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Paul Sheperd (center) escorted by Past Master Art Nelson listened as Grand Master Allan Hurlburt read the certificate commemorating Sheperd's 60 years of membership. Photos by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Masons celebrate long, dedicated service

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News Goodland was founded in 1888 which is the same year the Masons established a attend the ceremony, however his achievepresence and started serving the interests of the city and its people.

Long time membership in the Masons have special meaning within the order and those who attain 50 years or more receive his 60 years as a Mason. Sheperd, who is special recognition. This year the Goodland lodge honored three of its members for their years of service at its annual pin presentation on May 23 at its temple at 519 Center Ave.

on Nov. 7, 1934, was recognized for his 70 the Grand Lodge of Kansas. years of continuous membership and his service to the community. Ihrig could not people who know him.

Paul Sheperd joined the lodge in Goodland on July 14, 1944. He was honored for 92 years old, is a retired oil worker.

Jesse Craft, who was 23 when he joined the Masons 50 years ago, said he was very proud to be a Mason.

On hand to make the presentations to the Oscar Ihrig, 91, who joined the Masons three was Grand Master Allan Hurlburt of

Five members of the Goodland Masonic Lodge were awarded pins for 25 years as a Mason. They were Dave Branda, Arthur ments were honored and celebrated by the Cook, Keith Engel, Stuart Pittman and Mark Seaman.

Also recognized at the ceremony were the four members of the Goodland High School band who are participating in the Kansas Masonic All-State Marching Band who will perform at half time for this year's East-West Shrine Bowl in Emporia on July 31. Craig Mason, Jeff Moore, Lea Shores and D.J. Sparks will attend a music camp in Emporia for four days immediately before the game.

Ken Baum, secretary for the Goodland lodge, said four is the most Goodland has ever sent to the camp at one time. The band members are sponsored by the Masons who, through individual or group contributions, pay for their expenses at the camp.

Jesse Craft (left in left photo) accompanied by his wife Doris listened to Grand





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Master Allan Hurlburt just before being awarded his 50-year pin. Dave Branda (right in below left photo) received his 25-year pin from District Deputy Grand Master Mickey Graves. Stuart Pittman (right in below photo) was pinned by his mother Glennis for his 25 years of membership. Also honored for 25 years as a Mason were Arthur Cook, Keith Engel and Mark Seaman all of whom could not attend the ceremony. However, Opal Seaman was there to accept the pin for her son Mark.



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