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TRESTLE BOARD

STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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October 2006

Greetings Brethren:

On Thursday, September 28, 2006 Operative Lodge put on a 1st Degree for Candidate Phillip Worsham. We had a wonderful turnout and the evening was a great success. Please mark your calendars for Monday, October 16, 2006 and plan on attending the 2nd Degree work for Phillip. A big thank you to Operative Lodge members who were available to share the 1st Degree with Phillip.

Operative Lodge is very fortunate to have Brethren from other area Masonic Lodges who are willing to come out and assist with our Degree work. We were assisted by the following Brethren in putting on the 1st Degree for Phillip Worsham.

- Brother John Baber, Marble Lodge #368 in Carlisle.
- Brother Brice Hildreth, Logic Lodge #636 in Ankeny.
- Brother Charlie Hutchins, Evening Star Lodge #368 in Winterset.
- Brother Everett Mauch, King David Lodge #407 in Altoona.
- Brother George Robinson, Waveland Park Lodge #654 in Des Moines.

Again, I want to extend a warm thank you to all those Brethren from Operative Lodge and the visiting Brethren for helping with our Degree work.

Grand Master Dennis M. Zahrt will be holding his Area Meetings beginning this month. Lodge Officers and any other members of each Lodge are encouraged to attend these meetings. A number of topics will be discussed, to include; Masonic renewal, Lodge Budgeting, the establishment of a Lodge Capital Improvement Fund, etc.

The following is a list of Area Meetings that will be held in October and November.

October

- 17 Bettendorf – Hamilton Lodge #664
- 18 Richland – Richland Lodge #38
- 24 Renwick – Viona Lodge #538
- 25 Storm Lake – Jewel Lodge #309
- 26 Glidden – Haggai Lodge #369
- 30 Pleasant Hill – Home Lodge #370
- 31 Lucas – Paul Revere Lodge #638

November

- 2 Shellsburg – Bento City Lodge #81
- 6 Colesburg – Constellation Lodge #67
- 8 Mt. Vernon – Mt. Vernon Lodge #112
- 9 Ames – Arcadia Lodge #249
- 15 Anita – Obedience Lodge #380

Just another reminder, Operative Lodge will be having another pizza day on Saturday, November 4, 2006. For those customers who wish to pick up their Pizzas themselves, you can inform them that they will be available at the Lodge between 10:00am and 1:00pm on November 4, 2006.

Please help us make this another successful fund raiser. Proceeds will go toward College scholarships for area High School students.

Just another reminder. We can always use help in cutting up vegetables on Friday evening, November 3, 2006 beginning around 6:30pm or in making the pizzas on Saturday morning starting around 8:00am.

The clock is running, so contact those customers and sell some of these great freshly made pizzas. A blank order form is attached to this Trestle Board and additional blank order forms are available at Operative Lodge.

SICK REPORT:

Brother Ron Seehusen PM is still on the mend from heart related problems.

Worshipful Master Rod Halverson is recovering from recent back surgery. He has returned to work part-time and was able to attend our October Stated Communication.

Please keep Brother Halverson and Brother Seehusen in your thoughts and prayers.

The Polk Jasper Study Group will meet at Operative Lodge on Tuesday, November 28, 2006. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm with ritualistic study starting at 7:30pm. The topic will be the 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree. Please mark your calendars for this event and plan to attend. Make a showing for the visiting Brethren. Come to participate or to just watch and learn, either way, please come and help with whatever you feel comfortable doing.

Sincerely,

**James L. Trotter
Senior Warden**