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## **TRESTLE BOARD**

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

**James L. Trotter, PM, Senior Warden**  
**Timothy Davis, Junior Warden**  
**Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer**

**Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain**  
**Gordon Schofer, PM, Senior Deacon**  
**Eric Auxier, Junior Deacon**

**Phillip D. Worsham, Senior Steward**  
**Max Bodermann, Junior Steward**  
**Gunnar D. Young, Tyler**

**Asa Moeckly, Trustee**  
**Tyler Moeckly, PM, Trustee**  
**Gene Jennings, Trustee**

## **OCTOBER 2008**

Greetings Brethren:

On Monday, October 20, 2008 Operative Lodge #308 welcomed its newest member to ranks of Master Mason. Brother Mike Wessel received his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree that evening with the assistance of the Shrine Past Masters Group who performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section.



Brother Mike Wessel and Shrine Past Masters

Please join me in welcoming our newest Brother to Operative Lodge #308.

### **FALL 2008 PIZZA SALE**

The clocking is running and time is short. Saturday, November 1, 2008 is rapidly approaching and limited numbers of pizza orders have been received.

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If any Brother has pizza orders that haven't been provided to Brother Jim Trotter, please make sure that he has received them no later than Thursday, October 30, 2008. Brother Trotter can be reached either by calling 515-253-9219 or via e-mail at [jimtrotter4524@gmail.com](mailto:jimtrotter4524@gmail.com).

Let's all work hard and make this a banner pizza sale.

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**GRAND MASTER OF MASONS AREA MEETING NEWS**

On Wednesday, October 22, 2008 Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Most Worshipful Jack Butler held an area meeting for not only Officers of Masonic Lodges in the Des Moines area, but for any Brother interested in attending.

A number of very interesting items were discussed, but of great importance was the discussion about leadership within Freemasonry. For our Masonic Lodges to remain healthy, we must all assume the roll of leader. This means not only providing candidates the opportunity to join the fraternity, but after they join, more importantly, to show leadership by assigning mentors to the new Brothers who will help guide them through the process of learning to not only become a Mason in name, but actually become a Mason as a person.

The Grand Master gave the Brethren 3 dates to add to individual Lodge calendars.

First, he would like to see every Masonic Lodge in Iowa have a Masonic re-obligation lodge March 30, 2009. Most Worshipful Butler directed the group to dig out that white leather apron we all receive and bring it to lodge and actually wear the apron on this day.

The second date that the group was instructed to include on their Lodge calendars is June 12<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. During this period of time a Leadership seminar will be held in Ames, Iowa. All Masons are encouraged to attend this seminar if possible.

The third and last date to mark on the calendar is September 12, 2009. This is the day for the annual football game between Iowa State University and the University of Iowa. This year's game will be held in Ames, Iowa. Most Worshipful Butler indicated that there will be approximately 40 tickets available for this event. How the tickets will be made available will be explained later. With all the serious business at hand concerning attracting new members, etc., we should not forget to include in our activities the activity of having fun.

3 dates to remember; March 30, 2009 – June 12<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – September 12, 2009.

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**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Timothy Davis	October 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Jones	October 16 <sup>th</sup>
Daryl J. Dusharm	October 17 <sup>th</sup>
D. Dean Johnson	October 17 <sup>th</sup>
Travas Powell	October 17 <sup>th</sup>

Please join me in wishing these Brothers happy birthday.

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**POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP**

The Polk Jasper Study Group will meet on King David Lodge in Altoona, Iowa on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Supper will be served at 6:30pm and ritual study will begin at 7:30pm. The topic will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

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Just a reminder, the November Stated Communication for Operative Lodge will be on Monday, November 10, 2008. This is an important meeting, because it is election night where the 2009 Officers will be selected. Please mark your calendars for this evening and plan to attend. Your participation is very important.

Fraternally,

Lee Preuninger,  
Worshipful Master