

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

Worshipful Master Alex Petropoulos (303-944-3358)

Larry Preston (608-201-2991) Secretary /Treasurer

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

FEB 3 7:00PM TRUSTEES MEETING

FEB 10 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING

FEB 24 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING

Brothers of Janesville Western Star #55

The members and the families of the Lodge are invited to join the Order of Eastern Star at the Golden Corral at [3111 Wellington court, Janesville](http://3111Wellingtoncourt.com) at 6 pm February 5th. Please call/ text Rosie 608 692-0530 by February 1st if you plan to come, so we can put in reservations. Join us for food, fellowship and fun.

February Objectives:

- Finalize fundraising responsibilities
- Finalize the Lodge calendar for the year
- Continue to advance our Fellowship activities.

Lodge Achievements:

- A Day of Light to help five Brothers progress through the degrees
- Study group team success in growing the mentors and progressing candidates through
- Fellowship. More and more attendance at our meetings
- Events – more Brothers are traveling to other Lodge events in the area. WM Alex has punch cards for traveling to other District 9 Lodges. Thank you for making them SW Peter.
- The Lodge continues to grow in membership. The ages of new members and their reasons for joining vary and round out all of the usual reasons to join our great organization. Look at the team that has come together. We all see it. GOOD STUFF!!

The new windows are in for the damage in August and installed on 12/31/2024 in the morning. The replacement curtains and rod have been hung. The damaged metal blinds have been replaced completing the work for the damaged windows. Thank you, Sec/Treas Larry!

Brothers - The Strategic Planning Session Saturday, January 11th was well attended. This meeting is where we set the tone for the year. Our schedule, our goals, fundraising tactics and events. We had this at Ryan Central in Janesville in their conference room. Thank you, SW Peter Ryan, for setting this up. Being a part of the planning for the Lodge and putting up ideas is how we continue to grow.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: 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.

Thank you all for all you have done to make the Janesville Western Star Lodge #55 the success that it continues to be. We are all a part of its growth and success!

Brother Alex Petropoulos cell: 303-944-3358 email: alexp@outlook.com

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. There are 17 members that have not paid their 2025 dues and three that have 2024 dues not paid.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Valentines Day!!

No meetings in February.

FEB 5 Dinner at the Golden Corral at [3111 Wellington court, Janesville](#) at 6 pm February 5th. Members and their friends and families are welcome to join us. Masons and their families are also welcome. Please call/ text Rosie by February 1st if you plan to come, so we can put in reservations. Join us for food, fellowship and fun.

Looking ahead to March:

March 12th we will honor Adah and Electa stations. Dress is formal. Tammy Wiskia has refreshments.

If you know of anyone in need of a thinking of you card please let Heidi or Jane know.

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 have 4 members with outstanding dues. Three of those are on their 2nd year in arrears. 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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FEBRUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
2	3 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	4 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	5 CHAPTER #69 OES DINNER OUT AT GOLDEN CORRAL 6:00PM	8 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	7	8 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
9	10 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	11 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM LEGION MEETING	12	13	14	15 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
16	17 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM 	18 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	19 CHAPTER #69 OES NO MEETING	20 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	21	22 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
23	24 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	25 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	26	27	28	

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 **FEBRUARY 17 & MARCH 17**. 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 AT \$3,800+ HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND THE TRIM WORK COMPLETED. THE GRAND LODGE INSURANCE PREMIUM WAS \$7,990 FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1ST 2025 AND THE DEDUCTABLE RAISED FROM THE \$1,000 TO \$5,000. THEREFORE, THE VANDILISM WILL NOT BE COVERED BY INSURANCE. THE DAMAGED CURTAINS AND BLINDS ON THESE WINDOWS HAVE BEEN REPLACED FOR ABOUT \$300. 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 SOME OF THESE COSTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NEEDED RESULTS IN BORROWING THE NECESSARY AMOUNTS FROM OUR INVESTMENTS. THE INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS FROM OUR INVESTMENTS HELP OFFSET THE DAILY COSTS TO MAINTAIN THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS SO BORROWING FROM THE INVESTMENTS REDUCES THE AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO FOR THE DAILY COSTS.

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.