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STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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MAY 2007

Greetings Brethren:

I'm very happy to report that our Spring Pizza Sale was a success. We sold 281 pizzas, which will certainly go a long way toward supplying funds for our Scholarship Program.

The following figures reflect the outcome of this pizza sale.

Number of pizzas sold: 281 X \$8.50 = \$2,388.50

Cost of pizza making items: \$1,156.27

Total profit from sale: \$2,338.50 - \$1,156.27 = \$1,232.23

I want to extend a large thank you to all of the Operative Lodge members that worked so hard in selling these pizzas (PIZZA SALESMEN: Mike Aves, PM, Tim Davis, Larry Epley, PM, Rod Halverson, PM, Gene Jennings, Dean Johnson, PGM, Robert Koss, PM, Jack Matthews, PM, Tom Nyren, Lee Preuninger, PM, Jim Trotter, WM, Phillip Worsham, and Gunnar Young).

Of course I can't forget the pizza making crew. It is a tremendous job putting together 281 pizzas, especially when it completed in a little over 3 hours.

ALL IN ALL IT WAS A JOB WELL DONE BY EVERYONE INVOLVED.

DEGREE WORK:

Mark Oswald received his 1st Degree on Monday, April 30, 2007. Operative Lodge was honored by the presence of Grand Master Dennis Zahrt and two members of his Grand Lodge Staff, David Aves and Rick McCambell.

We have experienced a renewed interest in Masonry here at Operative Lodge. Thus far in 2007 we have raised 4 new members with Mark Oswald being the 5th. Additionally, at our May Stated Communication we read 2 new petitions for membership. With all of these additions to our ranks in place, Operative Lodge #308 will have grown to 62 members.

The successful recruitment of these new members is due to the hard work of several of our Brothers. I encourage all of Operative Lodge membership to bring a friend or relative to a meal and introduce them to Masonry. You never know who might have an interest in joining the fraternity. Take that first step and invite someone to join us for supper on a Stated Communication night.

SICK REPORT:

Brother Jack Matthews, PM and current Secretary of Operative Lodge has recently underwent open heart triple by-pass surgery. Everything went as expected with Brother Jack and he is currently recovering at home and I'm sure he would welcome your calls and visits.

Brother Ron Seehusen has been released from his recent stay in the hospital and is also doing well at home.

Brother Rod Halverson was also recently hospitalized for some tests and medical procedures. He is also recovering at home.

Please keep both of these Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

MAY 2007 BIRTHDAYS:

Sean Harmon May 2nd.

Randall Hirsch May 8th.

Duane Kibby May 13th

POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP:

The Polk Jasper Ritual Study Group will meet at Operative Lodge #308 on Tuesday, May 22, 2007. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with ritual work beginning at 7:30pm. The work for the evening will be the 2nd Degree.

I encourage all of you to come and help out, especially, our newest members. These monthly ritual study sessions are an excellent way to begin learning the various parts of the rituals. I have found these sessions to be very helpful in not only learning the work, but they also help in keeping the work fresh in your head.

MAY STATED COMMUNICATION:

Operative Lodge was much honored to have several members of Star Lodge in Madrid, Iowa come and prepare and serve our pre-Stated Communication meal. The food was plentiful and outstanding. Thank you to Brother Lane Shaver, WM at Star Lodge for this great meal. Brother Lane also presented Operative Lodge with a hand made table setting given from Star Lodge to Operative Lodge. We are looking forward to a continued relationship with Star Lodge and its membership.

Planning is moving ahead with our Past Masters Plaque. A firm price has been received from Academy Trophies in Urbandale, Iowa and that information was shared with the members present. Brothers Rod Halverson and Robert Koss have indicated that they will cover the initial cost of the engraved name plates and Brother Eric Auxier will manufacture the wooden plaque that the individually engraved name plates will be affixed upon. A BIG THANK YOU TO THESE BROTHERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PROJECT.

The 2007 Annual Operative Lodge #308 scholarship award in the amount of \$500.00 was made to a North Polk Senior High School student at an award ceremony at North Polk High School on Monday, April 30, 2007. The student selected to receive this years scholarship was Vincent Geis of Ankeny, Iowa.

The next Stated Communication is June 11, 2007.

Fraternally,

James L Trotter
Worshipful Master