

Legends of Iowa Lodges

- Most lodges have someone in their history who made significant contributions to their lodge and/or their community. Not monetary contributions, but through his action or leadership, inspired great things for his lodge or community (or both).
- Before telling you what this program *is*, let me tell you what it is **not**:
 - It is NOT a new award program.
 - It is NOT a competition.
 - It is NOT a recognition program for an individual or lodge to strive to achieve.
- Legends of Iowa Lodges *IS* a program to recognize a brother for his *past* contributions to your lodge, your community or even Iowa Masonry. Towards that end, we are looking for brothers who made a difference. Having a brother who served as a Grand Lodge Officer, even Grand Master, is not what we are looking for. Instead, we want you to tell the story of your lodge as regards this brother.
- At Grand Lodge in Sioux City this coming September, we will be putting up a display of Legends. What we want to include in this display are photos, stories, clippings, etc. of the Legends of Iowa Lodges. It is possible that this will become a precursor to a larger, more permanent display at the Grand Lodge building in Cedar Rapids, called “Iowa Freemasonry’s Hall of Legends,” of which 2010 would be the inaugural class.
- We’ve been talking all year long, asking lodges to have their “Best Year Ever” in 2010. One good method to accomplish that is to discover additional ideas by looking back at your past. It might be that your lodge had a specific program or project years ago that for some reason is no longer being carried out. Now might be a good time to bring it back.

Action Plan

1. Appoint 2 or 3 other brothers in addition to, or in place of yourself to go through the history and archives of your lodge.
2. Sift through the material and identify up to 3 brothers who have had a significant impact on either your lodge or your community.
3. Determine if there is sufficient material available to write up a report/story for any or all of these brothers.
4. Select one brother to be your lodge’s representative for “Legends of Iowa Lodges”
5. Write up a 1 - 2 page report about that brother’s contributions to your lodge or your community.
6. Submit your report to the Grand Secretary’s Office at PO Box 279, Cedar Rapids, IA
7. Come to Grand Lodge to see the “Legends of Iowa Lodges” display.