



C. Glenn Brown



Grand Master

1983-1984

Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.



Born

January 1, 1923
Mechanicsville, Iowa

Died

September 21, 2007
Waterloo, Iowa

Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the several Subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, and to all Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal correspondence:

Greeting:

Morning came and like a tired child
He closed his eyes to sleep.
And while our heart's were grieving
He crossed the river deep
His work here is finished
His work there just begun
And we know he greets each one of us
At the setting of our sun.

Glenn Brown's untimely death came on September 21, 2007 while attending Grand Lodge in Waterloo. Celebration of Life service was held September 25, 2007 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Anamosa. Pastor Brian Cursore along with Pastor Pat Slater of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Olin presided. Brothers John Lacock and Tom Eggleston conducted the Masonic Service. Friends, family, neighbors and more than 100 Brothers from the four corners of the state filled the church. Burial was in Olin Cemetery at Olin, Iowa.

Charles Glenn Brown, the son of Charles and Elmae Jeffers Brown, was born in Mechanicsville, Iowa, on January 1, 1923. He graduated from Olin Consolidated School in 1940. Glenn married Carmen Zaruba on July 24, 1949 at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Olin. Glenn farmed in the Olin area following his graduation from high school until his retirement to Olin in 1986. He was active with many organizations, serving on a number of boards and committees. He was a former member of the Board of Directors at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Jones County Beef Producers of which he was a past president, Cedar Valley Farm Business Association, Farmers Home Loan Committee, and Jones County Planning Commission. Glenn was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Anamosa and a former member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Olin, serving in many different areas in the church.

Many years ago, friends were concerned about the welfare of their

children should something dreadful happen. They asked Carmen and Glenn to care for their children if that situation should occur. Not only did Carmen and Glenn agree, but to show how much they respected that promise, when they built a new house, rooms were included for the children should they be needed. Fortunately, the need never occurred.

His Masonic career started shortly after his 21st birthday with his Initiation on March 21, 1944; Passing on March 28, 1944; and Raising on April 7, 1944 in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 200 in Olin. After serving as Senior Deacon and in both Warden Stations, he was installed as Worshipful Master in 1948. His interest in the ritual prompted him to become proficient and he held District Lecture Certificate No. 1545, which at the time of his passing was the third oldest number in the state. He was proud to hold dual membership with Bellevue Lodge No. 51 in Bellevue.

He became a member of the York Rite Bodies in a one-day class held on March 22, 1975. He was a Royal Arch Mason in Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 66, a Select Master in both Swafford Council No. 28 and Mt. Zion Council No. 62, and a Knight Templar of Mount Olivet Commandery.

In 1971, he became a member of the Cedar Rapids Scottish Rite Bodies. Glenn was an active member and served in a number of major parts in the conferring of the degrees. In 1997 he was awarded Honorary Inspector General of the Thirty-Third Degree.

Other Masonic groups with which he was affiliated included a Knight Companion of St. Ignatius Conclave; Red Cross of Constantine where he served as Sovereign in 1992; Hiawatha Chapter No. 394, Order of the Eastern Star; and Research Lodge No. 2. He was an Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor recipient and an active member of the Blazing Star Study Group.

His first service to the Grand Lodge came, exactly 40 years prior to his death, on September 21, 1967 with his appointment to the Office of Junior Grand Deacon by then Grand Master, R. Kenneth Miller. In 1971-72, Most Worshipful Grand Master Woodrow W. Morris chose him to be the Deputy Grand Master. In 1975-76, the Craft elected Glenn to the position of Senior Grand Warden. He served on the Fraternal Dead Committee in 1968. For ten years (1969-1979) he was a Trustee of the Grand Charity Funds. This was a position he greatly enjoyed and his interest continued in this throughout his life. From 1979 through 1982, he was a member of the Lodge Service Committee, and served as Chairman of the Division and Reference Committee in 1982-83.

Glenn was elected Grand Master of Masons in Iowa in September of 1983. He started his year with the motto; ONE MAN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. He not only believed this, but he lived it. He did make a

difference in Masonry, in his church, in his community and in the lives of many friends.

Glenn was a pilot and owned his own plane. He and Carmen enjoyed the trips in their plane and traveled many parts of the country. They also enjoyed playing golf and were members at Fawn Creek Golf Course in Anamosa. Glenn was a natural leader, an excellent farmer and feeder of cattle, often topping the market in Chicago. He was a good neighbor, one that was always ready to assist when needed. A number of individuals have said: "I am indebted to Glenn Brown for what he has done for me." This writer is no exception. He made an impact. The world and all who knew him are better because of ONE MAN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE.

In closing this Memorial, I quote Glenn Brown in his report to the Grand Lodge in 1984: "My year is now over. I did the best I could and I did it my way."

For everything there is a season,
And a time for every purpose
Under heaven;
A time to be born and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time
To pluck up that which is planted.
Ecclesiastes 3:2

So mote it be.

As a mark of respect to our departed brother, I do hereby order this Memorial read in each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction at the first Stated Communication after receiving the same, and the the Charter or Great Lights be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Iowa to be affixed thereon on this 11th day of October, A.D. 2007 – A. L. 6007.



Attest:

Grand Master of Masons in Iowa

Grand Secretary

(I am deeply indebted to W. Ross McCulla, P.G.M., who at my request composed this tribute to our departed Brother, C. Glenn Brown, P.G.M.)