



Free & Accepted Masons of Indiana

# Lakeville Lodge #353

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Greetings Brothers:

First, I'm sorry for not getting an April Trestle Board out. I kept saying I would do it tomorrow, and today is finally tomorrow, and it is time to do the May Trestle Board.

So far, April has been a good month for the Lodge; we had our first Golf Outing in years this past Saturday. We had around 54 golfers brave the crisp April air. Thanks to Worshipful Brother Larry Ort, and JD Ort, and Brother Rod Anders for getting the team and setting up the event. A special shot out to Worshipful Brother Max Feitz for all the great food and to Brother Colton Eads, Sage Pryor, and Austin Raab for all the help during the day. We could not have done this without you all.

This weekend is Masonic Education Day at Lakeville Lodge. Brother John Nagy will present his "Building Better Builders" workshop. Registration starts at 8 a.m., and the workshop begins at 9 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person, including a light pastry breakfast and a deli meat sandwich lunch. I hope to see you there.

I will not schedule any more degree practices until we get a candidate; while I think it was a good idea, I am not sure we have enough Brothers who want or are willing to learn the parts for the degrees who have not already done so. I am very grateful to the Brothers who have done all the Degree work in the past and I can not thank you enough.

Our next Stated Meeting is Thursday, May 2, 2024.

**Dinner** will be at 6:30 pm.

**Masonic Education** at 7:00 pm in the Dining Room.

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

**As I stated at the April Stated Meeting, we will open the Lodge on the Entered Apprentices Degree.**

Dinner will be Hot Dogs and Brats, provided by Worshipful Brother Max Feitz. *Please RSVP at either 574-784-8488 or [janeandmaxf@embarqmail.com](mailto:janeandmaxf@embarqmail.com).*

Secretary Ron Clady, PM, will provide the Masonic Education and refreshments after the meeting.

## Fellowship Night

There will not be a Fellowship Night in April.

Our May Fellowship Night will be the same day, May 31, 2024, as the Chicken & Noodle Dinner fundraiser for the Building Fund, so I ask that anyone who would have attended the Fellowship Night come to the Chicken & Noodle Dinner instead. The cost per ticket will be \$13. We will have both dine-in and carry-out options available, and we will be serving between 3 pm and 7 pm.

## Stated Meeting Agenda Items

- Building Fund
- By-Laws Change

## By-Laws Change

Worshipful Brother Harold Rowe submitted the following change to the Lodge. It has been seconded and will be discussed and voted on at the May Stated Meeting.

### Current By-Laws:

#### ARTICLE 1

##### Section 1. (Reg. 22)

The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first Thursday of each month, except July and August, opening at 7:30 p.m.; unless the meeting shall fall on a national or religious holiday, in such case the meeting shall be held on the following Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Should the meeting be postponed due to weather or another state of emergency, the stated meeting shall be on the next successive Thursday at 7:30 p.m. after relief from the cause of the postponement.

Called meetings for trials, conferral of degrees, receiving of petitions, or ceremonial observances may be held upon call of the presiding officer, and at such times as the interests of the Lodge may require.

### Revised By-Laws:

#### ARTICLE 1

##### Section 1. (Reg. 22)

The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first Thursday of each month, except July and August, at the discretion of the presiding officer, giving notice to the members no later than the preceding stated meeting if they are to be held, opening at 7:30 p.m.; unless the meeting falls on January 1st or July 4th, in such case, the meeting shall be held on the following Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Should the meeting be postponed due to weather or another state of emergency, the stated meeting shall be on the next successive Thursday at 7:30 p.m. after relief from the cause of the postponement.

Called meetings for trials, conferral of degrees, receiving of petitions, or ceremonial observances may be held upon the call of the presiding officer and at such times as the interests of the Lodge may require.

## Monthly Calendar

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stated Meeting	7:30 pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast at the Lodge	8:00 am – 10:00 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Grand Lodge Annual Communication	8:30 am
	Scottish Rite Temple - Indianapolis	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Trestle Board Deadline	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Chicken & Noodle Dinner	3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

## Masonic Birthday & Anniversary

Birthday		Anniversary	
Sean Cook	3 <sup>rd</sup>	52	Alan Amick
David Hamman	5 <sup>th</sup>	49	Ellwood Smith
Ryan Schafer	20 <sup>th</sup>	49	Gifford Torbenson
Robin Roberts	23 <sup>rd</sup>	42	Dan Hamilton
Bill Jones, III	27 <sup>th</sup>	42	Brian Hoover
Brandon Morris	30 <sup>th</sup>	28	Tommy Wallis
		27	Kevin Isenberg
		27	Harold Rowe
		22	Terry Weaver



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## Building Fund - Rant

Hopefully, most of you are aware that the Lakeville Masonic Temple's utility bills, insurance, and property taxes are paid out of an account funded by Lakeville Lodge #353 and Lakeville Eastern Star Chapter #479 fundraisers. The primary source of income for this account in the past was the annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner and Spaghetti Supper, but we have not had those events in quite a few years. The building expenses have been paid by our surplus of funds from before Covid 19, the few fundraisers we have had during and since, donations from members from the Eastern Star and Lodge, and four very generous donations from members of the Eastern Star.

As stated above, we will start having our dinners again, but we must get the Brothers of Lakeville Lodge to volunteer to help these events be successful. That means we need you to be there to help serve, cook, and clean up at the event, to help with preparations before the event, and to sell tickets to get people to the events. While you might not be able to be there for the entire time, any time you can spare is helpful.

It costs over \$10,000 a year to keep the building open and the lights on. The Lodge's share is around \$5000. Currently, the Lodge has 83 Brothers, 15 of whom do not pay dues due to being either an Award of Gold or Lifetime Endowment Brother. That leaves 68 of whom pay Dues. To keep the General Fund at the current levels and pay our share of the Building Expenses, **if we do not have successful fundraisers**, we would need to raise our dues to almost \$175 per dues paying Brother, which would need to increase each year as the assessments from Grand Lodge increases each year. I strongly believe it is better and more sustainable to ask a Brother to volunteer their time or sell tickets to or for something than to ask for higher dues or donations. That said, I also don't want to do one fundraiser after another every year.

Please let us know if you have suggestions or would like to take the lead on a fundraising opportunity. We never know what will or will not work until we try.

Fraternally Your,  
Todd C Whitteberry  
Worshipful Master  
Lakeville Lodge #353

"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities." - Stephen Covey

"Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein." - H. Jackson Brown Jr.

"You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it." - Charles Buxton