

# Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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It's February – American Heart Month – a time when the nation spotlights heart disease, the No. 1 killer of Americans. President Lyndon B. Johnson, among the millions of people in the country who'd had heart attacks, issued the first proclamation in 1964. Let's listen to our hearts and make them strong this month! Ease up on stress and do some heart healthy exercise. Walk and talk with a friend or get a group of chapter members together! Share memories or make new ones and laugh together, that is a good heart exercise!

Some heart facts: your heart pumps about 1.5 gallons of blood every minute. Over the course of a day, that adds up to over 2000 gallons. There are 60,000 miles of blood vessels in your body. That's enough to go around the world twice. The average heartbeat of a woman is about 8 beats a minute faster than a man's heartbeat. Other than the cornea, every cell in the human body gets blood from the heart. Please consider a donation to the grand chapter Heart Fund for February!

There are flyers for events coming up in the next few months, we'd love to see the membership support those events: the IL/IA/WI exchange in Medina IL and the MI/WI exchange near Frankenmuth MI. this is a get there on your own event now, no bus trip will be planned.

We are finalizing plans for YOUR Grand Chapter in May so watch for a separate mailer mid-February! We will be moving the ESTARL ceremony from Wednesday to Tuesday morning at 9 am, so we hope to have a good turnout for that. That would allow the members to continue over to the Grand Representative meeting

at 10 am. The former grand officers group pictures will be either Wed afternoon or evening.

Have a happy February everyone, find a little joy and love this month!

"Advice is like snow, the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon and the deeper it sinks into the Mind."  
Samuel Coleridge

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



## Upcoming Events

- Feb 3 Vega Compass Night with Pound Auction
- Feb 14 West Allis Friends Night with Pound Auction to support the USO. Wear red.
- Feb 15 Tychopera Club Dinner at the Great Dane East, Madison
- Feb 17-19 DeMolay Sweetheart Weekend
- Feb 25 Wisconsin/Iowa/Illinois exchange night; see flyer on page 8
- Feb 26 Union Grove Chapter Annual Turkey Dinner; see flyer on page 7
- Mar 4 USO Venetian Mask party held at Martha Chapter; see flyer on page 4
- Mar 12 FAGO Spring meeting; see flyer on page 5
- Mar 18 Wisconsin/Michigan exchange night; see flyer on page 3

## *From the Grand Secretary*

I am starting to get things ready for a “[Special Grand Chapter Session mailing](#)” in Mid-February. If you have information to be included in the mailing, please get it to me as soon as possible.

Just a reminder to all Chapter Secretaries and Members, if you have a change of address or email, please let you Chapter Secretary know ASAP so that she can send the update to the Grand Secretary.

**DEADLINE for the March Newsletter is [February 25<sup>th</sup>](#).**

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### *Grand Chapter Fundraiser*

Have you bought your “Pathway of Joy” brick? The bricks can be purchased from any Grand Officer.

These are to share your joy with the state and will be on the Grand Chapter floor in May 2023. They are ONLY \$1 per brick.

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### *Three Pillars News*

**Join us for Lunch & Learn Programs!**

**11:15 AM with lunch (\$14.36)**

**or 2 PM without lunch (free)**

**Call Tina at 262.965.7232 to purchase your ticket with a credit/debit card over the phone or buy on line.**

**[Thursday, February 9, 2023](#)**

**Ellie Carlson presents the “*Rich & Romantic History of Valentines*”**

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### *Wisconsin OES Foundation*

Deadline for applications is March 1, 2023. Applications are available online at [wioes.org](http://wioes.org) and are to be sent to the Grand Secretary at 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118

## *Nominations for Grand Trustee*

I place in nomination for the Office of Grand Trustee, Past Grand Patron Brother David R. Schreier. David is currently serving Vega Chapter as Secretary and West Allis Chapter as Worthy Patron. He is a Past Grand Patron of Wisconsin.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda J Gaulke  
Past Grand Matron of Wis  
Grand Trustee  
WM of Northwest Chapter #98 Clear Lake

I am placing in nomination the name of PGP Ian Watts for the position of Grand Trustee for the ensuing 3-year term of 2023 to 2026. He a member in good standing at Martha Chapter #66 Jefferson, WI and Wauwatosa Chapter #219 Brookfield, WI. He served as Worthy Grand Patron from May 2019 until May 2021. He earned a minor in Accounting which included courses in auditing; in the past, he has served on the Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation for three years; served as Worthy Patron over 20 times in all of his chapters; was chapter treasurer for three years; has been a chapter trustee at two chapters; has prepared financial reports for his Blue Lodge as lodge secretary; served as Grand Representative to Scotland for 3 years; was Chairman of the Heart Committee; is familiar with Grand Chapter procedures; and worked both as an OSHA hygienist and IRS agent. Currently retired and lives within ten miles of the Grand Chapter Office.

Ruthann Watts, PM  
Martha Chapter #66 and Wauwatosa Chapter #219





Mt. Morris Chapter #474  
Invites you to a Night of Fun

*Michigan/Wisconsin Exchange Night*  
*March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

Mt. Morris Masonic Center  
810 North St.  
Mt Morris MI 48458

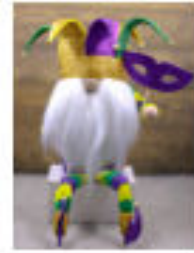
Get together at 4:00 pm  
Dinner at 5:00 pm  
Program to follow

Cost: \$12.00  
Dress is OES Casual

RSVP to Cathy Henry by March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
11061 Frances Rd.  
Flushing MI 48433

Checks made out to Mt Morris Chapter #47

Contact the WI Grand Secretary for the list of hotels  
([secretary.wioes@gmail.org](mailto:secretary.wioes@gmail.org))



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR WISCONSIN  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO AN AFTERNOON OF MASQUERADE FUN  
TO BENEFIT OUR STATE CHARITY FOR 2022-23: USO WISCONSIN!

SATURDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 1:00PM

JEFFERSON COUNTY LODGE

617 MASONIC BLVD, JEFFERSON WI 53549

ATTIRE: RENAISSANCE/PIRATE OR CASUAL  
IF YOU HAVE A MASQUERADE MASK, WEAR IT!

**Open to all, family and friends!**

WE WILL HAVE A TABLE TO DECORATE A MASK! AUCTION ITEMS! 50/50 RAFFLE!  
PAPER JOY BRICKS \$1.00 A SPEAKER FROM USO!

\$35.00 PER PERSON, NO REFUNDS, RSVP BY FEB 23<sup>RD</sup>! PAYABLE TO: ELECTA CHAPTER OES #75  
SEND YOUR NAME, ANY MASONIC TITLES YOU HAVE, AND PAYMENT TO:  
TERRI HUNDHAUSEN 3031 EAST GRANGE AVE, #7. CUDAHY WI 53110





# *F.A.G.O. Spring Meeting*

*Sunday, March 12, 2023*

**Who:** F.A.G.O. are Former Appointed Grand Officers. All who have been appointed Grand Officers of Wisconsin or other jurisdictions are welcome to be members of this club. Annual dues are \$5.00.

**What:** At the Fall meeting those present voted to have meetings the second Sunday of March and the third Sunday of October. The new purpose of the FAGO Club is to perform service work and/or do fund-raising for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Annual Project.

**Where:** Kilbourn Chapter (Dells Lodge) 815 Oak Street Wisconsin Dells, WI

**When:** Sunday, March 12 Lunch at 12:00n meeting at 1:15pm  
(\$5.00 lunch cost will be collected at the door)

Please register by calling or texting Marianne Totsch at 262-888-2493 or emailing: [marianneoeswi@gmail.com](mailto:marianneoeswi@gmail.com) by March 1

*Please make plans to join the Club and attend meetings!*



**Orville Olson**, President

**Marianne Totsch**, Secretary/Treasurer

# Join Us for Deb and LeRoy's Spectacular Announcement

## Party Under the Big Top

April 16, 2023

CLOWN & CIRCUS  
APPAREL  
ENCOURAGED!  
RED NOSES,  
LARGE SHOES?  
THOSE TOO!



ELEPHANTS, GOLF CARTS OR AUTOMOBILES,  
MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE BIG TOP!

Ridges Golf Club  
2311 Griffith Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids  
Social Hour starts at Noon  
Lunch and Program at 1:00 PM

RSVP by April 1, 2023 with \$28/person  
payment, affiliation and titles to:  
Beth Wroblewski  
1950 Wallinford Circle  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

**UNION GROVE CHAPTER 71  
EASTERN STAR**



**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER**

TURKEY, DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, CORN AND  
CARROTS, SALAD, ROLL, AND A HOMEMADE DESSERT

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

**11:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.**

**DONATION: \$15**

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**DINE IN or CARRY OUT**

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UNION GROVE MASONIC CENTER

**1021 11<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

**UNION GROVE, WI**

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**FOR TICKETS CALL 262 878 1837**

**RESERVATIONS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

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# ILLINOIS EASTERN STAR

Welcomes

## Wisconsin Eastern Star AND Iowa Eastern Star

### FOR AN EXCHANGE NIGHT BANQUET

February 25, 2023

Medinah Shrine Center  
550 N Shriners Drive  
Addison, IL 60101

Social 5:00 pm

Buffet Dinner 6:00 pm  
(\$45.00 per person)

Entertainment and Program after dinner



A block of rooms has been reserved for Saturday night, February 25, 2023 at

Hilton Garden Inn  
(Next to Shrine Center)  
551 N. Swift Road  
Addison IL 60101

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/chiahgi-ies-b36f6ab4-f260-4c29-885e-59b54dfc4dd3/>

Or call (630) 691-0500 and mention "Illinois Eastern Star"

Hotel Reservations must be made by February 10, 2023

Room Rate for a King or Double Queen is \$104 plus taxes

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Dinner Reservations must be made by February 15, 2023

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ JURISDICTION \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Send check (\$45 per person) payable to:  
Grand Chapter of IL, 9894 Star Lane, P O Box 317, Macon, IL 62544  
217-764-3326

This has been approved by the Worthy Grand Matron



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

**Wisconsin Eastern  
Star proudly donated  
\$4,573.00 to  
Aurora Health Care  
Foundation for heart  
research.**

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

GENERAL GRAND  
CHAPTER  




**Will you  
be my  
Valentine?**



**Call 262.965.2200**  
**secretary.wioes@gmail.com**

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

*In Memoriam*  
*Helen Roquemore Cox*  
*Most Worthy Grand Matron*  
*1985-1988*

The Eastern Star is saddened by the passing of Sister Helen Roquemore Cox, PMWGM, PGM of Georgia on December 13, 2022, in Alpharetta, Georgia. Visitation was held on December 15, 2022; the funeral on the 16th was closed to all except family.

She was initiated into Forest Park Chapter No. 290 in 1953, and served in several offices before becoming Worthy Matron in 1962-63. Her leadership qualities led to her appointment as Grand Lecturer, '64-'65, rising to Worthy Grand Matron of Georgia in 1968-69. Her year in the Grand East was high-lighted by her devotion and support of the Scottish Rite Hospital where she served on the Advisory Board.

She was responsible for completely furnishing the beautiful waiting room, gifting a flag and flagpole from her and her WGP Bro. Bill Speer, and promoting her Special Project which raised \$13,000, then an Endowment Fund on deposit of \$29,000 with interest for perpetual care. Her daughter Nancy was born with a birth defect and spent several years under the care of Scottish Rite Hospital.

Helen's quote: "Had it not been for the Masons of Georgia, their love, compassion, and concern for crippled children, I would not have had this wonderful opportunity."

In 1961, she served as Usher at the General Grand Chapter Triennial, beginning her interest and participation in General Grand Chapter. Many appointments followed – the one of which she was most proud was her appointment by MWGM Mae Mickelson in 1970 to chair the Ella Maude Lander Brady Cancer Research Committee, the Special Project of Sister Mae. During this Triennium, Sister Helen was responsible for raising over three million dollars for Cancer Research, the largest single contribution the American Cancer Society had ever received. Then she served as Right Worthy Grand Trustee, RWAG Conductress, RWG Conductress, and RWAG Matron, and was installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron for the 1985-88 Triennium. Sister Helen's Special Projects were Cancer Research, Knights, Templar Eye Foundation, and Our Wonderful World of Youth. She firmly supported all General Grand Chapter sponsored projects.

As MWGM, Sister Helen attended all 56 Grand Jurisdictions, Chapters in Alaska, Hawaii and various foreign countries plus visits to the Supreme Grand Chapters of Scotland, Australia, New York, and New Jersey. Her visits weren't all "Fun and Games. She felt some anxiety in the Philippines when she was evacuated to Japan during the Aquino-Marcus conflict in 1986, then from London Airport that same year due to bomb threats. She had to make changes in her itinerary because of terrorist activities in various parts of the world. Sister Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Walter Davis; her husband, Robert L. Roquemore along with their daughter, Nancy Roquemore; and her husband, Kirby Cox and stepson, Alan Cox. She is survived by son, Walter; daughter-in-law, Cindy Roquemore; grandsons, Joshua, and Tyler Roquemore.

Sister Helen R. Cox, PMWGM, served our beautiful Order with dedication, love, and enthusiasm and all with a cheerful heart and a friendly smile! Let us now extend loving sympathy to her family and to her chapter Alpharetta 311. As a tribute of love and respect, we request that this Memorial be read at the next stated meeting of each Subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction and that the Altar be draped for a period of thirty days.

Courtesy Jeannine Wigger, PGM