



FEBRUARY 2015 GREETINGS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Faith to Believe Grand Family wishes you a very happy and blessed New Year. May 2015 bring you and your family faith, hope and love. These are themes that we struggle with daily. May you find God's strength to carry you through the day to find faith, hope and love in God's presence in your life.

The New Year brings new opportunities for us as members of the Order of the Eastern Star to further serve our community, state and nation. We should continue to serve and support those ideals we teach in our order. But we can do more. Last year we saw an increase in member participation in our local and state events. Many new members were initiated into our order. Chapters held special events to assist their communities. Chapters provided relief to many and visited their shut-ins. We thank you for your good works.

Your "Faith to Believe" in serving others is evident. We pray that we as members of the Wisconsin Grand Chapter will continue to be a leader in our activity of spreading faith, hope and love in our communities. We are proud to say that overall our Order as a whole is on a positive upbeat trend and we look forward to an even better 2015.

The Wine Tasting event to benefit the American Diabetes Research Foundation is scheduled for February 21st from 1 PM – 4PM in the Hearth Room at Three Pillars in Dousman. This is a beautiful venue and an excellent opportunity to introduce new members and potential members to our organization. Please, make a concerted effort to ask a person to join you for an afternoon of fun. There is no cost to attend this event. However, donations will be accepted at the door to benefit Diabetes research. .

If you did not have a chance to join us on our Faith to Believe cruise this past January then please join us on the Wisconsin Michigan exchange this March 27th, 28th and 29th. Not only will you have a fun and exciting time with all of your sisters and brothers but you will have an opportunity to attend a professionally produced Broadway production of Guys & Gals in Roseville, MI. This is an entertaining musical comedy you will not want to miss. Your chapter secretary has all the details about this trip and it is listed on the OES web page too (www.oes.com).

We appreciate your support and 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.

Continue to remember in your thoughts and prayers your sisters and brothers in poor health, those who have gone to their final resting place, and all of those who serve to protect us every day, our armed forces who fight for our freedom throughout the world, for all of our veterans and may God Bless you too.

Faith, Hugs and a little pixy dust,

Jane Blackwood

Don "Boots" Jensen

Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron