

# Operative Lodge No. 308, A.F. & A.M.

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## **TRESTLE BOARD**

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

<b>Larry A. Epley, PM, Senior Warden</b>	<b>Rodney E. Halverson, PM, Chaplain</b>	<b>Timothy Davis, Senior Steward</b>	<b>Steven L. Moeckly, PM, Trustee</b>
<b>Lee Prenninger, PM, Junior Warden</b>	<b>Eric J. Olson, Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Gene Jennings, Junior Steward</b>	<b>Asa Moeckly, Trustee</b>
<b>Michael B. Aves, Sr., PM, Treasurer</b>	<b>Gordon Schofer, PM, Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Gunnar D. Young, Tyler</b>	<b>Tyler Moeckly, PM Trustee</b>

### **OCTOBER 2007**

Greetings Brethren:

I am happy to report that Operative Lodge #308 has had another successful year and again we qualified for the Lodge of the Year Award.

Qualifying for this award means that Operative Lodge fulfilled the numerous requirements set forth by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. These requirements include such things as; attending the Grand Masters Area Meetings, various Custodians' Regional School, use of the Lodge Charity Fund for a worthy cause, filing by Lodge Secretary of the Monthly Returns to the Grand Lodge Secretary, preparing and filing Annual Budget for the Lodge with the Grand Secretary, just to name a few. The list of items to be accomplished each year by a Lodge is quite lengthy and requires a good deal of hard work by the membership.

I would like to commend all of you for the hard work that has made the receiving of this Award possible. This is how a Masonic Lodge remains alive and growing, that is, by the membership getting involved in Lodge activities. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!**

Worshipful Master Jim Trotter accepts the 2007 Lodge of the Year Award on behalf of Operative Lodge #308 from Grand Master Dennis Zahrt.



### **163<sup>rd</sup> GRAND LODGE OF IOWA ANNUAL MEETING:**

The Grand Lodge of Iowa held its Annual Communication in Waterloo, Iowa. The schedule of events began on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and concluded on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Over 400 representatives of Iowa Masonic Lodges were in attendance.

A number of issues related to proposed changes of the Grand Lodge of Iowa Constitution were discussed and voted on by the membership as were a number of changes to assorted sections of the Grand Lodge Code.

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The results of the election for Grand Lodge Officers for 2007-2008 are as follows; Grand Master Donald E. Mosier, Senior Grand Warden Craig L. Davis, Junior Grand Warden Larry E. Shears, Grand Treasurer Scott A. Johnson, and Grand Secretary William R. Crawford.

Operative Lodge #308 members in attendance at the 2007 Grand Lodge of Iowa Annual Communication were; (L to R) Jim Trotter, WM, Mike Aves, PM, Rod Halverson, PM, Lane Shaver, and D. Dean Johnson, PGM.



**2007 FALL PIZZA SALE:**

Saturday, October 20, 2007 is rapidly approaching. Let's see if we can make this a record sale of our Pizzas. Get those orders to Jim Trotter as early as possible. The information about the number of pizzas being sold is needed so the correct amount of pizza makings can be ordered.

Please mark your calendars for this event and come join the pizza making crew. We will meet on Friday, October 19, 2007 around 6:30pm to cut up vegetables and set up the pizza assembly line, etc. All help is welcome.

**OPERATIVE LODGE MEMBERSHIP:**

Brother Lane Shaver, WM of Star Lodge #115 in Madrid, Iowa and Brother Terry L. Burk of Tabernacle Lodge #452 in Cambridge, Iowa has joined Operative Lodge via duel membership.

Please join me in welcoming Brother Lane and Brother Terry.

**DEGREE WORK:**

Operative Lodge will hold two 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees in October 2007. The first will be on Monday, October 15, 2007 beginning at 6:00pm. This Degree will be for Richard Jones. The second 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree will be on Monday, October 29, 2007 and will also begin at 6:00pm. This Degree will be for John Westergard.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree ritual will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2007 beginning at 6:00pm. This Degree will be for Scott Nemmers.

Please come and join in the work for these new candidates either through participation in the ritual or just be on the sidelines supporting the new members.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

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| Tim Davis       | October 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Thomas Jones    | October 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Daryl Dusharm   | October 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| D. Dean Johnson | October 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Travis Powell   | October 17 <sup>th</sup> |

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**GRAND LODGE OF IOWA SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

I recently received a communication from the Scholarship Selection Committee that provided information concerning the Masonic Scholarship procedure.

Approximately 60 Iowa High School students will ultimately be selected to receive not less than \$2,000 in scholarship money that is being given by the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Iowa Masons are encouraged to inform eligible high school students about this program and assist any potential candidates in obtaining the proper application.

Applications for these scholarships must be submitted (postmarked) no later than February, 1, 2008. Student applications should be sent to the following address:

Scholarship Selection Committee  
Grand Lodge of Iowa  
P.O. Box 279  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-0279

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**GRAND MASTER AREA MEETINGS:**

Grand Master Donald E. Mosier will be holding area meetings for all Iowa Masonic Lodge Officers at various dates and locations throughout the State during the months of October and November 2007.

An area meeting is being held on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Nevada, Iowa at Nevada Lodge #99. However, that is the same night that Operative Lodge is hosting the Polk Jasper Study Group.

King David Lodge #407 will be hosting the next closest area meeting on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00pm.

Grand Master area meetings are important for two reasons. First, the Grand Master and his staff use these meetings to outline their program for the coming year. Secondly, for individual Lodges with hopes of attaining the Lodge of the Year Award for 2008, this meeting is listed as one of the categories that allow Iowa Lodges to earn substantial points toward this Award.

The Lodge Officers are encouraged to attend these meetings; however they are open to all Iowa Masons.

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**POLK JASPER STUDY GROUP:**

Operative Lodge will host the October 2007 Polk Jasper Ritual Study Group on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Supper will be served at 6:30pm and ritual study will begin at 7:30pm. The Study Group will work on the 1<sup>st</sup> Section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

Please mark your calendar for this event. This will be a great opportunity for our new Brethren to begin learning Freemasonry rituals and an even better opportunity for us oldsters to bone up on ritual.

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**OCTOBER STATED COMMUNICATION:**

The October Stated Communication for Operative Lodge will be held on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with supper being served at 6:30pm. The Lodge will open at 7:30pm. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT LODGE!!!

Fraternally,

James L. Trotter  
Worshipful Master

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