



Lakeville Lodge / Eastern Star Newsletter

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Message from the Worshipful Master

Greetings Brothers,

I hope you all enjoyed a good Valentines Day! Our February Stated Meeting went well with a good meal of beef stew preceding the meeting prepared by Sister Chris and WB Harold, delicious!

Thank you to the Brothers who attended the Memorial Service for Worshipful Brother Ben Six. His family expressed their appreciation for our efforts. We are still working on the review of the by-laws and will soon have it completed. The background checks are still incomplete for our two candidates but we hope to get those completed soon.

The opportunity to apply for a Masonic Scholarship is now available through March 31, 2025. These scholarships are given out based on scholastic achievement and financial need. Our Lodge has had several recipients in the past so please do not hesitate to apply. Check with myself or one of our Officers. Our building and property insurance is being reviewed as the cost keeps rising and is one of our biggest expenses.

The recap report was given and discussed and certainly reflects our loss of membership.

The Building Committee has a walleye fish sandwich and fries fundraiser booked for April 4th. This will be carry-out only, prepared by WB Ralph Smith. Look for your tickets in the mail soon and please try to sell some to support this fundraiser.

We have a number of members and family members struggling with health and other issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

There are a number events planned for this year with dates in the future soon and are as follows: Open Door Night, Golf Outing, Summer Picnic, 4-H Fair Food Booth, Past Masters & Widows Night and the Chicken Noodle Dinner.

March dinner before the Stated Meeting will be Corned Beef & Cabbage. Please Contact Max Feitz (Home: 574-784-8488 Cell: 574-298-3454) with your reservation. Thanks in advance for your response. Refreshments will be furnished by WB Eric Seavey for after the meeting.

I am convinced that life is 10% what happened to me and 90% how I reacted to it. and so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes. -Charles Swindrell

That's all for now Brothers. I hope to see you soon!

Max Feitz
Worshipful Master

Dates to Remember:

- Thu Mar-6 @ 6:30pm** Dinner (RSVP to Max Feitz - H:574-784-8488 C:574-298-3454)
- Thu Mar-6 @ 7:30pm** Stated Meeting - Refreshments to follow the meeting.
- Sat Mar-15** Grand Master's One Day Class @ Warsaw Lodge #73
- Wed Mar-26 @ 7:00pm** Grand Master's Area Conference @ Warsaw Lodge #73
- Fri Apr-4** Walleye Fish Sandwich Carry-Out - more details to come

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Message from the Worthy Matron

Hello!

I hope everyone is staying warm and doing well!

March is going to be a busy month for us! District 20 will have our Official Visit from the WGM and WGP on Tuesday evening, March 11th. Lakeville is honored to host this meeting. We will have practice for our Inspection on Monday, March 3rd at 7pm at Lakeville. Our Chapter will have the closing at Inspection; however, you will want to be there for the entire practice so you hear all the announcements and plans that Sister Donna will give us that night. Plus, we never know if we could be asked to step in at the last minute. Practice is casual but we will definitely be formal for the Inspection itself on the 11th. Ladies, please wear your black special top with a long black skirt. Men, you will want to wear a suit and your official tie that night.

If you have babies that you would like to have dedicated at inspection, please let me know right away. We want to be sure that we get them a little gift so it helps to know in advance.

Our regular stated meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4th. Given that the weather is still likely to be cold, I think we should make it a casual dress night. Slacks are appropriate but please no jeans. It will be good to get back together and catch up. We will have some reports to hear that night and, of course, we will pick the name for the service dog Lakeville will sponsor. Barb and Barb have refreshments.

Lakeville Chapter has decided to sponsor a puppy for the Service Dog Project, the official charity of the Eastern Star. We will need to raise \$5,000 to adopt a dog and start it on its journey to become a loving and caring helper for an individual with a great need. The ICAN program, used by Indiana, will be responsible for training the dog to become a service animal. They have a great and rigorous program that ensures the development of a long serving and caring companion who will provide for the needs of a person with a disability. We have already raised \$3,225 but we still need to collect more. The money we raise will start the process and all future expenses for the dog will be provided by the OES Service Dog Project. Please remember to send a donation to the Chapter Secretary at PO Box 331, Lakeville, IN, 46536, made out to Lakeville Chapter and marked to go to the Service Dog or bring it with you to the next meeting. Thank you so much for sponsoring this project!

Looking forward to seeing the sunshine again but in the meantime, keep shining!

Blessings,
Barb

Dates to Remember:

- Mon Mar-3 @ 7:00pm** Inspection Practice @ Lakeville
- Tue Mar-4 @ 7:30pm** Stated Meeting - Refreshments to follow the meeting.
- Tue Mar-11 @ 6:45pm** Inspection @ Lakeville - Please try to arrive by 6:30pm. - Refreshments to follow
- Fri Apr-4** Walleye Fish Sandwich Carry-Out - more details to come

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