

# Operative Lodge No. 308, A.F. & A.M.

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## **TRESTLE BOARD**

STATED MEETING – 2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

**Larry A. Epley, PM, Senior Warden**  
**Lee Preuninger, 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**

## **DECEMBER 2007**

Greetings Brethren:

During our November 2007 Stated Communication the election of Officers for 2008 was held. The results of the election are as follows:

Worshipful Master – Lee Preuninger  
Senior Warden – James L. Trotter  
Junior Warden – Timothy Davis  
Secretary – Jack Matthews  
Treasurer – Michael Aves, Sr.

Please join me in wishing these Brethren a hearty congratulations on their election.

Worship Master elect Lee Preuninger has set the installation of Officers at Operative Lodge #308 for January 6, 2008 at 3:00pm. Please mark your calendars for this event and come help celebrate the beginning of a new year at Operative Lodge.

### **DEGREE WORK:**

On November 19, 2007 Operative Lodge #308 raised Brother Scott Nemmers to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brother Scott is not only our newest, but youngest member. Please join me in congratulating Brother Scott.

Brother Daryl Dusharm received his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on November 26, 2007 and plans have been made to conduct his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on December 13, 2007 beginning at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us either as participant in the work or just be on the sideline in support of the new Brother.

During the November 2007 Stated Communication the membership heard the petition of William R. Jacoby. Voting on this petition will be during the December 2007 Stated Communication. Mr. Jacoby is in the Army Reserve and resides in Urbandale, Iowa. We're looking forward to beginning Mr. Jacoby's degree work.

### **FUND RAISING PROJECT:**

Operative Lodge #308 has joined with Grand Master Don Mosier in raising funds for the Hope Lodge in Iowa City. This facility provides housing for those receiving cancer treatments in Iowa City, not only for patients, but the patient's families.

Operative Lodge will begin selling Masonic emblem decals with the proceeds going to the Grand Masters Hope Lodge Project.

There are many types of Masonic emblem decals on the market; however, I believe that Brother Lane Shaver has come up with a unique type of decal. Most Masonic emblem decals on the market offer the image of the square and compass only. Our decal will be different in that in addition to the standard square and compass, the decal will also have the name of any Masonic Lodge that might order them along with the City where the Lodge resides and a date indicating when the Lodge was chartered.

I'm very excited about the possibilities that will be presented to our Lodge if the sale of these decals is successful. As you can see by this sample, the decal is very professional looking thanks to Brother Lane Shaver who has provided the design and will also manufacture the decal at his business, Mid National Graphics, Inc. in Madrid, Iowa.



Operative Lodge #308 will sell these decals for \$5.00 apiece with \$4.50 of each sale being donated to Grand Master Mosier's Hope Lodge Project during his 2008 tenure as Grand Master.

If this is successful and Masons throughout Iowa begin to buy these decals, we hope to continue providing the decals as a permanent fund raiser for Operative Lodge.

For members of Operative Lodge #308 who might purchase one or more of these decals, the entire \$5.00 will go to the Lodge Building fund. I have a supply of the Operative Lodge decals for those interested in obtaining one, please contact me.

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Ronald D. Husted	12/06
Kenneth Black, Jr.	12/07
Wilbur C. Miller	12/21
William J. Hitz	12/24

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**DECEMBER STATED COMMUNICATION:**

The Operative Lodge #308 December 2007 Stated Communication will be held on December 10, 2007.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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**POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP:**

The Polk Jasper Study Group will meet on December 18, 2007 at Newton Lodge #59 in Newton, Iowa. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and ritualistic study will begin at 7:30pm.

This particular meeting will be devoted to opening and closing lodge.

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2007 has been a very successful year for Operative Lodge #308 **due to the hard work of the membership**. Successful fund raising for the Lodge Scholarship fund, another Lodge of the Year award, a whole raft of new members, several new dual members, a Past Masters plaque now in place, etc.

It has been a great pleasure and honor to have been able to serve as the Worshipful Master of Operative Lodge #308 and as such I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members that have contributed their time and talents so heavily during 2007. Without your participation and hard work none of our accomplishments would have been possible.

**I will be eternally grateful to all of you for your contributions!!!**

Fraternally,  
James L. Trotter, WM  
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