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STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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JULY 2009

Greetings Brethren:



You've heard the old saying, "better late than never?" Well that pretty much describes the ceremony at the July 2009 Stated Communication at Operate Lodge #308. Worshipful Master Lane Shaver presented Brother Lee Preuninger, PM with his Past Master pin that he had earned as Worshipful Master of Operative Lodge while serving in that capacity in 2008.

Brother Lee did an outstanding job during the 2008 year and the delay in Brother Lee receiving this pin in no way reflects upon his tenure as Worshipful Master of this Lodge.

Operative Lodge grew considerable in 2008 and in large part that is due to Brother Lee's dedication to Masonry and in particular his service to Operative Lodge #308.

SO A BELATED THANK YOU TO BROTHER LEE FOR AN OUTSTANDING YEAR IN 2008!!!

DEGREE WORK

Operative Lodge #308 is getting active again after a brief dry spell in terms of performing Degree work. On Tuesday, July 21, 2009 two (2) 2nd Degrees were held. One of these Degrees was held as a courtesy for Star Lodge #115. Brother Tom Walker became a Fellow Craft. Brother Christian Millhollin also became a Fellow Craft and eventually will be a full member of Operative Lodge #308.

Operative Lodge has also received two (2) new petitions, Joseph J. McCloud and Keith W. Gordon have submitted petitions to become members of Operative Lodge. Both petitions were read at the July 2009 Stated Communication and will be voted on during the August 2009 Stated Communication.

POLK CITY 4 SEASONS FESTIVAL



Operative Lodge participated in the 2009 Polk City 4 Seasons Festival on Saturday, July 25, 2009 by entering a float complete with the Brethren riding and throwing candy to the kids. Brother Tim Davis provided the trailer that was utilized in the parade. Also, a big thanks to Brother Darrell Fremont for organizing the Lodge participation in this event.

Worship Master Lane Shaver provided the banners for the float and they clearly reveal Operative Lodges civic involvement through the Lodge High School Scholarship program.

This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase Operative Lodge presence in Polk City.

STATED COMMUNICATION MEAL

During the July 2009 Stated Communication, Brother Steve Layton reported on a Masonic event he attended where the meal prior to the opening of Lodge was a pot luck. Brother Steve told how much time was saved by not having to wash a bunch of pots and pans as the membership simply took those items home to wash. It would seem that this in fact would save a great deal of time, not only in clean-up, but in preparation time as well.

SO AS AN EXPERIMENT, THE AUGUST 2009 MEAL WILL BE ORGANIZED AS A POT LUCK.

OPERATIVE LODGE DECALS

Just a reminder, there are plenty of the decals available for display on your automobile window. They are unique in the sense that they not only display the square and compass, but they also have Operative Lodge #308's name on them. The decals are very reasonably priced, \$5.00 each with \$4.50 of each sale going to Hope Lodge Cancer Patient Facility in Iowa City.

For additional information please contact either Worship Master Lane Shaver or Jim Trotter.

GRAND LODGE 2009 STATED COMMUNICATION

The 2009 Grand Lodge of Iowa's 165th Annual Stated Communication will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on September 17th through 19th.

Of special interest is the possibility that Worshipful Master Lane Shaver will be appointed Grand Musician. What a great honor not only for Brother Lane, but also for Star Lodge #115 and Operative Lodge #308. This will be a first for Star Lodge as no one from that Lodge has ever served in any capacity at the Grand Lodge level.

Fraternally,

James L. Trotter, Secretary
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