

## LETTER TO THE USERS OF THE JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER

Our Annual Report for 2021 had financial items that affects all members and users of the Janesville Masonic Center.

Your Support of the updates to the building in the past have been greatly appreciated. These have been the replacement of the theater seating in the main lodge room, round banquet tables and stackable chairs for the dining hall special events, security camera system, and a cloud supported computer programmable heating and cooling system that has reported furnace failures during cold weather to us.

There are many projects that had to be done to continue to use our building this year. First, the City of Janesville required that a grease trap be installed on the dish washer in the kitchen even though it is not used that often. This was required or the city threaten to shut off the water to the building and forcing it to be closed. This required that a loan of \$12,000 be taken out to cover the cost of the installation. Second, the 31 year old air conditioning unit of the furnace in the Main Lodge Room refrigerant could no longer be recharged. The last recharging this spring only lasted 30 days before the air conditioner stopped working. Quotes were received on the replacement of just the air conditioning portion of the furnace which came in at \$20,000. To continue using the Main Lodge Room during the summer months the Trustees decided to have the unit replaced and another loan was taken out for the \$20,000. The new unit has been installed and there is a noticeable difference in the new unit runs quieter. The total loan amounted to \$32,000.

The Red Cross uses the dining hall for their monthly blood drives on the third Monday of each month at no charge as a part of the community service to others. The building is also used by the Richard Ellis American Legion post for their monthly meetings at no charge as a service to our veterans.

There are many other major repairs or replacements that our building is in need of but will be addressed at a later date as we can continue to meet and operate with the roof replacement probably being the next item as it is over 30 years old. If you have not been in the building or attended your lodge or chapter meeting, please join us as we will be glad to see you. We are willing to work with you if you might have forgotten how your lodge or chapter operates. Our building is the best in the area and we intend to keep it in the best possible shape possible. Your support with your contributions to help maintain our building are greatly appreciated. Thank You.

# 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)

NOV 1 7:00PM TRUSTEE & BUDGET NO MEETING  
NOV 8 6:00PM DINER (PLEASE LET DEREK (262-473-9585) KNOW IF YOU WILL BE EATING  
7:00PM STATED MEETING –  
NOV 22 6:00PM DINER (PLEASE LET DEREK (262-473-9585) KNOW IF YOU WILL BE EATING  
7:00PM STATED MEETING

Hello Brothers,

Welcome to Fall! It is time to gear up and start the preparations for the white stuff that falls from the skies. I am getting in my last few rides on my Harley and will be putting it into storage. The kids are also bummed that it is time to take the down the trampoline too.

With this also comes with new opportunity. Sledding, skiing, and snowmobiling is on the horizon.

That being said, we have new opportunities at our lodge as we approach the last quarter of the year. You should have already received your dues notice and Bro. Larry added a special note. Please make a consideration this year to contribute a little bit extra as you can because of all the large building expenses we have had this last couple years. We also have lodge elections coming up too! I am very excited because we have so many good people to choose from. It is going to be hard to pick! Please let me know if you are interested in any particular position so that we can be prepared for the ballots.

We are going to continue to finish strong with degree work this year and gear up for an amazing 2022.

Cheers Brothers,

Bro. Derek Cell: 262.473.9585

DUES NOTICES – YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD ONLINE AT “[55-wi.ourlodgepage.com](http://55-wi.ourlodgepage.com)”. Use your Grand Lodge number on your dues notice or card to setup your account. NO DEBIT CARDS PLEASE, IF DEBIT CARD IS USED, PLEASE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL \$4.04 PLUS \$0.99 TO COVER FEES CHARGED TO THE LODGE FOR THE USE OF DEBIT CARDS.

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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)

OCT 27 7:00PM STATED MEETING –  
7:30PM 125(+1) ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NOV 10 7:30PM STATED MEETING – Refreshments – Jane Blackwood

NOV 24 NO MEETING

Janesville had to cancel out 125th celebration in 2020 because of COVID, we will be celebrating that momentous event at our meeting on October 27, short meeting at 7 and program (open to the public) and refreshments at 7:30. Please join us. Roaring 20's is the theme, so attire from that era is appropriate.

Please join us when you can. Let us know if you know of anyone needing 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

NOV 7 5:00PM STATED MEETING

NOV 21 2:00PM STATED MEETING

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SHRINE CLUB

DUANE HARVEY (608-754-1377)



# JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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**NOVEMBER 2021**



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

**HELP:** THE 32-YEAR-OLD AIR CONDITIONER FOR THE MAIN LODGE ROOM HAS SEEN ITS BETTER DAYS AND QUIT. THE TRUSTEES HAVE RECEIVED QUOTES FOR THE REPLACEMENT 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 CENTER WILL BE TAKING OUT AN ADDITIONAL LOAN TO COVER THE AIR CONDITION UNIT FOR A TOTAL LOAN OF \$32,000. HELP YOUR LODGE WITH YOUR DONATIONS.

## 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, Lodge room carpet replacement, and Lodge room furnace 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 – (BUILDING RENTAL IS CURRENTLY ON HOLD)** 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 \$90/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 the 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 **OCTOBER Trestle Board** is **due at the Masonic Center by OCTOBER 22, 2021**. 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 [ljmasonic@charter.net](mailto:ljmasonic@charter.net) 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. Lloyd's Plumbing had been studying the requirements of the grease trap to handle the water consumption of the dishwasher. The work started on February 1 with the removal of the dishwasher and sinks. The floor had to be x-rayed for the floor drain and electrical conduit locations. Rock Cut Co. came in to cut and remove the floor in the area of the dish washer. The grease trap fitted below the floor level and it was found that the electrical conduits had to be replaced for drain clearance. After this work was done, the floor was cemented and new floor tiles installed. The Dish washer and sinks were reinstalled everything returned to the kitchen. The kitchen and dishwasher were back in order as of February 26, 2021. The total cost for this requirement was \$12,100. Donations to help offset this cost would be greatly appreciated as the Masonic Center has taken on a loan for this project AND the replacement of the 31 year old air conditioner for the main lodge room for a total loan of \$32,000.00.