

# JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS, 9 AM TO 11:00 AM EXCEPT HOLIDAYS CLOSED

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JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55  
Larry Preston - Sec./Teas. (608-201-2991)

Ben Walker W.M. (316-288-8142)

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

MAY 31 6:00PM DOUBLE ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

JUNE 5 7:00PM NO TRUSTEE MEETING

JUNE 12 6:00PM DINNER  
7:00PM STATED MEETING -

JUNE 26 6:00PM DINNER  
7:00PM STATED MEETING -

Hello Brothers,

Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be June 2 to June 3 at the Wisconsin Masonic Center located at 301 Wisconsin Avenue. Dress at the Annual Communication is coat and tie with your apron of choice. You will need your 2023 dues card and apron as no aprons will be provided.

We will be manning a Fire Works Stand at the Uptown Mall Parking Lot. A sign up list for helping with this fund raiser for the Lodge will be handled by contacting Derek Henze at (262) 473-9585 call or text. The stand will be manned from June 24 – July 4.

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](mailto:jvlmactr@gmail.com). Thanks for helping us update this information. If there is anything else, we will be in touch with you personally.

There will degrees for the new members as they travel on their Masonic Journey. Keep an eye out for when these degrees occur and support these new brothers. This would be posted on the Members Facebook Page and those in the group messages. Also, they will show up on OLP (Our Lodge Page) which is sent to your email listed on your Grand Lodge Records. If you change your email address, Please contact the lodge secretary to update it.

There are a couple of items that need to be addressed at the Center. One being updating the fire suppression unit in the kitchen to the current code. This is about \$6,000 to update. The replacement dishwasher has been installed and is functional. There are some differences in operation which are listed in the red binder and on the wall. Contact Secretary Larry to help you walk through the operation.

**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 in the Men's Lounge.

New wish list for Project 16:49

Web site <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2BZF8OD46F100>

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JANESVILLE CHAPTER #69 - O.E.S.  
Rosie Fiscus Secretary (608-835-7808) (608 692-0530)  
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TAMMY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)  
RON RASMUSSEN W.P. (608-774-

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

**JUNE 14 7:00PM STATED MEETING –MEMORIAL SERVICE, HONOR FATHERS AND WM  
FAREWELL**

**JUNE 28 7:00PM SHORT STATED MEETING – OPEN INSTALLATION AFTER STATED  
MEETING, All are welcome member and non-members**

Wisconsin Grand Chapter was held in Stevens Point, May 16-18<sup>th</sup>. Janesville had four members attending, Barb Englund, Rosie Fiscus, Hospitality Advisor, Jane Blackwood Grand Secretary, elected again for 23-24, and Ron Rasmussen, head teller and installing Past Grand Patron. It was the year of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron. There were 104 out of state guests. The 23-24 session is “Have Faith in Your Dreams”.

Our candy bar sales earned the Chapter \$464.

We will be hosting an Exemplification on August 26<sup>th</sup> 10-3. We will be providing lunch at a cost for all attendees. There will be a learning session in the morning and a focus on floor work in the afternoon. This will be a small fund raiser for us.

Dues notices will be going out soon. Please pay your dues promptly, we still have a small number of members who have not paid their 22-23 dues yet. We had to suspend two members who have not paid their dues for the last two years. It costs money to keep sending dues notices to late paying members.

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.

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**JOB’S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #21 VALERIE BRINKMAN-KAMPMANN, BETHEL GUARDIAN (608)201-5049**

**JUNE 4 5:00PM OPEN MEETING – INSTALLATION**

**JUNE 11 2:00PM 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!

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN Vanna, would still love to receive invitations to Masonic or Star or other appendant bodies events and would love to talk to any organization at any Masonic Center or event in WI about Job's Daughters International. Please send requests or invitations to [vbrinkman01@gmail.com](mailto:vbrinkman01@gmail.com) or contact Bethel Guardian Valerie Brinkman-Kampmann by phone or text at 608-201-5049.



# JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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**JUNE 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	2	3 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
4 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 5:00PM STATED MEETING INSTALLATION	5 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEES NO MEETING	6	7	8 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	9	10 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
11	12 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	13 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	14 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	15 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	16	17 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
18 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM STATED MEETING	19 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM	20	21	22 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	23	24 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
25	26 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	27	28 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	29 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	30	

**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](http://jvlmasons.com) website and clicking on the Red Cross icon or by going to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). The next Blood Drives will be **JUNE 19** and **JULY 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

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, and Lodge room carpet 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. 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 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. Donations to help offset the cost of the grease trap AND the replacement of the 32-year-old air conditioner for the main lodge room would be greatly appreciated as the Masonic Center has taken a loan of \$32,000. 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** – DUE TO THE ELEVATOR FUNCTIONING THERE WILL BE NO BUILDING RENTALS UNTIL IT IS REPAIRED. THE REPAIR COMPANY IS TRYING TO OBTAIN A REPAIR PART. The following rental rates for the building usage of the Dining area by individual members, April 1 to November 15 the rate is \$80/day and November 15 to April 1 the rate is \$120/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.