



Lakeville Lodge / Eastern Star Newsletter

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Message from the Worshipful Master

Greetings Brothers,

It looks like Summer is finally upon us and I for one am ready!

The Stated Meeting went well. Dues were changed to \$125 and the initiation fee was changed to \$120. We have a petition for membership and we are starting to plan for his Degree. We voted for our Summer bills to be paid until we return in September. Fifty Year Awards were presented to Brother Elwood K. Smith in his home and Worshipful Brother Gifford Torbenson at the Stated Meeting. Thank you Worshipful Brother Larry Ort for taking me to Indianapolis to present Brother Smith's Award.

Our April 4th Walleye fund raiser was a success with a profit of \$1,700 reported. Good job and thank you to all for your participation. Our May 30th Chicken and Noodle Dinner was also successful with a profit of \$3,610.33.

The Golf Outing has again been rescheduled and the new date is July 26th: registration 12:30 and start at 1:30pm at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Lunch to follow after the scramble. Registration is \$50 / person and \$50 to sponsor a hole.

The report from the Annual Communication was given. Our per capita assessment to Grand Lodge is \$67. There were 618 scholarships awarded this year! If you want more details, contact me.

St. John's Sunday will be on June 22nd this year at the Lakeville United Methodist Church. Service begins at 10:00am.

June 21st will be a free breakfast followed by an Open House. Breakfast is 8:00 - 10:30am and Open House is 12:00 - 2:00pm. The Open House will be a short video presentation followed by Q&A session and lite lunch. RSVP to Max Feitz for both (H:574-784-8488 C:574-298-3454).

There will be a Master Mason Degree on June 28th at 9:30am. Practices for this will be Thursdays June 19th at 6:00pm and June 26th at 6:30pm. There will be a lunch to follow the Degree. Brothers, we need some help to put this Degree on.

Our work day at the 4-H Fair is June 30th: lunch shift 11:00 - 4:30, evening shift 4:00 - close. Call Max Feitz (H:574-784-8488 C:574-298-3454) to volunteer.

The Summer Picnic will be Saturday July 19th at the Lodge at 12:00pm. Grilled meat will be provided by the Lodge so bring a dish to pass.

I hope to see you at these events and have a great summer!

Fraternally,
Max Feitz, Worshipful Master

Dates to Remember:

- Sat Jun-21 @ 8:00am** Free Breakfast
- Sat Jun-21 @ 12:00pm** Open House
- Sun Jun-22 @ 10:00am** St. John the Baptist Worship Service at Lakeville United Methodist Church
- Sat Jun-28 @ 9:30am** Master Mason Degree - Lunch to follow the Degree.
- Mon Jun-30** Masonic Day at the 4-H Fair Lions Booth
- Thu Jul-3** No Stated Meetings in July and August
- Sat Jul-19 @ 12:00pm** Summer Picnic



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Message from the Worthy Matron

Sisters and Brothers,

June is here and I think the sun is finally popping out! I hope you are enjoying the chance to get outside for some of that Vitamin D. Our June meeting was our Sundown meeting as it was the last meeting for this corps of officers. Thanks to each of you for taking your stations this year and working so hard to make this year a success. Here are some of the highlights for this year:

- Sister Donna Hoover served as district deputy for WGM Karen Hazelman and WGP Denver Gray. She was Sunflower #20 and Brother Brian traveled with her as Gardener #20. Lakeville was honored to host her reception which featured fall flowers and bunnies. Brother Brian was the best pink bunny ever!
- St. Joseph Chapter consolidated with Lakeville Chapter. We are so grateful for their active participation which makes us all stronger.
- We coordinated an informal meeting with ICAN to hear about Indiana's Service Dog project. We were able to meet Willrowe, the dog named for PGM Cindy Willyard and our own PGP Harold Rowe. We agreed to sponsor a service dog and fundraising began. We were able to raise the funds and look forward to meeting our pup who will be named Freddy, in honor of our PGP Fred Rowe.
- We worked with the Lions Club to provide bicycles, helmets, and money for gifts for the older children for their Christmas toy drive.
- Our Friends Night was full of "Reindeer Games". Everyone pitched in for the holiday celebration with Hannelore winning the ugliest sweater (well maybe, cutest sweater) contest.
- Our inspection this year was especially meaningful as Sisters Nancy Wickizer and Hannelore Slayton received their Awards of Gold. In addition, Sisters Beth and Holly presented Robert for baby dedication. Lakeville officers shined doing the closing ceremony. It was a memorable night!
- We were one the sponsors for Laville's After Prom event. The after-prom serves as a great way to allow kids to continue to have fun on prom night in a safe way. Because of sponsors, the event was free to those who attended.
- A fifty-dollar donation was given to Wounded Warrior Project in honor of Lakeville.
- Our dues will continue to remain low as we worked with the Masons and the Building Committee on fundraising events including tenderloin dinner, fish dinner, and our annual chicken noodle dinner.
- Our bylaws were updated with the biggest change being that we will now start our meetings at 7:00pm.
- We agreed to create an updated roster of all members (active and inactive) with names, phone numbers, email addresses, birth dates, and both home and seasonal mailing addresses. Our hope is that this roster will allow us to stay in touch with everyone. Expect more information on this from Sisters Sylvia, Chris and Ruth soon.
- As usual, great food continued to be a highlight of our year as we celebrated Family Night, a welcome dinner for St. Joseph Chapter, and the celebration of Mother's Day with Haystacks made by our men.

Our Grand Chapter Session was held in Muncie Indiana on June 12-15. There were many exciting events planned so thank you to everyone who was able to go down (even if only for a day).

Sister Donna and Brother Brian will have their installation of officers on Tuesday, July 8th at 7:00 P.M. We look forward to their year and know that they will continue to lead this chapter in a positive and uplifting direction.

Shine On!
Barb

Dates to Remember:

- Tue Jul-1 @ 7:00pm** Stated Meeting - Refreshments to follow the meeting.
- Tue Jul-8 @ 7:00pm** Installation of Officers - Refreshments to follow.

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