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February 1, 2022

February is the month we normally show our love for each other on Valentine's Day. To our husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, and to our friends who are always there for us. We should show them this love all year long and not just on one day!

The Grand Officers helped Golden Rule and Union Grove initiate new members in January and they were both so happy to join our wonderful Order. We will be helping West Allis on February 8 initiate the daughter of the WM.

Our strange year continues with the cancellation of our District Deputy schools. With combining sometimes 3-5 chapters, sharing gavels, staffs, ballot boxes and balls and small chapter rooms, we felt it was best to cancel them. We will continue to not prove the chapter for the rest of the year. Each Associate Matron should still know if all are members who are present. Most chapters also count 1 of their 2 required initiations from the DD school. I'm waiving the 2nd initiation requirement. Your chapters still need to hold 1 during the year. We will also look into adjusting the Worthy Grand Matron accomplishment award with all our changes. Keep up the tracking of all your good work and travels and we will update you with the new totals for achieving it.

We do have some 125+ parties and exchanges coming up this month. We are so proud of these chapters for lasting this long and helping their communities. The Wisconsin/Illinois exchange will take place in Oregon Chapter. This will be a fun night with our friends from the south. These are optional and if

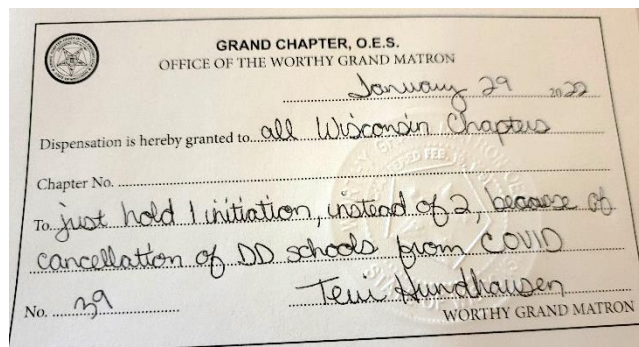
and if you feel safe, please rsvp to the proper chapters and people. Masks are very helpful in protecting us. Please wear one.

Is your chapter dark for February? Are you still doing something as a group, either a lunch or dinner, game or fun time together?

Grand Chapter is being planned and soon to be coming will be requests from various groups or members needing help. Grand pages and ushers, sentinels, etc. Please consider helping as Grand Chapter is for you, all our members. Be on the lookout for the trifold of tentative scheduling and then information on banquets, hotel and fun to be had. We will be having our final silent auction to benefit our charity Pets for Vets. Start thinking of what you would like to bring and to buy!!

I was just thinking about all the people who matter to me this Valentine's Day. You may not be my "significant other" but each of you are a very significant person in my life! You've been there for me in good times and bad. Today I just want to say thank you, I love you and Happy Valentine's Day!!

As always, With a Heart Full of Love,
Terri, Worthy Grand Matron



Upcoming Events

- Feb 6 Kenosha Chapter 125th Birthday celebration
- Feb 7 Martha Chapter #66 and Jefferson County Lodge #9 Annual Winter Picnic & Mystery Auction. Dinner at 6:00 pm (see p. 3)
- Feb 8 Initiation at West Allis Chapter, 6:30pm
- Feb 14 Grand Chapter Session information packet will be distributed via separate mailing
- Feb 18 Tycopera Area Club, 6:30 at Starlight Chapter
- Feb 19 Vega Chapter 125+1 Birthday celebration
- Feb 26 IL/WI Exchange night at Oregon Chapter
- Feb 27 Union Grove Turkey dinner fundraiser
- Mar 12 MI/WI Exchange night at Vega (see p. 4)

Vega Chapter 125+1 Birthday

February 19th: 11:30 social, 12:30 buffet lunch
Cost is \$30 per person

At South Milwaukee Knights of Columbus Hall.
732 Badger Ave, South Milwaukee WI 53172
ADA accessible

RSVP WITH REMITTANCE, NAME AND TITLE TO
Linda Schreier, 2241 W Southland Drive,
Oak Creek, WI 53154

No later than Feb. 5th

Checks made payable to Vega Chapter
NO REFUNDS unless cancelled by Covid protocol by
our Worthy Grand Matron and
Worthy Grand Patron

Illinois/Wisconsin Exchange Night

February 26th: social at 4:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm
Dinner choices: stuffed chicken or stuffed pork chop
Entertainment and program after dinner

Please come in tropical attire
At Oregon Masonic Center
1120 Park Street, Oregon

Send Reservations of \$20 per person

NO LATER than Feb 15th to

Rosie Fiscus, 210 S. Burr Oak Ave, Oregon WI 53575

From Grand Secretary

- Feb 10: Last call to order 2021 Proceedings book
- April 11: Committee reports due for Grand Chapter session book

DD Schools Cancelled

With the rise of COVID numbers and the age and health of most of our members, I am canceling the DD schools that were to be held in the spring. We were hoping that the numbers would be better, but they are going in the wrong direction. Most schools were going to have between 3-5 chapters involved in each school. With the small chapter rooms, sharing of conductress staffs, gavels, proving the chapter (which was going to start again with the schools) with taking the pass and the grip of the order, we don't feel it's the time to do that yet. Our Grand Lecturer, all the current DDs and myself as WGM held a zoom meeting and discussed the situation. Any questions can be discussed with PGM Kris Schoville.

Now, I am not canceling the exchanges and you may ask why are you canceling the work and not the play? To attend the exchanges are completely voluntary and if you don't want to go, you don't rsvp. The DD schools need a quorum of at least 7 members of each chapter or else you do the school again alone. Most people are very devoted members and will be at the DD schools because the initiation counts toward 1 of the 2 needed by the code and they prefer to share the load of doing the school with most of our chapters not having a full corps of officers.

A special dispensation is included in the newsletter to hold at least 1 initiation for the term instead of the 2. We will also continue with not proving the chapter, but the AM should still know that all present are members.

The Grand Officers have helped 4 chapters with their initiation so far this year and will be helping 2 more. We are happy to help chapters bring in their new members!

With a heart full of love, Terri WGM

New Grand Representatives

Congratulations to these members who were recently named as Grand Representatives. Enjoy your commission!

- Connecticut - Terry Schneider - Honor Chapter
- Idaho - Emilie Pederson - Eagle Chapter
- Michigan - Mary Kumbier - Ruth Chapter
- Nebraska - Ross Chapman - Honor Chapter
- Wyoming - Carol Johnson - Superior Chapter

Life Members

Congratulations to our new 50 year members!

February 2022

Philip Des Jardin, Electa No. 75 on 2/15

David L. Vosseteig, Viroqua No. 35 on 2/22

Lois Antczak, Golden Rule No. 194 on 2/24

March 2022

Darlene J. Radtke, Wauwatosa No. 219 on 3/9

Lynita Docken, Ruth No. 23 on 3/21

Betty J. Haas, Ruth No. 23 on 3/21

Union Grove Fundraiser

Union Grove Chapter will have its annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, February 27th. With the current COVID issues the dinner will be **DRIVE-THRU ONLY**. **Meals will be delivered to your car at the corner of Vine Street and 11th Avenue.** Meals can be picked up between the hours of 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The tickets are \$15, and the menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cranberry and coleslaw, and homemade desserts. To reserve meals, contact George Winget at 262-878-1837 or georgewinget507@gmail.com.

Martha Chapter Event

Martha Chapter #66 and Jefferson County Lodge #9 are once again hosting their annual Winter Picnic & Mystery Auction on Monday 2/7/2022. Dinner at 6:00 PM, Guest Speaker at 7:00 PM, Mystery Auction to follow. No formal meetings are taking place that night so please dress casual, comfortable, and warm!! Please feel free to bring your significant other and/or anyone interested in hearing the guest speaker. Dinner: If you want to bring a side dish or dessert to share that would be great but it is optional. The Chapter and Lodge will provide brats, sloppy joes, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, sauerkraut, etc. Guest Speaker: Brother Erik Falkner, Co-Founder & Executive Director of Wisconsin Hero Outdoors. Mystery Auction: Funds raised from the mystery auction will be donated to Wisconsin Hero Outdoors. If you can, please bring auction items and/or your spending money! All auction items should be either wrapped or in gift bags to keep them a mystery. Have fun with it! We typically have a nice variety of silly and nice items. You never know what you're going to get!

WI Eastern Star Foundation

Have you found yourself facing financial hardship? Do you know of a member of your Chapter who could use some financial assistance? There are many reasons why someone may need a helping hand. As Wisconsin Eastern Star members, we are fortunate to have the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation. The Foundation is one of the means through which we accomplish the great beneficent purpose of providing for the welfare of our Sisters and Brothers. There is no need to feel ashamed in asking for help. The Foundation is a separate entity from Grand Chapter; the business of the Foundation lies solely with the Board of Directors. The Foundation meets quarterly to review applications and provide aid to Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Chapters. Applications are confidential and only reviewed by the members of the Foundation Board. Nothing ever leaves the room once the meeting is over.

The Foundation Board will be meeting in March. Applications for financial assistance can be submitted at any time but need to be received at the Grand Chapter Office **no later than Thursday 3/3** for consideration this quarter. Applications can be received from your Chapter Secretary, the Grand Secretary or downloaded on the Wisconsin OES website (wioes.org, under the Forms tab).

WGM and WGP and Hockey

WGM Terri and WGP Leonard are both hockey fans and shared their love of the game with several OES members at a Madison Capitols hockey game on Jan 29th in Middleton, WI. The Capitols didn't



come away with a win, but those attending showed spirit, donated to the WGM/WGP project Pets for Vets, & cheered when Eastern Star was announced over the loud speaker. It was a fun evening, and our leaders were in sporting some new OES/hockey attire!



WI/MI Exchange
Saturday March 12, 2022

[Lake Lodge Masonic Center](#)

1235 E Howard Ave
Milwaukee WI 53207

Enter lodge parking lot from Clement St on the West side of the building

Social 4:30 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Grand Officer entertainment and introductions to follow

Basket drawings (a few Wisconsin baskets and Michigan baskets)
and a 50/50 drawing

RSVP by March 1st with name, title(s) and payment to
Nancy Ryburn
716 51st Place, #2018
Kenosha 53140.

\$30 per person. Make checks payable to Vega Chapter #76
(NO REFUNDS UNLESS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID BY WGM AND WGM)

A block of rooms has been reserved at
[Courtyard by Marriot Milwaukee Airport](#)
4620 S 5th St, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Click here to [Book your group rate for Order of the Eastern Star](#)
Or call 414-747-4405 and ask for the Order Of the Eastern Star block
Reservations must be received by Saturday Feb 19th to receive the group rate

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NAME: _____

TITLE(S) _____

DIETARY RETRICTIONS: _____

BEST PHONE NUMBER TO REACH YOU: (____) ____-_____



"PATHWAYS OF JOY"
APPOINTED GRAND OFFICER
ANNOUCEMENT PARTY

PLEASE JOIN US ON

APRIL 3RD, 2022

At

11:00am Social

12:00pm Buffet Lunch

1:00pm Program

\$30.00

RIDGES COUNTRY CLUB

2311 Griffith Avenue

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Name _____

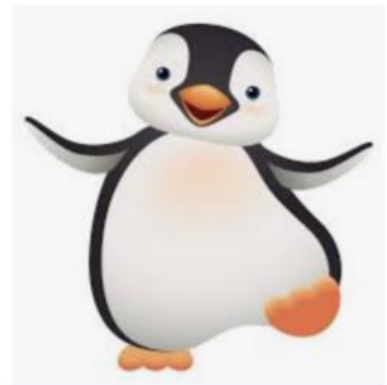
Titles _____

Please send reservations & payment to:

Checks made out (\$30.00) to:

WI Grand Chapter OES

Jerry Bristol, PGP
138 W Grove Street
Ellsworth, WI 54011



RSVP by March 25, 2022



You are
Invited!

Starlight # 283 Honors its
Grand Representatives

Brooke Froelich
representing Massachusetts
and

Robert Dorsey
representing Nevada

Wednesday, April 20th
7pm

Doric Masonic Center
85 S. Stoughton Road
Madison, WI 53714

RSVP by April 4 to WP Paul Twardy
at paulmarionpeter@gmail.com

I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.



Peyton
Loves Ryan



Will you be my
Valentine?



Sisters and Brothers
"Love one another"

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

GENERAL GRAND
CHAPTER



Call: 262.975.2200
secretary.wioes@gmail.com

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