

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"

DEC 2 7:00PM TRUSTEE MEETING

DEC 9 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING-ELECTION OF 2025 OFFICERS

DEC 18 6:00PM FAMILY LODGE CHRISTMAS DINNER

DEC 23 NO MEETING

Hello Brothers,

November is in the past. It was a great month for the Lodge. Our Tuesday night study group has gotten busy working on Postings for the degrees. With that we've already had several postings this month and will have more in December. On November 25th we had the step-up meeting for the Lodge Officers. Many of the brothers came together on Sunday the 17th and decorated the outside of Lodge with Christmas lights.

December events will be easier on everyone's schedule. We will have the election of officers on December 9th and the meeting on the 23th is canceled. A lodge Family Christmas dinner is being planned for Wednesday, December 18th. We will continue to have our Tuesday study nights and Thursday Ritual study nights.

This ends my year in the East and I want to thank all the Brothers of the Lodge for their support. We have accomplished a lot this year, making this Lodge one of the most active Lodges in District 9. I look forward to the coming years and the leadership that we have growing in the Lodge.

Bethal #21 held a successful Craft & Vendor Fair at the Lodge on November 16th.

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

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SEE NOTES FROM THE MASONIC CENTER TRUSTEES

2025 Dues Notices have been mailed out and due by December 31,2024. If for some reason you have reason that the dues cannot be paid, please contact the Secretary.

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

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

**DEC 11 6:00PM DINNER –TO HONOR MEMBERS AND MASONS
7:30PM STATED MEETING –**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
December 11, 2024 Dinner to honor our members and Masons 6:00PM. Please RSVP to the Secretary, Sister Rosie if you are planning on attending. Wear your Christmas finery

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We will be collecting non-perishable items and gift cards for the Rock Co. Holiday Drive, they are working with Salvation Army this year. A Box will be in the upstairs lobby, please contact the WM or Secretary if you have something to donate. We will deliver it on December 12, 2024.

The Chapter is dark during the months of January and February. We will be getting together at some point for a get together at a local restaurant. If you are interested in joining us for an evening of food and fellowship, call the Secretary for the details.

We are looking for some fundraising opportunities, let us know if you have any ideas.

General Grand Chapter recently voted to accept non-masonic affiliated women into Eastern Star. A letter of recommendation is required by a Brother and Sister in Good Standing with their petition. Grand Chapter Proficiency Committee and Jurisprudence is working on the procedure to process this.

Thanks to the members who have promptly paid their 24-25 dues! it makes the secretary's job so much easier. We only have 8 members left to pay. Our annual report recorded that Janesville Chapter has 58 members.

Thanks

PGM Rosie Fiscus Secretary
Oesrosebud@gmail.com 608 692-0530

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.






JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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DECEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	3 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	4	6	6	7 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
8	9 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	10 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM LEGION MEETING	11 CHAPTER 69 OES 6:00PM DINNER 7:30PM STATED MEETING	12 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	13	14 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
15	16 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM  American Red Cross	17 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	18 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 LODGE FAMILY CHISTMAS DINNER 6:00PM	19	20	21 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST <u>9:00 AM</u>
22	23 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 NO MEETING	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26	27	28 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE				

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 **DECEMBER 16 AND JANUARY 20, 2025**. 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

THE DAMAGED WINDOWS FROM THE VANDALIZAM HAVE BEEN ORDERED AT \$3,800+. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE COMPLETE WINDOW WAS DECIDED BY THE TRUSTEES SINCE THE CURRENT WINDOWS ARE 60 YEARS OLD AND THE GLASS THICKNESS IS NO LONGER MANUFACTURED. DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AND IS DEPENDENT ON THE WINDOW MANUFACTURER. THE GRAND LODGE INSUREANCE PREMIUM WAS \$7,990 AND THE DEDUCTABLE RAISED FROM THE \$1,000 TO \$5,000. THEREFORE, THE VANDILISM WILL NOT BE COVERED BY INSURANCE. THE DAMAGED BLINDS ON THESE WINDOWS WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE REPLACED FOR ABOUT \$200. OTHER REPAIRS FOR THE DAMAGED WALLS AND DOORS REPAIRS HAVE NOT BEEN ESTIMATED YET. THE ROOF WAS INSPECTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE CEILING DAMAGE EXTENDED TO THE ROOF.

THE 40+YEAR OLD COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR HAS WORN OUT AND HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH A NEW UP TO DATE UNIT ALSO AT \$3,800+. THIS PUTS THE MASONIC CENTER WITH ABOUT AN \$8,000 DEBT. THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED WITH INSPECTIONS AND MINOR REPAIRS.

DONATIONS TO HELP OFFSET THESE COSTS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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. We are paying on previous projects that have been made to keep the building operational. **THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THESE PAST PROJECTS.**

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 Dinning 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.