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Happy Easter and Springtime to our members!
Hopefully we can start to enjoy the flowers coming up.

For grand chapter remember we are honoring the stations of Secretary, Chaplain and Adah on Wednesday, so that means all former grand officers for those stations and the current chapter officers will be presented. We would love to honor you!

Also we pulled the ESTARL ceremony to Tuesday morning in the chapter room before the grand

Representatives meeting, we would love to have a good showing at that.

We will be looking for auction donations and Bridget Briski will have a quilt raffle as well. Please see or email her for details.

We are doing a collection of items that the USO representative will take with him Tuesday night after dinner. We would appreciate any donations to help fill the box for our soldiers! Top Items

requested: Beef Jerky, Trail mix, Protein bars, Granola Bars, Cereal Bars. Individual snack bags: Potato chips, pretzels, peanuts, Cheese crackers. Candy bars, Hard candy, Sunflower seeds, Peanut Butter and Jelly bars

Congratulations on the chapters who have had initiations this year so far!

Gnomie giggles and penguin wiggles,
Tammy and Doug

Easter blessing:

Blessed are you, loving Father, for all your gifts to us. Blessed are you for giving us family and friends to be with us in times of joy and sorrow, to help us in days of need, and to rejoice with us in moments for celebration. Father, we praise you for your son Jesus, who knew the happiness of family and friends, and in the love of your Holy Spirit. Blessed are you forever and ever. -

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



Upcoming Events

- Apr 5 Honoring Warder & Sentinel – Starlight Chapter, Madison
- Apr 8 Southeast Area Club - Bristol
- Apr 12 Janesville Chapter Compass Night – Hawaiian theme
- Apr 16 Announcement Party for 2023-24 Grand Officers - Wisconsin Rapids
- Apr 18 Electa Chapter, Milwaukee stated meeting (moved from Apr 4)
- Apr 20 Alpha Chapter, Argyle stated meeting (moved from Apr 6)
- Apr 22 Maureen Wise – Supreme Grand Guardian Reception, Tripoli Temple
- Apr 25 Tycoopera Guides – Kilbourn Chapter, WI Dells

- Apr 28 Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington - Initiation
- May 9 West Chapter Grand Representative Reception for Jessica Dudzik Grand Representative to West Virginia - 7 pm
- May 21 Vendor Fair - Starlight, Madison – Fireman’s Park, Sun Prairie

From the Grand Secretary

All election results should be sent to the Grand Secretary no later than April 21st, this is so the new roster book can be ready for Grand Chapter.

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.

I have a new personal email. Since I was hacked in December I have not been getting all my email, except SPAM. My new email is stormkat1216@gmail.com.

DEADLINE for the May Newsletter is April 25th



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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From our Membership Chair

Please let Membership Chair, Sister Linda Schreier (jobiemom@wi.rr.com) know as soon as possible if your chapter has initiated new members for the 2022-2023 year. Thanks!

Formal Sale

I will be having a formal sale at Grand Chapter in the vendor area. I have a lot of vintage formals. If you have any you would like to add to the sale, bring them along and hang them up. One price of \$5 for each piece. Proceeds will be split between USO and LLS. I will not be saving the leftovers so if you want your pieces back, pick up by Thursday before installation. No one will be manning it, there will be a container for the donations. If someone know of a nursing home, prom store or the like to donate leftovers, let me know. Thank you.

PGM Rosie Fiscus

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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

Page Request for Grand Chapter

We are in need of a few more pages for Grand Chapter to help with the General Grands who will be visiting and the Grand Officers. You do not need to be a Past Matron to volunteer. You will be a seat filler, get water, Kleenex, and help when needed. It's a fun time and it's just ordering a top and your long black skirt. Please let me know by April 20 to terrioes2021@gmail.com. We thank you very much. PGM Terri

Past Grands & BHN Dues

Our dues for this current year will remain the same amounts as last year: \$10.00 for Past Grand and \$5.00 for BHN members. Submit your dues to: PGM/Pres. Mary Barnett, 1225 Lincoln Ave, Stoughton, WI 53589



Alpha Chapter Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Since our April stated meeting falls on a religious day, Maundy Thursday, according to our by-laws, our Chapter can automatically hold our stated meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Since most of our members will be in Church on Maundy Thursday evening, our Worthy Matron Marsha has declared that our April meeting will be held on the 20th of April at 7:00 pm. Marsha and Sean will host a Taco Bar at 6:00 pm that evening. Please mark your calendars.

Star love, Secretary Haila Miller



Starlight Chapter Fundraiser

Starlight Chapter is hosting a Vendor Fair at Fireman's Park in Columbus WI on Sunday May 21st from 9am-2pm. Over 25 vendors/crafters have signed up to participate; please plan to stop by and shop. There will also be an auction of items from our vendors as well as lunch to purchase. Proceeds will go towards high school scholarships. If you have questions please contact Brooke Froelich (brookesfroelich@gmail.com) or Kris Gruber-Twardy (krisoes2009@sbcglobal.net). We hope to see you there!

Congratulations

New Grand Representatives:

Kansas— James Devoe – Lemonweir & Rainbow
Missouri – Sean Shilling – Alpha
Ohio – Jim Nelson – Union Grove

This resolution was sent back to the author from Jurisprudence for revision. This is the revised copy.

Resolution #3

The purpose of this resolution is to change the current practice of collecting per capita tax from every member of a subordinate chapter to collecting per capita tax on members in their PRIMARY CHAPTER only:

Be it resolved that Constitution, ARTICLE XIII, REVENUE, Paragraph 14, Section 2, DUES FROM CHAPTERS, Page 15, which now reads

Every Chartered Chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Chapter on or before the 1st day of August of each year the per capita tax which was in effect on the preceding June 30th, and also the Masonic Home Assessment which was in effect on that day, for each member in good standing, including Life Members and Plural Members as listed on the 30th day of June, preceding the making of the Annual Report and every Chapter shall pay for each initiation the fee per the current fee schedule and a fee for any members who affiliated or was reinstated during the year, per the current fee schedule.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Every Chartered Chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Chapter on or before the 1st day of August of each year the per capita tax which was in effect on the preceding June 30th, and also the Masonic Home Assessment which was in effect on that day, for each PRIMARY MEMBER including PRIMARY LIFE MEMBERS as listed on the 30th day of June, preceding the making of the Annual Report and every Chapter shall pay for each initiation the fee per the current fee schedule and a fee for any member who affiliated or was reinstated during the year, per the current fee schedule.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of adopting the admission of plural members to our chapters was to help our chapters remain active and vital and to (hopefully) deter more chapters from relinquishing their charters. By collecting per capita tax from each member in every chapter to which they belong totally defeats the purpose of becoming dual or plural members. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, for example, only collects per capita from each member in their PRIMARY lodge.

This should be our practice as well and will encourage more people to come to the aid of other chapters.


Ronald Pete, Superior Chapter 252, Superior

Note: IF this resolution passes, housekeeping changes must be made to the following portions of the Code of Laws: Page 44, Section 1 (d); Page 48, Section 2, paragraphs 2 and 3; Page 51, Section 4, (a) (b)2, (b)4 and (d); Page 53, Section 3 (c); Page 69, Article VIII, section 3 & 3(a) The author will provide this information to the Grand Secretary within seven (7) days of the close of the Grand Chapter Session. (This is to avoid confusion and convolution of the intent of the original amendment)

Required to Pass: 95%

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO RENEW

July 2023-June 2024

Electronic newsletter: Free Paper (mailed) newsletter: \$15

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News from Honor Chapter, Sturgeon bay

Door Co EMT's received a donation of 50 Teddy Bear Beanie Babies from the Sturgeon Bay Masons and Order of Eastern Star. EMT Ashley told the donor Sister Sonja Pinney that stuffed animals help to calm children especially young ones and those with Downs Syndrome and special needs. Additionally older adults are comforted when given something to focus their attention on other than their pain. Pinney gave a similar donation in November to Toys for Tots and plans for these organizations to continue these same contributions moving forward as needed to help our community.



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

Celebrate our Family Trees



Like branches on a tree, we all grow in different
directions yet our roots remain as one

The Pathways of Joy Grand Family

invite you to our

Kick-Off Dinner for

Wisconsin Grand Chapter

Monday, May 15, 2023

Holiday Inn Convention Center,

Stevens Point, WI

I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.



“Springtime brings renewal
of the earth and Easter is a
time for renewing our Faith.
Take time to attend the
church of your choice”



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Call: 262.975.2200
secretary.wioes@gmail.com

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