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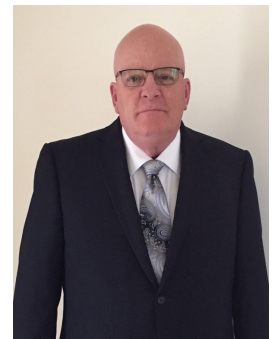
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2020 Grand Master Area Meetings

- Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Osceola Lodge No. 77, 100 S Park St., Osceola.....6:30 P.M.**
- Thursday, October 15, 2020 Attica Lodge No. 502, 418 Evans St., Sloan.....6:30 P.M.**
- Monday, October 19, 2020 King David Lodge No. 407, 707 8th St., Altoona.....6:30 P.M.**
- Tuesday, October 20, 2020 Cass Lodge No. 412, 421 N Main St., Griswold.....6:30 P.M.**
- Tuesday, October 27, 2020 Anamosa Lodge No. 46, 109 S Linn St., Anamosa.....6:30 P.M.**
- Wednesday, October 28, 2020 Poweshiek Lodge No. 174, Highway 63, Malcom....6:30 P.M.**
- Wednesday, November 4, 2020 Hebron Lodge No. 374, 113 N Frederick Ave., Oelwein.6:30 P.M.**
- Thursday, November 5, 2020 Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8, 206 N Main St., Mount Pleasant6:30 P.M.**
- Monday, November 9, 2020 Evening Shade Lodge No. 312, 103 E 4th St., Spencer.6:30 P.M.**
- Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Prudence Lodge No. 205, 1413 N McCoy St., Algona6:30 P.M.**
- Monday, November 16, 2020 Twin Lakes Lodge No. 478, 504 5th St., Rockwell City6:30 P.M.**
- Wednesday, November 18, 2020 Anchor Lodge No.191, 720 7th Ave. NE, Hampton6:30 P.M.**

2020 Secretary Conferences

- Monday, January 4, 2021 Antiquity Lodge No. 252, 105 E Chariton St., Moravia.....10:00 A.M.**
- Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Camanche Lodge No. 60, 220 9th Ave., Camanche.....10:00 A.M.**
- Wednesday, January 6, 2021 Waterloo Lodge No. 105, 607 Bishop Ave., Waterloo.....10:00 A.M.**
- Thursday, January 7, 2021 Home Lodge No. 370, 5201 Maple Dr., Pleasant Hill.....6:30 P.M.**
- Saturday, January 9, 2021 Pomegranate Lodge No. 408, 201 1/2 S Main St., Alta.....10:00 A.M.**
- Monday, January 11, 2021 Veritas Lodge No. 392, 423 S Park St., Audubon.....6:30 P.M.**
- Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Vesper Lodge No. 223, 1010 10th St., Onawa.....6:30 P.M.**
- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 Mirza Lodge No. 609, 505 W Mulberry St., Ogden.....6:30 P.M.**
- Thursday, January 14, 2021 Crusade Lodge No. 386, 209 W Iowa St., Greenfield.....6:30 P.M.**
- Saturday, January 16, 2021 Osage Lodge No. 102, 527 Main St., Osage.....10:00 A.M.**
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Grand Lodge Library and Museums, 813 1st St. SE, Cedar Rapids.....6:30 P.M.**
- Thursday, January 21, 2021 George Washington Lodge No. 136, 617 Chestnut St., Donnellson.....6:30 P.M.**

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

Dear Brothers,

Usually in this issue of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, the Grand Master outlines the program for the Annual Communication and encourages brothers to attend as a part of their responsibilities.

It was a tough decision, but on June 10th I cancelled the One-Hundred Seventy Sixth Annual Communication due to concerns of the coronavirus pandemic. As the pandemic continues to rage, it was the right decision. The health and safety of the Masonic Family is of the utmost importance.

There is still a need to conduct the limited, necessary business of the Grand Lodge. So on the next day, June 11th, I called for a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa under Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge which reads: "A Special Communication may be ordered by the Grand Master whenever he deems it necessary for the welfare of the Fraternity." Therefore, under that provision, I am calling a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa on Friday, September 18, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. in the auditorium of the Sioux City Scottish Rite.

We will open Grand Lodge, elect officers for 2020-21, receive reports, approve the budget, and install the new officers. I am sad that I will not be able to see many of you, our distinguished guests, and our visitors from out of state because of the restrictions. It is also sad that we will not have ladies there as the Ladies Program has been eliminated because the Grand Lodge Annual Communication was cancelled.

We appreciate the Sioux City Scottish Rite for their willingness to host this Special Communication and extend our thanks. This Grand Lodge year has been dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Your Grand Lodge Officers were busy through the middle of March as we visited lodges and attended a variety of events. Then the virus hit, and nearly all events and activities were cancelled. We all enjoyed visiting lodges that many of this year's officers had never attended and meeting with the brothers. Thanks to the lodges that were hosts. The Grand Lodge Family has been meeting by Zoom each week since late March in order to stay in touch. There have been many other Zoom meetings including those with some of our newer Master Masons, who have shared their interesting stories. We still can keep in touch with one another.

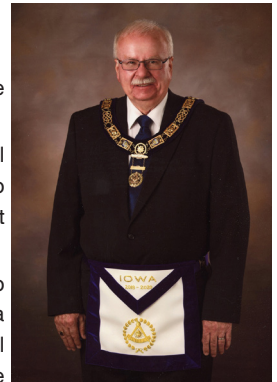
As the year closes, my project of "Book Rebinding" has continued and I want to thank you for your support of that project and remind you if you would still like to support that project to please send donations to the Iowa Masonic Library Association. There has been a good response, and there is still a need to keep the books in the library in good condition.

Stay safe.

Fraternally and sincerely,



William R. Crawford
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



**Grand Lodge of Iowa
Special Communication
September 18, 2020**



**SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
PRE-REGISTRATION**

PLEASE PRINT

First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Current Phone Number Cell: _____
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The Grand Master is recommending one representative from each lodge be in attendance.
 Please check your office title below and then the other officers you will be representing from your lodge.

Office Title:	Will you Represent:
____ Worshipful Master	____ Worshipful Master
____ Senior Warden	____ Senior Warden
____ Junior Warden	____ Junior Warden
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____ Other	____ Other

When you arrive at the Special Communication you will be required to fill out an attendance sheet.
 If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 you will not be permitted to attend the Special Communication.

The Scottish Rite Foundation is providing lunch for those who register.
 If you plan to attend the lunch please check ____ Yes ____ No.

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Treasures and Happiness..

I had many plans for the Ladies at the Grand Lodge Communication in Sioux City this year. Programs and table decorations were about Treasures and Happiness. Well, as you know, the Grand Lodge Communication for Iowa has been cancelled and so have all the Ladies activities that were planned. The Special Communication meeting is only for the men with NO plans for the Ladies. In this time of Covid-19, the idea is to conduct business in the shortest time and with only those present as needed.

I am sad that we will not be able to see one another and catch up on news from our families and lives. We cannot sit around the tables with the treasure chest overflowing with candy, beads, fake coins and jewels and solve all the problems in the world. I was planning to introduce you to three therapy dogs that come to church and do good work in the community. We will miss our Ladies Luncheon with "Blue Birds of Happiness" while we watch the balloon creations by Toby Williams, PGM. I was finally going to see him do his balloon art. I was also looking forward to the Drone program that both the ladies and the men were going to observe. Can you imagine seeing a drone flying in the auditorium? Then on Saturday I was planning to give myself a birthday party with balloons, streamers, and cake with general conversation with all of you.

In addition, there will not be the "Give a Little, Take a Little Fair" and Bake Sale that was my project with funds going to the Book Rebinding Project of the Iowa Masonic Library. It has also been the project of the Grand Master because we believe it is so important to maintain the contents and books of that Library. So, if possible, think how much money you might have spent at the fair, spent for bake sale ingredients, as well as the cost of the luncheon, and please send a donation for that amount to:

**Iowa Masonic Library Association
Book Rebinding Project
Box 279
Cedar Rapid, Iowa 52406**



I also want to acknowledge the passing of two First Ladies of Masonry: Kris Erickson, wife of Bud Erickson; and Ruth Marks, widow of Norval Marks. Additionally, this year we have lost three ladies of Past Grand Lodge Officers: Lynn Posey, widow of Guy Posey; Deon Marsh, wife of Ron Marsh; and Janice Baumbach, wife of Clifford Baumbach.

My Ladies Chairman is Donna Yates who put many hours into planning the Ladies activities for this year. She had wonderful ideas for programs, helped with the blue bird decorations, and is a good friend that I met at our first family get together in 1998. Thank you Donna for all your help. Also thank you to the Grand Officer Ladies this year who gave good suggestions and support when needed. It is with unhappiness that we were not able to enjoy all the planned activities. Last, my thanks goes to my best team player and husband Bill, for all his support this year as well as our many years together.

You all are treasures in my eyes and our friendship is the happiness in my heart.

Thanks to you all.

Elaine Crawford, wife of Grand Master William R. Crawford



David Ritchie, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Guest Columnist



In the past few months during the COVID crisis something surprising has happened. At a time of isolation. At a time when people fear getting together. I feel Masonry has gotten stronger, at least for me it has. Now I know we are not meeting and certain tokens are to be shunned. I know that travel is being restricted and that we should remain six feet apart. I know that sharing food, that breaking of bread and sharing of salt is at least frowned upon. All the hallmarks of Masonry are to be avoided if not outright banned. So how can Masonry have become stronger?

Before I joined Masonry, I wondered if there were any good men left in the world. In joining lodge, I discovered many of them in my home town. As I had the opportunity to travel, I discovered them in neighboring lodges and across the state. Thanks to teleconferencing I have had the opportunity to sit with brothers from a small lodge 5 hours away. I sat in with brothers at the opposite end of the state many of them living 6 or 7 hours distant. I have sat with brothers on a number of occasions outside of the jurisdiction I live in. Sharing Brotherly Love, laughing and being there for each other at this uncertain time.

On one occasion I was very excited to be invited to sit in conversation with brothers from Scotland. Do you know what I found with our Scottish brothers? Good men who enjoy each other's company, laughing and needling each other. The one serious topic was Masonry. Through this time, I have had the world shrink on me, sitting in lodges, the men not the building, I never would have had the opportunity to visit. If you have not availed yourself of the chance to share in the Brotherly Love and fellowship I have to ask why not? Masonry is not about paying the light bill. Isn't it truly about meeting and sharing time with other good men?

Relief has become stronger as well. Not by the writing of checks or giving out scholarships but by the simple act of a phone call. "How are doing?" "You and your lady doing OK?" "Anything you need?" Most of the time the relief was simple, a reprieve from boredom but the conversations were good, genuine, and fun. An art I thought we were losing if not having lost. I have spoken with more brothers than I ever would have. Often learning more about them in our one on one conversation than I had in years of Masonic friendship. I even received one from a young man who called to see "if everything was alright", because he was calling all the "old" guys. At not quite sixty I'm not sure how I felt about the wording, but a thumbs up for the intent. Give a brother a call, maybe that one who hasn't been in lodge for a while, or maybe that guy that was always busy, he is bored and needs to talk, or that young guy who is unsure of his job, brother to brother relief.

"The Nine O'Clock Toast". A very simple act of pausing to toast the brothers who are absent. One of the traditional toasts of the English Festive boards. At approximately 9:00 p.m. a toast was drunk to those who were absent. The Grand Master of England invited all Masons wheresoever dispersed to raise a glass at 9:00 p.m. during this crisis. That first night I felt kind of silly raising a glass all by myself, but that is the point of it. I wasn't alone, I was joining and being joined by Masons around the world. Men from India, South America, Europe, the next town over. A world wide Fraternity joining together in an old ritual steeped in Brotherly Love and Friendship. A reminder that I am part of something so much bigger than myself. I have raised a glass with brothers who offered prayer and solemnity and I have raised a glass with brothers laughing and joking, both needed at a time like this.

The 9:00 p.m. hour is also special. If I were to join my English Brothers in a 9:00 p.m. toast London time I would have to join them at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon our time. I choose to observe 9:00 p.m. here. This means that every hour on the hour somewhere a man, a brother is raising a glass to us all. That at the close of his day a man silently remembers this Gentle Craft. Symbolic, yes, but we are Masons. Symbolic of the millions of men who have knelt where I have knelt. To steal a phrase, it made me realize that like the British Empire the sun never sets on Masonry. No matter how dark it is a good man somewhere is standing in the light.

Do I miss my brothers? Do I want to Raise a man to the Sublime Degree? Do I want to sit, eat, and laugh after a meeting across the table one from the other? Do I want to extend the right hand of friendship and have it taken? You bet I do but during this time of separation Masonry is going strong. Take advantage of the good things that are happening. The Craft is over 300 years old. She has seen worse.

Museums on Main Street Exhibit By Bill Kreuger, Assistant Librarian



In early April, the Iowa Masonic Library was invited to participate in a community exhibition that is part of a Smithsonian Traveling exhibit program called Museums on Main Street. The two main partners are the African American Museum and the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. These two collaborated to bring the Smithsonian traveling exhibition to Cedar Rapids. The exhibit is titled “Voices and Votes: Democracy in America.”

The main exhibit will be held at the African American Museum, while the Czech and Slovak Museum has a companion exhibit which features artifacts and stories from the museums in Cedar Rapids. They include the History Center, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, The Veterans Museum, and the Iowa Masonic Library. The exhibit is free, and visitors will be encouraged to visit both installations.

Since this year marks the 175th anniversary of the Iowa Masonic Library, we felt this was a great opportunity to showcase a few of the artifacts in our collection that tell the story of the Library over time. We also decided to include two ballot boxes from our museum to go along with the theme “Voices and Votes.”. In order to participate, we had to provide a list of artifacts and materials to the Czech and Slovak Museum so they would have a sense of how large an exhibit case we might require. Additionally, we provided scripts for labels for each item, as well as the main label for our exhibit. The items we included in our exhibit are as follows:

- Photos of the Iowa Masonic Library during different time periods, 1902, 1920, 1955 and 2015.
- Silver cup/tumbler, dated 1906, from the Cedar Rapids Semi-Centennial, which has embossed on it important C.R. structures representing Cedar Rapids’ history. They include Coe College, St. Luke’s Hospital, and the Iowa Masonic Library.
- Original lion model for the marble sculptures that were placed at our front door of the “new” IML building in 1955.
- Ballot boxes and implements used in Masonic lodges to elect members.



The exhibit was installed on Thursday July 2, 2020, and everything fit perfectly in the case we were provided. I was able to do a “dry run” using the artifacts here before I took them to the Czech and Slovak Museum for the installation. I find that it is always good to have a plan in place before any kind of exhibit installation.

The exhibit opened to the public on Tuesday July 7, 2020. I have not yet heard how many overall visitors have seen the exhibitions. The exhibit will run to about mid-August. A photo is included to show what our exhibit looks like. Perhaps you will have a chance to see this in person if you are traveling through Cedar Rapids.



**Elkader Lodge No. 72
By Jay Moser**



Kellie Baumler
Preschool



Cathy Recker
Art



Lynn Jones
Language Arts



Josh Steffen
Second Grade

Elkader Lodge No. 72 was able to present scholarships and recognize teachers in their area. It was more complicated than in previous years, but with help from school superintendents and principals, we were able to pull it off. Recipients were willing to take a quick picture during the presentations. Jay Moser presented the Teacher of the Year Certificates to Central Community Schools in Elkader; Kellie Baumler – Preschool, Cathy Recker – Art. Teacher honored at MFLMarMac School was: Lynn Jones – Language Arts and Physical Education. Starmont Schools – Josh Steffen – Second Grade. When things get back to semi-normal, we will finish giving them the final recognition. I would like to thank our candidates for being so patient while we work through these trying times.

W.M. Roger Thomas,
Drake Dennler,
S. D. Kurt Dennler



This year's scholarship winner is Central Community School Senior Drake Dennler, son of Kurt and Nicole.

**Vesper Lodge No. 233 Presents Scholarships
By Leland Hathaway, Secretary**

Onawa's Vesper Lodge No. 223, presented four newly graduated high school seniors with \$500.00 scholarships to start their first year of college. The four graduates are Cameron Brenner, Megan Nichols, Sara Maule, and Dylan Stroman.

Cameron Brenner is from Mapleton and will be attending Iowa State University in the fall, he plans on majoring in biology.

Megan Nichols of Onawa is planning on a career as a teacher.

Sara Maule from Turin is aiming for a career in civil engineering and plans to attend Minnesota State University in Mankato.

Dylan Stroman of Onawa will be attending Buena Vista University and studying for a career in biomedical services.

Vesper Lodge members hosted a series of winter breakfasts with donations to that event used specifically to finance the scholarships.

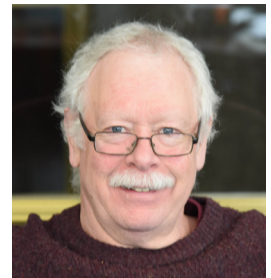
Ashlar Award recipient Ben Davidson
By Darrell G. Fremont, Deputy Grand Secretary



On June 8, 2020 I traveled to Waterloo Lodge No. 105 to attend their Stated Communication and had the honor to present Brother Ben Davidson his Ashlar Award. The lodge practiced social distancing and masks were worn. Brother Ben began working on his Ashlar Award after his Master Mason Degree with his mentor Brother Gary Shaulis of Equity Lodge No. 131. Brother Ben's application was very impressive as he attended many Masonic events and Degrees in the first fourteen months of being a Master Mason. Ben also presented at lodge a Masonic paper he wrote and attached the paper to his application. All Ashlar Award applications show that young Masons are working with their mentor to become engaged and active in the lodge. Every Entered Apprentice should receive the application to begin working with a mentor as soon as possible after the First Degree. The number of applications is down this year due to the cancellation of Masonic events. The timeline to complete the requirements is fourteen months after the date of Raising. The application must be received in the Grand Lodge office by August 15 to be considered during the Grand Lodge year.

Assistant Librarian to Present at Annual Iowa Museum Association Conference
By Bill Kreuger, Assistant Librarian

In February 2020, the Iowa Museum Association sent out a "call for presentations" for its annual museum conference, which is scheduled for October 19-21. The theme for the conference is "The Power of Real." Part of the description of the theme mentioned the role that real objects play in facilitating difficult discussions and how we grow as individuals and communities as a result of exhibitions that include and address what is real. As a museum professional, I use real objects in museum exhibits constantly. The Iowa Masonic Library and Museums is blessed to have such a great collection of objects and materials to choose from for almost any exhibit. I thought that this would be a good opportunity to talk about the collection of the Iowa Masonic Library. I put together a proposal and had both Craig Davis and Darrell Fremont read it over. After their approval, I emailed it to the Association. The proposed title for my presentation is "The Great War Collection of the Iowa Masonic Library: Keeping it Real for over 100 Years."



The Iowa Masonic Library collected tracts, pamphlets, periodicals, books and publications of all kinds that were relative to the Great War. The collection includes pro-Ally and pro-Central Powers (Germany, Austria/Hungary) materials. Included are many items that would be considered propaganda, especially the atrocities in Belgium.

The collection was added to after the War, to include various posters, post cards and artifacts. Additionally, the annual Conference of Masonic Grand Masters and the Masonic Service Association grew out of the Great War era. This collection was available then and now to both Masons and the public. It has been used to develop several exhibitions at the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Several items have been used for exhibitions here and in other local museums (Figge Museum, National Czech and Slovak Museum, University of Iowa Museum, and Veterans Museum in Cedar Rapids).

In late April, my proposal was selected as one of several other presentations. However, due to the existing pandemic, the Conference is now a virtual one. All the presentations will be done in a virtual manner with a pre-recorded program. My presentation will include both a power point program as well as what was to be something of a "hands-on" presentation. I must have my program completed and uploaded by mid-September to fulfill the obligation with the Iowa Museum Association. This should prove to be a very interesting endeavor and adventure. I look forward to participating in this virtual museum conference.

Historic Meeting Place Once Masonic Boarding School Emessay Notes, July 2020

The only known Masonic boarding school was built in 1858 in Effingham, New Hampshire. It opened from 1861 to about 1882, and in its initial years, had 146 students enrolled from this rural farming region and as far away as Massachusetts and Vermont.



According to Chuck Fuller, a Mason from Wells, Maine, who currently lives in Effingham, the multi-story Italianate structure uses post-and-beam construction, with six-story bell tower and cupola. It is built on a hill overlooking the small village and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The second floor of the building houses the Masonic Hall, which was formally dedicated on August 24, 1859. During the dedication ceremony, the Lodge was presented a piece of the Charter Oak, a famous Revolutionary War tree in Hartford, Connecticut, and the Lodge became known as Charter Oak Lodge.

The Masonic Temple walls and ceiling are unique. The elaborate murals were first documented in the Charter Oak Lodge minutes of December, 1859. Local legend identifies the painter as a traveling itinerant farmhand (and Mason) from Lawrence, Massachusetts, named A. Butler. Stories claim he spent two years laboring on the paintings, using “stale beer and sour milk in mixing his watercolors, and tinted them with roots and berries”. He was given free room and board and a pint of rum per day.

Charter Oak Lodge sold the building to the town of Effingham in 1891, retaining “life rights” to portions of the building, including the second floor where the lodge meets.

Since 1893, the Effingham Public Library has been located in the building. Today, citizens of Effingham have begun a multi-year preservation project to be completed for the town’s 250th birthday. For pictures of the building, its renovation progress, and more information, visit www.historiceffingham.org.

Panora Lodge No. 121 Scholarships



This year’s recipients of Panora Lodge No. 121 scholarship were two Panorama High School graduates and each were presented a check for \$500 by the Worshipful Master. Pictured is Lydia Lindstrom, she is the daughter of Darren and Ginger Lindstrom of Panora. Lydia plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa this fall and use her scholarship to start her study in the field of business. Our lodge is happy to have a hand in the developing of a future business leader.

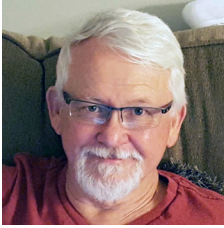
The second recipient pictured is Chloe Webster. She is the daughter of Eric and Amy Webster of Panora. Chloe plans to attend Iowa State University this fall and use her scholarship to start her study in Family Consumer Science.



Panora Lodge No. 121 finances the scholarship with donated funds raised through a spring and fall breakfast fundraiser. The lodge has given scholarships since 1985 and has raised over \$39,000 during this time to help recipients further their education.



Normal Still By John D. Lillibridge P.S.G.W.



Normal, not a very descript word, yet, many of us have our own interpretation of what it means to us individually. It, just as within Masonry, must be determined by our own experiences. So, what is normal? Truth be known, if you look at it from a logical standpoint, normal is actually a paradox. It actually is an ever-changing scenario within our lives, and with it, so is the very description of normal. It changes daily bit, by bit, day by day, year by year, as our "Normal" evolves into a new interpretation, which holds no resemblance of what it was years ago. As we come out of this pandemic, as we cautiously approach the east gate once again, let us embrace a new "Normal". Let us not return with fear in the way, but let the lodge flourish. Even in the pains we are destined to endured through such change. During this, world's official time out, from the pandemic, men of all ages have had time to think, considering their own mortality, and wonder and ponder the point...is this all there is to my life? What will define my mere existence, or have I even made a difference? Contemplation leads to intent and as we come out of the current dilemma, men will be seeking answers to their own mortality, looking for ways to make a difference. Looking for ways to socialize, wanting and seeking for ways to care for their fellow beings. Men will be seeking light, so let us not hide ours under a basket...so let there be light! Be the best of what you can be, where you're at, with what you have, and guard our south gate well.

Charlie Young Receives his 50 Year Membership

At the July Stated Communication of Brubaker Lodge No. 675, Charlie Young received his 50 Year Certificate from W.M. Derek Fuller. Brother Young is Past Master of Davenport Lodge No. 37 and North Scott Lodge No. 674. He also served as secretary for 20 years in North Scott Lodge. In recent years, he has been very active in the Order of the Eastern Star and was Worthy Grand Patron in 2018. Brother Young earned DL Certificate No. 2863 in 1984.



Signet Lodge No. 264 Presents Scholarships

Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll awarded scholarships to high school seniors from four different high schools. The lodge funds their scholarships with proceeds from the flight breakfast they serve at the Carroll Airport every year on the first Sunday following Labor Day. This year's recipients were Ashley Onken, Emma Perkins from Carroll High School, Braden Senne from Waukee High School, Parker Smouse from Coon Rapids-Bayard and Cole Wessling from Dallas Center High School.

Kenneth R. Shaull Receives his 70 Year Membership



Worshipful Master Joshua Burchland of Fidelitas Lodge No. 364 at Fairfax provided Brother Kenneth Lynn Shaull with his father's 70 Year Certificate and a replacement white leather apron on July 15, 2020. Brother Kenneth Lynn Shaull then presented the certificate and apron to his father. Brother Kenneth R. Shaull was Raised on November 17, 1948 in Social Lodge No. 231 at Millersburg. Brother Kenneth R. Shaull transferred his membership to Fidelitas Lodge No. 364 at Fairfax in 1980.



70 years as a Mason is a great accomplishment. Congratulations Brother Kenneth!

Scholarship Thank you

Ella Popenhagen – As I continue to further my education at the University of Northern Iowa, I will continue to be thankful for the generosity of the gift you have given me. I am extremely excited for this next stage in my life and you have helped me enter it with ease.

Luke Samuelson – The scholarship is greatly appreciated, and the funds will go towards furthering my education at the University of Northern Iowa.

DesRei Arbolente – I am sincerely honored to have been chosen as one of the recipients of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. Scholarship. I will be attending Nebraska Methodist College to get my Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Taylor Tendall – This is going to help me immensely in achieving my dream of teaching Spanish. Your generosity is going to help make my dream a reality.

Allison Nuss – Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship this year! I feel very honored to have been chosen among so many other deserving individuals. I am grateful and thankful; the generous amount of money will be used to help pay for my tuition at U.N.I. this fall.

Heather Wilmott – Thanks for your kindness and generosity. I am one step closer to graduating debt free from the University of Oklahoma!

Ashlin Young – Thank you so much for the opportunity to apply for and receive the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I am honored and thankful. It will be put to good use as I attend Minnesota State University.

Charlie Foltz – I am immensely grateful for your donation towards my future. I can assure you that I will put the award to great use as I further my study at Iowa State University pursuing Kinesiology.

Nell Sybesma – I am honored and grateful to receive this generous contribution to my future education. This will be very beneficial as I continue my studies at Wartburg College next fall.

Isaiah Hanners – I am planning on attending Morningside College in Sioux City and this award will help me a lot with paying off my expenses.

Abby Shepley – Thank you all for such a generous scholarship! It will help immensely this fall when I attend the University of Iowa. Your commitment to helping students further their education is greatly appreciated!

Noah Craver – Thank you all so much for awarding me a scholarship. I will make good use of the scholarship as I go on through college.

Nicholas Cordes – I want to thank the Grand Lodge for awarding me its 2020 Scholarship. It will serve as a strong reminder to continue my leadership, community service, and academic excellence at the University of Iowa.

Grace Hertz – This award helps make my education possible and allows me to serve others. I cannot thank everyone from the scholarship committee enough.

Emma Sanders – Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship for \$1,850. I am honored you chose me as one of the top seventy applicants allowing me to receive the scholarship. I plan to major in elementary education as well as continue to pursue music by playing clarinet in one of the various ensembles Luther offers.

Taryn Bertini – Thank you very much for awarding me with the Grand Lodge of Iowa Scholarship. I am grateful to receive this award as it will help me a lot in college.





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Name of Candidate _____
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Lodge _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa.
Name City

Birth Date _____ Occupation _____

I _____, respectfully submit this application to participate in the Grand
Candidate's Signature

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Mo. Day Year

Section B - This section must be completed only if the Candidate has been Initiated or Passed.
(If no degrees have been conferred, please skip this Section)

Initiated on _____ in _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa
Mo. Day Year Lodge City

Passed on _____ in _____ No. _____ Location _____, Iowa
Mo. Day Year Lodge City

If the previous degrees were conferred by any other lodge than the lodge completing this application, or a lodge that has consolidated with your lodge, please show the date the Brother was elected into your lodge for Advancement and Membership: _____
Mo. Day Year

Section C - This Section must be completed for all One Day Class Candidates

Date of Election to Membership _____
Mo. Day Year

All membership fees have been paid in full by the candidate.

Signed: _____ Lodge _____ No. _____
Secretary

The Grand Master's One-Day Class fee shall accompany this Application.

Section D - Candidate Guide

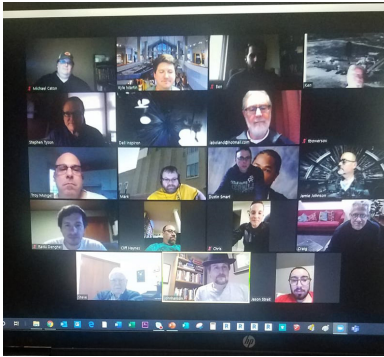
Name of Guide, if known: _____ Lodge _____ No. _____

The above information has been verified by the Office of the Grand Secretary:

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(This form **must be received** in the Office of the Grand Secretary a minimum of 10 days prior to attending a Grand Master's One-Day Class.)

Staying in Touch

By John L. Hanson, Worshipful Master, Marion Lodge No. 6



“Be well, do good work, and keep in touch.” This is the tagline that ends every short episode of Garrison Kieler’s, *The Writer’s Almanac*. Since I’ve been nostalgic from a young age, I’ve long been a fan of Kieler’s work. Those are good words and deeds to live by.

Freemason’s have been tested during this pandemic. We are, by design, a social group; a Fraternity that enjoys working together and playing together. Separation tears at the very fabric of our society, more especially our Fraternity.

My privilege in being elected the Worshipful Master of Marion Lodge No. 6 inspired me to make a lot of plans for activities in and out of Stated Communications for 2020. Key to my plans were to

create a series of shared experiences, in and out of the lodge room. I wanted to further the esprit de corps of No. 6.

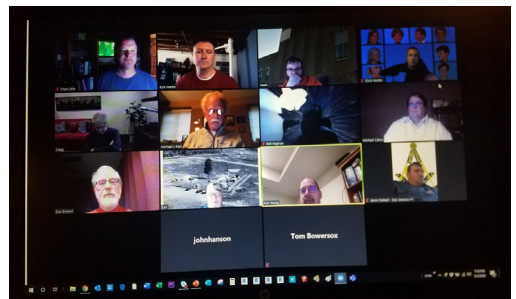
But then Covid entered the picture and most of my plans were dashed. We closed the lodge room’s business for three months. Although we have reopened, by the wise limitations set forth by Grand Master Crawford, we haven’t returned to normal.

As Worshipful Master, I had pledged to lead the lodge and support our members. I had planned for fun, now I had to attend to more existential matters for the lodge. One thing I knew was that our brethren needed more contact from their lodge. Another thing I knew was that I couldn’t and shouldn’t do it alone. The former required my designs to set it in motion. The latter was solved providentially by thoughtful brothers.

Speaking of the latter first, two Past Masters of Marion No. 6 took the initiative to organize Masonic socialization sessions using Zoom. The topic was Masonic education, the outcome was learning, but also a human connection free of face masks and fear. There is still hope for the internet.

Past Master Kyle Martin, and current Deputy Member, International Supreme Council of DeMolay, as well as Mark Cline, Past Master, and Past Senior Grand Deacon, collaborated to set dates and topics. The online sessions have been well attended and much appreciated. The Zoom meetings proved to be a powerful stand-in for lodge comity during the months of shut-down. And they continue to help the brethren keep up their Masonic ties.

COVID-19 is a special risk to Masons and Freemasonry. Our mature demographics mean too many of our brethren are at heightened risk from the ravages of this plague. The online sessions have provided them new ways to participate with their brothers and remain safe. Additionally, several members live out of state; the online sessions bridge the distance. Finally, our Lodge room requires a regular advance up a significant flight of stairs. That obstacle disappears via the internet.



In the light of easy days, communication can be more casual. But, when it’s dark, the reassurance of another brother’s words and symbolic hand is essential.

In January my plan was to write a quarterly Trestleboard. Since the Covid outbreak I have made it monthly. I am including messages from our officers in the newsletter as well.

But a mailing skews passive. We are men of humble pride. Accordingly, to ask for help too often goes against our cultural norms. How good can a mutual aid society be, if we can’t penetrate the wall that a brother might erect to conceal his embarrassment or true needs?

I tasked our officers with personally telephoning our members, to reach out with an active extension of care and interest in their well-being. With a membership around 100, I made spreadsheets of the respective divisions and then tasked the Senior and Junior Wardens with a block of appointed officers and the brethren they were to call, as well as a deadline.

The appointed officers could make notes in the documents. Their efforts helped us learn about

members who had moved or got new phone numbers. Most importantly, the calls by the appointed officers to the brethren were an opportunity to make a personal connection. They were calling out of care and concern, an agenda of kindness and charity.

Before I retire from the oriental chair, we will have made three rounds of calls. I will take comfort that we kept the bonds of our Brotherly love and affections alive as an important achievement for the year. Any successes we have this year is based on the helpfulness of the brethren. I have been supported by more hands than I can count. I wish all our lodges perseverance in these trying times. Staying connected and relevant to our brothers isn't rocket science but it does take diligence. And if a plan of action eludes you, then remember to, "Be well, do good work, and keep in touch."

Newer Mason Listening Tour By Grand Master William R. Crawford

A part of my program for this year was to have a series of newer Master Masons meetings, a listening tour to have a conversation with brothers that were raised within the last four years. The meetings were scheduled to occur in March and April. However, restrictions due to the coronavirus were put in place just as the series was ready to start so they had to be cancelled.



Then in July, a series of four Zoom meetings with newer Masons were held. Thanks to the brothers who participated and shared. Nearly all of the brothers in the meetings had very positive things to say about their lodges. For those brothers, the support of their lodge brothers was a hallmark. Brothers were there to provide mentoring and helping them participate in the activities of the lodge. They really enjoyed being a Mason. When the support was not there,

there was disappointment in what Masonry has to offer. It was a reminder of the importance of mentoring and also the need to work together and when that happens, good things take place.

Interestingly, the new brothers had already visited lodges in other states, other countries, as well as the George Washington National Memorial, and the House of the Temple. They seem to be attending lodge meetings in Iowa. Also interesting was the Masonic family connections some of these brothers had. The Iowa Grand Lodge office has already helped locate the lodge of a grandfather or great grandfather. It is the enthusiasm for the Fraternity and the willingness to participate with parts that warms our hearts and is how the Fraternity will survive. They were feeling the need to connect with their lodge brothers as well as move ahead as soon as possible after this pandemic.

Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference Dennis R. Heflin and Deputy Grand Master Harvey N. Woody were also on the call and helped to contribute to all around good feeling of getting together with the brothers.

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No.	Town	Name	No.	Town	Name
2	Muscatine	Hubble, Charles W.	118	Tama	Boll, Joe E.
25	Cedar Rapids	McWhinney, James P.	125	Dubuque	Paisley, William K.
29	Keokuk	De Jong, Dirk R.	182	Sigourney	Freeze, James B.
44	LeClaire	Farr, Ronald B.	226	Mediapolis	Clover, J. Everett
46	Anamosa	Bearce, Larry J.	249	Ames	Hinders, Thomas M.
51	Bellevue	Beecher, Richard M.	264	Carroll	Wright, Ronald W.
59	Newton	McGee, Carl W.	325	Clarion	Morford, Jim D.
59	Newton	Howe, Verle R.	386	Greenfield	Vandewater, Larry J.
61	Knoxville	Robinson, Wendell D.	386	Greenfield	Houghtaling, Robert H.
65	Cedar Falls	Morse Jr., William C.	522	Creston	Reeve, Richard L.
65	Cedar Falls	Hilpipre, Mervyn E.	532	Moville	Livermore, Daniel A.
65	Cedar Falls	Morris Jr., Vilas "Sid" L.	632	Des Moines	Moon, Ronald G.
103	Sioux City	Batcheller, Douglas K.	639	Cedar Rapids	Johnson, David L.
105	Waterloo	Bienfang, Harold E.	675	Davenport	Bennett Jr., Joseph C.
108	Mashalltown	Fleming, Mark W.			