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STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

Timothy Davis, Senior Warden

Darrell Fremont, PM, Junior Warden

Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer

Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain

Eric Auxier, Senior Deacon

John Trotter, Junior Deacon

Will Jacoby, Senior Steward

Scott Nemmers, Junior Steward

Gunnar D. Young, Tyler

Asa Moeckly, Trustee

Gene Jennings, Trustee

Tyler Moeckly, PM, Trustee

APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2009

Greetings Brethren:

Summer is upon us and as this Trestle Board is being written I wonder where the time has gone. This year seems to be flying by and I've accomplished little by the way of putting out a monthly Trestle Board. I guess I've let too many personal things such as going fishing in Canada and South Dakota along with work get in the way of my literary work. So to make up for my laziness this Trestle Board will include information accumulated during April, May and June 2009.

SPRING 2009 PIZZA SALE

Thanks to the hard work of many of the membership, we again had a very successful spring pizza sale with over 200 pizzas being sold. Operative Lodge realized a little over 50% profit.

FYI: The Fall Pizza Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2009. Plenty of time to begin lining up your clients. Remember, the money is utilized to finance our North Polk High School Student Scholarship Program.

2009 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



The 2009 Operative Lodge #308 Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 was awarded to Chris Schreier. The Scholarship check was presented by Brother Tim Davis.

Chris and his parents were also invited to a rib dinner put on by Grand Master Jack Butler and PGM Don Mosier.

Operative Lodge #308 wishes to express our thanks to all the other North Polk students who applied for the Lodge scholarship. The Lodge Education Committee members relate that this was extremely tough decision to make, because all the students were who applied were of such high quality.

The members of Operative Lodge #308 will continue to work hard to keep this Program going strong so we can again provide another scholarship to an outstanding North Polk student.

OPERATIVE LODGE HAS NEW OFFICER APRONS

Over the last several months there have been a number of discussions concerning the lack of special aprons for the Officers of Operative Lodge.

One solution that was brought before the membership was to receive the Officer Aprons from Tabernacle Lodge as they were going to merge with another Lodge and therefore would not have any further need for them. Brother Terry Burk, who is a dual member with Tabernacle Lodge and Operative Lodge, brought a sample of their aprons. It was decided that since the Tabernacle Lodge aprons had their Lodge number embroidered on them, it most likely would be expensive to have that removed. Then an additional expense would be required to have 308 put on the aprons.

At last a decision was made and a complete set of brand new Officer aprons was purchased and have since be received and worn by all of the 2009 Operative Lodge Officers. What a great addition to Lodge.

DEGREE WORK – PAST AND PRESENT

Operative Lodge #308 performed a Courtesy 1st Degree on April 21, 2009 for King David Lodge #407, wherein Bruce Allan Armstrong was initiated as an Entered Apprentice.

On Tuesday, June 23, 2009 Operative Lodge #308 will be initiating 2 new Brothers. Operative Lodge's candidate is Mr. Christian J. Millhollin. The second 1st Degree will be another Courtesy Degree for Star Lodge #115 in Madrid. The Star Lodge candidate is Mr. Tom Walker. Tentatively, the 2nd Degree for both these new Brothers is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Operative Lodge.

MASONIC RE-OBLIGATION NIGHT



Operative Lodge and Star Lodge Brethren participating in Re-obligation ceremony.



Worshipful Master Darrell Fremont from Star Lodge & Worshipful Master Lane Shaver of Operative Lodge (center of 1st row) along with Brethren of both Lodges assembled after re-obligation ceremony.

March 30, 2009 was a special night for Masons throughout the State of Iowa. This was a day designated by the Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Most Worshipful Brother Jack Butler, as a day where all Master Masons re-obligated themselves to the enduring principals of the Enter Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees.

The re-obligation ceremony was held at Operative Lodge #308 and we were joined by our Brothers from Star Lodge #115 of Madrid.

NORTH POLK ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM



Brother Tim Davis (left) and Worshipful Master Lane Shaver presenting check to Elaine Menke and students.

Brother Tim Davis spearheaded a project to help the North Polk Elementary Music Education Program obtain a musical instrument called a baritone euphonium. The total cost of this instrument is said to be \$600.00. It was understood that the N.P.E. Music Education Program already had \$200.00 of the amount needed and it was voted by Operative Lodge members to supplement the Programs money by presenting a check in the amount of \$400.00. On Monday, June 29, 2009 Worshipful Master Lane Shaver, Senior Warden Tim Davis presented Music Teacher Elaine Menke with a \$400.00 check. Also pictured are students Isaac DeValois and Zoey Brecht along with the new instrument and a privately owned euphonium.

TABERNACLE LODGE #452 DONATES MASONIC OFFICER CHAIRS AND PILLARS TO OPERATIVE LODGE #308



Brother Al Sloniger, PM closing Tabernacle Lodge #452 for last time

Operative Lodge #308 has become probably the 3rd and maybe even the 4th Masonic Lodge to have the pleasure of utilizing these wonderful Masonic Officer chairs. This is of course a happy occasion for Operative Lodge; however, it comes at the end of very sad and somber occasion. The closing of Tabernacle Lodge #452.

Tabernacle Lodge #452 has been a fixture of Cambridge, Iowa since 1883.

A very long and faithful tradition came to an end on July 2, 2009 when Worshipful Master Terry Burk, Brother Al Sloniger, PM and his son Charles Sloniger, PM along with members of Operative Lodge #308 and Star Lodge #115 opened and closed Tabernacle Lodge #452 on the 3rd Degree for the last time.



OPERATIVE LODGE #308 FAMILY MEALS – THE NEW TRADITION

Brother Lee Preuninger started a new tradition at Operative Lodge by inviting the membership to bring their families for an evening meal each month prior to the Stated Communication. This has been very successful and shall be part of the tradition into the future.

It has been decided, however, that this practice will be discontinued until October 2009 when the families again will invited to attend the evening meal on Stated Communication night, which will continue to be the 2nd Monday of each month.

This has been a wonderful way for the Brethren of Operative Lodge to share with their families the Masonic spirit and when it resumes in the fall it is hoped that again many families will participate.

OPERATIVE LODGE #308 BY-LAWS – REVIEW AND UPDATE

Recently, Worshipful Master Lane Shaver requested that Most Worship Brother Dean Johnson, PGM and Right Worshipful Brother Mike Aves, Sr., review the Operative Lodge By-laws and identify any areas where changes or corrections need to be made.

As the result of their efforts, the attached suggested changes or corrections are submitted to the Brethren of Operative Lodge for review. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS.**

The entirety of these suggested changes or corrections will be discussed at the July 2009 Stated Communication.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA COMMUNICATION – SEPTEMBER 2009

Recently, Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers met in Des Moines and as the result the following Brethren are the recommended nominees for the Offices of Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and Grand Treasurer. They are; Craig C. Hummel – Grand Master, Wade E. Sheeler, Senior Grand Warden, Carl J. Van Der Kamp, Junior Grand Warden, and Richard L. Bowersox, Grand Treasurer.

KING DAVID LODGE #407 – PICNIC

Most Worshipful Brother Dean Johnson, PGM, who holds dual membership in Operative Lodge and Kind David Lodge, has informed Operative Lodge membership that King David Lodge will be hosting a picnic in Altoona on Sunday, July 19, 2009 and all Operative Lodge members and families are invited.

Food, fun and fishing are all on tap. Please mark your calendars for this event and plan to attend for fellowship with the King David membership.

POLK CITY, IOWA - 4 SEASONS FESTIVAL

Brother Darrell Fremont reports that the Polk City will be hosting a 4 Season Festival on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25, 2009. The event includes a parade. Brother Darrell suggests that as part of Operative Lodge's community involvement program a float of some sort should be developed and used in this parade. Brother Darrell believes that this would be great way of show off our Masonic Fraternity to the community.

Further discussion will be held at the July Stated Communication concerning Lodge participation in this community event. Any and all suggestions will be taken into consideration as our involvement plans begin to take shape.

2009 OPERATIVE LODGE DUES

BRETHREN, THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT REMITTED THEIR 2009 DUES. LETTERS WILL BE FORTHCOMING NOTIFYING THOSE WHO HAVE NOT MADE PAYMENT AS YET. PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES TO AVOID BEING DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.

MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren:

Greetings from the East!

It seems as if Father Time has set the clock ahead as I'm wondering where the past six months have gone! I have a number of good reasons how and why time has passed so quickly this year at Operative Lodge #308.

Our Officers have worked diligently this year on Ritual, especially, for the reception of our Brother Rite Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Michael B. Aves, Sr. For Brother Mike's reception the Operative Lodge Charter was moved to the Scottish Rite building in downtown Des Moines. What a wonderful day for Brother Mike. The day was filled with pomp and circumstance as past and present Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Most Worshipful Brother Jack L. Butler were welcomed to the ceremony honoring Brother Mike. The aprons utilized by Operative Lodge Officers were provided by Star Lodge #115 under the leadership of Worshipful Master Darrell Fremont, who is a dual member with Operative Lodge and is currently serving as Junior Warden.

The reception that followed the Lodge opening and closing was well attended. Operative Lodge has raised over \$1,100.00 for the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge Cancer patient housing facility in Iowa City. During the reception, Grand Master Butler promised to hold a rib dinner cooked by himself and Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Don Mosier for the Lodge that donated the most to Hope Lodge. As fortune would have it, Operative Lodge #308 was the lucky group to benefit from the Grand Masters pledge.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2009 Most Worshipful Grand Master Jack Butler and Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Don Mosier made good on their promise and a wonderful rib meal was served at Operative Lodge. Over fifty Brethren and their families were in attendance as were the 2009 Operative Lodge Scholarship winner and his parents.

The true meaning of Masonry was again evident at both Operative Lodge #308 and Star Lodge #115 as they came together in helping raise funds for Brother Lee Preuninger's great-grand daughter Ava. Little Ava is battling cancer and her family was in need of financial assistance. Not to say that the Masonic organization did this on their own, of course, because many members of the communities in the area of Granger and Polk City along with members of Brother Lee's church pitched in to help make this event successful. We hope that our continued prayers will also help make Ava's treatment a success.

A special thanks to Brother Gene Jennings for the repair of a leaking roof at Operative Lodge. In the long run we suspect that this will have saved a considerable amount of money in repairs that might have been necessary had the problem not been corrected.

I have been truly honored to serve as Worshipful Master of Operative Lodge this year. You have all put me in a place that has had numerous challenges and every opportunity to succeed or fail. I can say with some certainty that as a Craft and a Team Operative Lodge has done itself proud and they have exemplified the tenants of Masonry; brotherly love, relief and truth to the fullest. I believe that Operative Lodge has lived up to the 2009 Grand Masters slogan; "Masonry, A Way of Life" in a big way and their effort has made me extremely proud to be associated with this Lodge.

Fraternally,

Lane Shaver,
Worshipful Master
Operative Lodge #308

OPERATIVE LODGE #308
PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES
JUNE 2009

The By-laws of Operative Lodge #308 have not been reviewed or updated since 2007. At the direction of Worshipful Master Lane Shaver, Most Worshipful Brother Dean Johnson, PGM and Right Worshipful Brother Mike Aves, Sr. have compiled the following suggested updates to the Lodge By-laws.

These suggested changes will be discussed fully during the July 2009 Stated Communication.

Article II, Section 1:

Currently reads:

Section 1: The meetings of this Lodge shall be either Stated (regular), Festival, or Called. The Stated meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. In the event that a National Holiday falls on the regular Stated meeting night, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday night.

Suggested change:

Section 1: The meetings of this Lodge shall be either Stated (regular), Festival, or Called. The Stated meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. In the event that a National Holiday falls on the regular Stated meeting night, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday night. Should natural disaster in the form of severe weather prevent a Stated meeting from being held on the appointed date and time per this Section of the By-laws, the Worshipful Master shall set a date for a make-up Stated meeting. The rescheduled meeting shall be held no later than 10 days after the date of the cancelled Stated meeting.

Article II, Section 5, paragraph 2:

Currently reads:

Section 5: The Order of Business at every Stated meeting of the Lodge shall be as follows, subject to change at any time, however, or temporarily dispensed with at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

Operative Lodge #308 Proposed By-law Changes – June 2009 (continued)

2. Reading of the minutes of the last Stated meeting and all intermediate communications.

Suggested change

2. Approval of the minutes of the last Stated meeting and all intermediate communications.

Section III, Section 1, paragraph A:

Currently reads:

A. There shall be a Board of Trustees for Operative Lodge #308 A.F. & A.M., consisting of three (3) members who shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master and shall hold office for a term of three (3) years. The present members of the Board shall serve to the expiration of the terms they were elected. Upon his election, the Worshipful Master shall appoint a member for a term of three (3) years. The member of the Board of Trustees that is serving in the third (3rd) year shall be deemed the Chairman and is responsible for calling such meetings of the Trustees as are necessary to conduct their business.

Suggested change:

A. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and a Trustee for a three (3) year term shall be elected annually at the time specified by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Board of Trustees shall consist of three (3) members, of which, the member serving his third (3rd) year shall be Chairman of the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees Chairman to call such meetings of the Trustees as are necessary to conduct their business.

Article IV, Section 2:

Currently reads:

Section 2: Every Mason raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in this Lodge must become proficient in the Third (3rd) Degree before he can vote, hold Office, serve on committees, demit from this Lodge or petition for degrees or membership in such Mason Bodies as are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Operative Lodge #308 Proposed By-law Changes – June 2009 (continued)

Suggested change:

Section 2: Every Mason raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in this Lodge must become proficient in the Third (3rd) Degree before he can vote, hold Office, serve on committees, demit from this Lodge, petition the Shrine or petition for degrees or membership in such Mason Bodies as are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Iowa

Article V, Section 3:

Currently reads:

Section 3: One dollar (\$1.00) of the annual dues of each member shall be credited to the Charity Fund of Operative Lodge #308.

Suggested change:

Section 3: Three dollars (\$3.00) of the annual dues of each member shall be transferred to the Charity Fund/account of Operative Lodge #308.

Article VI, Section 1, sub-paragraph A:

Currently reads:

A. The Committee of Charity shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. They are hereby empowered to draw upon the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) for charitable purposes and report to the Lodge at its next Stated meeting.

Suggested change:

A. The Committee of Charity shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. They are hereby empowered to draw upon the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for charitable purposes and report to the Lodge at its next Stated meeting.

Article VI, Section 1, sub-paragraph B:

Currently reads:

Operative Lodge #308 Proposed By-law Changes – June 2009 (continued)

B. The Committee of Finance shall consist of three (3) members to be appointed by the Worshipful Master upon the day of his installation. The duty of this committee shall be to examine the books, vouchers and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and to make a detailed report to the Lodge at the Stated meeting in January of each year. They shall examine and audit all bills, accounts and claims that may be presented to the Lodge for payment and report the same in writing.

Suggested change:

B. The Committee of Finance shall consist of three (3) members to be appointed by the Worshipful Master upon the day of his installation. The duty of this committee shall be to examine the books, vouchers and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and to

make a detailed report to the Lodge *no later than the March Stated meeting* each year. They shall examine and audit all bills, accounts and claims that may be presented to the Lodge for payment and report the same in writing.

Article VI, Section 3:

Section 3: It shall be the responsibility of the Worshipful Master to have a Trestle Board printed and sent to all members. The Trestle Board, or newsletter, shall be issued as soon as practical after an Operative Lodge #308 Stated Meeting. It shall contain a calendar of all Masonic events of interest to the membership or any other Masonic information that the Worshipful Master feels would be of interest to the membership.

Suggested change: *Delete this entire section.*

