



Lakeville Lodge / Eastern Star Newsletter

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Message from the Worshipful Master

Greetings Brothers!

February is just around the corner so get your Valentine Cards ready to mail. Now is a great time to send a card to one of your fellow Lodge members we haven't seen in Lodge in some time. Research has shown a written letter or card to another individual is more graciously received than a text or phone call because that form of correspondence appears to have more meaning. Try it - you might be surprised by the outcome. In January Terry Harris was awarded his 50 Year Past Masters Pin and J.D. Ort received his 25 year membership pin.

Several of your Lodge officers/members have made four visitations so far this month : Dayton Lodge # 103 on 1/7/23 (southeast of Lafayette), Calumet Lodge #379 on 1/12/23 in Chesterton, Founder's Day on 1/14/23 in Indianapolis and Kingsbury Lodge #222 on 1/18/23 in Kingsbury (south of LaPorte). What an experience for each of us who made the trips to these Lodges as none of us had ever visited any of these Lodges - we were welcomed with open arms and salutations. We even got invited back. Tentative visitations for the month of February are Excelsior #41 (LaPorte) on 2/1/23, Knox #639 on 2/7/23 and St. Joseph #45 (South Bend) on 2/8/23. Let myself or Todd Whitteberry know if you want to tag along.

In 2005 there were 75,000+ members of the Indiana Masonic Lodge; as of 11/30/2022 that number has dropped to less than 42,000. WE NEED TO ADD NEW MEMBERS if we expect to keep the doors open throughout the state of Indiana. Guidelines have changed on prospective members - YOU can ask someone to join unlike 10-12 years ago when someone "had" to ask you to join. All ages are welcome (18 and above). I urge and challenge you to bring in a new member. Let's do it.

We have a new cook in the house as Brother Harold Rowe is doing our Stated meeting meal on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30. Please join us and call Brother Harold (574-784-8948) or myself (574-274-4206) for reservations. I will have evaluation forms available after the meal to rate Harold's cooking talents. Refreshments after the meeting will be provided by WB Brian Hoover.

I leave you with this: "Change is the law of life. And those who only look to the past or present are certain to miss the future". - John F. Kennedy

Dates to Remember:

Thu Feb-2 @ 6:30pm Dinner (RSVP to Harold Rowe - 574-784-8948 - hiram@haroldrowe.com)

Thu Feb-2 @ 7:30pm Stated Meeting - Refreshments to follow the meeting.

Worshipful Master: Larry Ort - 574-274-4206 - lmort58@yahoo.com

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A Reminder from the Lodge Secretary: 2023 dues are payable by January 1st, 2023

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