

JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55

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**MAR 9 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING**

**MAR 23 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING**

Brothers of Janesville Western Star #55

WOW! Still kinda glowing from the Re-Obligation we just had. So many men, so many lodges, so many Districts, and MWGM Jeff Schoenfeldt and Deputy Grand Master Joe Thompson all in attendance – Just wonderful what Janesville is doing. As I said in the East, being able to HEAR that many men doing the due guards and signs is one thing, but to have it aimed AT you is an experience I hope each and every one of you have, or will have, in your Masonic Journey.

Each meeting, so many calendar events are listed to keep them on everyone's radar. It feels like it would take effort to be bored in Masonry. One thing, though, is that there are a number of events for us to put on (not yet included on that list) that planning will need to start. The Table Lodge, Awards Banquet, Summer BBQ, and Ladies of the Lodge – just to name a few.

We are still planning on getting the Meeting Minutes shared via email – starting soon. If you want them and don't get them (or get them and don't want them), please let our Secretary, W. Bro Alex, know and he can adjust the email copy list accordingly.

Pre-meeting meals being cooked by our pending kitchen renter has been SUCH a great improvement over pizza. The Re-Obligation meeting's chicken and pasta was delicious and spot on for quantity, regardless of the emotional ups and downs in the RSVP process and head counts. Grateful for "Meal Team (2026)"s efforts in feeding us and post-meal cleanup. Process improvement discussions have been happening and teamwork has been great!

By the time this message is published, the Basement Beautification Project – painting phase - should be finished. I want to seriously thank and appreciate all who have chipped in time and effort – doing the ceiling-light upgrades, replacing ceiling tiles, cleaning, taping, prepping, painting, and tear/down cleanup.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: If you know of a member who 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 that supports homeless youth through housing in Beloit and Janesville. 16:49 represents the time a student is dismissed from school until the next day school begins. Find more information on donation needs at <https://project1649.org/wish-list/> and events at <https://www.facebook.com/project1649>.

Donations can be made directly thru their Amazon Wish list, brought into the lodge, or Worshipful Master Peter has committed to setting cash aside weekly until it totals \$824.50 – then apply for the Grand Lodge Matching Funds so the lodge can present "Big Checks" for \$1,649.⁰⁰. Any cash donations to him will reduce the duration between donations. Recent donation, with GL Matching Funds, has allowed us to be recognized as a Sponsor for their Lip Sync Battle. https://www.facebook.com/events/1393962772127622?active_tab=about <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1323648133139034&set=a.213518314152027>

Dues notices have been emailed to all with the e-mail address of record. Please make your checks out to "Janesville-Western Star Lodge" as the bank can reject them if not properly designated.

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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)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Heidi Corro. Worthy Matron 608 346 0121
Rosie Fiscus Secretary 608 692 0530

March 11th 7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting - Celebrate Chapter & Member Birthdays
- Speaker Jane Blackwood - Alzheimer's
Project
- Winter Olympic Trivia

Meeting downstairs
Dress is casual
Refreshments Heidi Corro

March 19th 7:00 p.m. Host Tycopera Club Meeting

March 25th 7:00 p.m. - Honor Electa & Martha Star Points
-Hawaiian Night

Meeting upstairs
Dress is Hawaiian or casual
Refreshments Madeline Zindrick

On February 4th, 14 members and friends got together for food and fellowship at the Golden Corral in Janesville. The good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

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: Judy Wiskia (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.

Thanks

PGM Rosie Fiscus Secretary
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March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DINING HALL PAINT	2	3	4	5	6	7 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
8	9 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	10	11 CHAPTER #69 OES 7:00PM Meeting	12 RITUAL DEGREE PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	13	14 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
15	16 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM 	17	18	19	20	21 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
22	23 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	24	25 CHAPTER #69 OES 7:00PM Meeting	26 RITUAL DEGREE PRACTICE 7PM-9PM **TBD**	27	28 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
29	30	31				

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 **MARCH 16 & APRIL 20**. 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

SPECIAL NOTE – if your group needs to reserve a special date during the year – the Presiding Officer *must contact Alex Petropoulos (Building Manager) at 303-944-3358 or alexpetropoulos@outlook.com* as soon as possible – for authorization. The calendar has been moved to the office for better control. If Alex 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 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 Alex for more information.