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## Dexter Masonic Lodge Breakfast a Success

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**Dexter, Missouri -** It was a very social and fun morning as the Dexter Masonic Lodge continued their long tradition of a country breakfast for area friends and neighbors. The meal was complete with sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits and gravy, pancakes and a drink.

As a beautiful crisp Saturday morning unfolded, area residents were quick to take advantage of the convenient breakfast as fantastic way to get their day started. More than 260 meals were served oduring the morning either as a dine-in or carry-out order.

"We had a good crowd today," stated one lodge member who was serving. "We hold these events three times annually in February, June and either October or November. These are always a great community get together."

The Dexter Masonic Lodge #532 is a group that is very quiet about their philanthropies in the Dexter community. These three breakfasts throughout the year are the only fundraisers held by the group, but it enables them to offer aid to people in the area and provide scholarships to local high school students.

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Wilson. Elmer will celebrate sixty-one years as a member of the lodge this April.

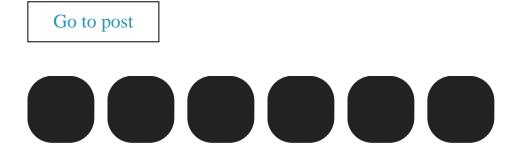
"We had plenty of help today from our members," added Wilson. "We were really happy about that and got it all cleaned up rather quickly. Everything worked efficiently and got the crowd to their seats promptly."

It was easy to see the health of the organization with the members joining in to lend a hand with the event. Currently, the lodge has a steady membership of over 140 members in a time that organizations struggle to get new blood.

The Masonic Lodge has a rich history of membership from within the Dexter community. Ken Swearingen is currently the Worshipful Master and believes that honor and integrity are at the core of their belief system. Members are obligated to pracitce self control and treat the people around them with respect, regardless of their own personal opinion of that person.

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