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STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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FEBRUARY 2008

Greetings Brethren:

We're looking forward to another record year here at Operative Lodge #308 in terms of membership. We are in the process of preparing to receive three new members and it's only February. Let's hope that this trend continues throughout the year. Operative Lodge is alive and well and getting better with each new member.

How is this happening? Our members are carrying pocket petitions and actually talking to potential members about Freemasonry. That's the key to attracting new members. What you hear frequently is something like this; I've always wanted to join Freemasonry, but didn't know how to go about it. As a member of Freemasonry you can answer all the potential candidates' questions. Carry that pocket petition and talk to someone whom you think would make a good addition to the fraternity.

DEGREE WORK:

Operative Lodge #308 will be having two 1st Degrees on Monday, February 18, 2008. The candidates are Wil Jacoby and Robert Baylor. Lodge will open at 6:30pm

We have sort of a special event coming up on Friday, February 29, 2008. Brother Daryl Dusharm will be taking his 3rd Degree, but it will not be held at Operative Lodge. Brother Daryl is employed at Scottish Rite Park. This is an apartment complex located at 28th & Woodland in Des Moines. A majority of the male residents are Masons, but due to age, etc., are unable to travel to Polk City to watch Brother Daryl's 3rd Degree. Therefore, Operative Lodge #308 has been granted permission to move its Charter to Scottish Rite Park. This will allow us to raise Brother Daryl to the sublime Degree of Master Mason at Scottish Rite Park. Operative Lodge members will conduct the 1st Section of this Degree and the Shrine Past Masters will do the 2nd Section. It should be a special evening from Brother Daryl and hopefully the Masonic residents of SRP will also enjoy the evening.

Please mark your calendars for both the February 18, 2008 1st Degrees at 6:30pm and February 29th for a 3rd Degree at 7:00pm. Come join in the Degree work or simply have a sideline seat and support our new Brothers.

SICK REPORT:

Worshipful Master Lee Preuninger had surgery on his shoulder on February 11, 2008 and is recovering at home. Let's wish Brother Lee and quick and full recovery!!

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Asa L. Moeckly
Rodney E. Halverson

February 13th
February 17th

PIZZA SALE:

Operative Lodge #308 will have its semi-annual Pizza Sale on April 12, 2008. This event is a major fund raiser for this Lodge and supplies money for our area High School Scholarship fund. We had a record number of pizza sales last fall and it would be very helpful if we could duplicate that effort again during the spring 2008 pizza sale.

Sell early and sell many is our motto!!!

BUILDING UPDATES:

Operative Lodge #308 has had a long and successful relationship with Polk City Kiwanis, but on February 21, 2008 this group will hold their last meeting at Operative Lodge. We wish them well in their move to a new meeting place and hope it works well for them. THANKS TO THE POLK CITY KIWANIS FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

As the result of the Kiwanis moving from the Lodge building, the membership has voted to update the building locks so it will only take a single key to gain access to the Lodge building. The major change will be to the two front doors of the building. Currently, it takes a key to unlock these doors from the inside, which could cause a problem for someone who needed to exit the building in an emergency, but didn't have a key. Therefore, the new locking mechanism for the front doors will no longer require a key. The new locks will employ a manual deadbolt on the inside of each door that can be operated without a key.

Hopefully, the new locks will be in place shortly after the Kiwanis move.

Another building project will soon take place. The men's restroom will receive a make over, including a new urinal, sink and vanity, and new tile on the floor. Brothers Mike Aves and Jack Matthews are working on this project.

I would like to encourage any of our membership that hasn't been to an Operative Lodge Stated Communication for sometime to come on Monday, March 10th and join us for supper and the meeting. Supper is served at 6:30pm and Lodge will open at 7:30pm. If you have a problem with transportation, please let me know and possibly we can make arrangements for a Brother to pick you up and take you home.

I'm looking forward to seeing some new faces in March 2008 at our Stated Communication.

Fraternally,

Lee Preuninger,
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