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2022 Regional Schools

Thursday, March 24, 2022 Grove Lodge No. 492,
Washington St., Marne.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, March 25, 2022 South Gate Lodge No. 657,
1111 Randolph St., Des Moines.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 14, 2022 Rhodes Lodge No. 303,
505 W Mulberry, Ogden.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, April 15, 2022 Osceola Lodge No. 77,
100 S. Park St., Osceola.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, May 19, 2022 West Union Lodge No. 69,
132 S. Vine St., West Union.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, May 20, 2022 Mizpah Lodge No. 639,
616 A Ave. NE., Cedar Rapids.....9:00 A.M.

Thursday, June 16, 2022 Star Lodge No. 115,
233 S State St., Madrid.....5:30 P.M.

Friday, July 15, 2022 Mount Pleasant Lodge No. 8,
206 N Main St., Mount Pleasant.....9:00 A.M.

Saturday, August 27, 2022 Adel Lodge No. 80,
411 S 12th St., Adel.....9:00 A.M.

Monday September 5, 2022 Ottumwa Lodge No. 16,
611 E. Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa9:00 A.M.

2022 Secretary Conferences

Monday, January 3, 2022 Antiquity Lodge No. 252,
105 E Chariton St., Moravia.....10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 Camanche Lodge No. 60,
220 9th Ave., Camanche.....10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 Waterloo Lodge No.
105, 607 Bishop Ave., Waterloo.....10:00 A.M.

Thursday, January 6, 2022 Home Lodge No. 370,
5201 Maple Dr., Pleasant Hill.....6:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 8, 2022 Pomegranate Lodge No.
408, 201 1/2 S Main St., Alta.....10:00 A.M.

Monday, January 10, 2022 Veritas Lodge No. 392,
423 S Park St., Audubon.....6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Mirza Lodge No. 609,
505 W Mulberry St., Ogden.....6:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 13, 2022 Crusade Lodge No. 386,
209 W Iowa St., Greenfield.....6:30 P.M.

Friday, January 14, 2022 Vesper Lodge No. 223,
1010 10th St., Onawa.....6:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 15, 2022 Osage Lodge No. 102,
527 Main St., Osage.....10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 Grand Lodge Library and
Museums, 813 1st St. SE,
Cedar Rapids.6:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 20, 2022
George Washington Lodge No. 136, 617 Chestnut
St., Donnellson.....6:30
P.M.

Grand Master's Message

"Ignite Iowa Masonry"

Greetings from your Grand Master,

IGNITE IOWA MASONRY! These three words should resonate on many levels in your Masonic being. Your goal, like mine, is to build the Fraternity with enthusiasm, with modern concepts, and backed by the fundamentals of our Institution which are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. We have an opportunity to properly recruit good men into our Fraternity. A recent survey by the Grand Lodge of Kansas has shown young men are ready to pause from digital interaction and meet face to face on the level with men of every background. We offer men an opportunity to cultivate their moral and charitable character within themselves and in their community.



My name is Bill Post, and I am honored that you elected me Grand Master of Masons in Iowa. I am a 45-year member of Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 in Alta, my hometown. My lady Tammy Van Horsen-Post is a native of Laurens and we have been married for 33 plus years. We are both members of the Order of the Eastern Star (O.E.S.) at Laurens Chapter No. 265. In 1993, we relocated to West Des Moines for my career change from a welder/metal fabricator to a firefighter/paramedic with the West Des Moines Fire Department. I became a dual member with Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 in West Des Moines. Tammy and I took dual membership with Polk City Chapter No. 631, O.E.S. Our parents were instrumental in guiding and inspiring us through our Masonic endeavors and Tammy's mother, Betty, continues to be an active member of Laurens Chapter, O.E.S. I also hold memberships in Des Moines Valley Scottish Rite and Knights Royal Axe Chapter of Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association.

Our Grand Lodge program this year is the **3 R's ... Recruitment, Restoration, and Retention**. I have presented this program at 18 Grand Master Area Meetings, and we asked each chartered lodge to send at least one representative to the meeting in your area. This program is designed to prudently guide our lodges with reasonable planning, financial stability, recruitment ideas, restoration of members, and ideas for retention including education programs and ritualistic improvement. We were also pleased to have W. Bro. Bill V. Northup present at the Grand Master Area Meetings. He is the Executive Director of the Masonic Charitable Education Corporation. He is providing his years of expertise in the trust financial field to provide guidance to the Masons of Iowa who are desirous of leaving a legacy gift to their lodge. And he will provide the lodges with guidance on the best course of action when receiving a legacy gift. I appreciate all who attended the Grand Master Area Meetings. However, there were many lodges that did not attend. This was disheartening for me, as the message I presented is of prime importance to reigniting Masonry across this Grand Jurisdiction. It is my duty to reach out to the lodges that did not attend and fulfill my obligation to educate and guide all lodges in the state. Deputy Grand Secretary Aaron Kinser, your Lodge Service Committee member, or myself will be contacting you to give your lodge the information and assistance I promised all lodges and members of Iowa.

Once again, we are appealing to your charitable heart without injury to yourself. We are raising funds for two charitable foundations through the "return address label" program, Grand Master lapel pin sales, Ladies "sparkle" pin sales, and profits from the 2022 Grand Master's Golf Outing, MAGRAI Rededication Tour 2022, and the 2022 Charity Car Show. Please keep your eye out for details on these fun events through the Grand Lodge website at: <https://grandlodgeofiowa.org>.

Our primary project for this Grand Lodge year is the St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation a 501(c)(3). St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation provides several programs for burn survivors and their families. The Grand Lodge Officers and Lodge Service Committee members are selling "Ignite Iowa Masonry" lapel pins for five dollars each to raise funds for St. Florian's worthwhile programs. So far, your response has been overwhelming. I thank the Masons of Iowa for their continued support of St. Florian Burn Foundation. Find more inspiration from their website at: <https://stflorianfireandburnfoundation.com>.

Our other project is the Iowa Masonic Library Association a 501(c)(3) which funds and maintains the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums. This is YOUR library and museums. The Masons of Iowa own and must maintain its holdings and artifacts. It is utilized by people the world over as a source of Masonic knowledge and other one-of-a-kind reference materials. The financial stability of our library is of significant importance for the world. Please visit the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums by calling the Grand Lodge office (1.319.365.1438) to set up an appointment for a tour.

Faternally,

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bill Post, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



“Because I Am a Mason” 177th Annual Communication

With limited Covid restrictions in place Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin began his journey with the 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officers sharing his theme for the year “Because I am a Mason”. The year concluded with the 177th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the River Center in Davenport on September 18.



Deb Braverman, Iowa Rainbow
presents \$25,000 to IMLMBEF Fund to
Shane Harshbarger and Grand Master
Dennis R. Heflin



Bruce S. Kamer,
T.S. Parvin Recipient
with Brother Guy J. McCausland



Abby Veach, Bellevue Schools
Receives Teacher of the Year
presented by P.J.G.W.
John A. Jack Cook



Worthy Grand Advisor,
Kayla Wilson
receives a donation from
Grand Master
Dennis R. Heflin for Iowa
Rainbow



State Master Councilor,
Hunter Rapp
receives a donation from
Grand Master Dennis R.
Heflin for Iowa DeMolay



Bethel Guardian
Claudia Hauser
receives a donation from Grand
Master Dennis R. Heflin for
Iowa Job's Daughters.

Grand Lodge School of Instruction

The Grand Lodge School of Instruction was held at the River Center with Custodians: P.G.M. Terry E. Osborne, P.J.G.W. Loren C. Stein and P.S.G.W. Neil R. Paulsen. The schools were divided into Masonic Instructor and District Lecturers and Craft School. The schools were well attended. Following the schools, we were entertained by Lee Williams, an Abraham Lincoln impersonator from Atlantic, Iowa. On Saturday Terry E. Osborne announced the New Masonic Instructors and District Lecturers in Iowa.

Business of the Grand Lodge

Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin opened the 177th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa on Friday, September 17 at 8:30 A.M. The Grand Master gave his report to the Craft in addition to the other reports that were given throughout the morning session. Election of the 2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officers was the first order of business after lunch. The Grand Master's Award was given to Pymosa Lodge No. 271 at Atlantic. P.G.M. Bryce B. Hildreth introduced Worshipful Brother Bill V. Northup as the new Executive Director of Fundraising for the MCEC and other Grand Lodge of Iowa Charitable giving. Mark A. Cline (Academy of Masonic Knowledge Chairman) gave a presentation on the new Academy that will be hosted in the Grand View System. Kyle D. Martin of Martin Gardner Architecture, P.C. gave a report on the condition of the Library and Museums Building in Cedar Rapids.

The five lodges that earned the Lodge of the Year Award were recognized. 61 Lodges were recognized as recipients of the Plus One Award with Davenport Lodge No. 37 in Davenport was recognized as the lodge with the largest net gain of membership. The eight Master Builder Awards and eight Ashlar Award recipients. Brother David W. Royer of Mizpah Lodge No. 639 at Cedar Rapids was named New Mason of the Year. The Teacher of the Year was Abbie Veach from Bellevue Community School District. The T.S. Parvin Award was given to Bruce S. Kamer of Lyons Lodge No. 93.

Following the Awards presentations, Barry Weer, Past Grand Master of Illinois and Representative of the Masonic Service Association of North America presented Grand Master Heflin a plaque acknowledging him as Grand Master of Masons in Iowa and congratulating him on his service to Freemasonry.



Darla Hansen and Sonja Decker entertaining at the Grand Masters Banquet.



Pymosa Lodge No. 271 in Atlantic receives the Grand Master Award from Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin



Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin and William W. "Bill" Post.
Do You Accept?

Installation

The 2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officers were installed with Terry E. Osborne, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Master; Kenneth A. Hurmence, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Marshal; Eric A. Rozeboom, P.G.M. as Installing Grand Chaplain; Theodore C. Wiley P.J.G.W. as Installing Grand Secretary; and John M. Klaus, P.G.T. as Installing Musician.

The 2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officers installed were:
 Grand Master, William W. "Bill" Post - West Des Moines
 Senior Grand Warden, Darrell G. Fremont - Des Moines
 Junior Grand Warden, Keith R. Voss - Jefferson
 Grand Treasurer, Damian N. Hurmence - Cedar Falls
 Grand Secretary, Craig L. Davis - West Des Moines
 Deputy Grand Master, W. Scott Hull - Boone
 Grand Chaplain, Dennis W. De Joode - Des Moines
 Deputy Grand Secretary, Aaron R. Kinser - Watkins
 Grand Marshal, John M. Lizer - Fort Dodge
 Senior Grand Deacon, Nathaniel G. Kemmer - Des Moines
 Junior Grand Deacon, Anthony L. Oxley - Rhodes
 Senior Grand Steward, Dennis R. Revis - Winterset
 Junior Grand Steward, Michael R. Jensen - Des Moines
 Grand Tyler, Kelly H. Bruce - Boone
 Grand Musician, Robert C. Danner - Muscatine

There was no proposed legislation this year.

I would like to give a thank you to the Iowa Scottish Rite Foundation for providing lunch for the attendees on Friday and to the York Rite Bodies for providing Breakfast on Saturday morning.
 Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 10:00 A.M.



Rite of Destitution By Wade Sheeler

Each time that we attend a First Degree, it strikes the participants in the beauty and eloquence of its form and meaning. Its simplicity and dignity, its blend of solemnity and grace are impressive to everyone, not only the initiate. It is hard to see that any man might receive the First Degree and not pass out of the lodge room quite the same as when he entered it.

The whole meaning of initiation is an analogy of birth, an awakening and growth of our soul. The discovery of the purpose of life and the nature of the world in which it is to be lived. The initiatory experience is our emergence from darkness into the light of moral and spiritual truth, out of lonely isolation into a network of friends and relationships, out of a mere physical into a moral order.

At a certain point in his progress, the initiate is asked for a token of a metallic kind to be laid up in the archives of the lodge as a memorial of his initiation. If he is "duly and truly prepared", he is unable to fulfill the request. In one swift and defining moment, he realizes that for perhaps the first time in his life, he is destitute. Many emotions coalesce in this one moment. He is made to feel the bewilderment, if not the humiliation which befalls one of who is deprived of the physical necessities of life. Then in a swift moment, the lesson of the Golden Rule is taught—the duty of a man to his fellow who is in dire need.

Freemasons are under all the obligations of humanity, the most basic of which is to succor their fellow men in dire straits. Mohammed long ago said, the end of the world is at hand when man will not help man. We are under special obligations to our Brothers as much by the promptings of our hearts as by the vows we have taken. The Apostle Paul in the Epistle to the Ephesians writes: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers". It is another way of saying; charity begins at home. For Masons, the home is the lodge.

The destitute to which this Rite refers and who is under distress, we as Masons are bound to relieve as their ability may permit, are a definite and specific class. We are not to confuse this with those who are destitute through criminal activities, laziness, or moral turpitude. The needy which this Rite requires that we aid are "all poor distressed Master Masons, their widows, and orphans". Those who are destitute through no fault of their own, but through accident, disease, or disaster have become unable, however willing and eager, to meet their obligations. Such as those who are deserving of our charity in its true Masonic sense, not only of a financial relief, but also in the form of companionship, sympathy, and love.

Any worthy church shall open its doors to all kinds and conditions of humanity, rich and poor alike, learned, and unlearned. A lodge of Masons is different. It is made up of picked men, selected from among many and united for unique ends. No man should be picked who is unable to meet its demands financially, mentally, and morally. No man, however intelligent and strong are exempt from the trials and tribulations of life. Bro. Anthony Sayler was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. Towards the end of his life, he met with such reverses that he became the Tyler of Old King's Arm Lodge No. 28 and it is recorded that he was assisted "out of the box of this Society". Disasters of the most appalling kind befall men every day, leaving them broken and helpless. Life at any time may turn as a Ruffian and strike each of us with a blow, disaster following fast and faster until we are at its mercy.

We have long linked charity with the giving of money. The world has lost its true meaning. We are often apt to lose the personal touch of the giving of charity and let our charity fall to the cold and distant giving of alms. When this is so, our giving has become only a superficial obligation.

There is a Russian story in which a poor man asked aid of another as poor as himself: "Brother, I have no money to give you, but let me give you my hand" was the reply. "Yes, give me your hand, for that also, is a gift more needed than all others."

Indeed, a man may have all the money he needs, and yet be destitute of faith, hope, and courage. It is our duty to share our faith, hope and courage with him. To fulfill the obligations of the Rite of Destitution, we must give not simply of our money, but of ourselves. There are times when a friendly hand upon the shoulder is worth more than all the money on earth.



Meet Your 2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officers Grand Master William W. "Bill" Post

Brother Post was born in Alta on February 26, 1956 and is a resident of West Des Moines. He graduated from Alta High School in 1974, earned a Fire Science Certificate from Des Moines Area Community College in 2001, and graduated from Mercy College of E.M.S. in 1995. In 1993, he and Tammy relocated to West Des Moines for a career change from a welder/metal fabricator to a firefighter/paramedic with the West Des Moines Fire Department.

Brother William and his lady Tammy have been married for more than 33 years. Brother Post directs the Adopt-A-Street Program for Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 that cleans a 20 block stretch of Railroad Avenue in West Des Moines.

Brother Post received his three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 at Alta. He was Initiated on February 18, 1976; Passed on April 19, 1976; and Raised on June 3, 1976. He is a member of Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 and Gnemeth Lodge No. 577. He served as Worshipful Master of Pomegranate in 1981 and 1990. Brother Post served the Grand Lodge as Grand Marshal in 1999-2000, Senior Grand Warden in 2016-2017, Deputy Grand Master in 2018-2019 and has served as General Chairman of the One-Day Class in Des Moines in 2003, Chairman of Division and Reference 2020-2021.

Bill and Tammy are members of Laurens Chapter No. 265 Order of Eastern Star and are dual members with Polk City Chapter No. 361. He was appointed as Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of Eastern Star in 2014-15. He is a member of the South-Central MI-DL Club, West Side Study Club. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 2962.



Senior Grand Warden Darrell G. Fremont



Brother Fremont was born in Waterloo on September 25, 1952 and graduated from Cedar Falls High School. He received his Associates of Arts degree at Hawkeye Community College and his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Northern Iowa. Brother Darrell and his lady Ann were married on December 31, 1999 in Key Largo, Florida. They have two daughters, Allison Dyer, Keira Hippe and two sons, Bryce Fremont and Kyle Schultz. Brother Darrell has spent most of his life working in Information Technology and is currently employed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Darrell is a member of the Lutheran Church of Hope - Grimes Campus and is the past Association Manager of the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association.

Darrell has worn the Purple of the Fraternity as Senior Grand Steward in 2010-2011, Deputy Grand Master in 2015-2016, Deputy Grand Secretary 2017- 2021, served on the Technology Committee from 2016-2020, Lodge Service Committee 2016-2017, L.S.C. Executive Director 2017- 2021. He served as Worshipful Master of Star Lodge No. 115 at Madrid, 2008, 2009 and Operative Lodge No. 308 at Polk City in 2012 and is currently a member of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263 at Cedar Rapids, Operative Lodge No. 308 at Polk City and Legacy Lodge No. 678 at Des Moines.

He joined the Des Moines Scottish Rite in 2010 receiving K.C.C.H in 2021. He is a member of the Des Moines York Rite, Corinthian Chapter No. 14, Alpha Council No. 1, Temple Commandery No. 4. He is a member of Iowa Research Lodge No. 2, Cedar Rapids High Twelve, Des Moines High Twelve, El Kahir Shrine and South Central M.I.-D.L. Club. He is a member of York Rite College No. 37, Saint Bartholomew Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and is a life member of Black Hawk Chapter, Order of DeMolay at Cedar Falls and received the Legion of Honor in 2016. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3162.



Junior Grand Warden Keith R. Voss



Brother Voss was born in Marshalltown on January 5, 1978, graduated from South Tama School and is a current resident of Jefferson. Brother Keith spent the last 25 years working for the Fareway Stores and has been a manager since 2013. He has served on various committees for the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street. Brother Keith married Nicole on May 15, 1999 in Le Grand and they have two children, Cameron and Sadie.

Brother Voss received his three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Jackson Lodge No. 42 at Centerville. He was Initiated on May 23, 2013, Passed on September 24, 2013 and Raised on October 3, 2013. Brother Voss served the Grand Lodge as Grand Tyler in 2015-2016, he also served on the Credentials Committee from 2017 to 2020. Keith holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3187.

Grand Treasurer Damian N. Hurmence

Brother Hurmence was born in Waterloo, Iowa on December 9, 1975, and graduated from Mount Ayr High School in Mount Ayr. He attended the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. Brother Hurmence is a Partner with Hogan – Hansen CPA's and Consultants. He married Alicia Weber in Cedar Falls on August 31, 2002. Damian and Alicia attend Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls.



Brother Hurmence received his Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112 at Mount Vernon, being Initiated on April 24, 2001, Passed on May 9, 2001, and Raised on June 16, 2001. He served as Worshipful Master of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112 in 2010. Damian wore the Purple of the Fraternity as Grand Marshal in 2008-2009. He has served on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee from 2018-2021, Chairman of the Finance Committee from 2020-2021, and the Grand Charity Committee from 2011 to 2021.

Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull



Brother W. Scott Hull was born in Boone on February 23, 1964, graduated from Boone High School in 1982 and is a resident of Boone. Brother Scott has spent his lifetime working for the City of Boone Water Department and Public Works. He and his lady Michele were married on August 28, 1991.

Brother Scott received his three Symbolic Degrees of Masonry in Mirza Lodge No. 609 at Ogden. He was Initiated, Passed and Raised at a Grand Master's One-Day Class in Council Bluffs in 2005. He has served as Worshipful Master in 2018. Brother Hull served the Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Deacon in 2018-2019 and has served on the Visitors Committee in 2019-2020.

Brother Scott is a member of the York Rite Bodies in Ames, Joshua Chapter No. 127, Gebal Council No. 5, Ascension Commandery No. 69. He is a member of the Des Moines Valley of Scottish Rite, he has membership in the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine in Altoona and belongs to the Shrine Past Masters Club and Fez-B Shrine Club. He is a member of the Research Lodge No. 2 and the Royal Order of Scotland. He holds District Lecturer's Certificate No. 3203.



Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297 Rededication Ceremony



Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297 in Avoca invited Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin and the Grand Lodge Officers to Celebrate 150 years and rededicate the lodge in Due and Ancient form.

A nice brisket lunch was served prior to the ceremony. Worshipful Master Mark E. Smith invited the Grand Master to rededicate the lodge. Grand Master Heflin and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient form.



Junior Grand Steward Gary W. Shaulis gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Deacon Ian T. Decker gave the Flag Tribute. Neil R. Paulsen read the minutes from the June 24, 1871 Stated Communication. G.W. Lininger represented the Grand Master in Constituting Mount Nebo Lodge No. 297. Ozias P. Waters was Grand Master in 1871-1872.



Following the Rededication, Brother Paul Anderson presented Brother Milton L. Hanson with his 50-year membership recognition. Brother Hanson attributed his membership to living a long life. Grand Master Heflin had Briztol Delzell, daughter of Grand Marshal Jason Delzell, conducted to the East and Grand Musician Antonio B. Collins led everyone in singing "Happy Birthday". Briztol turned 8 years old on that day and was looking forward to third grade.

Ascalon Lodge No. 393 Celebrates 80 Year Mason By Aaron R. Kinser, Deputy Grand Secretary



Brother Charles Wayne "Wayne" Leo was honored on October 4th by Ascalon Lodge No. 393, his home lodge, for being an eighty-year mason. Brother Leo was raised on August 8, 1941. He served in most offices of his lodge, but, is best known for serving many years as secretary. An eighty-year certificate was presented to Wayne by the Worshipful Master Rodney R. Kavalier. Senior Grand Warden Darrell G. Fremont brought greetings and congratulations from Grand Master William W. "Bill" Post. The celebration was attended by many of his lodge brothers as well as by his daughter, Lynn Hopkins of Dysart, and his son, Ken Leo of Iowa City. Brother Leo spoke of his memories of Ascalon Lodge as well as his service in Italy during World War II. Pie and ice cream was served. Following the celebration, Worshipful Master Rodney R. Kavalier opened lodge and Clayton Wieben received his Third Degree.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Webster County Courthouse



Ashlar Lodge No. 111 invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Webster County Courthouse. The Ceremony was held on October 2, 2021 in Fort Dodge.

County Supervisor Mark Campbell welcomed everyone to the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. Worshipful Brother Brian L. Ahrens, Former Grand Marshal gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand Master William W. Post proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Daniel Brown was Flag Bearer, Arthur Pixler, Bill Barkley, and Randy L. Crampton served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Kevin Binder was the Architect, Scott Schabacker was the Bearer of Great Lights, John Nelson, Clifton Ellerbeck, and George S. Eichhorn served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Henry Brain carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Michael R. Jensen, Junior Grand Steward presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Nathaniel G. Kemmer, Senior Grand Deacon gave the Flag Tribute. Worshipful Brother John M. Lizer, Grand Marshal made the Proclamation and the Oration was given by former Supervisor, Robert H. Singer Jr.. Brother Singer thanked Ashlar Lodge No. 111 and the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the beautiful ceremony. He also spoke about the history of the Courthouse.

Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull.

Brother Chris Dengler Raised



The Grand Lodge Officers were invited to Davenport by Brubaker Lodge No. 674 for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree on Brother Chris Dengler.



All moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Monte L. Harris opened lodge and Brother Chris Soebbing delivered a fine conferral of the First Section. Brother Monte Harris served as Senior Deacon.

Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin was conducted to the East and received the Public Grand Honors. Grand Master Heflin introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and was in the East to confer the Second Section along with the Grand Lodge Officers. The Charge was given by Senior Grand Deacon Ian T. Decker. Junior Grand Deacon Allan L. Tedrow presented Brother Dengler with a Masonic Box and explained the significance of it. Grand Master Heflin presented Chris with his pin and several other items. Brother Dengler thanked the Grand Lodge Officers for being there and what an honor it has been. The Grand Lodge Officers closed Brubaker Lodge with Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd in the East.

Signet Lodge No. 264 Makes Presentations

Signet Masonic Lodge No. 264 in Carroll recently donated \$300 to RSVP in Carroll to help cover costs of the Pen Pals and Speak Up programs provided to hundreds of third and fifth graders in local schools.

"Education is one of the big things we promote," said Joe Reed, the lodge's Worshipful Master.

Reed also noted RSVP helps with the lodge's annual free community Christmas Day dinner, serving as the contact for people requesting home delivery.



Signet Masonic Lodge No. 264 Worshipful Master Joe Reed presents \$1,000 scholarships to Claudia Schroeder (left) and Hannah Bush.

The dinner hosts visitors to the lodge, located on U.S. 71 North, and offers home delivery. About half of the approximately 300 meals provided in 2019 were delivered to people at their homes. The 2020 dinner was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"RSVP takes all the phone calls for us, so we like to support RSVP because they help us out," Reed said.

RSVP, an AmeriCorps Seniors program, offers an array of volunteer opportunities to people 55 and older.

Nearly 200 third graders at Kuemper Catholic, Glidden-Ralston, Schleswig and St. Rose of Lima in Denison have been participating in Pen Pals, and this year Ar-We-Va and Boyer Valley are joining the activity.

In Pen Pals, students are paired with volunteers, and they will exchange five letters each in the school year.

Pen Pals is intended to help students build their language arts skills, plus generate multi-generational relationships.

"It's kind of a mentorship and is a win/win for the volunteers and the students," RSVP Program Director Stacy Venteicher said.

Venteicher said volunteers 55 and older are always welcome to help with the programs. Anybody interested may contact the RSVP office at (712) 792-4212.

Meanwhile, nearly 300 fifth graders at Carroll, Kuemper Catholic, Glidden-Ralston, IKM-Manning and St. Rose of Lima have been participating in the Speak Up public speaking program, which teaches students how to prepare a speech and present it effectively. Students present an informational speech in the fall and a position speech, trying to persuade others to their point of view, in the spring.

Venteicher said the Masonic Lodge donation will help with the nearly \$8,000 a year total cost of Pen Pals and RSVP, including booklets, stationery, postage, and other materials. RSVP offers the programs at no cost to the schools or the volunteers.

The Masonic Lodge also has supported education through a scholarship program — Carroll High 2021 graduates Hannah Bush and Claudia Schroeder were selected this spring to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

One of the Masonic Lodge's major fundraisers is its annual flight breakfast at Arthur N. Neu Airport, located 3 miles east of Carroll and 1 mile south of U.S. 30, on Quail Avenue.

During the day, Carroll Aviation will offer approximately 15-minute plane rides over the city on the service's twin-engine Piper Seneca or single-engine Piper Archer. There will be free barrel-train rides for children.

Reed said the Flight Breakfast usually serves 1,000 to 1,200 visitors, who enjoy the meal and viewing the plane traffic.

Grand Master William W. “Bill” Post Reception



Masons from across the state gathered in Des Moines to honor Grand Master William W. Post. Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 at Alta and Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 at West Des Moines hosted a reception in his honor at the Des Moines Scottish Rite.

Social Hour began at 2:00 pm in the Tapestry Room. The Masons moved to the auditorium where Gnemeth Lodge No. 577 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers Dan F. Fordyce and Troy D. Christine were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers Thomas E. Perkins and Roger A. Redig were committeemen for Grand Master Post. Grand Master Post thanked everyone for being there and supporting him. He thanked his mentors throughout the years and made special mention of Right Worshipful Brother Archibald J. Mackay Jr. Past Senior Grand Warden from Alta.

The ladies enjoyed a program on “Gifts from the Kitchen” by Peggy Triggs.

The Masons rejoined their ladies in the Grand Ballroom. Worshipful Brother Roman A. Redig was supposed to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, but the Grand Master went a little off script. Prior to dinner, Grand Master Post introduced the present Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. He also introduced the Past Grand Masters and their ladies. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies and children. Grand Chaplain Dennis W. De Joode gave the invocation prior to dinner. The dinner was served by the Scottish Rite Kitchen Krew.



Worshipful Master David J. McClusky introduced the Gnemeth Lodge Officers and their ladies and brought greetings. Worshipful Master Roman A. Redig introduced the Pomegranate Lodge Officers and their ladies and brought greetings. Grand Master Post and Stacey Loen talked about St. Florian Fire and Burn Foundation. Brother David Fordyce Chaplain of Pomegranate Lodge No. 408 gave the Benediction.

South Central M.I.-D.L. Reception and Third Degree at Prairie City

The South-Central MI-DL Club hosted its annual Grand Lodge reception and Third Degree on October 25 at Prairie City with Preston Lodge No. 218 as host lodge.

Preston Lodge was opened with J. Alan Fink in the East. Brother Ian T. Decker moved to the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother Mike Shannon was Senior Deacon as they conferred the Third Degree on Brother Craig Lorde from King David Lodge No. 407. Lodge was called to refreshment so that the Masons could join their ladies at the Prairie City United Methodist Church for the chili and oyster stew supper.

Following dinner, the Masons returned to the lodge hall where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Arthur G. Crandon and Thomas H. Nash as committeemen. Grand Master William W. Post was received and introduced with Brothers Past Grand Master Bryce B. Hildreth and Past Grand Master Arthur G. Crandon as committeemen. Grand Master Post was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section. Junior Grand Warden Keith R. Voss gave the Charge.

The Grand Master presented Brother Lorde with his Masonic pin, as well as a Trowel pin.

Brother Lorde thanked everyone for traveling across the state to take part in his Third Degree.

The Grand Master spoke on his program and his fund raising efforts for the upcoming year. Lodge was closed by the Grand Lodge Officers with Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull in the East.



Charles W. Nash Masonic History

Most Worshipful Brother Nash was Captain of Hatch's Battalion, Minnesota Cavalry, which was sent to Fort Pembina in the fall of 1863, during the Sioux Uprising. Their military duties were to insure the safety of the local residents, and to assist in guarding the border between Dakota Territory and Rupert's Land, British Territory. Within this military unit there were a number of Masons, who wished to continue their Fraternal Fellowship while stationed at Fort Pembina and reached out to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for ability to do so.

Most Worshipful Brother Nash was appointed the founding Master of Northern Light Lodge Under Dispensation, at Fort Pembina, Dakota Territory, when it was given a Dispensation to operate as such, on September 18, 1863. He personally carried this Dispensation with him from St. Paul as the soldiers made their way north.

While pondering a proper name for his lodge one winter evening, Nash witnessed a beautiful display of color and light high above him and was compelled to call his lodge, Northern Light. This name still continues today under the Affiliation of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

This original Northern Light Lodge Under Dispensation, became a cornerstone lodge of three who originally formed the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and it operates today as Northern Light Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

A number of prominent individuals and soldiers from the Red River Settlement (present day Winnipeg) wished to join the Masons, and knowing of the lodge operating at Fort Pembina, traveled south to receive their degrees. When the soldiers from Minnesota were no longer needed along the border they returned home to Minnesota during the month of June, 1864. All the meeting records, membership list and the original Dispensation were returned and given to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

In the meantime, the northern Brothers had petitioned Most Worshipful Brother, A.T.C. Pierson, Grand Master of Minnesota to reinstate the Dispensation of Northern Light Lodge Under Dispensation, Red River Settlement, Rupert's Land, which he signed on May 20, 1864. He also appointed Brother John Shultz to act as Master. Worshipful Brother Shultz would later become the fifth Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, serving from 1888 to 1895.

In its formative years the Grand Lodge of Manitoba held Fraternal authority of all lands to the west within Rupert's Land, including present day Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories, including the noted Northwest Mounted Police Lodge No. 11, at Regina, Saskatchewan.

Most Worshipful Brother Nash, returned to the Minneapolis, St. Paul area and was an active member of the community as well as the Masonic lodge. He held a degree in Law and co-owned the Pioneer Printing Company in 1866, which later became the Minneapolis Tribune. Prior to arriving in Minnesota, he had also held the office of Mayor at Ft. Dodge, IA.

On April 21, 1868, a fire destroyed the building which housed the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and thus all the records from the past were consumed in the flames, but our unique history with Northern Light Lodge continued on.

Worshipful Brother Nash was nominated, and elected, from the floor of the Minnesota Grand Lodge to the position of Grand Master without ever holding another office! And, on January 10, 1872, as Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota, he signed the Charter for Yellowstone Lodge No. 88, Fort Buford, Dakota Territory, another military lodge in what is now the State of North Dakota. Nash served as Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota from 1866-1872.

The Grand Lodge of Dakota adopted a resolution in June of 1878, "That the Grand Lodge of Dakota possesses sole and exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction throughout the Territory of Dakota, and no subordinate lodge can maintain a lawful existence in said Territory without acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Dakota."

On June 12th, 1889, at a convention of Masons in Mitchell, a resolution was adopted that stated, "that this convention deems it expedient for the good of Masonry that a Grand Lodge be organized for North Dakota." The next day, the Grand Lodge of Dakota changed its name to the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.



Deputy Grand Secretary Aaron R. Kinser



On Saturday October 23, 2020, Masons gathered in Cedar Rapids to honor Deputy Grand Secretary Aaron R. Kinser at the Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite Building. Hope Lodge No. 175 and Saint Clair Lodge No. 164 hosted the reception and social hour.

The Masons moved to the lodge room for the receiving and introduction of Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers, John W. Brandt had opened the lodge. Committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were Brothers Craig L. Davis and Darrell G. Fremont. Grand Master William W. Post was received and introduced with Craig L. Davis and Darrell G. Fremont as committeemen. Deputy Grand Secretary Kinser was received and introduced with Brothers Craig L. Davis and Darrell G. Fremont as committeemen. The honored brother was in the East as the Grand Lodge Officers closed Hope Lodge No. 175.

After the lodge closed all moved to the dining room for lunch and a program. Grand Master Post introduced his Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Grand Masters and the Past Grand Lodge Officers. John W. Brandt introduced the Officers of Hope Lodge. Worshipful Brother Kinser thanked everyone for being there and talked about himself, letting everyone know who he was. Brother Kinser presented the Grand Master with a donation to his program on behalf of Hope Lodge No. 175. Brother John Brandt presented Grand Master Post with a blue fire helmet, representing their shared bond of the fire department. Brother Brandt also presented Aaron with a cedar clock that he had made. The afternoon concluded with the Grand Chaplain Dennis W. De Joode giving the Benediction.



Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Camanche Community Center

Camanche Lodge No. 60 invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to Perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. After many delays, the Grand Lodge Officers were able to conduct the Ceremony on August 21, 2021. The Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. opened at 2:30 pm. Worshipful Brother Randy L. Crampton gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand Master Dennis R. Heflin proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Dylan Cottrell was Flag Bearer, Lee Hawkins, Tracy Anson, and Albert Mc Manus served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil, Robert Edens was the Architect, Roger Johnson was the Bearer of Great Lights, David Willis, Robert Alm, and Mason Mc Manus served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles, Mark Cottrell carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Allan L. Tedrow, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture and Worshipful Brother Ian T. Decker, Senior Grand Deacon gave the Flag Tribute. After Worshipful Brother Jason W. Delzell, Grand Marshal made the proclamation the Oration was given by the Mayor, Honorable Sir Trevor Willis. The Mayor thanked Camanche Lodge No. 60 for inviting the Grand Lodge to perform this ceremony and also thanked the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the beautiful ceremony. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master John D. Lloyd.

Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull and Grand Tyler Kelly H. Bruce



Masons from across the state gathered in Boone on October 30, 2021 to honor Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull and Grand Tyler Kelly H. Bruce. Mirza Lodge No. 609 at Ogden, and Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 at Boone hosted a reception in honor of these brothers at Central Christian Church in Boone.

The Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Blake Elsberry opened Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 and received the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Tyler. The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Corey L. Stoneburner and Jacob B. Love as committeemen.

Brothers Terry E. Osborne and Corey L. Stoneburner were committeemen for Grand Master William W. Post. Brothers Neil R. Paulsen and Corey L. Stoneburner were committeemen for Deputy Grand Master W. Scott Hull. Brothers Dustin H. Bruce and Jacob B. Love were committeemen for Grand Tyler Kelly H. Bruce. Grand Master Post thanked everyone for being there and saved his comments for the reception. Brother Hull also thanked everyone for being there and being part of his day. Kelly Bruce thanked everyone for being there and made a special presentation to his son Dustin. Brother Bruce presented the Master's hat that his father had given to him. Kelly H. Bruce was in the East, W. Scott Hull was Senior Deacon and proceeded to close Mount Olive Lodge No. 79.

While the Masons were at the lodge the ladies were entertained by Matthew Card, who gave a presentation on "Bats". Tammy Van Horsen Post gave a presentation on "Be the Sparkle".

The Masons rejoined their ladies at the Church for the Lunch and Program. Worshipful Master Blake A. Elsberry from Mount Olive Lodge No. 79 served as the Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon. Right Worshipful Brother Dennis W. De Jooode gave the invocation prior to lunch.

Grand Master Post introduced Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. Blake A. Elsberry introduced the Mount Olive Officers and Robert B. Marshall introduced the Officers of Mirza Lodge No. 609. Allan Tedrow and Robert Marshall made presentations to the two honored brothers.

The Grand Master talked about Brothers Hull and Bruce and the reason he chose them. Brother Scott was one of the best ritualists around and he had served with him during Terry Osborne's year. Brother Kelly is also a great ritualist and the Grand Master had the opportunity to examine him on his Third Degree. The Deputy Grand Master thanked everyone for being there and the Grand Master for choosing him to serve. Brother Scott also remembered one of his mentors Collin Buckingham. The Grand Tyler thanked everyone for being there and talked about his family lineage in Masonry. Grand Chaplain Dennis W. De Jooode gave the Benediction.



Haggai Lodge No. 369

Haggai Masonic Lodge No. 369 at Glidden donated 10 new coast guard approved life jackets to the Glidden Aquatic Center! These will be free for the patrons to borrow when they come to our pool!

2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officers



L to R Front Row: W. Scott Hull, Deputy Grand Master, Boone; Damian N. Hurmence, Grand Treasurer, Cedar Falls; Darrell G. Fremont, Senior Grand Warden, Des Moines; William W. Post, Grand Master, West Des Moines; Keith R. Voss, Junior Grand Warden, Jefferson; Craig L. Davis, Grand Secretary, West Des Moines; Dennis W. De Joode, Grand Chaplain, Des Moines; L to R Second Row: John M. Lizer, Grand Marshal, Fort Dodge; Michael R. Jensen, Junior Grand Steward, Des Moines; Dennis R. Revis, Senior Grand Steward, Winterset; Nathaniel G. Kemmer, Senior Grand Deacon, Des Moines; Kelly H. Bruce, Grand Tyler, Boone; Anthony L. Oxley, Junior Grand Deacon, Rhodes; Aaron R. Kinser, Deputy Grand Secretary, Watkins; Robert C. Danner, Grand Musician, Muscatine.

Brother Will Campbell Raised at Webb Lodge No. 182



Brothers from the Sigourney area gathered at Webb Lodge No. 182 to confer a Third Degree on Brother Will Campbell. Worshipful Master Rob Campbell opened lodge with the assistance of the Officers in attendance. Marvin Kendall was in the East for the First Section and Bob Kuntz was Senior Deacon. Past Grand Master Kenneth A. Hurmence was in the East for the Second Section and Robert White was Senior Deacon. William Dayton gave the charge.

It was a family affair as Will's father Rob is the Master of the Lodge. His grandfathers, Bill Reeves and Mike Vore were present as well as his uncle Jim Campbell. Following the degree, the brethren were treated to a brisket dinner prepared by Will's mother, Stephanie Campbell, and grand mother, Linda Rees. His sister Rees made the homemade pies for dessert.

Brother Russell R. Risley Receives 50 Year Certificate

Brothers of Snow Lodge No. 44 in Le Claire recognized Brother Russell R. Risley for his 50 years of service to the Fraternity on Friday, October 22, 2021. Brother Russ has served as Worshipful Master of Snow Lodge in 2002, and 2009, he also has served as Worshipful Master of Brubaker Lodge No. 675 in 2017. Brother Russ has also served on several committees in the lodge and holds District Lecturer Certificate No. 2756.



"Be Quick, But Don't Hurry"
By William C. Jacobson P.G.T.



Each person is influenced by the meaning of words. The book of John in the Bible begins, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God". We are formed by words that become thoughts that create our actions.

Legendary basketball coach, John Wooden, admonished his players to be quick, but don't hurry. Being quick is knowing what to do. Hurrying describes how you do it. Being quick reflects our intelligence. Hurrying reflects our ignorance of how things work.

On the farm of my youth, there were times when I was referred to as a dumbbell because I didn't know what to do. It was worse, when I was called an idiot, because I didn't know that I didn't know, and tried to do it anyway. Learning meant that I had to learn to ask the right questions. Human growth reveals that we all have had similar experiences.

Being quick is knowing what and how to do something. That comes from information, practice and analysis. Hurrying is getting ahead of what works through shortcuts, lack of understanding, and poor judgement. We learn to be quick, but never hurry when we can't predict the outcome of our actions.

Interactions with others shapes our awareness. Others can provide the challenges that help us understand who we are and what we can do. A priest and a rabbi were watching a boxing match. One of the fighters gave the sign of the cross as he got ready to fight. The rabbi asked the priest what that meant. The priest replied, "It doesn't mean a damn thing if he doesn't know how to fight." Being quick is knowing how to fight. Fighting well involves not hurrying.

Mohammed Ali won back the heavyweight championship when he defeated a stronger opponent in George Foreman. His strategy was to wait as Foreman exhausted himself, then he won the fight. Ali was quick, Foreman hurried.

Quickness anticipates consequences and adjusts current behaviors to change what happens next. Quickness requires preparation. Some lessons become permanently sealed in our emotional memory by single events. You only have to sit on a hot stove once to not ever want to do it again.

God speaks to us through other people. Each of us can readily identify helpful people in our lives. Some brought a message from our spiritual source that was needed, but it wasn't always wanted. God provides the circumstances in life that help us discover who we really are.

Quickness in Masonry requires a focus on our obligations and what they require. We live by the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. We learn and are helped by our brothers. We love that which we cherish. And, we live learning that truth provides real answers.

The value of our words is not always understood. Consider the words kind and right. It is good to be right. It is better to be kind. The law of retribution was addressed by Ralph Waldo Emerson in his essay, "Compensation." He said that compensation always exists, but not on a precise timeline. We are compensated for what we think, say and do. Nothing is ever without a consequence. Deciding to be kind rather than proving you are right can have long term benefits.

One of my college basketball coaches was an avid chess player. He suggested that chess was a lot like life. It was necessary to think three or four moves ahead to be able to get where you wanted to be. He cautioned that chess and life had another similarity. They had to be played within the rules to succeed.

Life is not easy. I have been without money, and I have had it. Having it is better. I have been without understanding, and I have gained it. Gaining it is better. I have been without joy, and I have experienced it. Joy is better. I have thought I was without love, but I never was. I just couldn't see it. I have looked for life's greatest gift and I have found it. It is life itself.

The Masonic trowel teaches patience. Patience produces understanding. Understanding changes behavior. Behaviors display who we really are. And, joy comes from the interactions we have with the people in our lives. It is really simple. As we think, so we are.

A Mason learns living life. A Master Mason seeks God's blessing to provide the quickness needed in life, and the patience not to hurry.

Brother Neal Edward Smith Lays Down his Working Tools



Brother Neal Edward Smith laid down his working tools on November 2, 2021 at the age of 101. Brother Smith was Initiated into Masonry on January 19, 1954 in Capitol Lodge No. 110. He received his Second Degree on June 1, 1954 and was Raised on June 15, 1954.

He grew up in Packwood, Iowa where he attended a one room school house. As a teenager he managed farms for nearby farmers, owned a gas station and held dances at the Packwood Community Center.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor he served in the Army Air Corps as a pilot of a B-24 in the South Pacific. He was shot down twice during his tour of duty and was awarded the Purple Heart, nine battle stars, and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

When he returned after the war he married his wife of 70 years, Beatrix Havens. He attended the University of Missouri for one year then transferring to Syracuse University in New York. He returned home to Iowa where he and Bea both graduated from Drake University Law School in 1950. Neal soon became interested in politics. He was elected National President of the Young Democrat Clubs of America in 1953. In 1958 he was elected to the US House of Representatives and served there for 36 years. During his tenure in Congress he served and chaired on many committees.

Currently, the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, the Neal Smith Federal Building, the Neal Smith Trail and the Neal and Bea Smith Law Clinic all bear his name. He wrote several books including: Mr. Smith Went to Washington: From Eisenhower to Clinton, Hanging Out in Burr Oak, and in 2019, From my Century to Yours: Wisdom from the near 100 Year Life of Former Congressman Neal Edward Smith.

Neal lived at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Park where he received nothing but the best care from the staff while living there. Well done good and faithful servant!

Logic Lodge No. 636 Rededication

Logic Lodge No. 636 in Ankeny invited Grand Master William W. Post and the Grand Lodge Officers to celebrate 100 years and rededicate the lodge in Due and Ancient form.

Worshipful Master Kyle E. Goodmanson invited the Grand Master to rededicate the Lodge. Grand Master Post and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in Due and Ancient form. Junior Grand Deacon Anthony L. Oxley gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Deacon Nathaniel G. Kemmer gave the Flag Tribute.

J Alan Fink served as the Orator for the day and talked about the History of Logic Lodge and the many different homes they have had over the years.

Following the Rededication the Mason's participated in a parade around Old Ankeny, then rejoined their ladies for refreshments.



Knights of Pythias Medallion
By William R. Kreuger Assistant Librarian



The Masonic Museum collection includes many Masonic objects, including aprons, jewels, mementos, artwork, and other related ephemera. The Museum also includes a fraternal collection for objects and materials that are not Masonic but were used or represent another Fraternal society. Such is the item that we recently added to our collection. It is a small brass medallion that, most certainly was a fob that was attached to a pocket watch chain. It is a souvenir from the 50th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa of the Knights of Pythias and dated August 4, 1920.

The Knights of Pythias was a Fraternal society that was founded by Justus H. Rathbone, who was a Mason and a member of the Red Men, another Fraternal organization. Rathbone founded the organization in February 1864 in Washington, D.C. along with several clerks who worked for the federal government. The organization is based upon the story of Damon and Pythias, who lived during the 4th century B.C. and were from Syracuse, on the island of Sicily. What follows is a condensed version of that story.

Pythias was condemned to death for opposing Dionysius, tyrant of Syracuse. Damon, a friend of Pythias, offered himself as a stand in for Pythias, so that he could go home to see his wife and children. As the time for the execution of Pythias drew near, he had not returned. Damon held true to his promise to stand in for Pythias and be executed. At the last moment, Pythias appeared and rushed forward to embrace his friend. Dionysius was so moved by this gesture that he released both men and asked if he could join their friendship.

By 1868 the Supreme Grand Lodge of the World (the national structure) was established. The ritual is based upon the story related above and accents the principles of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence. The Knights of Pythias was formed as a Fraternal society for white males. African Americans formed their own organization in 1869, called the Knights of Pythias of North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Currently, the Knights of Pythias still operates in Iowa with three lodges in the state. The locations are Cedar Rapids, Davenport and Waterloo.

The medallion that is in our collection measures 1.5 inches long and 1 inch wide. It is shaped like a shield; the obverse contains the following information, "Aug. 4, 1920, 50th Anniversary 1870 – 1920 Grand Lodge of Iowa." In the center of the shield is a multi-colored upside-down equilateral triangle of blue, yellow and red. Each section has the following letters, Blue – F, Yellow – C, Red – B. The initials stand for the principles of the Knights of Pythias, Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence.

The reverse of the medallion contains the following information, "Grand Lodge of Iowa Instituted Cedar Rapids July 4, 1870." Although it is not made of gold, this medallion is a valuable and important part of our collection.

At 101 years old, it connects us with another part of our Fraternal history of Iowa. The Knights of Pythias was one of many Fraternal societies that were available in Iowa during the 19th and 20th centuries. Others include the Odd Fellows, Patrons of Husbandry, aka The Grange, The Elks, Moose, Eagles, Knights of Columbus, Red Men, Improved Order of Red Men, Modern Woodmen of the World, Western Bohemian Fraternal Association (ZCBBJ), Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps. The list could go on for several pages. We invite you to make an appointment to visit the Library and Museums soon.

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Grand Master's Annual Golf Outing Friday, June 10, 2022 *4 Person Best-ball*



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



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