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December 2006

Greetings Brethren:

I want to extend a warm holiday greeting to all of you fellow Operative Lodge members and your families.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Brother Phillip Worsham. Operative Lodge was honored to have the Shrine Past Masters in attendance and performing the 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree in costume. It was an impressive evening, one I know Brother Phil will remember for a long time to come.

Brother Phil came to Operative Lodge in the spring of 2006 after visiting our website (www.operative308.org) and as the result of the information he found there, he ultimately petitioned to become a member of the Masonic fraternity.

On Tuesday, November 28, 2006 Operative Lodge hosted the monthly Polk-Jasper Study Group. A supper of pizza was served to 32 attendees. The ritual study for the evening was the 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree. It was an interesting evening with plenty of opportunity for several of Operative Lodge members to practice their craft.

Tuesday, December 19, 2006 is the date for the next Polk-Jasper Study Group which will be held at Preston Lodge in Prairie City, Iowa. Supper will be served at 6:30pm with ritual study starting at 7:30pm.

This particular study session is devoted to helping the incoming 2007 Lodge Officers to learn their new positions. Opening and closing of Lodge is the subject of this study session.

Please mark your calendars for this study session and plan on attending if you can.

Installation of 2007 Operative Lodge officers is scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 2007 at 3:00pm. This program is open to the public and of course all family members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Operative Lodge is pleased to welcome 2 new members to our ranks. During the December 2006 Stated Communication the petitions of Stephen Layton and John Trotter were voted on. Their 1st Degree work is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 15, 2007 at 7:00pm. Please mark your calendar for this event.

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As in the past, I encourage all of the membership to come and support our new Brothers as they begin their journey into Masonry. Your support on the sidelines or your participation in the Degree work is equally important and provides each new member with an excellent opportunity to experience and understand **how Masons support each other**.

Also, we received a petition for membership from Eric K. Auxier. Eric currently resides in Ankeny. The petition was read to the members in attendance and will be voted on during the January 2007 Stated Communication. Please help in extending a warm welcome our newest candidate.

Lastly, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the cooperation and help shown to me during 2006. All of the extra events and hard work that took place in 2006 played a major role in Operative Lodge being awarded a "Lodge of The Year" honor.

I encourage all of you to keep up the good work so Operative Lodge can continue with the tradition of becoming a "Lodge of The Year." Team work can make that happen!

I have had an experience of a life time as Worshipful Master of Operative Lodge in 2006 and I want to thank you all for being such good friends and fellow Masons.

Fraternally,

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Stated Communication – 2nd Monday at 7:30pm
 (JANUARY 2007 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS)

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