



LAKEVILLE FAM/OES NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2013 – JAN & FEB 2014

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MESSAGE FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Tidings from the East,

My year as Master of your Lodge is rapidly arriving to a close and it has been great fun and a thrill to see the lodge so active. Please keep up the outstanding work for your next line of officers. To my officers and the Past Masters, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your assistance, ritual work, and floor work. Thank you to all (31) who attended the Past Masters and Widows evening on November 16th. I appreciate the many comments and compliments that I have received toward this "Trestleboard" newsletter. By the way, unlike most of you, do you know there is only one person who has all of their problems behind them—a school bus driver. I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving and that you and your family have a wonderful, blessed Merry Christmas. Please keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas.

I leave you with this:

-Max took a job working alone up in Alaska's frozen tundra. "Here's your emergency survival kit," said his boss. "It contains a box of flares, a radio, and a deck of cards." "What are the cards for?" asked Max. "In case the flares don't work and the radio freezes up," replied the boss, "just take out the cards and play solitaire. In about 10 seconds, someone will tap you on the shoulder and say, "put the red nine on the black ten." -

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 12/5 @ 6:30 Dinner prior to stated meeting (RSVP to Fred 784-8948 or frowe@mchsi.com)
- 12/5 @ 7:30 Stated meeting (Election of Officers)
- 12/12 @ 6:30 Past Master's Degree at Council Oaks Lodge # 745 (Past Masters Only)
- 12/14 @ 1:30 Installation of Officers (J D Ort will be installed as Worshipful Master) Please come and support the new officers.
- 12/27 @ 6:30 St. John the Evangelist Table Lodge at North Liberty Lodge #266 (RSVP Larry 291-0909)
- 01/02 @ 7:30 Stated Meeting (No dinner prior to the meeting)
- 02/06 @ 7:30 Stated Meeting (Dinner @ 6:30 – call or email Fred for reservations)

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MESSAGE FROM THE WORTHY MATRON

Holiday greetings Sisters and Brothers,

This morning was sunny and bright, but the wind was strong with a biting chill. A good morning to set by the window with a cup of cocoa and a piece of cinnamon toast and enjoy the sunshine from inside where it is warm. I hope this communication finds all of our members well and excited with preparations for the Holiday Season. It is a busy time for most, but let's not forget those around us who might not be able to get out and spend time with friends and family. Be sure to take time to send a card of cheer, stop by for a visit or make a call to extend good wishes and lighten the burden of those who are alone. We need to remind ourselves to do this year round, not just during the Christmas season. Please be reminded that Star is dark during the months of January and February, so you don't have to brave the cold and snow to attend meetings. The last couple years Mother Nature seems to save it up for the months of March and April.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the members of North Liberty Chapter # 290 to Lakeville Chapter. We had an impressive consolidation ceremony last Saturday at the North Liberty Masonic Temple. A good representation of both chapters attended, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch afterwards prepared by the North Liberty members. It is important to note that the purpose of consolidation is to strengthen the chapters and provide for the needs of all our "Stars". We are now a consolidated unit of Lakeville 479, South Bend 2, North Liberty 290 and Walkerton 319. There is room for all and a place for those who are interested in serving. For those who have not attended a meeting at the Lakeville Masonic Temple, our facility is on one floor and accessible to all. Also, we do enjoy the refreshments and fellowship following our meetings. We now have a website – lakevillestars.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Tue Dec 3 @ 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting – Come attired in your Christmas finery. There will be a Christmas Buffet to enjoy after the meeting prepared by Chris and Judy. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the local food pantry. Suggestions: canned fruits and vegetables, Helper meals, soup, crackers, peanut butter, etc.

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A GENTLE REMINDER

From the Secretaries of both organizations: 2014 dues are payable by January 1, 2014.