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## **TRESTLE BOARD**

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

**Larry A. Epley, PM, Senior Warden**  
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**Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer**

**Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain**  
**Eric J. Olson, Senior Deacon**  
**Gordon Schofer, PM, Junior Deacon**

**Timothy Davis, Senior Steward**  
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**Steven L. Moeckly, PM, Trustee**  
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**Tyler Moeckly, PM Trustee**

## **JUNE 2007**

Greetings Brethren:

We continue to see a renewed interest in Masonry by young members of the community. We have had a great deal of success in this area due to the public being able to access the Grand Lodge website on the internet and also a renewed effort by our own members in bringing in new members.

At our May 2007 Stated Communication we had a prospective member come to supper and submit his petition, and then again at our June 2007 Stated Communication another young man came and turned in his petition. These 2 will increase the number of new Masons at Operative Lodge for this year to 7.

### POLK CITY O.E.S. NEWS:

Polk City Eastern Star is planning to get together for dinner at the Machine Shed on Saturday, July 14 at 6 p.m. We would love to have any Masons and their guests to join us as well. The dinner is Dutch treat and we will be ordering off the menu. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Rodney Halverson at 515/228-3238 or Robert Koss at [koss.robert@gmail.com](mailto:koss.robert@gmail.com) please RSVP by July 7. Hope to see many of you there!

### DEGREE WORK:

The Month of June 2007 will see us extremely busy with degrees.

On Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> Operative Lodge will start the degrees work on 2 new candidates. Richard Jones and John Westergard will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees. Work will commence at 10:00am for the first candidate, Richard Jones. We will break for lunch and then resume work at approximately 1:30pm for John Westergards 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

On Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Mark Oswald will receive his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree beginning at 7:00pm.

Please come and participant in the degree work or just be a witness from the sideline. I know our newly initiated really appreciate our support as they begin their journey through the mysteries of Masonry.

We have received a petition from Scott Nemmers or Urbandale, Iowa. This petition was read during our June 2007 Stated Communication and will be voted on during the July 2007 Stated Communication. With the vote being favorable, his degree work will no doubt begin soon thereafter.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOGNITION DINNER:

Operative Lodge will be hosting a Public Safety Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, June 20, 2007. Members of the Polk City Police and Fire Departments have been invited. Our lives are much safer because of the work these individuals perform and it is only fitting that we honor them in this simple way.

Brother Rod Halverson has come to the rescue with regard to the menu for the evening. Please mark your calendars for this event and come join us as we pay tribute to the members of Polk City's Police and Fire Departments.

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TABLE LODGE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Gnemeth Lodge #577 will be hosting a Table Lodge on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 beginning at 6:30pm. RSVP is requested no later than Friday, June 16, 2007. Gnemeth Lodge is located at 218 ½ Fifth St., West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley Junction). Please contact Brother Guy Johnson at 515-225-3418 or [secretary@gnemeth557.org](mailto:secretary@gnemeth557.org) to put in your reservation. Remember the official cry at a Table Lodge; Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

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BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH:

Richard Cook June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Little June 15<sup>th</sup>

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POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP:

The Polk Jasper Study Group will meet next on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at Preston Lodge in Prairie City, Iowa. Supper will be served at 6:30pm with ritual study beginning at 7:30pm.

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I believe that Operative Lodge will again qualify for a Lodge of the Year Award given each Fall by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. We still have a number of things to accomplish before years end, but I'm confident that we will succeed again as we did in 2006. Thanks for all the help and hard work that makes this honor for the Lodge possible.

Fraternally,

James L. Trotter,  
Worshipful Master