



**Great Lights Lodge #181**  
**Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**November Stated Meeting**

Brethren,

We have quite a bit going on with respect to our lodge. Our next stated communication is on November 12 at 7:30 PM. As you may know, lodge elections are conducted at the November communication.

On October 30, Brother Ron Werner was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Brother Ron received his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree along with Brother Shad Roys of West Union in West Union Lodge #69. We decided to hold a joint degree as a cast had already been established. I think that it is great that the two lodges can work together and assist each other with degree work!

We have a few projects that we are considering. The first of the two is the Hope Lodge in Iowa City. The Hope Lodge provides lodging for cancer patients and their families while the patient is receiving treatment in Iowa City. We are considering the Pizza Ranch fundraiser for a donation to this worthy project. For those that are unaware, Pizza Ranch allows nonprofit organizations to work busing tables on a selected evening. Pizza Ranch will provide advertising and will contribute 10% of that day's profit to us.

The other, and much larger, project that we are considering is sponsoring a wall that is to be constructed along the Trout Run Trail near the Decorah Fish Hatchery. It will be visible from not only the trail, but also from the highway. This will be a great opportunity to provide our lodge nice visibility in the community for decades to come. We are considering an immediate contribution of \$5,000 from the lodge treasury as well as another \$5,000 pledge to be funded over a three-year period. Brothers Tim Felton, Karl Jacobsen, and Dave Dunlavy have been appointed to spearhead this project. I would encourage all brethren to attend our next meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> as this issue will be discussed and it is important to have buy in from the brethren before undertaking a project of this size with lodge funds.

A dinner has been scheduled to honor Brother Jack Nelson for 50 years of membership in the Masonic fraternity. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 15 at the Oaks Steakhouse in Decorah. There will be a fellowship hour at 5:30 with dinner to follow at 6:30. We must provide the restaurant a count of the number attending. Please RSVP to Brother Dave Dunlavy at 563-387-3736 with a yes or no response.

I hope to see all of you at lodge on Monday evening.

Fraternally,

Eric J. Sommermeyer, WM

