

October 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The leaves are starting to turn and the nights are cooling down here in Wisconsin. Autumn is definitely here and there are many activities planned throughout the state to enjoy in the nice warm indoors.

Your Faith to Believe Grand Family has had the opportunity to visit with many of you at Grand Representative Receptions, Officer Visits, chapter meetings and many special events held these past few months. We truly enjoy visiting with all of you at these special events.

The Motor Moose Run in McFarland WI, to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, was a success. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success and to all who participated. For those of you who did not make it and would like to help out, donations are still being accepted. All you have to do is send a check to the Grand Chapter Office. Make your check out to OES Grand Chapter and in the memo line write in "Wounded Warrior Project". The monies will be credited for that event.

Speaking of special projects, please support your Eastern Star Foundation. It is the charitable arm of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin. Over the past 10 years the Foundation has awarded over \$150,000.00 to our members in need. How can you help? Well simply put, you can make a check out to the "Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation" and send it to the Grand Chapter Office. The foundation is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization so your donation will be tax deductible as allowed by the IRS code.

We trust that you will continue to attend as many Eastern Star events as your schedule will allow. Maintaining traditions and enjoying fellowship is what sets our organization apart from others.

Several Chapters have actively recruited new members. Thank you for your hard work in this endeavor.

A few of our future statewide events are:

- October 25th – All state Halloween party at McKinley Lodge in Brookfield to raise money for the World of Youth Perpetual Scholarship fund.
- December 6th – Northern Christmas Party at the Orchard Inn, Baldwin, WI
- December 14th – Southern Christmas party at Alioto's, Milwaukee, WI

Please support your Grand Officers by attending their receptions. Those dates will be read by your chapter secretary at you monthly meeting(s). Your Chapter secretary should be reading all correspondence so you are aware of all of the activities throughout the state. Attend those activities and support each other.

Be sure to read the Masonic Journal. You will find some interesting articles and information about Eastern Star and what we are doing in Wisconsin.

Your Grand Officers are selling Fairy Dollars and Moose Bucks for our penny challenge. Your Grand Officers are also selling pins to raise funds for the various charities we are supporting. See a Grand Officer to purchase these items.

Jane and Don are selling Kwik Trip gift cards in various denominations. You can purchase fuel, food, cars washes or anything Kwik Trip sells in their stores with these cards. They make great gifts too. 10% of all sales goes to our projects. Contact either of us if you would like to purchase these gift cards.

Be sure to complete your paperwork to obtain your Worthy Grand Matron accomplishment award and let your Chapter Secretary know of your travels so your chapter can obtain the Chapters Worthy Grand Matron award.

The entire Faith to Believe Grand family is looking forward to meeting all of you and we thank you in advance for all of your support during our Eastern Star year.

Hugs and a little pixy dust,

Jane Blackwood

Worthy Grand Matron

Don "Boots" Jensen

Worthy Grand Patron