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STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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APRIL 2007

Greetings Brethren:

I want to extend a **very big thank you** to Brothers Dean Johnson, PGM-PM, Jack Matthews, PM, Jim Blaney, PM, Tim Davis and Tony Preuninger, PM for their donation of time and effort in making a very successful contribution to the Des Moines Area Religious Counsel's Food Pantry Red Barrel Project.

On Saturday, March 31, 2007 these Brothers volunteered their time to assist in collecting food and monetary donations at the Dahl's Store at 35th & Ingersoll for the Food Pantry. Their efforts at this Sack Saturday event, as they are known by the Food Pantry, resulted in the collection of over 1,000 items of food and over \$200 in cash.

The Board of Directors for the Food Pantry also wish to extend their thanks for this great effort put forth by these Brothers.

DEGREE WORK:

On Saturday, March 24, 2007 Brothers Eric Auxier and John Trotter were raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

It, of course, is a great deal of work to put on two 3rd Degrees in such a short span of time, but we were able to pull it off with hitch.

A big thanks goes out to all the Operative Lodge members who made this event possible.

Please join me in welcoming our new brothers to the Fraternity.



Eric Auxier



John Trotter

Thanks to Brother Rod Halverson and his Lady Janice for a great noon meal.

PIZZA SALE DAY:

JUST A REMINDER, PIZZA DAY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007. PIZZA ORDERS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP NEED TO BE GIVEN TO BROTHER JIM TROTTER NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007.

As of Monday, April 9, 2007 just a little over 153 orders have been received.

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OPERATIVE LODGE FAMILY NIGHT DINNER:

Operative Lodge will be hosting a family dinner on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend and bring your wives and children for a pot luck supper. The main meat dish will be provided by Operative Lodge. Side dishes and deserts will be the Pot Luck part.

Our families sometimes give up a lot so that we can attend to Masonic business and because of their willingness to support our Masonic endeavors, it is right and fitting that we should make time for our families and this is a good way for us to show our thanks and appreciation for their encouragement and many times assistance with meals, etc.

PAST MASTERS PLAQUE:

The membership has decided at the April 2007 Stated Communication that we should proceed with the purchase of a Past Master Plaque honoring the many individuals who have served in that position at Operative Lodge over the years.

Brother Eric Auxier, who is by trade a Master Cabinet maker, will manufacture the wooden plaque from cherry wood and will also, put the finish on it.

Brothers Rod Halverson and Robert Koss have volunteered to pay for the individual name plaques that will be displayed on the wooden plaque that Brother Auxier is making.

THANK YOU BROTHERS ERIC AUXIER, ROD HALVERSON AND ROBERT KOSS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

GRAND LODGE TOUR:

A trip to visit the Grand Lodge of Iowa Masonic Building and Museum in Cedar Rapids, Iowa has been planned for Saturday May 5, 2007.

We will meet at Operative Lodge at 7:30am and depart for Cedar Rapids at 8:00am. After the tour we will stop in the Amana Colonies for lunch prior to returning to Polk City. Car pooling is encouraged. Brothers Eric Auxier and Rod Halverson will be providing some limited space in their vans and Brother Tony Preuninger will provide additional space in a motor home. However, depending on how many of us go, some folks may need to use their own vehicles for transportation.

DEGREE WORK:

Operative Lodge will be holding a 1st Degree for candidate Mark Oswald on Monday, April 30, 2007 beginning at 7:00pm.

We need your help, please come and assist with the Degree work or just be supportive of the new Brother by being on the sidelines.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH:

Robert Koss	April 3	Tom Zike, Jr.	April 10
Kris Hutchinson	April 4	Eric Auxier	April 13
Max Bodermann	April 5	Bret Mills	April 26
Tom Nyren	April 9		

Please join me in wishing these Brethren a happy birthday.

POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP:

This group will meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at Moingona Lodge to work on the 1st Degree. A meal will be served at 6:30pm with ritual work beginning at 7:30pm.

Fraternally,

James L. Trotter
Worshipful Master