



Free & Accepted Masons of Indiana

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Greetings Brothers:

As May is quickly coming to an end and is my official start to summer, please take a moment to remember the men and women of the Armed Services who gave their all to allow us to have the freedoms we hold dear.

May has been a busy month for me. I am thrilled to announce that as of this letter, I have personally attended six stated meetings, seven if counting our own, this month. A Master Mason Degree at Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge, two different Grand Lodge Events, and have another Master Mason Degree coming up at Knox, along with a Quad Fellowcraft Degree at Dunes and a Rededication event at Warsaw. So, hopefully, a few of you will be able to join me in these to help get a few more official Lodge visits in. Your presence will enrich these events and strengthen our bond as a fraternity. **There will also be a Masonic Service for Tommy L Wallis on Friday, May 31, 2024 at 3:00 pm.**

The official Lodge visits that took place in May were truly memorable. We visited Schofield House UD #1818 on May 5, North Liberty #266 on May 9, Rochester #79 on May 14, Plymouth-Kilwinning #149 on May 16, and Ellettsville Lodge #245 (Annual Communications) on May 21. I want to thank Worshipful Brothers Max, Harold, Jud, and Brothers Colton and Austin for accompanying me on these visits. I encourage more of you to join us on these visits in the future, as it's a beautiful opportunity to strengthen our bond as a fraternity.

Our June meeting is approaching, and I want to ensure we make the most of our time. The Lodge must address several important items, which could potentially make the meeting lengthy. Considering that the Grand Chapter for Eastern Star is the next day, along with our Summer Festivals, I have decided there will be NO DINNER before this meeting. This also means there will be no Masonic Education before and no refreshments afterward. I aim to get the Lodge open, address the business that needs to be addressed, and close the Lodge in under 2 hours. So, adding any additional time for dinner, education, or refreshments could make an already long night longer. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter are greatly appreciated.

This will also serve as the official notice that we will have a Stated Meeting on July 11, 2024, and August 1, 2024. As allowed by the By-Laws Change approved at the May Stated Meeting, these meetings hold significant importance for our Lodge. The August meeting will be an informational meeting. I am working on getting presentations for the Compass Park, Masonic Home/Foundation, and our Masonic Youth Groups (Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay). If you are a member of any of the other Masonic Appendent bodies and have a presentation, I would love to have you or someone from the Appendent body present as well. Your active participation in these meetings is highly encouraged.

Our next Stated Meeting is Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Dinner – As stated above, NONE

Masonic Education – As stated above, NONE

The **Stated Meeting** is at 7:30 pm in the Lodge Room.

The **Dress Code** for this meeting is Blue Jeans and T-shirts. I want everyone to be comfortable and relaxed, but please make sure any designs, words, or messages are still appropriate for the Lodge.

Fellowship Night

Our June fellowship Night will be on Saturday, June 22, 2024. This is also the date that Lakeville Lodge will celebrate St. John the Baptist. We will have a Feast of St. John Dinner and Table Lodge. DGM Randy Seiple will give his Psalms 133 presentation for this event. This should be a good night of fellowship, as I have sent invitations to all our neighboring Lodges.

If you have not done so, RSVP using the link: <https://forms.gle/a5BXwfrpUqqSWb9R7> or contact me directly, info at the bottom of this letter. The Ladies of the Order of Eastern Star - Lakeville Chapter #479 will be preparing the meal, so we need to get a good head count.

Annual Communications

There is a bit of fallout from this year's Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. The most important of which needs to be passed along to each of you is that Past Grand Master Gary E Brinley has been suspended. Grand Master David Morgan will soon release an official statement. Several official posts on Facebook in the private group for 'Indiana Freemasons' exist. Please remember that if you decide to comment on any public or private social media platform regarding this issue, you must follow the Grand Lodge of Indiana's Social Media Code of Conduct. Brother Patrick Gleason posted a reminder: *"You have the freedom to say whatever you want, but that doesn't protect you from the consequences of what you said."*

I promise you that when the Lodge receives the official statement to the Worshipful Masters and Lodge Secretaries, I will ensure you receive a copy of the letter.

Here is a link for more information:

<https://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/2024/05/breaking-indianas-immediate-past-grand.html>

Stated Meeting Agenda Items

- Fee Schedule for 2025
- Annual Communication Recap

Lodge Visitations

Due to the number of Festivals and Fairs in June and July, I will not be planning many Lodge Visits. That being said, I encourage everyone to try to make it to some other events around the area. The Masonic Event Calendar(<http://masoniccalendar.blogspot.com/>) is an excellent resource for keeping track of other Lodge events. Worshipful Brother Mike Pettigrew maintains this site.

Freezer Beef Raffle Tickets

The tickets are in, and selling has started. The tickets cost \$20 per ticket, and there are only 1000 tickets for each prize pool. There will be a max of three prize pools. If you need tickets, please contact Brother Scott Ashton, Colton Eads, Sage Pryor, or myself. As a friendly reminder, Brother of Lakeville Lodge #353 cannot win any prizes. Anyone who lives with or resides with a Brother of Lakeville Lodge is able to win but is not allowed to purchase tickets from that Brother of Lakeville Lodge #353. If you would like to help sell the tickets, please get in touch with me ASAP. I will need your State Issued Driver's License Number or State Issued Identification Card number. I can get all the other information from the Lodge Portal. You must be added to the License from the State before you are allowed to sell tickets.



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Monthly Calendar

- 6th Stated Meeting 7:30 pm (NO DINNER, Education, Refreshments)
- 7th & 8th Potato Creek / Strawberry Festival – North Liberty, IN
- 8th & 9th Relay for Life – South Bend, IN (Fairgrounds)
- 11th – 15th Bremen Firemen’s Festival – Bremen, IN
- 22nd Feast of St. John Dinner 3:30 pm
- 23rd Trestle Board Deadline
- 28th – 6th St Joseph County 4H Fair – South Bend, IN (Fairgrounds)
Information / Recruitment Booth – Lion’s Booth (7/1 & 7/3)

Message from the Building Committee (From OES Newsletter)

We will hold our annual Chicken and Noodle fundraising dinner on Friday, May 31st. 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 have received information and tickets under separate cover.

Masonic Birthday & Anniversary

Birthday			Anniversary	
Michael Walker	4 th		65	Everett Garrett
Alfred Lemmon, II	5 th		55	Ronald Ort
Paul Welling	5 th		54	Steven Diller
Gifford Torbenson	11 th		47	Robin Roberts
John (JD) Ort	16 th		35	Dale Murphy, Jr.
Harold Rowe	22 nd		35	Ryan Schafer
			29	Patrick Diller
		16	Scott McDaniel	

Fraternally Your,

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