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Happy November Sisters and Brothers!

I hope everyone had a fun and not too spooky Halloween and got to eat lots of candy! In October several chapters welcomed new members. The Grand Officers helped Fond du Lac Chapter initiate 2 new members who've been waiting 18 months to join and consolidated Dousman-Rob Morris into Martha Chapter Jefferson. We hope all these members enjoy their new chapters.

November brings us a month to be thankful for. First, I'm very thankful COVID numbers are dropping again, so for meetings masks are back to being recommended not required. Make sure to check your local health orders and keep using the hand sanitizer. There are just a few OV's left, thank you for welcoming the Grand Officers when they came to visit.

The invitation for the state Christmas party is in this newsletter. Please join us! The cutoff date is a short one so send in those RSVPs. The Grand Officers will be helping Golden Rule with their initiation on December 9 in Wauwatosa.

Be kind, Be thoughtful, Be genuine, but most of all Be thankful. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving spent with family and friends!

With a heartfelt of love, Terri, WGM

CHAPTER SECRETARIES: A reminder to submit your 990N to the IRS and a copy of the confirmation to the Grand Secretary

Upcoming Events

- Nov 3 Starlight Madison Elected Officer Hawaiian theme night , speaker from Pets for Vets
- Nov 9 OV: GCond at Burlington
- Nov 12 Triwaukee area club at Ozaukee Chapter at 7pm. Gift cards for dog food are being collected.
- Nov 12 Traditional Fish Fry at Ozaukee Lodge, 4-7pm. \$12/person. \$7 for Veterans. Proceeds benefit Pets for Vets.
- Nov 13 Reception for Grand Chaplain and Grand Esther
- Nov 14 Reception for Grand Sentinel
- Nov 15 Sparta Chapter meeting is cancelled
- Nov 18 Three Pillars Lunch and Learn: Ben Franklin (see separate article)
- Nov 19 Tycopera area club at Martha Chapter. 6:30 dinner, 7pm meeting.
- Nov 20 Meatball dinner at Kenosha Chapter (see separate article)
- Dec 1 Bristol Chapter Dip-mas party. 6pm party, 7pm meeting. Wear your Christmas sweater, bring your favorite dip or try a new recipe, and celebrate the season.
- Dec 5 All State Christmas Party (see invitation included in this newsletter)
- Dec 9 Initiation at Golden Rule, Wauwatosa

Be present in all things and thankful for all things. Maya Angelou

Seas the Chance!

Woooo hoooo! We are initiating and reading petitions. Congratulations to Viroqua Chapter for initiating 1 new member and Fond du Lac for initiating 2 new members. Please keep sending me names of new members, and dates of initiations. I also love to hear when you have read a petition or 2.

If you are in need of a boost to your membership program, let me know. I have lots of programs and ideas to share with you. If you are in need of membership brochures, please let me know and I will get them to you.

Keep up the good work and share our beautiful Organization with family and friends.

Keep swimming,
Laurie Twardy, PGM, Membership Chair

Chapter Fundraiser

KENOSHA CHAPTER #92

115 56th Street, Kenosha WI

3rd ANNUAL OVEN ROASTED MEATBALL DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

4 PM - 6:30 PM

\$10 FOR ADULTS

\$5 FOR CHILDREN 8 AND UNDER

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

PROCEEDS GO TO GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
FOR TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

RSVP BY November 13, 2021 to Daylene Bain

2882 E. Fieldstone Way, Sturtevant, WI 53177

Make checks payable to Kenosha Chapter #92

Charity Checks

When writing Charity checks please make sure you write it out to **Wisconsin Grand Chapter OES**. Please do not write to Cancer, Heart fund etc., as it must be written out to what our bank account says.

Also, one check per Chapter when paying for all charities at the same time. There is a sheet that you are to be filling out that goes the Grand Chapter office with your check, so we can credit the correct charity account.

Thank you

Mary Rasmussen, PGM, Grand Treasurer

Educational Program

November Lunch & Learn

November 18, 2021

11:15 AM - lunch and program | 2:00 PM - program only

Dr. Ben Franklin

Presented by Terry Kutz

Dr. Ben Franklin was NOT a U.S. President - did you think he was? He also designed an instrument used by Beethoven and Mozart! There's more to the man than his electricity discoveries, and you can find out all about him at the Three Pillars November Lunch & Learn! Presented by Terry Kutz on Nov 18, 2021; 11:15 am lunch and program for \$12.00, or 2:00pm program only at no charge. Contact info@threepillars.org to make reservations. The program will be held at Three Pillars Senior Living Communities - Village on the Square, 375 State Road 67, Dousman, WI 53118. Note: to attend this event you must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

ESTARL Ornament

The Grand Officers are selling the 2021-2022 ESTARL ornament; limited quantities are available. The cost is \$15/ornament.



A grateful heart sees many blessings

Janesville Chapter Birthday



Janesville Chapter #69 celebrated their 125th + 1 Chapter Birthday on October 27, 2021. The theme of the evening was the “Roaring Twenties”, 126 years and still going strong. They were pleased to have some of the brothers from the Janesville Lodge attend as well as our WGM and Grand Officers and other guests. Sister Judy Wiskia, PM and 63 year member provided some interesting tidbits about the history of Janesville Chapter. PGM Sister Rosie Fiscus, Worthy Matron and PGP Brother Ron Rasmussen, Worthy Patron, added information about the roaring twenties during the introductions. Fun, fellowship and food was enjoyed by all. Pictured are members of Janesville Chapter.

New Fifty Year Members October 2021-November 2021

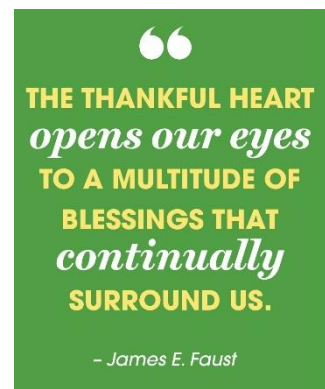
- Marcia Bechlem - Fond du Lac 289*
- Rose M. Long Daskam - Janesville 69*
- Earl Davison - West Allis 172*
- Annabelle M. Fenske - Wautoma 198*
- Ada A. Jones - Starlight 283*
- Mary Lubach - Loyalty 118*
- Irene A. Messer - Janesville 69*
- Sue E. Meyer Danford - Kilbourn 120*
- Nancy Meyer - Loyalty 118*
- J. Burton Pierce - Oregon 49*
- Karen F. Scuffham - Kenosha 92*
- Jeannine Smith - LaBelle 40*
- Bonita R. Wahlquist - Willow River 37*
- Diane Wittenberg - Ruth 23*

Wisconsin General Grand Chapter Appointments

2021-2024

Effective 11/4/2021, the following members have been appointed to represent Wisconsin in General Grand Chapter for the 2021-2024 Triennium. Please offer congratulations to these Sisters and Brothers.

- Sister Rosie Fiscus, a member of the Appeals & Grievances Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin and Worthy Matron of Janesville Chapter, Janesville
- Sister Joanne Freiman, a member of the ESTARL Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin
- Sister Mary Rasmussen, a member of the International Headquarters Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer of Wisconsin and Worthy Matron of Kilbourn Chapter, Wisconsin Dells
- Brother Ron Pete, a member of the International Peace Garden Chapel Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Past Grand Patron of Wisconsin
- Sister Mary Barnett, a member of the Service Dog Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin
- Sister Doris Schultz, a member of the Youth Committee of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Past Grand Matron of Wisconsin



Wrapping up the 2018-2021 Triennium

Thank you to the Wisconsin members who served General Grand Chapter during the Circle of Friendship and Service Around the World Triennium in 2018-2021. Below is a message from each of them to reflect on their appointment.

PGP Brother Ron Pete:

It has been such a pleasure to have been appointed Worthy Grand Organist for the 2018–2021 triennium. To be honest, the appointment came as a big shock because I wasn't expecting anything like that. It was 2016 when Sister Marianne Shenefelt visited us for our 125th anniversary. On the last day of our session, my good friend Past Grand Matron Sister Diane Williamson said to me, "You're gonna get something big." I had no idea what she was talking about, and her untimely passing never let me find out what she knew or if she was just guessing. I tried to make the very most of the appointment and traveled as much as I could until we were struck with the Covid-19 pandemic, and everything seemed to close down. For eighteen months we didn't travel at all so half the triennium was spent wishing I could be somewhere other than at home. I did manage to get to Saskatchewan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Manitoba, North Dakota, North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona, Wyoming twice, Texas twice, Kentucky, Colorado, Rhode Island, Tennessee and our own Grand Chapter sessions in 2019 and 2021. I was most sorry that we didn't make the trip in 2020 to Germany, Romania and Italy. I was really looking forward to that. In many ways, this was the "triennium that wasn't." Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron are such dynamic leaders, and all their plans couldn't be fulfilled. My disappointment can't be anything like theirs, but they certainly were watchful for the health and safety of our members and that makes the two of them very special to me.

I want to thank the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin for the great luncheon given in my honor in 2019. The committee of Sisters Marianne Totsch, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Mary Rasmussen, Mary Mock, Joan Lillie, Judy Bessinger and Maureen Wise for their work in making it a day I will always remember. I was pleased that so many of the Nifty Nine appointed General Grand Officers were there as well as Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Henry Martin, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Sister Linn McNary and Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Pat Rasmussen of Minnesota. I also want to thank the Past Grands Association for their monetary gift in 2021 which helped with the expenses of my campaign for Right Worthy Grand Trustee. By the time you are reading this, I will know if I have been elected or not, but either way, it was a great run! My sincere thanks to Sisters Mary Rasmussen and Marianne Totsch for their many hours of making labels, preparing my flyer for printing and distribution, addressing envelopes and especially for preparing an email list of all those entitled to vote in the General Grand Chapter election so that I could send my flyer out a second time electronically.

As always, any honors that come to me, I share with all of you, my sisters and brothers of Wisconsin, and with our Grand Chapter and most especially with the members of Superior Chapter who have always been supportive in every Eastern Star endeavor I have made. We may be small in numbers, but when it comes to helping each other, we are bigger than life. Thank you!

PGM Sister Karen Carpenter:

There are eight members from different states on the Educational Committee for General Grand Chapter. Our mission is to educate our members about the Eastern Star and encourage them to become familiar with the history of our Order and the different charities, scholarships and community projects that we are involved with. In this way when we are asked by potential members about our Order, we will be able to give them the right information.

PGM Sister Kris Gruber-Twardy:

It was an honor to be appointed to serve the General Grand Chapter on the International Peace Garden Chapel Committee for 2018-2021. I appreciate the opportunity I was given to meet so many wonderful members during the past three years. While travel was limited, we felt the unique kinship Eastern Star members share wherever we went. Heartfelt thanks to MWGM Sister Marianne Shenefelt for this privilege. The primary duty of this committee is to plan and promote the Pilgrimage to the Chapel at the International Peace Garden, located on the international border between North Dakota and Manitoba, Canada. The Pilgrimage was scheduled for 8/6-8/8/2021, and the committee started planning the event in 2018. Unfortunately, the continued Covid-19 pandemic curtailed the event for this triennium. To say I was disappointed would be an understatement as the committee would have put together an outstanding weekend of fellowship for all to enjoy. I've never traveled to the International Peace Garden, so I was doubly disappointed to miss the chance to visit in 2021. I look forward to the Pilgrimage during the 2021-2024 Triennium and would encourage you to do the same, so we, as Sisters and Brothers, can enjoy the peace, beauty and serenity this place represents.

PGM Sister Kristen Schoville:

It is hard to believe that another triennium is coming to an end. It has been my pleasure to serve on the first General Grand Chapter Service Dog Committee. I would like to thank the Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Grand Chapter for all their support during the past three years. I realize that the Covid pandemic may have slowed our efforts, however I do very much appreciate the support of Service Dogs across our state. Here are some highlights of what we have accomplished in the past three years.

- ♥ Total donation of \$5353.00 to OccuPaws Guide Dog Association
- ♥ Legislation to form a permanent Service Dog Committee in Wisconsin
- ♥ Several Chapter visits, dog visits and programs relating to Service Dogs.

I hope as we look to our future, we can continue to support the General Grand Chapter Service Dog Committee here in Wisconsin. I congratulate Sister Mary Barnett on her appointment to this amazing committee. "A friend leaves Paw Prints on your heart" – Thank you again for filling my heart with paw prints.

Ann Johnson, PM, Campfire Friend

I would like to extend my extreme appreciation to the MWGM Sister Marianne R. Shenefelt for her appointment of me as her "Campfire Friend" to represent the State of Wisconsin for the General Grand Chapter.

I was one of 58 Past Matrons around the world honored to be appointed by the MWGM to represent General Grand Chapter in our jurisdiction. Some of my duties as "Campfire Friend" were: to assist when the MWGM attends Wisconsin Grand Chapter by taking care of her state flag of Wyoming, assist in sending any gifts presented to her if she could not take them with her, be her additional contact for Wisconsin jurisdiction, order flowers from MWGM for the Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin Grand Chapter when she is not able to attend Wisconsin's Grand Chapter, and travel to any posted itinerary to represent Wisconsin around the world if you are able.

I would also like to thank the members of Eastern Star in Wisconsin for your support as well as the friendliness you have shown to me during my three year appointment. The appointment was such a surprise and great honor even though travel around Wisconsin and the United States was curtailed for much of my three year appointment. Thanks also to my home chapter, Sparta 18. Your love and support mean a great deal to me! May Wisconsin and World-wide "Stars" continue to shine the brightest of all.



You are cordially invited to the
Wisconsin Grand Chapter, OES
All-State Christmas Party!



Sunday, December 5, 2021

Stevens Point Holiday Inn Convention Center
1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54482

Social at Noon

Meal at 1:00 pm.

Entertainment by the Grand Officers

Cost is \$30.00 per person, payable to Electa Chapter #75, OES NO REFUNDS!!

Deadline for reservations is November 13, 2021. Reservations sent to Terri Hundhausen,
3031 E Grange Ave #7, Cudahy, WI 53110. 414-418-9938

Silent Auction to be held with proceeds going to WGM/WGP Charity Pets for Vets

There will be a 50/50 Raffle as well!

Pick choice of:

- 1--Beef Stroganoff---sirloin in rich sauce over egg noodles with seasonal vegetables
- 2--Vegetable Marinara--fettuccine tossed with seasonal vegetables and marinara sauce
- 3--Chicken Meredith--herb breaded chicken breast, seared with sauce supreme, seasonal vegetables and rice pilaf

Lunch includes: garden salad, rolls, coffee, tea or milk and a plate of cookies for the table.

Name _____

Title _____

Meal Choice _____

Name _____

Title _____

Meal Choice _____

“Follow Your Heart” and join us!

CHAPTER SECRETARY: Please read at your next Chapter meeting and drape your Charter for 30 days



IN MEMORIUM

The Golden Chain of the Past Grands of Wisconsin has once again been broken with the passing of Past Grand Patron Brother William “Bill” Anderson who passed away on October 11, 2021, just 15 days after his 97th birthday. Brother Bill was born as a twin on September 26, 1924, in Chicago. He graduated from Lane Tech College Prep High School and then joined the US Army Air Corps in 1943 where he served as an aircraft mechanic. In 1944 he married Lavergne Luebbing and they were married for 70 years before her passing in 2014.

After the war, they moved to Three Lakes, Wisconsin, where he worked as a carpenter. A few years later he returned to Chicago for further training and then returned to Three Lakes where he opened Three Lakes TV & Radio Repair. During that time, he helped convert station WOBT—AM to an FM station. His technical skills led him to Congressman Alvin O’Konski who hired him as engineer at Channel 12 television in Rhinelander. In November 1968, a plane hit the guy wires of the broad-casting tower causing it to collapse and demolish the building. Bill was one of two people in the building at the time and escaped serious injury by diving into a corner.

Bill was a member of Eagle River Masonic Lodge and Eagle Chapter of Eagle River, Wisconsin. He was appointed Grand Sentinel in 1962 by Past Grand Matron Sister Belle West and Past Grand Patron Brother Harold Hardies. He went on to serve as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Elaine Haas Simcox as his Worthy Grand Matron. Their session in 1965 was the Diamond Jubilee Session. In his acceptance address in 1964 he stated, “This is our 75th Diamond Jubilee year wherein our fraternity will celebrate 75 years of fellowship and love among its members in Wisconsin. This fine state can be very proud to have our 56,000 members who are ambassadors of good will, friendship, and brotherly love within its bosom. Like the diamond always highly valued, with its lustre always apparent, our fraternity should also be highly valued by us all.”

In 1970 Bill and Lavergne moved to Florida where he worked as chief engineer at Channel 5 in West Palm Beach until his retirement in 1987. In 2003, they returned to Wisconsin and built a home in Sugar Bush where he lived until the time of his passing. In his retirement, Bill took up woodcarving, particularly birds and fish. His ducks, pheasants and grouse became so realistic that people often commented they thought his carvings were stuffed mounts.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Lavergne; son, Don; twin brother George and his parents. He is survived by his son Bill (Jackie) of Sugar Camp; daughter-in-law, Deanne Anderson; four grand-children and ten great-grandchildren. The sympathy of the Grand Chapter is lovingly extended to his family, to Eagle Chapter and to his many friends.

In token of sympathy and respect, let the charters of every Wisconsin subordinate chapter be draped for a period of 30 days and let this memorial be read at the next stated meeting of every chapter.

Terri Hundhausen, Worthy Grand Matron

Leonard Pederson, Worthy Grand Patron

Jane M. Blackwood, PGM, Grand Secretary

COMMUNICATION FROM OUR MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON



General Grand Chapter

Order of the Eastern Star™
Established November 1876

October 18, 2021

Sisters and Brothers,


TO BE SHARED WITH OES MEMBERSHIP

The following information is being provided in response to inquiries regarding electronic voting and the live stream event of the *virtual* 50th Triennial Assembly on November 3rd and 4th.

Electronic Voting. Electronic voting opens on Sunday, October 31st, at 12:01 a.m. EDT and closes on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. EDT. Voting members who chose to vote *electronically* will receive, or have already received, an email from PGP Brother Larry Holmes, our ElectionBuddy Administrator, with information about what to expect regarding being notified when it is time to cast your ballot. Please watch for this important email from Brother Larry. If you do not receive it in your inbox, please check your spam folder.

> **Live Stream, November 3-4.** On Wednesday morning, November 3rd, beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m. EDT, the live stream will be available on General Grand Chapter's website. Please go to easternstar.org and click the red banner on the opening page titled "50th Triennial Assembly Information." On the page that opens, click the red button titled "Link to Live Event" and you're in!

> **Tentative Schedule for virtual 50th Triennial Assembly.**

 **NOTE: Times listed are Eastern Daylight Time**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

10:45 a.m. – Musical Prelude

11:00 a.m. – OPENING 50th Triennial Assembly Business Meeting Reports

12:00 NOON – ELECTION RESULTS

Reports continued...

4:00 p.m. – NECROLOGY SERVICE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

9:45 a.m. – Musical Prelude

10:00 a.m. – OPENING 50th Triennial Assembly Business Meeting

RECESS – to Prepare for Installation

2:00 p.m. – 2021-2024 GGC INSTALLATION

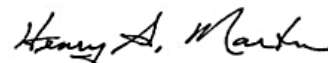
The live stream link will be available on the GGC website, easternstar.org, on Wednesday morning, November 3, 2021.

In friendship and love,



Marianne R. Shenefelt
Most Worthy Grand Matron





Henry S. Martin
Most Worthy Grand Patron

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**THANK YOU VETERANS,
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE
YOUR SERVICE**



I am going to grow
and grow, then I can
help a Veteran



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Call: 262.975.2200
secretary.wioes@gmail.com

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