

JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS, 9 AM TO 11:00 AM EXCEPT HOLIDAYS CLOSED

JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55
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JULY 24 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING – DOUBLE FELLOW CRAFTS DEGREE

AUG 5 10:00AM MASTER MASON DEGREE-ZACKERY ANDERSON

AUG 7 7:00PM TRUSTEE MEETING

AUG 14 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING –

AUG 28 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING-

Hello Brothers,

We are all sadden with the passing of Brother Ron Rasmussen. Visitation July 26 at 10am at the First Baptist Church on 3414 Woodhall Dr., Janesville. There will be a Masonic and Eastern Star service at Noon with funeral service to follow. A luncheon to follow at the Janesville Masonic Center.

The fireworks stand had a positive return for a fund raiser. This will help offset the expenses of the lodge such as the \$7,200. for the insurance premium. Thanks to those that helped with manning the stand for the almost two weeks.

Saturday July 15, there were two new Master Mason raised. Br. Jacob Wagner and Keith Yates were raised to Master Masons. Congratulations to them for their work on their journey. Thank you to those present that help raised these two new Master Masons.

We are updating the records with Grand Lodge. We are looking for Veterans, (time in service and conflicts that were serve in), Wives/Significant Others Names and Month and Day of her Birthday, first responders and a picture of you. These can all be emailed to the Lodge email, jvlmactr@gmail.com. Thanks for helping us update this information. If there is anything else, we will be in touch with you personally.

The Elevator has been repaired and is operating properly. Please return the elevator to the lower level after using. The Fire Suppression unit in the kitchen area has been updated to code. The replacement dishwasher is in operation now and being used. There are some differences in operation which are listed in the red binder and on the wall. Contact Secretary Larry to help you walk through the operation.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESSED: If you know of a member that is suffering from an illness or other distress, Please let the Lodge know.

PROJECT 16:49 is one of the current projects of the Lodge. Project 16:49 is an organization supporting homeless youth with houses in Beloit and Janesville. 16:49 represents the time a student is dismissed from school until the next day school begins. Donations of Gift cards: Woodman's, Wal-Mart, Target, Shopko, Walgreens, Staples, Kwik Trip (fuel only cards), Subway, McDonalds, Burger King, Culvers, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, etc... Personal hygiene items (men's and women's): body wash, shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant, facial cleanser, tampons. Cleaning supplies: toilet bowl cleaner, Swiffer-type mop pads (wet or dry), paper towels, trash bags, kitchen sponges, dish soap. Office, school & group activity supplies: copy paper, notepads, ink pens, 3 ring binders, HP 950/951 ink cartridges, easel pads. 18-gallon plastic storage bin. Donations can be dropped off at the Lodge in the Men's Lounge.

New wish list for Project 16:49. Web site <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2BZF8OD46F100>

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

AUG 9 7:00PM STATED MEETING – Sport Night, wear something of your favorite team.

AUG 26 10:00AM HOST GRAND CHAPTER EXEMPLIFICATION - Lunch

DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT, please pay your dues timely.

During the lazy days of summer, we only meet once a month in July and August.

We are all sadden that our golden chain of friendship has been broken by the death of Brother Ron Rasmussen. Funeral July 26 at the First Baptist Church at 3414 Woodhall Dr. Janesville. Visitation at 10 am and services at Noon.

“Take me out to the Ball Game” We are planning a night at the ball park, August 23rd at Beloit to watch the Sky Carps, 6:35PM. Tickets are \$18 and includes a hot dog, chips and a drink. Everyone is welcome to join us. We would especially like to invite the Lodge Brothers and the daughters to join us. Let Rosie know if you are interested in joining us, final details will be emailed to you.

Our annual report shows a membership of 65. During the 22-23 Chapter year we had four deaths and had to suspend two members for non-payment of dues. The State membership theme this year is “Chapters - Start your Engines”. Our chapter needs to market our organization so we can show the community that we are “Good People, Doing Good things for Good Reasons.

We will be hosting an Exemplification on August 26th 10-3. We will be providing lunch at a cost for all attendees. There will be a learning session in the morning and a focus on floor work in the afternoon. This will be a small fund raiser for us.

PGM Rosie Fiscus, Secretary
oesrosebud@charter.net

Let us know if you know of anyone needing Sunshine.

Remember OES members are “Good People, doing good things for a good reason”

**** Sunshine person for Janesville is: Beth Ratzburg (920-691-6985) ****

**** Sunshine person for Beloit is: Jane Sholes (608-295-2000) ****

Please call them if you know of anyone who needs Sunshine or a “Thinking of You” card.

JOB’S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #21 VALERIE BRINKMAN-KAMPMANN, BETHEL GUARDIAN (608)201-5049

NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST. THERE ARE EVENTS GOING ON TO ATTEND.

Save the date. November 18th Craft and Vendor event. We will be taking registrations starting July. We are inviting the lodge and Star to have tables again.

All Masonic family members are welcome to attend any of our Bethel meetings or events. If you know young ladies ages 7-19, who would benefit from Job's Daughters, we would love to meet them. The daughters of the Bethel would love to help with any event the organizations in the building are having, please reach out!

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN Vanna, would still love to receive invitations to Masonic or Star or other appendant bodies events and would love to talk to any organization at any Masonic Center or event in WI about Job's Daughters International. Please send requests or invitations to vbrinkman01@gmail.com or contact Bethel Guardian Valerie Brinkman-Kampmann by phone or text at 608-201-5049.



JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 9:00 AM MASTER MASON DEGREE
6	7 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	8 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	9 CHAPTER 69 7:00PM STATED MEETING	10 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	11	12 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
13	14 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	15	16	17 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	18	19 9:00 AM BREAKFAST 10:00AM DOUBLE MASTER MASON DEGREES
20	21 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM	22	23	24 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	25	26 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
27	28 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	29	30	31 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE		MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The Trustees are providing our building to the American Red Cross as a courtesy to the community and the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross will be holding a monthly Blood Drive every third Monday of the month from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please help support them. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are best. Appointments can be made through the jvlmasons.com website and clicking on the Red Cross icon or by going to redcrossblood.org. The next Blood Drives will be **AUGUST 21 AND SEPTEMBER 18**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled but walk-ins accepted when schedule permits.

NOTES FROM JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR 55 TRUSTEES CENTER COMMITTEE

A BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND has been established for future major repairs and updates. Examples include; roof replacement, update the kitchen fire extinguisher system, Lodge room walls repaired and repainted, and Lodge room carpet replacement. In the future these will be prioritized and ordered such as the Lodge room walls repair and repainted, etc. We want to keep our facility looking and performing at its best, to preserve the building for the future members and maintain the building as good stewards of the craft. The City of Janesville required that a grease trap be installed in the kitchen on the dish washer. This project has been in the works for several years with the city demanding that the work be performed. The total cost for this requirement was \$12,100. The 32-year-old Air Conditioner for the Main Lodge room had developed a leak that could not be found and/or fixed. The refrigerant for this unit was no longer being made and if found would be very costly. The unit was replaced in October 2022 and when the air handler is running is very much quieter than the old unit. The cost of the replacement was \$20,000. Recently good used Dishwasher for the kitchen was obtained to replace the 57 year old Dishwasher unit that could not be repaired. The fire suppression system in the kitchen stove area was outdated and not up to code. This was updated to the latest system. The elevator power supply had failed requiring a replacement be modified to work with our elevator system. Donations to help offset the cost of the grease trap AND the replacement of the 32-year-old air conditioner for the main lodge room would be greatly appreciated as the Masonic Center has taken a loan of \$111,000. Your help to pay for these projects would be greatly appreciated.

DON'T FORGET! KITCHEN AND DINING HALL USERS. - A general cleanup of the kitchen and wiping off of the tables (with the disinfectant premix IN THE SPRAY BOTTLES) must be done BEFORE AND AFTER each meeting's refreshments. We all need to police the area after our meetings to insure we are up to the requirements of the Health Department at all times. We are responsible for the cleaning of the Dining and Kitchen Area. Remember there is an individual using the kitchen to make gluten free baked goods. **NOTE! PLEASE TAKE YOUR TRASH OUT WITH YOU AFTER YOUR EVENT. LADIES, PLEASE NO PURSES IN THE KITCHEN OR ON THE COUNTER TOPS OR TABLES WHERE FOOD MAY BE PREPARED OR SERVED. SEE THE KITCHEN RULES BOOK IN THE KITCHEN AND PLEASE OBSERVE.**

Building Usage –The following rental rates for the building usage of the Dining area by individual members, April 1 to November 15 the rate is \$80/day and November 15 to April 1 the rate is \$120/day. Usage of the kitchen will be extra. The rental for outside organizations will remain the same depending on what areas are to be used. Talk it up with your groups that might look at our building for holding meetings or dinners. We work with various caterers dining area. If the meeting only needs coffee and carbs, we can work out an agreement to satisfy those needs. Please contact Trustee Secretary Larry for more information.

SPECIAL NOTE – if your group needs to reserve a special date during the year – the Presiding Officer *must contact Larry Preston (Building Manager) at 608-754-2475 OR 608-201-2991* as soon as possible – *for authorization*. The calendar has been moved to the office for better control but I also keep another calendar at home for those calls received and later transferred to the lodge calendar. If Larry is not contacted, the date might be already spoken for resulting in someone else interrupting your event. In addition, the building heating and cooling system is computer controlled and advanced notification is necessary to program in the usage dates so the desired room temperatures can be maintained.