



Lakeville Lodge / Eastern Star Newsletter

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Message from the Worshipful Master

Tidings from the East!

Brothers, I'm not sure but spring is supposed to be upon us. Sure is a wet and cold one so far. I am still trying to get cleaned up from the wind, storms and flower beds cleaned.

The Stated Meeting went well and I thought very smoothly.

We have again this year made a donation to the LaVille After prom; good move!

The By-Laws are still under review and so far no one has presented any changes. Any ideas? We will be closing this soon.

The Golf Outing that was scheduled for May 3rd has been postponed to a later date to be announced hopefully with better weather so more teams will want to play!

The Walleye Fund Raiser was a success and a report will be forthcoming when everything is accounted for.

The free breakfast on the 12th went smoothly; thanks to those who came.

We have an Entered Apprentice Degree scheduled for April 24th at 7:30pm. Please try to attend and welcome a new Brother.

We have some members experiencing health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

On May 30th, we will be having a Chicken & Noodle fund raiser. Please volunteer to help and sell those tickets that are forthcoming.

The Area Conference was well attended with 80+ Members and the program was well done.

Supper on May 1st will be Smoked Pork Chops. Refreshments to follow the meeting provided by WB Heath Thorton.

Teamwork will make it happen!

Dates to Remember:

Thu Apr-24 @ 7:30pm Entered Apprentice Degree - Refreshments by follow provided by Larry Ort & Mike Johnson

Thu May-1 @ 6:30pm Dinner (RSVP to Max Feitz - H:574-784-8488 C:574-298-3454)

Thu May-1 @ 7:30pm Stated Meeting - Refreshments to follow the meeting provided by Heath Thornton

Fri May-30 @ 3:00pm Chicken Noodle Dinner: 3pm - 7pm, Dine-In and Carry-Out

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Message from the Building Committee

We will hold our annual Chicken and Noodle fund raising dinner on Friday, May 30th. We will be serving our famous Salad Bar and Dessert. As usual, we will need helpers to peel potatoes, pick chickens, donate salads and work in the kitchen and dining room. You should be receiving information and tickets under separate cover.



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Message from the Worthy Matron

Happy Spring!

The longer days, fresh air and flower buds of spring always give me more energy and after a long winter, I can sure use it!

Our April meeting celebrated Spring and the our risen Savior. Thank you to everyone for refreshing your memory on doing the opening in regular form. I continue to be impressed with our commitment to our ritualistic work.

We received word from ICAN that we are on the waiting list for a service dog. We just need puppies to be born and we will be able to move forward with our Lakeville dog through ICAN. We also received a letter from WGM Karen Hazelman acknowledging the great work done by our secretary and thanking Chris for her efforts in continued service as Chapter Secretary.

Sister Roberta Barkdull has found it necessary to resign as our Treasurer due to ongoing health issues. Sister Roberta has worked closely with Sister Chris over the years resulting in balancing our funds to the penny! We are grateful for her years of service and wish her time for gathering her strength before returning to Chapter. An election was held resulting in Sister Ruth Sousley being elected and installed as our Treasurer.

A special bylaws committee consisting of members from St. Joe and Lakeville Chapters met to review the bylaws. They came back with a couple of clean up items needed to remove committees that we no longer use and the recommendation that our meetings now begin at 7:00pm instead of 7:30. Brother Harold read the changes as prepared by the Committee. These changes will be read and voted on at our next meeting.

The Worthy Matron honored our Grand Representatives with trivia regarding their specific states. Sister Chris Rowe, Sister Ann Stevens and Brother Max Feitz were each presented with a kitchen towel showing the connection of friendship between Indiana and their specific state. Sister Chris represents the great state of Michigan, Sister Ann represents Illinois and Brother Max represents Tennessee. They each shared their connection to the state they were appointed to. District Deputy #20 Donna Hoover was escorted East and given pillows to add to her bunny collection. One celebrated Spring while the other celebrated the "end" of winter.

Our May meeting will honor Mothers & Daughters. We will open in regular form again. Please wear a brightly colored top of your choice. Street length dresses and slacks are appropriate but please no jeans. Our men will provide refreshments this evening. May will also be our elections of officers.

Spring also brings our annual chicken noodle dinner. We will have this fundraiser on May 30th. You will be receiving tickets to sell soon so please help make this event a success!

Blessings,
Barb

Dates to Remember:

Tue May-6 @ 7:30pm Stated Meeting - Haystack dinner to follow the meeting provided by the men.

Fri May-30 @ 3:00pm Chicken Noodle Dinner: 3pm - 7pm, Dine-In and Carry-Out

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