



Operative Lodge #308 AF & AM Polk City, Iowa

Stated Communications on the 2nd Monday of Each Month
For the Year 2006

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TRESSEL BOARD

April 2006

Greetings Brethren:

The April 2006 State Communication dealt with a number of issues:

- A proposal to increase Operative Lodge #308's annual dues to \$35.00.
- Hosting of a Regional DL School on April 12, 2006 from approximately 9:00am to 3:00pm.
- The Spring pizza sale will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006, from 8:00am until Noon.
- Operative Lodge #308's Family Social Event.
- Polk City Law Enforcement Recognition Supper on May 8, 2006 beginning at 6:00pm.

Over the last couple of Months Operative Lodge has struggled with the issue of whether to raise the Lodge's annual dues. A number of proposals were examined, but in the end the By-laws of Operative Lodge will be changed beginning January 1, 2007 to reflect an annual Operative Lodge dues rate of \$35.00 per member. This will be in addition to the Grand Lodge of Iowa dues that each member pays.

It is fully understood that this dues increase may create a financial hardship for Lodge members from time to time. In an effort to recognize that fact and to alleviate any uncomfortable feelings that may arise, **ANY** Brother who feels that they can not afford to pay their dues are encouraged to make contact with the Worshipful Master. Any contact under these circumstances will remain completely **CONFIDENTIAL**. Operative Lodge will pay the members Grand Lodge dues, and his Lodge dues shall be remitted, thus satisfying his dues responsibility for the year. **NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**, other than the fact that a Brothers dues have been remitted will be made. Under no circumstances will any mention be made publicly of the Brothers identity.

On Wednesday, April 12, 2006 from approximately 9:00am until approximately 3:00pm Operative Lodge #308 will be hosting a Regional DL School. All Masons are welcome to come and participate.

Operative Lodge #308 will be holding the Spring pizza sale on Saturday, April 22, 2006 starting around 8:00am and ending around Noon. I encourage all of you as members of Operative Lodge to pitch in and sell some pizzas. This is our biggest fund raiser, both the Spring and Fall pizza sales. The proceeds from these sales go toward providing a local area student with a scholarship. **Let's make this a record sale.**

Due to the tight personal schedules that all of our families have this time of year, the Family Social Event that had been scheduled for April 30, 2006 has been postponed. The re-scheduled date for this function will be announced at a later time.

Operative Lodge #308 will be holding a Polk City Law Enforcement Recognition Supper on May 8, 2006 beginning at 6:00pm. Please come for supper and show the members of the Polk City Police Department that we support them 100%.

A special meal is being planned for this event so please RSVP to either of the following Lodge members so we can make preparation for the necessary number of meals.

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IMPORTANT EVENT: On Monday, April 17, 2006 starting at 6:30pm Operative Lodge #308 will confer two (2) 1st degrees. The candidates are Gene Jennings and Max Bodermann. Please mark your calendars for this special event and plan on attending. Show these new Brothers what Masonary is all about!!!

Also, on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 7:00pm Operative Lodge will be conferring a 2nd degree on Brother Tim Davis. Again, please mark your calendars with this important event and plan on attending. Just come as a spectator so our new Brothers can see the true nature of the fellowship of becoming a Mason.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE BROTHERHOOD!!

Just a reminder for any of our members who have not sent in your 2006 dues. Please feel free to contact Worshipful Master Rod Halverson with any questions or concerns about your 2006 dues.

Fraternally,

Rodney Halverson
Worshipful Master