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TRESTLE BOARD

STATED MEETING – 2nd MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

Larry A. Epley, PM, Senior Warden
Lee Preuninger, PM, Junior Warden
Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer

Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain
Eric J. Olson, Senior Deacon
Gordon Schofer, Junior Deacon

Timothy Davis, Senior Steward
Gene Jennings, Junior Steward
Gunnar D. Young, Tyler

Steven L. Moeckly, PM, Trustee
Asa Moeckly, PM Trustee
Tyler Moeckly, Trustee

January 2007

Greetings Brethren:

The first order of business in this issue of the Trestle Board is to thank the membership of Operative Lodge for allowing me to serve as Worshipful Master for 2007. This is an honor that I don't view lightly and I will do my utmost to uphold the traditions that have been established by those who have served in this position before me.

The installation of 2007 Officers and appointees for Operative Lodge was held on January 7, 2007. The ceremony was conducted by Brother D. Dean Johnson, PGM as Installing Officer, along with Brother Jim Blaney, PM, as Chaplain; Brother Jack Matthews, PM, as Secretary; and Brother Steve Moeckly, PM, as Marshall.



Operative Lodge #308 – 2007 Officers

(Front Row – L to R) Eric Olson, SD, Larry Epley PM, SW, Lee Preuninger PM, JW, James L Trotter, WM

(Back Row – L to R) (Bagpiper) Brother Jim Jorgenson, Mike Aves PM, Treasurer, Tim Davis, SS, Gordon Schofer PM, JD, Dale Young, Tyler, Jack Matthews PM, Secretary, Rod Halverson PM, Chaplain, Steve Layton (Bagpiper)

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In recognition of Brother Rodney Halverson's service to Operative Lodge in 2006, during the 2007 installation ceremony, I presented Brother Rod with a Masonic Gavel as a remembrance of his time as Worshipful Master. Under his leadership Operative Lodge was able to gain recognition from the Grand Lodge of Iowa by being awarded a Lodge of the Year honor.

All the members of Operative Lodge #308 wish to thank Brother Rod for his Leadership during this last year.



Brother Rod Halverson PM, receiving Gavel

The January 2007 Stated Communication saw another petition approved. The candidate, Eric Auxier, will begin receiving his degrees on Monday, January 29, 2007. Please join me in extending a hearty Masonic welcome to Eric.

Along these same lines, I send a reminder of other upcoming degree work. On Monday, January 15, 2007 two new members will begin their journey through the mysteries of Masonry. The candidates are Steve Layton and John Trotter.

Please mark your calendars for both the 15th and the 29th of January and come join the Brothers of Operative Lodge as we begin the initiation process for these new members. Help Operative Lodge make their journey memorable.

I would like to take a moment to speak to the membership of Operative Lodge about an important issue. The ability of Operative Lodge #308 to remain a vibrant, active and fully functional Masonic organization depends greatly on the direct support that it receives from its membership. During the last year I have had an opportunity to see, first hand, how some other Masonic Lodges, much larger than Operative Lodge in some cases, are struggling with attendance at their Stated Communications.

I would venture to say that Operative Lodge, on the other hand, has on average between fifteen and twenty members in attendance at our monthly Stated Communications. That, in my mind, speaks volumes about the commitment that our membership shows in keeping with the spirit and tradition of this Masonic Lodge. I congratulate all of you for showing such a high degree of commitment and encourage you all to help with attracting more of our members back to the Lodge.

To those of you, who have not attended Lodge for awhile, please come join us at an Operative Lodge Stated Communication. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised of what a good time is had by all. Good food, good cribbage, good conversation, and of course a spirited fun filled Communication.

Operative Lodge #308 will be in pursuit of another Lodge of Year Award in 2007 and to that end, I have included with this issue of the Trestle Board a copy of the tentative schedule of events for the year. As noted at the bottom of this schedule, all events are subject to change or cancellation, so please refer to the Trestle Board for any updates, corrections or cancellations.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Worshipful Master at Operative Lodge.

Fraternally,

James L. Trotter
Worshipful Master

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Operative Lodge #308 - 2006/2007 Calendar of Events

Worshipful Master James L. Trotter

<p><u>SEPTEMBER - 2006</u></p> <p>11 Stated Communication 15-16 Grand Lodge - Davenport, Iowa 28 1st Degree - Phillip Worsham</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER - 2006</u></p> <p>9 Stated Communication Financial Contributions - Rowley Masonic Home & Sunshine Fund, and Bettendorf Masonic Home 16 2nd Degree - Phillip Worsham 30 Grand Master Area Meeting - Home Lodge</p>
<p><u>NOVEMBER - 2006</u></p> <p>4 Fall Pizza Sale Day 13 Stated Communication Election of Officers Educational Program - Lodge Renewal Financial Contribution - Polk City Public Safety 14 Lodge Building Improvement Project - Outside lighting 20 3rd Degree - Phillip Worsham 28 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Operative Lodge</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER - 2006</u></p> <p>11 Stated Communication - Meet the Candidate Night. Candidates - Eric Auxier, Steve Layton, John Trotter 19 Polk Jasper Ritual Study Group - Preston Lodge</p>
<p><u>JANUARY - 2007</u></p> <p>7 Installation of Officers 8 Stated Communication Educational Program 10 Rusty Nail Night - Degree Practice 15 (2) 1st Degrees - Steve Layton, John Trotter Secretaries Conference - Waveland Park Lodge 23 Polk Jasper Ritual Study Group - East Gate Lodge 29 (1) 1st Degree - Eric Auxier</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY - 2007</u></p> <p>12 Stated Communication 15 Rusty Nail Night-Degree Practice 17 (3) 2nd Degrees - Steve Layton, John Trotter, Eric Auxier 27 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Home Lodge</p>
<p><u>MARCH - 2007</u></p> <p>12 Stated Communication Educational Program 15 Rusty Nail Night-Degree Practice 19 (1) 3rd Degree - Eric Auxier 20 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - South Gate Lodge 24 (2) 3rd Degrees - Steve Layton, John Trotter</p>	<p><u>APRIL - 2007</u></p> <p>9 Stated Communication 14 Spring Pizza Sale Day 23 Operative Lodge Members Family Night Dinner 24 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Moingona Lodge</p>
<p><u>MAY - 2007</u></p> <p>14 Stated Communication Educational Program 21 Operative Lodge - Fellowship Night 22 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Operative Lodge 28 Operative Lodge College Scholarship Recipients named</p>	<p><u>JUNE - 2007</u></p> <p>11 Stated Communication 20 Polk City Public Safety Recognition Supper 26 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Preston Lodge</p>
<p><u>JULY - 2007</u></p> <p>9 Stated Communication Educational Program 23 O.E.S. Recognition & Masonic Widow Dinner 24 Polk-Jasper Study Group - Faithful Lodge</p>	<p><u>AUGUST - 2007</u></p> <p>13 Stated Communication 28 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Eastgate Lodge 29 Operative Lodge Fellowship night.</p>
<p><u>SEPTEMBER - 2007</u></p> <p>10 Stated Communication 21 Grand Lodge of Iowa - Annual Communication 25 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Newton Lodge</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER - 2007</u></p> <p>8 Stated Communication 13 Fall Pizza Sale Day 23 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Operative Lodge</p>
<p><u>NOVEMBER - 2007</u></p> <p>12 Stated Communication 27 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Faithful Lodge</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER - 2007</u></p> <p>10 Stated Communication 18 Polk-Jasper Ritual Study Group - Home Lodge</p>

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION CHECK THE MONTHLY TRESTLE BOARD FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES OR UPDATES