

## Grand Master Travels to Keokuk For a Fun Day

By: Worshipful Master Stephen Kimball

January 12 was a beautiful day for Grand Master Donald E. Mosier to travel to Keokuk. He had been invited by Master-elect Stephen Kimball to attend the installation of officers for Keokuk Lodge No. 29. Preparations were made for Grand Master Mosier to enjoy a day of fun and relaxation.

Keokuk Lodge has a proud Masonic heritage enduring over 160 years. The upcoming Masonic year in Keokuk plans to be no different under the leadership of newly installed Worshipful Master Kimball. Brother Kimball provided his Brothers and guests a truly enjoyable experience with all installing officers to include Mrs. Charles Williams, providing the music, and Lodge Officers with boutonnieres and corsages. After presenting his family in the East, Worshipful Master Kimball invited all veterans to stand for a round of applause in honor of his son, PFC Sean Kimball, a member of Keokuk Lodge. The younger brother Kimball is currently deployed in Iraq with the United States Army.

Worshipful Master Kimball invited Brother John Russell to East for his Past Master's Certificate and Pin. Brother John then presented the newly installed Master the Master's pins for the Lodges of Eagle No. 12 and Hardin No. 29 from which Keokuk No. 29 was born through consolidation. Together the new and old masters invited the Grand Master to the East to present him with a donation to the Hope Lodge Project. The Grand Master graciously directed Brother Kimball to hold his gavel, seat the Brethren and guests, and explained about the project, goals and amount of funds donated towards the Hope Lodge.

Pictures were taken after the ceremony with all the Officers and Grand Master included. A wonderful lunch provided by Brother Kimball and his family was enjoyed by everybody present.

Worshipful Master Kimball invites all Iowa Masons to visit the "closest thing to Florida" in Iowa anytime for fellowship and Masonic activities.

Shown in the Picture are: L. to R. First Row: Junior



Steward Jody Slatter, Senior Steward Michael Murphy, Senior Deacon Robert Briggs,

and Junior Deacon Dirk DeJong. Second Row: Treasurer George Vermillion, Senior Warden Warner Kelso, Worshipful Master Stephen Kimball, Grand Master Donald E. Mosier, Junior Warden Charles Williams, and Secretary Charles Anschutz

## Canopy Lodge Christmas Party

The First Annual Christmas Party for Canopy Lodge No. 290 at Oxford was held at the Grace United Methodist Church in Tiffin on December 14. It was well attended with approximately 80 brothers, ladies, widows, and guests to feast on roast beef, corn, salad, and drinks.

All moved to the sanctuary for entertainment provided by members of the Ryan family. Brothers Steve Beckler and Doug Darrow gave a short talk on Hope Lodge and explaining its purpose. A freewill offering was accepted with more than \$370 collected for Hope Lodge.

## Jerry Marsengill Christmas Dinner

The twenty-third annual Jerry Marsengill Christmas Dinner was held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple. The Dinners are dedicated to



Brother Marsengill who started this tradition. He was a noted local Mason and Masonic scholar, who passed away in 1991. The annual dinners provide a place where anyone who would be alone

could come for a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings of turkey, ham, pumpkin pie, etc. Meals were delivered to those who could not get out. Additionally, take home bags containing a sandwich and apples and oranges were available for the feasters to take with them.



The driving force behind the dinner today is Brothers Robert H. "Bud" Erickson, P.G.M., his lady Kris, and Bryce B. Hildreth, P.J.G.W. Many volunteers assist in making it a successful event.

## Brother Gregory Harter is Recognized

Brother Gregory Harter is Superintendent of Schools of the East Greene Community School District in Grand Junction, and is a nominee for the 2007-08 Iowa Superintendent of the Year award sponsored by the School Administrators of Iowa (SAI). He will be recognized at the SAI award's banquet in August. He has been superintendent at East Greene since 2002. SAI is a statewide organization founded in 1987 that represents more than 2000 Iowa educational administrators.

Brother Harter was Raised in Frontier Lodge No. 382 at Little Sioux on June 13, 1975, and currently a member of Valley Lodge No. 232 at Missouri Valley.

Congratulations Brother Harter!