



Great Lights Lodge #181  
Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
*Dinner before Lodge at Mabe's, 6:00pm*  
September Stated Meeting -7:30pm at the Lodge building

***Please call Tim Felton (379.0852) or Dave Dunlavy (387.3736) to let us know that you are going to eat with us at the Mabe's Restaurant at 6:00pm Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>.***

Greetings, Brethren!

What a beautiful August we had, and a great start for September!

In case you were looking for a newsletter in August, you would have been disappointed. Due to the Master's poor timing, he did not get the information to the Secretary in time to get it out. My apologies, as that was the first time in almost two years we have not produced a monthly newsletter.

Perhaps the lack of a reminder provided by the newsletter resulted in a low turnout for our August meeting, but it is doubtful, as the meetings have been on the second Monday at 7:30 for the past 20 years. Our guess is it was vacation time for many.

**What happened at our meeting was as follows:** We thanked our brothers who grilled at the Barthell Order of the Eastern Star Home's annual picnic in August. They were Jon and Eric Sommermeyer, Don Davis, Karl Jacobsen, and Dave Rambo. Thank you Brethren! The lodge received a nice "thank you" note from one of the residents at the home, and Brother Karl Jacobsen, Administrator, also thanked us for our efforts. As many of us have grilled in the past, we know what an enjoyable experience it is for us, as well; we expect to hear from Brother Tim soon, once schools are up and running, for some help with the bike safety clinics that he and other officers conduct for area schools; we also noted that our excellent Brother, Junior Steward Clark Mikkelsen, is still receiving chemo and radiation treatments; Treasurer Bill Naef gave a mid-year treasurer's report, noting a balance of \$3,400 in lodge checking, and \$10,700.00 in building association checking, noting that property taxes went up this year; the Master presented a petition for a man whose father-in-law was a member of this lodge, and whose wife is an active Eastern Star member in the New Hampton chapter. Brothers Bob Eppens and Senior Warden Tim Felton signed his petition, so we feel sure the investigating committee of Karl Jacobsen, Don Davis and Tom Raulerson will find him a fitting brother when they report out at our September meeting on Monday, September 11.

**Upcoming events:** The Grand Lodge of Iowa(which is for all of us) will hold its 162nd Annual Communication in Davenport on *September 14th through 16* at the Clarion Hotel on 5202 Brady St. As always everyone is encouraged to attend this annual event that passes legislation that affects all of us each year. One piece of legislation likely to pass is a dues increase, as there have not been many increases in several years, and our numbers of 50 year members(not required to pay dues) is a high percentage of our membership. Don Davis and Tom Raulerson will be attending, so if you are a Warden and will not be attending, please get your signed proxy statements to Don and Tom at or before the lodge meeting, as we will need them to vote for our lodge's interests.

Thank you all, Brethren, for all you do for Masonry in general and our own Great Lights Lodge # 181 in particular!

Fraternally, Tom Raulerson, W.M.