of Iowa in the fall.



New Lights at the Grand Lodge of Iowa Library and Museums

Podcasts of MSA Short Talk Bulletins Has Met Resounding Success in 1st Year



Masons know about the Short Talk Bulletins (STB), published monthly by the MSA since 1923. The first Podcast of the STBs was released on November 30, 2018, and the first-year report shows outstanding success. Since that start, more than 65,000 Podcast downloads have occurred from all over the world. The numbers are steadily increasing, with 12,675 downloads in a 60-day period. Short Talk Bulletins were originally conceived to bring a common stock of Masonic information to all Lodges, by providing a short, chatty discussion of some Masonic topics that could be read in every Lodge every month. They have been written by noted Masonic scholars, but also Brothers and non-members from all walks of life, and serve as a unifying beacon across the broad reach of the Craft. Unfortunately, the majority of the Craft today have little exposure to such excellent content, unless they have an individual monthly subscription to the Short Talks or have purchased one or more of the six volumes, which include reprints of hundreds of the STBs. (See www.msana.com for more information.) Nowadays, thousands of Masonic members are interested in listening, not reading, their Masonic information. Podcasts are an option for many of them. Several Grand Lodge Jurisdictions are now recommending the STB Podcast program to their members. For example, the Illinois Grand Lodge Membership Committee has recommended a specific list of the available Podcasts to its membership. Since that first STB Podcast was released, "Civic Responsibilities of Lodge", written in November 1963, more than 125 episodes have been published. Each month the new Short Talk Bulletin is added to the list. In addition, the 97-year history of STBs is reviewed for outstanding information of current interest. The splendor of the Short Talk Bulletins is their timelessness of content. One element of the Podcast program is the attempt to have as many of the authors of the modern STBs record their own work in their own voices, which helps demonstrate the depth and breadth of the palette of Masonic scholarship and knowledge. An amusing aside to this comes from Walter MacDougall (PGM of Maine in 1996) after he recorded "Our Masonic Purpose," which he wrote in 1965. After finishing the recent recording, Brother MacDougall commented, "That sounds like the raving of a very young person, but I guess it was . . . ha-ha". Of the 125 episodes now available, the most popular are titled Freemasonry Defined, Civility, Nebraska's Return To Proficiency, Symbolism, Is Masonry Relevant, The Legend Of The Lost Word, 9 Questions, and 3,5,7, each of which has more than 650 downloads. Anyone, a Mason or not, can access all of these episodes at www.shorttalkbulletins.com. Many Brothers share these Podcast episodes in Lodge, with Masons and non-Masons, or as content to consume in the car on their commute. Still unsure how to proceed? Most smart devices have an assistant, to which one might say, "Siri (Alexa or Hey Google), find the Short Talk Bulletin Podcast." You will be listening in moments. MSA Emessay Notes February 2020.



Cedar Rapids Snow in April

Iowa Masonic Academic Quiz Bowl 2020



The Grand Lodge of Iowa hosted the Second Masonic Academic Quiz Bowl at Waukee Middle School on March 7, 2020. The day began with moderator and score keeping training held by Jay Winter (Iowa Academic Quiz Bowl League President). The Grand Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, York Rite Bodies, DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters each set up displays for the event. The schools were divided into large and small school divisions. Six schools in the small school division, four in the large school division and three junior varsity teams. In the small school division Underwood beat Chariton in the Championship. 3rd place, Boyer Valley, 4th place, I.K.M. Manning, 5th place, Central Lee, 6th place, Rivermont Academy, 7th place Albia, and 8th place, Logan Magnolia. In the large school division Ames beat Ankeny to win the Championship. 3rd place, Waukee, 4th place, Ankeny Centennial. In the junior varsity Division schools from Ankeny, Ames and Boyer Valley competed.

Brother Charles P. Boeke Raised at Great Lights Lodge No. 181

Great Lights Lodge No. 181 in Decorah held a Third Degree for Brother Charles Boeke on February 10, 2020. The Masons were served a smoked pork chop dinner prior to the degree. Brother Eric J. Sommermeyer opened lodge and conferred the first section of the degree, Brother Michael E. Root was Senior Deacon.

The Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Brother Brian Town and Cody Nelson as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master William R. Crawford was introduced and received with Brothers Eric Sommermeyer and Kenneth Hurmence as Senior and Junior Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Crawford in the East. Charles' father Jeffrey N. Boeke gave the Charge. Grand Master Crawford presented Brother Boeke with his lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and a copy of "Freemasonry for Dummies." Brother Boeke thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Harvey N. Woody in the East.



The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Crawford in the East. Charles' father Jeffrey N. Boeke gave the Charge. Grand Master Crawford presented Brother Boeke with his lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and a copy of "Freemasonry for Dummies." Brother Boeke thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Deputy Grand Master Harvey N. Woody in the East.

Mahaska Lodge No. 644



Last year, plans were put in motion to have a large retractable American flag placed in the Oskaloosa Middle School spectator gymnasium, to be used at sporting events. Donations from Mahaska Lodge No. 644 (Masons) and Campbell's Drivers Education helped make this happen at the end of last school year. Tuesday, February 25th, prior to the 8th grade boys basketball game, members from both groups were recognized and were presented a special plaque, in honor and recognition of their donations, and during the playing of the National Anthem, the flag was unveiled. Presenting the plaque are: (L to R) Oskaloosa Middle School Building Principal Mr. Mark Scholes, Rob Campbell of Campbell's Drivers Education and members of the Mahaska Lodge No. 644: Jim Walker, Shawn Garrison and James Johnson.

Senior Grand Steward Roman A. Redig



On Saturday February 29, 2020, Masons gathered in Alta to honor Senior Grand Steward Roman A. Redig. Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 hosted the reception and social hour.

The Masons moved to the lodge room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers, William W. Post had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers David Fordyce and Dan Fordyce. Grand Master William R. Crawford was received and introduced with Bill Baughman and Dan Fordyce as Committeemen. Senior Grand Steward Redig was received and introduced with Brothers Roger Redig and Dan Fordyce as Committeemen. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Pomegranate Lodge No. 408.

While the Masons were at the lodge, the ladies enjoyed a program by "A Touch of Broadway." After the lodge closed all moved to the First Presbyterian Church for dinner and a program.

Grand Master Crawford introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Lodge Officers. William W. Post introduced the Officers of Pomegranate Lodge. Worshipful Brother Redig thanked everyone for being there and talked about what Masonry had meant to him and how it had always been a part of his life. Grand Master William R. Crawford and his lady presented Roman and his wife with a gift from the Grand Lodge Family. The afternoon concluded with the Chaplain David Fordyce giving the benediction.

Brother Kyle Bellinghausen is Raised



It is always a special evening when the son of a Master Mason is Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Such was the case on March 12 in Signet Lodge No. 264 at Carroll as Brother Kyle Bellinghausen, son of Brother Gary Bellinghausen was Raised.

Worshipful Master Jerry Janson opened lodge and then invited Secretary Richard Fulton to the East who then made a fine conferral of the First Section. Brother Kevin Caltrider was Senior Deacon. A fine extended working tools lecture was given by Brother Gary Warwick, P.G.T.

Grand Master William R. Crawford assumed the East for the Second Section. Brother Keith Voss served as Senior Deacon. Brother Joe Reed gave the charge.

The Grand Master presented the new Master Mason with several items including his pin and presented the book, "Freemasons for Dummies". Shown is Brother Gary on the right presenting Brother Kyle with his own Volume of Sacred Law, the Holy Bible.

Worshipful Master Janson then closed Signet Lodge.

Incense Lodge No. 2 Celebrates 150th Anniversary

As Masonry continued to move west, six lodges were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Iowa in what was to become the Dakota Territory. The first was St. John's Lodge No. 166 at Yankton on June 3, 1863. The next was Incense Lodge No. 257 at Vermillion which was chartered on June 2, 1869. These two lodges, plus the other four, were transferred to the Grand Lodge of Dakota on July 21, 1875 when T.S. Parvin travelled by train to Vermillion to present the Charter to the new Grand Lodge. When the Dakota Territory was split into North and South Dakota on November 2, 1889, these lodges were renumbered and became charter members of the South Dakota Grand Lodge. St. John's Lodge became No. 1 and Incense Lodge became No. 2.



On March 8, a historic Cornerstone Rededication Ceremony was held as a part of the Lodge's 150th Anniversary Celebration. A large gathering was there to commemorate the occasion which began with lunch prepared by Juno Chapter No. 44, OES. Worshipful Master Tom Sorensen served as Master of Ceremonies and welcomed the gathering.

As the lodge was originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Grand Master William R. Crawford was invited to participate in the celebration and served as the Deputy Grand Master. Brother Dennis R. Heflin, P.J.G.W., accompanied him and served as the Grand Chaplain. South Dakota Grand Master Harold D. Ireland presided. Also participating from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota were Senior Grand Warden Jeffrey P. VanCuren and Junior Grand Warden Daniel A. Nace.

Shown are Worshipful Master Tom Sorensen, Grand Master Harold D. Ireland, and Grand Master William R. Crawford.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Eastern Star Masonic Home

Friday, February 28, 2020 Masons from across the state gathered together to perform a Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone. The Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. opened at 2:00 pm. Right Worshipful Brother Arthur W. Pixler gave a short presentation



about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand Master William R. Crawford proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Brian Ahrens was Flag Bearer, Scott Hull, Kevin Griggs, and J Alan Fink served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Allan Tedrow was the Architect, Kelly Bruce was the Bearer of Great Lights, Corey Stoneburner, Collin Buckingham, and Kyle Sidders served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, and Bob Marshall carried the Book of Constitutions.



Worshipful Brother John M. Bartunek, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Guy J. McCausland, Senior Grand Deacon gave the Flag Tribute. After Worshipful Brother Jeremy C. Long, Grand Marshal made the proclamation, the Oration was given by Worthy Grand Matron Polly Miller, Andy Godzicki, Past Worthy Grand Patron John Baker and Eastern Star Home Administrator Rick Colby. Special Thank You to the Grand Commandery for their assistance during the ceremony. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master Harvey N. Woody.

Robert D. Gable Receives his 70 Year Membership



On December 10, 2019 Masons gathered together to present Brother Robert D. Gable with his 70 Year Membership Certificate. Worshipful Master Chris Wolters presented Brother Gable of Hartley, Iowa with his Certificate. Brother Gable's grandson Colton Gable and his son Stan Gable were also present.

Brother Steve Kayfes is Raised at Crescent Lodge No. 25

Crescent Lodge No. 25 in Cedar Rapids held a Third Degree for Brother Steve Kayfes. The Masons were served a brisket dinner prior to the degree. Worshipful Master Tom Pike opened lodge and conferred the First Section of the Third Degree, Brother W. Stevens Elliott gave the Extended Trowel Lecture.

The Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brother Linc Aldershof as Senior Committeeman and Brother Justin Van Fleet as Junior Committeeman. Grand Master William R. Crawford was conducted to the East and received with Brother Linc Aldershof as Senior Committeeman and Brother Justin Van Fleet as Junior Committeeman. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Crawford in the East. Past Junior Grand Warden Dennis R. Heflin gave the Charge. Grand Master Crawford presented Brother Kayfes with his lapel pin, his own personal working tools, and a copy of "Freemasonry for Dummies". Brother Kayfes thanked everyone for being there and being part of his degree. Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Past Senior Grand Warden A.J. Brown in the East.



Brother Harry Reeve is 50-Year Member



Brother Harry Reeve was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 11, 1970. Haggai Lodge No. 369 in Glidden recognized Harry for his 50 Years of service in the Masonic Fraternity. Brother Reeve was joined by the following brothers for his presentation: Front L to R: Worshipful Master Rick Burdine, Harry Reeve, Jeremiah Johnson, and Matt Conner. Back L to R: Roger Hartwigsen, Bob Linde, Don Pottroff, and Seth Johnson.

Junior Grand Deacon John M. Bartunek



On Saturday March 14, Masons gathered in Avoca to honor Junior Grand Deacon John M. Bartunek. Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297 hosted the reception and social hour.

The Masons moved to the lodge room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Worshipful Master J. Olesen had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Dennis R. Heflin and Neil Paulsen. Grand Master William R. Crawford was received and introduced with Neil R. Paulsen and Dennis R. Heflin as Committeemen. Junior Grand Deacon Bartunek was received and

introduce with Brothers Dennis R. Heflin. and Neil R. Paulsen as Committeemen. The Honored Brother was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297.

After the Lodge closed all moved to the dining room in the V.F.W for dinner and a program. Grand Master Crawford introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and the Past Grand Masters. Deputy Grand Secretary Darrell G. Fremont introduced the Past Grand Lodge Officers. J Olesen introduced the Officers of Mount Nebo Lodge. Worshipful Brother Bartunek thanked everyone for being there and talked about his mentors he has had throughout his life. The afternoon concluded with the Grand Chaplain Floyd E. Brown giving the benediction.

Mc Candless's Recover form COVID-19

Brother Bert Mc Candless and his lady Ardis both contracted the COVID-19 in March and were in the hospital at Creighton University Medical Center-Bergan Mercy. Ardis was in the hospital for three days. Bert was on a ventilator for more than two weeks. Bert returned home on April 24 to the couples home in Whiting. Bert is a 56 year Mason and belongs to Weston Lodge No. 562. They will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on October 6, 2020.



The Cracked Pot

An ancient water bearer had two large pots; each hung on either end of a pole, which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it. The other pot was perfect, and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house. The cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only 1-1/2 pots full of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," explained the cracked pot. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so, again, it apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walked back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have had this beauty to grace his house". Moral: Each of us has his or her own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what he or she is, and look for the good in them. There is a lot of good out there. There is a lot of good in us! Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape. Remember to appreciate all the different people in your life!

Life at the Iowa Masonic Library during the Pandemic

By Bill Kreuger

The Covid-19 Pandemic has changed much of what we currently do and how we live and work. Many things we took for granted just a few months ago have changed. This includes church services, going out to eat at a local restaurant, Masonic lodge meetings, club meetings and other social activities. New terms have come into play, like “social distancing,” “self-isolation” and “Zoom Meetings.” Museums and Libraries have changed how they do business, which includes working from home, Zoom meetings, and virtual tours and excursions.

The Iowa Masonic Library and Museums is right there too. Nearly everything we once did has to be re-thought out. Our last visitors were recorded as being here on March 5, 2020. We closed our doors to the public after the Governor’s Proclamation of a Disaster Emergency on March 17. Since then, we have been only open to staff, closing for a little more than a week when the statewide region we are in, Region 6, reached a “level 10” in COVID-19 outbreaks. This was from April 17 to April 28.

So what is happening at the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums? Well, quite a bit actually. The shutdown has provided time to get many projects accomplished that were pushed to a “back burner.” One of the biggest projects was the completion of the cataloging of a very large Civil War/Gettysburg Collection that had been donated to the Library in November 2017 by local historian and writer Ken Allers. Allers is a member of the local Civil War Round Table and has done extensive research on the battle of Gettysburg and collected books, reports, maps and materials on this important Civil War event. The collection also includes a great deal of books and materials on the Civil War in general, as well as many of the other battles that were fought. The collection is located on our third floor stack level and contains more than 700 books and materials. This was the only place we could place this large collection and it remains a “closed” collection. This simply means the books and materials cannot be borrowed outside of the Library. They can be used here for research. The reason for this is due to the fact that many of the books are either rare or signed first editions. The rare book vault does not have the space for a collection this large.

The materials in the collection can be perused by going to the Grand Lodge of Iowa website and following the links to the Iowa Masonic Library online catalog. When you click on this tab, it will take you to our Alexandria card catalog. If you click on the term “Researcher” it will take you to the Card Catalog home page. Please ignore the “Log In” prompt and type in the search box “Allers Gettysburg Collection.” This will give you an opportunity to bring up the materials the collection contains. Have fun and enjoy checking it out.

Another project that was completed was the processing and inventory of an Iowa related Knights Templar, G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) and political badge collection that was donated to the museum in early 2020. This collection came to us through Mark Tabbert of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. He had been offered this collection but recognized that it was an Iowa collection. He put us in contact with the individual who owned this collection and we took it from there. The person who donated this collection to us is a Mason living in the Alexandria, Virginia area with relatives who had lived in western Iowa. The collection includes 102 different Knights Templar, G.A.R. badges and Iowa Republican party political badges from the late 19th and early 20th century. Many G.A.R. badges and ribbons are from statewide and/or local G.A.R. events. There are a few National G.A.R. event badges, perhaps the most unique is one from the 30th annual G.A.R. Encampment held in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1896. This is an oyster shell (Mississippi River) that has a ribbon and badge attached to it. Knights Templar medallions include Iowa related materials used in local Iowa Commanderies and several national Conclaves, including Denver (1913), Seattle (1925), Detroit (1928), and Minneapolis (1931). I would like to put a few of these badges on temporary exhibit in our front/side hallway exhibit cases.

Working with Amy Weiler, we have been able to complete the cataloging of the Rare Book Vault collection. The last portion included a collection of Bibles and other religious materials that had previously never been cataloged (even in our old card catalog).

I helped judge for the National History Day contest in both the Regional and State events. This was done as a virtual contest, with students submitting their work via Power Point and YouTube. For the Regional event (Grant Wood Area), I helped to judge exhibits in the Junior Category (Middle School students). In the State contest, I helped to judge performances in the Senior Category (High School students). For me, this is one of the most enjoyable parts of my job, as I get a chance to see how well taught and creative our Iowa students are. Usually, as a judge, I have the opportunity to visit with the students as part of the judging process. Because this was a virtual contest, we did not have that ability. However, it still was a wonderful experience for me and I had another really good opportunity to view some of the best museum exhibits and/or historical performances anywhere. I think that I can truthfully say that History is alive and well in Iowa even during this pandemic. Iowa schools are doing well and History Rocks!

We have been asked to be a part of a Smithsonian Museums on Main Street project with the National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library and the African American Museum of Iowa. It is part of a Smithsonian traveling exhibit entitled “Voices and Votes: Democracy in America.” The main exhibit will be held at the Czech Museum and African American Museum. We have been asked to provide artifacts, stories, labels and information about the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums. This should be

a great opportunity for us, if it is still happening.

The book conservation project has been put on hold for the time being due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I took our first group of books to be repaired and conserved to James Twomey way back on February 29. I dropped off 8 different books, all dating to the early and late 1790s and all mostly Masonic. Since Brother Twomey is in western Wisconsin and that state is mostly shut down until late May, I may not have an opportunity to deliver more books to him anytime soon.

As you can see, lots of things are happening here. Please stay well and healthy and we look forward to seeing you in the, hopefully, near future.

Please, if you have any questions about the Library, Museums, or any research requests, feel free to contact me. We are not currently open for visitation and I am not sure when that date might be. We have talked about doing a virtual tour of our collections, so perhaps we can get that done and posted.

Grand Lodge of Iowa Membership Portal Updated

In April, the Grand Lodge of Iowa Membership Portal was updated to a new version that enhanced many of the features and tools available to the Grand Lodge, Iowa Lodges, and Iowa Masons. Our software partner Grand View created this release note detailing most of the updates. For instruction on how to create your portal account contact the Grand Lodge Office.



Completely re-engineered Feed / Social

We have re-engineered our feed and interaction into a feed where members of a lodge can quickly and easily communicate with other members of their respective lodges. This feed functionality is intended to be smaller more lodge-focused groups. We have plans to expand the groups to regions or districts and will be rolling those functionalities out in the coming weeks.

Events and Calendaring

We have spent a lot of time working on the events, calendaring, and presentation of events through the portal. We have expanded events to include districts, regions, and even jurisdiction-wide events.

Event Attendance Tracking

In addition to the expanded event and calendaring we have added the ability to check into events and record the members who attend meetings. This will benefit those jurisdictions that require officer attendance reporting and help us manage engagement through meeting attendance trends over time.

Terms and Conditions (For GV Users) (GDPR & CCPA)

Included with this release is a mechanism that requires all users to review and accept a set of terms and conditions before they are allowed to use the portal. This is designed to protect your jurisdiction and clearly set expectations of what users can and cannot do with the information available through the portal and dashboards. This will also allow Grand View to be compliant with internet privacy standards such as CCPA and GDPR as these requirements are becoming more and more common.

Multi-Level Lodge Grouping

We have expanded the concept of lodge groupings (much like a district) to allow jurisdictions to create logical groupings of lodges such as regions, building associations, lecture districts etc. This functionality provides administration and communication capabilities within that group of lodges. If you need this level of grouping please contact our offices to discuss your needs and have this configured.

Auto Officer Permissions

We have fully implemented automatic officer permissions where all permissions are granted to members based on their currently installed offices. This feature allows Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens, and Junior Wardens to view member records and the ability to create posts and events as well as communicating with the members of the lodge. Secretaries will be assigned full administration permission for their respective lodge(s). Treasurers can also be granted view-only permissions based on the jurisdictional requirements. Treasurers can also utilize the Accounting capabilities in the system

Miscellaneous Contacts / Relations

We have created a miscellaneous contact section on the engagement dashboard of the lodges where lodges can collect and store information about non-members for communications. This could include members from other jurisdictions, members

from concordant and appendant bodies, etc. Note: Spouses, Partners, and Widows should be managed through the member record.

On member records, we have added a tab for relationships where members who are related may be linked for future reference, and other contacts can be added such as children, siblings, etc., this will allow us to build a more elaborate database of contacts for a member that will be useful for contacting a member should we lose touch.

Updated Look on the Lodge Engagement Dashboard

We consolidated the Post, Event, and Communications menu items into an Engagement Dashboard. This new dashboard presents information in a more useful and intuitive layout. This dashboard also serves as the landing page for Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens, and Junior Wardens.

Prospect Management Updates.

Updated Prospect Workflow and Dashboards.

Added assign to District or Lodge feature to prospect page.

Finds closest lodges to prospects zip code.

Ability to add new prospects directly from Grand Lodge and District Dashboards.

Added API integration for bea Freemason.org to send inquiries directly to your grand lodge dashboard without having to reenter from email.

Added roles of "Membership Committee" to Lodges and Districts.

Added Prospects Tile on member portal for Membership Committee to manage prospects.

For more information or questions contact the Grand Lodge Office.

Why Men Become Masons

When John Worlein wrote: I would feel really good if one person thought that Masonry was a good deal because the local Masons were considered good examples of what we stand for – We are all the poster children of our Craft. He said volumes! Not one person ever joined Masonry because George Washington was a Mason. Not one person ever joined Masonry because Harry Truman was a Mason. Not one person ever joined because of any of our great Masonic heroes. Joining doesn't make you any of those people. Not one person ever joined in order to give a million dollars a day to charity, or homes, or crippled children. -- You don't have to be a member to give money. Not one person ever joined because our ritual is outstanding, or our minutes are accurate, or a hundred other things we constantly worry about. They didn't know about our ritual or minutes. They joined for one reason, because someone they knew and admired was a Mason. It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street or someone a thousand miles away. Who it was didn't matter. They admired him and wanted to do the things he did. And they did it by the Millions!

Want to help our growth? Be the kind of man someone admires.

Someone will notice.

Dan Weatherington P.M.

Wilkerson College Lodge No. 760 North Carolina




GRAND LODGE OF IOWA A.F. & A.M.
“MORE THAN A JUST A FRATERNITY”

Grinnell College Golf Course
 933 13th Avenue,
 Grinnell, IA 50112
 Phone (641) 236-3590

Friday, August 28, 2020
 Cost: \$70 per player
(If Paid By August 5th)
 \$80.00 per player
(If Paid After August 5th)
 Registration Opens 9:00 AM
 Shotgun start 10:00 AM
Limited to 20 Teams
Register Early!

Cost Includes:
 18 holes of golf, cart, meal
 and prizes...

- Putting challenge on the practice green
- Best Dressed
- “Most Golf”
- Straightest drives, closest to the pin
- Mulligans
- Flight prizes

Don't worry if you are not a golfer; bring a lawn chair, sit at a tee, and join us for dinner in the clubhouse.
 Cost: \$16.00 per person
 Reservations are required.

Golf Outing Committee:

Bill Dayton, Chairman
 Brooklyn

Bill Post
 West Des Moines

Tom Nash
 Elkhart

Bruce Thomas
 Algona

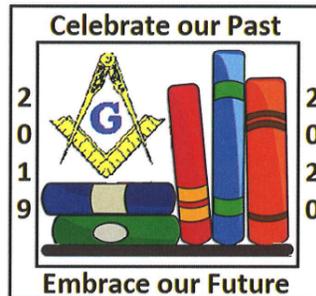
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5th Annual Golf Outing
Friday, August 28, 2020
4 Person Best-ball



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Choose your own team or enter as a single golfer and enjoy playing golf while making new friends. This tournament is definitely not restricted to Masonic Lodge members. Please tell your friends, family, neighbors, and members of other Masonic organizations about this fun event and encourage them to participate.



Please support Grand Master William Crawford's projects by being a golfing participant, just having fellowship and dinner, and/or sponsoring a hole.

Get your team, dinner, and sponsor registration forms from your:
 Lodge secretary or Golf Committee member,
 or Grand Lodge website at www.grandlodgeofiowa.org

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

Annual All-Masonic Golf Outing

Please support Grand Master William R. Crawford's projects and the Grand Lodge of Iowa by registering for this wonderful day of golf and fellowship. Prizes will be awarded.

Friday, August 28, 2020 10:00

Team Registration Form

Limited to 20 Teams — Register Early!

Registration opens at: 9:00 am
Shotgun Start at: 10:00 am

Registration Fee: \$70.00 per person
(If Paid By August 5th or \$80.00 If Paid After August 5)

Registration Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Golf Cart, and Meal

Grinnell College Golf Course
933 13th Avenue
Grinnell, Iowa 50112
Phone: (641) 236-3590

Player#1: _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Bratwurst _____ Hamburger _____

Player#2 _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Bratwurst _____ Hamburger _____

Player#3: _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Bratwurst _____ Hamburger _____

Player#4: _____ Phone# _____ Email _____

Bratwurst _____ Hamburger _____

Teams are limited to only 4 players - **NO exceptions allowed.**

Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Iowa ("2020 Golf Outing" on Memo line)

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

Annual All-Masonic Golf Outing

Please support Grand Master William R. Crawford's projects and the Grand Lodge of Iowa by registering for this wonderful day of fellowship and dinner. Bring your lawn chair and sit by a tee box.

Prizes will be drawn after dinner.

Friday, August 28, 2020 10:00 am

Dinner/Social Registration Form

Grinnell College Golf Course

933 13th Avenue

Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Phone (641) 236-3590

Dinner Only: \$16.00 per person

Dinner reservations must be in by August 5, 2020

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Thank you for your support of Grand Master Crawford's Projects!

Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Iowa ("2020 Golf Outing MEAL ONLY" on Memo line)

Send Registration and Checks to:
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Congratulations to the following Brothers who earned their Certificates.

Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

No.	Town	Lodge	Name	No.	Town	Lodge	Name
2	Muscatine		Krider, William G.	252	Moravia		Kelley, Dennis E.
4	Iowa City		Croskey, Phillip E.	264	Carroll		Mann, James C.
16	Ottumwa		Stookesberry, James A.	273	Grinnell		Berman, Isadore I.
16	Ottumwa		Bottorff, Rex, L.	284	Central City		McMurrin, James A.
25	Cedar Rapids		Zehms Jr., Rowe C.	299	Perry		Royer, Joe D.
29	Keokuk		Moander, John W.	299	Perry		Croft, Eugene E.
37	Davenport		Stotlar, Michael K.	335	Carson		McClain, Keith K.
37	Davenport		Boeckmann, Lawrence L.	335	Carson		Mickey, Stephen C.
42	Centerville		Elliott, Michael K.	340	Traer		Klinefelter, Richard Lee J.
43	Winterset		Bassett, Kenneth J.	370	Pleasant Hill		Feitler, Gerald G.
44	LeClaire		Van Eek, John H.	386	Greenfield		Weaklend, David B.
46	Anamosa		Abeling, Robert J.	394	Reinbeck		Bolton, Loren I.
53	Indianola		Peterson, Jon F.	408	Alta		Samelson, Steven A.
59	Newton		White, Leroy J.	447	Estherville		Robinson, Charles A.
63	Chariton		Moody Jr., Raymond J.	520	Baxter		Jones, Edward R.
103	Sioux City		McIntosh, Robert J.	521	Washta		Mansfield, Harry F.
107	Columbus Junction		Harris, Robert W.	538	Renwick		Watnem, Quentin B.
108	Mashalltown		Heckman, Paul E.	538	Renwick		Trask, Harold A.
108	Marshalltown		Flowers, Carlton R.	551	Farley		Hartbecke, Brian K.
112	Mount Vernon		Clark, Lawson (Skip) L.	615	Sioux City		Stewart, Charles L.
168	Kinross		Blaylock, Larry P.	632	Des Moines		Hall, Jack L.
174	Malcom		Hall, Jack L.	632	Des Moines		Hollingsworth, Gerald J.
178	Sac City		Freese, Robert L.	643	Sioux City		Strohbeen, Douglas R.
178	Sac City		Vande Weerd, Alan L.	654	Des Moines		Allen, Edward J.
179	Mount Ayr		Buckner, Max R.	654	Des Moines		Moon, Glenn L.
179	Mount Ayr		Vardaman, Randal D.	657	Des Moines		Prothero, Jimmie R.
179	Mount Ayr		Brown, Larry L.	675	Davenport		Young, Charles L.
198	Batavia		McNullin, Neal E.	677	DeWitt		Meier, Raymond E.