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TRESTLE BOARD

STATED MEETING – 2nd 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

JANUARY 2009

Greetings Brethren:



January Stated Communication Cancelled Due to Winter Storm

After much discussion, Worshipful Master Lane Shaver made a wise decision by calling off Operative Lodge #308's Stated Communication for January. Mother nature has a way of playing havoc with the best laid plans and the increasing snow and blizzard conditions made the decision to call off the meeting a no brainer.

UPCOMING DEGREE WORK

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009 Operative Lodge Kenneth Bryant will receive his 2nd Degree. Please mark your calendar for this degree work and plan on attending as a participant or as an observer on the sideline. Let's show our new member support and his receives more light in Masonry.

Also, let's all join together and welcome Brother Gordon Gaulke as a new member of Operative Lodge #308. Brother Gaulke is a dual member with Pioneer Lodge #22. Brother Gaulke has been attending Stated Communications at Operative Lodge for sometime now and we are very happy that he has decided to become a member of this Lodge. Please join me in extending a hearty welcome to Brother Gaulke.

2009 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Worshipful Dean Johnson presided over the ceremony on Saturday, January 10, 2009. The Installation was well attended and by count there were twenty-nine members, family members and visiting Lodge Brethren in attendance.

Right Worshipful Michael Aves, Sr., SGW presented a wonderful Charge to the incoming Officers. A Charge to Lodge Officers first uttered by Paul Revere many years ago. Brother Mike did fantastic job with this presentation and hopefully we'll have a chance to hear him again on another occasion. The day was complicated by typical Iowa weather. During the night five or six inches of snow covered the Lodge parking lot and no doubt kept the attendance down. Coffee and rolls were served at a brief reception just prior to the Installation ceremony which was followed by a luncheon.

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Front Row (Left to Right) Eric Auxier, Darrell Fremont, Lane Shaver, Time Davis
 Scott Nemmers. Middle Row Jim Trotter, Jack Matthews, Dean Johnson.
 Back Row Steve Layton, John Trotter, David Aves, Mike Aves, Rod Halverson.

The 2009 Operative Lodge #308 Officers are: Worshipful Master Lane Shaver, Senior Warden Tim Davis, Junior Warden Darrell Fremont, Treasurer Michael Aves, Sr., Secretary Jim Trotter, Chaplain Rod Halverson, Senior Deacon Eric Auxier, Junior Deacon John Trotter, Senior Steward Will Jacoby (not pictured), Junior Deacon Scott Nemmers, Marshall Gordon Schofer, (not pictured), Tyler Gunnar Young (not pictured), Musician Steve Layton.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Due to limited space in the December 2008 Trestle Board, the December birthdays were omitted. Not to be overlooked, they are included this month.

December		January	
Ronald D. Husted	12/6	Gene Jennings	1/1
Kenneth Black, Jr.	12/7	Scott Nemmers	1/8
Wilbur C. Miller	12/21	Jack Matthews	1/9
William J. Hitz	12/24	Lee Preuninger	1/23

Please join in wishing these Brethren and grand happy birthday and a many more to come.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East Brethren! The New Year has officially kicked in and old man winter has his grips on the heartland with no signs of remorse or letting up! Not a lot unlike Masons in Iowa whom are all pulling together initiating new fund raising ideas and outings not only to raise monies again this year for the American Cancer Societies Hope Lodge, a place of comfort for cancer treatment patients to lodge while undergoing their therapy at no charge to them, but also bringing our Lodge families together to new levels of Brotherhood!

Our new Lodge Officers already look very sharp in their places & stations and the Ritual is being performed quite well!

“Masonry, A way of life” our Grand Master Jack Butler’s theme for Iowa this year really hits home with what has already been accomplished at Operative Lodge 308 this New Year! Already hosting the 5th & 6th grade band students & their parents in December with almost 100 students in our lodge enjoying cookies & hot chocolate, a wonderful family Christmas party with a visit from our flying Santa, along with a pomp & circumstance Installation of officers. We have a great jump on “Masonry, a way of life” for this year.

Setting our sights on new fund raisers and events for our Lodge is going to be a primary focus for us this year. We have a new Public Relations Committee formed and Brother Darrel Fremont, Brother Scott Nemmers & Brother Tyler Moeckly along with ANYONE in the Craft will be brainstorming at our committee meetings bringing new fund raising ideas to the table to be discussed and implemented. A picnic is being planned in June with various Lodges in the area for a day of eating good food and enjoying fellowship with our Lodge Brothers and all of our families! Set your sights high Brothers and let’s live Masonry each and every day to the fullest!

Lane H. Shaver, Worshipful Master