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TRESTLE BOARD

STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

James L. Trotter, PM, Senior Warden
Timothy Davis, Junior Warden
Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer

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

Phillip D. Worsham, Senior Steward
Max Bodermann, Junior Steward
Gunnar D. Young, Tyler

Asa Moeckly, Trustee
Tyler Moeckly, PM, Trustee
Gene Jennings, Trustee

August/September 2008

Greetings Brethren:

The summer is quickly becoming a distant memory as we move into the fall of 2008. This has been another busy year at Operative Lodge #308 where we again have blessed with an increase in membership. Not only through the raising of new Brothers, but also by attracting new members who have taken dual membership with Operative Lodge.

Our Lodge is lucky in the sense that we have a very active membership and that is evident each month at the Stated Communications where we consistently see anywhere from 15 to 20 members in attendance. We have to look no further than Worshipful Master Lee Preuninger for a reason. His leadership in 2008 has seen some great things happen at Operative Lodge, the most notable being the family night supper that we now have each month prior to our Stated Communication. Involving the membership's families has turned into a very special event and reflects the true nature of our Fraternity. That is, family first. This is a tradition that we all hope will continue for many years to come.

FALL PIZZA SALE

Worshipful Master Preuninger has designated November 1, 2008 as our Fall 2008 Pizza Sale day, **so all Brethren are encouraged to get out your list of customers and begin selling those pizzas.**

The price of our handmade pizzas remains \$8.50 each. What with today's rising food prices, this is a bargain.

Remember, this is Operative Lodge #308 major fund raiser each year with proceeds going to the Lodge Scholarship fund.

A Pizza Order Form has been attached to the Trestle Board for everyone's convenience.

2008 GRAND LODGE OF IOWA MEETING

The annual Grand Lodge of Iowa Communication was held this year in Des Moines at the Fleur Drive Holiday Inn on September 18, 19, and 20. This is a particularly important Grand Lodge of Iowa meeting to Operative Lodge for a couple of reasons.

First, because Brother Michael Aves, Sr., PM and current Treasurer of Operative Lodge #308 was installed as one of the elected Officers of the 2008-2009 Grand Lodge of Iowa, specifically, Brother Mike is the new Grand Junior Warden for the Grand Lodge of Iowa. **PLEASE JOIN ME IN GIVING BROTHER MIKE A HEARTY CONGRADULATIONS!!!** Brother Mike's hard work and dedication to the Fraternity is an inspiration to all of us at Operative Lodge #308 and we all wish him good luck as Grand Junior Warden in 2008-2009.

Secondly, and for the 3rd year in a row, Operative Lodge #308 has won the Grand Lodge of Iowa Lodge of the Year Award along with the One Plus Award which denotes that Operative Lodge's membership increased 1 more than we lost. So it would seem that you all as members of Operative Lodge owe yourselves a big CONGRADULATIONS on another year of hard work.

During 2008, Brother Lane Shaver created a new Masonic decal the likes of which has not been available to Masons in the past. These decals are unique in the sense that they display the name of individual Lodges, the name of the town where the Lodge is located as well as the year the Lodge was established. This decal has become the center piece of Star Lodge and Operative Lodge's fund raising effort for Grand Master Donald Mosier's project of supporting the creation of a Hope Lodge in Iowa City, Iowa. Thus far this fund raising project has netted over \$700.00 that will be given to Grand Master Mosier's Hope Lodge. This effort will continue into the 2008-2009 Grand Lodge of Iowa new Grand Master Jack Butler's term with the proceeds being again donated to the Hope Lodge Project. **PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING BROTHER LANE SHAVER FOR HIS HARD WORK ON THIS PROJECT.**

Lastly, it is worthy of mention that Star Lodge # in Madrid, Iowa was the recipient of the Grand Lodge of Iowa's Annual Grand Lodge of the Year Award. Operative Lodge is very fortunate to have several Brethren from Star Lodge who have taken dual membership with us. Star Lodge's current Worshipful Master Darrell Fremont, Star Lodge Secretary Lane Shaver PM, Gunnar D. Young PM and current Tyler of Operative Lodge and Francis "Gene" Herrold have all become dual members with us and we look forward to their guidance and participation in the upcoming year.

MASONIC PICNIC

Interaction between Masonic Lodges happens frequently in terms of assisting with degree work, however, social interaction is sometimes infrequent.

To the credit of Daylight Lodge Worshipful Master John Riley, for a brief time, 3 area Lodges shared an afternoon of fellowship as Daylight Lodge, Logic Lodge and Operative Lodge held a joint picnic on Sunday, September 14th at Jester Park.

The event was well attended. Worship Master Lee Preuninger and Brother Lane Shaver PM provided a wonderful array of meat dishes that they expertly grilled. Brief periods of entertainment was provided by Brothers Steve Layton, Steve Moeckly and Jim Jorgenson who are Operative Lodge's own bagpipers. Horseshoes could be heard clanking in the distance as a spirited game took place among Operative Lodge members.



DEGREE WORK

The petition of Kenneth O. Bryant was submitted by Operative Lodge Junior Warden Tim Davis. The membership has voted and accepted Mr. Bryant's petition.

Monday, October 20, 2008 has been set for the 3rd Degree of Mike Wessel. Please come join us for this Degree work either by participating or simply being on the sideline in support of the new Brother.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

August 29 th	Gunnar Young	September 11 th	Tod Merrifield
August 29 th	John Harmon	September 17 th	Eric Olson
September 3 rd	Leigh McMullen	September 25 th	Darrell Fremont
September 6 th	Will Jacoby	September 30 th	Gordon Schofer

POLK/JASPER STUDY GROUP

The Polk/Jasper Study Group will meet at King David Lodge in Altoona on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30pm. Ritual study of the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree will begin at 7:30pm.

Mark your calendars for this event and plan to attend.

Fraternally,

Lee Preuninger,
Worshipful Master

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Masonic Pizza Day

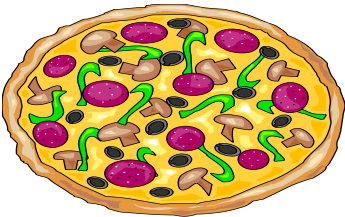
**Polk City Masonic Center
106 N. 3rd Street
Polk City, Iowa**

Pizzas will be available for pick up – SATURDAY, November 1, 2008
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: _____