

Headquarters Hotel



**Best Western
Cooper's Mill
Hotel & Restuarant**
100 F Avenue NW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405
319-366-5323

Hotel Rates:

Standard 2 Queens, smoking or non-smoking \$74.95

Standard 1 Queen, smoking or non-smoking \$64.95

Deluxe King, non-smoking \$74.95

(all rooms subject to sales and room tax)



Iowa Masonic Library and Museums

The Iowa Masonic Library continues to be regarded as one of the best places in the world to do Masonic research. Housed here are thousands of rare Masonic books for the serious researcher, and a circulating library for the casual reader. The Library also collects materials dealing with non-Masonic topics.

The Library, located near downtown Cedar Rapids, is housed in a white marble structure, and is the oldest, special collection in Iowa. The Iowa Masonic Library was formed in 1845 at the urging of Theodore S. Parvin, who served as Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian for over 50 years.

The Library came to Cedar Rapids in 1884 after nearly a 40-year nomadic existence. The collection was moved from Muscatine to Iowa City, to Davenport, back to Iowa City, and finally to Cedar Rapids. In that year, the first Masonic Library Building was opened to the public. The building was expected to last 100 years, but no one could have predicted the impact of having a physical building would have on the collection. The collection grew so rapidly that the building housing it became inadequate, even after two additions were added. Thus, in 1952, the old building was demolished, and the present marble structure was opened on the same site in 1955.

The building also houses two Museums. One is a Masonic Museum with Masonic art, regalia, and equipment from around the world. The other is a General Museum, that houses thousands of artifacts from around the world.

2008 Masonic Library and Museums Conference

October 22-26, 2008



**The Iowa Masonic Library
and Museums**
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Welcome To Cedar Rapids

Schedule of Events

Wednesday – October 22

Participants arrive

Headquarters Hotel - Coopers Mill

Evening meal at Coopers Mill (on own)

Thursday – October 23

Breakfast – on own

8:15 A.M. – Transport to Iowa Masonic Library

8:30 A.M. – Session opens including welcome by Grand Master and Grand Secretary

9:00 – Mark Hunter – Historic Overview of Cedar Rapids

10:00 – Break

10:20 – Nancy Kraft (U of I) – Iowa Digitization Project

Noon – lunch – Zio Johnno's (eat in upper foyer)

1:00 P.M. – Business Meeting

3:00 – Break

3:15 – Tour Iowa Masonic Library and Museums

5:30 – Transport to Zindrick's Czech Restaurant

6:00 – Meal

7:30 – Tour the National Czech and Slovak Museum

9:00 – Return to Hotel

Friday – October 24

Breakfast – on own

8:15– Transport to Iowa Masonic Library

8:30 – Business Meeting

9:30 – Bill Kreuger – Disaster Planning

10:15– Break

10:30 – Transport to the African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa

11:00 – Susan Kuecker– Collection Storage

Noon – lunch

12:45 – Tour African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa

2:00 – Return to Iowa Masonic Library

2:15– Break

2:30 – James Twomey – Book Evaluation and Restoration

4:30– Return to Hotel

5:30 – Transport to Scottish Rite Center

6:00 – Banquet provided by the Grand Lodge of Iowa at the Scottish Rite Temple with Entertainment

Saturday – October 25

Breakfast – on own

9:00 – Transport to Amana Colonies

10:00 – Historical Program

12:30– Amana style lunch

1:30 – Time to explore Amana

3:00 – Return to Hotel

Dinner on own

Sunday – October 26

Breakfast – on own

Departure

Note:

The Iowa Masonic Library will provide transportation and host the Friday evening Banquet. All other costs for meals, admissions, etc. are the responsibility of the Conference participant.