

# Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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May 1, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Serving as your Worthy Grand Matron has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I did not plan on it lasting 2 years. I had to make decisions for the good of our Grand Chapter and members that have only been made once before (1918-19). I have tried to make each decision with the health and welfare of our members in the forefront of my mind. It has been an honor to serve a wonderful group of people as you. Thank you for your love, support and for your friendship. "Giving thanks fills you with light and joy so you can shine like the bright star you truly are."

Laramie Reissner  
Worthy Grand Matron

## *Live Stream of Grand Chapter*

Sessions of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin will be live streamed so members unable to attend in person can watch the business being transacted as well as the Installation of Grand Officers. The first step is to subscribe to the Wisconsin OES YouTube channel before session begins; here is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI9ah\\_AVtoFQHArCFVaDZkw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI9ah_AVtoFQHArCFVaDZkw)

Installation of Grand Officers is a public event on Wednesday May 19 starting at 1:00 pm (to include prelude, prologue, & Installation). This link is: <https://youtu.be/xpVuuJ2aqpk>

If you are a member of Eastern Star and would like to live stream the business sessions on Tuesday May 18 (2pm and 8pm) and/or Wednesday May 19 (8am), please send an email to [secretary.wioes@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wioes@gmail.com) with your name, Chapter, City, State and the Acting Grand Secretary will email you the links. Out of state members will be verified before live stream links are provided.

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## *Grand Chapter Is Just Around the Corner!*

The WGM and WGP extend an invitation to all Wisconsin Eastern Star members to attend Wisconsin's Grand Chapter to be held May 18-19, 2021 in Stevens Point. Information was included in the March 2021 newsletter, can be requested from your Chapter Secretary or the Grand Secretary, and can also be found on the Wisconsin Eastern Star website ([www.wioes.org](http://www.wioes.org))

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE RESTAURANT AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN STEVENS POINT IS NOT OPEN FOR BREAKFAST OR LUNCH. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**

## *Volunteers needed for Grand Chapter May 2021*

If you've always wanted to volunteer at YOUR Grand Chapter session, here's your opportunity!

- To serve a **Page**, please contact Vicki Kuharske ([vickikuharske@att.net](mailto:vickikuharske@att.net)). Pages will be wearing a white blouse and long black skirt.
- Sisters and Brothers, I am looking for your help to guard the doors of our Grand Chapter room. Please help by volunteering to be an **assistant sentinel**. We need morning, afternoon and evening people so if you are not busy with other business please let me know your availability and we can come up with a schedule. Thanks in advance for your help. I can be reached at 262-942-9221 home, 262-344-3439 cell (textable) or [dougmoorhouse@wi.rr.com](mailto:dougmoorhouse@wi.rr.com).  
Doug Moorhouse, Grand Sentinel

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### *Attn: Grand Representatives*

Grand Representatives appointed by WGM Laramie and WGP Ian: On Tuesday at Grand Chapter, please wear a blue blouse and black skirt for Sisters, and Brothers please wear either a blue shirt or blue tie.

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### *Copy Machine*

The Grand Chapter Office has a used Risograph Model EZ 220 Digital Duplicator that needs a new home. Information on the Risograph can be found at <https://us.riso.com/wp-content/uploads/assets/legacy/a0LF00000BZW9KMAX.pdf>. Please contact the Acting Grand Secretary (262-965-2200, ext 210 or [secretary.wioes@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wioes@gmail.com)).

#### **REMINDER**

Please let Sister Mitch Behlke know if you are bringing items for the Silent Auction at Grand Chapter. Items are to be wrapped in cellophane or a plastic bag. 100% of the Silent Auction proceeds go to the UW Cardiovascular Research Center. You can contact Mitch at [MitchRN507@hotmail.com](mailto:MitchRN507@hotmail.com) or 920-988-0608

## *OES Funerals*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Oregon Chapter had a 60-year member pass away during our lock down. When I emailed the daughter to give her my sympathies and offer the Chapter's members to do the OES Funeral Service, she said the funeral had already taken place. She said Eastern Star was so important to her mother and that she didn't even know there was an OES funeral service or she certainly would have asked the Chapter to perform the ceremony.

We do not like to think about death, but it will come to all of us sooner or later. Please let your non-Masonic family members know that this is available and that you would like to have the OES service along with your regular service. Our OES funeral service is beautiful and the comments are always so positive when people hear it. Chapters are proud to be able to honor members by performing the service.

Grand Chapter has cards available that members can include in their funeral plans or give to their family members. The cards have been reprinted and new ones will be in the Secretary packets at Grand Chapter. They can also be requested from the Grand Chapter office.

PGM Rosie Fiscus, Grand Lecturer

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### *Ireland Trip*

It is with much regret that I announce the Wisconsin OES trip to Ireland in July 2021 has been cancelled. Ireland and the UK are still on strict COVID lockdown and the United States was added to the mandatory 2-week quarantine list upon arriving to the country. The quarantine is longer than the 10-day trip was going to be. Those who paid more than the deposit will be refunded the difference amount and those who paid for the insurance will be given instructions for the deposit refund. It would have been quite fun to show Ireland what a fun group we would have been.

Terri Hundhausen  
Associate Grand Matron

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## Proficiency Cards

The Proficiency Committee met on April 11, 2021 via zoom. We discussed expiration dates of Proficiency cards. It was decided that a bonus year will be added to members whose cards expire in December of 2020 or 2021. Proficiency cards are valid for 3 years. Watch for testing dates in 2022. New cards will not be issued. Continue to take pride in your work and carry a proficiency card.

PGM Rosie Fiscus, Grand Lecturer

## Eastern Star Journal

Are you interested in learning more about your Sisters and Brothers from around the world? The General Grand Chapter publishes the Eastern Star Journal several times a year. They welcome articles from all jurisdictions, so let's share some Wisconsin news with the OES world! The Journal is no longer available to purchase with a subscription, but can be read online at [www.easternstar.org](http://www.easternstar.org).

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**I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.**

Hi, my name is Lava.  
I am ready to guide you  
to the 129th Session  
of the Wisconsin Grand  
Chapter, Order of  
the Eastern Star.  
See you there!!

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

STEVENS POINT  
OR BUST!

**Call: 262.975.2200**  
secretary.wioes@gmail.com

All Master Masons and their female relatives are eligible to join.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES  
FOR GRAND SECRETARY**

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF WISCONSIN

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Any member who meets the eligibility requirements of Article IV, Section 1 of the Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, and who aspires to the Office of Grand Secretary should have leadership ability and be self-motivated; have a good working knowledge of office procedure; superior communication skills, both written and verbal; the ability to maintain the ledgers and accounts of the Order; advanced computer skills and the ability to assist in keeping the organization's website up to date; and to properly serve as a Grand Chapter Officer at all Grand Chapter functions at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron.

**SALARY** determined annually by the Grand Chapter budget as approved at the Grand Session.

**HOURS** 18 hours per week. Schedule to be determined by the Worthy Grand Matron. **Vacation:** two weeks after serving as Grand Secretary for one year.

**DUTIES**

The Grand Secretary shall perform all the duties as a Grand Chapter Officer and as outlined in the Code of Laws, Article VI, Paragraph 7, Section 5 and as the functioning secretary of the Grand Chapter, in an appropriate and business-like manner and as directed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

These duties shall include, but are not limited to:

- Receive all correspondence addressed to the Grand Chapter.
- Record, complete and invoice all requests from subordinate Chapters and members for supplies.
- Prepare the Monthly Newsletter with information from the Worthy Grand Matron and Chapters.
- Determine eligibility for Life Membership (50 years of membership) and notify Chapter Secretaries.
- Receive and record all monies due to the Grand Chapter forward the monies to the Grand Treasurer for deposit, receive his/her receipt for the monies turned over.
- Maintain the Membership Database.
- Receive and record all statements for material and/or services, including payroll, and issue warrants to be paid by the Grand Treasurer.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee and shall act, at the direction of the Chairman of the Committee, as the Committee Secretary.
- Execute all orders issued by the Worthy Grand Matron and deliver all books, papers and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter in her/his possession to her/his successor in office.
- Process Grand Representative Appointments of other Grand Jurisdictions in WI and of WI in other Grand Jurisdictions.
- Prepare Material for the Proceedings.
- Prepare and send the replacement pages for the Code and Red Book changes enacted at the Grand Chapter Session.
- Receive Annual Reports and enter in computer.
- Prepare materials for Exemplifications, Sign-up Sheets, etc.
- Complete and submit Grand Chapter Annual Report to General Grand Chapter.
- Order the Dues Receipts for the Chapters from General Grand Chapter.
- Send Resolutions received to the Chairman of the Constitutional Amendments Committee.
- Prepare Tentative Grand Session Program with WGM and send appropriate invitations.
- Work with Associate Grand Matron to prepare Secretary and Worthy Matron packets for Grand Chapter.
- Pack Grand Secretary supplies, copies of the Resolutions, and copies of the Budget for all voting members for Grand Chapter.



ELECTA CHAPTER #75 MILWAUKEE

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM  
HONORING TERRI HUNDHAUSEN  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON OF WISCONSIN

SUNDAY JUNE 27, 2021  
GATHERING 11:30am  
LUNCHEON 12:30pm

ENTERTAINMENT AND INTRODUCTIONS TO FOLLOW

SOUTH MILWAUKEE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
732 BADGER AVENUE  
SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WI

COST PER PERSON \$30 –NO REFUNDS  
PAYABLE TO: ELECTA CHAPTER #75 OES

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION AND ANY TITLES TO:  
JAN WINGET  
507 14<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
UNION GROVE WI 53182

RESERVATIONS DUE BY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021







**Eagle River Chapter #218 OES**

**Invites you to  
FOLLOW YOUR HEART**  
and join us in honoring

**LEONARD PEDERSON  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
OF WISCONSIN**

**Saturday July 31, 2021**

**Eagle River Inn  
5260 Hwy 70 W,  
Eagle River, WI**

**Social Noon**

**Meal 1:00 p.m.**

**Cost \$30.00**

**Menu** Plated Salad, Buffet style: Sliced Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Beef Stroganoff with Noodles, Mixed Vegetables , Rolls and Dessert.

Entertainment to follow

Please make checks payable to **Eagle Chapter #218** and return by **JULY 10<sup>th</sup>** with form to:

**Kay Smith,  
11382 Norman Dr,  
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568**



No refunds

Eagle River Inn has a block of six (6) rooms available for Friday July 30, 2021. Two Queen beds, microwave and mini-fridge Rate \$134.10 plus tax. Call 715-479-2000 and mention Eastern Star

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Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY JULY 10, 2021**

# *Most Worthy Grand Matron Communication*

**From Our WGM: This notice arrived too late to change plans for WI Grand Chapter**

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Most Worthy Grand Matron  
Cheyenne, WY 82009  
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Andrea Stamp, PGM  
MWGM Personal Secretary  
Email: astamp@bresnan.net

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**  
Order of the Eastern Star  
Established November 1876

## **TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP**

April 22, 2021

Sisters and Brothers,

Over the last months, there has been increased diversity of Covid restrictions throughout each State, Province, Country and local areas. For this reason, I hereby rescind my temporary guidelines and directives that modified the ritualistic work of our Ritual due to Covid, but only if returning to performing the ritualistic ceremonies as directed in the Ritual does not violate your locale's Covid restrictions. Eastern Star does not need to be in the newspapers or on the news as an organization that does not follow required Covid restrictions. This is not the kind of publicity we need!

**Please note:** If the decision is made by leadership to return to doing regular ritualistic work, please do not do part of the work as directed in the Ritual and part of the work using the temporary modifications.

The Covid-19 virus has not been totally contained or eradicated. I urge continued caution when deciding what is safe for our members when resuming in-person OES meetings, activities and functions and returning to doing the ritualistic work without modifications. Members are not to be pressured to participate if they feel unsafe or are concerned about their health. If your area continues to have strict Covid restrictions, continued use of my temporary guidelines and directives for Covid are acceptable, and using Zoom or other video conferencing methods to conduct a Chapter's necessary business is acceptable.

With regard to the end of my guidelines and directives due to Covid, please let it be understood that the decision to cancel the GGC 50<sup>th</sup> Triennial Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, has not changed. The Assembly has been canceled and will remain canceled.

I am grateful for each one of you, and for your dedication and willingness to work together to move our Order safely forward into the future where better times most surely await us! Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers.

*"We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together."*

*-BW Richardson*

In friendship & love,

*Marianne Shenefelt*  
Marianne R. Shenefelt  
Most Worthy Grand Matron

copy: Henry S. Martin, MWGP  
Alma Bane, RWGS

**IT'S ALMOST TIME TO RENEW**

If you receive the newsletter via US Mail and would like to continue receiving it for the coming year, please renew your subscription by submitting your name and \$15 (payable to WI Grand Chapter OES). If you have been receiving it by email (which is free) but would like to start getting it in paper copy, please remit your name, \$15 subscription fee, and a note that you want to change how you receive the newsletter. The form below is provided for your convenience to renew your subscription or begin subscribing to the printed version. Subscriptions end June 30<sup>th</sup> (so this is the second to last issue for the current year).

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