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MAY 2008

Greetings Brethren:

The tradition at Operative Lodge #308 of providing a North Polk High School student with scholarship money continued in 2008 with Worshipful Master Lee Preuninger presenting this year's scholarship check to Victoria Stafford of Elkart, Iowa.



Worshipful Master Lee Preuninger presenting
2008 Operative Lodge Scholarship to
Victoria Stafford

Victoria was among seventeen applicants for the 2008 scholarship award. As in years past, it was very difficult making the final choice as all the candidates were excellent and deserving.

DEGREE WORK

On Saturday, May 17, 2008 Operative Lodge #308 did an extraordinary job of putting on a 2nd and 3rd Degree.

The day began with Robert Baylor taking his 2nd Degree. At the completion of Brother Robert's 2nd Degree the Lodge went to refreshment and immediately opened on the 3rd Degree. Brother Wil Jacoby was then presented with the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree. The Lodge again went to refreshment. A great meal was provided by Brother Rod and Janice Halverson. With the completion of the noon meal, Lodge resumed labor in the 3rd Degree with the 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree being completed for Brother Wil.



Brother Wil Jacoby

Please join me in congratulating both of these new Brothers on their respective achievements.

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

On Saturday, June 7, 2008 Operative Lodge members and their families will again travel to Cedar Rapids for a tour of the Grand Lodge Masonic Building. It is a wonderful experience and I encourage any and all who have not been there to take advantage of this trip. The group will meet at Operative Lodge around 7:30am and depart shortly thereafter. A Stop at the Amana Colonies on the return trip for lunch is also planned. Please mark your calendars for this day and plan on going along.

POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP

The Polk Jasper study group will meet on Tuesday, May 27th, 2008 at Operative Lodge #308. The evening meal will begin at 6:30pm and ritual practice on the 2nd Degree will commence at 7:30pm.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Practice makes perfect, as they say, so this is an excellent opportunity to get in a little practice.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sean Harmon

May 2nd

I recently attended a Masonic Lodge out of State and discovered that prior to each Stated Communication this Lodge had a meal, which of course is not uncommon. The unique thing about their meal was that the Lodge member's families, all or at least most of them were in attendance. What a great idea, I thought; why not try that here at Operative Lodge. Hopefully, we can establish a new tradition here at Operative Lodge that will help keep our families involved with us.

So, beginning with the June 2008 Stated Communication we will host our families on a regular basis for supper, I encourage all of you to bring family member or the entire family to supper.

Fraternally,

Lee Preuninger,
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