



Lakeville Eastern Star Newsletter

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Message from the Worthy Matron

Greetings!

Summer is definitely here! The warm temperatures and humidity are here to stay for a while. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your work and love this last year. It was a busy year but one that I would not trade for anything! We celebrated the installation of Brother Harold as the Worthy Grand Patron and hosted a beautiful reception in his honor in South Bend. We also had the privilege of honoring Brother Brian Hoover as Grand Organist. His musical talent continues to be a blessing for all. The Fall brought the celebration of Lakeville's Centennial and the many things that have been accomplished over the years here in our own Chapter. We also had a visit from Miss Kitty at our Friends Night at the Longbranch Saloon. Maxine's girls were definitely a hit! We ended the year with the return of the Chicken Noodle Dinner. We have supported the local schools, a local food bank, the family resource center, the Lions Club's efforts for their Christmas drive, all of the Grand Chapter projects, and the High School's after prom. We may be a small Chapter but we certainly work together to do great things and I am grateful for each of you!

We can be especially proud of Harold and Cindy as their "Sunshine Mountain" Grand Chapter session was amazing! They did an excellent job of working together, keeping things moving, and most of all having fun. Their year was a success with all their projects doing very well. The "Sit-a-While" Project raised over \$27,000 for benches at the Masonic Home. One of the highlights of the session was seeing the faces of the youth as each of the youth groups were provided with checks totaling over \$12,000 each. The Service Dog project also did very well. Cindy and Harold were honored as Indiana sponsored a dog named WillRow (a combination of their last names). Altogether, Indiana raised over \$34,000 and sponsored three dogs. Harold and Chris, you have done a wonderful job serving the state this last year and we are glad you are coming back home for a rest!

Sister Karen Hazelman and Brother Denver Gray now begin their year of "Fun in the Sun". We are excited for Sister Donna Hoover who will be serving as Sunflower #20 with Brian as her Gardener. We wish them safe travels and lots of fun on their journey!

Lakeville will continue our work with the Lions Club at their food booth for the St. Joseph County fair on July 1st and 3rd. This has been a great fundraising effort for us and we are grateful for Brother Max as he leads this effort. If you would be willing to work a shift, please contact him.

Our July meeting, on Tuesday July 2nd at 7:30 PM, will be our installation. The current officers will open in short form before we recess for installation. This will be a formal meeting. Ladies should wear their chapter tops and men should wear their purple ties.

The theme of this year will be "Shine On". Lakeville will continue our community service and look at ways that we can let our light shine so that others will want to join us! See you in Chapter!

Blessings!
Barb

Dates to Remember:

- Mon Jul-1** 4-H Fair Lion's Food Booth
- Tue Jul-2 @ 7:30pm** Stated Meeting and Installation of Officers - Refreshments to follow the meeting.
- Wed Jul-3** 4-H Fair Lion's Food Booth

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