

# Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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Hello! Welcome to May and Grand Chapter month! What an adventure this term has been for brother Doug and I, but boy did we find lots of Pathways of Joy around the state and beyond.

With our health issues and work schedules we weren't able to visit all the chapters we wanted to at the beginning of the term but we hope to visit in the future with you.

We want to congratulate those chapters that held initiations this term, and thank you to Sister Linda S for all her work on membership! Thank you all for supporting the various charities, and especially to the USO Wisconsin with the silent auctions, pound and bottle auctions, and item and money donations. We know that our support is appreciated by the soldiers and their families.

Reminders about grand chapter. The ESTARL ceremony is on Tuesday morning at 9am; former grand officer group picture schedule will be posted; the silent auction, 50/50, and quilt raffles will be in the registration area. Those winners will be chosen on Tuesday Evening at the banquet.

We would also love if we can send a box load of requested donations home with the USO

representative Tuesday, so here is that listing of items:

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.

Thank you for all of your love, support, smiles and hugs given this year to our grand family, Doug and I. You have all walked by our side encouraging us along the path.

One last gnomie wiggle and penguin giggle, and a tear of happiness too!

*Love, Tammy, WGM and Doug, WGP*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9 West Chapter Grand Representative Reception for Jessica Dudzik Grand Representative to West Virginia - 7 pm
- May 15-18 – Grand Chapter Session – Steven’s Point
- May 21 Vendor Fair - Starlight, Madison – Fireman’s Park, Sun Prairie
- June 24 SE Area Club & Triwaukee Club Wine and Cheese event. Three Cellars, Menomonee Falls. Tickets are available from Linda Schreier or on line.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Sisters and Brothers, we want to congratulate Worthy Grand Matron Tammy and Worthy Grand Patron Doug on a wonderful year.

Despite all the health concerns you each battled, you served Wisconsin Eastern Star to the best of your abilities ensuring the commitments you made were completed.

Well done good and faithful servants!! Enjoy sitting back and being home with your gnomies and penguins.

You deserve some rest,  
*Debra Bower, AGM*  
*LeRoy Kifer, AGP*

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## PROFICIENCY TESTING



You too can be the proud holder of a Proficiency Card or Station Certification card.

If you are interested in taking the Proficiency Test or a Station Certification test, please contact PGM Mary Barnett (608-206-9767 or [mbarnett041248@gmail.com](mailto:mbarnett041248@gmail.com)) or Lori Williams, Associate Grand Conductress (815-275-0323 or [ljacksonrncnd@aol.com](mailto:ljacksonrncnd@aol.com)). We will start giving tests this summer and would love to have you participate. Questions? Email one or both of us and we'll get back to you.

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*From the Grand Secretary*  
*Secretary.wioes@gmail.com*

It is getting to be Installation season. Congratulations to all those that will be installed as officers in their subordinate Chapters. Congratulations to the new secretaries that are being installed. I am here for you if you need any help. Annual report forms will be in the Secretary packets with a separate list of items to include with it when you mail it in.

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

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](mailto:stormkat1216@gmail.com).

**DEADLINE for the June Newsletter is May 25<sup>th</sup>**



## 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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## Wisconsin OES Foundation

Deadline for applications is June 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

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## From our Membership Chair

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

## 2023-24 Appointed Officers:



PGP Ron Pete- Organist (Superior Chapter)  
Alan Weir- Grand Sentinel (Ozaukee and  
Fond du lac Chapters)

*REMAINING Appointed Grand Officers' stations will  
be announced at the kick off dinner at Grand  
Chapter.*

Rhonda Roalkvam- Lemonweir Chapter  
Mike Clinnin- Vega Chapter  
Daylene Bain- Kenosha Chapter and Union Grove  
Chapter  
Paula Auloos- Wautoma Chapter  
Lorin Christy-Jones- West Allis Chapter  
Angela Pishion- Dodgeville Chapter  
Mary Lubach- Loyalty Chapter  
Gladys Jacobson- Viroqua Chapter

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### *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

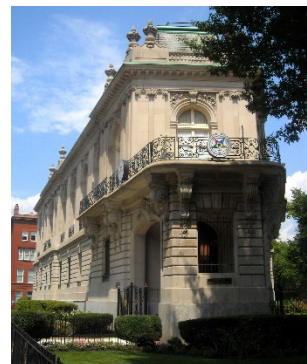
I am placing in nomination the name of PGP Ian Watts for the position of Grand Trustee for the ensuing 3-year term of 2023 to 2026.

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

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### *International Headquarters Committee*



The latest update on what the International Headquarters Committee has assisted in.

July 2022 solar film was purchased and installed on windows on the 2nd and 4th floors for \$17,000 thanks to the attention and generosity of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. We also assisted with another project in February 2023, the skylight over the staircase had rotted seals. We provided half of this cost. Rain was coming in while the heat was going out. The solar film has lowered the heating and air conditioning costs and repair of the skylight has reduced that even more. A third project happened in January 2023. The committee was asked to assist with the cost of refinishing the wooden floors on the second floor. We gave the additional \$13,000 needed, by going to a matte finish, cleaning was reduced by two complete steps. Therefore, there would be a reduction in the amount of money spent on cleaning supplies and the hours it takes to clean each week; sometimes twice and occasionally three (3) times.

As of March 2023, the IHQ project has received \$65,872.74 in donations.

Items we as a Grand Chapter can assist in is donating monies to help in renovations of the furniture (upholstering, caning) as they are need of repair and each chair cost a minimum of \$800 and up. They are doing a donation listing if a chair is done, that it notes which jurisdiction donated to do that item.

Every dollar counts in helping our house, which is the International Headquarters, in Washington DC. We also have the "Our House" pin for sale for \$5.00 which benefits our efforts to raise funds for these renovation projects. I will have them at Grand Chapter if you have not purchased one yet.

Sincerely,  
 PGM Mary Jane Rasmussen  
 GGCCM International Headquarters  
 Grand Treasurer

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### *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](mailto:brookesfroelich@gmail.com)) or Kris Gruber-Twardy ([krisoes2009@sbcglobal.net](mailto:krisoes2009@sbcglobal.net)). We hope to see you there!

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### *Congratulations*

#### ***New Grand Representatives:***

- Alabama – Larry Riemenschneider – Willow River
- Arizona– Karl Gant – Alpha
- Australia – Jay Andres – Fidelity
- California – Brenda Konemann – Electa, Rainbow
- Delaware – Linda Halvorson – Oregon
- Massachusetts – Paula Ausloos – Wautoma
- North Carolina – Yvonne Holtz – Oregon
- Ontario – Kay Vosseteig – Viroqua
- Oregon – Gena Pontow – Wautoma

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*Time for the Service Dog  
 Cruise will be here before we  
 know it!*



I have been getting inquiries from members in the different jurisdictions about the cruise and have been referring them to their respective committee members for information. Would it be possible to have the flyer and cruise info put on your Grand Chapter Web page and/or have the Grand Secretary send the info to the secretaries of the subordinate chapters? There is currently a special running through the end of this month. We would appreciate your help in getting the word out for a successful cruise.

Also, thank you to all who have been ordering products from me to sell in your jurisdictions! I would love to hear from those that have not placed an order yet. With a little over a year and a half left, we have many triennial music note pins in stock to

distribute. It is our goal that each member purchases the triennial music note pin in order to help our WGM reach her goal of over 1 million dollars made for each charity!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the cruise or hearing from you with your pin orders! If you have any questions, please contact me.

With Puppy Hugs,

Debbie Tanner, GGC General Co-Chairman Service  
Dogs & PGM of Nevada  
(702) 378-5490 | GGCservicedogs@yahoo.com

## PICTURE SCHEDULE AT GRAND CHAPTER



EACH GROUP PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN THE SIDE ROOM FOLLOWING THEIR INTRODUCTION INCLUDING THE 50 YEAR+ MEMBERS.

THE FOLLOWING FORMER WI APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS WITH 2022-23 GRAND OFFICERS and SELECT COMMITTEE GROUPS WILL BE TAKEN IN THE SAME ROOM BUT AT TIMES SHOWN:

STARTING TUESDAY and spaced about every 15 minutes!

7:15- Ruth  
7:30- Esther  
7:45- Martha  
8:00- Electa  
8:15- Pages & Ushers/Tellers

WEDNESDAY-

7 am- Organist  
7:15- Warder  
7:30- Marshal  
12:45- Hospitality and Banquet Chairperson  
1 pm- Nurses  
6:30- Chaplain  
6:45- Registration

ADAH & SECRETARY WILL BE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING THEIR HONOR STATION CEREMONY (about 2 pm).

PICTURES FOR ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WORKED OUT AT GRAND CHAPTER.

**IT'S ALMOST TIME TO RENEW**

**July 2023-June 2024**

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I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.

THE "POINT" IS THE PLACE TO BE  
MAY 16-18  
WISCONSIN GRAND CHAPTER

Congratulations WGM Tammy & WGP Doug  
(Don't forget your gifts for USO)

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GENERAL GRAND  
CHAPTER



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of Loved Ones No Longer With Us  
Memorial Day May 29th

Call: 262.965.2200

secretary.wioes@gmail.com

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

## [Older Americans Month](#)

was established in 1963 when at the time, there were only 17 million living Americans that had reached their 65th birthday. Around a third of older Americans lived in poverty, and programs to meet their needs were not many. For that reason, there was a growth of interest in older Americans and their concerns. In April 1963, a meeting was held between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens (N.C.S.C.), leading to the designation of May as Senior Citizens Month, now Older Americans Month.

At first, Older Americans Month was observed as an appreciation of past and present older Americans for their contributions to the country, especially those who defended the country. Since then, every president has been issuing a formal proclamation during or before May, requesting all citizens to pay tribute to older Americans in their communities. Since 1978, according to Administration for Community Living (A.C.L.), Older Americans Month has been observed with a different theme each year. This year, the theme is Aging Unbound, the [A.C.L.](#) defines Aging Unbound as "an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes."

In 2019, the theme was Connect, Create, Contribute — as an encouragement for older Americans to connect with family, friends, and services. In 2020, it was Make Your Mark, in which individuals were encouraged to celebrate countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. The 2021 theme was Communities of Strength, celebrating the stories and contributions of older Americans that helped support and inspire others. And in 2022, the theme for Older Americans Month was Age My Way. It focused on how older Americans can plan to stay in their homes and live independently in their communities.

Want to celebrate the older Americans in your life? Here are some easy ideas that go a long way and make our older Americans feel special!

- Deliver flowers
- Support a breakfast or luncheon
- Recognize their accomplishments and/or their service to our country
- Initiate a conversation, thank them for their contributions to the community, their church, their neighborhood
- Host a game night
- Encourage them to share their stories in writing, table conversation, or open forum

At Three Pillars, we celebrate Older Americans month with an annual music video! Check out all of our past videos on our [YouTube channel](#) and keep an eye out for this year's video, coming soon!

Credit goes to [National Today](#) for the information used in this summary.