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TRESTLE BOARD

STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

Larry A. Epley, PM, Senior Warden
Lee Prenninger, PM, Junior Warden
Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer

Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain
Eric J. Olson, Senior Deacon
Gordon Schofer, PM, Junior Deacon

Timothy Davis, Senior Steward
Gene Jennings, Junior Steward
Gunnar D. Young, Tyler

Steven L. Moeckly, PM, Trustee
Asa Moeckly, Trustee
Tyler Moeckly, PM Trustee

August 2007

Greetings Brethren:

Operative Lodge #308 has continued to grow with new members joining each month of 2007. We are very grateful here at Operative Lodge for this renewed interest in Freemasonry. Men of all walks of life are beginning to see the value of our fraternity and what it has to offer. The tenants of "Charity, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth" seem to take on new importance as we visit with our new members and find that these are some of the things that have attracted them to Masonry.

The family tradition of belonging to a Masonic Lodge seems to be another reason many young men become involved with the organization. Some new petitioners indicate that their interest was peaked by television programs about Freemasonry or from recent movies about the fraternity. Information found on the internet also seems to provide a new venue for men to find out about Freemasonry.

More importantly, however, is the active recruitment of new members by active Masons. I encourage all Operative Lodge members to obtain a pocket petition and carry it with you. Be prepared for the time a man tells you he is interested. It costs nothing to ask a man if he would like to join Freemasonry, yet the value of each new membership towards keeping the future of Freemasonry alive and well can't be easily calculated.

FALL 2007 PIZZA SALE:

The membership has decided to hold our next Pizza Sale day on Saturday, October 20, 2007. An order form is attached to this Trestle Board for your convenience. The proceeds from our semi-annual pizza sale goes towards providing area High School students with college scholarship funds.

Let's all work hard to make this another successful fund raising project.

BIRTHDAYS:

Jim Trotter August 5th
John Westergard August 8th
Gunnar D. Young August 29th
John C. Harmon August 29th

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DEGREE WORK:

Operative Lodge will confer a 1st Degree on Scott Nemmers this month on a date to be announced. Please come and join us as a ritual participant or a sideline observer. Everyone's presence is important and meaningful to the new member.

Mark Oswald will receive his 3rd Degree this month on a date to be announced. It is always good to make a good showing for all the degrees, but the 3rd Degree is most important and the most meaningful to the new Brother. Again, let's make a good showing of members either taking part in the ritual or as a sideline observer.

Richard Jones and John Westergard received their 2nd Degrees on Monday, July 16, 2007. Thanks to all of Operative Lodge #308 members who participated as well as to all the visiting Lodge members who assisted with this work. Their 3rd Degrees will be conferred this month on a date to be announced.

SPECIAL EVENT:

Brothers Steve Layton and Steve Moeckly have made a great suggestion concerning a project to be held at the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home in Perry, Iowa. Their suggestion is to form a group of Operative Lodge members and their spouse to travel to Perry, Iowa with an assortment of cookies and have an afternoon get together with the residents of Rowley Memorial. Bagpipe music will be performed by Brothers Layton and Moeckly.

The project was discussed during the July 2007 Stated Communication and it was decided that we should go ahead with this event. Brother Steve Layton offered to contact Rowley Memorial to see if this would fit in with their schedule and the result was the setting of Sunday, September 20, 2007 at 3:00pm as a date and time for Operative Lodge's visit.

Please mark your calendars for this event and plan on making this a memorable time for the residents of Rowley Memorial Masonic Home.

POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP:

The next scheduled meeting of the Polk Jasper Study Group is planned for Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at Eastgate Lodge at E. 25th & Grand Ave. in Des Moines. Supper will be served at 6:30pm with ritual study beginning at 7:30pm. Work will be on the 1st Degree.

STATED COMMUNICATION:

Operative Lodge #308's August 2007 Stated Communication will be held on Monday, August 13, 2007.

Please mark your schedule and plan on attending. Dinner will be provided by Brother Eric Auxier.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA 163RD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION:

The Grand Lodge of Iowa will hold its 163rd Annual Communication in Waterloo, Iowa on September 21-22, 2007. This event is being held at the Ramada Inn located at 205 West 4th Street, Waterloo, Iowa 50701 (1-319-233-7560). Rates are a total of \$88.48 per day. When calling for reservation, ask for "Grand Lodge" block.

For additional information about this meeting, see the Grand Lodge of Iowa's website at the following address: (<http://showcase.netins.net/web/iowamasons/>).

2007 DUES REMINDER:

JUST A NOTE OF REMINDER TO ANY OF THE BRETHERN WHO HAVEN'T REMITTED THEIR 2007 DUES, TIME IS GROWING SHORT. If anyone is having difficulty in paying their dues, please contact me or the Lodge Secretary, Brother Jack Matthews, to see if something can be worked out.

Fraternally,

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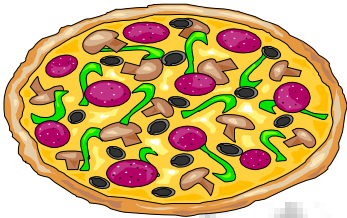
Masonic Pizza Day

**Polk City Masonic Center
106 N. 3rd Street
Polk City, Iowa
515-984-6154**

**Pizzas will be available for pick up – SATURDAY, October 20, 2007
From 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**12” Pizza with choice of 6 toppings
\$8.50 each**

Make checks payable to Polk City Masons



Your pizza purchase helps
Support LOCAL Masonic
Charities, such as
scholarships for
local area students.

Pizza	#1	#2	#3	#4
Supreme (includes all 6 toppings)				
Meat Lovers				
Sausage				
Hamburger				
Pepperoni				
Green Pepper				
Onion				
Mushroom				

Name: _____

Total Number of Pizzas: _____

Address: _____

Total Collected: \$ _____

Phone Number: _____

Sold by: _____