JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55 **Worshipful Master Peter Ryan (608) 436-0048**
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OCT 12 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING – FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

OCT 26 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING

Brothers of Janesville Western Star #55,

October is here. Football season has started (I have mixed feelings on that so far – ha ha), windows at home are open, and Fall is in the air.

This first Saturday kicks off the month with a Table Lodge. Big thanks to Alex and Cory for making this happen. Looking forward to what they have put together!

First Monday of the month brings a Trustee Meeting.

Next big thing is having a FC degree at the first Stated Communication this month. Don't forget to Suit Up!

I had a great time last month sharing fellowship with Jefferson Lodge and their Car Show activities. Spent the day with Bro Francisco – getting to know him better – as well as spending time with the Brothers of Jefferson. Highly recommend joining the event the next time it comes around.

Then end of this month, Janesville-Western Star is hosting a District 9 Secretaries Workshop. Looking forward to that learning opportunity.

Each meeting, so many calendar events are listed to keep them on everyone's radar. Just prior to each Stated Communication, I have been printing out lists of the latest calendar items for convenience, and will only bring up those that planning or support is needed. I do print out an agenda for the primary officers before the meeting as well, and would now like to offer that any brothers that would like that agenda emailed to them, 'd be happy to do so. Please send me a message on Messenger, or better, send me an email to Peter.Ryan@RyanCentral.com to ensure I have the address you want me to use.

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.

Dues notices for 2027 will be emailed by 10/9/2026 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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Rosie Fiscus Secretary (608) 692-0530

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

September 14 – 7:00 PM - Stated Meeting – Honor Past Matrons & Past Patrons

September 26 – 7:00 PM - Stated Meeting – Appointed Officer Night – Bottle auction for Alzheimer's

Janesville Chapter will be having a fund raiser at Culver's, 645 Midland Road, Janesville (by SSM St Mary's Hospital) in Janesville on Wednesday October 21 from 4pm-8pm. Any member who would like to help, come on down. Please think about stopping by for dinner to support us.

We made a profit of $270 on our recent Butter Braid fundraiser. Thanks to all who helped.

From our Secretary: Dues notices for 26-27 have been mailed to our members, please pay promptly.

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: Judy Wiskia (608) 346-8124
****Sunshine person for Beloit: Jane Sholes (608) 295-2000
****Please call them if you know of anyone who needs Sunshine or a "Thinking of You" card.

Thanks
PGM Jane Blackwood Worthy Matron
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October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, BREAKFAST 9:00 AM Janesville Table Lodge 5:00 PM
4	5 JANESVILLE WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEE MEETING 7PM	6	7	8 RITUAL DEGREE PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	9	10 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
11	12 JANESVILLE WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE	13 DEGREE STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	14 CHAPTER #69 OES 7:00PM MEETING HONOR PAST MATRONS PAST PATRONS	15	16	17 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
18	19 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM American Red Cross	20 DEGREE STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	21 OES SCOOPIE NIGHT JANESVILLE CULVER'S ON MIDLAND ROAD JANESVILLE 4PM-8PM	22 RITUAL DEGREE PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	23	24 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
25	26 JANESVILLE WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	27 DEGREE STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	28 CHAPTER #69 OES 7:00PM MEETING APPOINTED OFFICER NIGHT & BOTTLE AUCTION FOR ALZHEIMER'S	29 DISTRICT 9 SECRETARY SESSION JANESVILLE DINING HALL 7:00PM	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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 www.jvlmasons.com website and clicking on the Red Cross icon or by going to www.redcrossblood.org. The next Blood Drives are OCT 19 & NOV 16. 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 jvlmactr@gmail.com and 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 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 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 ensure we are always up to the requirements of the Health Department. We are responsible for the cleaning of the Dinning and Kitchen Area.

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 to hold meetings or dinners. We work with various caterers in the area. If the meeting only needs coffee and carb's, we can work out an agreement to satisfy those needs. Please contact Secretary Alex for more information.