

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"

OCT 7 7:00PM TRUSTEE MEETING

OCT 14 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING-

OCT 26 9:00AM – 5:00PM DAY OF LIGHT – NEED MANY MEMBERS TO ASSIST

OCT 28 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING –

Hello Brothers,

September was an eventful month for our Lodge. As most of you know the lodge experienced an act of vandalism in the form of windows being shot in both the front and rear of the building. Additional damage inside occurred to several doors, a column and some Job's Daughters robes. Unfortunately, with the high insurance deductible the Lodge will be responsible for repairs. The bad news doesn't end there. The 2-door commercial refrigerator decided to fail and will need to be replaced at the Lodge's expense. There were some good times. We had a Lodge BBQ and Awards dinner outside under the trees and it was a beautiful day. On September 20th we had the Ladies of the Lodge dinner at the Stagecoach Inn Supper Club that was well attended. On September 26th Donald Stewart Berry was raised to Master Mason. Lastly due to issues between the leadership of Bethel 21 and Western Star #55, the Bethel has been requested to leave the Lodge no later than October 31st, 2024.

Hopefully, October events will be easier on everyone's schedule. At this time we have our regularly scheduled Lodge meeting on October 14th and 28th. During the October 14th meeting District Deputy Bro. Paul Larson will give a presentation on "Clandestine Masonic Lodges", which is outstanding. This will be done informally so all degrees can be present.

On October 12th we will be hosting a Craft/Vendor fair at the lodge as a fund raiser. We will need help setting up tables prior to the event.

October 26th starting at 9am we are planning a Day of Light which entails performing initiation in all 3 degrees. We currently have 6 Brothers that are waiting to be initiated. Our Tuesday night study group will be busy preparing them for Posting for the degrees.

The District Meeting will be held on October 30th, 6PM, at the Jefferson lodge, this is open to all degrees and I encourage that you attend.

We will continue to have our Tuesday study nights and Thursday Ritual study nights.

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.

Bro. Sven

2025 Dues Notices are being mailed out. There are eight members that have not paid their 2024 dues and will be given a notice of suspension. If for some reason you have reason that the dues can not be paid, please contact the Secretary.

JANESVILLE CHAPTER #69 - O.E.S.
Rosie Fiscus Secretary (608-835-7808) (608 692-0530)

JUDY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)
MARK NELSON W.P. (608-835-7701)

OCT 9 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING – ROSIE reports on her trip
Refreshments – Tammy Wiskia

OCT 23 7:00PM STATED MEETING – HONOR YOUTH
Refreshments – Jane Sholes

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Fall

Our DD school and Official visit is completed for the year.

We welcome our newest member Brother Cory Griffin who was initiated at our Official Visit.

Thanks to the members who have promptly paid their 24-25 dues! it makes the secretary's job so much easier. We only have 10 members left to pay. Our annual report recorded that Janesville Chapter has 58 members.

Thanks

PGM Rosie Fiscus Secretary
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: Heidi Corro (608-346-8124) ****

**** 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.




JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7:00PM- 9:00PM	2	3	4	5 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
6	7 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	8 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7:00PM- 9:00PM	9 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	10 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	11	12 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM FARMERS MARKET
13	14 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 6:00PM MEETING	15 STUDY GROUP AND <u>PRACTICE</u> LEGION MEETING	16	17	18	19 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST <u>9:00 AM</u>
20	21 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM 	22 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM -9PM	23 CHAPTER 69 OES 6:00PM DINNER 7:00PM STATED MEETING	24 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	25	26 "DAY OF LIGHT" 9:00AM TO 5:00PM
27	28 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	29 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	30 DISTRICT 9 MEETING JEFFERSON LODGE 6:00PM	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 **OCTOBER 21 AND NOVEMBER 18**. 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 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.

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 the 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 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 \$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 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.