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TRESTLE BOARD

STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

Lane Shaver, PM, Senior Warden
Keith Gordon, Junior Warden
Robert Koss, PM, Treasurer

Christian Millhollin, Chaplain
Mike Miller, Senior Deacon
Lon A. Laffey, Junior Deacon

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Larry Epley, PM, Trustee
Jack Matthews, PM, Trustee

February 2012

Greetings Brethren: The mild and warm January has passed and February has reminded us that this is still the winter season, although ice fishing is not happening on Big Creek Lake. The lodge welcomed new Mason Luther Brown to our ranks and look forward to passing Brother Luther to the Fellowcraft degree sometime this month.

I was very pleased at how the cast preformed during the Initiation and Operative Lodge members can be very proud that the new officers of the lodge are learning quickly. I encourage all members to attend our Education meeting at the lodge on the third Monday of every month @ 6:30 PM to continue to learn the ritual, floor work and the symbolism and history of Freemasonry.

I look forward to hearing committee reports at the next stated meeting and look for the membership committee in bringing back our phone calling of members. That membership contact and invitation to meetings and events is an important part of our communication plan to make sure everyone knows what's going on at Operative Lodge.

At the next meeting I would like the planning efforts to begin for the lodge room upgrade and the Food Drive to support the DMARC Food Panty. Both are major objectives in reaching the goals we have laid out for the year.

I do want to mention a loss of a very important member of the Polk City Masonic Family. Dorothy Barton passed away on January 17th and was a member of Polk City Chapter Order of Eastern Star for 73 years, 72 of which she was an officer. Last month in the Trestle Board, I mentioned a key phrase each of us should adopt of "Living the Fraternity". I believe Dorothy lived her life in that manner through the work she accomplished in support of masonic organizations. Dorothy was the mother-in-law of Brothers Rodney Halverson and Robert Koss. Operative Lodge offers our support to the families. I will recommend that Operative Lodge recognize Sister Dorothy through a memorial tribute befitting of her legacy of service to the Polk City Masonic Center and the Eastern Star Home in Boone.

Next Stated Meeting: Monday February 13th: Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Open @ 7:30 PM
Next Education Night: Monday February 20th @ 6:30 PM

Fraternally,

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