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2025-26 Regional Schools

Saturday, August 23, 2025, Adel Lodge No. 80,
411 S 12th St, Adel.....9:00 A.M.
Monday, September 1, 2025, Ottumwa Lodge No. 16,
611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa9:00 A.M.
Thursday, September 18, 2025, Grand Lodge School,
901 4th St, Sioux City.....8:00 A.M.
Thursday, October 23, 2025, Iowa City Lodge No. 4,
312 E College St., Iowa City.....5:30 P.M.
Friday, October 24, 2025,..... Newton Lodge No. 59
208 1st Ave. W, Osceola.....9:00 A.M.
Thur., November 20, 2025,.....Warren Lodge No. 53,
1606 W 2nd Avenue, Indianola.....5:30 P.M.
Friday, Nov. 21, 2025,.....Paul Revere Lodge No. 638,
303 Front Street, Lucas.....9:00 A.M.
Thursday, March 19, 2026,....Montague Lodge No. 117,
1305 23rd Avenue, Eldora5:30 P.M.
Friday, March 20, 2026, Auburn Union Park Lodge No. 592,
3843 6th Avenue, Des Moines.....9:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 23, 2026,.....Nekoda Lodge No. 597,
700 5th St., Lohrville.....5:30 P.M.
Friday, April 24, 2026,Grove Lodge No. 492,
418 2nd Street, Marne9:00 A.M.
Thursday, May 14, 2026,Springville Lodge No. 139,
306 Liberty Ave., Springville.....5:30 P.M.
Friday, May 15, 2026,.....Hebron Lodge No. 374,
113 N Frederick Ave., Oelwein.....9:00 A.M.
Thursday, June 18, 2026,Marion Lodge No. 6,
684 10th Street, Marion.....5:30 P.M.
Friday, June 19, 2026,.....Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 8,
206 N Main Street, Mt. Pleasant.....5:30 P.M.
Friday, July 17, 2026,Waterloo Lodge No. 105,
607 Bishop Ave, Waterloo.....9:00 A.M.
Saturday, August 22, 2026,.....Adel Lodge No. 80,
411 S 12th St, Adel.....9:00 A.M.
Monday, September 7, 2026, Ottumwa Lodge No. 16,
611 E Pennsylvania Ave, Ottumwa9:00 A.M.
Thursday, September 17, 2026, Grand Lodge School,
1800 Isle Pkway, Bettendorf.....8:00 A.M.

Grand Master's Message

To all of the over 10,000 Masons in the State of Iowa: Thank you. This will be my last message to you as your Grand Master. It has been an honor to serve all of you and get to know so many more of you during the past year. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.

Together we all have been part of a movement. Thank you all for working with us "In the Trenches." By embracing new ideas and trying new things, we have made some great progress by "Igniting Freemasonry", "Evolving into the 21st Century" and "Getting More of Us in the Game". Thanks to all the trailblazers ahead of us who understood that progress may be uncomfortable and even painful at first, but with hard work and a willingness to be open minded we are finally starting to see some results. Thanks also to all of those on committees, boards and positive leaders in their respective lodges for your efforts in supporting our program of TEAM this year. Thank you also to all branches of Freemasonry whether it be Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Prince Hall, Rainbows, DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Amaranth, High-12, etc. Thank you all for being part of the TEAM! I feel like we have worked together instead of alone on our respective islands.



We hate to see our year come to an end, especially when we feel that even though we have accomplished much there is so much more work to be done. Your Grand Lodge Officers, I, and the "Real Housewives of the Grand Lodge" have had an absolute blast this year travelling around and working with all of you. We will miss the time we get to spend with each other and the time spent with all of you performing the work of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. But we are leaving the fraternity in good hands. I am positive that the 2025-2026 Grand Lodge Officers will continue the work that we have done and make an even better impact on Freemasonry in Iowa. May God Bless the Grand Lodge of Iowa as we move forward and into the future! Thank you all for standing united with us on this TEAM!

Fraternally and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.J. Brown".

A.J. Brown
Grand Master of Masons in Iowa



A Tribute to Donald E. Stamy

By Craig L. Davis



In concluding his report to the Craft in 1979, Brother Stamy chose these words, "I have played my hand as I have seen it, and, if the score be less than another could have been, nevertheless, it has been my best". Indeed, it was his best. Brother Stamy refused to look at our fraternal problems as anything but challenges. The fact that he gave his very best, his positive approach to our challenges, coupled with the impact of his ready smile and sparkling personality, will long be felt to the benefit of Iowa Masonry.

This is written, not only as a tribute to the untiring fraternal efforts of Brother Stamy, but also to his entire family without their constant support, cooperation, and love his "best" would have been less than it was, and the "score" would not have been as great.

Donald "Don" E. Stamy, 92, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the UnityPoint Transitional Care Center in Cedar Rapids. In accordance with his wishes, a private memorial service will take place at a future date. Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Marion is assisting the family.

Don was born on May 19, 1933, the son of Elmer Otto and Edith (Lutz) Stamy at his maternal grandparents' farm, which is now in the city of Hiawatha, Iowa. After graduating from Marion High School in 1950 and the University of Iowa in 1954, he farmed with his parents in the Robins area for over 35 years. That farm has been in the Stamy family since 1865 and is now known as the Stamy Legacy Farm. He then worked for the Iowa Court Administration for 19 years.

Don is survived by the love of his life, Joanne E. Hendricks of Cedar Rapids; one sister, Mary Susan Taylor of Solon, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Richard O. and Pauline Stamy, a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Joseph Sobek, and a brother-in-law, Robert Taylor.

Don was president of the Linn County Farm Bureau in 1964 and 1965 and served as Chairman of the Linn County Zoning Commission and the Linn County A.S.C.S. Committee. He was a member of the Marion Presbyterian Church since 1947 and the University of Iowa President's Club.

Brother Stamy received his symbolic degree in Marion Lodge No. 6 in Marion in the late summer of 1954. In January of 1956, he was installed as Junior Steward of his lodge. He progressed through the line offices and served as Worshipful Master of Marion Lodge in 1962.

He was coroneted as an Inspectors General Honorary 33rd degree at the Cedar Rapids Consistory, A.A.S.R. He was a member of Marion Chapter No. 10 R.A.M.; Palestine Council No. 27, R.&S.M.; and Apollo Commandery No. 26, K.T. He was a member of El Kahir Shrine and Marion Chapter No. 183, O.E.S. He held District Lecturer Certificate No. 2299 and was Past President of Blazing Star Study Group. Other Masonic honors included membership in St. Ignatius Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine where he served as Sovereign in 1986 as well as a DeMolay Legion of Honor recipient.

His first appointment to Grand Lodge was in 1962 as Junior Grand Steward. In 1968 at the 124th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa he was elected Junior Grand Warden. He again wore the purple of the fraternity as Deputy Grand Master. He served the Grand Lodge on the following committees: Fraternal Dead, Public Relations, Long Range Planning, Appeals and Grievances and finally Division and Reference which gave him a broad background which helped him immeasurably as he directed the affairs of the Grand Lodge during his service to the Grand Lodge of Iowa as Grand Master.

Don's contribution to Iowa Masonry was "his best." It will be said that Donald E Stamy was a Master Mason, proven and proficient, a Craftsman that need not be ashamed. He "Made Things Happen in Iowa Freemasonry."

"Rest Well, My Brother"

Grant Awarded to the Iowa Masonic Library and Museum Association

By Julia Wells

In March of this year, the Grand Lodge of Iowa submitted an application for grant funding to the Linn County Historical Preservation Commission. We are pleased to announce that we were selected as one of the recipients and have been awarded a \$5,000 grant. This funding will be used specifically to replace the damaged plexiglass encasing our Civil War-era flag—an irreplaceable artifact that holds both historical and Masonic significance. In total, the commission awarded over \$28,000 to various applicants, with a maximum of \$5,000 allocated per project. One stipulation of the grant is that work cannot begin until July, and a final report on the project must be submitted before the next grant cycle begins in 2026.



The Civil War flag in question has a remarkable history. It was donated to the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 2004 by Charles Kaufman, a Past Grand Master of South Dakota. The flag was originally crafted in 1861 by the women of Marengo, Iowa, as a patriotic offering at the onset of the Civil War. It was subsequently carried by Company B of the 28th Iowa Infantry Regiment, which was organized in 1862. According to historical accounts, the flag was present at the Battle of Champion's Hill, where the unit's color-bearer was wounded, staining the already damaged flag with his blood.

The flag is believed to have been given to 1st Lieutenant James T. Sargent, a Freemason affiliated with Company B. After the war, Sargent relocated to Yankton, South Dakota, where the flag was prominently displayed during Memorial Day observances. Following his death, the artifact was entrusted by his son to the Masonic Temple in Yankton, before eventually making its way to our care.

Unfortunately, over the years, the plexiglass protecting the flag has become heavily scratched. These abrasions significantly hinder visibility and compromise the ability to photograph or display the flag clearly, as the scuffs reflect overhead lighting. Thanks to the grant, we will soon be able to restore the display to a condition befitting the artifact's dignity and historical importance.

Please note that during the restoration process, the museum will be temporarily closed to accommodate the replacement of the plexiglass. As a result, all tours will be paused until the work is completed. An official announcement regarding closure dates will be made in advance.

We are grateful to the Linn County Historical Preservation Commission for supporting this vital preservation effort, and we look forward to unveiling the improved display to the public in the near future.

Meet our New Library Assistant Regyn Buffington



Hi all! My name is Regyn Buffington, and I am excited to join the Grand Lodge of Iowa as Julia's new assistant in the museum and library.

I am originally from the Illinois side of the Quad Cities, but I now call Cedar Rapids home. This past May, I graduated from Coe College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Art History. During my final semester, I interned at the History Center, ran by the Linn County Historical Society, where I gained hands-on experience that helped me prepare for this role. One key aspect of the internship was building a small exhibition about local celebrations to be displayed during the Spring. I was able to work with archival materials and collaborate with another local museum for a loaned textile for this exhibition. Additionally, while at the History Center, I had the chance to interact with local publications and learn more about the history of the county and state as a whole.

During this time, I began working part-time at the Masonic museum and library in February and transitioned to full-time after graduation. As a student in Cedar Rapids, I had toured the museum a couple of times and had been interested in the collection when I heard about the position from a Mason. While I am not aware of any familial connections to Masonry, my background as a United States historian has fostered a strong appreciation for the collection. I am also passionate about the work we are doing here and deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute. In the few short months I have been at the Masonic museum, I have assisted Julia with building an exhibition on the Scottish Rite, which opened in June of this year, and on the York Rite exhibition we have planned for September.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all!

Symbolic Anatomy of the Apron

By Kelly H. Bruce

Among the many symbols and emblems found within the Masonic Fraternity, none holds more lasting significance or spiritual meaning than the Masonic apron. It is one of the most visible and revered signs of Masonic membership, serving as both a badge of honor and a profound symbol of one's acceptance into the ancient and honorable Craft. While a Mason may one day wear distinguished jewels or hold high accolades within the Fraternity, none surpass the symbolic weight and moral teachings conveyed by the apron. It is the perpetual emblem of Masonic affiliation—unfading in its importance and deeply rooted in the traditions, values, and history of Freemasonry.

The Masonic apron is not simply a piece of ceremonial attire; it is a powerful representation of the values and virtues that form the foundation of a Mason's character and conduct. The four outer edges of the apron are emblematic of the four Cardinal Virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. These are not mere abstract ideals, but guiding principles that a Mason is called to internalize and embody. Temperance should chasten our desires, Fortitude should sustain us through trials, Prudence should inform our decisions, and Justice should guide all our actions toward fairness and righteousness.

At the top of the apron lies a triangular flap of equal proportions, which carries profound symbolic weight. Its shape—a perfect triangle—is a representation of the Deity, reflecting the divine attributes of God: Omniscience (all-knowing), Omnipotence (all-powerful), and Omnipresence (ever-present). In this geometric symbol, we find a reminder of the spiritual dimensions of Freemasonry and our constant connection to the divine source from which all wisdom and guidance flow.

Taken together, the flap and body of the apron comprise seven sides, a sacred number in Masonic tradition. This number alludes to the seven liberal arts and sciences—Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. These disciplines serve as cornerstones of intellectual and moral development, enriching a brother's understanding of the universe and his place within it. As a Mason progresses along his journey, the deeper significance of these arts becomes increasingly clear, offering wisdom and perspective in both worldly and spiritual affairs.

The apron's ties or tassels, equal in length, signify a principle central to Masonic teaching: the equality of all men. Regardless of station, background, or worldly wealth, every brother stands on level ground within the Fraternity. These ties also symbolize the unity and strength found in fraternal bonds. Just as they bind the apron together, so too should we bind ourselves to one another for mutual support, shared purpose, and the enduring strength of our order.

When a brother receives his apron, it is presented not merely as an article of regalia, but as a symbol of clean living and faithful service. It is a token of his role as a builder—not of stone or structure, but of character, virtue, and community. He is reminded to honor the clean white surface of his apron, to uphold purity of life and rectitude of conduct. In doing so, the apron becomes more than a garment; it becomes a shield, a guide, and a constant companion on his Masonic journey.

The Masonic apron is rich with layered meaning and enduring relevance. Its form and symbols speak to the highest aspirations of the human soul—purity, knowledge, equality, and divine connection. It represents a lifelong lesson and calls upon every Mason to live a life worthy of its message, to be ever mindful of its teachings, and to wear it not only on ceremonial occasions, but upon the heart and conscience each day. It is, truly, the most significant emblem a Mason will ever receive.

West Gate Adelpic Lodge No. 509 Rededication Ceremony



Prior to the ceremony everyone enjoyed a Salisbury steak lunch prepared by the lodge. West Gate Adelpic Lodge No. 509 in Windsor Heights invited Grand Master A.J. Brown and the Grand Lodge Officers to celebrate 135 years and rededicate the lodge in due and ancient form.

Worshipful Master Drew J. Thelen invited the Grand Master to rededicate the Lodge. Grand Master Brown and the Grand Lodge Officers conducted the Temple Rededication Ceremony in due and ancient form. Junior Grand Deacon Skylar R. Watson gave the tribute to public education "School Book Lecture". Senior Grand Steward Michael C. McLain gave the Flag Tribute.

Worshipful Master Drew Thelen served as the Orator for the day and talked about the history of West Gate Adelpic Lodge.

Grand Chaplain Theodore M. Boomgarden



Harding Lodge No. 649 and Travelers Lodge No. 679 hosted a reception in honor of Theodore M. Boomgarden, Grand Chaplain at the lodge in Mason City on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

The Masons moved to the Lodge Room where Harding Lodge No. 649 was opened for the purpose of receiving Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers by Worshipful Master David Duncan. Brothers Sean I. Morgan and John F. Bricker III were committeemen for the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

Brothers Sean I. Morgan and John F. Bricker III were committeemen for Grand Master Brown as well as Ted Boomgarden. Ted had the privilege of closing Harding Lodge No. 649.

Meanwhile the ladies enjoyed a magician show.

The Masons rejoined their ladies for dinner and the program. Brother Sean I. Morgan served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. John F. Bricker III gave the invocation prior to dinner. Sean Morgan introduced Amber and Carla from "Team I Care" to talk about their program and their efforts to raise funds to purchase a therapy dog to help First Responders. Grand Master A.J. Brown introduced the Past Grand Master's and their Ladies and then introduced the Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.

Worshipful Master David Duncan was introduced and brought remarks on behalf of the Lodge. Ted thanked many of his mentors during his remarks, but more especially his wife Kristian who has been there for him through the good times and the tough times. Ted presented David Duncan with a traveling bible which had been presented to him. John Bricker gave the Benediction.

Hermon Lodge No. 273 Hosts American Brawn



Hermon Lodge No. 273 in Grinnell has opened their doors to American Brawn. American Brawn is located on the third floor of the Masonic Temple in Grinnell.

Since launching our efforts in 2018 to raise awareness and prevention of suicide among veterans and first responders, we have spent lots of time out and about. We've hosted concerts and tended booths at events attracting thousands to get the word out about help that is available to everyone regarding suicide, depression, and mental illness through the Veterans Administration and other resources.

American Brawn is now offering a facility in Grinnell, Iowa, for veterans and first responders to easily come to us, which offers possibly the easiest way to reach out. This safe space, known as our Solace Center, is open Thursday evenings from 6-8pm on the 3rd Floor of the Masonic Lodge at 928 Main St. We warmly invite veterans and first responders to visit weekly to ease their minds and feed their souls with activities including art creation, crafting, music playing/listening and reading to occupy their thoughts with peace, joy and contentment.

Joining us, you'll at the very least enjoy yourself, while some may tackle or prevent mental illness, PTSD, depression, or suicide with the activities and information/resources we have on hand.

With questions call or text Kent at (641)821-5134. We hope to see you soon.

**“Willingly, Actively, & Enthusiastically”
By Wade E. Sheeler, Past Senior Grand Warden**

In the Entered Apprentice ritual of practically all Grand Lodges, we learn about the symbols of chalk, charcoal, and clay and that they represent freedom, fervency, and zeal. All three of these substances are chemical compounds. What is the Masonic significance of these three substances?

Chalk is a symbol of “willingness” or freedom. It takes a small effort to make its mark. It willingly leaves a trace, without hesitation and little effort. It expects nothing in return. It’s “whiteness” is also a symbol of purity. Chalk is a loosely coherent limestone rock composed primarily of the calcified remains of minute marine organisms. Although we think of chalk as primarily for use in writing or drawing, it is also used for making cement, fertilizer, and plaster.

Charcoal is a wood or some other organic material that has been heated in the absence of air to the point where there is nothing left but nearly pure carbon. The process of creating carbon entails heating wood with minimal oxygen which removes all water and other volatile constituents. Because it is void of water and other impurities, it is able to attain a much higher temperature than simply burning wood. This process makes for charcoal to be clean, efficient, and relative. It becomes intense, focused in purpose and unconditional. As we are told charcoal is a symbol of fervency.

Clay comes from Mother Earth and its uses are diverse. Clay finds its purpose in the hands of the potter, and so we find our purpose when we place our being in the hands of the Master Potter and allow him to mold us into following his will. Clay may be said to have “Zeal” or great enthusiasm.

How did these symbols come to be related to Freemasonry? They each have some connection to the builders of the cathedrals in the Middle Ages.

Freedom comes from the Old English word “freon” meaning to love. Fervency comes from the Latin word “ferve-facio” which means to make hot, to heat, or warm thoroughly. Zeal comes from the Greek word “zeo” meaning to boil. Moderns typically think of “zeal” as the virtue of one who works tireless, quickly and with enthusiasm. The word is really related to the thing, not the man. Zealous originally meant the quality of the thing which made it easy to use, proper, and good to use.

Entered Apprentices serve their time with freedom, meaning willingly, not as a slave but of their own free will and accord; with fervency, meaning to be eager in his desire to do good work and with zeal in promoting the end that will make him literally a cornerstone in the Fraternity.

Our ancient brethren erected cathedrals by following the plans laid down on the Masters’ trestleboard. In the transition from operative to speculative Masonry, the drawing of the designs was much too precious to be neglected. Early speculative lodges drew plans --- called “drawing the lodge” – either on an earthen floor with a stick, or on wooden or stone floors with chalk or charcoal. Here were drawn symbols of Masonry to be pointed out to the initiate during his degrees. When a lodge meeting was over, the tiler erased them.

Our “chalk, charcoal, and clay” was originally “chalk, charcoal, and earthen pan”, the later term signifying a hard earth. The earliest mention of “drawing the lodge” is a mention in the Old Charges. It seems reasonably obvious that chalk and charcoal were originally used to “draw the lodge” and that perhaps even earlier, the lodge was actually drawn upon bare earth.

With the incorporation of these symbols into speculative Masonry, it became necessary to develop an explanation of this practice which was used in the days of operative Masonry. The use of floor cloths, charts, and wall paintings developed soon after the advent of speculative Masonry.

The development of “freedom, fervency, and zeal” gave a spiritual meaning to what was originally very utilitarian objects that were used for practical purposes in lodge meetings.



Farmers Lodge No. 168 Presents Scholarships

Farmers Lodge No 168 presented \$3,450.00 in scholarships to seven English Valleys High School students on class night, May 13, 2025. Brother Alan Jensen, former Superintendent of English Valleys Schools and a number of the board of trustees for Kirkwood Community College, presented the awards. The students will be attending higher education at Kirkwood Community College, DMACC, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, University of Iowa and WyoTech at Laramie, Wyoming. The Gerald Rodby Memorial Scholarship in honor of immediate Past Master Gerald Marvin Rodby was awarded to Stacia Linder of What Cheer, who ultimately aspires to attend a College of Law. In the past ten years, Farmers Lodge No 168 has presented \$30,000 in scholarships to area students.



Attached photograph: Left to Right; Brother Alan Jensen, Stacia Linder, Cyrus Morrison, Whit Andreassen Nicole Murphy, Taylor Mikesell, Channing Stratton and Tessa Crane.

Scholarship Thank You!

Kimberly Clarahan – I am excited to take the next step toward becoming a nurse, and your contribution makes that path more achievable and less stressful.

Lillie Hoffman – I am truly honored to be selected as a recipient, and I deeply appreciate your generous support toward my education.

Addyson Schreck – I am grateful for organizations like yours that invest in students and help make our futures brighter. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity and for believing in me.

Rylan Edwards – Your scholarship will help me with my financial aid needs and allow me to concentrate on my classes at UNI next year. Thank you!

Ava Lassen – Thank you for selecting me for your technical scholarship. This generous assistance is a huge help towards achieving my goals.

Kimberly Clarahan – Thank you for investing in my future and for your commitment to supporting students in their educational journey.

Natalia Zimmerman – Thank you for your generous support of my future and educational goals. I promise to live up to the high standards embodied in the Grand lodge of Iowa Masonic Scholarship.

Audrie Kohl – I want to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa scholarship.

Ellen Cook – Thank you for the scholarship. I am excited to begin the next chapter at Drake University this fall, and your scholarship will help me achieve my goals.

Christian Buchli – Thank you for the \$5,000 Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic scholarship! I will use to fund my continued education at Central College.

Andrew Stodgill – Since I will be financing my education through employment, scholarships, internships, and loans, I really appreciate the Grand Lodge of Iowa's support and investment in my future.

Vaughn Zittergruen – I plan to attend Iowa State University and study Ag Systems Technology. This scholarship will help lessen the financial burden as I begin this new, exciting chapter.

Vaughn Auderer – Thank you. I plan to use the money to help with my education at the University of Iowa, where I will major in mechanical engineering.



“What Does it Mean When You’re at the End of Your Rope?”

By Past Senior Grand Warden Neil R. Paulson

I want to look at a couple of passages that are in succession (but in reverse) in the book of Luke that point to the work of Jesus. Both of them we’ve heard and should be fairly familiar with them, and they are found in the 8th Chapter of Luke. The first one I want to look at starts at verse 26 and goes through 39, and I will just paraphrase them for simplicity. Jesus and his disciples have been sailing across the lake and have landed their boat on the shore. As soon as Jesus is climbing out, he’s met by a man who is possessed by many demons. This man because he is possessed by demons has become homeless, without clothing, and has taken up residence in the cemetery outside of town. Jesus had commanded the demon to leave the man’s body. The demon in the man spoke to Jesus and referred to him as “Jesus, Son of the Most High God”. (Now in my readings of the Bible, I have always found it odd, strange, or whatever you want to call it, that the evil spirits or demons know exactly who Jesus is and what he’s capable of doing. Most of the people who are around Jesus, who hear his teachings, see his work, and are looking for the Messiah have no clue of who Jesus is and know what he’s capable of doing. Sometimes you can’t see the trees through the forest.) So, Jesus asks the demon possessed man what his name is, and he says that his name is Legion, for he is filled with many demons. The demons then keep begging Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit. There happened to be a large herd of pigs nearby feeding on a hillside, and the demons asked if they could leave the man and enter into the pigs. Jesus gave them permission, and they entered the entire herd, and the herd then plunged down the hillside into the lake and drowned. The news quickly spread and soon a crowd had gathered and saw the demon possessed man sitting at Jesus’ feet, fully clothed, and perfectly sane. This in turn frightened the local people, and they asked Jesus to leave their area. As Jesus was leaving, the man who had been possessed asked if he could go with him. But Jesus said no to his request and told him to stay there and tell his family and everyone what the Lord had done for him, and he did just that. The second passage is a few verses back and is found in verses 22 through 25. Here Jesus and his disciples decide to get in a boat and go across the lake to the other side. Shortly after setting out across the lake, Jesus settles in and starts to nap. Not long into their trip a fierce storm came down on the lake, and the boat began to fill with water, and the disciples noticed that they were in real danger. So, they went and woke Jesus up and shouting that they were going to drown. Jesus then rebuked the wind and the waves and everything became calm. The disciples were terrified and amazed and asked, “Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” The correlation I found between these two passages is that all of us will have or have had storms in our lives, just like the man possessed by many demons, or the disciples in the boat. We can feel imminent danger, become shambles, an outcast, and even at the end of our rope. But it is when we give the control over to Jesus, he can calm the wind and the waves and cast our demons into an abyss so that we may find peace and calmness within his arms. It can be somewhat ironic that the story of Jesus calming the physical wind and waves happens before he calms the spiritual wind and waves. Sometimes to see the peace in our future, we have to look at the work of Christ in our past. At confirmation this past week, the question was asked, “What does it mean when you’re at the end of your rope?” As I thought about it, I came to the conclusion: that when it seems like I have nothing left, Jesus is all that I have left. I encourage you to take up your Bible and give those passages a read at your convenience. Maybe you’ll spot more than meets the eye.

Des Moines High Twelve Celebrates 100 Years



Kenneth A. Brickman served as Master of Ceremonies during the celebration of 100 years for the Des Moines High Twelve No. 4. Everyone enjoyed a pork roast dinner prepared by Mary Hicks and her crew at Home Lodge No. 370 in Pleasant Hill. Jared Kichline the First Vice President of High Twelve International brought greetings on behalf of President Roberto Sanchez who was unable to be there. Phil Enabnit introduced the Past Presidents and Officers of Des Moines High Twelve. Tom Gruis spoke about the history of the Des Moines High Twelve. Ken Brickman hosted several Toasts during the event and introduced Grand Master A.J. Brown. Grand Master Brown talked about his program for the year and wished the High Twelve well on the next 100 years. Tom Gruis gave the benediction.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Olin Fire Station



Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 200 in Olin invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Olin Fire Depart. Grand Lodge was opened by Grand Master A.J. Brown and assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers at 5:00 pm, with a processional practice following. Grand Master Brown welcomed everyone to the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony.

Worshipful Brother James C. Mason Grand Tyler gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand Master A.J. Brown proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Brother David G. Wiedenhoff served as the Flag Bearer. Gary P. Rix, Howard P. Andrews, and David C. Butterworth served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil. Radu E. Denghel was the Architect. Howard Hunt Jr. was the Bearer of Great Lights. Randy S. Jones, John Lacock and Donald J. Levsen served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles. Patrick Cain carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Erik L. Brincks, Junior Grand Steward presented the School Book Lecture, and Worshipful Brother Michael C. McLain, Senior Grand Steward gave the Flag Tribute. Mitchell A. Petty, Grand Marshall made the proclamation. Worshipful Brother Kevin D. Hirl served as the Orator and he is also the Fire Chief. Kevin talked about what it took to get the fire station up and going. Thanks to many volunteers in the community they were able to save hundreds of thousands of dollars while building the new building. Worshipful Brother Mitchell A. Petty closed Grand Lodge in due form.



Brother James Wasson Raised at Mirza Rhodes Lodge No. 303

The Grand Lodge Officers of Iowa were in attendance for a Third Degree for Brother James Wasson at Mirza Rhodes Lodge No. 303 in Ogden, Iowa. Everyone enjoyed dinner and fellowship before the start of the Degree. During the meal, attention was given to Right Worshipful Brother Rick Martin. Brother Rick has been traveling with Worshipful Brother Mike Mc Lain for most of this Grand Lodge year and has helped out by filling parts in several Grand Lodge Third Degrees. Right Worshipful Brother Deputy Grand Master Keith Voss proceeded to present Brother Rick with a TEAM travel polo and a Grand Lodge family binder. Brother Keith thanked him for his help and that it has been a privilege having him on the TEAM.

After dinner, everyone retired to the lodge room and Worshipful Master Robin Crouch then opened the lodge. Worshipful Brother Curt Klyn assumed the oriental chair and conferred the first section. Brother Brian Ahrens was Senior Deacon. Grand Master A. J. Brown was in the East for the Second Section and Senior Grand Steward Brother Michael Mc Lain was the Senior Deacon. Right Worshipful Brother Wade Sheeler gave the Charge. The Grand Master presented Brother James with his Grand Master's Pin followed by Brother Allan Tedrow along with Brother James mentor, Ralph Walker in presenting Brother James a Masonic box and explained the significance of it. Worshipful Master Robin Crouch presented him with his apron. After presentations, Brother Ken shared that he was appreciative of the Brethren taking time to attend his special night and thanked everyone for participating in his degree. The Grand Lodge Officers closed the lodge with Brother Curt Klyn in the East.

Adel Lodge No. 80 Holds a Brothers and Bobbers Event



Seven children and 2 adults joined us to go fishing in a pond near Van Meter.

The Brothers in attendance conferred their angling skills to them, and a fun time was had by all.

Although no fish were caught, it was a great day that brought the Lodge closer to the community.

At the end of the event the lodge happily donated the new fishing polls to the children in attendance.

The Importance of Fellowship in Freemasonry **By Tom H. Nash**

In a world increasingly fractured by division, where politics and differing ideologies drive wedges between individuals and communities, the principles of Freemasonry offer a timeless antidote. The Masonic lodge, a sanctuary for self-improvement and brotherly love, stands as a beacon of unity in a society often torn apart by forces beyond our control. Yet, as human beings with unique experiences, pride, and egos, maintaining this harmony requires conscious effort. By subduing our passions, practicing empathy, and leaving divisive issues outside the lodge, we can preserve the lodge as a sacred space for fellowship and personal growth, fulfilling the Masonic mission to create a better world through small acts of kindness.

Nothing erodes the fabric of society quite like the divisive influence of politics. While having opinions on societal issues is natural, allowing those opinions to overshadow personal relationships—whether with friends, family, or brothers in a lodge—widens the gaps between us. Political discourse, often fueled by emotion rather than reason, can transform respectful dialogue into bitter conflict. In the context of a Masonic lodge, where members come together as equals to pursue shared ideals, such divisiveness is particularly harmful. A lodge thrives on unity, and when external influences like politics infiltrate this space, they threaten the very foundation of brotherly love and mutual respect.

As a Freemason, I have witnessed both the heights of unity during times of great fellowship and the lows of discord when external issues creep into the lodge. My personal experiences have taught me that individual opinions, no matter how strongly held, rarely change the course of the world. I am but one voice among millions, each seeking a better future shaped by their unique perspectives. Like religion, politics is a deeply personal conversation between oneself and the mirror. Our life experiences, from triumphs to struggles, mold our beliefs in ways that are as diverse as the men who sit together in a lodge. Recognizing this diversity is the first step toward tolerance, a cornerstone of Masonic philosophy.

Freemasonry prides itself on fostering tolerance, yet this ideal is tested when personal biases or external influences disrupt the harmony of the lodge. The first-degree charge, a guiding light for every Mason, emphasizes the duty to act “upon the square” and to treat others as you would wish to be treated. This principle, simple yet profound, calls for empathy and respect in all interactions. However, as human beings, we are not immune to pride or ego, which can lead to misunderstandings or conflicts, even in a space dedicated to brotherhood.

The first degree also teaches us to subdue our passions, a task that is far from easy. Why is it so challenging? Because we are human, shaped by our unique backgrounds and experiences. What one brother sees as a casual remark, another might overhear and misinterpret, sowing seeds of division. A single conversation, taken out of context, can ripple through a lodge, undermining the trust and camaraderie that define it. To counteract this, Masons must practice not only tolerance but also empathy—understanding that each brother’s perspective is shaped by a life unlike our own. By listening actively and speaking thoughtfully, we can prevent misunderstandings and maintain the lodge as a place of unity.

The Masonic lodge is more than a meeting place; it is a sanctuary where brothers gather to uplift one another, celebrate successes, and support each other in times of need. We join Freemasonry to become better men, united by a common goal of self-improvement. This shared purpose binds us as a band of brothers, committed to making the world a better place through acts of kindness and mutual respect. In a society marked by division, the lodge offers a rare opportunity to set aside differences and focus on what unites us.

When we enter the lodge, we seek a jolt of fellowship—a reminder of the joy that comes from shared laughter, meaningful conversations, and the warmth of brotherly love. Discussions within the lodge should uplift and inspire, not divide. Why, then, would we allow divisive topics like politics to tarnish this sacred space? The lodge is a place for refreshment, where we bask in the joy of camaraderie, and for labor, where we work together to uphold Masonic principles. By keeping contentious issues outside, we ensure that the lodge remains a haven where every brother feels welcomed and valued.

The first-degree charge provides a clear roadmap for living as a Mason. Among its many lessons, one passage stands out: “To your neighbor, in acting upon the square and in doing unto him, as you would that he do unto you.” This duty encapsulates the essence of Freemasonry—treating others with fairness, kindness, and respect. It is a call to action that extends beyond the lodge, into our daily lives, where small acts of goodwill can ripple outward to create a better world.

Masonry teaches us that the path to a better society begins with individual efforts. By practicing kindness within the lodge, we hone the skills needed to navigate a divided world with grace and empathy. The lodge is a training ground, a place where we learn to listen, to understand, and to act with integrity. When we leave the lodge, we carry these lessons into our personal lives, enriching our communities and relationships.

In the end, the message is simple: be kind to one another. Leave divisive issues at the door and treasure the company of every brother beside you. We are all striving to navigate life’s challenges, to find meaning and connection on this shared journey. The Masonic lodge offers a unique opportunity to practice these values in a supportive environment, surrounded by brothers who share the same ideals.

Let us make the lodge a true sanctuary—a place where every Mason feels welcomed, respected, and valued. By focusing on fellowship and brotherly love, we can counteract the divisiveness of the world outside and fulfill the Masonic mission of self-improvement and global betterment. The world may be divided, but within the walls of the lodge, we have the power to create a space of unity, where every brother is heard, and every act of kindness matters.

In a time when society is fractured, Freemasonry reminds us that unity is possible. By subduing our passions, practicing empathy, and leaving divisive issues outside, we can preserve the lodge as a beacon of hope and fellowship. Let us commit to this vision, ensuring that every brother who enters the lodge finds not only a place of sanctuary but also a community dedicated to making the world a better place, one small act of kindness at a time.

Brother Chad Edwards Raised at Mount Olive No. 17 in Hiawatha



The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F. & A.M. and the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. gathered in Hiawatha to confer a Third Degree on Brother Chad Edwards from Mount Olive No. 17 Prince Hall Lodge in Waterloo at the El Kahir Shrine Center. Prior to the degree everyone enjoyed lunch provided by Suttons Catering.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge Officers opened Mount Olive No. 17 on the Third Degree and conferred the first section of the third degree with Grand Master Jermain Henderson in the East. Deputy Grand Master Alan Gauvin served as Senior Deacon.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa Officers conferred the second section of the third degree with Grand Master A.J. Brown in the East and Mitchell A. Petty Grand Marshal serving as Senior Grand Deacon. Past Grand Master Craig L. Davis gave the charge. Grand Master Brown presented Brother Edwards with his Grand Master pin that he wore during the degree. Brother Edwards thanked the brethren present for their support during his degrees. Grand Master A.J. Brown closed Mount Olive No. 17.

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the African - American Museum of Iowa 25 Years of Unity

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F. & A.M. and the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. celebrated 25 years of Mutual Recognition on August 2, 2025 by holding a Joint Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the African – American Museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This is the second time in our history that both jurisdictions came together to perform this ceremony. The previous time was in 2003 at the same location when then Grand Masters, Owen T. Sloan and Clifford C. Godsey laid the original cornerstone at the museum. The Committee for the celebration invited the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F. & A.M. to perform the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the museum. Grand Lodge was opened by Grand Master A.J. Brown assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers at 8:00 am at the Grand Lodge of Iowa Library and Museums in Cedar Rapids. Grand Master Brown and Grand Master Jermain Henderson welcomed everyone to the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony.

Worshipful Brother James C. Mason, Grand Tyler gave a short presentation about some of the customs and courtesies used by the Masons during the ceremony. Grand Masters, A.J. Brown and Jermain Henderson proceeded to conduct the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers from both jurisdictions. Past Grand Master, Kenneth Hurmence served as the Flag Bearer. Past Grand Master, Lynn Lewis, Past Grand Master, Arthur Crandon, and Past Grand Master Earl Harrison served as bearers of Corn, Wine, and Oil. Past Grand Master Eddie Sauls was the Architect. Past Grand Master, William Post was the Bearer of Great Lights, Past Senior Grand Warden, Wade E. Sheeler, Past Grand Master, Andrew Richardson, and Mickeye Johnson served as Bearers of the Red, White, and Blue Candles. Past Grand Master, Ted Wiley carried the Book of Constitutions. Worshipful Brother Skyler R. Watson, Junior Grand Deacon presented the School Book Lecture, and Worshipful Brother Curtis A. Klyn, Senior Grand Deacon gave the Flag Tribute. Mitchell A. Petty, Grand Marshall made the proclamation. Sports Director Rick Coleman from KWWL Channel 7 in Waterloo served as one of our guest speakers. Jacqueline Hunter, Executive Director of the African American Museum of Iowa, also served as one of our guest speakers. Worshipful Brother Mitchell A. Petty closed Grand Lodge in due form.



25th Anniversary Recognition Gala
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F. & A.M. & Jurisdiction Inc.
&
Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M.
By MWB Bill Post, PGM

On July 15, 2000, Prince Hall Grand Lodge adopted a Resolution of Recognition that was ten years in the making. This resolution would link together the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Iowa & Jurisdiction, Inc. On September 16, 2000, the Grand Lodge of Iowa adopted the Resolution of Recognition forever linking together the two Grand Jurisdictions within the borders of Iowa.

The two bodies celebrated the 25th anniversary of this historic union in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on August 2, 2025. The day was full of celebration. Most Worshipful Brother Jermain Henderson, Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa (PHGL) and Most Worshipful Brother A.J. Brown, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa (GLIA), joined together their two Grand Families and participated in three important events to celebrate.

The first event was a rededication of the Cornerstone of the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center in Cedar Rapids. The original Cornerstone was laid in 2003 by MWB Owen T. Sloan, PGM of PHGL and MWB Clifford C. Godsey, PGM of GLIA. The ceremony was well attended by Iowa Masons and the public to witness the new cornerstone plaque laid in due form. Ms. Jacqueline Hunter, Executive Director of the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center, talked about the center and its significance to Cedar Rapids and the State of Iowa. The guest speaker was Rick Coleman, Sports Director, at KWWL-TV in Waterloo.

The second event was lunch and a Third Degree at the El Kahir Shrine in Hiawatha. The ladies enjoyed a "Sip and Paint" event at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Rapids while the brothers were at the degree. Brother Chad Edwards was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. MWB Jermain Henderson and his officers conferred the first section and MWB A.J. Brown and his officers conferred the second section. The charge was given by MWB Craig L. Davis. This was only the third "joint" Master Mason degree performed by the two Grand Lodge bodies in the past 25 years.

The day culminated with a gala celebration at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Rapids. Co-MC's for the event were MWB Eddie Sauls, PGM of PHGL and MWB Bill Post, PGM of GLIA. The gala started at 6 PM with a social hour. WB Antonio Collins and his band performed during the social hour and entertained the gathering with dance music following the program. The crowd was welcomed by RW Brother Alan Gauvin, Deputy Grand Master of PHGL. The response to the welcome was given by RW Brother Wade Sheeler, PSGW of GLIA. The invocation was given by Brother Joshua Milam, Grand Chaplin of PHGL. Dinner was served.

Following the dinner was the Program, narrated by MWB Bill Post, who gave the history that led up to the signing of the Resolution of Recognition of the two Grand Jurisdictions. MWB Post, who was at the signing and serving as Grand Marshal in 2000, gave a brief remembrance of that day. MWB Post introduced MWB Kenneth Hurmence, PGM, gave remarks and served on the Ad Hoc Committee in 1990 through 1992 that researched the recognition of PHGL. Brief remarks were given by MWB Bill Crawford, PGM of GLIA, Brother Maurice Evans of PHGL, MWB Lynn Lewis, PGM of PHGL, Brother Kenneth Reed of PHGL, and Brother Terrance Lewis, Sr. of PHGL. These brothers were present as Grand Lodge officers and had a hand in the Resolution of Recognition back in 2000. Remarks were given by MWB Eddie Sauls, PGM of PHGL and MWB Eric Rozeboom, PGM of GLIA. Together, with their Grand Families, performed the second "joint" Third Degree conferral in 2014 in Des Moines. MWB Jermain Henderson, Grand Master of PHGL, and MWB A.J. Brown, Grand Master of GLIA gave their remarks to end a great evening of fellowship ... Almost ... (read on)





THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION HISTORY OF July 15 and September 16, 2000

By MW Bro. William W. Post, PGM, Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.
Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.

1989 -1990: Mutual recognition of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa (PHGL) and the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M (GLIA) was a ten-year process. The process started when MW Bro. L. Ray Chamberlin, Grand Master in 1990, introduced a resolution to perform a feasibility study during the 1990 – 1991 Grand Lodge year. MW Bro. Chamberlin attended meetings with the MWB Adolphus K. Ollison, Grand Master and MWB Roy Scott, Grand Master of PHGL, during the 1990 year. From these meetings, mutual recognition was started in earnest.

1990 – 1991: MWB Lowell Wagoner, Grand Master, assigned the Ad Hoc committee members of MWB Charles T. Jackson, PGM; RWB Tom Eggleston, Grand Secretary; MWB Harold Barkley, PGM; and WB Ken Hurmence. They were tasked to research and provide recommendations concerning the recognition of PHGL. From this committee, an amendment was submitted and adopted to adjust the Iowa Code to set the stage for mutual recognition. However, there were other issues that needed to be addressed by both jurisdictions before recognition could be proposed.

1991 – 1992: MWB Tom Eggleston, Grand Master, assigned a mutual recognition Ad Hoc committee of MWB Harold Barkley, WB Ken Hurmence, and Bro. Jerry Monroe to continue research and work toward mutual recognition. It was discovered that the PHGL of Washington (state) had requested formal recognition from the United Grand Lodge of England. The United Grand Lodge of England issued the original charter to Prince Hall and had the sole authority to restore Prince Hall recognition. Since the question of Prince Hall recognition had existed since 1792, our Grand Lodge of Iowa would have to wait for a positive outcome to the PHGL of Washington's request.

1992 – 1993: MWB Edwin Blinks rendered an unofficial opinion stemming from a request by MWB Harold Barkley, PGM. In that unofficial opinion, questions arise if the GLIA could legally recognize another jurisdiction within our state's borders? With the change in the Code in 1991, it was MWB Blinks' opinion that we were now in conflict with our Constitution. Much more work would have to be done.

October 1993 to September 1995: Work was halted toward recognition until more progress was made internationally and within our own Code and Constitution. Finally, in 1995, the United Grand Lodge of England gave official recognition to the PHGL of Massachusetts, stating, "All PHGLs are descended from what is now PHGL of Massachusetts," opening the door to recognition across the United States.

1996 – 1999: MWB Tom Eggleston, PGM and Chairman of the Recognition Committee, reported that on June 17, 1997, the United Grand Lodge of England informed Iowa that official recognition of PHGL was granted to

several more states and foreign jurisdictions. Changes to our Constitution were adopted to conform to our Code. These changes established a pathway to recognize PHGL within our state's borders. At the 1999 GLIA Annual Communication, MWB Eggelston recommended establishing an AD Hoc committee for recognition.

1999 - 2000: MW Bro. Lester C. Fleming appointed the Ad Hoc committee of MWB Tom Eggelston, PGM; MWB Harold Barkley, PGM; and MWB L. Ray Chamberlin, PGM to submit a Resolution of Recognition at the 156th Annual Communication of the GLIA. Several meetings were held, and a Resolution of Recognition was drawn.

On July 15, 2000, at the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Inc., the resolution was unanimously adopted. **On September 16, 2000,** the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. adopted several changes to the Code, and a Resolution of Recognition was passed. The Resolution of Recognition was signed by MW Bro. Eugene Taylor, Grand Master of PHGL; Bro. Terrance Lewis, Sr., Grand Secretary of PHGL and MW Bro. Lester C. Fleming, Grand Master of GLIA; RWB William R. Crawford, Grand Secretary of GLIA.

The Program ended with MWB Jermain Henderson of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa presenting MWB Craig L. Davis, PGM and Grand Secretary of GLIA with an honorary membership to Prince Hall lodges and the honorary title as a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Inc. This designation was given to MWB Davis as a token of his commitment and support of Prince Hall Masonry in Iowa. Grand Chaplain Theodore M. Boomgarden gave the benediction. Thus ended an historic day in Iowa Freemasonry.



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Hiram in the Hills

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