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## ***TRESTLE BOARD***

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

**Timothy Davis, Senior Warden**  
**Darrell Fremont, PM, Junior Warden**  
**Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer**

**Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain**  
**Eric Auxier, Senior Deacon**  
**John Trotter, Junior Deacon**

**Will Jacoby, Senior Steward**  
**Scott Nemmers, Junior Steward**  
**Gunnar D. Young, Tyler**

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

## **FEBRUARY 2009**

Greetings Brethren:

Although Mother Nature didn't cooperate for the January 2009 Stated Communication, February 2009 was far better and Operative Lodge #308's Stated Communication was very well attended by 18 members. The meeting was preceded by a family members meal in our newly established tradition. We all owe Brother Lee Preuninger a debt of gratitude for starting this event. It continues to bring in many of our families together to share a meal and great fellowship and allows many of our families to see that we do many things on Stated Communication night, besides playing cribbage.

### **2009 SPRING PIZZA SALE**

It's time again to gear up for Operative Lodge's semi-annual pizza sale. Mark your calendars for this event which will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2009.

Remember two things about this event. First, all the proceeds contribute to the Operative Lodge High School Scholarship fund. Equally important, however, is the visibility that this program creates in the community for Operative Lodge in particular and Masonry in general.

Operative Lodge #308 has a membership currently of 67 Brethren. If each member sold only 5 pizzas we could have an extremely successful event. The goal for the Spring Pizza Sale is 350 pizzas.

For everyone's convenience a 2009 Spring Pizza Sale order form is attached to this Trestle Board.

### **DEGREE WORK**

On Thursday, February 19, 2009 Operative Lodge #308 raised its newest Brother, Kenneth Bryant. Please join in with a hearty welcome to Brother Kenneth.

There were nineteen Brethren who helped Brother Kenneth experience and receive the secrets of a Master Mason. We were extremely fortunate to have a number of Brethren from Star Lodge in Madrid and Mount Olive Lodge in Boone on hand to help fill out the cast. In all, it was a very successful evening and hopefully a meaningful evening for Brother Kenneth.

### **UPCOMING EVENT**

Please mark your calendars for the reception of Right Worshipful Brother Michael B. Aves, Sr. The event will be held at Scottish Rite Masonic Center at 519 Park St. in Des Moines on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The schedule of events will

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include a social hour beginning at 3:00pm. Operative Lodge #308 Officers will open Lodge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree during which Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers will be introduced in Lodge.

A banquet will be held beginning at 5:00pm. RSVP's are due NLT Friday, February 27, 2009 and should be made by calling 515-288-8927 or e-mailing to [smc9192@aol.com](mailto:smc9192@aol.com).

Let's all make a grand effort to come and support Brother Mike on this special evening.

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### **MASONIC REOBLIGATION EVENT**

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Brother Jack Butler has declared Monday, March 30, 2009 as a time for all Iowa Masons to assemble in their respective Lodges and recommit themselves to the obligations associated with Free Masonry. Grand Master Butler has suggested for this specific event that all Brethren should locate the original white leather apron that they received upon becoming a Mason and bring it to Lodge on this evening and that it should be worn during the re-obligation ceremony.

This should be a time for all of us to think about the obligations that we all took during our initiation, passing and raising and to concentrate on their meanings and how we apply them in our everyday lives.

It would be wonderful if Operative Lodge #308 was filled to capacity for this event. A good time to renew old acquaintance and possibly meet some of the newer members of Operative Lodge.

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### **POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP**

The Polk Jasper Study Group will meet at King David Lodge in Altoona on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. A supper will be served at 6:30pm and ritual study will commence at 7:30pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> Section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree will be the topic for the evening. A great time for all of us to renew our knowledge and for meaningful practice of the rituals.

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### **2009 DUES REMINDER**

As of the writing of this Trestle Board, twenty-four (24) Brethren have not responded to the call for dues payment for the year 2009.

More than likely the notices have been misplaced or simply forgotten. It's important for all members to remit dues payments in a timely fashion.

A special note: if any Brother is having difficulty submitting their 2009 dues payment because of unemployment or other reasons related to the downturn in the economy, please feel free to contact Worshipful Master Lane Shaver for discussion on how we can help. There are provisions in the Lodge by-laws to cover events beyond a Brothers control. A confidential call to the Worshipful Master or the Lodge Secretary could possibly answer your questions.

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### **MARCH 2009 STATED COMMUNICATION**

If you haven't been to Lodge for a long time, make a special effort to come join the Brethren at the March 2009 Stated Communication. Bring the family and enjoy a great deal of fellow ship during the pre-meeting meal.

We look forward to see some old friends.

Fraternally,

Lane Shaver,  
Worshipful Master  
Operative Lodge #308

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# Masonic Pizza Day

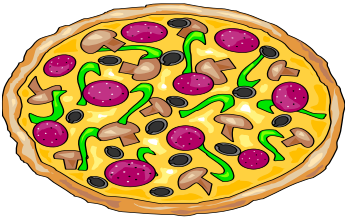
**Polk City Masonic Center  
106 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Polk City, Iowa**

Pizzas will be available for pick up – SATURDAY, April 17, 2009  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Collected: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sold by: \_\_\_\_\_