# Lakeville Lodge / Eastern Star Newsletter



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### Message from the Worshipful Master

Greetings Brothers,

The holiday season is over and we can throttle in to enjoy Indiana winter and snow. I personally do not seem to enjoy it so much as I used to.

Our January Stated Meeting seemed to go well, business handled and the balance of officers installed, except our Chaplain who was ill. Thank you all who have stspped up and agreed to servce. Lakeville now has a cull corps of officers for 2025.

We are working ot review our by-laws and make sure Grand Lodge has our most recent version.

How to apply for the background check for all or new candidates is being reviewed as well and we will get our two prospective members informed and applied.

Three members and one plural member attended Founder's Day on January 11th. It was a shortened version compared to the past and basically focused on getting new members and retention of current ones. The format was a representation of a late nite show.

We regret to announce that our Worshipful Brother Ben Six passed away this week. When his arrangements are made, we will forward them to you. Brothers, we need to keep our members in our prayers even more as several are dealing with health and life issues.

February Stated Meeting dinner will be beef stew prepared by Brother Harold and Sister Chris. Please RSVP to Brother Harold (hiram@haroldrowe.com / 574-784-8948) with your reservation by February 4th.

Note of information from Founder's Day: Two Brothers were given Masonic awards at their 100th birthday and both were veterans. One Brother was installed as Master of his Lodge at 96 years of age and is a 70 year Past Master. What a service record for the three Brothers.

Brothers, the most significant take away for me from Founder's Day is this:

Be the kind of man that other men want to be.

Be the kind of Mason that other Masons want to be.

I am still a rough ashlar as are we all but will try to improve on that as I serve over Lodge this year!

Masonry has changed my life for the better and still does!

#### Dates to Remember:

Sat	Feb-1	@ 1:00pm	Informal Officers Meeting - bring comments & suggestions - Lunch at 12:00pm
Thu	Feb-6	@ 6:30pm	Dinner (RSVP to Harold Rowe - 574-784-8948 - hiram@haroldrowe.com)
Thu	Feb-6	@ 7:30pm	Stated Meeting - Refreshments to follow the meeting.
Sat	Feb-8	@ 8:00am	Free Breakfast - 8:00am - 10:30am (RSVP to Max Feitz - H:574-784-8488 C:574-298-3454)

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Message from the Worthy Matron

### Greetings!

I hope you each had a blessed Christmas filled with family, fun, and merriment! This year, I think I was especially touched by the realization that our Savior's story comes to us in the way that we are meant to understand it. The wise men who had an understanding of the night sky followed the Star while the shepherds were told of the babe in the stable lying in a manager. The story came to them at just the right time and in just the right way. The birth of our Savior is a celebration made even sweeter when shared with family and friends.

Special thanks to Sister Chris and Brother Max for coordinating our gifts for the children supported through the Lions Club. This is a wonderful project that helps shine our light and I'm sure brightens the faces of the children on Christmas morning with those shiny, new bicycles!

We closed out December with a fun Friends Night! Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help pull things together and make this a memorable night honoring our special Sunflower #20. Sister Donna was dressed for winter fun in a red cape and escorted through members of the District who each wore a red Rudolph nose. Sister Donna was given a snow globe featuring her special "bunnies". Brother Brian was given a blanket featuring both red and green tractors (but as Brian says, tractors are red and crops are green). The theme of the evening was "Reindeer Games". Congratulations to Hannah who won the Ugly Sweater Contest and to those who won the Ring Toss. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and singing Christmas carols with special music including Sister Anne on tuba!

This last year was filled with many blessings and special memories. We were honored to have Brother Harold serve as WGP and to share in his and Sister Cindy's special session for Grand Chapter. We were also blessed to have St. Joseph Chapter consolidate with us. We already have many things to look forward to in the new year as we prepare for the official visit of the WGM to District 20 on March 11th (look for more details in our winter newsletter). We will also be sponsoring a service dog and continuing to let our light shine in our community!

#### Dates to Remember:

 Tue
 Feb-4
 No Stated Meetings in January and February

Tue Mar-11 @ 6:45pm Inspection @ Lakeville - Refreshments to follow

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