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## **TRESTLE BOARD**

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

<b>Larry A. Epley, PM, Senior Warden</b>	<b>Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain</b>	<b>Timothy Davis, Senior Steward</b>	<b>Steven L. Moeckly, PM, Trustee</b>
<b>Lee Prenninger, PM, Junior Warden</b>	<b>Eric J. Olson, Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Gene Jennings, Junior Steward</b>	<b>Asa Moeckly, PM Trustee</b>
<b>Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer</b>	<b>Gordon Schofer, PM, Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Gunnar D. Young, Tyler</b>	<b>Tyler Moeckly, Trustee</b>

### **March 2007**

Greetings Brethren:

Operative Lodge No. 308 has had a long remarkable and enduring history in Polk City, Iowa. I like to describe it as a small Lodge with a big heart.

The secret to Operative's longevity, in my opinion, is the membership. Although I have only been associated with this particular Lodge for a relatively short period of time I quickly began to notice the fellowship among the Brethren.

Over the years, however, for whatever the reason some of the practices employed by other Masonic Lodges have not been accomplished at Operative Lodge. Specifically, I refer to the lack of public recognition of the Lodge's Past Masters. Most Masonic Lodges honor their Past Masters in a couple of ways. Some Lodges display actual photographs depicting the Past Master and note the year or in some cases years that the person served in the capacity of Master. Other Lodges simply have a large plaque that displays the names of each individual Past Master and the year(s) that person served as Master.

During our March 2007 Stated Communication this issue was discussed and a committee was formed to look into the potential cost of establishing a Past Masters recognition Plaque for Operative Lodge. It would not be possible to pursue the idea of having photographs of all Past Masters, because most would not be available. So the committee will begin the process of determining the cost of producing a plaque that would contain a small brass plaque for each of the approximately 80 Past Masters of Operative Lodge.

Once a determination is made concerning the cost, a method of funding this project must be decided upon. That issue will be discussed at the April Stated Communication. So stay tuned for further details.

#### DEGREE WORK:

We have begun the year on a positive note by bringing into Freemasonry three new members at Operative Lodge. I'm sure you all have been watching these new members as they moved through the various stages of becoming Masons. They are now on their final journey and will all receive their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree yet this month.

On March 19, 2007 Brother Steve Layton was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. Please extend a hearty welcome to our newest member.

On Saturday, March 24, 2007 Eric Auxier and John Trotter will begin the final step in becoming Master Masons.



Brother Steve Layton

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PIZZA SALE DAY:

Pizza day is fast approaching. Saturday, April 14, 2007 has been designated as the big day. Let's try to make this a record sale. Remember proceeds from this event are used to provide area high school students with scholarships.

This is Operative Lodge's major fund raising event of the year and for it to be successful we need you all to contact your customers and sell those pizzas. The price remains \$8.50 per pizza and as you know that's a bargain when you consider the fact that they're all hand made to the customers specifications.

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PETITIONS:

Mark A. Oswald has submitted a petition to Operative Lodge. Mr. Oswald resides in the Polk City area and is the owner of the Iowa School of Beauty located in Urbandale, Iowa. A visitation committee was appointed during the March 2007 Stated Communication and will report their findings during the April 2007 Stated Communication.

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BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH:

Brother Brent Rockwood – March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Brother Leonard Hanna – March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Larry Epley, PM – March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Steve Layton – March 30<sup>th</sup>

Brother Tony Preuninger, PM – March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Brother James Jorgenson – March 20<sup>th</sup>  
Brother Christopher Palmer – March 27<sup>th</sup>

Please join me in wishing the Brethren a HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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MARCH 2007 STATED COMMUNICATION:

We had another good turnout for the March Stated Communication. Brother Dean Johnson, PM treated us to his annual Canadian fish fry. Brother Dean was assisted by Brothers Jack Matthews, PM and Rod Halverson, PM during the meal preparation. Brother Rod provided the potatoes and cole slaw.

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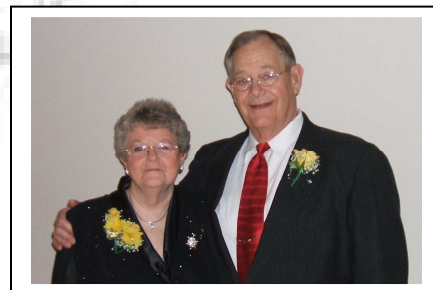
SICK REPORT:

Brother Mike Aves, PM is currently recovering from a reaction to a medication he was taking. Brother Mike was in Mercy Hospital for a brief time and is now recovering at home. Please join me in wishing Brother Mike a fast recovery.

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50 Wedding Anniversary:

Brother Lee Preuninger and his Lady Carolyn will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 23, 2007 with a Hawaiian cruise. Please join me is extending congratulations to them.



Lee & Carolyn Preuninger

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Again, I would like to extend an invitation to any of Operative Lodge members who haven't been to Lodge for awhile. Please come join us for a meal and the monthly Stated Communication. If transportation is a problem, please feel free to contact me (515-253-9219) and I will make sure anyone needing a ride will be accommodated.

Fraternally,

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Worshipful Master