Lakeville Lodge / Eastern Star Newsletter

November 2026

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Message from the Worshipful Master

Tidings from the East!

October is behind us and we are now entering the Holiday Season of November and December. I for one am not ready!

Our November Stated Meeting went well with a good turkey dinner before prepared by Sister Chris and Brother Harold and good refreshments provided by Brother Mike Johnson. The investigating committee for a new member is appointed and background check complete as we start the process of voting and then initiating this new member. Good way to start a new year.

Dues notices are out so please get them paid as soon as possible to help the process.

New officers for 2027 were elected. Worshipful Master: WB Max Feitz, Senior Warden: WB Vince Feitz, Junior Warden: WB Dean Shinneman, Secretary: WB Larry Ort, Treasurer: WB Harold Rowe, Trustee: WB Dean Shinneman. We have a full slate of appointed officers as well! Thank you all for accepting to serve.

The Tenderloin Fund Raiser was a success with a profit from ticket sales and donations of over $3700. Wow, great job team and members for this event. That is nearly enough to pay our yearly property insurance. Again, thanks to all, your help is appreciated.

We will confer the Fellowcraft Degree on Brother Austin Diller on Saturday, November 28th with coffee and doughnuts at 9:00am and degree at 10:00am with light refreshments to follow.

I would like to thank everyone fo the opportunity and privelege to serve this great fraternity and especially Lakeville Lodge #353 for this honor. Officers, you did me proud. At our Lodge of Instruction we received a score of 95. Great!

Installation of Officers will be part of the business session at the December Stated Meeting on Thursday, December 3rd. Dinner will be Master's choice: Swiss Steak and all the trimmings provided by Sister Chris and Brother Harold. Because of the high price of beef, the meal will be $10 and reservations are required. Worshipful Brother Harold Rowe (hiram@haroldrowe.com / 574-784-8948 no texts) by Tuesday. Refreshments after the meeting will be provided by WB Max Feitz.

Fraternally,
Dean Shinneman, Worshipful Master

Dates to Remember:

Sat	**Nov-28**	**@ 10:00am**	Fellowcraft Degree - Doughnuts and coffee 9am, refreshments to follow the Degree.
Thu	**Dec-3**	**@ 6:00pm**	Stated Dinner (RSVP to Harold Rowe - 574-784-8948 (no texts) - hiram@haroldrowe.com)
Thu	**Dec-3**	**@ 7:00pm**	Stated Meeting and Installation of Officers - Refreshments to follow the meeting by WB Max Feitz.
Mon	**Dec-28**	**@ 6:00pm**	Feast of St. John the Evangelist Table Lodge @ North Liberty - Dinner starts at 6:00pm with Table Lodge to follow.

Worshipful Master: Dean Shinneman - 574-835-7088 - jshinneman@yahoo.com

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

A Reminder from the Lodge Secretary: 2027 dues are payable by January 1st, 2027

Message from the Building Committee

Members of Lakeville Lodge and Lakeville Eastern Star:

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Message from the Worthy Matron

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we approach the Holidays, let us all take a few minutes and reflect on the year as it comes to a close. Keep our Sisters and Brothers who have lost loved ones in your prayers as they prepare to cope with the season without those who have entered God's Kingdom.

I am saddened to say that our Worthy Patron has made the decision to resign his office. I had hoped that despite our situation, he would reconsider.

Our December meeting is on December 1st at 7:00pm, and we will all enjoy a sampling of everyone's favorite Yule Tide treats after the meeting. Come hungry! This will be our Deputy Visit so everyone should be ready to give their part as discussed at our last meeting. We will also be collecting food pantry items at the meeting so please remember to try and bring something. We will be trimming the Christmas tree at 6:30, prior to the meeting for those who wish to participate. Also, we hope to have the bikes that we are donating for the Lions Club Christmas Party at the meeting for everyone to see.

In closing, let us all rejoice in what Christmas is all about. Let us remember the baby boy who was born in Bethlehem and the promise that came with Him.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! I look forward to a positive 2027!

Star Love and Mine,
Anne Stephens, WM

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Tue Dec-1 @ 7:00pm Stated Meeting - Deputy Visit - Christmas Yule-Tide Treat Carry-In after the meeting.

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Secretary: Chris Rowe - 574-784-8948 - ckrowe@mchsi.com

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