

# *Valley Herald*

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

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We at the Davenport Scottish Rite fully support our Blue Lodges and offer our help when needed with informing our membership of the passing of their Brother Masons. Please be aware of the Masonic funeral services information shown below.



## **Brother Donald “The Dutchman” Braafhart**

Donald K. Braafhart, 77, of Davenport, Iowa, received rest from his earthly labors and was called to the Grand Lodge above on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2018, at the Runge Mortuary, Davenport.

**Masonic Services at 7:30 p.m. All Masons are welcome to attend.**

**Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, October 19, 2018, at Runge Mortuary Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice**

Compassus, Izaak Walton League or Shriner Children's Hospital. He will be laid to rest in Forest Cemetery, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Brother Don was born on May 24, 1941, in Oskaloosa to Benjamin and Ruth (Ver Ploeg) Braafhart. He graduated Davenport High School in 1959. He was united in marriage to Peggy Lou Palmer on August 6, 1960, which was the same year he became a barber. He was owner of the Dutchman's Barber Shop, where you wanted to be the last customer of the day.

Brother Don was a member of Masonic Trinity Lodge 208 and Izaak Walton League. He was always looking for a good time, planning adventures with his family and friends that would include fishing, hunting and being outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Lou; brother, William (Francis) Braafhart; children, Brian (Sue) Braafhart, Keith Braafhart and Curt (Shandi) Braafhart; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Braafhart; and sister, Barbara Lineberry.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rungemortuary.com](http://www.rungemortuary.com).

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## *Masonic Moment*

An added feature to honor our noted Brothers so we don't forget their contributions to Masonry, our country and the world.

**Simon Bolivar (1783-1830)** The "George Washington" of South America, who in 20 years of warfare liberated from Spanish tyranny the area which is now Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. b. in Caracas, Venezuela. He joined Freemasonry in Cadiz, Spain and received the Scottish Rite degrees in Paris and was knighted in a Commandery of Knights Templar in France in 1807. While on a diplomatic mission to London in 1810 he was active in Freemasonry in that country. He founded and served as master of Protectora de las Vertudes Lodge No. 1 in Venezuela and in 1824 founded the Lodge Order and Liberty No. 2 in Peru. In 1828, when the anti-Masonic wave was sweeping over the world, Bolivar forbade meetings of Masons in Venezuela. His Scottish Rite collar and apron are on exhibit in the New York Grand Lodge museum. Catholic born, he broke away from the church when, in his liberation movement, he found that the clerics who ruled with an iron hand under the Spanish administration were among his chief opponents. On his death bed in 1830 he returned to Catholicism for spiritual aid. Nevertheless it was as a Freemason that he performed the deeds which established him as one of the greatest liberators of the world.

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Fraternally Yours,  
Joe Laleman  
Secretary/Registrar

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