



Great Lights Lodge #181  
Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
6:30pm for Candidate Initiation at the Lodge building  
January Stated Meeting

**Happy New Year, Brethren!** Let's hope winter finishes as mildly as it began in January!

We are elated to return to degree work after an absence of at least a year. On our next meeting night (Monday, January 9) we will initiate Carl Jacobson, new Administrator of the Mathilda Barthell Order of the Eastern Star Home, right here in Decorah! Please note that we will open in the first degree AT 6:30 p.m. SHARP! We will then initiate Mr. Jacobson, go from labor to refreshment, have a brief refreshment time to congratulate our then brother, then go from refreshment to labor, open in the third degree, have our regular meeting, then close in the third degree.

We will have a practice on SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the lodge. All of us will need the practice. The following will have lines in the OPENING of the First Degree which will be different from our usual opening: WM, SW, JW, TREAS., SEC., SD, AND JD. Please rehearse your part prior to the practice on Sunday.

We will also rehearse the actual degree on Sunday. Our brethren helping us from other lodges will not need to attend. The degree team who have so generously given of their time and service to stage this degree are: WM - Ed Armstead (Independence); SW-Tim Felton; JW-Steve Riley (New Hampton); SD -Tom Raulerson; SS - Adam Riley; JS - Clark Mikkelsen; Charge - Don Davis; and Explanatory Lecture (Don Davis asks; Tex Heyer [West Union] answers. Don Davis has also graciously volunteered to provide refreshments.

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR PART (WHICH CANNOT BE READ FROM ANY SOURCE, NOR CAN A KING SOLOMON'S BE TAKEN INTO THE LODGE) THEN PLEASE EXCUSE YOURSELF ASAP AND LET ME KNOW SO THAT I CAN FIND A SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE FROM ANOTHER LODGE TO HELP US DO OUR WORK!

If you remember your own degree, then you will remember how impressive it was to you to see several members attending who participated by watching the presentation of the degree, and enjoying its significance all over again. So please turn out to support the candidate and the degree team, all of whom will appreciate your support.

We thank all our brethren serving as officers this year!

Dates of Importance: Friday, January 6--Secretaries Conference at Lamont; Decorah Chapter of the Eastern Star has elected to go "in the dark" for the months of January and February in order to avoid the worst weather for traveling to chapter meetings. Chapter will resume meetings on March 14

Looking forward to seeing most of you on Sunday and all of you on Monday!

Tom Raulerson, WM

