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TRESTLE BOARD

STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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

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

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Gene Jennings, Junior Steward
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Steven L. Moeckly, PM, Trustee
Asa Moeckly, PM Trustee
Tyler Moeckly, Trustee

February 2007

Greetings Brethren:

It has recently come to my attention that Brother Steve Moeckly PM, who is a longtime bagpiper and longtime member of Operative Lodge, has been given the honor of playing with the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra at the Civic Center in Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday March 3, 2007 at 8:00pm and again on Sunday, March 4, 2007 at 2:30pm. This is very unusual for this type of an instrument to be played with a symphony orchestra and has made it necessary for Brother Steve to modify his bagpipes for the occasion. This is a great honor for Brother Steve and we wish him the best of Luck.

It would be great if we could attend this function and show our support for Brother Steve. I have done some research on the subject and have found that individual tickets are still available for purchase at the Civic Center or through Ticket Master. The cost of these tickets varies in price from between \$28.00 each, up to \$42.00 per ticket.

DEGREE WORK:

On Monday, January 15, 2007 Operative Lodge began the degree process for two new members by conferring the 1st degree on Brother Steve Layton and Brother John Trotter. Thanks to all of you who braved the bad weather that night to come out and help bring these new Brothers into Freemasonry. I would also like to thank the Brethren from Arcadia Lodge in Ames, Iowa and King David Lodge in Altoona, who, in spite of the weather came to help us with this degree work.

On Monday, January 29, 2007 Brother Eric Auxier received his 1st Degree. Again, we had a good turn out from our own membership, plus a good deal of help from Brethren from King David Lodge in Altoona, Arcadia Lodge in Ames. Thanks to all who helped make this a memorable night for Brother Eric.

On Saturday, February 17, 2007, beginning at 9:00am, 2nd degrees will be conferred on all three of these new members. Two of the degrees will be done in the morning. We will then break for a lunch and return for the last degree in the afternoon. **Please come and help in anyway you can, either by participating in the degree work or just being on the side lines showing support for our new Brethren.**

The schedule for this degree work is as follows: Brother Eric Auxier will start off at 9:00am, followed by Brother Steve Layton. After the lunch break, John Trotter's degree work will take place.

TRESTLE BOARD CONTENT:

I am soliciting suggestions from all members of Operative Lodge concerning things you would like to hear about or see in our monthly Trestle Board.

If you have any suggestions, please contact me with your ideas.

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT PROJECT:

I have written to the Worshipful Masters of each of the Masonic Lodges in Polk County suggesting that we try to organize an annual Polk County Masonic Lodge Cribbage Tournament to be held in the Fall of each year. The idea of such a function is to increase the contact between Freemason Lodges in Polk County.

I will keep you all apprised of the responses to my letter and the progress of this project, if any.

PIZZA SALE DAY:

The semi-annual Operative Lodge Pizza Sale fund raiser is rapidly approaching. Proceeds from this sale are used to provide area High School students with scholarship money.

April 14, 2007 has been designated as this springs Pizza Day. This is our major fund raising event of the year and for it to be a success we need you all to contact your customers and sell those pizzas.

The price will remain \$8.50 per pizza. Pizza orders need to be turned in no later than April 12, 2007. A blank pizza order form is attached to this issue of the Trestle Board.

FUND RAISING EVENT:

Brother Robert Koss' daughter, Sylvia Koss, has been selected to travel with an organization known as People to People Student Ambassadors. Her trip will take her to China for approximately 3 weeks in June 2007. Her obligation is to raise her own money for this trip. She needs to raise \$5,900.00 between now and June. As part of her effort to raise these funds, Sylvia will be hosting a Lasagna Dinner at the Polk City Masonic Center on Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, March 4, 2007. There will be 2 seating's for this event both days. Meals will be served at 5:00pm and again at 6:30pm. If you're interested in attending this fund raiser, contact Robert Koss at (515) 556-9428 or at robertkoss@praireinet.com and he will provided you with the necessary number of tickets. The cost of the dinner for adults is \$6.00 and \$3.00 for children under 12.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH:

Brother Asa Moeckly – February 13th
Brother Rodney Halverson – February 17th

Please join me in wishing these Brothers a HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

FEBRUARY 207 STATED COMMUNICATION:

The attendance at the Operative Lodge February 2007 Stated Communication was great. We were honored to have Scottish Rite Master of Kadosh Dutch Koch in attendance. Brother Koch provided us with a great presentation on the value of joining the Scottish Rite.

Other visiting Brethren were Larry Miller and John Reilly from Capitol Lodge.

Brother Rod Halverson PM provided us with an outstanding meal. Brother Rod was assisted in the preparation of this meal by Brothers Jack Matthews PM and Brother John Trotter.

I would like to extend an invitation to any of our members who haven't been to Lodge for awhile to come join us at a Stated Communication. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month. A meal is always provided as is the customary cribbage playing. Please come and join us for fun and fellowship.

Fraternally,

James L. Trotter
Worshipful Master

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Masonic Pizza Day

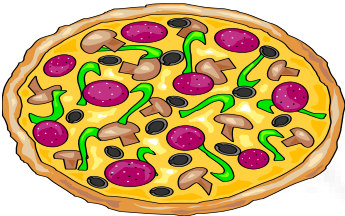
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Pizzas will be available for pick up – SATURDAY, April 14, 2007
From 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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: _____