

Wisconsin OES Newsletter

Vol V, issue 45

November 2022





Worthy Grand Matron
Tammy Hundhausen
3031 E. Grange Ave. #7
Cudahy WI 53110
414-339-0196
Tammywioes2022@gmail.com

November! We are thankful for our members as we gather in our Chapters this month. Congratulations to the Chapters that have increased our OES family so far this term with initiations, and to those happening in the next few weeks.

We have enjoyed celebrating at 2 of the appointed Grand Officer parties, and there are 2 more to follow yet; they would love to see you attend.

The All State Christmas party is coming up on Sunday Dec 4th at the Kettle Moraine Golf Club in Dousman. We will have a silent auction on baskets and items donated by our membership. If you are interested in bringing an auction item, please let Bridget Briski know so she can plan accordingly (briski17@gmail.com). We will also have our now famous "Share the Wealth" 50/50 drawing with 50% going towards the USO Wisconsin project. The Grand Officers will be selling the ESTARL ornaments for \$15.

We hope you enjoy the last of the fall colors and time with family and friends as we head into the festivities of the season.

Gnomie giggles and penguin wiggles,
Tammy, WGM and Doug, WGP

"The name 'November' is believed to derive from 'novem' which is the Latin for the number 'nine'. In the ancient Roman calendar November was the ninth month after March. As part of the seasonal calendar November is the time of the 'Snow Moon' according to Pagan beliefs and the period described as the 'Moon of the Falling Leaves' by Black Elk."

Upcoming Events

- Nov 5 Grand Officer Party (Grand Ruth, Chaplain, Warder); Kansasville
- Nov 8 Initiation at West Allis Chapter
- Nov 11 Triwaukee Area Club at Ozaukee Chapter Port Washington. Ozaukee fish fry from 5-7pm; club meeting will start after fish fry.
- Nov 12 Grand Sentinel Party; Dodgeville
- Nov 19 Proficiency & Station Certification Testing at Fidelity Chapter Appleton; 10am
- Nov 29 Proficiency & Station Certification Testing at Melody Chapter Middleton; 1pm
- Nov 29 Tycopera Area Club at Melody Chapter; 6:30 light dinner, 7pm meeting
- Nov 30 Western Stars Christmas party - 6pm at the Tomah Masonic Center. Please RSVP by Nov 24 to Rhonda Roalkvam, Secretary
- Dec 3 Grand Officer Christmas at Dousman
- Dec 4 All State Christmas Party (see invitation p. 3)

New Grand Representatives

Congratulations to these members who recently received their Grand Representative commissions:

Don Skarda, Pennsylvania (West Allis Chapter)
Shirley Cogan, Tennessee (Golden Rule and Wauwatosa Chapters)



From the Grand Secretary

- Secretaries: If you have not filed your 990N with the IRS and sent a copy of the confirmation to the Grand Chapter Office, consider doing so soon. Those Chapters that do not send a copy of the confirmation before the due date will be fined \$50.00.
- Secretaries: If you have any changes to your membership roster, please send those changes into the Grand Secretary as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the end of the year.

Starlight Chapter Social Outing

Join Starlight at the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson for *White Christmas* on December 18th. Doors open at 10:30 with brunch at 11:15 and show at 1:15. We have reserved a block of tickets; cost is \$79. Contact WM Brooke at brookesfroelich@gmail.com if interested in attending.

Proficiency Testing

There's still time to sign up to take the proficiency test and/or a station certification test (which includes WP, AP, Conductress, Assoc Conductress, Chaplain, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa); study guides are available. To ensure we are able to be efficient with testing, please contact PGM Kris Gruber-Twardy (krisoes2009@sbcglobal.net; 608-332-8281) prior to your preferred testing date to schedule your test.

- Nov 19: Appleton starting at 10am
- Nov 29: Middleton before Tycopera area club meeting, starting at 1pm

Resolutions

Resolutions to be presented at the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter in May 2023 can be submitted following the format outlined in the Code of Laws, Article XXIV, Paragraph 25, Rule 5. New Resolutions are to be received by the Grand Secretary by the first business day following January 1st in order to be considered at the May 2021 Annual Session.

OES Foundation

The Wisconsin OES Foundation meets quarterly to review applications and provide financial assistance to Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Chapters. Applications are confidential and only reviewed by the members of the Foundation Board.

The Foundation Board will be meeting in December. Applications for financial assistance can be submitted at any time but **need to be received at the Grand Chapter Office no later than Monday November 21st 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).

AGM/AGP Name Badges

Deb Bower, Associate Grand Matron and LeRoy Kifer, Associate Grand Patron invite any Sister or Brother to join our "Faithful Dreamers" and "Bogey Brothers" clubs. Name badges are \$8.00. Contact Sister Deb if interested (sbnana98@gmail.com; 608-370-6514)

Service Dogs:

A big, big thank you

A service dog is a dog specifically trained to perform work for a person with a disability. That disability could be a physical or mental impairment. They follow our commands, work with us in various capacities and act as faithful companions and working partners and are valued by more than 80 million owners in the United States. Service dogs can range from very small to very big. The dog size needs to be the right size to comfortably and effectively execute the tasks needed to help with the disability. Both profit and nonprofit organizations train service dogs. The cost to train a service dog can exceed \$25,000. This will include training for the person with a disability which receives the dog. The ADA considers service dogs to be primarily working animals and are not considered pets.

So, at this time, I wish to give my heartfelt thanks to the Southeast and Triwaukee Area Clubs for their very generous check of over \$1,800, which were proceeds from the Wine and Chocolate Tasting donated in Wisconsin, stay in Wisconsin."

Mary Barnett, a member of the General Grand Chapter Service Dog Committee and PGM of WI

WISCONSIN EASTERN STAR
INVITES YOU TO THE
ALL STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Kettle Moraine Golf Club

W365 S4299 WI-67 Dousman, WI

Social Hour 11:00 am

Luncheon 12:00 noon

*Buffet with Chicken & Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable, Roll, Salad & Dessert
\$35.00 per person – no refunds*

RSVP with name, title and payment by November 11 to:

Mary Mock

10534 55th Ave

Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

(checks payable to WI Grand Chapter)



Contact Marianne Totsch with any questions:

Email: marianneoeswi@gmail.com

Phone: 262-888-2493

I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

GENERAL GRAND
CHAPTER



Sister Jane and Flo-Jo
say it's time to change
your clocks



Call 262.965.2200
secretary.wioes@gmail.com

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