



## Waynesville Masonic Lodge #163

# NEWSLETTER

April 2026



### From the East



### IMPORTANT LODGE DATES

Brothern, Our Lodge is currently undergoing several improvements and updates that will benefit us all moving forward. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Brethren who have taken the initiative to begin this work and keep these efforts progressing in a positive Direction.

- Stated Meeting March 3rd
- April 14th 5 :30PM Pre Inspection
- April 25th 9 :00AM Inspection (FC) Degree

Fraternally

Brian Hartman – Worshipful Master



### SECRETARY'S DESK

### BIRTHDAYS



### DEGREE WORK UPDATED

To ensure every Brother remains connected and informed about Lodge activities, events, and important communications, we are updating our membership records.

We kindly request that you provide your current contact details at your earliest convenience. You may reply directly to this email with the following information:

#### Member Information

- Full Name
- Mailing Address (City, State, ZIP)
- Phone Number
- Email Address

Spouse/Significant Other Information  
(Optional – used only in case of emergency or death)

Please send this information to  
[waynesville163@gmail.com](mailto:waynesville163@gmail.com)

#### January

- Nathan Adams
- Joseph Bertolini
- John Cole
- Gary Copeland
- Patrick Davidson
- Michael Hild SR
- Justin Humphrey
- Stephen Johnson
- Michael Karns
- Russel Knepper
- Eric Litten
- Scott Mullen
- Phillip Murphy
- Charles Rich
- Donald Rockhold
- Gregory Smith
- William Stump
- Jeffery Winkler SR

#### February

- Loius Bowser
- John Purdum
- Roy Turton
- Don Yoak

On January 17,2026, we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on two new bothers Robert Glass and Steve Edwards



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## TEMPLE BOARD BUSINESS

The temple board has begun some much-needed updates on the building. Listed below are what is on the schedule for 2026 for building maintenance

- New door entry system has been installed, and new cards/key fobs are being distributed
- We have put the handicap ramp replacement on hold until Spring.
- New building security system will be installed on February 24th&25th
- Kitchen update will begin as commercial kitchen equipment has been donated so we can provide better service and serve our community

## COMMUNITY & CHARITY

On February 4, 2026, we had our first joint meeting focused on strengthening the partnership and communication between the Blue Lodge and Eastern Star regarding the Sauerkraut Festival Pizza Booth. Members expressed appreciation for the years of dedicated work that have made the booth a major fundraiser, while also acknowledging concerns about communication gaps, lack of shared decision-making, and the need for greater transparency. Both groups agreed that moving forward requires clearer expectations, mutual respect, and a more unified approach

Several solutions were proposed, including forming a joint festival committee with equal representation, establishing regular financial reporting, documenting roles and procedures, and holding ongoing joint meetings throughout the year.

Both organizations reaffirmed their commitment to community service, improved cooperation, and rebuilding relationships. The next joint meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, where committee members will be selected, asset documentation reviewed, and a shared planning agenda developed

## IMPORTANT TEMPLE BOARD DATES

- February 21st Blood Drive 8:00 AM to 1:00PM
- February 21st Internet Being Installed
- February 24th and 25th New security system installed
- March 11th Sauerkraut Festival Meeting 5:30 PM



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## MONTHLY LEO SECTION

### CHANGES

by William R. Fischer

We live in a country where change is a way of life. The United States is based on change.

A change from a Monarchy

A change from oppression

A change from one president to the next

A change from the 19th century technology to the 20th, and then to the 21st century. All in the same century, actually all in a 30 year period.

Our forefathers agreed that we should be able to change the constitution to meet the needs and situations of the future. That is why amendments can be added.

Everything changes; transportation, homes, energy, government, environment, food, religion, and even families. We talk about dysfunctional families, common law spouse, living together, living apart, living alone, and just plain living. Some of us think that this is unsatisfactory, but it's only change.

Even the Holy Scripture makes reference to change, for if we do not change, we stagnate.

We must make changes to meet this new and ever changing world. Those who say "The old ways are the best ways" better look again, THEY ARE NOT WORKING! The saying "If it ain't broke don't fix it" only works for machines, and at the rate our membership is dropping, it's broke.

Masonry, like the United States, the constitution, religion, and our families will always keep their core values, ideas and ideals but we must change to meet the future.

Forty years ago Lipton Tea had little saying on the paper tag attached to their tea bags, on one of those tags was printed these words; "The best way to cope with change is to help make it."

We now have an opportunity to move Masonry into the future, to make the changes. We must make Freemasonry desirable for the young men looking for fellowship. The only way we can do this, is through change to meet the needs of these young men.

The word change was used 19 times in this short talk. How many times did you say it in Lodge last year, and then act on it.

