

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

MAR 6 7:00PM TRUSTEE MEETING

MAR 13 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING -

MAR 27 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING -

Hello Brothers,

There was discussion about the financial condition of the Lodge at the Retreat in January. Ideas were passed to the Trustees for further discussion. The Trustees presented to the Lodge an increase of \$21 be added to the dues for 2024. This amounted to the Lodge receiving \$80 and the Grand Lodge per capita tax of \$45. At the Lodge meeting of February 13, a motion was made to increase the dues to the \$125 total for 2024 and is tabled until the vote to be taken at the April 10 meeting.

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.

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.

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 second is the replacement of the dishwasher that is 50+ years old. There are no replacement parts to repair the dishwasher and the pump seal is gone to where the water leaks out that requires refilling between washings.

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.

Web site list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/5J6M9EHN82X8/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

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

TAMMY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)
RON RASMUSSEN W.P. (608-774-1613)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome back, we were dark January and February, we are now ready to start meeting again. Please join us when you can, if you need a ride, let us know.

We had 12 folks join us for our evening of food and fellowship on February 8th.

MAR 8 7:00PM STATED MEETING

MAR 22 7:00PM STATED MEETING – Honor Adah & Chaplains

APR 1 1:00PM GR reception for Heidi Corro & Jeff Lichtfuss

PGM Rosie Fiscus, Secretary
608 835-7808
608 692-0530
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
, Guardian Secretary () KELLEY MAROTTA, Guardian (608)931-0322

MAR 5 5:00PM STATED MEETING-Crafting Party

MAR 19 2:00PM STATED MEETING-

Vanna and WI Grand Bethel are hosting a Grand Bethel event and Sleepover at Northwest Masonic Center in Wauwatosa. All are welcomed to attend and young ladies are encouraged to attend if they are interested in Job’s Daughters. Reach out to Valerie for more information.

Save the date! April 8 will be the annual Meet the Easter Bunny event. This year we are planning to bring back the pancake breakfast.

Please spread the word about the Vendor and Craft show on April 29, 9-4. We still have spots available for interested crafters. See the attached flyer.

All Masonic family members are welcome to attend any of our Bethel meetings. If you know young ladies ages 7-19, who would benefit from Job's Daughters, we would love to meet them. The Daughters are planning several fun events for next term and encourage you to invite or bring new faces to join us.

SAVE THE DATE! February 25, 2023. GBHQ Vanna and the Grand Bethel are hosting an All-Masonic Chili Cook-off, in Milwaukee, and all family and friends are invited to attend and/or compete.

The daughters of the Bethel would love to help with any event the organizations in the building are having, please reach out!

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 or contact Bethel Guardian Valerie Brinkman-Kampmann by phone or text at 608-201-5049.



JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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MARCH 2023

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 #55 TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	7	8 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM 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 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM	21	22 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	23	24	25 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
26	27 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	28	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 20 AND APRIL 17**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled but walk-ins accepted when schedule permits.



Janesville Chapter No. 69, Order of the Eastern Star

2322 E. Milwaukee St.
Janesville, WI

*Invites you to attend as we honor our
Grand Representatives
Heidi Corro to Indiana
Jeff Lichtfuss to North Carolina*

Saturday, April 1, 2023
1:00 PM

Introductions - Entertainment - Refreshments

Please RSVP by March 15, 2023

to:

PGM Rosie Fiscus
oesrosebud@charter.net

or

608-836-7808



Spring Vendor & Craft Show

Saturday April 29, 2023
9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Janesville Masonic Center
2322 E. Milwaukee St.
Janesville, WI 53545

Admission is FREE

More Information:

Valerie Brinkman
(608)201-5049
vbrinkman01@gmail.com

Wide Variety of Crafters & Vendors

Shop two stories of crafters and vendors for
assorted crafts, handmade items, products
& affordable gifts for everyone.
Food will be available for purchase.



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. 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 - 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.