



Great Lights Lodge #181
Monday, January 8th, 2007
January Stated Meeting

Dear Brethren:

It is hard to believe that another year is upon us. I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season. For the brethren that do not know me, my name is Eric Sommermeyer and I have been a mason for 12 years. I was raised in Winona Lodge #18 while I attended Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota. I also belong to the York Rite in Winona as well as Scottish Rite in Cedar Rapids. I served as the Master of Winona Lodge #18 in 1998.

We are starting the New Year off with three third degrees. Charles Lemke, James Stansfield, and Gary Schlerman will be raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in January or February. The dates for these degrees have not been solidified at the time of this newsletter.

My main goal for this year as Master of the lodge is to have our lodge earn Lodge of the Year recognition from Grand Lodge. To obtain this award, the lodge is required to obtain points in various established categories. I will address this further at our next stated communication on Monday, January 8th. For those brethren with internet access, information on the Lodge of the Year Award can be obtained from the Grand Lodge of Iowa website at www.gl-iowa.org.

There has been some interest in meeting for dinner before our lodge meetings. If this is something that we want to do as a lodge, I would be interested in having a volunteer to receive RSVP's from our brethren and to make the dinner reservation at the restaurant of choice for the month.

Fraternally,

Eric J. Sommermeyer

Worshipful Master

