

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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See us on Facebook: "Masonic Lodge Janesville" and "Janesville Western Star 55 Members"

AUG 5 7:00PM TRUSTEE MEETING

AUG 12 6:00PM MASTER MASON DEGREE

AUG 26 6:00PM DINNER

7:00PM STATED MEETING –

Hello Brothers,

July was a busy month for our Lodge as usual. We had a double Entered Apprentice initiation for Brothers Aiden Brink and Ben Whiting. On July 13th we had a Masonic information booth at the Janesville Farmers Market. The Craft Fair was held at the Lodge on July 20th as a fundraiser for the Lodge. Though not a huge success, it did bring some much-needed funds and it was a learning experience. Hopefully if we hold another one on October 12th, we'll have more vendors. Thanks goes out to Brother Peter Ryan and Rayc Stahl for their help with this event.

Additionally, several brothers volunteered to work at the 4th of July celebration in Milton.

August will be less hectic. There is a Master Mason initiation for Donald Stu Berry on August 12th which is our regularly stated meeting. This will start at 6pm and there will be no meeting that night, but light snacks will be provided. There are additional Degree initiations being planned for Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice. So, keep an eye out for when these degrees occur and support our new brothers. These dates will be posted on the Members Facebook Page, The Masonic Events application (keep an eye on your email) and in the group messenger. On August 17th we are planning to have another Masonic information booth at the Janesville Farmers Market to raise awareness. All brothers are welcome to come by, bring a chair and enjoy some fellowship. It runs from 7AM to 1pm. And thanks to Brother Jim Allen for his help with this event.

Early notice for Saturday September 7th, there are plans for another Lodge BBQ. Planning on inviting other Lodges to this event and families are invited. This will also be our yearly awards event.

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.

Bro. Sven
608-314-6964

There are NINE members that have not paid their 2024 dues yet. Please pay as this will save the lodge the additional postage in re-mailing the past due dues notices. This amounts to \$1,364 needed to operate your lodge. REMEMBER THAT THE DUES FOR 2024 YEAR WERE DUE DECEMBER 31,2023. PAST DUE NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT. If for some reason you have not received your 2024 dues notices please contact Secretary Larry. Thank you to those that donated extra to the Lodge Building fund to help pay for those extra unplanned expenses.

JANESVILLE CHAPTER #69 - O.E.S.
Rosie Fiscus Secretary (608-835-7808) (608 692-0530)

JUDY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)
MARK NELSON W.P. (608-835-7701)

AUG 14 7:00PM STATED MEETING – SPORTS AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
Refreshments: Heidi Corro

AUG 28 6:30PM DISTRICT DEPUTY SCHOOL

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our chapter hosted the Grand Chapter Exemplification on July 13, there were approximately 50 members in attendance. We fed them lunch and were able to make a profit of \$252.00.

We still have some Vande Walle Candy bars for sale. \$1.50 each.

Thanks to the members who have promptly paid their 24-25 dues! it makes the secretary's job so much easier. We only have 10 members left to pay. Our annual report recorded that Janesville Chapter has 58 members.

We were excited to read a petition at our last meeting. Watch for the initiation date so we can welcome our new brother.

Thanks

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: Heidi Corro (608-346-8124) ****

**** 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

JULY AND AUGUST – NO MEETINGS

We will have Candy bars, so if anyone is interested in Van de Walle's or Seroogy candy bars that can reach out to any of the daughters.

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!




JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	2	3 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
4	5 JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEES 7:00 PM MEETING	6 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7:00PM-9:00PM	7	8 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	9	10 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM FARMERS MARKET
11	12 JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55 6:00PM MEETING	13 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE LEGION MEETING	14 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	15	16	17 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM FARMERS MARKET BOOTH
18	19 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM 	20 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM -9PM	21	22 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	23	24 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
25	26 JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	27 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	28 CHAPTER 69 6:30PM DUCTRUCT DEPUTY SCHOOL	29	30	31 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 19 AND SEPTEMBER 16**. 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

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.

A **BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND** has been established for future major repairs and updates. Examples include; roof replacement, Lodge room walls repaired and repainted, and Lodge room carpet replaced. 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. 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 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. The Kitchen Fire Suppression unit has been replaced with the updated 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 these items would be greatly appreciated as the Masonic Center has taken a loan of \$108,000. 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 \$100/day and November 15 to April 1 the rate is \$130/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.