

JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS, 9 AM TO 11:00 AM

JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55

Derek Henze, W.M. (262-473-9585)

Larry Preston - Sec. /Teas. (608-201-2991)

DEC 6 7:00PM TRUSTEE & BUDGET STATED MEETING AT LODGE

DEC 13 6:00PM DINER (PLEASE LET DEREK (262-473-9585) KNOW IF YOU WILL BE EATING
7:00PM STATED MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022

DEC 27 NO MEETING

Hello Brothers,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and had a good time with your families. We have one more meeting for the year in which we will be conducting our elections. Good discussions have been had to understand who would like to be in certain chairs. I am excited to think that we will have almost a completely new blood line in the chairs. This situation is increasingly rare for lodges around the state and I am very proud of the work we did to get us there.

We will be kicking off 2022 right away with an installation and then our Strategic Planning Retreat in the Wisconsin Dells, January 14th-16th. Everyone is welcomed to come to this – this is where we will be laying out the work for years to come, complete the budget, and clarifying roles. Please communicate any ideas or input you might have to myself if you now you can't attend.

Stay well Brothers and have a great holiday season ahead.

Cheers,

Bro. Derek

Cell: 262.473.9585

DUES NOTICES – YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD ONLINE AT “55-wi.ourlodgepage.com”. Use your Grand Lodge number on your dues notice or card to setup your account. NO DEBIT CARDS PLEASE, IF DEBIT CARD IS USED, PLEASE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL \$4.04 PLUS \$0.99 TO COVER FEES CHARGED TO THE LODGE FOR THE USE OF DEBIT CARDS.

JANESVILLE CHAPTER #69 - O.E.S.

ROSIE FISCUS W.M. (608-835-7808)

Jane Blackwood Secretary (608-346-8435)

RON RASMUSSEN W.P. (608-774-1613)

DEC 8 6:00PM POT LUCK DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

DEC 22 NO MEETING

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We had a wonderful 126 anniversary celebration of our Chapter on October 27th, the Master of the Lodge and three brothers attended as well as a few of the Wisconsin Grand Chapter Officers. Sister Judy Wiskia gave a very informative program on the history of our Chapter. We need to continue to work on membership so our Chapter will be here to celebrate a 150th anniversary.

Our next meeting is December 8th. We will have a potluck at 6:00PM, bring a dish to pass. We do have our last meeting of 2021 scheduled for 7:30 that evening. Please join us and bring your family members and perhaps a perspective member. Beverages will be provided. We are asking the Masonic Brothers and families to join us.

We will be ringing bells at Festival foods on December 8th in the afternoon. Come down and say “hi”

There are still a few members who have NOT paid their dues, please send them ASAP, it costs us money to send 2nd reminder notices.

January 22, 2022, UW-Whitewater auditorium at 3:00PM, we have free tickets to attend the sing along movie version of “Mama Mia”. Let myself or Beth Ratzburg know how many tickets you would like. We will plan to eat out as a group after the movie, I am sure we will be thirsty after all of our singing!

We authorized at our November 10th meeting to donate \$100 to the Salvation Army and \$50 Rock County Social Services. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Our Chain of Friendship was broken by the death of Carolyn Latch. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you or if you know someone that needs sunshine

**** 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
, Guardian Secretary ()

MOM VALERIE BRINKMAN-KAMPMANN, BETHEL GUARDIAN (608)201-5049
MOM KELLEY MAROTTA, Guardian (608)931-0322

DEC 5 5:00PM STATED MEETING

DEC 19 2:00PM STATED MEETING

SHRINE CLUB

DUANE HARVEY (608-754-1377)



JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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DECEMBER 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
5 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 5:00PM STATED MEETING	6 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR TRUSTEES & FINANCE COMMITTEE 7:00PM MEETING	7	8 CHAPTER 69 6:00PM POT LUCK DINNER 7:30PM STATED MEETING	9	10	11 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
12	13 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	14 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	15	16	17	18 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
19 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM STATED MEETING	20 BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM ZOR SHRINE CLUB 7:00PM	21	22 CHAPTER 69 OES NO MEETING	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 
26	27 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 NO MEETING	28	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 20 AND JANUARY 17,2022.**

HELP: THE 32-YEAR-OLD AIR CONDITIONER FOR THE MAIN LODGE ROOM HAS SEEN ITS BETTER DAYS AND QUIT. THE TRUSTEES HAVE RECEIVED QUOTES FOR THE REPLACEMENT AT A COST OF \$20,000. YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED HELPING THE MASONIC CENTER OFFSET THE COST OF THIS REPLACEMENT. EARLIER THIS YEAR THE CITY OF JANESVILLE REQUIRED THE CENTER INSTALL A GREASE TRAP IN THE LITTLE USED KITCHEN WHICH COST THE CENTER \$12,100. THE CENTER WILL BE TAKING OUT AN ADDITIONAL LOAN TO COVER THE AIR CONDITION UNIT FOR A TOTAL LOAN OF \$32,000. HELP YOUR LODGE WITH YOUR DONATIONS.

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, Lodge room carpet replacement, and Lodge room furnace 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.

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 \$60/day and November 15 to April 1 the rate is \$90/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 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.

TRESTLE BOARD NOTE! Information for the JANUARY Trestle Board is *due at the Masonic Center by DECEMBERER 22, 2021.* We appreciate the use of the special form available in the secretary's office in the red file folder on the top of the desk. We can also use my e-mail address lpmaisonic@charter.net to send this information.

KITCHEN UPDATE: 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. Lloyd's Plumbing had been studying the requirements of the grease trap to handle the water consumption of the dishwasher. The work started on February 1 with the removal of the dishwasher and sinks. The floor had to be x-rayed for the floor drain and electrical conduit locations. Rock Cut Co. came in to cut and remove the floor in the area of the dish washer. The grease trap fitted below the floor level and it was found that the electrical conduits had to be replaced for drain clearance. After this work was done, the floor was cemented and new floor tiles installed. The Dish washer and sinks were reinstalled everything returned to the kitchen. The kitchen and dishwasher were back in order as of February 26, 2021. The total cost for this requirement was \$12,100. Donations to help offset this cost would be greatly appreciated as the Masonic Center has taken on a loan for this project AND the replacement of the 31 year old air conditioner for the main lodge room for a total loan of \$32,000.00.