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STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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November 2006

Greetings Brethren:

On October 16, 2006 Candidate Phillip Worsham received his 2nd Degree at Operative Lodge #308. All the hard work of our members and other area Lodge members who assisted in Operative Lodge's Degree work is greatly appreciated.

PHILLIP WORSHAM'S 3RD DEGREE IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006 AT 7:00PM. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT BROTHER PHILLIP AS HE IS RAISED TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER MASON.

The fall 2006 Pizza Sale is now complete with a total of 197 pizzas being sold. This is down from our spring 2006 sale of 260 pizzas. When all is said and done, we will have added over \$750.00 to the Scholarship fund from the fall sale.

I greatly appreciate the hard work that goes into this effort. The profit from our two yearly pizza sales is utilized to fund Operative Lodge's Scholarship Fund.

Thank you to our fall 2006 pizza making crew for all their hard work. The pizza making crew included Rod Halverson, Dean Johnson, Robert Koss, Lee Preuninger, Gordon Schofer, Jim Trotter, and Phil Worsham.

I want to extend a special thanks to Janice Halverson and Pat Trotter for their help. They were both kind enough to give up their Saturday morning to come and help with the pizza making.

Grand Master of Iowa Masons Dennis M. Zahrt is holding area meetings for Officers of Masonic Lodges throughout the State. Those meetings began in mid-October 2006 and will continue through the middle of November 2006.

Grand Master Zahrt introduced his program for Iowa Masonry during 2006-2007. It is titled "GET HOOKED ON IOWA MASONARY."

Worshipful Master Rod Halverson and Senior Warden Jim Trotter attended an area meeting held at Home Lodge #370 in Pleasant Hill on Monday, October 30, 2006.

A number of worthwhile subjects were discussed to include; Masonic Renewal, Lodge Budgeting and the establishment of a Lodge Capital Improvement Fund which is intended to help Iowa Masonry in having a long and prosperous future.

During Operative Lodge's November Stated Communication, Senior Warden Jim Trotter shared information concerning suggestions developed by the Grand Lodge Service Committee that are intended for use in renewing individual Lodges.

Hopefully, Operative Lodge will be able to incorporate many of these suggestions into a program of renewal in 2007.

During our November 2006 Stated Communication Secretary Jack Matthews read two petitions for Masonic membership with Operative Lodge. The petitions were from Stephen Layton and John Trotter. Voting on these petitions will be held during the December 2006 Stated Communication.

Please join me in extending a hearty Masonic welcome to these two men.

The Polk City Police Department has made a request for a donation of money to be earmarked for the Polk City Fire Rescue Unit. Operative Lodge #308 will make a \$25.00 contribution as the result of this request.

Hopefully, this donation will in some small way show Polk City Public Safety that the members of Operative Lodge are very appreciative of the work they do daily while protecting life and property.

The election of 2007 Operative Lodge Officers was held during the November 2006 Stated Communication. The results of this election are as follows; James Trotter, Worshipful Master; Larry Epley, Senior Warden; Lee Preuninger, Junior Warden; Michael Aves, Sr., Treasurer; John Matthews, Jr., Secretary.

Please join me in congratulating these Brothers for their commitment to Masonry in general, and specifically, to Operative Lodge #308.

The Polk Jasper Study Group will meet at Operative Lodge #308 on November 28, 2006. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with Ritualistic study beginning at 7:30pm. The work study will be directed toward the 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree.

Please mark you calendar for this date and plan on attending. Participation in the Degree work is voluntary, of course, so if your comfort level is learning from the sideline, that's ok too. Your presence will speak volumes about Operative Lodge's membership and their commitment to Iowa Masonry.

Fraternally,

Rodney E. Halverson
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