

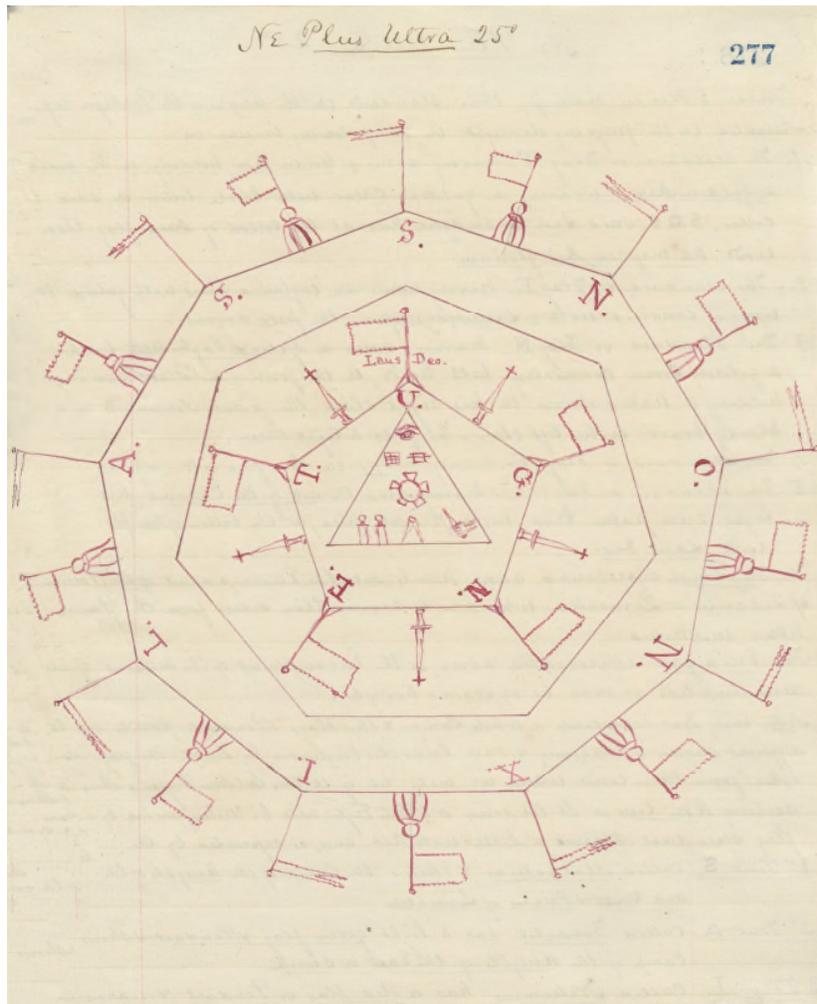
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*The Creigh Notebook;  
Iowa's Hand-written Copy of the Francken Manuscript*

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**April 18 at the Iowa City Masonic Temple**  
 312 East College Street, Iowa City  
**July 11 at the Morningside Masonic Temple**  
 4110 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City

*"Applications to Participate in a Grand Master's One-Day Class" should be received in the Grand Secretaries Office no later than 15 days prior to the class. The fee for candidates is \$80.00 and \$15.00 for others. Applications are available from the Grand Lodge office or download on the Grand Lodge web site at: [http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/docs/forms/GLFNo45\\_OneDayClass.pdf](http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/docs/forms/GLFNo45_OneDayClass.pdf)*

### SCHEDULE

- 7:30 A.M.** Registration. Candidates and Guides must register together by 8:15 A.M.
- 8:00 A.M.** The First Degree Cast will open a Lodge of Entered Apprentices in the Lodge Room.
- 8:30 A.M.** Registration Closes.
- 8:30 A.M.** Guides (ONLY) will meet in the Lodge Room for instruction on how to illustrate and communicate the due guards, signs, and modes of recognition to the candidates.
- 8:45 A.M.** The lodge room is opened to the Candidates, who must be in their seats by 8:50 A.M.
- 8:50 A.M.** Introduction of First Degree Cast, Presentation of the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, introduction of distinguished guests, and welcome by Grand Master Charles D. Yates.
- 9:00 A.M.** Conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree and instruction, followed by mid-morning coffee break.  
*(From this point on, all times are approximate.)*
- 10:45 A.M.** Introduction of the Second Degree Team Cast, conferral of the Fellow Craft Degree, and instruction.
- 12:15 P.M.** Lunch.
- 1:00 P.M.** Introduction of the Third Degree Team Cast, conferral of the Master Mason Degree, instruction, and closing of the Lodge.  
*Lambskin aprons and important gift packets will be distributed to all new Master Masons as they leave the Lodge in the afternoon.*

## Grand Master's Message

Greetings Brethren,

As of this writing we have completed seven Grand Master Area Meetings. They were all well attended and I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated. One of the key components of these meetings was an overview of the newly implemented Optional Mentoring Course program created through the Iowa Academy of Masonic Knowledge. Following the Grand Masters Area Meetings, the Academy of Masonic Knowledge Committee presented three regional Optional Mentoring Course training sessions. They were held in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Sioux City, where over one hundred and fifty brothers attended and were certified to teach the Optional Mentoring materials. Brethren, the Optional Mentoring Course maximizes the education of a new candidate through face to face contact between the candidate and a well-informed brother. I believe that this program is essential for Iowa Masonry to grow and prosper. My sincere thanks to the members of Academy of Masonic Knowledge Committee for their tremendous effort to make this program a success.



Brethren, Grand Lodge is fast approaching. All Masters and Wardens are strongly encouraged to attend the Grand Lodge Session that will be held in Sioux City, September 17th 18th and 19th. **Brethren this is your Grand Lodge!** We are in the planning stages for this event and are working on some very exciting programs for you. First Lady Donna is busy planning some exciting programs for the ladies as well. We are also requesting items for the Silent Auction and the Annual Craft Show. Proceeds from these events are for the support of the handicap accessible ramp for the Grand Lodge Building.

As we continue to move forward in Iowa, let us renew our efforts and recapture the excitement of Masonry and help our Fraternity grow!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Charles D. Yates". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Charles D. Yates  
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

### Optional Mentoring Course Update

By George J. Harrison

There were almost 150 attendees at the three Certified Mentor training sessions. Attendance and attention were very good in all classes. Each attendee took home with them a CD that included all the non-proprietary sessions and PDF copies of the Mentor and Student guides to be used to train mentors in the program. We have only a few requests for access into the system. There are also many who have not accessed the OMC even once. If this is due to faulty login codes we need to know you are having trouble. This may be because you are accessing using a different e-mail address you used on your initial request. Please be sure you are using that address and the username and password assigned to you by the committee. If you still have trouble, contact Jeff Heimensen by e-mail at ocjeffh@gmail.com or George Harrison at gjhsr33kt@gmail.com so we can address the issues.

We have had several inquiries as to the status of lapel pins and completion certificates. The company we contracted with to manufacture the lapel pins gave us the best deal concerning pin design and price. They have had some problems with their work load and have promised to have the pins ready in April. When we get them we will mail them to the secretary of your Lodge. This is necessary because we do not have mailing addresses for each of you.

Over the next few months we will update the OMC site with a new course that covers the Certified Mentor training. Each of you will be given access to the course material. We will also create a list of Certified Mentors using the same district layout as the Board of Custodians uses. We will post your name, Lodge name and number and e-mail address. If you do not want to be listed let us know.

**The Creigh Notebook; Iowa's Hand-written Copy of the Francken Manuscript**  
*by Bill Kreuger, Assistant Librarian*

As the Assistant Librarian for the Iowa Masonic Library, I get many requests for information in regard to the history of Masonry or items in our collection that are related to that history. A recent request from a colleague has led to a most fascinating discovery. We here in Iowa have the next best thing to an original copy of the Francken Manuscript. We have a copy of one of the original Francken manuscripts that was made from an existing copy purchased from D. Broughton of Belfast, Ireland by Enoch T. Carson. A description of this manuscript is found on page 506 of the London Freemasons Magazine for 1855 under the title "A Curious Book."

According to S. Brent Morris, "the Francken Manuscripts contain the earliest English versions of 21 degrees from 4th, 'Secret Master,' to 25th, 'The Royal Secret or Knights of St. Andrews.' Several manuscripts of the degrees were written by Francken. Working with Stephen Morin, who had received a patent from the Grand Lodge of France, Francken wrote a manuscript giving the rituals for the 15th through 25th degrees in 1771. Francken wrote at least two other manuscripts, one in 1783 and another about 1786. These last two manuscripts included all the degrees from the 4th to the 25th.

The request that started this interesting journey follows:

*Hi Bill.*

*Long time no speak! I hope all's well with you. I have a question for you that may be related to your collections.*

*In the January 1950 issue of the Iowa Masonic Library Bulletin, on pages 396-7, there's an article by Ward K. St. Clair, titled "The Francken Rituals." The first two paragraphs describe a notebook written by Alfred Creigh (1810-1889) which apparently contains the text of the Francken MS. The second paragraph notes that he was copying from the Francken MS which was, at that time, owned by Enoch Terry Carson - which we know is the 1783 Francken MS which is now in our collection. I am writing something about the various copies of the 1783 Francken MS that have been created over the years and I am quite curious about this one.*

*Is there any chance that this Creigh notebook is in your collection?*

*Best,*

*Jeff*

*Jeffrey Croteau*

*Manager of Library & Archives*

*Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library 33 Marrett Road | Lexington, MA 02421*

I knew that we had some manuscripts or notebooks in our ritual collection in the Rare Book Vault that had either been written by Creigh, or copied by him. I found the following items listed in our Ritual index:

- "Creigh, Alfred and Sheville, John  
S.E.M. degree manuscript sheets (from Creigh) which are a copy of the ritual. Authorization from Creigh to Iowa men to confer same (Langridge, Guilbert, Woodward) dated 1860 or 1866."
- "Knights Templar. 1851. Manuscript (Alfred Creigh). Notebook containing copies of letters and other documents in addition to rituals..."
- "Tuilleur, compiled by Alfred Creigh from various sources, March 28, 1859. Vol. 1."
- "Tuilleur, compiled by Alfred Creigh from various sources. April 21, 1865, Vol. 2."
- "Tuilleur compiled by Alfred Creigh from England and Canada Vol. 3 April 21, 1865."
- "Manuscript book, prepared by Alfred Creigh containing Statutes and Regulations and the Rituals of the 4th to 25th Degrees of the Rite of Perfection as taught by H.A. Francken 1783."

I wasn't sure if the last book on this list was the one that Jeff was interested in. In looking through it, it is a hardbound book, approximately 28 cm. in height, with lined and numbered pages on the inside. The outside cover and fore edge of the book are marbled. There is no title on the spine. The first two pages of the book (not numbered) are like a scrapbook where calling cards and notices have been pasted in; the earliest date for these items is 1851. The handwriting starts on p.1 – almost like a title page of a printed book, which reads as follows: "Constitutions of the Grand Chapter of the Princes of the Royal Secret with Laws for the Government of Lodges of Perfection, transmitted from the Royal Council at Berlin to Stephen Morin under the C.C. near the B.B. 25th of the 7 month 1762, also the ceremony of

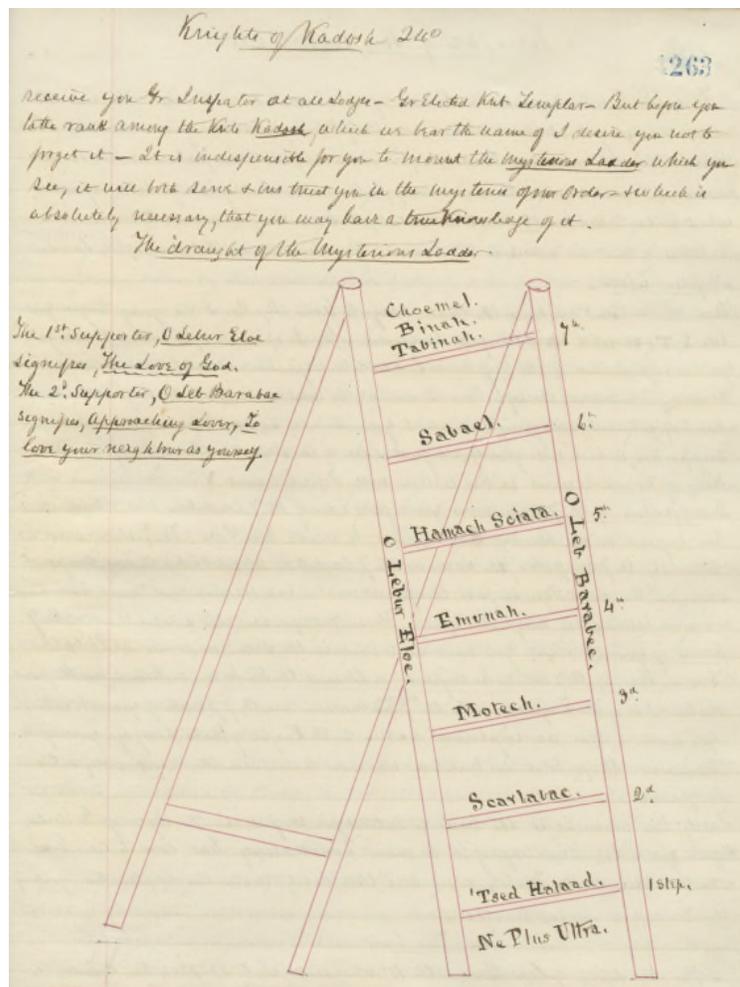
(listing of degrees 4th -25th) to which is added the home of Submission – home of obligation for an Israelite – the History of the MSS book, from which is transcribed with remarks upon the Word. Carefully transcribed by Alfred Creigh LLD 33. Harrisburg, Penna Feb. 4, 1866.” On page 286 is a letter from E.T. Carson of Cincinnati to Alfred Creigh, dated January 8, 1866 indicating how he (Creigh) received the copy for transcription.

It turns out that this was the notebook that Jeff was looking for. Over the next few days, Jeff and I remained in contact about this manuscript. Jeff was interested in knowing whether any drawings were in the notebook. There were several, two were done on something like an onion skin paper – thin and translucent. These two drawings were tipped into the book after being copied by Creigh.

Two other drawings in the book were of the “Mysterious Ladder” and an Encampment, which seems to be a series of geometric figures with flags attached at different locations. One more drawing that is tipped into the inside back cover of the book is labeled “Table of Shew Bread.”

All of these drawings are present in the original Francken manuscript that is owned by the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in Lexington, Mass. Jeff thinks that Creigh must have used the onion skin papers to trace the original drawings in the manuscript. The other drawings are drawn on pages of Creigh’s notebook and seem to be carefully done copies of those in the Francken manuscript.

Jeff will be writing an article about the various copies of the 1783 manuscript, as indicated in his original inquiry. The item in our collection will be included in that piece. I am always happy to help out and especially so when the inquiry leads me to find out more about our wonderful collection here in Iowa.



# American Masonic Education Symposium

June 25, 26, and 27, 2015

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Registration Fee \$175.00 includes all meals and materials except lodging.

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## PRESENTERS



**ROBERT G. DAVIS** is a renowned Masonic scholar, author, and speaker. His most recent book, *The Mason's Words: The History and Evolution of the American Masonic Ritual*, is a groundbreaking work. Bro. Davis is an expert on the role of men, and particularly Masons, in American society.

**RONALD A SEALE** is the Supreme Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, and one of the most eloquent orators in Freemasonry today. Under his enlightened leadership, the Scottish Rite is becoming more and more a leader in world Masonry.



**ARTURO DE HOYOS** is Grand Archivist and Grand Historian of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. A prolific scholar and author interested in many aspects of Freemasonry, Bro. De Hoyos is also a prominent lecturer on his research and on the Fraternity in general.

**JOHN L. COOPER, III** is Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of California. He is also First Vice-President and Fellow of the Philalethes Society. Bro. Cooper, who is also a historian and educator, is a recognized speaker on many aspects of Freemasonry, including several innovative approaches to teaching and learning about the Craft.



**JAMES T. TRESNER** is a prolific Masonic author whose intellectual curiosity encompasses many aspects of the Craft and related orders. His work ranges from significant investigation of Albert Pike through the esoteric workings and symbols of Masonic ceremonies to practical considerations for Lodge leadership. He is also a truly engaging speaker.

**ROBERT N. CAMPBELL** is President for Life of the Phylaxis Society, a scholarly organization associated primarily with Prince Hall Masonry. Bro. Campbell is a scholar, an author, and an excellent speaker. He is also Grand Historian of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri.



## AGENDA

*(All events are at the Scottish Rite Temple, 616 A Avenue NE.)*

Thursday, June 26

3:00 – 5:00 P.M. ....Registration (Foyer)  
5:00 – 6:00 P.M. ....Social Hour (Library)  
6:00 P.M. .... Formal Opening (Auditorium)  
6:30 P.M. .... Festive Board (Dining Room)

Robert G. Davis, Speaker

**Friday, June 27**

7:00 – 8:00 A.M. .... Registration (Foyer)  
8:00 – Noon ..... Session sponsored by the Scottish Rite (Auditorium)  
Ronald Seale and Arturo De Hoyos,  
10:00 A.M. .... Break  
Noon – 1:00 P.M. .... Luncheon (Dining Room)  
1:00 – 5:00 P.M. .. Session sponsored by the Philaethes Socy (Auditorium)  
John L. Cooper, III  
3:00 P.M. .... Break  
5:30 P.M. .... Social Hour (Library)  
6:30 P.M. .... Festive Board (Dining Room)  
Arturo De Hoyos, Speaker

**Saturday, June 28**

8:00 – Noon ..... Grand Lodge Library Tours  
*(The Library is within easy walking distance of the Scottish Rite Temple;  
courtesy transportation will be available.)*  
8:00 – Noon (concurrent) .. Sponsored by the Phylaxis Society (Auditorium)  
Robert N. Campbell  
10:00 A.M. .... Break  
Noon – 1:00 P.M. .... Luncheon (Dining Room)  
1:00 – 5:00 P.M. .... Sponsored by Iowa Research Lodge No. 2 (Auditorium)  
Robert G. Davis and James T. Tresner  
3:00 P.M. .... Break  
5:30 P.M. .... Social Hour (Library)  
6:30 P.M. .... Festive Board (Dining Room)  
Ronald A. Seale, Speaker

**Menus**

Hors-d'Oeuvres and Meals by Sutton Catering  
*Bro. David A. Sutton, proprietor*

**Thursday Hors-d'Oeuvres**

Shrimp Cocktail  
Cheese Tray  
Meatballs  
Potato Chips and Fresh Salsa

**Thursday Festive Board**

Oven-roasted Loin of Iowa Pork  
Whole Baby Red Potatoes  
Asparagus  
Salad with Blue Cheese  
Red Velvet Cake

**Friday Luncheon**

Grilled Hamburgers or Chicken Sandwiches  
Baked Beans  
Potato Chips  
Cookie

**Friday Hors-d'Oeuvres**

Bacon-wrapped Tiny Smoked Sausages  
Meat Tray  
Vegetable Tray  
Fruit Tray  
Potato Chips and Dip

**Friday Festive Board**

Roasted Prime Rib of Iowa Beef  
Baked Potato  
California Medley of Steamed Vegetables  
Caesar Salad  
Carrot Cake

**Saturday Luncheon**

Roasted Brisket of Beef or Pulled Pork Sandwiches  
Baked Apples  
Coleslaw  
Brownies

**Saturday Hors-d'Oeuvres**

Shrimp Cocktail  
Bacon-wrapped Tiny Smoked Sausages  
Meatballs  
Fruit Tray

**Saturday Festive Board**

Bacon-wrapped Filet Mignon of Iowa Beef  
Cheese Potatoes  
Masonic Green Beans  
Mixed Salad  
Cheesecake

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### Brother Jerry Neer Raised

The brothers of Jackson Lodge No. 42 at Centerville hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree on February 21 and performed courtesy work for Brother Jerry Neer a member of Chariton Lodge No. 63. Following the Social Hour, Worshipful Master Chad Butler opened lodge, and then invited Brother Rick Butler to the



left to right: Keith Voss, Grand Master Yates, Jerry Neer, Chad Butler

East to confer the First Section on Brother Neer. The local Eastern Star prepared and served a fine meal for the evening.

The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers Rick Butler and Keith Voss as Committeemen. Grand Master Charles D. Yates was received and introduced with Brothers Butler and Voss as Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section with the Grand Master in the East. Grand Treasurer Lane H. Shaver gave the charge. The Grand Master presented the new Master Mason with his lapel pin. Brother Neer thanked the brothers who participated in his degrees and the Grand Lodge Officers for being there and making it a real honor for him.

The Grand Lodge Officers with Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller in the East closed Lodge.

### Masonic Definitions

**Tiler's oath** - Declaration of visitor that he has been regularly initiated, passed and raised and does not stand suspended or expelled.

**due guard** - Probably contraction of the French "Dieu garde"—God guard; salute; mode of recognition.

**free will and accord** - Unsolicited; voluntary.

**Golden Fleece** - Order of chivalry in Europe, established 1429

### 76th Feast of the Holy Saints John held in Davenport

Robert Litwiller Worshipful Master of Roosevelt Lodge No. 626 hosted the 76th Feast of the Holy Saints John held in Davenport on December 27th, 2014. Realf Ottesen served as Toastmaster for the evening. Past Grand Master Dennis Zahrt is shown giving the response to the toast to The



W.M. Robert Litwiller and P.G.M. Dennis Zahrt

Grand Lodge of Iowa. Gary Sissel presented the Grand Master's Program "LIGHT" to the Brothers attending the event.



W.M. Robert Litwiller, Realf Ottesen, P.J.G.W. and Gary Sissel, S.G.I.G.

### "Seasoned" Worshipful Master in Alabama December 2014 Emessay Notes

A special recognition for a brother was made by Grand Master C. Lane Weatherbee during the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama in November.

Worshipful Brother Odis Jackson was saluted for being installed as Master of Trimble Lodge No. 739 on his 97th birthday. He was born on July 25, 1917.

Are there any other current Worshipful Masters above 90 years of age?

### Charles Fulps Raised at South Gate Lodge No. 657

Brother Charles Fulps was raised at South Gate Lodge No. 657 on December 11th, 2014. Brother in law Jon Hoffmann and nephew Kurt Hoffmann took part in the degree along with members from several other central Iowa Lodges. Brother Jon was just raised earlier this year and prepared a wonderful prime rib dinner prior to the degree.



From L to R; Kurt Hoffmann, Jon Hoffmann, Charles Fulps, Kirk Mitchell

### Christmas Dinner in Ottumwa

By Chuck Osing

On December 25th Christmas Day the Masonic Organizations of Ottumwa served a free dinner to 850 people in the community, 600 of those meals were delivered or picked up at Ottumwa Lodge No. 16. This was the 32nd year that the lodge has held this event. We had over 80 volunteers helping, preparing, serving and delivering the meals. This is a community event that we as Masons can provide to our community and most of the volunteers were Masons. We would like to thank the members and businesses in the community for their participation. It has been a rewarding experience and we are planning for Christmas Day in 2015.

### From The Custodians of the Work

It seems as though there is still confusion in the Temple as to when multiple candidates may be brought together for the completion of the First Degree. This subject was clarified at the 2012 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge when the amendment was passed stating that the First Section of the First Degree is not completed until each candidate has received the Working Tools. Candidates may then be brought together to receive the Explanatory Lecture, the Third Section Slide Lecture and the Charge. Any deviation from this procedure is a violation of the Masonic Code of Iowa and may be considered a Masonic Offense.

 Arthur G Crandon  
Chairman

### Evening Shade Lodge No. 312

By Steve Waller

Evening Shade Lodge No. 312, Spencer, received a visit from Spencer High School Assistant Principal Mr. Jade Beehler, who previously was recognized as Evening Shade Lodge's Teacher of the Year in 2014. Mr. Beehler was mobilized with the 152nd CSSB, South Dakota National Guard and was presented an American Flag for deployment to Afghanistan. Mr. Beehler served as Battalion XO, during his mobilization. Upon his return he presented that American Flag to Past Master Gerald Jones, as this flag was flown over Kandahar Airfield, during his unit's deployment. Major Beehler, now Lieutenant Colonel Beehler wishes to thank Evening Lodge for their support and recognition prior to and during his deployment. Their concern, and assistance to his family was overwhelmingly appreciated.



### "Study Club"

A Study Club is an organized group which studies Masonry in the same manner that a seminar class in college studies a subject, or a men's Bible class in church studies the Bible. It has (usually) a president, a secretary-treasurer, and a director; follows a course of study; listens to papers or talks on each particular subject in the course, discusses, asks questions. The expenses, which usually are small, are prorated among the members.

### "Lodge of Sorrow"

For nearly two centuries lodges here and there across America have held once a year (usually on a Sunday afternoon) a ceremonious occasion called a Lodge of Sorrow. It is held in memory of the lodge's members who have died during the year. A ritual is used; lodge officers, speakers, and musicians keep themselves in the background as much as possible; at the forefront of attention is the memory of those who have gone on to the Grand Lodge Above. A number of rituals are available, some of them very old.

### First Impressions

On Friday February 28, 2015 Masons from across the state gathered in Marne, Iowa at Grove Lodge No. 492 to help make Michael Carnevale an Entered Apprentice. The Downtown Diner from Atlantic and several of the ladies served a wonderful pork and ham dinner. After the lodge



room was cleared Past Master Graham Gould opened Grove Lodge No. 492 on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Grand Master Charles D. Yates was conducted to the East by the Senior Deacon Russell Hansen and was accorded the Public Grand Honors of Masonry. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis introduced the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Yates assumed the East and conferred the First Degree. Graham Gould gave the extended apron lecture. Past Senior Grand Warden F. Walter Buffon presented the working tools. The explanatory lecture was given by Senior Grand Steward Denis G. Stubbs and Junior Grand Steward Sheldin J. Menin. Brother Bill McQuarrie gave the Charge. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the Lodge with Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller in the East.

### Legacy Lodge Under Dispensation Receives Charter

It was a beautiful December day, with temperatures in the fifties as Masons assembled at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Center at 519 Park for a rare event, the constituting of a Masonic Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened in Ample Form on the third degree for the purpose of constituting Legacy Lodge Under Dispensation. After a short practice session under the direction of Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal David M. Dryer, W. Charles Smithson sent the Messenger Scott Enyart to invite the Grand Lodge Officers to constitute Legacy Lodge. The Grand Lodge officers performed the Consecration, Dedication, Constitution and Installation of Officer's. The Officers for Legacy Lodge No. 682 are Worshipful Master W. Charles Smithson, Senior Warden Rusty Hill, Junior Warden Matthew Risberg, Treasurer Darrell Fremont, Secretary Scott Enyart,

Chaplain Andrae Delaney, Senior Deacon Thomas Cox, Junior Deacon Jeremy Davis, Senior Steward Ron Holte, Junior Steward Craig Davis, and Tyler Danny Beyer. Grand Marshal Dryer made the Proclamation and Grand Chaplain Jeffrey D. Heimensen gave the Benediction. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form with Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller in the East.

### Positive Masonic Thoughts Emerald Lodge No. 334

When YOU become a craftsman in a world of carpenters...

...YOU will stand out

and people will clamor to work with YOU."

As a "craftsman," I know the things I build won't last forever but I work and create as though they will.

I pour my heart and soul into everything I build, knowing that all that I create is a reflection of me."

SUCCESS starts with being a "craftsman." You cannot be a "craftsman" unless you are putting your love into the work that you do.

After all, if you aren't building it with love it won't be worth building.

Craftsmen are more concerned with who they are becoming and what they are creating...rather than how fast they finish it.



"As Masons, our goal is to always seek to shape our life as a "craftsman" (with God's help) so we can truly become a better man."

### Star Lodge No. 115 hosts Blood Drive

Star Lodge No. 115 in Madrid sponsored a Life Serve Blood Drive on December 17th, 2014. The drive was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in the Bloodmobile. 17 people registered to give blood and 14 were able to give blood, two people gave double red cells and three were registered as first time donors. The donations from the drive will be used to help up to 46 people in need of blood.

### "Grand Lodge Night"

This would be a program for a Special Night. Its purpose is to be solely informational, with the expectation that each Mason who hears it would have a clearer knowledge of the departments and functions of the Grand Lodge. From the eight or ten of these, four or five could be selected for the program, such as: the Grand Officers; the Grand Communication; the Grand Lodge Code; the Grand Lodge Proceedings. A speaker gives ten or fifteen minutes to each; at the end of the series of speeches a half hour could be given to questions and discussions.

**Triple Installation Held In Johnson County**  
By Sam Hargadine

On January 3, 2015 MW Dennis Zahrt, PGM installed the incoming officers of three lodges in a ceremony held at Iowa City's Masonic Lodge. Iowa City No. 4 hosted the triple ceremony that included Clarksville Lodge No. 668 and Woodrow Morris Lodge No. 680.

MW Zahrt was assisted by Installing Secretary – Robert Woodburn and Installing Chaplain – William Reid. The Installing Marshals were Paul Anderson for IC No. 4, Henry Herwig for Clarksville Lodge No. 668 and Joshua Entler for Woodrow Morris No. 680. The Installing Musician was RW John Klaus, Grand Musician.

*The incoming officers for Iowa City Lodge No. 4 are:*

Worshipful Master	Ryan Reid
Senior Warden	Ryan Hobbs
Junior Warden	Jason Wolcott
Treasurer	Paul Anderson
Secretary	Kevin Smith
Chaplain	Gregg Kruse
Senior Deacon	Henry Herwig
Junior Deacon	James Burr
Senior Steward	Amaury Lendasse
Junior Steward	Joseph Tiffany
Tyler	David Davis

*The incoming officers for Clarksville Lodge No. 668 are:*

Worshipful Master	Daniel Hansen
Senior Warden	Howard Dean
Junior Warden	Dustin Thompson
Treasurer	Keith Jones
Secretary	Robert Woodburn
Chaplain	Henry Herwig
Senior Deacon	Richard Vilhauer
Junior Deacon	Harold Plate
Senior Steward	Dean Deerberg
Junior Steward	Ben Ploof
Tyler	Harry Christ

*The incoming officers for Woodrow Morris Lodge No. 680 are:*

Worshipful Master	Samuel Hargadine
Senior Warden	Anthony Burrier

Junior Warden	Jorey Bailey
Treasurer	Terrance Brennan
Secretary	Brandon Smalley
Chaplain	Joshua Entler
Senior Deacon	Harold Van Beek
Junior Deacon	Greg Touzani
Senior Steward	Zach Diersen
Junior Steward	Sid Beck
Tyler	Stephen Pajunen

The incoming Masters presented a rose to the ladies in attendance in appreciation for the support they've provided to their Master Masons. An exquisite lunch was prepared and served prior to the installation by Denise Gehling.

The three lodges have pledged to work closely together for the betterment of our members, our communities and Masonry in Iowa.



**Signet Lodge No. 264 Hosts Annual Christmas Dinner**

Members of Signet Lodge No. 264 give the gift that keeps on giving. On Christmas Day, the Lodge members hosted their 20th Annual Christmas Day Dinner. Brother Glenn Lockhart starts delivering the meals to those who are homebound at 11:30 in the morning, the sit down meals start at noon. The Lodge does not charge for the meal, but donations are accepted. They usually serve 250 to 350 people each year. Hy-Vee, Fareway, Market on 30, Farnar – Bocken and Walmart donate the food and other items for the dinner.

**“Compass”**

A compass is a two-legged, jointed instrument for drawing circles or measuring short distances. Without compasses, no accurate square can be made. In Freemasonry, a compass is one of the Great Lights. It is emblematic of the restraint of violent passions.

### Saint Clair Lodge No. 164 Meets at HallMar

Food and fellowship was the theme of St. Clair's February meeting. The brothers paid their annual visit to Brother Earl "Louie" Taylor who resides at the HallMar section of Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. This year the Brothers of St. Clair surprised Brother Taylor with a 70 year certificate, to add to the surprise the Brothers brought Brother Taylor's Lady Marlyss along to help celebrate



this milestone, also on hand was Brother Taylor's granddaughter Michelle. Brother Taylor had a good visit talking about the way Norway and the area has changed over the years and how he had only one month in which to take his three degrees before he "shipped out" for the service back in 1945. Of this visit he said " You are the best group of guys a person could be a part of, I really appreciate you coming up to visit". After our meal the Brothers converged on Betty Mckechnie widow of Brother Bud Mckechnie and Mother of Brother David Mckechnie who resides down the hall from Brother Taylor, for a nice visit.



### "Cowan"

Cowan is Old Scotch for Mason without the word. Cowan appears in print as early in 1598. It represented an ignorant Mason who put stones together without mortar, or piled rough stones from the field into a wall without working them square and true. Universally, it is used in English-speaking Grand Lodges as the name of one who cannot be

admitted to a lodge.

### "Warden"

The Name, "Warden," is derived from the Saxon word, "weard," meaning warder or guard. The "gu," instead of "w," comes from the Norman French, where the "gu," sound usually replaces the English "w."

In the lodge at York Minster in the 1300s, there were two principal officers, principal and secondary masons, who were responsible for notifying the building owner of any defects in the work and of any absences, which needed deductions from wages.

The agreement between the lodge and the Dean and Chapter refers to them as Masters of the masons. In 1370, the Chapter records show a mason had to be approved by the common assent of the Master and Wardens of the work and by the Master Masons before he could be employed. During the 1400s, there are regular references to a Warden or Wardens of the lodge.

Other records show that, by the 1500s, there were two Wardens and that they were supervisors of the work. In some places, there appear to have been wardens for each of the three classes of masons – those who prepared stones, the setters who put them in place, and the roughlayers who were responsible for the rubble filling the walls.

It was not uncommon for the Warden to be promoted to Master to fill a vacancy.

In English practice, the Master appoints Wardens. In Scotland, New Zealand and most American jurisdictions, the Wardens are elected.

*(From the Beginners' Corner in the September, 1999 bulletin of the United Masters Lodge No. 167, New Zealand, and later from the September, 2000, Southern California Research Lodge Fraternal Review, January 2015 Emessay Notes.)*

### "Speculative"

Speculative is something theoretical, and the opposite of practical. Speculative Masonry began with the practice of admitting men to membership in operative lodges who were not practical builders, stonemasons, architects, etc., but who were interested in the moral, ethical, and philosophical teachings of the Fraternity.

### "Fraternity"

A fraternity is any society in which the members act toward each other in a brotherly way, are brother-like, comprise a brotherhood. Freemasonry has been a fraternity from its beginning.

### "Hele"

The word is pronounced to rhyme with hail. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon word helan, meaning to cover; to conceal.

## Osceola Lodge No. 77 Holds Installation

By Ron Harper Senior Warden

Members of Osceola Masonic Lodge No.77 held its Installation of Officers for 2015 on Sunday, December 14th 2014 along with family and friends. Brother Larry Ward was installed as the Worshipful Master for 2015. Refreshments and fellowship followed the installation



Officers who were installed are l to r, front row. Brother's John Lloyd-Treasurer, Ron Harper- Senior Warden, Larry Ward-Worshipful Master, Ron Schlicthe-Junior Warden, Terry Jacobsen-Secretary. Back row l to r. Brother's Bob Davis-Senior Deacon, Bill Eddy-Junior Deacon, Jack McCarl-Junior Steward, George Norris-Tyler. Missing is Brother Brad Keller-Senior Steward who wasn't able to attend.

## Grand Secretary Conferences

Grand Secretary Craig Davis held 12 Secretary Conferences across the state of Iowa in January. Topics of discussion during the meetings were: Web-Forms, Dues Notices and Dues Receipts, changes in the office, One-Day Class in Sioux City, Field Financial Aid, State and Federal Taxes. Attendance averaged about 12-15 at each meeting and in Des Moines there were about 27 present. "Thank You" to each of the secretaries for traveling in wonderful January Iowa weather to attend the meetings.



Grand Secretary Craig Davis is welcomed by WM Earl Eyman and Secretary Jon Gimmy as Hamilton Lodge No. 664 hosts the Jan 8th Secretaries' Conference

## Life after the East

By Richard S. Morley Junior Grand Warden  
Grand Lodge of New York F. and A.M.

Anyone who has served in the East of any Masonic Lodge has a special feeling of satisfaction and pride in his accomplishments in that office. It is only natural that he will also have a feeling of regret that he was not able to accomplish everything he had hoped during his term. He will also have second thoughts on how he handled some situations.

But what about life after the East? What happens then? That depends on the individual and his attitude. There are some who relinquish the gavel with great reluctance and there are some who never seem to give it up. And, yes there are some (unfortunately, more than we would like) who walk away from the job and never look back and seldom come back.

We need to keep our Past Masters involved in our Lodges. In many cases our Past Masters are referred to as the backbone of the Lodge. In many Lodges the Past Masters sit close to the East, where they have been compared to buzzards sitting on a fence. It seems they want to be near the Master so that they can see and hear everything that is going on, and, of course they are willing, ready and able to assist, prompt or correct the Master.

Unfortunately I have seen too many Lodges that have only a few Past Masters involved in the Lodge, or none at all. We need to get these Past Masters re-involved in Lodge. They once led their Lodge; now they need to help, aid and assist the seated Master.

A wise Master recognizes the talents of the Past Masters and puts them to good use. They can serve as a sounding board for the programs and activities a Master is considering. He can pick their brains for ideas and count on the Past Masters to give him the wisdom of their experience.

With the title of Past Master you are accorded the accolade of "Worshipful," indicating that you are an honored and respected Brother. It is a reputation which you must continually strive to uphold.

### "Worshipful"

It is from the Anglo-Saxon words *weorthe* meaning worth, and *scipe* meaning ship. Hence, it is a state of worthiness entitled to respect. This is a term of respect for the Master of a lodge.

### "Order of the Garter"

Edward III of England founded the Order of the Garter in 1349 for himself and twenty-five Knights of the Garter.

**John L. "Jack" Stevenson  
Receives 50 Year Certificate**

John L. "Jack" Stevenson of Rural Sloan was honored at Vesper Lodge No. 223 in Onawa on December 27th, 2014. Brother Stevenson is shown in the picture with Lodge Secretary Leland Hathaway. Jack joined the Lodge on December 24th, 1964 and was an active member until he and his wife Norma moved their family to a farm west of Sloan. The presentation was made during the Vesper Lodge Scholarship Breakfast.



**Exodus Lodge No. 342 Scholarship  
By Dave Best Secretary**

Exodus Masonic Lodge No. 342 in Exira hosted the 2014 Exira-Elk Horn-Kimbalton scholarship recipients along with their parents at a dinner prior to their January, 2015 stated meeting. Along with being presented their \$500 scholarship, the recipients reported on their perceptions of their first semester of studies and what they are majoring in. Exodus Lodge will be hosting two breakfast fundraisers for 2015 scholarships; March, 8 at the Elk Horn Fire Hall and March, 22 at Brayton Town Hall. The Lodge will be awarding scholarships to Seniors in the class of 2015 from Exira-EHK Schools.



**Triangle Lodge No. 643 of Sioux  
City hosts Cub Scouts  
By Jeff Fulton, Secretary**

Brother Lennon Waite, a Louisiana Master Mason who is a member of a bordering Mississippi Lodge, has been an avid visitor of some of the Sioux City lodges during 2014. Waite is on a work assignment with Performance Contracting Company and is temporarily working and living with his family in the Sioux City area. Waite, a civic minded person who likes to be involved in the community, actively assists his sons' Cub Scout Pack No. 214. At Waite's request, Triangle Lodge No. 643 of Sioux City hosted members and families of the local Cub Scout Pack to hold a Christmas celebration at the lodge on December 22nd. It was a lively well attended holiday party. The pack members and families showed their appreciation for using the lodge dining room by donating some 32 toy gifts and games to the lodge to be given to needy families for their children. Past Master Robert Mesmer and his wife Julie arranged to have the gifts and toys given to foster children families. Worshipful Master John Priestley addressed the cubs and families and thanked them for thinking of less fortunate children during this holiday season. Waite has recently submitted a petition to affiliate with Triangle Lodge.



**"Token"**

A token is a thing that is indicative of some other things; a sign; a tangible proof of a statement; or a pledge. In Freemasonry, the token is a special handclasp. It is called a token because it represents the covenant of friendship and fellowship, the making of which is a part of the inner heart of the Masonic degrees.

**"Nonage"**

Nonage is any age less than manhood.

### Roosevelt Lodge No. 626

Thursday night Roosevelt Lodge No. 626 Davenport added new decorations to the northern wall of the lodge wall. Under the direction of Master Robert Litwiller, Senior Warden Dean Dilley created the new Roosevelt signage. This new sign was placed over a 2 foot by 6 foot photograph of SVN- 71 the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. This photograph was donated to the Lodge by Joseph P. Diemer Commander, United States Navy Deputy Director of Operations U.S. Strategic Command Joint Intelligence and Operations Center (JIOC) Offutt AFB, NE.



His generous donation shall be used in every 3rd degree. The photograph was taken during the gulf war.

### Panora Lodge No. 121 Fifty Year Recipient

Brother David M. Stolp is pictured here receiving his 50 year pin and certificate from Worshipful Master Gene Meacham in recognition of 50 years of active membership in the Masonic Lodge. He acquired Master Mason status on February 22, 1965 from Good Faith Lodge No. 90 located in Jackson, Minnesota and has been an active member from that time on. He joined the Lodge in Panora, Iowa on November 27, 2007 and has been a great asset to the Lodge especially during our 2 annual fund raisers for our Panorama High Senior Scholarship Breakfast. The Scholarships are presented to Senior's in the spring to help in the continuation of their education.



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### Jim McDonough to perform at the Grand Master's Banquet Thursday Evening

McDonough was recently honored by the legendary piano maker, Steinway & Sons, naming him to its worldwide artist roster. From classical pianists like Lang Lang, to jazz stars like Harry Connick Jr., to pop icons like Billy Joel, to "immortals" like Irving Berlin and Cole Porter; as a Steinway Artist, McDonough joins an exclusive international list of the most accomplished and discriminating performing artists.



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**50 - Year Certificates Issued Since The December 2014 "Bulletin"**  
 Congratulations to the following brothers who earned their Certificates.

Brothers are shown by lodge.

<i>Lodge No.</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Lodge No.</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Lodge No.</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	Burlington	Whitham, Edward Charles Jr.	173	Monticello	Holly, Louis John	509	Windsor Heights	Barger, John Henry
6	Marion	Haehlen, Calvin Lester	179	Mount Ayr	Monday, James Andrew	509	Windsor Heights	Hunnell, Dwight R
13	Fort Madison	Glasgow, Marvin Keith	182	Sigourney	Asbill, Charles Henry	519	Laurens	Bailey, Robert Wayne
13	Fort Madison	Wentzien, Ralph Bond	200	Olin	Haring, Leland Frederick Jr	519	Laurens	Hertz, Donald Ray
25	Cedar Rapids	Kuehl, Curtis Lorane	249	Ames	Countryman, David Wayne	522	Creston	Boots, Thomas Lee
46	Anamosa	Cass, Garret Wayne	249	Ames	Hammerberg, Charles Clifford	522	Creston	Smith, John Richard
59	Newton	Moore, Francis Ray	255	Clinton	Heppner, Douglas Franklin	548	Marion	Struve, Dwaine Ray
59	Newton	Ryan, Paul Eugene	259	Council Bluffs	Boucher, Joel Stanley	548	Marion	Lucas, Lloyd Wayne
60	Camanche	Rex, David Lee	259	Council Bluffs	Isenhour, James Robert	548	Marion	Clover, James Foster
65	Cedar Falls	Nottger, Duane Edwin	264	Carroll	Rogers, Thomas Charles	555	Prescott	Palma, Charles Frank
71	Council Bluffs	Hargis, Robert Samuel	264	Carroll	Maunu, Verdi Alan	576	Story City	Langmo, James M
80	Adel	Pierce, Donald Dean	275	Corning	O'riley, James Benjamin	615	Sioux City	Pruehs, Richard Edward
81	Shellsburg	Busenbank, Thomas William	297	Avoca	Hardymartin, Fred E	615	Sioux City	Weaver, Carroll Dean
81	Shellsburg	Beatty, Harry Edward	307	Cherokee	Nelson, David Leon	626	Davenport	Stuart, Donald Ian
87	Independence	Risk, Malcolm G	312	Spencer	Stoffel, Ellsworth Paul	628	Norwalk	Salsbury, Jack Dean
93	Clinton	Eichmeier, H Chris Jr	321	Harlan	Woodin, Dennis Richard	628	Norwalk	Smith, Lawrence Edward
99	Nevada	Pierce, Donald Dean	369	Glidden	Riedesel, Bruce John	630	Des Moines	Gowen, Jon Meredith
103	Sioux City	Booth, Robert Eugene	380	Anita	Phillips, Larry Melvin	636	Ankeny	Kramme, Harold Dwayne
107	Columbus City	Baker, Burdette Eugene	394	Reinbeck	Hasek, Wayne Earl	639	Cedar Rapids	Kelly, Thomas L
107	Columbus City	Wrede, Larry Judge	399	Emmetsburg	Perkins, Shannon Dean	654	Des Moines	Sink, Harry John
121	Panora	Stolp, David M	412	Griswold	Robinson, James Myron	657	Des Moines	Dean, David Gary
145	Mason City	Dobesh, Dennis Dean	412	Griswold	Conn, Burton Taylor	668	Coralville	Wenman, Herman Lee
145	Mason City	Cordle, Roland Eugene	438	Kellerton	Reed, Lloyd Franklin	676	Cedar Rapids	Harvey, Curtis C
160	Clermont	Cowell, Donald E	492	Marne	Conn, Burton Taylor			