



Great Lights Lodge #181
Monday, February 12th, 2007
February Stated Meeting

Dear Brethren,

We held our regularly stated communication on January 8. At this meeting, we discussed planning for the upcoming year. I had mentioned in last month's newsletter that it was my intention to earn lodge of the year recognition. On further discussion, the lodge has decided to use this year as a so-called practice run for next year.

On January 22, the lodge raised Brother Charles Lembke to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason. I felt that this was a good degree, despite the fact that we were missing a couple of our regulars. The following brethren from outside of our lodge assisted us in conferring the degree: Tex Heyer, Kenny Miller, Rich Hofmeyer, Luke Reicks, Al Riley, and Ed Armstead. Brother Ed Armstead presented the slide lecture for the third degree once we had finished the second section. This was the first time that I had the opportunity to watch this lecture and I must say that I was truly impressed.

Our next communication will be on February 12. The lodge still has two third degrees to confer. Gary Schlerman from New Hampton and James Stansfield from Decorah will be raised in the near future. I would like to get these degrees scheduled and the casts filled out at our next meeting on the 12th.

For those that do not know, my wife and I are hosting two foreign exchange students. One is from Germany and the other is from the Czech Republic. These two young men have agreed to give a brief talk and answer questions about their homelands prior to our March communication. I am thinking that we could meet for dinner with the ladies and the presentations could follow dinner. Please bring your recommendations for a restaurant to our February meeting so that dining arrangements can be made.

Fraternally

Eric Sommermeyer

Worshipful Master

