

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"

AUG 28 6:00PM DINNER-AWARDS NIGHT

SEPT 4 LABOR DAY

SEPT 11 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING – FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE-MARK WALKER

SEPT 16 10:00AM DOUBLE MASTER MASON DEGREE-DANIEL RODREGEUZ AND JAMES ALLEN

SEPT 25 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING

Hello Brothers,

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.

The replacement dishwasher is in operation now and being used. There are some differences in operation which are listed in the red binder and on the wall. Contact Secretary Larry to help you walk through the operation.

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>

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

AUG 26 10:00AM HOST GRAND CHAPTER EXEMPLIFICATION – Lunch

We will be hosting an Exemplification on August 26th 10-3. We will be providing lunch at a cost for all attendees. There will be a learning session in the morning and a focus on floor work in the afternoon. This will be a small fund raiser for us.

SEPT 13 5:30PM DINNER

7:00PM STATED MEETING-APPOINTED GRAND OFFICER VISIT

SEPT 27 7:00PM STATED MEETING

DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT, please pay your dues timely. Our annual report shows a membership of 65. During the 22-23 Chapter year we had four deaths and had to suspend two members for non-payment of dues. The State membership theme this year is “Chapters - Start your Engines”. Our chapter needs to market our organization so we can show the community that we are “Good People, Doing Good things for Good Reasons.

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”

The Chapter made a \$50 memorial to the Eastern Star Foundation in Memory of Ron and Pat Rasmussen.

We will be having a Building Cleaning Day in the next couple of months. Let us know if you are available to help. We will be inventorying the kitchen items and make a wish list of items needed.

Several members attended the Beloit Snappers ball game on August 23.

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

Sept 3 - 5 PM Stated Meeting

Sept 17 - 2 PM Stated Meeting

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 will be taking registrations starting July. 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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SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
3 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 5:00PM MEETING	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	8	9 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
10	11 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	12 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	13 CHAPTER 69 7:00PM STATED MEETING	14 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	15	16 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
17 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM MEETING	18 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM	19	20	21 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	22	23 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
24	25 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	26	27 CHAPTER 69 7:00PM STATED MEETING	28 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE	29	30 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM

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 **SEPTEMBER 18 AND OCTOBER 16**. 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
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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.