
Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Wisconsin

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Another month has passed and I have several things for which to be thankful. I have had my surgery at Mayo and I do face some radiation treatments, but they assure me that this is just a preventative measure and that I will be fine. Thank you to all who sent cards and especially those who sent prayers for the return of my good health.

I am also thankful to the many people who attended the dinner and reception given in my honor by Superior Chapter. Thanks, also, to those who couldn't attend, but sent gifts and cards and words of encouragement. Another thank you must go to Sister Mary Rasmussen, our Grand Lecturer and to all the Grand Officers for making our school interesting, productive and FUN! I would be remiss if I didn't give a big THANK YOU to the members of Superior Chapter who provided the excellent meals we enjoyed during school and also for making sure that the Masonic Center had the air conditioning installed just in time for the school. Sister Linda Weigt, a member of Eagle Chapter, and Sister Betty Gronski's son, Dann, were a tremendous and invaluable help in the kitchen for those three days. Those four days, including the party, were a whirlwind, but I will treasure them forever.

It was a definite honor to have the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Brother Franklin Struble and his lady, Sister Wendy, in attendance at the party. He accepted my offer! I told him that I know women who would like to join Eastern Star, but they have no Masonic affiliation. I said I would encourage them to put some "pressure" on the men in their lives to investigate the great value in becoming Masons if he would put similar "pressure" on the Masons in our state and the women in their lives to join Eastern Star. This same challenge goes to every Eastern Star member in the state. Ask your friends to join our Order and if they have no Masonic relatives, encourage them to talk about Freemasonry to their men. This would be a win-win situation for both of our organizations!

One last thing: At the party in Superior I mentioned that we have all heard the expression, "It's not WHAT you know; it's WHO you know." That is definitely not true! Most correctly, "It's who knows YOU." Each of us must show, by our actions and our lifestyles, the rest of the world what it is to be part of this Fabulous Fraternal Family. The best way to gain members is to show everyone, by example, all that our Masonic affiliation has to offer for the betterment of the world and of mankind. Until next month,

Let YOUR light shine!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joanne Freiman".

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