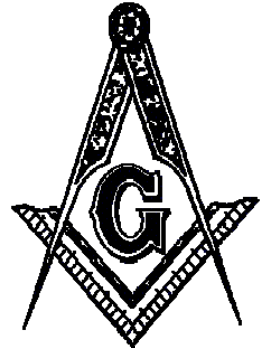




# Operative Lodge #308 AF & AM Polk City, Iowa

Stated Communications on the 2nd Monday of Each Month  
For the Year 2006

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## TRESSEL BOARD

March 2006

Greetings Brethren:

The March Stated Communication was very important because of the proposed By-laws changes that were discussed during the February 2006 Stated Communication. Copies of those proposed changes were forwarded to all members in the February Tressel Board.

1. **BY-LAWS CHANGES APPROVED:** The following proposed changes to the By-laws of Operative Lodge #308 were approved by a vote of the members present at the Stated Communication on Monday, March 13, 2006 and will become effective on January 1, 2007.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article III, Sec. 1 of the By-laws shall be cancelled and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

**Sec. 1** The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected annually at the time specified by the Grand Lodge.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the following be added to Article III, Sec. 1 as sub-paragraph A.

**Sub-paragraph A.** There shall be a Board of Trustees for Operative Lodge #308 AF & AM, consisting of three members who shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master and shall hold office for a term of three years. The present members of the board shall serve to the expiration of the terms they were elected. Upon his election, the Worshipful Master shall appoint a member for a term of three years. The member of the Board of Trustees that is serving in the third term shall be deemed the chairman and is responsible for calling such meetings of the Trustees as are necessary to conduct their business.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the following be added to Article III, Sec. 1 as sub-paragraph B.

**Sub-paragraph B.** **DUTIES:** It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees of Operative Lodge #308:

1. Supervise the property and holdings of Operative Lodge.
2. Authorized to expend up to \$50.00 per occurrence for the maintenance of said property and holdings.
3. To report annually to Operative Lodge setting forth in detail all their acts as Trustees, together with such suggestions and recommendations in relation to the property and holdings of Operative Lodge as they deem necessary for its best interest.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article V., Sec. 1 of the By-laws be cancelled and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

**Sec. 1** The fees for the degrees shall be One-hundred Dollars (\$100.00). At least Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) must accompany the petition and Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) be paid before conferring each of the two succeeding degrees. Ten Dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the Operative Lodge Building Trust.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article V, Sec. 3. of the By-laws be cancelled and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

**Sec. 3.** One Dollar (\$1.00) of the annual dues shall be credited to the Charity Fund of Operative Lodge #308.

**2. BY-LAW CHANGE NOT APPROVED:** The following proposed By-law change was not approved by a vote of the members present at the Stated Communication on Monday, March 13, 2006.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article V, Sec. 2A., of the By-laws be cancelled and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

**Sec. 2A** For the year 2007, the dues of Operative Lodge #308 shall be Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) to which shall be added the amount of the dues for each Brother required to be paid to the Grand Secretary for the use of the Grand Lodge as specified in the Code of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

After a great deal of discussion concerning the pros and cons of raising the annual dues and why such a move is necessary, Brother Steve Moeckly proposed that the wording of the By-law change that was rejected by the members be changed to reflect an increase from our current dues assessment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year to thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) instead of the sixty dollars (\$60.00) figure that was rejected. This amended proposal will be read at the April Stated Communication and unless further revised will be voted on during the May Stated Communication. This proposed By-law change reads as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Article V, Sec. 2A., of the By-laws be cancelled and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

**Sec. 2A** For the year 2007, the dues of Operative Lodge #308 shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) to which shall be added the amount of the dues for each Brother required to be paid to the Grand Secretary for the use of the Grand Lodge as specified in the Code of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Please review the latest proposed change to our By-laws concerning annual dues. Feel free to direct any comments concerning this issue to the following:

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(515) 228-3238 (Home)  
[rehalver@yahoo.com](mailto:rehalver@yahoo.com)

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As usual during the month of March, Brother Dean Johnson again performed his magic by preparing a great Walleye and Northern Pike fish supper. We had a larger than normal crowd in attendance and everyone had plenty of food and fellowship. The cribbage boards received a real workout.

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April is fast approaching and so is Operative Lodge #308's Spring 2006 Pizza Sale. **Sell early and sell many is our motto for this event.** We have just a little over one month to sell our pizzas.

Pizza making day will be on Saturday, April 22, 2006 beginning at 8:00am. Any customer wishing to pick up their pizza(s) themselves can do so between 10:00am and 1:00pm on April 22, 2006.

This is a very important fund raising event for our Lodge. The proceeds from this activity provides for scholarship money that is given annually to area High School students.

During the fall 2005 Pizza Sale we made and sold approximately 300 pizzas. We have a goal of 350 pizzas for this sale. **PLEASE PITCH IN AND SELL SOME PIZZAS AND HELP IN MEETING THIS GOAL.**

An order form is attached to the Tressel Board for use in either buying pizza for your family or for selling to others (or both). Additional order forms can be obtained from Brother Jim Trotter SW. Completed order information should be given to Brother Jim no later than Thursday, April 20, 2006. Brother Trotter can be reached through the following:

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Urbandale, Iowa 50322-1035  
(515) 253-9219 (home)  
(515) 306-6342 (cphone)  
[jjmtrotter4524@gmail.com](mailto:jjmtrotter4524@gmail.com)

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**Important news:** We have two new candidates that will begin their journey into Masonry at Operative Lodge in the near future. Petitions were voted on for Tim Davis and Tod Merrifield. Tim's petition was presented by Brother Lee Preuninger and Tod's petition was presented by his father Brother Tod Merrifield. Congratulations guys and welcome to Operative Lodge.

The 1<sup>st</sup> degree for Tim Davis will be held on Monday, March 20, 2006 beginning at 7:00pm. **Please mark your calendar for this event and plan on attending.**

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**RUSTY NAIL NIGHT AT OPERATIVE LODGE:** Be sure to mark your calendar for 6:30pm on Monday, March 27, 2006. Please come and join us for a night of fellowship. Homemade pizza will be on the menu. Depending on the number of Brethren in attendance, following the meal the plan is to have an abbreviated cribbage tournament.

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**SPECIAL INVITATION:** Steven Pritchard, Worshipful Master of Pioneer Lodge has invited all members of Operative Lodge to attend a presentation about gardening. The speaker will be Master Gardiner Jerry Cluver. If your not familiar with Mr. Cluver, he is very knowledgeable about all gardening matters and is also very entertaining.

This event will be held at Auburn-Union Park Lodge located at 3843 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Des Moines on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 7:00pm.

If anyone plans on attending, they are requested to call Auburn-Union Park Lodge at 515-244-9214 make reservations.

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Thank you in advance for your attention to these matters.

Fraternally,

Rodney Halverson  
Worshipful Master

