



Lakeville Lodge / Eastern Star Newsletter

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Message from the Worshipful Master

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our December Stated Meeting went well with a delicious Ham Loaf and Hot Potato Salad prepared by Sister Chris and Worshipful Brother Harold. Great, thanks! Two investigating committee reports were read and a candidate elected for membership. A background check for a third new member was clear and an investigating committee appointed. This is exciting news.

We are all sorry to report the death of Brother Larry Ross and extend to his family our sorrow.

This being my last newsletter for 2025, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve in addition to a big thank you to all officers for 2025. I am but a small part of a large Masonic wheel and just could not do this job without your help! Thank you! Thank you! Congratulations to the 2026 officers and to you I pledge my support.

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist will be on Saturday, December 27th with dinner at 6:00pm and Table Lodge at 7:00pm. Lakeville Lodge is the host and we will be joined by their Brothers from North Liberty Lodge. Saturday, January 10th, Worshipful Brothers Dean Shinneman, Larry Ort and myself will be traveling to Indianapolis for Founders Day.

We have an Entered Apprentice Degree schedule for Thursday, January 15th, at 6:30pm. We will have several candidates going through. Please come and help us bring these good men to Light. Practice for the Degree will be Monday, January 12th at 6:30pm.

The January Stated Meeting will be on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 with pizza for supper at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:30pm.

Max Feitz,
Junior Past Master

Dates to Remember:

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| Sat Dec-27 @ 6:00pm | Feast of St. John the Evangelist Table Lodge @ Lakeville - Dinner starts at 6:00pm with Table Lodge to follow. |
| Thu Jan-8 @ 6:30pm | Dinner (RSVP to Dean Shinneman - 574-835-7088) |
| Thu Jan-8 @ 7:30pm | Stated Meeting |
| Sat Jan-10 | Founders Day - Scottish Rite Cathedral, Indianapolis |
| Mon Jan-12 @ 6:30pm | EA Practice |
| Thu Jan-15 @ 6:30pm | Entered Apprentice Degree - Refreshments to follow the Degree. |

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Message from the Worthy Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"Silent night, Holy night. All is calm, All is bright"

We are supporting the Lakeville Lions Christmas Party by donating 2 bikes and 2 helmets to deserving youths. The party will be held on Saturday, December 20th. The service dog we are supporting, Areme, is going to prison soon for training. She sure is cute! Pray that her training goes well and she will be able to help a deserving person. We will be dark in January and February. Please continue to pray for all Sisters and Brothers who need our prayers. If anyone knows of any illness to a Sister or Brother, please let us know.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in March.

Star Love,
Donna Hoover, WM Brian Hoover, WP

An update from Barb Woods about Areme:

I wanted to give you an update on Areme. I did get to see her briefly on the Sunday morning before she went to Pendleton. Her puppy home is with Susanne and Mark Robinson. Deby Thomas went with me to meet them at their home in Carmel. When we went in, they told us that they were working on her greeting strangers without getting too excited. We were supposed to turn our backs if she tried to jump up. Well, that worked fine until I sat on the floor! She brought out all her toys and is a very social dog. I took her a couple of ICAN approved toys (they can only have Kong or Nylabone toys) and a gift for Mark and Susanne from the Chapter. As it turns out Susanne and I went to the same college just 7 years apart. I told them the story of us wanting the name Freddie but that it had already been used. Susanne actually knew the first dog Fred because she worked for Crowe Chizek in South Bend and they got a dog in honor of her boss Fred Crowe. Areme now sits on command, lays down on command (although she's still working on staying laying down as she wants to get up right away), and she can push your hand when you hold it up (a step they learn before pushing buttons to open doors). A couple days after I met her, she went to Pendleton for training. It sort of breaks my heart because they aren't allowed to take anything with them. She couldn't take any toys or a blanket or bowl. The prison has to be cautious about the things that come in so she goes with just a leash. Plus, I think ICAN has to make the situation is consistent for every dog in training. Susanne and Mark handed her off to a worker from ICAN who then takes her to her trainer. While she is at Pendleton, she will get to come out to a furlough home for a visit. Each furlough is with a different family so they get different experiences. Susanne and Mark said that they can be one of the homes and they will plan to do it at a time when they can bring her up to Lakeville to meet everyone. Here is our girl headed to Pendleton with her green ICAN vest (notice the OES patch). She will wear a blue vest when she graduates from Pendleton program.

Dates to Remember:

Tue Jan-6

No Stated Meetings in January and February

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