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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

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,

The 2015 Grand Lodge Session is just around the corner and plans are being made to welcome each of you to Sioux City on September 17, 18 and 19. We will be having Jim McDonough as entertainment for the Grand Masters Banquet on The 17th. Jim is a pianist from Monticello Iowa. On September 18th we will have the "All Masonic Banquet", after which we will make presentations to the Masonic Youth of Iowa. The 2015 – 2016 Grand Lodge Officers will then be installed and a special reception will be hosted in their honor By First Lady Donna and the 2014 – 2015 Grand Lodge Ladies.

I want to take this opportunity to remind all Masters of Iowa Lodges that at your installation you answered this question in the affirmative.

"You promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge, on receiving proper notice, and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry on convenient occasions."

Brethren the following is recited at the opening of Grand Lodge.

Who compose the Grand Lodge of Iowa?

Each of its Officers, each Past Elective Officer while a member of one its subordinate Lodges, each member of each of its boards and standing committees, the Masters and Wardens of each its chartered Lodges.

Brethren you are the Grand Lodge of Iowa!

Brethren we earnestly need your help in discussing and deciding the issues that the Grand Lodge of Iowa faces in spreading "Iowa Masonic Light" into future years.

Iowa Masonic



LIGHT

L Lead Iowa Masonry to the future

I Increase and instruct our membership

G Great Architect of the Universe

H Help in the quarries of Masonry and the Community

T Teach every new Mason the customs and meaning of Masonry

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles D. Yates". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Charles D. Yates

Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

Grand Lodge School of Instruction Custodians of the Work

Brethren, on Thursday, September 17, 2015, the Grand Lodge School of Instruction will open at 8:00 AM. There will be 2 classes for the MIs and DLs, and 1 class for all Master Masons that want to come. As last year, we will break for lunch and afterwards open a Lodge of Master Masons and confer a 3rd Degree. Our Memorial Service will be conducted on Friday Morning in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Necrology Service. We invite any Master Mason to attend the school and if anyone is prepared to take the MI exam, we will accommodate him. Come and enjoy the fellowship and the instruction.

Fraternaly,

Arthur G. Crandon, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur G. Crandon". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Washington Lafayette Masonic Club Medallion
By Bill Kreuger, Assistant Librarian

One of the best things about my work for the Grand Lodge of Iowa is re-discovering items and materials that have been “lost” in our collection. The fact that materials become “lost in the collection” happens in the very best of museums, libraries and archives. There are probably many reasons why this happens, but this is not the purpose of my article.

In preparation and research for our current exhibit “The Great War; Iowa and Iowans in World War I,” I needed to track down information about Iowa Masonry and its contribution to the War. Fortunately, we have one of the best archival collections anywhere on this subject and all I needed to do is walk a few feet to our vertical file section and start looking.

One of the archival files I located deals with American Masonic Clubs in World War I. This was loaded with material that proved extremely useful. One of the items in this file is a medallion and letters about the Washington Lafayette Masonic Club. The medallion was tucked away in the envelope it arrived in, which was addressed to Mr. J. Hugo Tatsch. At this time, Brother Tatsch was working as curator of the Iowa Masonic Library and associate editor of the Grand Lodge Bulletin. According to the letter that accompanied the medallion, it arrived at the Library in January 1929. The letter was written by Brother L.L. Lowe of Fort Dodge, Iowa and reads, in part, as follows:

“Dear Brother Tatsch:

No doubt you will recall our conversation of about a year ago, with respect to a Masonic pocket piece which Brother J.J. Hunt and I made for Washington Lafayette Masonic Club, located at Is-Sur-Tille France.

I am not prepared to give you exact dates, but the piece was made entirely in American Shops. The work was done during spare time in the winter of 1918-19. About 400 were made, enough for each of the members, including General Pershing.”

The letter explains a bit about the makeup of the Club, the Club house and other bits of history. It is signed, “*Very truly yours, L.L. Lowe.*”



The medallion itself is about the size of a half-dollar and is made of what looks to be brass. The obverse has the Masonic Square and Compasses with “G” in the center. The name of the club is written around the coin’s edge in a raised stylized script. The reverse has the same raised stylized script, “A.E.F. Is-Sur-Tille France A.P.O. 712.” In the center it is engraved as follows:

“Made in France by L.L. Lowe – Iowa J.J. Hunt – Ill.”

Laurence L. Lowe was a member of Tri-Centum Lodge No.



300 in Shenandoah, Iowa at the time he was in service. According to his Masonic membership record, he had become a Mason in 1912 and was later admitted to Ashlar Lodge No. 111 in Fort Dodge in 1926. Brother Lowe may have been attached to the Quartermaster Corps during the War. Is-Sur-Tille, France was the location of an advance depot for the A.E.F. (American Expeditionary Forces) and was equipped with 695,000 square feet of covered storage and 525,000 square feet of open storage. This was the chief assembly and dispatching point for supplies during the two important American offensives.⁽¹⁾ In his letter to Tatsch, Brother Lowe says that he and J.J. Hunt made these medallions in American shops at Is-sur-Tille, France.



Masonic clubs were formed almost everywhere that American Masons served in World War I. An article in the Masonic Chronicler of Chicago, Illinois, dated May 4, 1918 makes this recommendation:

“The suggestion has been made, and it seems an excellent one, that members of the lodge fraternal committees and others in correspondence with Mason soldiers in their various army camps should urge upon these brethren the formation of Masonic clubs whereby the Masons in camp may become more closely associated in a fraternal way.”⁽²⁾

Despite the fact that Masons and Masonry were active and involved in the war effort, Masonry, over all did not have a clear duty during World War I. Other civilian and religious organizations were quite active, including the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. The organizations listed above all had one direct or main office in which to communicate with. Masonry was different at this time as there was no united voice for American Masonry.

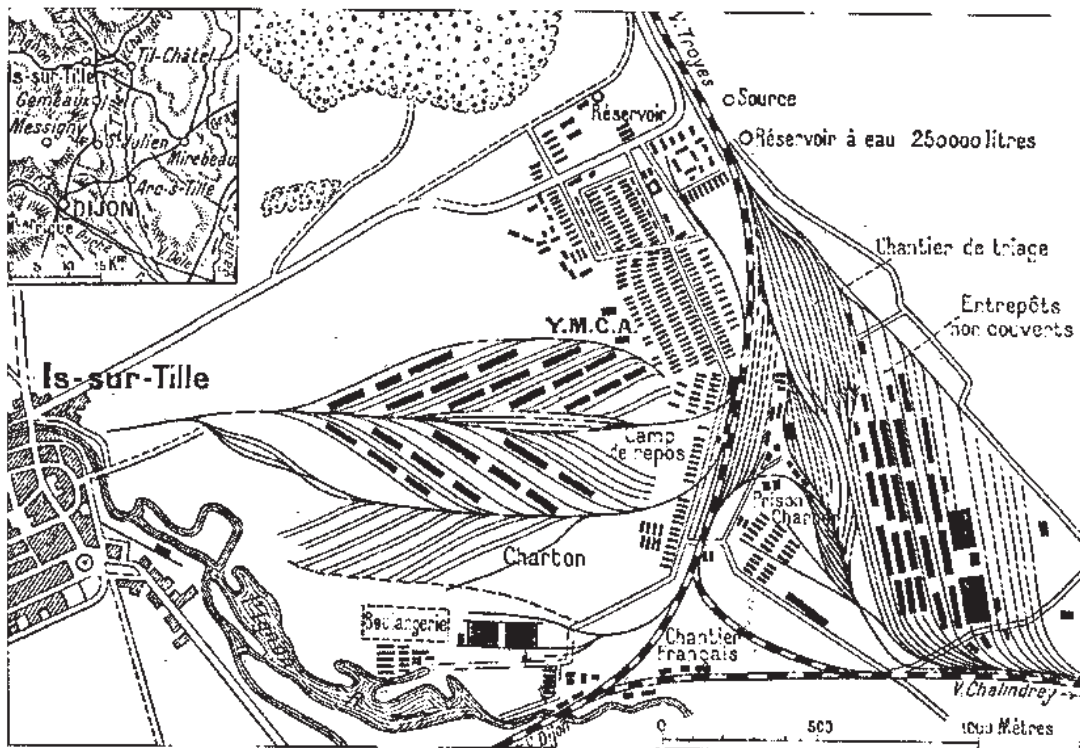
This led George L. Schoonover, PGM of Anamosa, Iowa to write:

“Grim determination to win dominates us; we accept every remedial enactment as to food supply and conservation; we buy Liberty Bonds and subscribe to the Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A.

But what of Masonry?.... It gives us something to think about. Because we have thought so diversely, I have chosen to call this Yuletide letter “A Babel of Tongues.” I hope to add my mite toward making Christmas cheerful (none of us can make it Merry) for the Boys ‘Over There.’ I feel that they have gone to fight my battle for me. I feel that they have gone to fight Masonry’s battle. And so I am asking myself, ‘what can and ought Masonry do for them?’”⁽³⁾

It also led Schoonover to make this resolution at the 1918 meeting of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, *“Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Iowa, in Seventy-fifth Annual Communication assembled, hereby declares itself in favor of some plan whereby in war activities the several Grand Jurisdictions in the United States may cooperate in the efficiency, economy, and service.”⁽⁴⁾*

As a result of this passed resolution, The Grand lodge of Iowa communicated with the other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States. On November 26-28, 1918, the Grand Lodge of Iowa held a Conference of Grand Masters and Representatives in Cedar Rapids. Out of this meeting developed the formation of an annual Conference of Grand Masters that is still being held today. Additionally, the Masonic Service Association, another organization still functioning today that provides “services to its member Grand Lodges that they would find difficult to provide for themselves” was founded.



⁽¹⁾Chaikin, Dr, William. “Quartermaster Supply in the AEF, 1917-1918,” Quartermaster Review (May-June 1950) http://www.qmfound.com/supply_aef.htm .

⁽²⁾“Masonic Clubs in Army Camps,” Masonic Chronicler (May 4, 1918).

⁽³⁾Schoonover, George L. “A Babel of Tongues : a Yuletide Letter to my Masonic Brethren,” Anamosa, Ia.: Schoonover, 1917.

⁽⁴⁾Schoonover, George L. “Resolution Regarding War Activities.” Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. vol. 26, Part 1 – 1918. Cedar Rapids, Ia.: Grand lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M., 1918. P. 140.

2015 Iowa Masonic Scholarships

Pictures of the 60 recipients of a 2015 Grand lodge of Iowa \$2,000 Scholarship are shown throughout this issue of the "Bulletin."

Brother Kenneth R. Hurmence, P.G.T., chairs the Scholarship Selection Committee that sorted through 700 completed applications, and selected 70 applicants for interviews. From those interviewed 60 outstanding students were chosen to receive scholarships. The interviews were held at the Iowa Masonic Library in Cedar Rapids, South Gate Lodge in Des Moines, Exodus Lodge in Exira, and Tyrell Lodge in Waverly. The students and their parents learned about Masonry and its support of public education, including the scholarship program at each location. 2,165 scholarships totaling \$3,070,900 have been awarded since the program began in 1970.



Abhinaya Gunasekar, Kennedy High School, plans to attend Case Western University in Pittsburgh for pre-medical.

Addie Mc Kee, Davis High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in psychology.



Alexander Jackson, Fort Dodge High School, plans to attend Iowa Central Community College majoring in communications.



Alexis Hicok, Vinton-Shellsburg High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in music therapy.



Abigail Evans, South Tama High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in creative writing.

Alexis Pint, Hudson High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in engineering.





Andrea Nulle, IKM-Manning High School, plans to attend Morningside College majoring in biology.



Andrew Lindquist, North High School, plans to attend the University of Minnesota majoring in mathematics and economics.



Anna Clemens MOC-Floyd Valley High School, plans to attend Taylor University majoring in biology.

Breanna Peters – Thank you so much for the scholarship award. The award will go towards my college expenses. I am very excited to start! I am ready for all the opportunities! Again, thanks for your gracious gift!

Alexis Hicok – Thank you for the opportunity to interview as a finalist for your scholarship and be selected to receive it. The \$2,000 will go a long way in assisting with my college plans.

Emily J. Steinbach – Thank you so much for the opportunity to interview for the Masonic Scholarship. Being chosen as a top 70 student is a great honor. It was a pleasure to meet you all last Wednesday! I really enjoyed my experience at the interview and South Gate Lodge. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Tara Meinen – I greatly appreciate being awarded one of your \$2,000 scholarships. This will help me further my education and reach my goals for the future, and for that I am very grateful.



Breanna Peters, Collins-Maxwell High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa with a pre-medical emphasis.



Brenna Baker, Creston High School, plans to attend Southwest Community College majoring in elementary education.



Brielle Kolpin, Alta-Aurelia High School, plans to attend Coe College in Cedar Rapids majoring in nursing.

Camp Courageous Omelet Breakfast



Camp Courageous, a year round recreational and respite care facility located South of Monticello for individuals with vision, mental, physical and other disabilities.

The mission of Camp Courageous is to provide exceptional year-round recreational and respite care opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families. The camp is run primarily on donations, giving all individuals the opportunity to give through gifts of time, materials, money, and other means that support the camp. Each year, it has a pair of major fund-raisers an omelet breakfast the last Sunday of April and a pancake breakfast the last Sunday of September.



Grand Master Yates assists at tables



Grand Treasurer Shaver cooking omelets

April 26th was a beautiful spring day as Grand Master Charles D. Yates, his lady Donna, the Grand Lodge Officers, their ladies, Worthy Grand Matron Lynn Tague, her husband Mark, the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Officers and their companions all journeyed to Monticello to assist at the Annual Omelet Breakfast. They cooked omelets, served sausage and toast, provided drinks, cleared and reset tables and generally assisted as a crowd of nearly 3000 were served omelets from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM. It was a very successful and rewarding event that was enjoyed by all.



"Dear Brothers:

On behalf of nearly 7,000 individuals with special needs who look forward to coming to Camp Courageous each year, I would like to acknowledge with sincere appreciation your gift of volunteering at the 2015 Omelet Breakfast. We are grateful for your ongoing support of the camp and the special campers who are served.

Since Camp Courageous is run on donations, without government assistance, formal sponsorship, or paid fundraisers, your contribution makes possible this unique recreational and respite care facility for individuals with disabilities of all ages.

Camp Courageous stands as a living testimony to the generosity and love of individuals like yourself. Please stop by the camp anytime and see firsthand the good you are helping provide so many.

Thank you again for helping make this dream come true... we have much to be thankful for. It has been a great 40 years—growing from 211 campers in the summer of 1974 to nearly 7,000 in a year round program today!" Charlie Becker, Executive Director

Message from Donna Yates, First Lady of Iowa Masonry

Greetings Ladies,

My name is Donna Yates, I am the wife of the Grand Master of Masons in Iowa.

I would like to invite all of you to the 171st Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Sioux City, Iowa, on September 17, 18, and 19. I have planned programs for Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Friday's Brunch, we will have a drawings for gifts and a special gift for those in attendance. Thursday and Friday evenings, we will be attending the banquets with our husbands.

Three years ago PGM Bryce Hildreth's Lady, Natalie Mercer, PGM Eric Rozeboom's Lady Jolene and I decided to raise money for the Iowa Masonic Library and Museums to provide for a handicap accessible ramp on the front entrance, so those who may have disabilities could enter the building easily. This project we knew would take more than just one or two years to complete. The Handicap Accessible Ramp is nearly completed but we still need your help in finishing this wonderful project which will assist all who enter the building.

This year I designed a magnetic pin with a Lantern in the center. This represents my theme for the year "Light". It may be used as a pin to wear or as a refrigerator magnet. We are selling them for \$7.00 each. These pins are available from the Grand Lodge Officers ladies, the Grand Lodge office or myself.

If you have talent in making crafts, love to bake, or produce home canned goods, please consider bringing these items for our annual craft sale in the Hospitality Room this September. We will also have a silent Auction. The items donated are to raise funds for the project. All proceeds from these activities will go to our Handicap accessible ramp project. Come and see some of the beautiful items that have been handmade or painted.

On Saturday morning the 2015 Grand Lodge Ladies and I, will be hosting a Continental Breakfast for your enjoyment. Please plan to attend; we would like to see all of you for our last get together of the 2015 session.

Donna Yates

Grand Master's lady



Grand Lodge 2015 Ladies schedule of events, Sioux City Convention Center

Wednesday, Afternoon, September 16

2:00P.M. to 4:00P.M. - Registration will be held in Hospitality Rooms 1 and 2 of the Convention Center. Please bring your pre-priced craft items, silent auction items and baked goods to the Hospitality Room.

Thursday, September 17

8:30A.M. to 3:30P.M. - Hospitality Rooms 1 and 2 of the Convention Center will be open to accept crafts and baked good, silent auction items. Please come to enjoy cookies, Coffee, juice, and muffins.

10:00A.M - T.J. Obermeyer –Program on the Milwaukee Railroad museum here in Sioux City.

The Siouxland Historic Railroad Association is a 501(c)(3) private non-profit museum organization based in Sioux City, Iowa. For over 23 years the Siouxland Historic Railroad Association has provided more than 50,000 people access to our region's railroad heritage. In the past 10 years alone over 160,000 volunteer hours have been logged by this all volunteer organization.

Lunch is on your own. Don't forget to pick up a detailed list of establishments that are close by.

2:00P.M. - Korie Lown- Program on Eating Well tips

She will have food items to sample. Korie obtained her bachelor's degree in dietetics from Iowa State University. She then completed her internship at Virginia Tech University. She is a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the Iowa Dietetic Association and the Dietetic Practice Group.

Friday, September 18

8:30 A.M. to 3:30P.M. - Hospitality Rooms 1 and 2 of the Convention Center will be open.

Please come to enjoy cookies, coffee, juice, and muffins.

11:00A.M. - Ladies Brunch and Program will be he held in the Hospitality Rooms 1 and 2 of the Convention Center

Cost is \$13.00.

Mark Avery will speak on bronze sculptures that he is creating for the Siouxland area.

Friday Afternoon -- Free time for the Ladies.

Information for things to do in Sioux City that are close by, will be at the registration table.

Saturday, September 19

8:30A.M. - Hospitality Rooms 1 and 2 of the Convention Center - Continental Breakfast hosted by the First Lady Donna Yates and the 2014-2015 Grand Lodge Ladies, Homemade Breads, Fruit Salad, Juice, Coffee and tea.

8:30A.M. to 10:00A.M. - Craft items not sold by 10:00A.M should be picked up. Any items which remain will be donated to a local charity.

Grand Lodge 2015 Meal Ticket Order Form

Thursday, September 17

Lunch – Hot Beef Sandwich on Texas Toast \$18.00

Past Grand Master Ladies Luncheon – Soup and Salad \$18.00

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

Roast Beef Tenderloin \$34.00

Friday, September 18

Lunch – Chicken Pot Pie \$17.00

Ladies Brunch – Woodbury Chicken Salad \$13.00

All – Masonic Banquet – 6:00 P.M.

Grilled Iowa Stuffed Pork Chop \$23.00

Saturday, September 19

AASR All – Masonic Breakfast Free

Send ticket orders to: Grand Lodge of Iowa

Attention: TICKETS

P.O. Box 279,

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0279

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Custodians of the Work**

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Golden Rule Lodge No. 24 Teacher of the Year

Sharon Samuelson was recognized as Teacher of the Year by Golden Rule Lodge No. 24 in Rochester on April 11, 2015. Samuelson, a first grade teacher at Tipton Elementary School, is presented a plaque by Edward "Ted" Glenney, Worshipful Master of Golden Rule Lodge No. 24.



Operative Lodge No. 308

Thanks to Jean & Robert Koss for organizing this great outing.

After all was said and done, those who participated enjoyed a fun tour of the Iowa country side on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, including a trip through Ledges State Park.

Following all the clues that were found along the way, eventually all the survivors found their way to Hickory Park Restaurant in Ames where we shared fun tales about our misadventures along the way all the while having a great meal at Hickory Park.



Dual Installation in Manilla

By A. Lyle Miller

A dual installation of officers was held at Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 in Manilla on January 11 for the officers of Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 in Manilla and Manual Lodge No. 450 in Manning. There were 31 Masons and guests in attendance and all enjoyed a fine meal and good fellowship following the installation.



Pictured front left to right are: Bill Opperman; Jim Rasmussen; Barry Bergamo; Right Worshipful Brother Dennis Heflin, Chaplain; Joe Weise, Master of Manual Lodge No. 450; Jeff Chance, Master of Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595; Jim Chance, Installing Marshall; Jim Cline, Secretary; Right Worshipful Brother A. Lyle Miller, Installing Master. Second row: Craig Williams; Richard Schmidt; Steve Weise; Seth Hoppens; Kevin Brown; Chris Knox.

Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award

Brother Bruce Kelley of Home Lodge No. 370 in Pleasant Hill was honored on March 28, 2015 at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Masonic Center and presented with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouting Award. Grand Master Charles D. Yates made the presentation. Past Grand Master Bryce B. Hildreth assisted.

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 112 Presents Check

Mount Vernon Lodge No.112 presents a check to the American Legion Post 480 to help build the new Veterans Memorial. Pictured below: John Zehms Senior Warden hands the check to Michael Woods, Commander, and Veteran Fred Lehman.





Brooke Sieren, Keota High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in agricultural business.



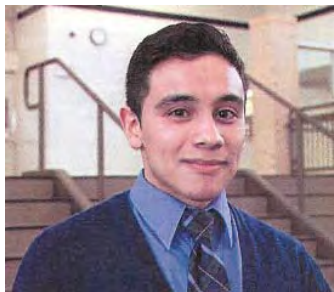
Caitlin Kruckenberg, Vinton-Shellsburg High School, plans to attend Cornell College majoring in elementary education.



Claire Carmichael, Oskaloosa High, School plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in biology and Spanish.



Cole Mc Donald, New Hampton High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in business.



Daniel Cono Pargas, Lincoln High School, plans to attend Washington University majoring in mechanical engineering.



Ellen Judd, Dallas Center-Grimes High School, plans to attend Drake or Evansville for pre-pharmacy or pre-physician's assistant.



Ellie Siech, Tipton High School, plans to attend Maryville University in St. Louis majoring in forensic science or biochemistry.



Emily Cook, South Hardin High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in agricultural business and international agriculture.



Emily Steinbach, Centerville High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in biology.



Garrett Onstot, Carlisle High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in animal science.



Grace M Weiland, Alta-Aurelia High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in biomedical engineering.



Hannah Gruenwald, Maquoketa High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in biology.



Jace Bloomer, Burlington High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in physical therapy.



Jacob Boeck, Central Lee High School, plans to attend Michigan State University majoring in finance.



Jamie Jongerius, MOC-Floyd Valley High School, plans to attend Northwestern College in Orange City majoring in communications.



Jean Springsteen, Lisbon High School, plans to attend Coe College majoring in mathematics or physics.



Jena Van Marel, Sheldon High School, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse majoring in biology.



Joshua Hagedorn, Carlisle High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in kinesiology or exercise science.

Grand Master's One-Day Class at Iowa City

Twenty men from around the State were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason at the Iowa City Masonic Temple on April 18. Chairman Jason Wolcott put together a Grand Master One-Day Class. Brother A.J. Brown served as Master of Ceremonies. Members of the Board of Custodians of the work; Brothers Arthur G. Crandon and Loren C. Stein gave the candidate instruction. Grand Master Charles D. Yates gave the welcome. Sir Knights from Iowa City Commandery presented the colors. Brothers Terry E. Osborne and Edison Sharp Junior were the Degree Masters for the First Degree and assembled an excellent cast for the conferral. Brother Ken Mather Hope Lodge No. 175 in Belle Plaine was in the East and Brother Terry Osborne Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 in Malcom was Senior Deacon. Terry Osborne and Junior Sharp gave the Explanatory Lecture. Brother Max Higgason Poweshiek Lodge No. 174 gave the Charge. Active Candidates were William Poterek from Webb Lodge No. 182 at Sigourney and William Nuss from Arcadia Lodge No. 249 at Ames.

Following the break, the Second Degree was conferred by a fine cast assembled by Brother Marvin Kendall. Brother David R. Minor was in the East, Brother Keith R. Voss was Senior Deacon and gave the Middle Chamber Lecture. Brother David Jackson gave the Charge. Brothers Robert Schneider Farmers Lodge No.168 at Kinross and Paul Paulos Stellapolis Lodge No. 391 at Williamsburg were the active candidates.



The Iowa City Amaranth prepared and served the lunch.

Following lunch, the First Section of the Third Degree was conferred by Brother Dave McGregor from New London Lodge No. 28 in New London and Brother Josh Entler Woodrow Morris Lodge No. 681 in North Liberty as Senior Deacon. Brother Theodore C. Wiley was the Degree Master. The Second Section was conferred by the Grand Lodge Officers with Grand Master Charles D. Yates in the East. Senior Deacon was Senior Grand Steward Denis G. Stubbs. Denis also gave the Charge. Active candidates were Brothers Gregory Scott Jordan Chariton Lodge No. 63 at Chariton and Anton Akusok Iowa City Lodg No. 4 at Iowa City.

What a wonderful day for Freemasonry in Iowa and a Special Thank You to Iowa City Lodge No. 4 for hosting the event.

Judge Kindly
Author unknown

Don't expect perfection in a man because he is a Freemason. If you do, you will be disappointed. Masonry makes a man better, but no human agency can make him perfect. If he is a Mason, you have a right to presume he is a good man, but do not condemn Masonry even if a few Masons turn out bad. Even the Great Teacher Himself had a Judas. The aim and purpose of Masonry is to receive none but good men, keep them good and make them better. Judge the institution not by a few failures, but by the average of its successes. That average is high and it consequently gives standing to its members, but it cannot be an infallible guide.

Busy Day at the Rowley Home in Perry



Saturday March 14, 2015 was a busy day at the Rowley Home in Perry. The day started out with a brunch and visit from the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and Staff. After the brunch everyone moved outside for a Ribbon Cutting ceremony followed by tours of the new facility. Cindy and the staff are very proud of their new facility.

Masons from across the State gathered together to honor Junior Grand Warden David K. Aves and Junior Grand Deacon Fred L. Erickson that afternoon. A social hour was hosted by the Rowley Home. The Masons moved to the lodge hall where Worshipful Master Rodney Halverson opened Otley Lodge No. 299.



Following the opening Brother Gene Meacham assumed the East and received the Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Brothers Gregg Erickson and Brian Ahrens served as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Charles D. Yates was introduced and received with Brothers Most Worshipful Robert H. Erickson and Bill Hull serving as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Right Worship Brother David K. Aves was introduced and received with his brother Michael B. Aves Past Junior Grand Warden serving as Senior Committeeman and Bill Hull as Junior Committeemen. Worshipful Brother Fred L. Erickson was introduced and received with his brother Gregg Erickson as Senior Committeeman and Brian Ahrens as Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Yates asked David Aves to close lodge and he said "I will see that it is done." Brother Fred Erickson assumed the East and David Aves the West and the Grand Lodge Officers closing the Lodge.



The Masons rejoined their Ladies and guests at the dining hall in the Rowley Home for the banquet and program. A wonderful Lasagna dinner was prepared and served by the staff at the Rowley Home. Miss Emily Scott then entertained the audience by playing the piano and singing. Following introductions, both honorees made a few comments. Grand Master Yates spoke briefly on his program "LIGHT". The Benediction was given by Jerry Scott.

King David Lodge No. 407 Presents 50 Year Certificate

By Donald Sardeson

Worshipful Master Cody Kesling of King David Lodge No. 407 at Altoona had the pleasure of presenting brother John W. Adamson with his 50-Year Certificate on February 16. Brother John was Raised in Pioneer Lodge No. 22 on December 5, 1964, and affiliated with King David Lodge on December 12, 2012. *Pictured from left to right are: 2nd and 1st line signers of the Petition for Affiliation, Worshipful Brothers Jeremy and Craig Long, Brother John Adamson, and W.M. Cody Kesling.* Congratulations to Brother John and all 50-Year Members.



The True Freemason

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment that the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine, except those written in the heart by the fingers of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received; and in humble solicitations for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions; he disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense because he does not choose to be offended. He is honest upon principle.

The above definition of Masonic character appeared in an 1823 edition of the Farmers Almanac that was published in Andover, Massachusetts.

Boston Comes to Grove Lodge No. 492
By Alan Cranston Secretary

April 9th was a very special and exciting night in Marne. Grove Lodge No.492 conferred a third degree on Brother Michael Carnevale with his brother and Master Mason Lawrence Carnevale in attendance. Brother Lawrence is a member of St. Johns Lodge in Newburyport, Massachusetts, around the Boston area. Brother Alan Cranston was in the East for the first section and Brother Graham Gould took over for the second section. Brother Lawrence participated in a couple parts in the second section. Brother Lawrence was impressed with the degree and also a small town of 120 people. He was also impressed with Grove Lodge No. 492 and all of the activities they hold in the community. He thanked Grove Lodge for the warm reception and all the courtesies extended to him during his visit. By the way, the dress code for his lodge in Massachusetts is tuxedos, but not tonight in MARNE.



Pictured Left to Right: Lawrence Carnevale, Michael Carnevale and Worshipful Master Steve Frisbie

New El Kahir Shrine Center Cornerstone Laying Ceremony



A Cornerstone Laying Ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of the El Kahir Shrine Temple located at 905 Tower Terrace Road in Hiawatha. At 9:00 A.M. Grand Master Charles D. Yates opened Grand Lodge in Ample Form in the new Temple Building. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis and Grand Marshal David M. Dryer led the procession practice. The Grand Procession was led by the Grand Marshal at 10:00 A.M.

Grand Master Yates and the Grand Lodge Officers then conducted the Ceremony. The following brethren assisted: Roger Donegan and Don Harris, Bearer of the Great Lights and Book of Constitutions; Doug Strike, Todd Eiler, Floyd Sauter, Bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil; Anase Aosse, Mike Zinser, and Greg Wilson, Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles; El Kahir Color Guard Flag Bearer; and S. Michael Brain, Architect. John Wagor was the Bugler.

Illustrious Sirs Doug Strike, Potentate; Todd Eiler, Past Potentate; Floyd Sauter, Past Potentate and Jim McDonnell, Imperial Treasurer served as Orators. Patrick Paisley, Hiawatha Community Development Director, presented El Kahir Shrine with a nice plaque and welcomed them to the community. Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form by Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller at 11:00 A.M.

Following the ceremony David Sutton catered a wonderful pulled pork lunch.



ElKahir Potentate Doug Strike addresses those assembled about the planning and completion of the new Shrine Center.

Joint Officer Brunch



Grand Master Charles D. Yates and Worthy Grand Matron Lynn Tague.

Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and their ladies assembled with the officers of Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star and their companions for brunch at the Triple Crown Eatery at Prairie Meadows in Altoona on March 1. Grand Master Yates and Worthy Grand Matron Tague shared about their programs and goals for the year. The brunch was a great opportunity to get better acquainted and fellowship while enjoying a wonderful meal.

2015 Neighborhood Area Meetings

Members of the Lodge service Committee facilitated the Spring Neighborhood Area Meetings in April. It was decided to use Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 as a basis for the discussions

Topics included but were not limited to:

Concerning God and Religion – To paraphrase, it states that Masonry brings Men together who otherwise would not associate with one another. Do you still find this to be true, and what benefits have you found from this?

Of Lodges – This section urges Brothers to attend Lodge often. How or what are you doing to keep members active and attending meetings?

Of Behavior – This Chapter states that from time to time you shall have to stand up to defend the fraternity from ill speaking non Masons. Have you had any experience with this in your lives, how have you handled it?

Modes of Recognition – This Chapter covers how to act when meeting an unknown Brother for the first time, and being careful in the examination of this Brother. Do you know the modes of recognition; does your lodge ever practice this for such an occasion?

The discussions were interesting and informative. Thank you to the following lodges for hosting the meetings: Faith Lodge No. 179 at Mount Ayr, Cass Lodge No. 412 at Griswold, Golden Leaf Lodge No. 595 at Manilla, Viona Lodge No. 538 at Renwick, Abiff Lodge No. 347 at Sutherland, Great Lights Lodge No. 181 at Decorah, Rock Sirius Lodge No. 294 at Nora Springs, Columbus City Lodge No. 107 at Columbus City, Celestial Lodge No. 413 at Douds, Ottumwa Lodge No. 16 at Ottumwa, South Gate Lodge No. 657 at Des Moines, Operative Lodge No. 308 at Polk City, Hope Lodge No. 175 at Belle Plaine and Mizpa Lodge No. 639 at Cedar Rapids.

Ladies at the Table in Spirit Lake

Grand Master Charles D. Yates and the Grand Lodge Family joined the brothers of Twilight Lodge No. 329 at Spirit Lake in honoring the ladies at their annual "Ladies at the Table" on April 16.

Worshipful Master Richard W. Miller served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Chaplain Michael Johnson gave the Invocation. Brother Paul Plumb served an impressive prime rib dinner and Dallas Brown took care of the soda fountain.



The First and Second Toasts were made by Richard Miller to the United States of America and to the Grand Master, the Third Toast was made by Charles Gilbert to our Military, Jim Heath made the Fourth Toast to our Ladies and the Tyler's Toast was made by Brett Thacker. During the Toasts the Lodge held a live auction to raise money for the Lodge and the Handicap Accessible Ramp Project at the Grand Lodge Library and Museums. Approximately \$1,500 was raised. Twilight Lodge presented First Lady Donna with gardening equipment and the Grand Master with a gun cleaning kit.

JACOB'S LADDER



The ladder is, of course, an implement familiar to the builder. It was in constant use by our ancient operative brethren. In a system where working tools are made to symbolize moral properties, it could scarcely happen otherwise than that the ladder would be made to typify the power or means by which man is lifted or attains to a higher state of existence. It was employed always with the same meaning in the Ancient Mysteries and was a familiar symbol of salvation long before Jacob in his vision saw it extending from earth to heaven. We, as did the ancients, ascribe to it seven rungs, symbolical with us of the four cardinal and the three theological virtues by which it was supposed a man was prepared for and elevated to the higher state.

Brother Brian Koenig is Raised

Attica Lodge No. 502 at Sloan hosted a Grand Lodge Reception and Third Degree on April 16 for Brother Brian Koenig at the Koenig Family Century Farm.



Attica Lodge was opened with Worshipful Master Brad Koenig in the East. Brad remained in the East for the First Section of the Third degree and Right Worshipful Brother Steven E. Jewett P.G.C. was Senior Deacon. This was a very special night for Brad, it was the first time he had conferred the First Section and it was for his Brother Brian. Brad did a wonderful job. The Lodge used an altar that had not been used since 1912. Following the First Section everyone enjoyed a pulled pork dinner.

The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Ken Tendall and Randy Swanson serving as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Charles D. Yates was introduced and received with brothers Steven E. Jewett and Randy Swanson serving as Senior and Junior Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Deputy Grand Master A. Lyle Miller in the East. Christopher West gave the charge. Brad presented his brother Brian with the Grand Master's pin. Grand Master Yates presented brother Brian with several pamphlets, 2 petitions and a copy of "Freemasonry for Dummies." Brother Brian thanked everyone for the special night. Lodge was closed with Junior Grand Warden David K. Aves in the East

Dakota Lupkes Raised at Home Lodge No. 370

Home Lodge No. 370 in Pleasant Hill hosted a Grand Lodge reception and Third Degree for Brother Dakota Lupkes. Following the Social Hour the Masons moved to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Matthias McMillan opened lodge. Brother McMillan was in the East for the First Section conferral, and Brother David Minor was Senior Deacon.

The Masons joined their ladies in the dining room for a roast beef dinner. Following the introductions, Grand Master Charles D. Yates talked about his program for the year.

The Masons returned to the lodge room where the Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received and introduced with Brothers James Fredrigill and Guy Freeman as Senior and Junior Committeemen. Grand Master Yates was received with Past Grand Masters Robert H. Erickson and Charles L. Brinkerhoff as Senior and Junior Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers conferred the Second Section of the Third Degree with Grand Master Yates in the East. Senior Grand Steward Denis E. Stubbs gave the charge. Grand Master Yates presented Brother Lupkes with his Lapel pin, "Freemasonry for Dummies," and other items. Brother Lupkes thanked everyone for being there and being a part of his degree.



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

Mistakes

The six mistakes of man, according to Cicero the Roman philosopher and author (106-43 B.C.), were:

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.
4. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind and not acquiring the habit of reading and study.
5. Refusing to set aside trivial preference.
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.

Tyrrell Lodge No. 116 Host Scholarship Night

On May 6th Tyrrell Lodge No. 116 held its annual dinner and scholarship awards night at the Masonic Temple in Waverly. There were approximately 35 people present. Worshipful Master Mike Schmitz gave a short program on Masonry and handed out eight \$1,000.00 scholarships to students that will be going on to higher education. We wish them all well.



Front Row: (L to R) Payton Heidemann, Alanna Thompson, Mike Schmitz, Mariah Wefel, Bryce Steiert. Back row (L to R) Lauren Ebert, Madison Bloke, Jillian Huser. Jacob Farran, not pictured, will be returning home from active duty in the Marines around the 1st of July.

Reception for Senior Grand Steward Denis G. Stubbs and Junior Grand Steward Sheldon J. Menin

Masons of Northwest Iowa honored a pair of their own at a reception in their honor at the Sioux City Scottish Rite Center on May 2 hosted by Trial Lodge No 532 and North Riverside Lodge No. 662. Honored were Senior Grand Steward Denis G. Stubbs and Junior Grand Steward Sheldon J. Menin. The afternoon began with a Social Hour in the lobby hosted by the local lodges at 4:00 P.M.



Denis and Jaine

The ladies program was given by Tim Gallagher from the Sioux City Journal. The Masons adjourned to the lodge room where Worshipful Master Eric Molstad opened Trial Lodge No. 532 from Moville. The Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers were received with Brothers Roger Merrill and Richard Dreibelbis as Committeemen. Grand Master Charles D. Yates was received and introduced with Most Worshipful Brother Raymond E. Clause Past Grand Master and Richard Dreibelbis as



Sheldon and Rita

Committeemen. Junior Grand Steward Sheldon J. Menin was introduced and received with Roger Merrill and Richard Dreibelbis as Committeemen. Senior Grand Steward Denis G. Stubbs was introduced and received with Worshipful Brother Wendall B. Borland and Richard Dreibelbis as Committeemen. The Grand Lodge Officers closed Trial Lodge No. 532 with Brother Stubbs in the East and Brother Menin in the West.

The Masons joined their ladies and guests in the dining room for a wonderful Chicken Breast and Roast Beef dinner and program. Brother Neil Peck served as Master of ceremonies. Following the various introductions, both honorees made a few comments and received several presentations. The Grand Master spoke briefly about his program for the year "LIGHT." Grand Chaplain Jeffrey D. Heimensen gave the Benediction.



Neil Peck, Donna Yates and Grand Master Charles D. Yates

South Gate Rainbow Assembly Honors Sydney Durbin



South Gate Rainbow Assembly held a reception on April 19 to honor Grand Worthy Advisor Sydney Durbin. Sydney was elected last June to serve as Grand Worthy Advisor of Iowa/Minnesota International Order of Rainbow for the 2014-2015 year. Past Grand Worthy Advisor Mandy Roske served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis represented the Grand Master Charles D. Yates.

Grand Master's DeMolay Class

Iowa DeMolay hosted the Annual Grand Master's DeMolay Class on April 11 at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Masonic Center. State Master Councilor James Robinson opened the Chapter and



then led an outstanding conferral of the Initiatory Degree to seven young men who were becoming a part of this great Masonic Youth Organization. Members from across the state conferred the DeMolay Degree in a most impressive fashion.

After closing, all moved to the dining area for an outstanding pork and

chicken dinner and awards presentation. State Master Councilor Robinson served as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Master Yates received a plaque for Honorary Membership in DeMolay. Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis made the introductions.

Conference of Grand Masters in North America

The 2015 North American Conference of Grand Masters was held at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver, British Columbia on February 14-17, with a theme of "Building a Stronger Tomorrow." The Conference was a mixture of business meetings and breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Grand Master Charles D. Yates represented Iowa during the business meetings and also served on the planning committee for the conference. Also attending were his lady Donna; Arthur G. Crandon P.J.G.W. and his lady Peggy; and Kenneth A. Hurmence P.G.T.. Some of the breakout sessions included: "Protecting the West Gate"; "Approach to Modern Mentoring"; "Quality of Lodge Experience"; "George Washington Memorial". The Conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin in 2016.



Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America



Grand Secretary Craig L. Davis represented Iowa at the Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America at Vancouver, British Columbia in 2015. The Conference was hosted by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Topics covered included: "George Washington Memorial"; "World Conference of Grand Lodges"; "Civility"; "Kansas Survey"; and "Grand Lodge Representative Programs".

The 2016 Conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin.

Optional Mentoring Course

In the three optional mentoring course sessions we trained some 140 plus Certified Mentors belonging to more than 65 lodges. Preliminary plans for the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge year include at least one Certified Mentor course and several mentor training that will be offered to Lodges enrolling a minimum number of attendees. This course will cover the use of the materials as a mentor and shouldn't take more than 2 1/2 hours.

Pictured on the right are four members of Triangle Lodge No. 643 who completed the Optional Mentor Course Training and are shown receiving their pins and certificates. Left to Right: Jeffrey Fulton, Secretary; Jeremy Berger, Jr. Deacon; Chris Strong, Jr. Steward; and John Priestley, Past Grand Marshal, Chaplain.





Justin Roepsch, Saydel High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in software engineering.



Kaitlyn Murphy, Lincoln High School, plans to attend Grinnell College majoring in biology.



Kasandra Amos, Griswold High School, plans to attend Northwestern College at Orange City majoring in social work.



Kylee Stitz, Harlan High School, plans to attend Drake and major in biology.



Laura Judd, Dallas Center-Grimes High School, plans to attend Luther College majoring in physical therapy or athletic training.



Lauren Lennon, Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School, plans to attend Morningside College with an undecided major.



Lauren Block, Tripoli High School, plans to attend Clark University in Dubuque.



Lucas Maakestad, Osage High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in bio-chemistry.



Mackenzie Intlekofer, Maquoketa High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in biology and international relations.



Madigan Winn, Linn Mar High School, plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa with an elementary education major.



Madison Leader, Exira-Elk Horn Kimballton High School, plans to attend Northwest Missouri State at Maryville majoring in agricultural business.



Madison Miller, New Hampton High School, plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa majoring in communication sciences.



Madison Bloker, Clarksville High School, plans to attend Wartburg College majoring in English.



Matthew Kelly, West Liberty High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in health and physiology.



Marjorie Baker, Keota High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa majoring in health sciences and human physiology.



Megan Striegel, Tri-County High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in agricultural communications.



Megan Slattery, Calamus-Wheatland High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in nutrition science or kinesiology.



Nicholas Lee, Johnston High School, plans to attend Bethel University majoring in international business.



Nicole Coghlan, Indianola High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in kinesiology.



Shauna Folchert, Sioux City North High School, plans to attend Oklahoma State majoring in natural resources and ecology.



Noelle Hulshizer, Saint Ansgar High School, plans to attend the University of Iowa with an undecided major.



Olivia Matz, Southeast Polk High School, plans to attend Briar Cliff majoring in biology.



Rebecca Loew, Madrid High School, plans to attend Benedictine College majoring in Spanish.



Rebecca Lyons, Clinton High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in global resource systems and agricultural education.



Samantha Moran, Nishnabotna High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in kinesiology.



Tara Meinen, Denison High School, plans to attend Morningside College majoring in music education.



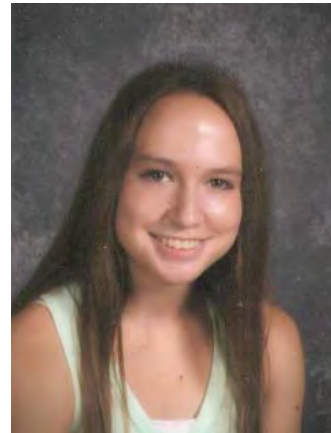
Shelby Morreim, Spirit Lake High School, plans to attend the University of Minnesota or Minnesota State University majoring in nursing.



Taylor Johnston, Lenox High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in agriculture and society.



Wesley Reeve, Glidden Ralston High School, plans to attend Iowa State University majoring in animal science.



Zoey Glenn, Boone High School, plans to attend Drake University majoring in actuarial science.

Osceola Lodge No. 77

By Ron Harper



Members of Osceola Masonic Lodge No. 77 assisted the Clarke County Conservation Dept. at East Lake County Park, near Osceola, Iowa with their annual 3rd grade outdoor classroom. 3rd grade students from Clarke Community School and Murray Community broke down into groups to learn about different plant species, pond environment, and how to catch the big one. Masonic members Larry Ward, Jack McCarl, Bob White and Ron Harper assisted the kids with the fishing part of their outdoor class.

Pictured at the left is Brother Bob White assisting a student with a tangled fishing line.

Crossroads Lodge Honors Educators

By William Crawford

The Brothers of Crossroads Lodge No. 677 at DeWitt hosted the annual Education Night on April 23 in the Fellowship Hall of the DeWitt United Methodist Church. All enjoyed a fine ham dinner that was prepared by the United Methodist Ladies' Circle. Master of Ceremonies Bill Crawford spoke on the Masons' historical support of public education.

Caralyn Butler, an Art Teacher at the Intermediate School, was recognized as the Teacher of the Year.

Brianne Beuter, a Fourth Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School, was recognized as the New Teacher of the Year.

Both received an engraved apple along with a stipend for use in their classrooms.

Given the opportunity to speak, each thanked the Masons for their recognition and for their support of public education.



Brianne Beuter and Caralyn Butler

Grand Marshal David M. Dryer and Grand Tyler Andrae C. Delaney

Masons from across the state gathered together as the brothers of Warren Lodge No. 53 at Indianola and Waveland Park Lodge No. 654 honored a pair of hard-working brothers, Grand Marshal David M. Dryer and Grand Tyler Andrae C. Delaney at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Masonic Center. The social hour was held in the Tapestry Lounge.



The Masons then moved to the Auditorium where Worshipful Master Drew Matthias opened Lodge. Brothers Berdette O. Bryngelson and Harvey Woody were Committeemen to receive Grand and Past Grand Lodge Officers. Grand Master Charles D. Yates was introduced and received with Brothers Eric A. Rozeboom and Bryce B. Hildreth as Committeemen. Grand Marshal Dryer was introduced and received with Brother W. Charles Smithson and Wade E. Sheeler as Committeemen. Grand Tyler Delaney was introduced and received with Brothers Douglas Stephenson and Arthur G. Crandon as

Committeemen. Grand Lodge Officers closed lodge with Grand Marshal Dryer in the East and Grand Tyler Delaney in the West. The ladies were entertained by Magician Mike Oz.

The Masons rejoined their ladies for the banquet and program where Brother W. Charles Smithson served as Master of Ceremonies. Wade E. Sheeler gave the Invocation. A nice Roast Pork Lunch was prepared by the Home Plate Diner. Following the various introductions, each honoree spoke and expressed their thanks for the day and being selected to serve the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The reception was closed with the Benediction given by Brother Burdette O. Bryngelson.



Visit to Iowa Masonic Health Facilities

On Saturday, May 16th the Grand Lodge officers and their ladies traveled across the state to visit the Iowa Masonic Health Facilities in Bettendorf. Administrator Marsha Miller and her staff greeted everyone at the door. Marsha and her staff served as hosts for the morning brunch and tours of the facility. Board Chairman Eldon F. Walton served as Master of Ceremonies. Following the invocation a wonderful breakfast brunch prepared by the kitchen staff was enjoyed by all.

Grand Master Charles D. Yates was introduced and he introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies that were present. After several other introductions Marsha Miller introduced the staff members and thanked them for their years of dedication and service to the facility.

2016 Secretaries' Conferences

Albia – Astor Lodge No. 505, 15 ½ South Clinton, Tuesday January 5 – 1:00 P.M.

Davenport – Brubaker Lodge No. 675, 511 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Thursday January 7 – 6:30 P.M.

West Union – West Union Lodge No. 69, 132 South Vine Street, Tuesday January 12 – 6:30 P.M.

West Des Moines – Gnemeth Lodge No. 577, 218 ½ 5th Street, Thursday January 14 – 6:30 P.M.

Sutherland – Abiff Lodge No. 347, 121 West 2nd Street, Saturday January 16 – 10:00 A.M.

Council Bluff – Bluff City Lodge No.71, 130 South 6th Street, Monday January 18 – 6:30 P.M.

Osceola – Osceola Lodge No. 77, 100 South Park Street, Tuesday January 19 – 6:30 P.M.

Holstein – Alpine Lodge No. 471, 118 North Main Street, Wednesday January 20 – 6:30 P.M.

Jefferson – Morning Star Lodge No. 159, 120 North Wilson, Thursday January 21 – 6:30 P.M.

Garner – Bethel Lodge No. 319, 356 State Street, Monday January 25 – 6:30 P.M.

Cedar Rapids – Grand lodge Library, 813 First Avenue Southeast, Tuesday January 26 – 6:30 P.M.

Winfield – Good Faith Lodge No 235, 112 South Locust Street, Thursday January 28 – 6:30 P.M.

Photographic Memory
Taken from the Mason City Globe Gazette

A Mason City photographer who captured some of the most iconic images published by the Globe Gazette has died.

Elwin Musser died Saturday in Mason City. He was 95.



Hired in 1946 as the Globe's first full-time photographer, Musser was remembered by colleagues for his skilled composition and technical precision. He could light up a nighttime crash like it happened at noon, and capture an entire scene with one photograph.

"Elwin is one of the last of what I call the professional journalist photographers," said former Globe Gazette reporter Jim Collison. "I don't know if younger people are coming along who have what he had, which is the importance of being technically correct in his photography."

Musser's ability to get the shot was evident in the image he is best known for – the February 3, 1959, plane crash

that killed Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, J.P. "Big Bopper" Richardson and pilot Roger Peterson.

He captured everything about the now – infamous moment, from the wreckage to the bodies of the music legends in the snow, Collison said.

"You see the crashed plane and you see the body, or bodies, in the snow," said Collison, who also covered the historic crash for the Globe Gazette. "That had to be taken from the right angle to get all that."

The photo was selected in 1999 as a "Photo of the Century" by the Associated Press.

Although the Holly Crash photo was his most famous, Musser compiled a diverse body of work in the 35 years he worked at the Globe Gazette. He retired in 1981.

President Harry Truman's stop in Manly in 1952; the visit of Pope John Paul II in Des Moines in 1979; a steam engine and diesel train collision in 1949; and the deadly Braniff Airlines crash in Swaledale in 1954 were just a few of the many historic moments he caught on film.

"You could send Elwin Musser on any assignment anywhere in North Iowa and, by God, you were going to get a picture back," said former Globe Gazette photographer Bob Nandell. "It was that simple."

He said Musser did all of it with one lens, a stark contrast to the photographers who lugged around a bag full of lenses to use in different circumstances.

"He just concentrated on one lens and did it," Nandell said. "That was his gift of composition."

Musser began his career with a 4x5 Speed Graphic camera, switching to 35 mm before his retirement. In later years he began using digital cameras.

"All those decades Elwin was the tried and trusty photographer," Nandell said. "Photographers came, photographers went, but Elwin stayed."

Brother Musser was a Fifty Year Member of Harding Lodge No. 649 in Mason City.

Midwest Conference on Masonic Education

The Midwest Conference on Masonic Education was held on March 26 – 27 in Duluth Minnesota at the Holiday Inn. The Conference kicked off Thursday night with a dinner at Grandma's Restaurant and a great group discussion about Athelstan in the First Century with our own John Klaus leading the discussion.

Friday morning started with a nice breakfast buffet. President Neil Neddermeyer welcomed everyone to the conference and Secretary pro-tem Craig Davis gave the invocation. The main topic of discussion that morning was the future of the conference. Jurisdiction reports were given by Illinois, North Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota. The afternoon session was held in conjunction with the Lodge Education Officer seminar at the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.



*200th Anniversary of Battle of New Orleans
Taken from the April Emessay Notes*

On December 24, 1814, Great Britain and the United States signed a treaty in Ghent, Belgium, to end the War of 1812. However, news was slow to cross the Atlantic, and on January 8, 1815, the two sides met in what has been described as one of the conflicts biggest battles, the Bloody Battle of New Orleans.



Andrew Jackson, with an assortment of militia fighters, frontiersmen, slaves, Indians and even pirates weathered an assault by a superior British force, and won a momentous victory.

The victory vaulted Jackson to national prominence and ultimately the Presidency of the United States.

Andrew Jackson was a Tennessee Mason, although there is some debate as to which Lodge he belonged, according to 10,000 Famous Freemasons, published by the Missouri Lodge of Research. However he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1822 and again in 1823, serving until October, 1824.

He was elected President of the United States in 1824 and again in 1828, and holds the distinction of being one of two Freemasons to serve as both a Grand Master and U.S. President. (Harry S. Truman was the other.)

Preston Lodge No.218 Honors John Barry Kane

The members of Preston Lodge No. 218 in Prairie City honored Brother John Barry Kane Past Junior Grand Warden 1999-2000 on the occasion of his 88th birthday at their Stated Communication on March 3, 2015. Birthday cake and refreshments were served following the meeting. Reminiscing and fellowship were enjoyed by all.



Snow Lodge No. 44 Teaches Honor to the United States Flag

At the May 29th Stated Meeting of Snow Lodge No. 44 in LeClaire, the Education Committee taught the members assembled how to honor the United States Flag by presenting a Flag Folding Ceremony. *Pictured on the left are: Andre Lewis; Robert Holliday, Past Junior Grand Warden; and Junior Warden, Russell Risley.* Brother Lewis received his 3rd degree on May 7th, and he is a full time student at Blackhawk Community College. He is also a Petty Officer Second Class (E-5) in the United States Naval Reserves and serves on the flag detail during military funerals.



*171st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M.
September 17 - 19, 2015*

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5	Wapello	Williams, James E	107	Columbus City	Lewis, Warren D	394	Reinbeck	Ehlers, George H
6	Marion	Stuelke, Charles R	108	Marshalltown	Woodworth, Roger D	394	Reinbeck	Snow, Dean E
6	Marion	Fisher, Edward S	120	Wayland	Mast, Gary J	399	Emmetsburg	Underwood, Darol J
6	Marion	Treese, Ray	120	Wayland	Farmer, Keith L	407	Altoona	Jennings, Troy L
10	Keosauqua	Warner, K Charles	140	Clarinda	Garrett, Kenneth L	408	Alta	Geisinger, Harold V
16	Ottumwa	Wilt, Charles A	147	Guttenberg	Woodriddle, Robert E	408	Alta	Redenbaugh, Phil C
21	Agency	Yeager, Clark A	153	Sidney	Royer, Billy D	412	Griswold	Buffon, F Walter
25	Cedar Rapids	Aldershof, John D	156	Bedford	Everhart, Joseph R	412	Griswold	Yungschlager, Harry W
25	Cedar Rapids	Bonham, Roy C	164	Fairfax	Jeck, Harvey G	420	Logan	Burbridge, Leroy F
25	Cedar Rapids	Schau, Irvin L	175	Belle Plaine	Watkins, Jerald R	444	Irwin	Campbell, Vernon D
37	Davenport	Cooper, Gerald T	191	Hampton	Sorensen, Henry D	450	Manning	Melick, Robert K
42	Centerville	Mc Claskey, Arrie R	204	Postville	Prestemon, Richard G	471	Holstein	Buell, Lyle W
44	Le Claire	Kruse, Howard O	205	Algona	Clegg, William L	502	Sloan	Mc Candless, Roger D
60	Camanche	Williams, Robert G	208	Davenport	Peterson, Veryl Z	502	Sloan	Ellis, Howard R
61	Knoxville	Ball, Calvert L	228	Humeston	Dent, Joe D	532	Moville	Hayworth, Dale E
61	Knoxville	Remboldt, Delano D	232	Missouri Valley	Clark, Herbert L	532	Moville	Gothier, Calvin J
67	Colesburg	Sampson, Floyd A	232	Missouri Valley	Alton, Jess A	538	Renwick	Knight, Kent L
69	West Union	Sindelar, Steven D	232	Missouri Valley	Myer, Philip L	548	Marion	Freytag, Donald R
74	Eddyville	Fairchild, Frank	259	Council Bluffs	Black, Edward E	569	Quick	Perry, Charles W
79	Boone	Doran, John A	259	Council Bluffs	Webster, Leonard L	577	West Des Moines	Hampton, Edward F
81	Shellsburg	Wiegand, Howard N	263	Cedar Rapids	Dills, Robert F	592	Des Moines	Gilchrist, Kenneth N
83	Hartford	Hoffmann, Hollis E	263	Cedar Rapids	Igou, Larry J	592	Des Moines	Estell, Glenn E
83	Hartford	Van Vleet, Ronald R	269	Ottumwa	Wilt, Charles A	592	Des Moines	Lecroy, Jerry M
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93	Clinton	Randall, Eugene E	299	Perry	Van Pelt, Everett H	609	Pilot Mound	Burras, Roger D
95	West Liberty	Kline, Harold E	301	New Virginia	Strange, Elmer	611	Arthur	Lorenzen, Marvin D
95	West Liberty	Bailey, Thomas W	307	Cherokee	Waterbury, Richard C	626	Davenport	Smith, James J
99	Nevada	Rewerts, Jerry L	312	Spencer	Olson, William P	628	Norwalk	Andrews, Gary G
100	Clinton	Parker, David S	315	Saint Charles	Wright, David K	630	Des Moines	Berry, Gerald D
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