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STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

James L. Trotter, PM, Senior Warden	Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain	Phillip D. Worsham, Senior Steward	Asa Moeckly, Trustee
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APRIL 2008

Greetings Brethren:

Here's a big THANKS to the Brethren who participated in the Operative Lodge Spring Pizza sale. It can only be characterized as a complete success. The total numbers indicate that over 230 pizzas were sold, which adds a considerable sum to the Lodge scholarship fund.

Keep up the good work and begin preparing for the Fall 2008 Pizza Sale now. Let's make it another record event.

OPERATIVE LODGE BUILDING UPDATE

1. As you all will remember the Polk City Kiwanis group is no longer using the Operative Lodge building to hold their monthly meetings. As a result of their departure, the locks to the front doors and the back door have recently been changed. This certainly is no reflection on the Polk City Kiwanis group. The front doors of Operative Lodge, prior to the locks being changed, required a key to unlock these doors from the inside. This no doubt created a safety issue for people inside the building who might need to exit in an emergency, but didn't have a key. Therefore, the front doors to the building can now be unlocked from inside without a key.

During the process of planning to rework the front doors it was decided to make the conversion complete by making the front doors and the back door accessible with a single key. Thus, new locks have been installed.

Brother Jack Matthews can be contacted for copies of the Lodge key.

2. Also, let's give Brother Mike Aves a big thank you for his recent work in remodeling the men's restroom. What a change, updated plumbing, new floor, etc. THANKS BROTHER MIKE FOR ALL YOUR WORK ON THAT PROJECT.

GRAND MASTER OF IOWA MASONS MEETINGS

Of interest to a Freemasons in Iowa is the continuing problem of membership decline. Last year Freemasonry in Iowa saw a surge in new members and that is a great thing, however, retention of the new Brethren is a serious matter of concern to all of us.

To address this issue, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Donald Mosier has organized a series of meetings to be held throughout the State during the months of April and May. Two of these meetings will be held in the Des Moines area on May 10, 2008. One will be at East Gate Lodge #630 in Des Moines and the other will be held at Gnemeth Lodge #577 in West Des Moines. Both of these meetings will begin at 10:00am.

All Brethren are invited and encouraged to attend. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THESE MEETINGS.

DEGREE WORK

On Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00pm Operative Lodge #308 will be raising Brother Robert Baylor from the 1st Degree to the 2nd. Please mark your calendars for this Degree work and plan on attending as a participant or simply come and support the new Brother.

Brother Wil Jacoby will be raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason on Saturday, May 17, 2008. Lodge will open at 10:00am with the Degree work to follow. Again, please mark your calendars for this event and help raise Brother Wil and make this a special day for him by participating in the work or simply being on the sidelines.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brother Robert Koss	April 3 rd
Brother Kris Hutchinson	April 4 th
Brother Max Bodermann	April 5 th
Brother Tom Nyren	April 9 th
Brother Thomas Zike, Jr.	April 10 th
Brother Eric Auxier	April 13 th
Brother Bret Mills	April 26 th

Let's wish each of these Brethren a hearty happy birthday.

As in the previous year, Operative Lodge #308 is doing well in terms of new members, but we can do better. Don't wait for someone you think would make a valuable addition to our fraternity to ask you about Freemasonry. Start the conversation. Talk about our organization often and to many. Carry a pocket petition. Be ready for the time when someone says to you, "I like to become a Mason."

Fraternally,

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