



Great Lights Lodge #181

Monday, June 12th, 2006

Dinner before Lodge at Mabes, 6:00pm

*Please call Tim Felton (379.0852) or Dave Dunlavy
(387.3736) to let us know that you are going to eat with us.*

June Stated Meeting -7:30pm at the Lodge building

Greetings, Brethren!

As of this writing it seems Spring zipped by and we went straight to Summer! Hopefully things will level off and we will enjoy the weather we want.

In our May Meeting Senior Warden Tim Felton sat in the East, as the WM was in Georgia with his ailing father. Thanks to your prayers and thoughts, the Brother and Colonel pulled out of another nose dive. On May 4 Brother Eric Sommermeyer was happy to raise his Brother Jon to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. On May 13 both natural and Masonic brothers took the next 29 degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry and are now 32nd^o Masons! We expect great things from the Sommermeyer Brothers, and they have been just outstanding thus far. Thanks to Brother Don Davis for being the Degree Master for Brother Jon's Third.

On May 10, Senior Deacon Adam Riley, and Brothers Felton and Raulerson presented TWO Iowa Masonic Scholarships to two outstanding seniors at Decorah High School.

On May 16 a dinner was held to honor our new brothers and our new candidates. Attendance was reported to be good, with good fellowship all around.

We are at a pause in our degree work, as one of our candidates wants to wait until the end of the summer to begin, and the other has been hard to follow up on. We will, of course, move on when the time is right for these future brothers.

In the interim **please mark the following dates on your calendars:**

Tuesday, June 6 @ Independence--150th celebration of the lodge and rededication.

Reservations required. Contact Ed Armstead no later than Sunday, June 4th at: 319-334-2684. As much as Ed and crew have helped us with our degree work we owe them.

Friday, June 16--Sunday, June 18--"Thunder in the Hills" at Clermont. Civil War Reenactment and table lodge. BECAUSE OF THE TABLE LODGE IN CLERMONT WE WILL NOT HOST A TABLE LODGE THIS YEAR, BUT WILL SUPPORT THE ONE IN CLERMONT. Contact Arnold Guyer(563-423-7193) for details and to make reservations.

Sunday, August 6--Barthell Home Picnic. We have been invited to grill again, and we are happy this is becoming a tradition. We will need about six brothers, or so, to grill. If you want to do so, please contact Tom Raulerson(563-382-2373).

As far as our Lodge Meetings lately, it seems I have become a Master in absentia. Will be in California for a wedding on our June 12 Meeting. Eric Sommermeyer, a past master and ritualist who knows how to conduct a lodge meeting, will be sitting in for me. Thanks, Brother Eric! Please give him your support.

Fraternally,
Tom Raulerson, WM

