

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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DEC 4 7:00PM TRUSTEES MEETING

DEC 11 6:00PM DINNER

7:00PM STATED MEETING – ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

DEC 13 6:00PM HONORED GUESTS OF THE LADIES OF CHAPTER 69 FOR DINNER WITH OUR LADIES OR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS.

DEC 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS – NO MEETING

Hello Brothers,

Remember that our first and only meeting in December will be voting for officers for 2024. Installation of the 2024 Officers will be the first meeting in January.

As most of you have noticed that there have been many degrees lately as there are many new candidates that are progressing through their posting and advancement to the next degree. Please support these candidates with your presence at these degree days and nights. There will be votes and possible two-degree days scheduled in either November or December that will not be on Meeting Nights. Possibly two Master Mason Degrees and one or two new Entered Apprentices degrees for new members.

2024 Dues notices have been mailed and also emailed to those that have shared their email addresses with the lodge. If for some reason you have not received your 2024 dues notices please contact Secretary Larry.

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.

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

During the month of November, we have lost two Brothers, Theodore (Ted) Symons and Milford (Bud) Gavin and Sister, Irene Messer.

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>

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

TAMMY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)
JEFF LICHTFUSS W.P. (608-359-5117)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

DEC 13 6:00PM CHRISTMAS PARTY – HAM LOAF DINNER AND POT LUCK – Honor Masons
our special guests will be the Masonic brothers and their ladies.
7:30PM STATED MEETING

DEC 27 NO MEETING – HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope your Christmas season is filled with happiness and joy.

We only have one meeting in December then we are dark the months of January and February.

The Ladies Lounge has been partially cleaned and when trying to freshen up the drapes, they fell apart. Blinds have been ordered for the windows. If anyone would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the blinds it would be appreciated. Send a check to the Secretary.

There is still a need for cleaning the cupboards in the kitchen. We had only one individual present to clean on October 28. Several of the Masons helped after completing their cleaning projects but there is more to do.

2nd Dues notices will be sent out shortly, please remit timely.

OES sadness, Brother Ted Symons passed away and Sister Yetiva's Gavins husband Bud passed away. Both in November.

We will be having a get together for fellowship and food while we are dark. Watch for further details.

We still have cookie jar mixes for sale. They make great gifts. \$10/each. Please contact us if interested in purchasing a few.

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

DEC 3 - 5 PM Stated Meeting

DEC 17 - 2 PM Stated Meeting

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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DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
3 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 5:00PM MEETING	4 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	5	6	7 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	8	9 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
10	11 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	12	13 CHAPTER 69 7:00PM STATED MEETING	14 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	15	16 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
17 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM MEETING	18 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM	19	20	21	22	23 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27 CHAPTER 69 NO STATED MEETING	28 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	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 18 AND JANUARY 15, 2024**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled but walk-ins accepted when schedule permits.



Dear Masonic Brothers,

Janesville Eastern Star would like to invite you and your families to be our guests:

Holiday Pot Luck

December 13, 2023 at 6:00PM

Dining room at Janesville Masonic Center

Please RSVP to Rosie: Oesrosebud@charter.net

It is also our evening to Honor Masons

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, 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. 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 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.

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.