

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

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

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

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7:00PM STATED MEETING

NOV 28 6:00PM DINNER (PLEASE LET DEREK (262-473-9585) KNOW IF YOU WILL BE EATING
7:00PM STATED MEETING and FELLOW CRAFT DEGREES

Hello Brothers,

I hope all are staying warm with the change of the season.

The year is flying by as suspected and we are staying busy at the lodge. We have completed many degrees recently and have welcomed many new brothers to our lodge! It is very exciting and helps us grow and evolve. One thing that has been a recent evolution is our weekly communication process. We had set up a group text for all the interested active members. However, we have now so many active members that we went past group text capacity. We have shifted to the Facebook messenger app. Please let one of us know if you would like to be on that and/or if you need assistance setting it up.

Next month we have more degrees and a "Chair Step Up" meeting - challenging members to try new chairs. We only have one meeting in December on the 12th and that is election night. Please let me know if any interest is out there for positions. Only about 3 meetings left this year!!

I am in the middle of planning our January Strategic Retreat. Everyone will be welcomed and there will be plenty of room. This retreat is a guys get away weekend to enjoy some fellowship but also to get some good planning done for the lodge. It doesn't matter if you are the newest EA or a five time past Master. Everyone's input is welcomed to create the priorities of our lodge. Stay tuned for more info 😊

Cheers,

Bro. Derek

Worshipful Master

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.

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. 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.

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

SHRINE CLUB

Jeff Lichtfuss (608-357-5117)

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)

NOV 9 7:00PM STATED MEETING, Bring can goods for Salvation Army
Refreshments: Janes Blackwood and Robin Prestil

NOV 23 NO MEETING;

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We hope this newsletter finds everyone well and happy!

Our Chapter has been busy since our last Newsletter in March. We initiated our new core of officers in June, the list was included with your Dues notices. At this time, we still have 15 members who have not paid their dues. We are trying to locate Martha Shaw and Nancy Tiedeman and Lori Baukus, if you have any information on these sisters, please let us know.

At Grand Chapter in May it was announced that the Project for 21-22 Pets for Vets raised over \$25,000! We are all a part of that. This year's Project is USO, this supports Military personnel and their families. We will be collecting items to donate to them. Check their website for their wish list. We have some distinguished members with titles in our Chapter, PGM Jane Blackwood is the Grand Secretary, our WP Ron Rasmussen is a PGP of Wisconsin, PGM Rosie Fiscus is a General Grand Chapter committee member, Jeff Lichtfuss, Grand Representative to N.C. in Wisconsin and Heidi Corro Grand Representative to Indiana in Wisconsin. Heidi's reception will be held on April 1, 2023.

Janesville sponsored an ESTARL scholarship, but there is more scholarship money available for individuals going into religious leadership. There are long term scholarships as well as scholarships for seminars and events. Please let your churches know this is available and contact the Secretary if you need an application.

Our organization also has the OES Foundation to help members that are having financial difficulties. There are funds available to help with groceries, utility and medical bills, etc. There is an application on our OES webpage and can also be obtained from our Secretary or the Grand Secretary. All of the foundation grants and contacts are totally confidential.

Our most recent fundraising activities have been:

Texas Roadhouse \$60, Festival Brat Stand \$276.50, Milton 4th of July \$100, rea club meeting \$30, Our dues are \$10/member

Our current fundraiser is the "Bakeless Bake Sale". See the enclosed or attached letter. Please consider donating to the "Sale". We want to thank those members who made a donation to the Chapter with their dues. Our funds are used to pay our rent, quarterly is \$1,322.50, our donations to local charities and to Grand Chapter, plus some other operating costs.

Our membership is 71 members. Of these members 22 are perpetual members and 18 life members. Our meetings are held twice a month at 7:00PM and we usually have between 9-11 members attending meetings. We sure would love to see some of our members coming back to meetings and it would be awesome if we could initiate some new members. We have not had an initiation for quite a few years. Membership is always a concern, we are always looking to add members to the Chapter, we do good work in the community and the State with our donations to local and state charities. Please share information about Eastern Star to your friends and relatives.

Let us know if you know of anyone needing Sunshine.

Remember OES members are "Good People, doing good things for a good reason"

Fraternally,

Tammy Wiskia, WM

PGP Ron Rasmussen, WP

PGM Rosie Fiscus, Secretary

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**** 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 () MOM KELLEY MAROTTA, Guardian (608)931-0322

NOV 3 4:00PM TO 8:00PM FUND RASISER AT MAC'S PIZZA SHACK

NOV 6 5:00PM STATED MEETING

NOV 19 9:00AM TO 3:00PM CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

NOV 20 2:00PM OPEN MEETING

All Masonic family members are welcome to attend any of our Bethel meetings. Join the daughters for the Fall Festival Craft and Vendor sale on November 19th 9am-3pm. The daughters will be selling thier broccoli cheese soup and taco salads and will also have a bake sale. The bake sale will benefit HIKE, Hearing Improvement Kid's Endowment fund.

Save the date December 2, the daughters are having a "Drive-in" Movie and would love any young ladies ages 8-19 to join them. Movie refreshments will be provided. Join us at 5 to decorate your "car" (box) or bring one ready to go. Movie will begin at 6. On Dec 3rd, watch for the daughters of the bethel in the Jolly Jingle parade in downtown Janesville. Reach out if you would like to help hand out candy canes and information.

Vanna, would love to receive invitations to Masonic or Star or other appendant bodies events and would love to 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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NOVEMBER 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 BETHAL 21 MAC'S PIZZA FUND RAISER 4:00PM TO <u>8:00PM</u> MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	4	5 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
6 BETHAL 21 5:00PM STATED MEETING	7	8 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	9 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM MEETING	10 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	11	12 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
13	14 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	15	16	17 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	18	19 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST <u>9:00 AM</u> JOB'S DAUGHTERS CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR
20 BETHAL 21 2:00PM OPEN MEETING FOR PUBLIC	21 BLOOD DRIVE <u>9:30AM- 2:30PM</u> ZOR SHRINE CLUB <u>7:00PM</u>	22	23 CHAPTER 69 OES NO MEETING	24 	25	26 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
27	28 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	29	30			
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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 website and clicking on the Red Cross icon or by going to redcrossblood.org. The next Blood Drives will be **NOVEMBER 21 AND DECEMBER 19**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled but walk-ins accepted when schedule permits.

Fall Vendor & Craft Show

Saturday November 19, 2022

9:00 am- 3:00 pm

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

Admission is FREE

Wide Variety of Crafters & Vendors

Shop over 40 crafters and vendors for assorted crafts, handmade items, products & affordable gifts for everyone.

Food will be available for purchase.

Sportsman's Raffle hosted by
Janesville Masonic Lodge

More Information:

Valerie
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JANESVILLE CHAPTER OES FUNDRAISER

Dear Sister or Brother,

A bit of news we have today...

A **BAKELESS BAKE SALE** is on the way.

In these busy days, who wants to bake,

A pie or cookies or even a cake.

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost,
of ingredients, heat, and the time you've lost.

Baking for sales is extra work.

Yet nobody really wants to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really grand,
and feel quite sure you'll understand.

In an envelope, if you like, please include the price...
of a pie or cake or anything nice.

Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.

We hope you'll give with a willing heart.

Wishing success for our **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**,

This is the end of our little tale.

Please make your check payable to Janesville Chapter OES

Please send by 1/31/2023

Send your donation in the enclosed envelope

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CHAPTER



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 \$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 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.