

Great Lights Lodge #181 Regular Stated Lodge Meeting Monday, December 11th, 2006, 7:30pm

Greetings, Brethren!

We have been busy! Since our last newsletter Senior Warden Protem Eric Sommermeyer and Secretary Dave Dunlavy have attended the Grand Master's Area Meeting in Colesburg; Eric Sommermeyer, Don Davis and Tom Raulerson attended the Scottish Rite Reunion in Cedar Rapids, we have had two first degrees(one of them a courtesy one) and a second degree. Additionally Brothers Karl Jacobsen and Raulerson recently ordered and delivered 11 poinsettias to our Masonic widows.

ELECTIONS

We also had our all important elections with these officers committed to serve Great Lights Lodge # 181 for next year: Worshpful Master: Eric Sommermeyer, Senior Warden: Don Davis, Junior Warden: Tom Raulerson, Treasurer: Bill Naef, Secretary: Dave Dunlavy, Senior Deacon: Steve Riley, Junior Deacon: Karl Jacobsen, Senior Steward: Jon Sommermeyer, Junior Steward: Clark Mikkelsen, Chaplain: Paul Hardy, and Tyler: Don Moore. Committees appointed are Charity: Brothers Eric Sommermeyer, Davis and Raulerson; Education: Brothers Naef, Sommermeyer and Raulerson; and Membership: Brothers Adam Riley, Jon Sommermeyer, and Karl Jacobsen. We wish WM Sommermeyer a most successful year as Master. This will not be his first time in the East, as he was Master of his Lodge as a college student in Minnesota.

DEGREES

We still have a great deal more degree work to do as well. You will be doing yourself a favor if you come out and meet the new young Masons we have coming along and who are willing to assume leadership positions in the lodge and take their commitments seriously. Please come to Lodge on **December 14 at 7:00** to witness the second degrees for James Stansfield, a Luther student and Gary Schlermann, of New Hampton. **Keep your eye out for a January date** for native Winneshiek Countian Charles Lembke's third degree.

MEETINGS

Don't forget our **regular Lodge Meeting on Monday, December 11 at 7:30.** Immediately after Lodge installation of officers will be held.

Monday, December 4 @ 7:00 will be our York Rite Chapter and Commandery Meeting, with elections of officers, so please put that on your calendar, too.

Eastern Star meets Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve again as Master of the Lodge these past two years, and an excited and encouraged at our new young Masons willing to put in the work and bring new ideas to our beloved Lodge. Please offer your full support to Brother Eric Sommermeyer in the coming year, as he will certainly need and appreciate your active support.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Fraternally, Tom D. Raulerson, W. M.