

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 2 7:00PM TRUSTEES MEETING

OCT 9 6:00PM DINNER

7:00PM STATED MEETING – Special session with two past Grand Masters: Davey White (current Grand Lecturer) and John Wilke

OCT 17 6:00PM REFRESHMENTS

7:00PM DISTRICT MEETING - OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE LODGE OF ALL DEGREES

OCT 23 6:00PM DINNER

7:00PM STATED MEETING

Hello Brothers,

SAVE THE DATE. October 17 6pm refreshments 7pm meeting

This year our District Deputy, Brother Paul Larson, has asked to have our lodge host the fall district meeting at our lodge.

The District Meeting is open to all members of the lodge of all degrees

There are several topics that are discussed at these meeting including: the status of Freemasonry statewide, our district 9 updates (south of Madison and Jefferson, east to west of Whitewater to Brodhead) and overall topics of Masonry. There are 15 lodges in District 9 that will be attending. I have attached some of the District Newsletter with additional details. Attire is business casual.

As most of you have noticed that there have been many degrees lately as there are many new candidates that are progressing through their posting and advancement to the next degree. Please support these candidates with your presence at these degree days and nights.

The lodge has two raffles in progress with the first being the regular raffle similar to last years and the second being a rifle raffle. Please see Alex for the tickets to sell or purchase. These raffles are fund raisers for your Lodge and Building Maintenance.

We are updating the records with Grand Lodge. We are looking for Veterans, (time in service and conflicts that were serve in), Wives/Significant Others Names and Month and Day of her Birthday, first responders and a picture of you. These can all be emailed to the Lodge email, jvlmactr@gmail.com. Thanks for helping us update this information. If there is anything else, we will be in touch with you personally.

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 in the Men's Lounge.

New wish list for Project 16:49. Web site <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2BZF8OD46F100>

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

TAMMY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)
JEFF LICHTFUSS W.P. (608-359-5117)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

SEPT 27 7:00PM STATED MEETING – Coke Night in honor of her dad with his collection of Coca Cola memorabilia. Refreshments Wiskia's

**OCT 11 7:00PM STATED MEETING – HALLOWEEN DRESS UP – HONOR YOUTH
Refreshments – Rosie Fiscus**

**OCT 25 7:00PM STATED MEETING – OFFICIAL VISIT, Orville Olson, AGP. We can only use our members to fill stations that evening. Please consider attending Chapter that evening so we make sure we can fill our stations.
Refreshments – Jane Sholes and Jane Blackwood**

OCT 28 10:00AM We have been asked to help clean and arrange the kitchen. There has been kitchen remodeling and it's time for fall housekeeping. All help would be appreciated. All of the dishes will be ran through the dishwasher and everything wiped down. An inventory will also be taken.

DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT, please pay your dues timely. We still have 19 members who have NOT paid their dues. Please remit as soon as you can.

We have a Beautiful Doll that belonged to our former member PGM Geneva Davis that we will be taking chances on in the next few months. \$1.00 for one 6 for \$5. Let the Secretary know if you want to "Take a Chance"

**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: 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

OCT 1 - 5 PM Stated Meeting

OCT 15 - 2 PM Stated Meeting

Bethel 21 will be participating in the Riverside Park Trunk or Treat on October 21, 10AM to Noon

Save the Date for the Annual Potato Bar November 1, 2023.

Save the Date and Please spread the word about the Vendor and Craft show on November 18, 9-3. We still have spots available for interested crafters. See the attached flyer. We are inviting the lodge and Star to have tables again.

All Masonic family members are welcome to attend any of our Bethel meetings or events. If you know young ladies ages 7-19, who would benefit from Job's Daughters, we would love to meet them. The daughters of the Bethel would love to help with any event the organizations in the building are having, please reach out!



JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 5:00PM MEETING	2 JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	3	4	5 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	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 7:00PM STATED MEETING	12 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	13	14 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
15 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM MEETING	16 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM	17 DISTRICT 9 MEETING 7:00 PM	18	19 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	20	21 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
22	23 JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	24	25 CHAPTER 69 7:00PM STATED MEETING	26 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	27	28 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM OES KITCHEN CLEAN 10:00AM
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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 **OCTOBER 16 AND NOVEMBER 21**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled but walk-ins accepted when schedule permits.

Fall Vendor & Craft Show

Saturday November 18, 2023

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.

More Information:

Valerie
(608)201-5049
vbrinkman01@gmail.com



District 9 Information and Events



District Deputy Comments

Greetings Brothers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of August. The good news is that some of the Lodges that were dark or limited are now back to a full schedule. As of right now the Traveling Gavel as been securely locked away at Fulton Lodge for the entirety of the summer. It was delivered there right before they went dark. They have a meeting on 9/6 @ 7:30pm and its there for the taking!

The Fall District meeting will be at the Janesville Masonic Center on 10/17. We will have some refreshments starting at 6pm with the meeting beginning at 7pm. Dress code is business casual. So far we have the National Sojourners and the Wisconsin Education Committee both scheduled to provide presentations. I am also asking that all current

Worshipful Masters give a brief update on their Lodges to the District. I would like you to highlight some degrees, fundraisers, or anything else you are proud of! I will call on each current Master present to provide this brief update. If you could please let me know if you plan to attend the meeting so I can make sure we have enough refreshments.

Election and installation season is coming fast. Please start making your plans and let me know the dates and times so that we can publish them. There are plenty of Brothers that would like to be there to support you at your installations.

LPG or Lodge Planning Guides need to be submitted to me by 2/15/2024. At the last Annual Communication only Milton and Jefferson received the award. WE CAN DO BETTER! Utilizing this document is really helpful in having a successful year for your Lodge! The link for the guide is below. Officers, get this filled in and submitted on time!

[Lodge Planning Guide](#)

If are compelled to write a Masonic blog, share a story, or give a special “shout out” to a D9 Brother let me know! This is the District 9 newsletter not the Paul Larson newsletter. I would love to be able to add “Messages from D9 Brothers” to these monthly newsletters. Send any submissions you would like published to DD9@wimasons.org.

Thank you for all the support you continue to give to your District Team. We are here to do whatever we can for you and your Lodge.

I AM PROUD TO BE A FREEMASON!

Fraternally,
Bro. Paul

A note from District Representative Pat Garvin

The busy season for secretaries and treasurers is fast approaching. Grand Lodge will be mailing out dues cards sometime next month probably. Dues notices for non-PMP members will need to be done to be mailed, emailed, or both. Secretaries, make sure that you include the new per capita rate of \$50 in your dues invoices. On the bad side of dues, it is time to do the NPD-Form 81 for members delinquent in dues and get it to your lodge's WM. Please be sure to enter dues payment on M2/Groupable and forwarded to your treasurer for deposit.

This is also a good time to take a look at your Lodge Planning Guide, and get some of those activities going. Fall is a good time for membership nights, award nights, and nights to honor or ladies and families.

Fraternally,
Bro. Pat

A note from District Lecturer Brad Behlke

Labor Day is right around the corner, the perfect time to remember the operative technicians that keep us housed with plumbing, heating, cooling and all the modern conveniences. If your lodge gives scholarships, include tech schools! There are shortages in all the trades that are only getting worse with retirements. Supporting industrious individuals in the tech school path is a noble endeavor all lodges should consider.

As fall rapidly approaches, I will be reaching out to all the district lodges to schedule your school of instruction. I will be holding the school of instructions in the lodges this year. Most of the time, this will be an hour or less and can be held on a stated meeting night. I look forward to helping all the lodges stay proficient in the work!

Fraternally Yours,

Brad Behlke
District Lecturer

District Calendar

- **08/31 - 5:00pm - Oregon #151 - First Responders Event (flyer below)**
- 09/04 - 7:00pm - Jefferson County Lodge #9 - stated communication
- 09/04 - 7:30pm - St. John's Lodge #57 - stated communication
- 09/05 - 7:00pm - Kegonsa Lodge #73 - stated communication
- 09/06 - 7:30pm - Fulton #69 - stated communication
- 09/06 - 10:00am - New Glarus #310 - stated communication
- 09/11 - 7:00pm - Janesville-Western Star #55 - stated communication
- 09/11 - 7:30pm - Bicknell #94 - stated communication
- 09/12 - 7:00pm - Union #32 - stated - School of Instruction
- 09/14 - 7:00pm - Oregon #151 - stated communication
- **09/16 - 11:00am - Zor Shrine - Sportsman's Raffle & Banquet**
- 09/18 - 7:00pm - Jefferson County Lodge #9 - stated communication
- 09/18 - 7:30pm - St. John's Lodge #55 - stated communication
- 09/20 - 7:00pm - Albany #36 - stated communication
- 09/21 - 7:00pm - Waucoma #90 - stated communication
- 09/25 - 7:00pm - Janesville-Western Star #55 - stated communication
- 09/26 - 7:00pm - Milton #161 - stated communication
- 09/28 - 7:00pm - Oregon #151 - stated communication
- **10/08 - 3:00pm - Brookfield Masonic Center - Vietnam War Commemoration (flyer below)**
- **10/17 - 6:00pm Dinner / 7:00pm meeting - Fall District Meeting - Janesville Masonic Center (OPEN TO ALL DEGREES!)**
- **10/18 5:00pm - Kegonsa Lodge #73 Years of Service/Past Master Dinner**
- **10/19 - 5:00pm - Valley of Madison - 2023 Fall Reunion**
- **10/21 - 8:00am - Valley of Madison - 2023 Fall Reunion**
- **01/06 9:00am - Jefferson County Lodge #9 - ETP Presentation W.B. Chris Cochrane (Flyer with information is below)**

District 9 contact information

- District Deputy - Paul Larson
 - DD9@wimasons.org
 - 414-975-9048 (call or text)
- District Lecturer - Brad Behlke
 - DL9@wimasons.org
- District Membership Representative - James (Bone) Goldsmith
 - DMR9@wimasons.org

District Representatives

- Bob Barnett - DR9-1@wimasons.org
- Pat Garvin - DR9-2@wimasons.org
- Noah Schultz - DR9-3@wimasons.org

Please reach out if there is anything the District team can do to help you or your Lodge.

Fraternally,
Bro. Paul Larson
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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 2022 and when the air handler is running is very much quieter than the old unit. The cost of the replacement was \$20,000. Recently good used Dishwasher for the kitchen was obtained to replace the 57-year-old Dishwasher unit that could not be repaired. The fire suppression system in the kitchen stove area was outdated and not up to code. This was updated to the latest system. The elevator power supply had failed requiring a replacement be modified to work with our elevator system. Donations to help offset the cost of these items would be greatly appreciated as the Masonic Center has taken a loan of \$111,000. 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 \$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.

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.