

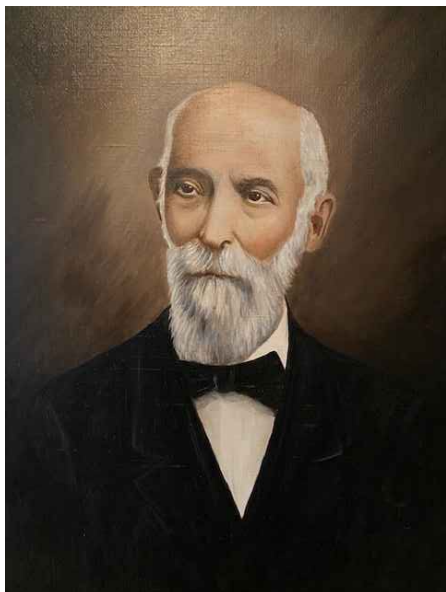
The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.
GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Volume 123 Number 1

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

March 2021

“Because I Am A Mason”



T.S. Parvin
Past Grand Master



Gregg A. Kruse
2020 Parvin Recipient



GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021

Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin, Harlan
Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd, Osceola
Senior Grand Warden Kimberly E. Jones, Redfield
Junior Grand Warden Fred L. Erickson, Madrid
Grand Treasurer William A. Peake, Buffalo Center
Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis, Cedar Rapids
Grand Chaplain Donald A. Drennan, Atlantic
Deputy Grand Secretary Darrell G. Fremont, Des Moines
Grand Marshall Jason W. Delzell, Wapello
Senior Grand Deacon Ian T. Decker, Ames
Junior Grand Deacon Allen L. Tedrow, Boone
Senior Grand Steward Christopher P. Soebbing, Davenport
Junior Grand Steward Gary W. Shaulis, Cedar Falls
Grand Tyler Randy L. Crampton, Storm Lake
Grand Musician Antonio B. Collins, Johnston

GRAND LODGE TRUSTEES

Robert H. "Bud" Erickson, P.G.M., Chairman, Des Moines
William K. Paisley, P.G.T., Omaha, NE
Eric A. Rozeboom, P.G.M., Sunborn

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS

Terry E. Osborne, P.G.M., Chairman, Brooklyn
Neil R. Paulsen, P.S.G.W., Avoca
Loren C. Stein, P.J.G.W., Secretary, Burlington

HOSPITAL CONTACTS

MSA Veterans Hospital Visitors:
State Coordinator - Robert J. Holliday, P.J.G.W., Bettendorf
Des Moines - Jerry L. Luedtke, Norwalk
Iowa City - Kevin A. Nelson, Waterloo

TRUSTEES GRAND CHARITY FUNDS

Eldon F. Walton, West Des Moines, Chairman
Matthew A. Buckley, P.G.T., Davenport
A.J. Brown, P.S.G.W., Bloomfield
Damian N. Hurmence, Cedar Falls
Jason A. Wolcott, Tipton
Ryan Mehaffy, Secretary, Iowa Masonic Health Facilities,
Bettendorf 52722-8370

TRUSTEES ROWLEY MEMORIAL MASONIC TRUST

Neil R. Paulsen, P.S.G.W., Avoca, Chairman
Arthur W. Pixler, Fenton
Hollie F. Smith, Des Moines
David K. Aves, P.J.G.W., Boone
A. Lyle Miller, J.G.W., Manilla

GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis, Editor, email: grandsecretary@gl-iowa.org

LODGE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Deputy G.S. Darrell G. Fremont, Executive Director, email: dgs@gl-iowa.org

CONTENTS FOR DECEMBER 2020

Grand Master's Message	3
T. S. Parvin Award	4
The Bike Ride from Hell.....	5 - 6
Because He is a Mason.....	8
John T. Ames	10
Dad's Billfold	14 - 15
William Kreuger Column.....	16 - 17
Grand Master's One-Day Class	23

THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

"The Bulletin" is published four times annually (March, June, September, and December) by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., P.O. Box 279, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-0279, as a means of communication between its subordinate lodges and members. Mailed free upon request to Iowa lodges and Freemasons, and as an exchange to public institutions and representative periodicals throughout the world. Address all mail subscriptions, change of address notices (P.O.D. FORM 3579), news releases and Letters to the Editor to the above address. Permission to reprint articles from "The Bulletin" is granted to all recognized Masonic publications with credit to the author and/or this publication.

2021 Regional Schools

Thursday, March 18, 2021 Morningside Lodge No. 615, 4110 Morningside Ave, Sioux City.....5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 19, 2021 Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297, 107 1/2 West High St, Avoca.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 15, 2021 Springville Lodge No. 139, 306 Liberty Ave, Springville.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, April 16, 2021 Brubaker Lodge No. 675, 511 Veteran's Memorial Pkwy, Davenport.....9:00 A.M.

Friday, May 14, 2021 Home Lodge No. 370, 5201 Maple Drive, Pleasant Hill.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, May 20, 2021 Marshall Lodge No. 108, 26 S 1st Ave, Marshalltown.....5:30 P.M.

Thursday, June 17, 2021 Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112, 115 Highway 30, Mount Vernon.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, July 18, 2021 Waterloo Lodge No. 105, 607 Bishop Ave, Waterloo.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, July 15, 2021 Marion Lodge No. 6, 984 10th St, Marion.....5:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 28, 2021 Adel Lodge No. 80, 411 S 12th St, Adel.....9:00 A.M.

Monday, September 6, 2021 Ottumwa Lodge No. 16, 611 E Pennsylvania Ave.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, September 16, 2021 Grand Lodge School, Davenport.....8:00 A.M.

UpComing Events

Saturday, March, 2021 Parian Lodge No. 321, Grand Lodge Reception, Harlan.....2:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 13, 2021 Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite, Grand Lodge Reception.....3:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 27, 2021 Des Moines Scottish Rite, DeMolay G.M. Class, Des Moines.....10:00 A.M.

Saturday, March 27, 2021 Mount Olive Lodge No. 79, Grand Lodge Reception, Boone.....4:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 17, 2021 Pomegranate Lodge No. 408, G.L. Reception, Alta.....10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 23-25, 2021 Chicago Scottish Rite, Midwest Conference of Masonic Education.....11:00 A.M.

Saturday, May 1, 2021 Des Moines Scottish Rite, Grand Lodge Reception, Des Moines.....2:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 8, 2021 Des Moines Scottish Rite, One Day Class, Des Moines.....8:00 A.M.

Friday, May 21, 2021 Atlantic, Grand Masters Golf Outing.....9:00 A.M.

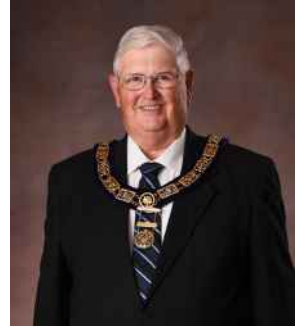
Saturday, May 29, 2021 Mason City, Memorial Day Parade.....10:00 A.M.



Grand Master's Message "Because I am a Mason"

Dear Brothers,

As we look back over the past 5 months, we have witnessed many changes in our country and Masonry due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The months since the Grand Lodge Special Communication in September of 2020 have seen many postponements and cancellations of Masonic events and activities. During these challenging times lodges have created ways to meet safely for fellowship. Now we must continue to be innovative at both the Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge level. The Covid cards have been dealt, but the question now is how are we going to 'play the hand.'



Many lodges around the state have found ways to stay connected with the Brothers in their lodges, utilizing a variety of tools. Zoom is one of the biggest new players utilizing technology to connect us audibly and visually. The key word here is 'Connected'. Whatever your lodge may have used or is doing to stay connected with each other, it is important we continue to try whatever works for your lodge. The rewards will be the recapture of those lasting friendships and keep our focus with our members strong.

My theme for the year of "Because I am a Mason" can symbolize keeping us connected by helping to restore those in our lodge to 'active duty' who may have gone to 'sit on the sidelines' during the past 12 months. Everything begins with 1. 1 phone call to an absent Brother, 1 offering of our skills, 1 extra night of attendance at lodge, 1 new petition, etc. I ask that we all do something extra to ensure our lodges and our Fraternity will continue to stay connected into the future. Let's all find 1 extra thing to do to help, aid, and assist.

The 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officer's travels have been limited, but we are hopeful we will be resuming our scheduled visitations to Iowa lodges. Our first events will be receptions for the Grand Lodge Officers. The first will be March 6, 2021 in Harlan at the Veteran's Memorial Building at 1104 Morning View Drive (next to the football field) honoring Donnie Drennan, Grand Chaplain, John Lloyd, Deputy Grand Master, and Dennis Heflin, Grand Master. The times are 2:00 social and 3:00 reception of past and present GLOs at Parian Lodge (706 ½ Durant Street). A program for non-masons will be held at the Veteran's Building during the receiving of the GLOs. Dinner will be served at 4:30, along with a short program. Please RSVP to John Kelly, Secretary Parian Lodge No. 321 by email at jksec@harlannet.com or by phone at 712-755-7630. You may also confirm your RSVP through Grandview. The Grand Lodge Facebook and website will be used to advertise the receptions. The other dates are March 13th in Cedar Rapids, March 27th in Boone, April 17th in Alta, May 1st in Des Moines, and June 26th in Algona.

A second Grand Master's One Day Class is planned for Saturday May 8, 2021 in Des Moines at the Scottish Rite Temple. The registration deadline is April 16, 2021 and the registration fee is \$100. It would be nice to have a full house again.

Friday May 21, 2021 is the date for the Grand Master's golf tournament to be held at the Atlantic Golf and Country Club in Atlantic, an 18 hole championship course and is a 4 person team best shot tournament. We plan to have some challenges at a few of the holes. I encourage you to put together a team and come join us for a day of fun and fellowship. Find the registration form in this Bulletin.

I also want to encourage you to 'save the date' of September 16-18 to attend the 177th Annual Communication in Davenport.

I hope that 2021 returns to some normalcy and that we will be able to meet and greet each other during the year. Until we can meet, I'll just say I'll BCNU.

Fraternally and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis R. Heflin".

Dennis R. Heflin
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



T.S. Parvin Award



Each year the Iowa Conference for Masonic Cooperation presents an award called the T.S. Parvin Award. The award recognizes a Master Mason that is nominated by his peers. The applications are reviewed by the committee and a winner is chosen.

This year's T.S. Parvin Award winner is from Iowa City Lodge No. 4. He took his three degrees in 1968. He served as Worshipful Master of his lodge in 1977 and received his 50 Year membership in November of 2018. He was active in the Scottish Rite Valley of Davenport from 1978-2012, when he became a member of the Valley of Cedar Rapids. He belonged to the York Rite in Iowa City Chapter No. 2, Swafford Council No. 28, and Palestine Commandery No. 2. He has been a member of Kaaba Shrine since 1970 and served on the hospital transport team. He served as a Representative for the Masonic Service Association and made visits to brothers at local nursing

homes. He is also very active in Zion Lutheran Church where he has served as a Deacon, Usher and served as a member of the Stewardship Committee and the Communion Assistant. He also provides transportation for the elderly at his church. He is a member of the Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs in Iowa City.

Iowa City Fire Chief and Brother John M. Grier said "Gregg is a Mason's Mason; his lifelong contributions have had and will continue to have a great impact on who we are and who we want to be as Masons." Brother and Secretary Paul E. Anderson wrote "He has shown all the qualities and has upheld all the tenets of Masonry in the most quiet and subtle manner." Congratulations to Brother Gregg A. Kruse the 2019-2020 T.S. Parvin Award Winner from Iowa City Lodge No. 4.

Tom Reid Third Degree By Kimberly E. Jones S.G.W.



Pymosa Lodge No. 271 in Atlantic hosted the Grand Lodge Officers for an informal Third Degree Friday evening January 22, 2021. The event began with an assortment of Subway sandwiches by the lodge and freshly baked pies from Arlene Drennan, wife of Right Worshipful Brother Donnie Drennan, Grand Chaplain. It appears the pies were a hit. Thanks Arlene!! Worshipful Master Dave Wright and the 2021 officers opened Pymosa Lodge at 7:00 and gave all a cordial welcome. Worshipful Master Wright announced that Tom Reid was in waiting to receive his Third Degree. Right Worshipful Brother Drennan then assumed the East and made an excellent conferral of the First Section. John Bricker was Senior Deacon and Gary Warwick, Past Grand Treasurer gave the working tools and extended trowel lecture. Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin was presented in the East and accorded the private Grand honors. Grand Master Heflin then introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and past GLOs present. Deputy Grand Master John Lloyd announced the cast with Grand Master Heflin as King Solomon. Worshipful Brother Gary Shaulis gave the Charge. Pymosa Lodge presented Brother Reid with a Masonic Bible and some other momentos. Grand Master Heflin also presented Brother Reid with some gifts. Worshipful Brother Allan Tedrow, Junior Grand Deacon, presented Brother Reid with a hand-made Masonic wooden jewelry box which he made. Deputy Grand Master John Lloyd closed Pymosa Lodge with all officers in their stations and places. Fellowship continued in the dining room.

The Bike Ride from Hell

From Terry Swails and Carolyn S. Wettstone



Each person who experienced the Derecho of 2020 has their own compelling story. Each tale is worth being told. To say that these collections of survivor's stories sums up the experience of living through one of the worst disasters to ever hit Iowa would be a huge disservice. This is only a glimpse into the lives of the men, women, and children who witnessed first hand the absolute worst of Mother Nature. Even now survivors relate their experiences with emotion in their voices, the horror of that day never quite leaving them. You always hear of the resilience of Iowans. Their independent and indomitable spirit. Now you know it's true.

Perry, Iowa is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Des Moines. The community of nearly 8,000 residents sits along the Raccoon River and is heralded for its art, cultural festivals, and shopping. For outdoor enthusiasts, the Raccoon River Valley Trail offers a great place to walk, run, or bicycle. The trail loops around Perry for 71 miles offering scenic views of the Iowa countryside. Lifetime resident Dave Summerson often takes advantage of the bike trail with his 90 year old father, John. So, when John suggested a bike ride around 10:00 a.m. on the morning of August 10th, Dave was agreeable.

"I had looked at a weather map and there was a chance for storms around noon or shortly after, so I said fine. We would only be out for about an hour," explained Dave.

Heading out east of Perry there is a small section of the Raccoon River Valley trail that is not quite complete. It stretches for only a mile and a half and seemed the perfect length for a quick bike ride. So at 10:00 a.m., John and Dave pedaled away.

Meanwhile, Dave's wife, Janice, who was home, was dealing with the prospect of a burglar in the neighborhood. After the threat was sorted out and all was resolved, she checked the weather report again. It wasn't good. Severe storms were fast tracking their way to Perry. She quickly called Dave and relayed the news.

"We're turning around," Dave replied. "I have to hang up now."

But in his hurry to reverse course, Dave lost control of his bicycle. The back tire slipped in an unprotected culvert sending Dave and his bike to the bottom.

Dave scrambled out of the culvert dragging his bike with him. Trees lining the trail blocked his view of the blackening sky, but the ugly rumblings of thunder could be heard.

At this point, the two men were approximately a mile and a half outside of Perry. Then the winds blew up. Both men slammed backwards. It seemed impossible to fight it.

"We got only about 100 feet or so down the trail when the rain came up," said Dave.

Within seconds the men were soaked. The lashing rain found every opportunity to creep inside leaving them uncomfortable and cold.

With no alternative, they pushed forward.

At home frantic with worry, Janice called Dave again. "Where are you" she shouted into the phone. But Dave, terrified for his dad's safety and fighting the storm, was too rattled to explain. The call was lost.

Seconds later a huge tree crashed in front of Dave blocking the trail. "I pulled my father back to safety, but he was caught unaware, and fell back cracking his head," explained Dave. "He could hear me, but he couldn't move."

While the rain crashed down and tree branches stabbed the air, Dave struggled to get his father to a safe place. "Everything was breaking around us," Dave said. "I ended up dragging my dad thirty feet until I was too exhausted to move."

Back in Perry, Janice was on the phone searching for help. "I called 911 and explained they were stuck on the bike trail. The dispatcher said, 'Ma'am, we can't help you right now. We have two fires in Perry and there is no one available.'"

Back on the phone, Janice called her cousin, Sue Andrews. "Can you help me?" she pleaded. Sue immediately said "yes".

Then the electricity went out. The winds howled around the house. Dave's brother called. "I can't get to you. There are trees all over my driveway."

Sue burst through the back door finding Janice nearly immobile with fear. "It just wasn't like me, I usually am right on top of things. I don't know what I would have done without her," Janice quietly said.

With the storm raging on, Dave and his elderly father were soaked and shivering on the bike trail. Dave clutched a small sapling to keep them from being blown away. The water dripped off their noses and ran in rivulets down their faces. Dave's hands were so wet he couldn't operate his phone to call Janice.

Janice called again. "Dave, where are you!" The wind was blowing so badly his words scrambled and the call was lost.

"I was so scared," she exclaimed.

Janice and Sue flew to the garage and wrenched the door open. Trees and branches littered the driveway. While Sue shoved debris left and right, Janice was able to get their vehicle out. "It was like armageddon," she recalled. "I was literally dodging trees and sometimes just driving on top of them."

She called Dave again and explained where they were. "No, no" she heard from the phone "I am not there!"

"Dave!", she shouted, "Where are you. I need to get to you, but I don't know where you are!" Janice had never felt so helpless in her life.

Between clues picked up from Dave and her own intuition, Janice thought she might know where two were. She and Sue gunned the vehicle and fought their way over a bridge, up a hill, and to a section of railway where at last they found the two men.

John was sitting on his mobility bicycle shaking like a leaf. His teeth chattered nonstop, and he was so cold he could barely move. "I didn't know what was going to happen to my father-in-law" said Janice. "I was scared to death for him. We were so worried he was going to go into hyperthermia."

Sue took off her raincoat and wrapped it around John. Leading him to the SUV, the women cranked up the heat while Dave hid the bicycles.

The three got John home by driving up on curbs and sidewalks to avoid trees and branches. Even after he was warmed up with a shower and blankets, John couldn't get warm.

Janice just sat on the couch in the living room and shook.

Both John and Dave felt achy and drained in the days following the derecho. But they both recovered. It was a few days later when John, a quiet man with a huge heart, walked into Janice's kitchen.

He sat down at the table and looked at Janice with a shy smile. In his soft voice John said, "Thank you for Rescuing Us"

"I just smiled and looked down," said Janice. "There weren't any words."

Copies of the Derecho 991 can be obtained at: derechobook.com

**Scholarship Recipient
Eliana Hornbuckle**

Dear Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarship Committee,

I hope you are doing well in the New Year! I am reaching out to give you an update on my academic adventures. A few days ago, I moved to Providence, Rhode Island to start my undergraduate education at Brown University! I am very excited to finally be on campus and taking classes! Due to the pandemic, I was not able to take classes during the fall semester. Instead, I will be taking classes during the spring and summer semester this year. I am so grateful for the opportunity to safely live on campus this spring!

Classes for the spring semester are starting this Wednesday. I am planning on studying engineering or environmental science. Both of these concentrations have similar introductory courses which I will be taking this semester. Although most of my classes will be online, I am looking forward to learning in the diverse and challenging environment at Brown!

I have attached a few photos from my move to campus. In photo #2, I am standing in front of the Van Wickle Gates, which are part of a famous tradition at Brown University. Each student gets to walk through the gates twice during their time at Brown; once during convocation and once during graduation. There are plans to hold a "socially-distant" convocation for the class of 2024 in February. I am looking forward to walking through the gates and officially becoming a Brown student!

Once again, I am incredibly grateful for your financial support. I am excited to see what the next four years at Brown have in store for me!



Thank you!

Eliana Hornbuckle



**Olivia Sarasio Meyer
Scholarship Recipient**

Grand Lodge of Iowa,

As one of your 2020 scholarship recipients, I'd just like to extend another huge thank you for investing in me. Despite the global pandemic, I have been able to find success and joy on the University of Wisconsin La Crosse Campus. I am excelling with my classes, and I am already near completing my general education courses. Outside of my classes, I have gotten involved and found an on-campus job! I work in the Leadership and Involvement Center on campus which is an office that plans events for students, helps get the students involved and provides council for students seeking leadership opportunities. In addition to my job, I have joined a volunteer club and the Campus Activities Board. I have found participating in both as a great way to give back and find community!

Again, I cannot thank you enough for your investment and I sincerely hope you stay safe amidst these trying times.

Because he is a Mason
By Angella Herrman



When my dad asked me to write an article, I knew immediately what I wanted to write about. As long as I can remember, my dad has been involved with the Masonic lodges in Kansas. I remember as a child watching him leave for lodge meetings, going to weddings and funerals of men and their family members he knew through Masonry, and seeing him at the kitchen table going over the Mason dues for the local lodge. In more recent years, he has felt called to leadership at the state level in Kansas and I have watched him travel around the state, seen the respect in his fellow leaders' eyes, and witnessed the comradery among him and his fellow Masons. As I reflect on what masonry means to me as the daughter of the current M.W. Grand Master Tony Borum, it is obvious that the lessons my dad taught me throughout my life were only possible because he is a Mason.

- I learned the importance of ensuring family always comes first because he is a Mason.
- I learned that generosity does not mean you have more than someone, but that sharing what you do have is how you show love because he is a Mason.
- I learned that leadership skills do not always have to come from a job and can be honed with other roles that fill your soul because he is a Mason.
- I learned that a thriving community starts with the community members because he is a Mason.
- I learned that men could be honorable and trustworthy and respectful because he is a Mason.
- I learned that creating social networks and friendships is key to ensuring that you keep grounded because he is a Mason.
- I learned that loving your neighbor as you love your family should be an expectation because he is a Mason.
- I learned about the importance of volunteering your time to help others in any way you can because he is a Mason.
- I learned true joy comes from service to others because he is a Mason.

Masonry has been a cornerstone in our family for years and is a foundation that my brother and I were raised on as is evident by all of the lessons we were taught. I am thankful because he is a Mason.

I told my dad a few weeks ago that I was sure that although this is not the environment he had hoped to lead in, that it was a higher power that ensured he was the right and perfect Grand Master to lead the Kansas Masons during this time of pandemic. Masonry in Kansas needs my dad and my dad needs Masonry in Kansas. As my dad grows and thrives in Masonry, he grows and thrives as the patriarch of our family because he is a Mason.

I am the woman I am because my dad is a Mason and I am grateful.

Masonic Lodge donates to food pantry after 2020 event canceled **Times Herald Staff**

Signet Lodge No. 264 of Carroll called off its annual community Christmas Day dinner because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The lodge, however, found a different way of supplying meals – donating \$500 to the Community of Concern food pantry.

Jerry Janson, the lodge's current Worshipful Master, and Joe Reed, who will become Worshipful Master in 2021, on Monday visited Community of Concern, where they presented the donation to Roxanne Reinart. "With extra cash and food we're getting in, we're able to ensure that people get special meals during the holidays, so that's really nice," said Reinart, who is the Community of Concern director.

Throughout November and December, the pantry has supplied either a turkey or ham in each food call. "We give out quite a generous amount of food when people come in, and we thought, 'Why not start at the first of the month and give everybody one?'" Reinart said.

The Pantry received turkey and ham donations from businesses and individuals and also made purchases using funds available. Reinart said the number of food calls has picked up recently. Janson of the Masonic Lodge said, "The biggest thing we feel bad about is that at this time of most need, we're not able to serve the dinner. That's why we wanted to be able to do something for those in need by donating to the food pantry."

The Christmas dinner last year served nearly 350 people, both hosting visitors at the lodge on Highway 71 North and making home deliveries to shut-ins. Approximately 75 volunteers, including Masons and members of the general public, volunteer to put on the dinner – everything from preparing the meal, to making deliveries, to cleaning up afterward.

"Everybody is so welcome and it's really an atmosphere of appreciation," Janson said of the event. Reed said it's like a big family dinner for some who have attended many years since the lodge began hosting the dinners in 1994. Reed said that with the coronavirus risk, organizers didn't want to take a chance of bringing people together in close quarters to prepare the meal. Organizers considered making it a drive thru and delivery dinner, Janson said. "We just felt it was in our best interest to come back and do it again next year," Reed said.



A Family Affair at Newton Lodge No. 59



It's not often that a Grandfather gets to install his Grandson as Worshipful Master. Worshipful Brother Bill Yeager had the pleasure of installing his Grandson Josh Yeager as Worshipful Master of Newton Lodge No. 59 on January 10, 2021. Bill served as Worshipful Master in 1993.

Early Traerite Rises to Grand Master From Traer Star Clipper 1973

Brother Brandon Ruopp found this article while going through some old boxes.

John T. Ames Jr. was born on the Ames homestead on January 23, 1876. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ames Sr., who were settlers in Buckingham Township. His pioneer parents had come here from Wisconsin in a covered wagon, powered by a team of oxen, and the wagon was kept by the family as a relic for many years. In 1923 the wagon was in the parade during Traer's four-day celebration of its 50th anniversary, and shortly after was given to the State Historical Museum opposite the State Capitol Building in Des Moines.

John Ames attended the country school at Old Buckingham in his boyhood, then high school in Traer, graduating in 1893. After graduating he attended Stanford University at Palo Alto, California for two years, then enrolled at Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls. Before the end of the college years at Cedar Falls the nation was engaged in the Spanish American War, and John enlisted in May 1898. He saw service in Cuba and was discharged from the Army in May 1899. John then taught in a rural school for a few years before becoming engaged in farming on the Ames homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames farmed until 1916, when they moved to Traer to occupy the former D.E. Baker large home opposite the Traer School Building, which for several years had been occupied by Mrs. Ames parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Young

John, who for more than 60 years was one of the most widely known officials of the Masonic Order in Iowa, became a member of Hesperia Lodge of Traer in 1901. In 1919 he was elected by the Iowa Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Warden and as a member of the state board of three Masonic Lodge Custodians. As a State Custodian he served a total of 48 years.

He was elected Grand Master for the years of 1935-36, and was honored by Masons and lodge officials from many places in the state, at a meeting following in Traer.

John was also a member many years of the Masonic Consistory of Cedar Rapids, the Knights Templar and Commandery in Vinton, and two Masonic Honorary Societies, the Royal and Select Master of Waterloo, and the Red Cross of Constantine, of Des Moines. He and his wife, Lola were workers and officers in the local Eastern Star Chapter, many years. He served several times as Worthy Patron, and was also a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem of Waterloo where he served as Watchman of Shepherds.

Mr. Ames served as Master of Hesperia Lodge for Fraternal Funeral Services of deceased members of Traer and elsewhere for many years. He was honored by his home lodge when he received his 50 Year membership certificate in 1951, and as a 60th anniversary member 10 years later.

John was active most of his life in Ripley Congregational Church in Traer. His mother, Mrs. J.T. Ames Sr., was one of seven persons who formed the Congregational Church of Twelve Mile Creek in June, 1856, at a meeting in the log cabin home of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hester, which then occupied a site near the present Traer C. & N.W. Railway Depot.

John and Mrs. Ames held several offices in the local church, and he was clerk of the church several years. He was also a member of the church choir, and of the Congregational and Masonic male quartets for 40 years or longer.

For years he was a member of the Waterloo Post of the United Spanish American War Veterans. Of John it has been said that he was the personal friend of more Iowa Masons than any Mason in the history of the order, known and esteemed in every corner of the state. He was also a leader and all-around good citizen in his home community all of his life.



Marion Lodge No. 6 Veteran's Recognition Worshipful Master John L. Hanson



Marion Lodge No. 6 held a Veteran's Recognition at their November Stated Communication, about 24 hours after the Governor of Iowa put a 15 person limit on attendees. It had a major impact on the event, but it turned out to be a nice night. Those Veteran's that attended are pictured.

Left to right: Dustin Smart, JW: Iowa Air Force National Guard; Ken Manley, SS: US Army; John L. Hanson, WM: United States Marine Corps Reserve; Jamie Johnson, Sec.: Canadian Air Force; Don Boland, Tres: US Air Force

2020 Art Geyer Scholarship Recipients By Kirk Thelin

Art Geyer was a long-time Mason in Haggai Lodge No. 369 in Glidden Iowa. With his passing a considerable amount of money was passed on to Qualified Seniors at Glidden-Ralston Community School District. This past year the following students received monetary assistance: (Left to right)



Abby Schlichte, Grant Borkowski, Luke Handlos, Madison Brincks, and Talia Schon.

Twin Lakes Masonic Lodge donates gifts for needy children By Tyler Anderson

One of the most well known quotes from the film "Miracle on 34th Street," is that Christmas isn't just a day; it's a frame of mind. It makes the Yuletide season special to the hearts of many. The Brothers of the Twin Lakes Lodge No. 478 in Rockwell City showed the spirit recently, helping out local children by fulfilling gift requests. New Opportunities will distribute the donated gifts throughout Calhoun County.



Starting in November, the brothers selected gift requests and went shopping, looking for "just the right gift" for boys and girls.

However, because of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the lodge was unable to partake in its annual tradition of dinner and fellowship. Nonetheless, the original intent of providing for the less fortunate had prevailed.

The annual project began in 2007, from a suggestion by Past Grand Master Harold Barkley.

The Wages of a Fellowcraft Wade Sheeler

Speculative Masonry is meaningfully symbolic at all levels, from the largest structure of the three degrees to the small word or movement in the ritual. The Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master are not only direct descendants of the medieval system of professional guilds and education, but also, in a more contemporary sense, they represent the three ages of a human being: birth, childhood, and youth (the Entered Apprentice); adulthood and productive work (the Fellowcraft); and wisdom and age (the Master). Echoes of this three-part structure can be found in many places in the Lodge and in Masonic ritual; they refer ultimately, to Deity, as represented by the number 3 in many systems of religion in the world. This is not by chance.

The Fellowcraft degree represents man at this strongest physically and most productive professionally. For the work he does in his life in the “real world”, he receives payment, or wages, be it a salary, hourly wages, or some other sort of stipend. In Freemasonry, as a Fellow of the Craft, or active participant in the symbolic mental and philosophical work of Masonry, he also receives specific symbolic wages.

The manner in which he earns and receives Masonic wages is described at the point, measured in time it takes to confer the Degrees, that the exact center of Masonic work, and that, too, is important symbolically. As a Fellowcraft enters into the Middle Chamber to receive his wages, we hear the Worshipful Master declare that Fellowcrafts were paid in wages of corn, wine, and oil, but that we as speculative Masons will be paid in wages of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.

In ancient times the grain in the field, the grape in the vineyard, and the olive in the groves were forms of wealth; so many bushels of grain, skins of wine and jars of oil were then as dollars are to us today. When our ancient brethren were paid in wages of corn, wine, and oil they were being rewarded for their labors in the coin of the realm.

The corn of the Bible is not the same corn we know. A better translation would simply be “grain”. The principal grains of the Old Testament were barley and wheat, “corn” represents not only both of these but all the grains which the Jews cultivated. An ear of grain has been an emblem of plenty since antiquity. Ceres, goddess of abundance survives today in our cereals.

The Hebrew word “Shibboleth” means both an ear of corn and a flood of water. Both are symbols of abundance, plenty, and wealth. (Judges 12: 6)

In Genesis 14: 18 wine appears as a symbol of hospitality, “And Melchizedek King of Salem brought out bread and wine.” The use of wine on festive occasions is referred to in Job 1:13 “Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house”. Probably the most famous mention of wine in the Bible is in conjunction with Jesus’s first miracle performed at the wedding in Cana (John 2: 1-11). Symbolically wine as refreshment came to mean the restoration of vigor or liveliness to the soul as well as to the body.

The oil pressed from the olive was as important to the Jews as butter and other fats were to the Greeks and Romans. Because oil was so necessary and valuable, it became an important part of sacrificial rites. To be effective as an offering before the altar; the giving must be something of value that will testify to the love and veneration of the Most High.

In Psalm 133, we read “the precious anointment which ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard”. This oil was doubtless made from olive oil and probably mixed with such spices as cinnamon, myrrh and frankincense. Corn, wine and oil were the wages of a Fellowcraft in the days of King Solomon. Freemasons of today receive no material wages for their labors, but if the wages paid for work in the quarries of Freemasonry are paid in the happiness of the heart, the value is no less. Our wages will be the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. To receive the Masonic equivalent of the ancient corn, wine, and oil, a brother must labor.

If he stands, waits and watches, he will not be able to enter the Middle Chamber where our ancient brethren received their wages. If he works for the joy of working, does his part in the work of the lodge, and takes his place among the craftsmen of quarries, he will receive corn, wine, and oil in abundant measure and know a fraternal joy as real in his heart as it is abstract to the profane.

Ecclesiastes
12th CHAPTER, 1st to 7th VERSES
An Interpretation from the Walkes Masonic Collection

Almond tree: A tree whose blossoms are exceedingly white; hence, a symbol of man in his declining years.

Daughters of music: The expression "daughters of music shall be brought low" is a symbolic utterance referring to the infirmities of old age, when the hearing becomes dull and the natural gifts and accomplishments fade.

Desires shall fade: This quotation is used in its figurative sense, referring to the fact that in the infirmities of old age; men are no longer concerned about the carnal and secular things of the earth.

Door shall be shut: "The doors shall be shut in the streets when the sound of the grinding is low" refers to the decrepitude of old age when chewing shall be difficult because of the loss of teeth.

Dust to earth: Man's body was made from the earth and must return to the dust in one form or another. The use of this phrase points to the mortality and frailty of the physical being and to the need for recognizing the immortality of the spirit of man.

Fears shall be in the way: This phrase describes the failing courage of old age, the nervous and excited state of mind natural to declining years.

Golden bowl be broken: This is a figurative expression relating to the broken state of man's mind, or brain, as a result of the decrepitude of old age.

Grasshopper shall be a burden: This expression is a figure of the weakness accompanying old age.

Grinders cease because they are few: This term indicates the decrepitude of old age when the teeth are almost gone and chewing can no longer be performed.

Keepers of the house shall tremble: This expression is the figure of the failings of the body in old age or as weakened by the approach of death.

Mourn as go about the streets: This is a poetical expression and reference to the practice of having hired mourners in and about the house following the death of a loved one.

Pitcher be broken at the fountain: The heart is the fountain of human life, and the great vein which carries the blood to the right ventricle is, symbolically, called the pitcher. When this is broken as the result of the decrepitude of old age, or by human disease, death soon follows.

Those that look out of the windows be darkened: This is a figurative and poetic expression indicating the failure of eyesight as the result of the decrepitude of old age, or as one approaches death.

Wheel broken: A symbol of the infirmation of old age, a representation of the great artery that receives the blood from the left ventricle of the heart, symbolized by the cistern.

Brother Michael Batey Raised



Monday, October 19, 2020 the members of Crest City Lodge No. 522 held a Third Degree for Brother Michael Batey.

Brother Richard Reeve was in the East to open lodge and made an outstanding conferral of the First Section. Rick N. Mc Campbell Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was in the East to confer the Second Section of the Third Degree. Crest City

Lodge used the recommendations set forth by the Custodians of the Work for the Degree Work.

"Dad's Billfold"

By Gerald A. Edgar -- Mosaic Lodge No. 125

Allen Chapter, Order of DeMolay; Boy Scout Troop No. 11 @ Westminster Presbyterian



We all know women's purses tend to be large and full of everything from band-aids and nail-clippers to coupons & chewing gum; all God-sends for men & children who carry far, far less with them. Men are usually limited to that billfold in their back left pocket. Some do bulge with more than a mere drivers' license and some money. These tend to be the men who never emptied that billfold since first getting it as a gift in high school. Thus you find locker combinations, a 1997 receipt for a car battery, an equally old sports event ticket and a spare key for a former home. Some men however tend to keep their billfolds more relevant to their current life. In any case, those billfolds can indeed be 'a window to the soul' of the owner – evidence of what is truly important in their lives and how organized they are.

My Dad, Raymond passed away on a Memorial Day, two days past his 94th birthday. It was appropriate as he was one of those unassuming WWII hero's: Bronze Star recipient ("Brave"), war-time commissioning, 5+ year enlistment including nearly 3 years in the Pacific). Among his many belongings of course was his billfold. We assume it was little changed in his last years as Dad was "active" until recently still driving until he reached his 93rd birthday, mostly so he could squire Mom around as she suffered from dementia her last year. ("Helpful")

As I inventoried Dad's billfold for my two sisters, I realized it said a lot about our Dad, his outlook on life, his preparedness, etc. Dad was a 63 year Mason and a 77 year DeMolay, active in both regards ("Fidelity"). I view his billfold contents as evidence of some of the lessons he learned in Lodge halls as well as his time as a Boy Scout (reaching Eagle rank with 2 palms in the 1930's) and as a DeMolay (Legion of Honor recipient). So what did Dad deem important enough to fit into that billfold that was always in his hip pocket, whether in shorts, slacks or three-piece suit?

There was that prized gold-colored fifty year Iowa Masonic Dues Card ("Comradeship"). In addition there was his last Driver's license, a few dollar bills and hidden under other items, a carefully folded crisp \$20 bill. When I left for college years ago I recall Dad recommending that I keep a folded \$5 "hidden" in my billfold for emergency use (when gas or a meal at McDonalds were both less than a buck). Given the intervening years, a \$20 sounds about right in 2013. ("Be Prepared")

Scouts, DeMolay and Masonry teach about the rectitude of life. So in addition Dad had a very neatly hand-printed list of all his prescription meds on a tiny card (he had taken extra drafting courses in high school). There was also his vehicle insurance card, AAA member-ship, Voter's registration card & social security card ("Citizenship"). Obviously having given up driving Dad could have removed the car related items. They were the only superfluous items in his billfold but I suspect after nearly 80 years of driving, they were hard to give up. Perhaps emotionally he was leaving the door open a crack as giving up driving was his choice; he had never made a claim in all the years our State Farm agent had known him.

Other measures of vital information included his medical insurance cards, prescription discount ("Thrifty") and preferred hospital cards, a bank card with account info & the receipt from his last withdrawal and a single credit card. There was also his last shopping list including Dove soap and Head & Shoulders shampoo and receipt for same ("Cleanness"). I know from having taken him to stores a couple times the past year his normal practice was to put the most current receipts in his billfold, placing the previous receipts in an old bank check box in his desk so he could reconcile them later. There was also a three-generational family photo, not a copy of any displayed in his living room or on his nightstand or atop his armoire. Indeed it was a photo I did not recall but obviously it was a favorite.

Lastly there were two more items that spoke of his organization and respect for others. The back of one card was used to note every medical 'fact' for emergency purposes including his birthdate and blood type, employer, Doctor, Social Security and Military ID numbers and every medical procedure he had experienced from an appendix removal in '48 to a new hearing aid in '05. Most were dated to the day! Lastly, possibly because his grandkids wanted more detail as to his military service, on a

neatly trimmed index card were his exact dates of enlistment, embarking to the Pacific, commissioning, returning to America and his discharge ("Patriotism"). These were not just dates however; he showed the actual time spent such as time overseas (2 years, 10 months & 20 days). As an aside, he became a bit more open about his military service in recent years as he made it to D.C. on an "Honor Flight" and was very proud of a granddaughter becoming an Officer in the Navy Reserves.

Also on this card (amazing what good printing allows you to put into a two 2" x 3" space!) were his dates of becoming a Mason, his year as WM, his decade as Secretary and dates joining High-12 and the Scottish Rite and the times he participated in Grand Lodge trips to England and a Lutheran tour of the Holy Land ("Reverence"). Yes, here was a Mason proud of his membership and his participation, perhaps more mindful in recent years when both his son & a grandson would sit in Lodge or attend High Twelve with him.

Lastly there was what was NOT in Dad's billfold. No casino cards, liquor store receipts (Dad did enjoy a daily glass of a good wine), cigarette coupons, girl friends' phone numbers (a more devoted husband I have not known - 65 years of a solid marriage), notes of debts, off-color photos or jokes, etc. There were no 'skeletons' in Dad's closet whether literally in his apartment we emptied, in his bank box OR in his billfold. The outpouring of compliments at his visitation and Masonic & church services were genuine. Men he had hired as a plant manager 50 years ago, Lodge brothers, his Pastor, neighbors, organizations he had volunteered for, etc. were united in words of praise for a man who gave far more than he took.

Dad indeed followed the Boy Scout Laws, the DeMolay Cardinal Virtues and the oaths of the Masonic Fraternity. When his Masonic record was read, the words 'a just and upright Mason' were indeed 'not mere empty forms'. Thanks Dad for leaving a legacy both in deed and with what was in your billfold.... further evidence of a man who loved his family, church, country and Fraternity.

So my High Twelve Brothers, "what's in your wallet"?

Brother Steven Pudenz Raised By S.G.W. Kimberly E. Jones

Signet Lodge No. 264 in Carroll hosted the Grand Lodge Officers at an Third Degree on Saturday morning January 23, 2021. The morning began with an assortment of pastries provided by the lodge.

Worshipful Master Joe Read and the 2021 officers opened lodge at 9:30 a.m. on the Third Degree and welcomed all in attendance. Worshipful Master Read then announced that Steven Pudenz, a Fellowcraft, has been declared proficient and waiting to receive the 3rd degree. Right Worshipful Brother John D. Lloyd, Deputy Grand Master, then assumed the East and conferred an excellent First Section with Worshipful Brother Ian Decker, Senior Grand Deacon. Worshipful Brother Allan Tedrow, Junior Grand Deacon, presented the working tools and extended trowel lecture.

Grand Master Dennis Heflin was then escorted to the East and given the private Grand Honors. The Grand Master then introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Lodge Officers present. Deputy Grand Master John Lloyd then announced the cast for the Second Section with Grand Master Heflin laboring as King Solomon. Past Grand Master William R. Crawford was Senior Grand Warden. After raising Brother Pudenz, Worshipful Brother Gary Shaulis, Junior Grand Steward, gave the Charge. Signet Lodge presented Brother Pudenz with his Masonic Bible. Junior Grand Deacon Tedrow presented Brother Pudenz with a hand made wooden Masonic jewelry box he had made. Worshipful Brother Jason Delzell, Grand Marshall, made a gift of an insulated travel mug with the Grand Master's lapel pin insignia to Brother Pudenz. Grand Master Heflin then made presentations to Brother Pudenz and some comments regarding his theme (Because I am a Mason) and program (Light, More Light, Further Light - A Mason's Journey). Deputy Grand Master Lloyd then assumed the East and closed Lodge with the Grand Lodge Officers in their respective stations and places.

Fellowship continued in the dining room with a variety of sub sandwiches and cookies provided by the Lodge.



The Artifacts we have Collected for the Museum in 2020

By Bill Kreuger

The Iowa Masonic Library and Museums has two different sides to it, as indicated in its name. We have the Iowa Masonic Library, which is made up mostly of books and materials for Masons but also books and materials for non-Masons on philosophy, religion and on Iowa. This goes back to the original founding and mission as envisioned by Theodore S. Parvin. Parvin was a forward thinker, especially when it came to cultural collections. As an example, when the Iowa Masonic Library was first opened in Cedar Rapids in 1884, there was no public library here. What did Parvin do? He started a collection on non-Masonic books and materials that could be used by the General Public, hence the "General Collection." It would be 12 years before Cedar Rapids would finally open its first Carnegie Library. The Iowa Masonic Library did not close to the public, we remained accessible and still are to this day.

The museum collection was started in 1886, again by Parvin, as the Archeological Department of the Library. This collection was started after the original building was opened and had been operating for a short time. Parvin was not only interested in collecting Masonic/Fraternal materials, but also materials that exhibited various cultures, including Native American, Oriental, Egyptian, Middle Eastern, European, and American. It is for this reason that the word "Museums" is in our name. We have a Masonic Museum and a General History Museum, and we collect in both areas.

The year 2020 was an interesting and challenging year, to say the least. During the year, we added 16 different collections to our museums. I think this is impressive, when you look back to 2019 and see we added 17 different collections to the museums.

Our goal is not to try and add more items just to add items. There is a method to what we add to the collection, sort of a strategy, if you will. Museums collect materials from both the past and present (we need to document what is happening today for tomorrow). We try to improve the collection, make it stronger in areas where it may be weak, as well as tell the story of Masons/Fraternal groups in Iowa, Masons/Fraternal groups in other parts of the country and world and the history of non-Masonic groups. I will highlight a few of the collections we added in 2020 and indicate why they were collected.

One of the first collections we added in 2020 is a collection of Iowa Masonic Fraternal, and political badges from the late 19th and early 20th century period. All are from the western part of Iowa. Many of the Fraternal badges document the participation in various Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Encampments both in the state and nation. Most are badges/medallions which we do not have in our collection. The individual who donated these items to us lived in western Iowa at one time. One of his family members had been a Mason and served in the Civil War, then became a member of the local G.A.R. Post. He served as an officer in the Post in the Storm Lake area and was able to travel to various National G.A.R. encampments. As a result, he brought back ribbons and badges from those events. One of the more interesting badges, which is pictured, is from the Silver Anniversary Encampment held in Detroit, Michigan in August 1891. The G.A.R. had been founded in Decatur, Illinois in 1866.



A second collection, which was added, includes an Iowa O.E.S. Grand Matron pin back button and an Order of Railroad Trainmen lapel pin. The OES pin dates to 1915 and has a small photograph of the Grand Matron on it. The Order of Railway Trainmen was another Fraternal organization that existed in Iowa. The railroad was an important occupation, and it still is, in Iowa. The Fraternal society was made up of those individuals who worked for the railroad. I have included photographs of both pins. The OES pin is quite unusual and we did not

have one like this in our collection, nor did we have anything documenting the Order of Railroad Trainmen.



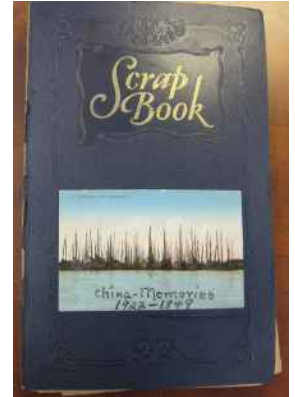
A third collection is a single item. This is an ivory belt buckle that was most likely presented to attendees of the Imperial Shrine Convention that was held in Des Moines, Iowa in June 1921.



This item was collected for two different reasons. First, it represents an Iowa Masonic related event, one which we did not have featured in our collection. Second, this was the convention where the decision was made by the Shrine to start the Shrine Hospitals for Children. These important institutions are in various places in the United States and the idea became a reality here in Iowa 100 years ago.

A fourth collection is one we received in the fall. This was a collection of an Iowan who served as a Methodist Missionary and

nurse in China from the 1920s to the 1940s. We collected this because we do have an Oriental collection in our general history museum. The items are like, but also different to what we have. The collection included a scrapbook that was kept by the missionary that was entitled "China Memories, 1922 to 1949." The scrapbook includes photographs of the ship in which she embarked from Washington State in 1922, the places she worked while in China, the language school, she attended to learn the Chinese language and dialect, and the realities that were part of that life. This included the rise of the Chinese Communist Party before, during and after World War II. It is an important testament to someone who served in a larger role and, hopefully, will provide information to researchers on the life of a church missionary in China almost 100 years ago.



I hope this gives you a sense of what we collect, why we collect and something of the strategy that we use in trying to improve our museum collections. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are not currently open to the public or membership. If you are interested in seeing some of these items, we may have them on exhibit from time to time, or just ask and we can bring them out for you to see.

Cobia Lodge No. 631 **By John Hauser, Secretary**



Despite the many problems associated with COVID-19, Cobia Lodge 631, Council Bluffs, continues to move forward. In October, over 300 takeout lunches were served to local and state law enforcement. Brothers Travis Kephart and James Provost were raised as Master Masons. Also, Brothers Bill Witt, above left, and James Larsen, right, received 50-year pins from Worshipful Master Fred Gach.



Star Lodge No. 115 **By Kurtis Kruse, Secretary**

Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid and the Madrid Lions Club have partnered the past seven years ringing bells for the Salvation Army. The two groups are consistently the Top Three Boone county participants and this year they raised a total of over \$1,430. This is one way your lodge can help out in the community.



1 & 2 Bedroom Villas Available Now in our Independent Living Community



Masonic Village is a retirement community that offers the independence & privacy of condominium style living. Enjoy all the benefits of having your own home without the worries or unexpected costs that go along with home ownership! You simply pay a monthly rental fee & leave the rest to us!



We have a rare 2 bedroom vacancy, as well as one bedroom vacancies available immediately.

*Don't wait another winter to make a move!
Call Amy today for your personal tour of our beautiful villas!*

Masonic Village
2500 Grant Street, Bettendorf
563-359-9171
iowamasonic.com

**No long-term commitment. No buy-in fees. No Masonic affiliation needed.*

Masonic Village is part of the Iowa Masonic Continuing Care Retirement Community.

FEATURES & AMENITIES

- ✓ Condominium-style living without the demands or expenses of home ownership!
- ✓ Enjoy carefree retirement living with an amazing community of friends!
- ✓ Personal driveway to your villa & park just a few steps from your door (*garages available with 2BR villas)!
- ✓ Small pets welcome.
- ✓ Complete appliance package included!
- ✓ Beautiful spacious living areas 800 to 1200 square feet.
- ✓ Lawn Care & Snow Removal included!
- ✓ Complimentary Wi-Fi.
- ✓ Simplify finances as all utilities are included in your monthly rent (*except phone/cable).
- ✓ Enjoy outdoor living space with small yards and patios/decks.
- ✓ Fun outings, social activities and fitness classes.
- ✓ Convenient Bettendorf location situated on our beautiful 22 acres of private property. Nestled on the hill along with the historic William Bettendorf Mansion.



2021 Grand Masters Golf Outing

*All proceeds to go to the
Iowa Masonic Library and Museum Lighting project
and Puppy Jake Foundation*

Join us: This golf event will be a scramble. There are openings for (36) 4-person teams. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis. To reserve your spot-advance payment is requested. Please make all checks payable to the Grand lodge of Iowa.

When: Friday, May 21, 2021
Where: Atlantic Golf and Country Club
102 W 29th St



Atlantic, Iowa 50022
Pre-registration \$280 per team
Day of the Event \$320 per team
Includes:
Green Fees 18 Hole Course, Carts,
Lunch and Mulligans



Schedule
8:00 am-9:00 Registration
9:00 am Shotgun Start
Your Team

Contact person-phone and email _____

Putting contest, Longest Drive,
Straightest Drive, Longest putt
and more

Mail check and registration form to:
Donnie Drennan 1302 Elm St, Atlantic, IA 50022
712-249-3253
gvsf2009@gmail.com

Grand Master Golf Outing May 21, 2021



The 2021 Grand Master's Golf Outing will be held on May 21, 2021 at the beautiful Atlantic Golf and Country Club in Atlantic, Iowa. The Atlantic Golf and Country Club is an 18 Hole Championship Course chartered in 1914. It is the home of the Tournament of Champions held annually in August and is host to Club Champions from around the State of Iowa. It also features a swimming pool, dining room, bar and additional rooms for meetings of almost any size.

This year the proceeds will go to support not only the Grand Master's Project but also the First Lady's Project. We have set a goal of raising \$10,000. We are hoping to get 36 teams (that's the maximum) and 80 sponsors. There will be the

typical games and contests, longest putt, straightest drive and the favorite putting contest.

We are also planning to have activities for the non-golfers as well.

The Grand Masters theme this year Because I Am A Mason, Light...More Light...Further Light... A Masons Journey. To go along with his theme, he is raising funds for the interior LED Lighting in the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums, one of the premier Masonic Libraries in the world.

The First Lady's project is Puppy Jake. Their mission: Puppy Jake Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping military veterans through the assistance of well bred, socialized and professionally trained service dogs.

Founded in 2013, 19 dogs have been placed with around 30 dogs currently in the training process. These dogs assist with:

- PTSD: assist with personal space (non-guarding), pressure therapy, interrupt flashbacks, navigate crowds
- Mobility: turn on/off lights, open/close doors and drawers, pick up items, retrieve items

We are hoping to have a program on Puppy Jake at the golf outing.

Please put the date on your calendar, golfers and non-golfers alike, to support the Grand Master and his Lady for these two wonderful programs.

Grand Master's Lady Program

As the Grand Master's lady, my project for this Grand Lodge year is in support of service dogs for military veterans through the Puppy Jake Foundation (PJF). PJF is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing professionally trained service dogs to wounded military veterans.

These dogs are trained to assist with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and mobility impairments. The service dogs act as a barrier (to provide a larger personal space), interrupt flashbacks, and navigate crowds for those suffering from PTSD. For mobility impairments, the service dogs turn on/off lights, open/close doors and drawers, and pickup and retrieve items as needed.

The design of my lapel pin is an oval shape with crossed hands with a dog's paw on top. The theme on the border edge is "When you needed a hand, I gave you my paw." This pin is available from all Grand Lodge officers and their ladies. All proceeds will go to the PJF. Plans are also being made to invite the PJF and some of the dogs in training to the Grand Master's golf outing on May 21, 2021.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Linda Heflin



Crest City Lodge No. 522



Crest City Lodge No. 522 in Creston donated a fingerprint kit to Creston Police Department. The Creston Lodge donated three reusable mobile fingerprint kits to the Creston Police Department and three to the Union County Sheriff's Department. Funds for the kits were donated by the members of Crest City Lodge. Junior Steward Blaize Reha is shown handing the fingerprint kit to Creston Police Officer Patrick Roach at Crest City Lodge No. 522. Those looking on from left to right are: Officer Caleb Humberg CPD, 2021 Worshipful Master Dick Reeve, Secretary Rick Mc Campbell and Senior Warden Roger Turk.

Lodge Service Committee Spring Neighborhood Area Meetings

The committee meetings will be scheduled and held over Zoom conferencing for 2021.

Invitations and RSVPs will be utilized for the 12 meetings which will begin early March through the middle of May.

Participants are limited to 50 from the Grand Lodge of Iowa Zoom license.

There will be four topics covered and time will be allowed for questions.

1. Grand Master's theme, "Light, More Light, and Further Light", use of the Awards program to illustrate the three steps of Light in a Mason's Journey. (Ashlar, Master Builder, Golden Trowel)
2. Planning for Success, use of the Lodge of the Year Award as a guide to plan your lodge year. Lodge Officer and Committee responsibilities, Masonic Education, Ritual practice.
3. Community Service "Small Things Matter", providing examples from area lodges. Direct discussion with the brothers in the audience to share ideas and give examples.
4. Lodge Public Relations, Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee providing content on promoting events and activities of your lodge to the community.

Watch for invitations with calendar dates and RSVP instructions, and we look forward to discussing Iowa Freemasonry this Spring with you.

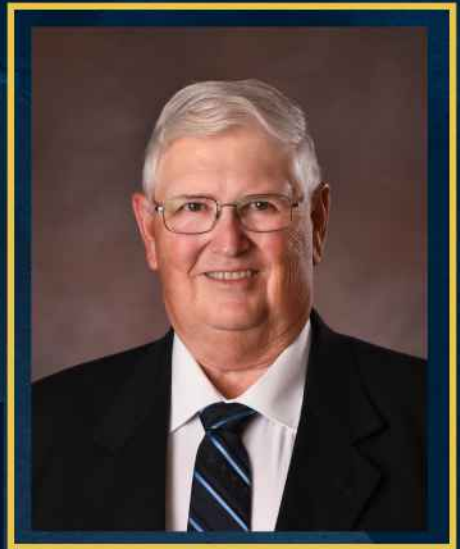


GRAND MASTER'S ONE DAY CLASS



MASONIC LIGHT

Saturday MAY 8



Dennis R. Heflin
Grand Master of Masons
in Iowa



Registration Deadline April 16, 2021
\$100.00 Registration Fee

Des Moines Scottish Rite
519 Park Street Des Moines, Iowa



APPLICATION FOR CANDIDATE TO PARTICIPATE IN A GRAND MASTER'S ONE DAY CLASS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Section A:

Date: _____
Mo. Day Year

Name of Candidate _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address _____, Iowa _____
P.O. Box or Street Address City Zip Code Plus 4

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

Birth Date _____ e-mail _____

Phone No. _____ Occupation _____

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

Master's One Day Class to be held at _____, Iowa, on _____
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 (Required): _____ Lodge _____ No. _____

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

Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Secretary

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

Revised
10-14-2020

IOWA MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUMS
 GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A.F. & A.M.
 P.O. Box 279
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-0279
 Phone: (319) 365-1438 -- Fax: (319) 365-1439

Non-Profit Org.
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 Permit No. 55
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

50 - Year Certificates Issued Since The December 2020 "Bulletin"

Congratulations to the following Brothers who earned their Certificates.

Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

No.	Town	Lodge	Name	No.	Town	Lodge	Name
13	Fort Madison		Glidewell, Jimmie G.	329	Spirit Lake		Tanner, Benny W.
22	Des Moines		Babcock, Cleon C.	335	Carson		Johnson, Franklin C.
25	Cedar Rapids		Bunch, Ronald J.	386	Greenfield		Ticknor, Robert J.
26	Washington		Ornduff, Ronald G.	386	Greenfield		Bennett, Richard D.
26	Washington		Stout, Dennis E.	386	Greenfield		Steward, Gail R.
29	Keokuk		Williams, Charles A.	391	Williamsburg		Heitmann, Russell K.
37	Davenport		Ross, Harold J.	508	Sioux City		Weakley, Daniel V.
60	Camanche		Powell, Thomas J.	509	Windsor Heights		Mestdagh, Darrell D.
61	Knoxville		Verwers, Gary L.	522	Creston		Bailey, Gary R.
77	Osceola		Jones, William E.	548	Hiawatha		White, Douglas C.
77	Osceola		Manley, Myron L.	576	Story City		Hoy, Donald A.
99	Nevada		Miner, Kenneth M.	577	Wet Des Moines		Cox, David A.
108	Marshalltown		Hughes, Larry D.	592	Des Moines		Rockwell, Wayne R.
125	Dubuque		Pratt, Michael W.	597	Lohrville		Perry, Donald D.
141	Marble Rock		Heft, Louis R.	615	Sioux City		Donaway, Richard S.
147	Guttenberg		Moser, Lowell D.	616	Stanwood		Gesling, Michael R.
174	Malcom		McCombs, Roland L.	632	Des Moines		Pardock, Kenneth J.
204	Postville		Billman, Lloyd C.	636	Ankeny		Day, Dennis G.
205	Algona		Miller, William L.	644	Oskaloosa		Adkins, James L.
208	Davenport		Cluever, Allan L.	650	Burlington		Michaels, Donald E.
221	Davenport		Hintze, Jackie L.	654	Des Moines		Johnson, Lyle K.
				657	Des Moines		Crouch, John P.