



Free & Accepted Masons of Indiana

# Lakeville Lodge #353

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## Greetings Brothers:

After a great summer break, the Lodge is back in the Light, and our September meeting had a few important items discussed. [See the Freezer Beef Raffle and Car Show below](#). I was also proud to let the Lodge know at the stated meeting that I have five petitions that I should be turning in at the October Stated Meeting. So, at the end of the year, the start of 2025, there could be many degrees to put on. So everyone might want to start brushing up on the Ritual now or learning a part to help these potential Brother to the Light.

## Monthly Calendar

Sept 21 <sup>th</sup>	Free Breakfast	8:30 to 10:30 am
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stated Meeting	
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	LOI Practice	6:30 pm
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lodge of Instructions @ North Liberty #266 Dinner @ 6 pm	7:00 pm
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Trunk or Treat Prep	6:30 pm
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Trunk or Treat Newton Park	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Our next Meeting is Thursday, October 3, 2024.

**Dinner** – Smoked Pork Chops

**Masonic Education** – Scott Ashton

**Stated Meeting** - 7:30 pm in the Lodge Room.

**Will be Opening and Closing on the EA Degree (SEE LOI)**

**RSVP to Worshipful Brother Max Feitz for Dinner by Friday, October 27, 2024.**

## Stated Meeting Agenda Items

Trunk or Treat

Lodge of Instruction

## Freezer Beef Raffle Tickets

Due to a lack of ticket sales (only 21 were sold as of the September meeting), it was decided to cancel the raffle and refund those who purchased tickets. The warrants were sent to the Lodge Treasurer. The goal will be to hand deliver as many checks as possible, but those that can't will be mailed.

## Annual Car Show

Due to the late date of the show and the amount of those who have attended in the past saying they would not be able to participate this year, it was decided to postpone the Car Show to either early spring or early fall 2025. This was not an easy recommendation for me to make, but I feel that if we were to hold the show, it would have resulted in a loss of revenue compared to the fundraiser it was intended to be.

## Trunk-or-Treat

The date for Trunk or Treat at Newton Park is Saturday, October 19, 2024.

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm : Setup

5:00 pm : Gates open for Special Needs & Medically Fragile Children

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm : Gates open for All

We will have a Stuff the Bag night at the lodge on Friday, October 18, 2024, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The goal is to make 1,000 bags to hand out. 100 of these will be Non-Food bags with items purchased from Oriental Trading Company for “The Teal Pumpkin Project.” We will also make 100 bags for “little” kids. The rest will be all the individually wrapped candy that we can get.

Each bag will also contain a pamphlet for Freemasonry and a card about the Eastern Star. If you can donate anything (candy, treats, or money) to help out with this, please have it to the Lodge by Monday, October 14.

## Tenderloin Dinner

The Building Committee will hold a Tenderloin Dinner at the lodge on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. This will be a drive-thru dinner only.

We will be pre-selling tickets, which will cost \$12.00 each. Pre-sale tickets will be guaranteed until 5:30 p.m.; after that, dinners are subject to availability. The dinner will include the tenderloin sandwich and French fries. Ralph’s Tenderloaf will be cooking, but we will need help serving the food to the people on the day of.

## Lodge of Instruction

Our Lodge of Instruction is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024, at North Liberty Lodge #266. North Liberty Lodge, as the host Lodge, will be doing the open, and Lakeville Lodge will be doing the close. The Degree for the Lodge of Instruction will be the Entered Apprentice; we will not be doing any of the actual degree parts, as the focus will be on the Opening and Closing, with a Q&A session about the EA Degree and some Masonic Education. Remember, all Lodge Officers are required to attend this meeting. We will be opening and closing the October Stated meeting on the EA degree and will have a practice on October 10 at 6:30 pm. **I will get a couple of pizzas from Urban’s Pizza (formally MJs) for those who attend the practice.**

## Personal Note

I am starting to work on two different Masonic Education talks. These won't be ready until later in 2025. This has led me to a question for you all, and I would like to hear your thoughts on this.

**If Lakeville Lodge #353 closes its doors and ceases to exist next month, what benefits would the Lakeville Area lose?**

Fraternally Your,

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