JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55 **Worshipful Master Peter Ryan (608) 436-0048**
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SEP 14 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING

SEP 28 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING

Brothers of Janesville Western Star #55,

September is upon us. We have a couple dinners planned – hope you've already cleared your calendars for them both.

First off is the Sept 5 Family BBQ and Awards dinner. Brother Jim was able to get a donation to cover the food and supplies, and Brother Robert is planning to (Robert) Step up and run the griddle! Jim was asking for a Brother or two to come a little early to help with set up of the tables, chairs, sun-tents and whatever else.

Later this month is the Sept 19 Ladies of the Lodge Meal. No cooking, no cleanup, just a meal of friendship and fellowship in honor of significant others who are so understanding with all the time we each contribute to the lodge.

Other September items to note are September 26 – Beloit's 180th year celebration. There are several plural brothers either with Beloit or from Beloit, so supporting that event would be fantastic.

September 25 and 26th, Jefferson Lodge has the food and beer tent opportunities for us to go support them and make some money for our lodge in the process. I did the spring one on Saturday and it was a blast. With Beloit's event on the 26th, I am hoping to take that Friday off and spend the day with those Brothers who have supported so many of our degrees all the years I've been a Mason.

Finally, Sept 30 is the District Meeting at Fulton Lodge in Edgerton.

Oct 3 Table Lodge. Keep watch for a flier to firm up times, menu, and get your reservation early to help with meal planning.

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.

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.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: If you know of a member who is suffering from an illness or other distress, please let the Lodge know.

Dues notices have been emailed 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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JANESVILLE CHAPTER #69 - O.E.S. **JANE BLACKWOOD W.M. (608) 346-8435**
Rosie Fiscus Secretary (608) 692-0530 **MARK NELSON W.P. (608) 835-7701**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jane Blackwood - Worthy Matron (608) 346-8435
Rosie Fiscus - Secretary (608) 692-0530

September 9 – 7:00 PM - Stated Meeting – meeting downstairs, casual attire.
Refreshments – Barb Englund

September 26 – Official visit with our WGM, Linda Schreier and Grand Ruth, Fanny Ingwell.
This will be a joint OV with Oregon Chapter, Martha Chapter, Jefferson and Janesville Chapter
5:30 pm – Dinner – prepared by Rosie Fiscus - $5.00 per person. Reservation due to Rosie Fiscus September 9th at the latest
7:00 pm – OV in large lodge room, formal attire

Fundraiser: Janesville Chapter is selling Butter Braids for $17.00 each. They come in Apple, Blueberry & Cream cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Caramel Rolls (9 per pkg.) Cinnamon Rolls (9 per pkg.)

Contact any OES member or our Secretary Rosie Fiscus (608) 692-0530 with your order. Orders must be received by September 16 at the latest. Delivery will be on September 22.

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

Looking ahead:

October 14 – Honor Past Matrons & Past Patrons
October 28 – Appointed Officer Night – Bottle auction for Alzheimer's

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

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September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 DEGREE STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	2	3	4	5 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, BREAKFAST 9:00 AM LODGE FAMILY AND AWARDS BBQ 4:00PM
6	7 LABOR DAY	8 DEGREE STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	9 CHAPTER #69 OES 7:00PM MEETING	10 RITUAL DEGREE PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	11	12 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
13	14 JANESVILLE WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	15 DEGREE STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	16	17	18	19 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, BREAKFAST 9:00 AM LADIES OF THE LODGE DINNER STAGECOACH INN 4:30PM
20	21 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM American Red Cross	22 DEGREE STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	23	24 RITUAL DEGREE PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	25	26 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, BREAKFAST 9:00 AM CHAPTER #69 OES FORMAL 5:30PM DINNER 7:00PM OFFICIAL VISIT FORMAL ATTIRE
27	28 JANESVILLE WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	29 DEGREE STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	30 DISTRICT 9 MEETING @ FULTON LODGE 7:00PM			

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 SEP 21 & OCT 19. 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.