

# JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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

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JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55

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

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

MAY 2 NO TRUSTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 9 6:00PM DINER (PLEASE LET DEREK (262-473-9585) KNOW IF YOU WILL BE EATING  
7:00PM STATED MEETING  
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Hello Brothers,

Welcome to Spring and the fast start of the year! I am excited about this year and everything that we are doing.

We have had great attendance with the dinners before our lodge meetings and many prospective members attending as well. We will be very busy this year again with degree work as we just voted another new member in and several other petitions handed out.

I am very grateful that many members that are also members at the local VFW are reengaging the lodge and are also promoting Masonry at the VFW. I am also a member of the VFW and am excited to see other veterans getting interested in Freemasonry.

We are in the middle of proactive calls to our members. I have talked to many brothers around the area that haven't been to lodge in a while. My purpose is just to check on them and make sure they are doing ok but I also giving them the great updates on our lodge. They are usually disengaged for their own reasons but I know that what we are doing is sparking their interest.

I look forward to the next update as things that we are working on start gaining traction soon.

Cheers,  
Bro. Derek, WM  
Cell: 262.473.9585

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESSED:** If you know of a member that is suffering from an illness or other distress, Please let the Lodge know.

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JANESVILLE CHAPTER #69 - O.E.S.  
Jane Blackwood Secretary (608-346-8435)

ROSIE FISCUS W.M. (608-835-7808)  
RON RASMUSSEN W.P. (608-774-1613)

APR 27 7:00PM HONOR YOUTH, WE WILL MEET DOWNSTAIRS  
MAY 11 7:00PM DERBY NIGHT, HORSE RACES AND DERBY HATS  
food and fellowship after the meeting

5/15-5/19 Grand Chapter Stevens Point

MAY 25 7:00PM STATED GRAND CHAPTER REPORTS  
food and fellowship after the meeting

Note: our Chapter voted to change our by-laws, our meetings will now start at **7:00PM.**

We had a joint meeting with Oregon Chapter to exemplify the work on March 30. Our elections for next year were held on April 13, the following officers will be leading our Chapter next year:

WM Tammy Wiskia, WP Ron Rasmussen, AM Heidi Corro, AP Vacant, Secretary Rosie Fiscus, Treasurer Larry Preston, Conductress Kelly Marotta, Associate Conductress Barb Englund.

June 1st we will be having a fund raiser at Texas Roadhouse, all you have to do is come and eat, give them our flyer (will be sent later) and a portion of the profits will be given to our Chapter.

I hope you all are staying healthy. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you or if you know of someone needing sunshine.

Star Love  
Rosie

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.

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JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #21  
, Guardian Secretary ()

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

MAY 1 1:00PM STATED MEETING-Make May Baskets  
MAY 15 2:00PM STATED MEETING

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SHRINE CLUB

DUANE HARVEY (608-754-1377)



# JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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## MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 JOB'S DAUGHTERS STATED MEETING 1:00PM	2 JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR TRUSTEES & FINANCE COMMITTEE NO MEETING	3	4	5 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	6	7 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
8	9 JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	10 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	11 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM MEETING	12 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	13	14 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
15 JOB'S DAUGHTERS STATED MEETING 2:00 PM	16 BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM ZOR SHRINE CLUB 7:00PM	17	18	19 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	20	21 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM AT
22	23 JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	24	25 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM MEETING	26 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	27	28 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
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**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 **MAY 16, 2022 AND JUNE 20**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled.

**HELP:** THE 32-YEAR-OLD AIR CONDITIONER FOR THE MAIN LODGE ROOM HAS SEEN ITS BETTER DAYS AND QUIT. THE TRUSTEES HAVE REPLACED THE COMPRESSOR AND AIR HANDLER UNITS 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 Janesville MASONIC CENTER HAS TAKING OUT AN ADDITIONAL LOAN TO COVER THE AIR CONDITION UNIT FOR A TOTAL LOAN OF \$32,000. THANKS TO THOSE THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO HELP THE MASONIC CENTER PAY FOR THESE UPDATES.

## 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.

**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 \$100/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 **APRIL Trestle Board** is **due at the Masonic Center by MARCH 16, 2022.** 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 [jvlmactr@gmail.com](mailto:jvlmactr@gmail.com) 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. **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.**