



## Great Lights Lodge #181

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### February Stated Meeting - 7:30pm at the Lodge building

Greetings, Brethren! This has to be one of the mildest Januaries on record and I hope you are enjoying it.

We had a first degree for Brother Karl Jacobson at our last lodge meeting. The weather was great, and it was on our regular meeting night, yet we had only one sideliners from our own lodge there! It was disappointing to see several brethren from other lodges there, but just one from our own lodge. Most of us will remember that when we took our degrees that we appreciated that so many Masons would turn out to be present at our degrees and to congratulate and encourage us. We do have two other degrees left for Brother Karl, so we still have opportunities to show him the respect we received when we took ours.

His second degree will be on **Monday, February 27**. We will have **practices on Sunday, February 12 at 1:00 and Sunday, February 19 at 2:00**. Judging from our last degree, this is not an either or option, but we will need your attendance at both practices, with very, very few exceptions as to brothers known to be proficient. Oddly enough, those brothers will probably be in attendance at the practices. If you are a Mason wishing to learn the ritual for the office to which you were elected or appointed, then I will expect to see you there. Some brethren have told me they will not be here for the first practice as they will be out of town, so I have substituted others for them. The tentative cast is as follows: First Section: WM-Ed Armstead of Independence; SW-Don Davis; JW-Eric Sommermeyer; Senior Deacon-Tex Heyer of West Union; JD-Gordy Buss; SS-Adam Riley; JS-Clark Mikkelsen. Second Section: WM-Ed Armstead; SW-Tex Heyer; JW-Eric Sommermeyer; SD-Don Davis; Secy-Dave Dunlavy; SS-Adam Riley; JS-Clark Mikkelsen; and Charge--Don Davis. As this is not a regular meeting night, we will open on the second degree at 7:00p.m. and proceed with the degree, then close in the second degree.

We will have our **regular lodge meeting on Monday, February 13**. Items to discuss are a proposed healthy(no pun intended) donation to county law enforcement to provide defibrillators in all sheriff's deputies and police cars, as has been done in Rochester, MN for several years. We will also have our annual election of officers and minimally yearly Building Association Meeting immediately after lodge meeting. Lots going on now, so please do come and join with us in our Great Fraternity! One way someone could participate would be to volunteer to bring refreshments for our second degree on Monday, February 27. Please contact Tom Raulerson if you wish to do so.

Fraternally, Tom Raulerson, WM