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STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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SEPTEMBER 2007

Greetings Brethren:

Brother Steve Layton has organized a visit to the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home in Perry, Iowa. Brother Steve and some of his fellow bagpipers will provide the entertainment for Rowley residents. I encourage anyone who has a free Sunday to come join us at Rowley.

We have opted to provide the refreshments for this function in the form of cookies or brownies, either home made or store bought. Rowley Memorial officials indicated that they would provide the drinks.

This function will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2007 and will begin at 3:00pm. One possibility would be for those that plan on attending to meet at Operative Lodge in Polk City at approximately 2:15pm and caravan to Rowley Memorial Masonic Home.



Rowley Memorial Masonic Home
3000 Willis Ave.
Perry, Iowa

For those of you who may not be familiar with Rowley, the home was established through the generosity of Brother Herman L. Rowley in 1955 and operates under a Trust agreement among the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Otley Lodge #299 and the District Court of Dallas County, Iowa. Services are provided to all residents without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or mental or physical handicap.

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Church services are provided twice weekly and communion is held monthly in the Irene Lundy Memorial Chapel which was dedicated in 1984. The Chapel is connected to the main facility by a heated walkway allowing year-round access to the residents of Rowley Memorial.

DEGREE WORK:

Operative Lodge will host a 1st Degree on Thursday, September 13, 2007 for petitioner Scott Nemmers. The Degree work will start at 7:00pm. Please come and join us as we begin the first step for Scott and show him your support.

We will have 2 two 3rd Degrees on Saturday, September 15, 2007. The first of these 2 Degrees for Brother Richard Jones will begin at 10:00am. We will break for lunch and resume Degree work for Brother John Westergard at approximately 1:30pm.

On Monday, August 20, 2007 Operative Lodge raised its newest member, Brother Mark Oswald, to the Degree of Master Mason. Please join me in welcoming Brother Mark to the fraternity.



2007 Pizza Sale:

Just a reminder, Saturday, October 20, 2007 is slated for our semi-annual pizza sale. The proceeds from this sale go toward Operative Lodge #308 Scholarship Fund and is our most important fund raising event of the year. Let's sell lots of pizzas and make this a record sale.

As we move toward the sale date, please communicate your sales to me no later than Thursday, October 18, 2007. This will help me facilitate the purchase of ingredients, etc. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Please join me in wishing these Brethren a happy birthday.

Leigh McMullen	September 3 rd
Tod Merrifield	September 11 th
Eric Olson	September 17 th
Gordon Schofer	September 30 th

POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP:

The next study group will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Faithful Lodge in Newton, Iowa. Supper will be served at 6:30pm with ritual study beginning at 7:30pm.

These study group meetings are invaluable in terms of learning the rituals in an informal setting. The instructors are excellent and provide a wonderful learning opportunity for those who wish to advance their ritual skills.

Fraternally,

Brother James L. Trotter, WM
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