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**“Because I Am A Mason”**

**Bailey Christensen**  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
Council Bluffs



“Bailey is a motivated, responsible, hard-working student who achieves in her classes at the highest level.”

**Zoe Lutz**  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
Council Bluffs



“Zoe has proven that through hard work, follow through, and team-work, she can accomplish tasks in a courteous and timely manner.”

**Madalyn Palmer**  
Waukon High School  
Waukon



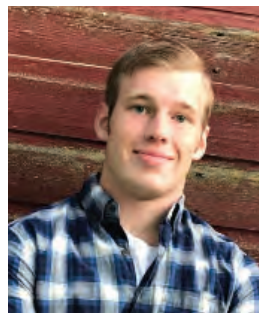
“Madi Palmer is a mature, kind and pleasant young woman with a wonderful attitude and a tremendously high potential for success in college.”

**Rachel Rosonke**  
South Hardin High School  
Eldora



“Rachel is driven to learn and accepts all of the challenges that are coupled with that quest.”

**Ethan Schellhorn**  
Tripoli High School  
Sumner



“Ethan is, without reservation, one of the brightest, determined, and driven young people I have ever met.”

**Bailey Shafer**  
Waukon High School  
Waukon



“Bailey is a genuine person with tremendous character.”

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**THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN**

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**2021 Regional Schools**

**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, June 12, 2021** Acanthus Lodge No. 632,  
Rededication, Urbandale.....2:00 P.M.

**June 17-19, 2021** Annual Communication, Grand  
Lodge of South Dakota.....

**Friday, June 18, 2021** Des Moines Scottish Rite, Golf  
Outing, Des Moines.....

**June 25-27, 2021** Grand Assembly for Rainbow, Des  
Moines.....

**Tuesday, June 29, 2021** Cobia Lodge No. 631,  
Rededication, Council Bluffs.....5:00 P.M.

**Friday, July 16, 2021** OES Golf Outing,  
Altoona.....11:00 A.M.

**Sunday, July 25, 2021** Joint Brunch with OES,  
Boone.....10:00 A.M.

**Saturday, July 31, 2021** Hiram in the Hills, Kent Park,  
Oxford.....8:00 A.M.

**August 5-7, 2021** Grand Chapter, Grand Council, York  
Rite in Des Moines.....

**August 28, 2021** Signet Lodge No. 264, Temple  
Rededication, Carroll .....



**Abraham Lincoln (Lee Williams)**

From Atlantic, Iowa

will present "A man of character, honesty and compassion".

Thursday, September 16, 2021

3:00 P.M. at the Grand Lodge of Iowa

Annual Communication

Davenport River Center, 136 E 3rd Street

Davenport, Iowa 52801

Grand Lodge Room

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

Dear Brothers,

It is June, and we are 2/3 of the way through the 2020-2021 Grand Lodge year. The past 15 months have challenged all of us to find ways to maintain our attendance and participation in Masonry due to Covid-19. Staying connected by technology such as Zoom has been a significant part to staying connected in Masonry for committee meetings and lodge education. Helping Brothers and neighbors in various ways, such as picking up groceries or medicines, mowing the lawn, etc. These have been a few of the ways we have been able to 'help, aid, and assist' each other during the pandemic. My Lady Linda and I were recipients of this Brotherly Love during the quarantine times and we thank you for helping in our time of need.



As we began the Grand Lodge year I announced a challenge for Masonic Instructors (MI). My goal was for 20 brothers to obtain their MI certificates. Many have been working towards this accomplishment and are at various stages in their studies.

Perfecting Masonic ritual is one way to help keep us connected, increase our knowledge in Masonry, and offer opportunities to assist other brothers and lodges. Keep studying.

Every member is important to our Masonic team. We can all do something to enhance our lodges and meetings. It starts with one, each of us can contribute to our lodge's success by our attendance, bringing a brother to lodge, supporting lodge programs, charities, and community activities. I encourage each Mason in Iowa to make at least one goal to enhance their lodge's attendance and awareness in their communities by the 2021 Grand Lodge Communication.

It is time to make plans to attend the 177th Annual Communication in Davenport, September 16-18, 2021 to be held at the Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel and River Center. You should be making your hotel reservations and ordering your meal tickets now.

The Custodians will conduct the annual Grand Lodge School of Instruction on Thursday. This is open to all Masons and I want to encourage your attendance to "polish up" and improve your ritual. An Abe Lincoln impersonator will provide a live presentation for both the men and ladies on the life of President Abraham Lincoln in the afternoon. The evening will be celebrated with the Grand Master's Fellowship Banquet, including introductions, presentation of the Teacher of the Year Award and T.S. Parvin Award recipients. The banquet will be capped off with the singing duo "Girls Night Out".

Grand Lodge will open Friday morning September 17th. Worshipful Masters, remember you promised your attendance at the Grand Lodge Communication at your installations. I hope all lodges will be in attendance. This will be the day for the election of the 2021-2022 incoming elective officers and the reading of any proposed legislation. The All-Masonic Banquet will be held in the evening followed by the public installation of the incoming Grand Lodge Officers.

Saturday morning will be the final day of the Communication with the voting on any proposed legislation and any other business that may need to come before the Communication. We will then conclude with the exchange of jewels and final installation of the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officers.

I would like to thank you for electing me to serve as your Grand Master and to my Lady Linda for encouraging me to take this journey. It has truly been an honor. Take care and I'll BCNU at Grand Lodge.

Fraternally and sincerely,

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

Dennis R. Heflin  
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



## A Tribute to Robert H. "Bud" Erickson

By Charles D. Yates



Robert H. "Bud" Erickson laid down his working tools February 18, 2021. He has completed his earthly tasks and has gone to his reward with the Grand Master of the Universe. We are all the better for having had him touch our lives in this Fraternity of Freemasonry.

Promote, Participate, and Perpetuate are key words that Grand Master Robert H. Erickson used to guide his Masonic career. The Craft elected him to the Office of Grand Master for the 2003-04 year. He challenged Iowa Masons to continue to work on membership, by attracting new men into the Fraternity, and to retain them by keeping them involved in their lodges.

Brother Erickson was born on January 17, 1941 at Des Moines. He attended schools in Des Moines graduating from Dowling High School, then Drake University. He retired from the United States Air Force/Iowa Air National Guard on February 1, 1996 after completing 33 years of service. He then became a school bus driver for the Des Moines Independent School District for seven years. He married Kristine Harlow on May 29, 1976 in Des Moines. He is survived by a daughter Renee (Chris) Schiller, and three grandchildren Andrew, Lars, and Hanna living in Golden, Colorado. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Des Moines. Brother Erickson received his symbolic degrees in Home Lodge No. 370 at Des Moines, which has relocated to Pleasant Hill. He was Raised on April 14, 1982 and has held nearly every office in the lodge. He was Worshipful Master in 1989 and was serving as Secretary. He was a dual member with Moingona Lodge No. 633 at Des Moines.

Brother Erickson served the Grand Lodge as Grand Tyler, 1991-92; Junior Grand Warden, 1997-98; Grand Lodge Visitors Committee, 1999; and Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference, 2002-03. He proudly held District Lecturer Certificate No. 2968.

At the time of his passing, he was Secretary of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and Chairman of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

Other Masonic affiliations included the York Rite Bodies in Des Moines, Des Moines Scottish Rite; Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, National Sojourners Chapter 88, Iowa Research Lodge No. 2, Des Moines Hi-Twelve Club No. 4, South Central MI-DL Club, Polk-Jasper Study Group, Red Cross of Constantine, and Auburn-Denova Chapter No. 449, Order of Eastern Star. He was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 2002.

The following are the words he used in his Grand Masters report September 17, 2004.

"A Strong Foundation Cannot Be Built on Shifting Sands." How swiftly the sands of time run and how almost imperceptible the days pass away. In this short space of one year, they are all gone, and while we think the time is ours that we should accomplish those things which were our goals, we have come, too soon, to the end.

"As this year comes to an end, there is a new beginning and the reins will be handed over. The baton will be passed, and I hope the rapid pace will be maintained. We are confident that the next year will be a continued heightened enjoyment of this precious privilege we call Masonry."

The Craft has lost a true leader and servant. He will be missed but his memory will be revered in the annals of Masonry. Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord

A man's life "it has been beautifully said" is laid in the loom of time, to a pattern he does not see, but God does; and his heart is a shuttle. On one side of loom is sorrow, on the other, joy; and the shuttle struck alternately by each, flies back and forth, carrying the thread, which is white or black, as the pattern needs; and in the end, when God shall lift up the finished garment, and all its changing hues shall glance out, it will then appear that the deep and dark colors were as needful to beauty as the high and bright colors.

I submit to you that the finished garment is Robert that God has lifted up in the end.

**Grand Lodge of Iowa  
177th Annual Communication**



**September 16-18, 2021**

**Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel**

**Headquarters Hotel: 111 East 2nd Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801**

**Standard King – \$112.00/nightly plus tax**

**King Suite – \$112.00/nightly plus tax**

**To make your reservation: <https://tinyurl.com/6yfeurwm>**

**or call: 1-563-322-2200 (Please reference Grand Lodge of Iowa when calling).**

**Thursday, September 16**

Lunch – On your own. We need to know if you will be eating at the Hotel Buffet Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

**Grand Masters Fellowship Banquet – 6:00 P.M.**

Prime Rib \$45.00	Number_____	Cost_____
Gruyere Prosciutto Chicken Breast \$33.00	Number_____	Cost_____

**Friday, September 17**

Lunch – Bourbon Brioche Burger. Ticket required	Number_____	Complimentary
Provided by the Iowa Scottish Rite Bodies.		
Ladies Brunch – Sunrise Buffet \$22.00	Number_____	Cost_____
All – Masonic Banquet – 6:00 P.M		
Glazed Tournedos' of Beef \$39.00	Number_____	Cost_____
Grilled Pork Chop \$29.00	Number_____	Cost_____

**Saturday, September 18**

Ladies Continental Breakfast. Ticket required	Number_____	Complimentary
Masonic Breakfast for Masons. Ticket required		
Provided by the Iowa York Rite Bodies	Number_____	Complimentary

**Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Iowa

Send to: Grand Lodge of Iowa

Attention: Tickets

PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0279

Note: Reservation cut –off is Friday, September 3. Reservations are a must!

**No meal tickets will be available at Grand Lodge Session**

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

Name and Address: Please Print

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## **Grand Lodge 2021 Ladies Programs in Davenport "When You Needed a Hand, I Gave You My Paw"**

As the Grand Master's Lady, I send greetings to everyone. We are making plans for the events for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to be held in Davenport September 16-18, 2021 at the Radisson Quad City Plaza Hotel and River Center. We hope you will make plans to join your Mason in attending.

Plans are being made for a variety of ladies programs and a joint program during the session with the Masons featuring Lee Williams, an Abe Lincoln impersonator on Thursday afternoon. I hope you will be able to join us for the activities planned during Grand Lodge.

There will be a Silent Auction held during the Annual Communication with the money from this going towards the Grand Master's LED lighting project for the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums in Cedar Rapids and the Puppy Jake Foundation. If you would like to donate an item to this event, but cannot attend Grand Lodge, please send items with someone who is attending. If you need more information, please contact Ladies' Chairman Deb Anderson (641-344-1384 or email: (f57\_chevy@hotmail.com)

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 to Grand Lodge for a ladies program.

We will also be holding a bake sale during Grand Lodge.

Thank you to the Grand Lodge Officer Ladies who have provided much needed help and suggestions. Thank you to all in advance for your support and I'll see you in Davenport.

Linda Heflin

Grand Master's Lady



### **Grand Lodge 2021 Ladies Schedule of Events**

#### **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** - Ladies Hospitality room will be open to receive delivery of baked goods for the Bake Sale and Silent Auction items. We will need volunteers to help get items ready. We will also be getting gift bags ready for Masons Thursday morning registration.

#### **Thursday, September 16, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** - coffee, tea and cookies, breakfast on your own. The Ladies Hospitality room will be open, registration and bake sale. Items will be arriving most of the day.

**10:00 a.m.** - Puppy Jake Program and Presentation. These special dogs are raised and trained from puppyhood to travel by planes, trains, and other vehicles, and how to properly act in restaurants and other public facilities. They can even attend Grand Lodge!

**12:00 p.m.** - Ladies on their own for lunch.

**3:30 p.m.** - Joint program for Masons and Ladies featuring Lee Williams, an Abe Lincoln impersonator in the lodge room at the River Center. We hope you can attend.

**5:00 p.m.** - Social Hour at the Event Center.

**6:00 p.m.** - Grand Masters Banquet (Formal attire for Grand Lodge officers and Ladies), Entertainment: Girls Nite Out.

**Friday September 17, 2021**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** - Hospitality room open with coffee, tea and cookies.

**11:00 a.m.** - Necrology Service (Public Memorial Service). Women are encouraged to attend.

**12:00 p.m.** - Ladies luncheon, cost is \$22.00, ticket required and pre-paid. No meal tickets available at the Grand Lodge Session.

**2:00 p.m.** - Program "Spices and Lavendar"

**5:00 p.m.** - Social Hour at the event center.

**6:00 p.m.** - All Masonic Banquet and announcement of the Silent Auction winners, followed by the public Installation of the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge officers in the Grand Lodge room. Reception will be after the installation outside of the Grand Lodge room. Winners of Silent Auction items may pick up their winnings in the Hospitality room at the hotel.

**Saturday September 18, 2021**

**8:30a.m. to 10:00a.m.** - Casual Continental Breakfast hosted by 2020-2021 Grand Lodge ladies in the Hospitality Room. Complimentary with a ticket required.

As this year's Grand Lodge draws to a close we wish all of you have a safe trip home, a healthy and happy year. Best wishes to the incoming Grand Lodge officers and their ladies.

**2020-2021 Grand Lodge Ladies Committee**

Chairman - Deb Anderson

Registration - Bobbi Soebbing

Bake Sale - Kathy Bowersox

**Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin**

**Thursday Night Banquet Entertainment**

**September 16, 2021**

**"Girls Night Out"**

**Featuring:**

**Darla Hanson and Nancy Osborne**



## 2021 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Pictures of the thirty five recipients of a 2021 Grand Lodge of Iowa \$2,000 Scholarship and \$1,000 Scholarships are shown throughout this issue of the "Bulletin." All quotes are taken from the recommendations of high school staff members which accompanied the student's applications. Brother John C. Rothlisberger chairs the Scholarship Selection Committee that sorted through over 260 completed applications and selected 35 applicants for interviews. From those interviewed thirty outstanding students were chosen to receive \$2,000 scholarships, and the other five received \$1,000 scholarships. The interviews were held via Zoom. Since the program began in 1970, 2,479 scholarships totaling \$3,689,900 have been awarded.

**Quinn Clair**  
Valley High School  
West Des Moines



"Quinn is so reliable and driven and if he is part of something he will give it his best."

**Lucas Pierce**  
Nashua Plainfield High School  
Nashua



"Lucas is the epitome of a young man ready to conquer whatever task he may take on, poised, capable, focused, and resolute."

**Amaya Clausen**  
Carlisle High School  
Carlisle



"Amaya demonstrates maturity, dedication and intellectual ability in all aspects of her life."

**Delaney Behning**  
Western Dubuque High School  
Epworth



"Delaney is truly committed to learning, and she reveals leadership through her personal accountability and consideration for others."

**Anna Miller**  
Washington High School  
Washington



"Anna is a quiet, analytical, passionate and caring human being who volunteers a lot in our community and is an outstanding artist and student."

**Justine Buman**  
Harlan Community School  
Harlan



"Justine is a responsible, trustworthy student who is not afraid to challenge herself and is willing to work for her goals."



## 2021 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Rory Maricle  
Central DeWitt High School  
DeWitt



“Rory strives to represent herself, her family, her school, and her community with honor and distinction in everything that she does.”



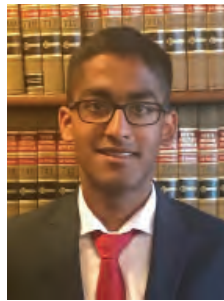
Julia Bernat  
Iowa City West High School  
Iowa City



“Julia has demonstrated many characteristics that will serve her well in higher education and beyond.”



Kunal Chugh  
Dubuque Hempstead High School  
Dubuque



“Kunal quietly and efficiently gets things done, while always maintaining the highest standard of quality.”

Sarthak Hood  
Waukee High School  
Waukee



“Sarthak’s devotion, intelligence and personality, along with his strong work ethic, will allow him to reach the high goals he has set for himself in life.”

Omkar Yadav  
Iowa City West High School  
Iowa City



“Omkar’s work ethic and ability to challenge himself to be a leader sets him apart from his peers. Omkar understands putting forth his best effort and is willing to challenge himself intellectually.”

Randy Zhang  
Cedar Falls High School  
Cedar Falls



“Randy is confident in his ability, yet shows amazing empathy and listening skills often uncommon in his age group.”

## 2021 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

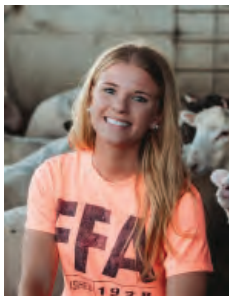
**Hayden Short**  
Ottumwa High School  
Ottumwa



“Hayden has the intrinsic motivation to reach her dreams and will stop at nothing to become all that she has to offer the world, which in my estimation is limitless.”



**Ashley Auderer**  
Western Dubuque High School  
Epworth



“Ashley has shown a true passion for anything she gets involved with and this shows through in her extra-curricular activities as well as in the classroom.”

**Luke Ragsdale**  
Waverly Shell-Rock High School  
Waverly



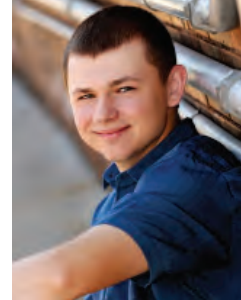
“Luke consistently has proven to be a hard-working and conscientious individual. He is a young man with significant ability who has excelled as a student and as a person because of his strong work ethic.”

**Hannah Hentzel**  
Burlington High School  
Burlington



“Hannah has repeatedly demonstrated wonderful character. She is trustworthy, a person of great integrity. She is also someone willing to learn and grow.”

**Alex Bray**  
Valley High School  
West Des Moines



“Alex is a life-long learner and has always associated himself with positive, self-driven people.”



**Elizabeth Saunders**  
Roosevelt High School  
Des Moines



“Elizabeth truly cares about her peers and wants to be a part of positive change. Elizabeth would be a great asset in any setting.”

## 2021 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Daniel Fitch  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
Council Bluffs



“Daniel commits to academics and learning. He applies maximum effort to everything, no matter how small.”

Natalie Kehrli  
West Delaware High School  
Manchester



“Natalie is a dedicated, passionate individual with a sincere desire to learn and excel.”

Kristina Goth  
Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn-  
Remsen-Union High School  
Marcus



“Kristina takes pride in her outstanding service to the community and continually finds positive ways to impact her school.”



Riley McCall  
Nodaway Valley High School  
Greenfield



Wyatt Sailer  
Central Dewitt High School  
DeWitt



“Wyatt is an extremely hard worker. He is an individual that will get the job done and isn't afraid of hard work and is always willing to help out!”



“Riley is not only a stellar independent learner, but is a team player as well. She is a good friend, and is always willing to help others when they struggle.”

Rachel Currant  
Bondurant-Farrar High School  
Bondurant



“Rachel is a very articulate speaker and writer. She keeps an open mind to new ideas.”

## 2021 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

**Tessa Hill**  
Cascade Junior Senior High School  
Cascade



“Tessa is passionate about achieving success in her future and it is without hesitation that I believe she will accomplish her goals.”

**Molly Higgins**  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
Council Bluffs



“Molly excels at speech competition (All State) and is an independent thinker.”

**Aurora Roghair**  
Iowa City West High School  
Iowa City



“Aurora takes her responsibilities seriously and always meets her deadlines. She searches for ways to help others and brighten their day.”



**Madelyn Swigart**  
Fort Madison High School  
Fort Madison



“Madelyn is a student who fully dedicates herself to her work.”

**Ethan Smothers**  
Waukee High School  
Waukee



“With his combination of natural academic ability and desire to improve, I believe that Ethan has the potential to be successful in whatever endeavor he chooses to pursue.”



**The Gentleman in the Room**  
**By David R. Ritchie, Junior Grand Warden**  
**Grand Lodge of Wisconsin**



It has been said that “Being male is a matter of birth. Being a man is a matter of age. Being a gentleman is a matter of choice.” Being a gentleman is as much a matter of choice as being uncivil is a matter of choice. The choice often centers around choosing self-centeredness or choosing empathy with others. Civilization is the idea of a group of people living and working together, within a common set of rules, to accomplish things for the greater good. For civilization to work we must be aware and work for something greater than ourselves. Two things that boost incivility are the ego and self-centeredness.

A classic example is the neighbor who plays his music at full volume at two in the morning. When asked to turn it down responds with, “It’s my house, I have a right to listen to music as loud as I want.” Granted we all have the same right to listen to music in our homes but the gentleman understands that he also has a responsibility to be a good neighbor. The neighbor chooses a self-centered response benefiting only himself. The gentleman chooses to impose upon himself, for the benefit and comfort of his neighbors, limits on volume and time of day.

Ego is one of the other banes of civility and goes hand in hand with self-centeredness. If my ego is such that I see myself as more important than others then I will surely fail to treat others with the respect and dignity they deserve. Ego is also where so many good discussions turn to fruitless arguments. If I go into the discussion with the belief that I am better, smarter, more well informed than the other person then my ego will keep me from listening to the other side or conceding a point or even admitting that I was wrong.

In Masonry we have many “mysteries” that do not have definitive answers. As an example, “Do you wear your ring with the points in or the points out?” This question has led to some great discussions, because there is no established correct way. Each man chooses for himself. The personal reasons given for their personal choice are often informative, insightful, and many times entertaining. Yet, all it takes is one man whose ego won’t allow him to accept other men’s ideas. When a man makes the choice to allow his ego to rule his thoughts and actions, he by default makes a choice to move away from gentlemanly behavior. He also gains nothing from the conversation. His opinion and ideas are the same going in as coming out of the discussion. When he circumscribes the passions of the ego, and keeps them within due bounds, he probably won’t have his mind changed, but he will be enriched by the other ideas, both pro and con, presented.

To a Mason meeting on the level is so important. If the gentleman chooses to view everyone in the room as his equal, his ego will be kept in due bounds as well as his sense of self. The ego tells us that to meet on the level we should talk down to others or lower ourselves to be where they are. In Masonry meeting on the level means bringing a brother and ourselves up to a common level. A gentleman seeks to raise others’ abilities and self-esteem, things not found when the ego is in charge. Simply put, do I engage others in discussion to enlighten them with my ideas and beliefs or do I engage others that their ideas and beliefs may enlighten me?

In a world where, “Look out for number one”, “nice guys finish last”, “cancel culture”, and “make myself big” are the norm, ego and self-centeredness flourish. Isn’t it nice that we as individuals make the choice to come to lodge, to meet on the level, to share each other’s ideas and company and then carry them out into the world?

**Drive-By Birthday**

A drive-by birthday greeting was held for Brother John “Jack” Swanberg on January 16 who turned 100 years old on January 14, 2021. Jack and his family gathered in front of Cosmos Lodge No. 470 Temple in downtown Kingsley to view the drive-by.

Jack is in good health, living at home by himself, but staying close to home since the pandemic. Prior to that, Jack was a loyal attender of Cosmos Lodge where he currently serves as Junior Deacon. Jack was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on December 1, 1949 and served as Worshipful Master a number of years ago. Before the pandemic, Jack seldom missed attending the United Church of Christ in Kingsley where he took over as candlelighter when the position recently became open. Until last summer Jack tended a garden, giving his extra produce to those in need. Long life seems to run in the family as his sister in Lincoln, Nebraska recently celebrated her 103rd birthday.



## 50 Years: A Masonic Milestone By William C. Jacobson Past Grand Treasurer



Fifty years includes a total of 200 seasons of a lifetime. A fifty-year Mason can reflect at this milepost on the meaning of all his Masonic experiences.

I received my Entered Apprentice Degree in 1968. My impression of the First Degree was positive. It was given to me in a small, farmer dominated lodge in Castana, Iowa. These brothers took great pride in doing their work well. They gave me a good start in Masonry.

During the first regular lodge communication I attended after becoming a Master Mason, the lodge presented another brother with his fifty-year pin. I wasn't aware of the significance of that event, yet it left a lasting impression on me.



The brother explained that becoming a Mason was a continuous journey of changing circumstances. He referred to his Masonic journey as one step forward and two steps back. He felt that the challenge of his Masonic journey was to find ways to integrate tradition and change.

He explained that his journey took a crooked road with many bumps and detours. Each step forward created new experiences. Two steps back represented the contemplation and reflection needed to understand what happened.

Recently, I received my fifty-year pin. My journey supports the brother's observations. The forward and backward analysis addresses the meaning of the words in Masonry.

Seeking perfection in life involves setting standards that determine what you will and won't do. The golden key in Masonry is using our working tools to develop one's character. That is displayed through words and actions that communicate who and what you are to others.

Growth involves learning the higher meanings of the words that explain Masonry. It is our words that create the images that define us.

The book of John in the Bible opens with this explanation. "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." We use words to explain who and what God is.

Emmet Fox, in his book *The Sermon on the Mount*, suggested seven words that describe the aspects of God. These are life, truth, love, intelligence, spirit, soul, and principle. Masonry expands on these words by using types, emblems, and allegorical figures to illustrate important life lessons.

We are all different. That is why the uses of working tools is private and secret. Private because they are best understood through individual experience. And, secret because experiences teach different things for each Mason.

My fifty-year Masonic Journey produced many changes in the way I think. I benefitted from an active involvement in the conferral of Masonic Degrees. Presenting the words used in the ritual impacts one's soul. We all learn well through observational repetition.

Life's biggest challenge is to keep oneself in equilibrium. That fifty-dollar word means learning to balance life's positive and negative experiences.

Balance helps us defer crying today. When tomorrow comes, it provides an understanding of why things happened today. Patience is the key to situational awareness.

Learning becomes wisdom through time and experience. Wisdom is an awareness of an experience without the impact of the emotion that occurs when it happened.

There have been many changes in Iowa Masonry during my fifty years. Some were effective, others not so much. Determining effectiveness is easy. Just answer a simple question. Did it work?

Many changes in my fifty years were intended to increase membership and introduce Masonry in a different context to new Masons. Increased membership has not been happening.

My most beneficial fifty-year Masonic experience was memorizing the posting lectures of the three degrees. That expectation required effort, awareness of thoughts, and a mastery of the Masonic words that have guided my life. Practice establishes a baseline that helps us all acquire the words that are necessary to become a Master Mason.

Looking back there are many things in my journey that reveal Einstein was right when he observed: "There is a difference between genius and stupidity. There are limits to genius."

Ironically, both genius and stupidity are part of any fifty-year Masonic journey. What appeared to be stupid often turned out to be genius. And what was once considered genius later turned out to be stupid.

World War II. General "Vinegar Ben" Stillwell adopted this latin phrase as his motto. "Illigitimi Non Carborundum" An accepted definition is don't let the bastards grind you down.

During my career as an educator, I acquired a latin phrase that can sum up my fifty year journey. It is "Suprese Nothes Illigitimi." It means outlive the bastards.

The greatest benefit of my fifty years has been the many great men I have met through Masonry. For me Masonry is Fraternal fellowship. I did not travel my journey alone. That is why, as an old timer, I continue to work with and through others to become a Master Mason in fact as well as in name.



### **Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Chaplain hold joint Reception in Harlan**

Masons from across the state gathered in Harlan on March 6, 2021 to honor Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin, Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd and Grand Chaplain Donald A. Drennan. Parian Lodge No. 321 at Harlan, Osceola Lodge No. 77 at Osceola, and Pymosa Lodge No. 271 at Atlantic hosted a reception in honor of these Brothers at the Veteran's Memorial Building.

The Masons moved to the lodge room in Parian Lodge No. 321, where Worshipful Master Tom Schumacher opened Parian Lodge No. 321 and received the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Chaplain. The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers John Kelly and Richard Doran as committeemen.

Brothers John Kelly and Richard Doran were committeemen for Grand Master Heflin. Brothers Robert White and Harvey Woody were committeemen for Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd. Brothers John Bricker and Kevin Wynn were committeemen for Grand Chaplain Donald A. Drennan. Grand Master Heflin thanked everyone for being there and saved his comments for the reception at the Veteran's Building. Donald Drennan was in the East, John Lloyd was Chaplain and proceeded to close Parian Lodge No. 321.

The Masons rejoined their ladies at the Veteran's Building for the Banquet and Program. Brother Rob Clausen Senior Warden from Pymosa Lodge No. 271 was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Brother Steven Lewis from Pymosa Lodge No. 271 gave the invocation prior to dinner.

Grand Master Heflin introduced Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Master's, Past Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.

Grand Master Heflin appointed the Grand Secretary as installing Marshal and instructed the Marshal to conduct John Kelly for Installation. The Grand Master proceeded to install John as Grand Chauffer for the 2020-2021 year. Dennis Heflin introduced the Parian Lodge Officers and their ladies. John Lloyd introduced the Osceola Lodge Officers and their ladies. Donald Drennan introduced the Pymosa Lodge Officers and their ladies. The Grand Master thanked the members present for electing him to the office of Grand Master and talked about his program "Because I am a Mason". The Deputy Grand Master thanked everyone for being there and he was excited to have a large reception for the office of Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Chaplain thanked everyone for being there and for the support that he and Arlene have received over the past month. Grand Chaplain Donald Drennan gave the Benediction.

## Step One on Lodge Public Relations By Public Relations Committee

What should your lodge be doing to get more into the public eye? You might say "our lodge doesn't do enough for the community" or "nobody knows Freemasonry exists in our community" or "our lodge used to do so much stuff and so many people would come" and on and on.

We've all participated in these discussions during a meeting that feels too short. Short business meetings are not a bad thing, but that is for another article. We've all been there when someone announces a community event and a longtime member stands up and reminisces or even chastises the rest of the attendees that the lodge doesn't do enough anymore. Or perhaps you're moving up the officer line and trying to decide how to improve the lodge or its standing in the community. Maybe you feel the lodge does so much already that it can't do very many of them very well. We've all been there. It's overwhelming and frustrating.

We all know that a strong lodge operates like a well-oiled machine, or at least appears to operate as such. What we often lose sight of is that machines come in all sizes. The engine of your lodge doesn't need to serve a Mack Truck. Mack Trucks take a lot of resources, a lot of quality processes to get built, a lot of regular, good



maintenance, and a lot of fuel to keep it moving down the road.

Small engines, however, can be high quality too. Sure, they may not haul as big of load as other engines. You may not always hear them impose their presence, but they can do some very specific, or even unique things, and very important things, very well, very efficiently, and most importantly, very effectively!

One of the most important things to do about being in the community, or in the public eye, is that

### **WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT WELL.**

It can be small if that's all your lodge can muster, or if that's all your current officers can muster, or if that's all your treasury can muster. Let's look at what this meant for one Lodge one particular year.

The incoming Master that year remembered in his youth seeing photos hanging on the wall of other lodges. The photos appeared to be of those big celebrations of Masons marching in a parade, or huge crowds gathered



to lay the cornerstone of an important public building. Some photos might have shown Communications of the Grand Lodge, or some other appendant organization.

The incoming Master also had heard over his years of experience those Past Masters mention, on numerous occasions, that the lodge used to "fill the balcony" for installations and have to rent out a hall for receptions when the Grand Master would visit. It almost felt like these elder members were rubbing it in from time to time as "something we used to do" would come up at almost every meeting. The incoming Master grew nervous about reviving the experience and glory to his lodge. It would be his reputation on the line for the future when he would talk about "his" year just like all the Past Masters before him. It would be an impossible task to build a year like that. That kind of thing required already happening motion and momentum that the lodge just simply didn't possess at that time.

But, as Epictetus said “The chief task in life is simply this: to identify and separate matters so that I can say clearly to myself which are externals, not under my control, and which have to do with the choice I actually control. Where then do I look for good and evil? Not to uncontrollable externals, but within myself to the choices that are my own.”

Or more simply put

**If you focus on what you can do, Do That! and do it as best you can.**

**It is NOT about what is outside of your control.**

So, the incoming Master of that lodge that year had a lot of goals for making the existing lodge activities better. But for his installation of officers he decided to apply two goals in particular with an eye toward making a memorable image like those he had seen on the walls of lodges in his youth. The goals would be simple to execute, take very few resources, and maximize the experience for participants.

1. Get a special photo
2. Catch the attention of the public

The lodge temple happens to be located in a prominent building on the City's Square. The simple move to accomplish the two goals would be known as "The Parade."

Led by the newly installed Marshal, the parade would begin with the newly-installed officers and lodge members



lining up in grand procession - 2 x 2, something all lodge members already know how to do. Then, filing down the stairs across the street, make a loop around the park. One of the lodge members also carried a hand-held speaker and an music player so the procession could be set to music. The music was festive and created a bounce in everyone's step.

The parade would pause momentarily at a prominent location in the city's square, then complete the circumambulation back to the lodge building.

The lodge got the photo. It was a triumphant celebration for the new Worshipful Master and it took less than ten minutes. The public stopped traffic to honk and take pictures. The members were proudly on display. The lodge had fun in a unique setting by deciding to.

- 1. PICK ONE THING**
- 2. KEEP IT SIMPLE**
- 3. AND DO IT WELL**



## **Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Steward hold Joint Reception in Cedar Rapids**



Des Moines Lodge No. 1 at Burlington, Wapello Lodge No. 5, Malta Lodge No. 318 at Burlington, Patriot Lodge No. 650 at Burlington, Equity Lodge No. 131 at Janesville, Brubaker Lodge No. 675 at Davenport hosted a reception in Cedar Rapids on March 13, 2021 to Honor Grand Marshal, Jason W. Delzell, Senior Grand Steward, Christopher P. Soebbing and Junior Grand Steward, Gary W. Shaulis.

The Masons moved to the lodge room where Equity Lodge No. 131 was opened by Worshipful Master Michael D.C. Boomer and received the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Steward, and Junior Grand Steward. The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Brad Renner and Darol De Sotel as committeemen.

Brothers Brad Renner and Darol De Sotel were committeemen for Grand Master Heflin. Brothers Aaron T. Brendel and Darol De Sotel were committeemen for Junior Grand Steward Gary W. Shaulis. Brothers Dennis M. Zahrt Past Grand Master and Dennis R. Soebbing (Father) were committeemen for Senior Grand Steward, Christopher P. Soebbing. Brothers Loren C. Stein and Dillon Holtkamp were committeemen for Grand Marshal Jason W. Delzell. Jason Delzell was Worshipful Master, Christopher Soebbing was the Senior Warden, Gary Shaulis was Junior Warden as they proceeded to close Equity Lodge No. 131.

The Masons joined their ladies in the dining room for the banquet and program. Brother Dennis Soebbing, Past Junior Warden from Brubaker Lodge No. 675 was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Grand Chaplain Donald A. Drennan gave the invocation prior to dinner.

Grand Master Heflin introduced Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Master's, Past Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.

Gary Shaulis introduced all DeMolay Dignitaries and members from his Equity Lodge No. 131 in Janesville. Christopher Soebbing introduced the Brubaker Lodge Officers and their ladies as well as his parents Dennis Soebbing and Bobbie Stankiewicz. He thanked his parents for making him the person he has become and brought a tear to his mother's eye. Jason Delzell introduced the members of his lodges and their ladies as well as several York Rite guests. The Grand Master spoke briefly about Gary, Christopher and Jason and explained why he chose each of them to be part of this year's Grand Family. Some presentations were made to each of the brothers. Grand Chaplain Donald Drennan gave the Benediction.

### **When was the Title "Grand Master" Created? Taken from the Emessay Notes, January 2021**

"Grand Master" has become, almost universally, the prestigious, highest officer title in the Masonic Fraternity worldwide.

When was it used initially? Like many of the ancient traditions and practices, it is difficult to make a positive answer to the question.

But some studies and opinions agree that the title of Grand Master for the presiding officer was first used in A.D. 926, at a General Assembly held in New York.

According to Masonic Tradition, that first General Assembly was called by Prince Edwin, the son of King Athelstan. This tradition appears in all early manuscripts, and is dated around 1390, centuries after the event, and indicates the first use of the "Grand Master" as the presiding officer.



**More Ancient Than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle,  
More Honorable Than the Star and Garter  
Wade Sheeler, Past Senior Grand Warden**



On the evening that a newly initiated brother receives the first tangible gift of our Fraternity, we hear the Worshipful Master say these words: "My brother, I present you with a lambskin or white leather apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. More ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star Garter ..." Have you ever wondered what these other orders are and why our white leather apron predates them?

In Greek mythology, the Golden Fleece is the fleece of the golden-wooled, winged ram, **Chrysomallos**. The fleece is a symbol of authority and kingship. It figures in the tale of the hero Jason and his band of Argonauts who set out on a quest for the fleece by order of King Pelias in order to place Jason rightfully on the throne of Iolcus. Through the help of Medea, they acquire the Golden Fleece. The story was current in the time of Homer (eighth century B.C.)

The Order of the Golden Fleece was founded by Philip III (also known as Philip the Good), Duke of Burgundy and the Netherlands in January 1429 on the occasion of his marriage with Isabella, daughter of King John I of Portugal.

This Order was instituted for the protection of the Roman Catholic Church and the fleece was assumed for its emblem. Contests arose between Spain and Austria for the possession of this Order. The issue was finally settled by introducing the Order into both countries.

The Order of the Eagle was founded in 1433 by Albrecht von Habsburg, Duke of Austria, who later became the Holy Roman Emperor. The Eagle as adopted by the Romans upon their banners, signified magnanimity and fortitude or as in the ancient Sacred Writings, swiftness and courage. The Romans were not the first to display the Eagle on their banners, for under the Persians, Cyrus the Younger, had borne the Eagle upon his standards. In modern times, France, Russia and the United States have adopted the Eagle as a National military symbol.

The Order of the Black Eagle (in Prussia) was instituted in 1701 on the occasion of the coronation of the king. The Order of the Red Eagle was founded in 1734 and was later made subordinate to the Order of the Black Eagle. Both of these Orders grew out of the original symbol of the Roman Eagle.

The Order of the Star was founded in France in 1350 by John II. The name of the Order alludes to the Star of Bethlehem.

The Order of the Garter dates from 1344 when the first knights were knighted. King Edward III formally founded the Order in 1348. The Order of the Garter is the most senior order of knighthood in the British honours system. The Order is dedicated to the image and arms of St. George, the patron saint of England.

Various legends surround the origin of the Order. The most popular involves the Countess of Salisbury, whose garter is said to have slipped while she was dancing at a court ball. The surrounding courtiers are said to have snickered. The king picked the garter up and returned it to her, exclaiming "Honi soit qui mal y pense!" (Shame on him who think ill of it), the phrase which has become the motto of the Order. Another legend dates to King Richard I who was inspired in the 12th century by St. George the Martyr while fighting in the crusades to put garters around the legs of his knights which subsequently won the battles.

Membership in the Order is strictly limited and includes the Sovereign, the Prince of Wales and no more than 24 companion members. Currently Queen Elizabeth II is the head of the Order. Only the monarch can grant membership. Male members are known as "Knights Companions" and female members "Ladies Companion". Appointments are made on St. George's Day (April 23). Investitures happen on Garter Day (early June) in the throne room at Windsor Castle. Each knight is entitled to display their heraldic crest and banner in St George's Chapel (the mother church of the Order). At the investiture ceremony, a garter is placed around the left leg of the new knight. Each knight wears an elaborate mantle, hat, and collar.

In comparing all of these orders, the Golden Fleece, the Roman Eagle, The Star and Garter, Freemasonry may well claim to predate any of them. For Freemasonry has existed from time immemorial.

## Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 Raises Two

Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 hosted the Grand Lodge Officers for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Grand Lodge years for two Third Degrees on Thursday afternoon and evening February 25, 2021. Past Grand Master Bill Crawford's Grand Lodge Officers conferred the First Sections and Grand Master Dennis Heflin's Grand Lodge Officers conferred the second sections.

Past Junior Grand Warden A. Lyle Miller, pro-tem Worshipful Master, opened Golden Leaf Lodge at 3:00 pm and welcomed all in attendance. He then announced that Dennis Balsley, a Fellowcraft, has been declared proficient and waiting to receive the Third Degree. Lyle then proceeded as Worshipful Master to confer the First Section with Lynn Broughton, Former Junior Grand Steward, serving as Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Dennis Heflin then assumed the East and labored as King Solomon in the Second Section with Senior Grand Deacon Ian Decker serving as Senior Deacon. Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and all enjoyed an excellent ham dinner complete with pie (a favorite of Brother Miller).

After dinner, Lyle Miller called from refreshment to labor. He announced that Matthew Oney has been declared proficient and ready to receive the Third Degree. Dick Humphrey, Past Senior Grand Warden, conferred the First section with Guy McCausland, Former Senior Grand Deacon, serving as Senior Deacon. Grand Master Dennis Heflin then assumed the East and labored as King Solomon in the Second Section with Ian Decker serving as Senior Deacon. Fred L. Erickson, Senior Grand Warden, gave the Charge to Brothers Dennis and Matthew. Golden Leaf Lodge Brother Jeff Chance, Past Master, gave an excellent Bible presentation and lecture to the Brothers and Lyle Miller presented the Brothers with their Masonic aprons. Allan Tedrow, Junior Grand Deacon, presented the Brothers with hand-made wooden boxes with Masonic insignia on the lid and gave a brief explanation of the meaning of the boxes.

Grand Master Heflin then made presentations to the Brothers and some comments regarding his theme (Because I am a Mason) and program (Light, More Light, Further Light – A Mason's Journey). All Brothers present introduced themselves and identified their lodge affiliations. Deputy Grand Master John Lloyd then assumed the East and closed Golden Leaf Lodge with the 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officers in their stations and places at 8:30. Fellowship continued in the dining room.

## Brother Sean Mullihan Raised



Allan Tedrow presenting Sean Mullihan with his own Masonic Box.

The Grand Lodge Officers were invited to the Za Ga Zig Shrine Temple in Altoona by King David Lodge No. 407 for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Brother Sean Mullihan. There was a nice turn-out of Masons for the event.

All moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Stephen F. Rokey opened lodge and Brother Jeremy C. Long did a fine conferral of the First Section. Brother Adam Jones served as Senior Deacon.

The Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Arthur G. Crandon and Drew C. Mathias serving as committeeman. Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin was received and introduced with Brothers Arthur G. Crandon and Drew C. Mathias as committeemen. Grand Master Heflin was in the East to confer the Second Section along with the Grand Lodge Officers. The Charge was given by Junior Grand Deacon Allan L. Tedrow. Worshipful Master Rokey made presentations on behalf of the lodge. Allan Tedrow presented Brother Mullihan with a Masonic box and explained the significance of it. The Grand Master presented Brother Mullihan with several items and his pin.

Za Ga Zig Shrine Potentate Dean Schoppe was introduced and made a few remarks.

Brother Mullihan commented that he had wanted to become a Mason for a long time, and it finally worked out last fall. He thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for being there and what an honor it has been.

The Grand Lodge Officers closed King David Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd in the East.

### Senior and Junior Grand Deacons Reception



Friendship, Morality, and Brother Love were on display on March 27, 2021 in Boone. Brothers from across the state gathered in Boone to recognize Brothers Ian T. Decker, Senior Grand Deacon and Allan L. Tedrow, Junior Grand Deacon. Brothers from Mt. Olive Lodge No. 79 in Boone, Arcadia Lodge No. 249 in Ames, and Bower Lodge No. 464 in Eagle Grove held a reception to honor our Senior and Junior Grand Deacons.



The social hour, dinner and program were held at the Central Christian Church. The Masons then moved to Mt. Olive Lodge No. 79 where Worshipful Master Blake Ellsberry opened lodge and received the past and present Grand Lodge Officers with Brothers Jason Ochanpaugh and Lysle Whitmer serving as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Dennis Heflin was

introduced and received with Brothers W. Scott Hull and Robin Crouch as committeemen. Junior Grand Deacon Allan L. Tedrow was introduced and received Brothers W. Scott Hull and Robin Crouch as committeemen. Senior Grand Deacon Ian T. Decker was then introduced and received with Brothers Dan Brown and Marty Jacobs serving as committeemen. Dan Brown's introduction was lengthy and included a poem to pay tribute to his Brother Ian, True Friendship and Brotherly Love.

The ladies entertainment was presented by the Trinity Lutheran Children's Choir and Missy Sanow from the Martha's House of Hope.

The Mason's then joined their ladies for a roast beef and pork dinner with the program following. Kevin Griggs served as Master of Ceremonies. His task for the evening was "Bad Dad Jokes". The Grand Master introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and saving the two honorees for his last introductions. He told the crowd that he had been to a Regional School and had asked both Ian and Allan to be officers on the same day. He has been very happy that they said yes. Allan thanked the Grand Master for asking him to be a Grand Lodge Officer and talked about the boxes that he makes with scrap wood. He made each guest a cutting board to take with them as a gift. He also presented Linda Heflin with her own box. Ian told the story of an old baseball coach and that his mother had made him write a letter to the old coach to thank him for letting him be a part of the team. Ian also wrote a letter to Grand Master Heflin. Grand Master Heflin and the old coach still have those letters today. Both Allan and Ian thanked everyone for being there and sharing in their special day. Grand Chaplain Donald A. Drennan gave the Benediction.

### Brother Anthony Torres Raised



The Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Tyrian Lodge No. 508 in Sioux City for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Brother Anthony Torres.

Worshipful Master Phil Severson opened lodge and Brother Sheldon J. Menin conferred the First Section. Past Grand Master Charles D. Yates served as Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin was received and introduced with Charles D. Yates. Grand Master Heflin was in the East to confer the Second Section along with the Grand Lodge Officers. The Charge was given by Senior Grand Warden Kimberly E. Jones. Worshipful Master Severson presented Brother Torres with his apron and enlightenment course. Allan Tedrow present Brother Torres with a Masonic box and explained the significance of it. The Grand Master presented Brother Torres with several items and his pin.

Brother Torres thanked Tyrian Lodge and the Grand Lodge Officers for a special night on his Masonic Journey. The Grand Lodge Officers closed Tyrian Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd in the East.

### Joint Reception Held in Alta

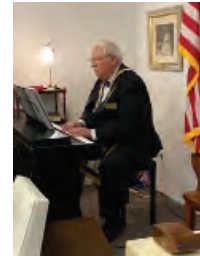


Things have been a little different this past year and Saturday April 17, 2021 was proof of that. Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 hosted a reception for Worshipful Brother Randy L. Crampton, Grand Tyler. In the true spirit of Masonry, Prudence Lodge No. 205 also held a joint reception for Past Grand Treasurer Arthur W. Pixler in Alta, Iowa.

The social hour, dinner and program were held at the Alta United Methodist Church. The Masons then moved to Pomegranate Lodge No. 408, where Worshipful Master Roman A. Redig opened lodge and received the past and present Grand Lodge Officers with Brothers David Fordyce and Dan Fordyce serving as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Dennis Heflin was introduced and received with Brothers Don Krueger and Dan Fordyce as committeemen. Past Grand Treasurer Arthur W. Pixler was introduced and received with Brothers William R. Crawford and Richard L. Humphrey as committeemen. Grand Tyler Randy L. Crampton was then introduced and received with Brothers Mark Tuttle and Kevin Poggensee serving as committeemen. Our Junior Grand Steward Gary W. Shaulis served as the Grand Musician for the day.



The Mason's joined their ladies for a choice of hot beef or hot turkey dinner with the program following. Roman Redig served as Master of



Ceremonies. The Grand Master introduced his Grand Lodge Officers and saving the Grand Tyler for his last introduction. Past Grand Master William R. Crawford then introduced his Grand Lodge Officers that were in attendance and then introduced Past Grand Treasurer Arthur W. Pixler. Art shared his story about his Masonic career and that was "Because he was a Mason." Randy Crampton was the next to speak and gave a heartfelt "Thanks" to Grand Master Heflin for choosing him to be a Grand Lodge Officer. The current Grand Lodge Officers made a presentation to Brother Crampton. Brother Tom Stone from Otley Lodge No. 299 in Perry gave the Benediction.

### Brother Robert J. Henderson turns "100"



Brother Robert "Bob" Henderson turned 100 years old on April 14, 2021. Bob took his degrees in Mecca Lodge No. 523 in Coggon in 1942. Mecca has since consolidated with Level Lodge No. 284 in Central City. Brother Bob served as Worshipful Master of Mecca Lodge on four separate occasions, in 1948, 1978, 1982, and 1985. He received his Masonic Instructors Certificate No. 1749 in 1952 and later received his District Lecturers Certificate No. 1946 in 1955. Bob was recognized for this 50 year membership in October of 1992 and has been a Mason for more than 78 years. If you would like to wish Bob a "Happy Birthday", you can send cards to him at: PO Box 17, Coggon Iowa 52218.

### Iowa Masonic Library and Museums to Reopen on May 3, 2021

The Iowa Masonic Library and Museums will reopen to the public on Monday May 3, 2021 The Library and Museums have been closed since November 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Museums will be open for tours Monday through Thursday by appointment only at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please call 319-365-1438 for an appointment, or email [bill.kreuger@gl-iowa.org](mailto:bill.kreuger@gl-iowa.org)

Researchers must also call or email to make an appointment to access the Library collections.

Tour groups will be limited to no more than five per appointment and visitors will be required to wear a mask while in the building. Disposable masks will be available. Temperatures will be taken when visitors enter the building and hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the building.

A new temporary exhibition, entitled "China Memories" will be open to visitors. This exhibition includes newly collected materials as well as materials from the oriental collection of the Museums.

For more information, or to schedule a tour, please call 319-365-1438 or email [bill.kreuger@gl-iowa.org](mailto:bill.kreuger@gl-iowa.org)



## Help Wanted

The position of Deputy Grand Secretary is being vacated by Darrell G. Fremont at the end of his 2021 term. The position requires a working knowledge of Microsoft Office products, especially extensive use of Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint. The Deputy Grand Secretary along with the membership support duties for the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge office also serves as the Executive Director of the Lodge Service Committee. Duties of the Lodge Service Committee are outlined in the Code.

### **Laws of the Grand Lodge, Chapter 11, Committees of the Grand Lodge, Section 12. Lodge Service Committee**

**a. Creation and Term.** There shall be a Lodge Service Committee consisting of fourteen (14) members plus an Executive Director, who shall serve as Chairman of this Committee. The fourteen (14) members will be appointed by the Grand Master for a term of one year. They shall be selected as nearly as feasible with three from each of the four geographical quadrants of the State of Iowa and two additional members from the Polk County area. Beginning with the appointments made in 2010, no member shall be appointed for more than six (6) consecutive terms. *(Amended 2010)*

**b. Executive Director.** The Executive Director shall be a full-time employee of the Grand Lodge with offices at the Grand Lodge Library and Administrative Building. He shall be appointed by the Grand Secretary subject to approval by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Trustees. The Grand Lodge Trustees shall set his salary.

**c. Duties of the Executive Director.**

1. To prepare and distribute Masonic educational material.
2. To assist subordinate lodges in setting up lodge programming.
3. To review and analyze membership trends.
4. To develop, recommend, and implement short, intermediate, and long term goals for membership retention and growth.
5. To be responsible for the Grand Lodge Speakers Bureau.
6. To schedule and arrange annual Neighborhood Meetings.
7. To assist the Grand Master in scheduling and arranging the Grand Master Area Meetings.
8. To schedule, set the agenda, and chair the Lodge Service Committee meetings.
9. To coordinate the various activities of the Lodge Service Committee which are conducted at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, including the Fellowship Banquet.
10. To coordinate the activities of individual members of the Lodge Service Committee in the performance of their responsibilities.
11. To prepare the report of the Lodge Service Committee for presentation at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

**d. Duties of the Committee.** The duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, assisting the Executive Director in conducting the various activities of the Committee: including personal visitations of lodges in their areas; Grand Master Area Meetings; Lodge Service Committee Neighborhood Meetings; the various activities of the Committee at Grand Lodge; the development and distribution of Masonic educational materials; review and analyze membership trends; recommend, develop and implement short, intermediate, and long term goals for membership retention and growth; and to provide appropriate assistance to subordinate lodges for the improvement and betterment of Freemasonry in Iowa. *(Amended 2001)*

All interested Iowa Master Masons that want to apply, please send a Letter of Application and a complete Resume to Grand Lodge of Iowa, PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids Iowa 52406-0279.

Direct any questions to [grandsecretary@gl-iowa.org](mailto:grandsecretary@gl-iowa.org) or (319) 365-1438.



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50 - Year Certificates Issued Since The March 2021 "Bulletin"

Congratulations to the following Brothers who earned their Certificates.

Brothers are shown by Lodge No.

No.	Town	Lodge	Name	No.	Town	Lodge	Name
15	Fairfield		Teeter, Charles A.	273	Grinnell		Collins, Terry R.
29	Keokuk		Johnson, Leonard W.	317	Moulton		McClurg, John M.
44	LeClaire		Bowers, Merle H.	321	Harlan		Boeck, Hugo D.
49	Dubuque		Jones, John W.	370	Pleasant Hill		Watkins, William L.
53	Indianola		Ritchie, Bruce W.	386	Greenfield		Lauer, Dean L.
59	Newton		Shields, Joel D.	386	Greenfield		Selim, Harold A.
59	Newton		Black, William G.	407	Altoona		Sigmund, Charles R.
60	Camanche		Card, Robert L.	412	Griswold		Frazier, Dennis D.
60	Camanche		Cram, Dennis, G.	478	Rockwell City		Kramme, David W.
60	Camanche		Hill, Roger J.	482	Milford		Woods, John A.
61	Knoxville		Floyd, Richard S.	508	Sioux City		Peck, Neil L.
69	West Union		Eischeid, Michael D.	509	Windsor Heights		Fenimore, Charles L.
69	West Union		Cline, Jackson H.	519	Laurens		Reed, Robert E.
69	West Union		Bishop, Lewis D.	538	Renwick		Roberts, Reginald D.
72	Elkader		Faust, Kenneth P.	592	Des Moines		Adams, Frederick J.
77	Osceola		Henrichs, Dwayne S.	595	Manilla		Dobler, William K.
80	Adel		Dorman, Dennis E.	597	Lohrville		Heeren, Roger D.
95	West Liberty		Keele, James R.	624	Cedar Falls		Galbraith, Michael E.
99	Nevada		Corbin, Steven B.	631	Council Bluffs		Cox, Marvin R.
103	Sioux City		Anderson, Richard A.	631	Council Bluffs		Altman, Ruben
167	Wilton		Lincoln, Kenneth P.	632	Des Moines		Nelson, David A.
174	Malcom		Snyder, Ronald J.	634	Stockport		Donald, Douglas D.
174	Malcom		Munson, Duane S.	638	Lucas		Crooks, Danny R.
181	Decorah		Krauskopf, Myron J.	643	Sioux City		Clarstrom, Ronald C.
205	Algona		Roberts, Reginald D.	644	Oskaloosa		Sneller, Norman W.
221	Davenport		Shope, David R.	646	Dike		McCarter, John L.
255	Clinton		Gooch, Carl C.	654	Des Moines		Black, William G.
263	Cedar Rapids		Leefers, John A.	654	Des Moines		Olandt, Paul K.
273	Grinnell		Roland, Roger D.	657	Des Moines		Handsaker, Billy J.