

Great Lights Lodge #181 Monday, July 10th, 2006 Dinner before Lodge at Family Table, 6:00pm July Stated Meeting -7:30pm at the Lodge building

Greetings, Brethren!

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 Family Table at 6:00pm Monday July 10th.

July is off to a great start, and hopefully you had a wonderful Fourth!

THANKS!

Thanks to Brother Eric Sommermeyer, P.M. for sitting in for me while I was in California for my nephew's wedding in June. That is the only one of my missed Masonic meetings that I knew of well in advance, and it is good to be home.

It was good that we were represented at Independence Lodge's 150th Celebration as they have helped our lodge so much, and we thank brother Karl Jacobsen for attending. It also sounds like we had a great turnout to support Brother Don and Sister Ilene Moore's 85th birthdays and 60th wedding anniversary. It has been a year of milestone's for the Moore's as Brother Don was recognized this Spring for serving on the Board of Directors for Decorah Bank and Trust Co. for 40 years. All that, plus Brother Don is a 60+ year Master Mason! Congratulations for all your accomplishments, Brother Don!

Brothers Eric and Jon Sommermeyer, along with Brother Don Davis, recently attended a special School of Instruction in Oelwein, instructed by Board of Custodians D.I.s Art Crandon and Dennis Zahrt, who will be our new Grand Master starting in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Speaking of September, 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. The All-Masonic Banquet will be Friday, September 15 and does require tickets purchased in advance. Please see Tom or Dave for details.

Sunday, August 6 is the Barthell Home Picnic which our lodge has provided the grillers for the past several years. We will need about 6 brothers, or so, to grill. Sylvia Steine tells me that would like us to be there by 10:00 a.m. Please contact Tom at 382-2373 to volunteer to help out.

Looking forward to seeing all of you and catching up on the fellowship of our special fraternity, I hope to see you in lodge on Monday, July 10 at 7:30 as always!

Fraternally, Tom Raulerson, W.M.