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June 2006

Greetings Brethren:

DEGREE WORK:

On May 15, 2006, Candidates Max Bodermann and Gene Jennings participated in their 2nd Degree work. Congratulations to both Brothers. We want to thank all those Operative Lodge members and visiting Brothers for participating in this Degree work. All this help made for a very successful evening.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, June 19, 2006 and come help in the raising of Brother Max and Brother Gene. 3rd Degree work will begin at 6:00pm.

Please welcome our newest Brother, Tim Davis. Tim was raised on May 17, 2006. Again, a big thanks to all those Operative Lodge members who participated in this Degree work and also, a big thanks for the assistance we received from a number of visiting Brothers. Their expert help was greatly appreciated. CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER TIM.



Brother Tim Davis

On May 20, 2006 the Grand Lodge of Iowa raised 49 men to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the One-Day Class. Among those participating was a new member of Operative Lodge #308. Our newest member is Brother Travas A. Powell. CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER TRAVAS.

Please join me in welcoming all these new members to Operative Lodge. It is very gratifying to see Operative Lodge begin to grow!

The Polk – Jasper Study Group will meet on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at Preston Lodge in Prairie City. Dinner will be served starting at 6:30pm with the 1st Section, 3rd Degree being practiced afterwards. All Masons are welcome to participate.

I recently received an e-mail from Brother Leonard Hanna. Brother Hanna resides in Florida and has told me he owns two burial plots in the Masonic portion of Merle Hay Chapel Hill Cemetery. These lots are currently selling for around \$1,800 apiece; however, Brother Hanna has offered to sell his burial plots for \$1,000 apiece. If both are purchased he will donate \$1,000 to maintenance fund of Operative Lodge.

If anyone has an interest in these burial plots, Brother Hanna can be contacted directly at the following:

Leonard Hanna
5558 Palm Beach Blvd., #429
Ft. Myers, Florida 33905
(239) 693-1059
E-mail: lhanna@attglobal.net

I'm sure by now everyone has received my letter seeking donation to be used in paying for a new roof on the Operative Lodge building. The response has been good and I appreciate your help in making this new roof a possibility.

We will begin work on the new roof on Friday, July 21, 2006. This initial work project will be directed toward tearing off the old roof. The second part of the project will be on Saturday, July 22, 2006 when the new roof is installed.

I would like to invite any and all who might be able to lend a hand either in the actual work of replacing the roof or in helping supply water and food to the guys putting the roof on. PLEASE LEND A HAND AND HELP WITH WHATEVER YOU CAN! THE RAIN DATE FOR THIS JOB WILL BE July 28th & 29th.

A proposal was discussed during the May 2006 State Communication that dealt with the manner in which Operative Lodge handles our Scholarship money. In years past and including this year, two scholarships have been given to two area high school students to provide help with their college tuition.

A new approach was suggested wherein Operative Lodge would "adopt an elementary grade class" and use the scholarship money to help pay for some particular thing or things that this class might need. The idea has apparently been used successfully by some other Masonic Lodges in the area.

The thinking offered with this proposal is basically this; when a scholarship is given to a single individual it doesn't necessarily provide benefit directly to the community, whereas, offering to help a specific classroom purchase some needed item that they wouldn't normally be able to obtain would keep the benefit within the community and would no doubt help in making Operative Lodge more visible.

Further discussion will be held during the July 2006 Stated Communication. If you have an opinion about this subject, please share it with the Brothers during the July meeting.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these matters.

Fraternally,

Rodney Halverson
Worshipful Master