

Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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Hello Wisconsin Eastern Star Family –

It has been a crazy busy, but extremely happy time already! We can't thank you enough for all the good wishes, hugs and smiles we received at installation for the upcoming year.

We are looking forward to bringing all this enthusiasm to your chapters, as well as to events we attend representing all of you as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

We congratulate all chapters on their upcoming installations and know, those we can't attend we are thinking about you.

As we enter June, we wish all fathers, biological, or someone you call dad, as well as pet dad's a very Happy Father's Day.

June is also Dairy Month in Wisconsin, so grab a snack of cheese or grab some cold ice cream and enjoy!

We look forward to our upcoming adventures. We will keep you all informed of dates and places so you can join us if you like.

Trunks up for luck and as golfers say - go for the green!

Deb, WGM and LeRoy, WGP

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun 2 Grand Lodge Day and Installation of Grand Officers
- Jun 6 Consolidation of Electa Chapter with Vega Chapter
- Jun 17 Grand Commandry Installation – Oshkosh Masonic Lodge
- Jun 24 Adency Irons (1st WGM of Wisconsin) Tribute, Tomah Cemetery and Western Stars Grand Officer Picnic, Tomah Masonic Lodge
- SE Area Club & Triwaukee Club Wine and Cheese event. 7 pm -10 pm. Three Cellars, Menomonee Falls.
- Jul 9 WGM/WGP Party in WI Dells
- Jul 15 Exemplification in Fond du lac
- Jul 22-23 Motorcycle Ride
- Jul 29 Exemplification in Eau Claire
- Aug 5 Exemplification in Tomah
- Aug 26 Exemplification in Janesville



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) or Lori Williams, Associate Grand Conductress (815-275-0323 or 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.

From the Grand Secretary
Secretary.wioes@gmail.com

Thank you for your faith in me by electing me to be your Grand Secretary once again. I have been busy since Grand Chapter, receiving all the checks for the USO donations, Meal fees and Registration from Grand Chapter Session. Your checks will be cashed soon.

Congratulations to all those that were installed as Grand officers for the 2023-2024, especially are WGM Debra Bower and WGP LeRoy Kifer.

Perpetual membership lists for our chapter secretary's will be sent out soon by our Grand Treasurer.

The one Code changes will be in the July newsletter.

With the demise of the Starburst, two pages will be devoted to the "News from our Chapters." Please send me special nights, fundraisers, etc. Pictures will be accepted if sent electronically and I can cut and paste them. If I can't, the pictures will not be included. Please let me know what the picture is about and who is in the picture. I hope to hear from every chapter in the state at least twice this upcoming year.

DEADLINE for the July Newsletter is June 24th.



Wisconsin OES Foundation

Deadline for applications is June 1, 2023. Applications are available online at wioes.org and are to be sent to the Grand Secretary at 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118

Wine & Cheese Event



SE area club and Triwaukee Club are sponsoring on JUNE 24th, 2023 from 7 pm to 10 pm their next *WINE AND CHEESE EVENT*. It will be at Three Cellars in Menomonee Falls. This year instead of wine and chocolate we decided to do cheese. We will have Six (6) tables of wine and cheeses to taste. The proceeds of the ticket sales, raffles and wine sales all benefit both Youth Scholarships and Service Dogs. Please let us know if you wish to have a flyer to post or email to friends and family. Tickets will again be available online see code below.

Presidents Jan Winget and Linda Schreier want to thank everyone for their support and look forward to seeing you this year.

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Congratulations

New Grand Representatives:

Montana – Ralph Behlke - Martha
Sao Paulo, Brazil – Larry Preston, Janesville



2023-24 Grand Officers

Worthy Grand Matron	Debra Bower, Melody
Worthy Grand Patron	LeRoy Kifer, Fond du Lac & Loyalty
Associate Grand Matron	Lori Williams, Starlight
Associate Grand Patron	Orville Olson, Dodgeville
Grand Secretary	Jane Blackwood, PGM Janesville
Grand Treasurer	Mary Rasmussen, PGM Kilbourn
Grand Conductress	Judy Paust, Trillium
Associate Grand Conductress	Linda Schreier, West Allis, Vega & Kenosha
Grand Chaplain	Michael Clinnin, Vega
Grand Lecturer	Kris Gruber Twardy, PGM Starlight
Grand Marshal	Paula Ausloos, Wautoma
Grand Organist	Ronald Pete, PGP Superior
Grand Adah	Angela Pishion, Dodgeville
Grand Ruth	Mary Lubach, Loyalty & Fond du Lac
Grand Esther	Rhonda Roalkvam, Lemonweir
Grand Martha	Lorin Christie-Jones, West Allis
Grand Electa	Daylene Bain, Kenosha & Union Grove
Grand Warder	Gladys Jacobson, Viroqua
Grand Sentinel	Alan Weir, Ozaukee, Fond du Lac & Loyalty
Grand Trustee 1 yr.	Brenda Gaulke, Kinnickinnic & Northwest
Grand Trustee 2 yr.	Mary Olson, Oregon
Grand Trustee 3 yr.	Ian Watts, Martha

Formal Sale

Thanks to everyone who supported the formal sale at our recent Grand Chapter Session. We had a wonderful inventory of outfits. I appreciate the members who brought dresses to add to the rack and the members who purchased

dresses. The sale netted \$364 that was split between USO and LLS. Even the MWGM bought a dress of mine!

Thanks,
Rosie Fiscus, PGM

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.

(Note: Wisconsin Grand Chapter voted and approved sending \$800.00 for repair of a chair.)

Sincerely,

PGM Mary Jane Rasmussen

GGCCM International Headquarters

Grand Treasurer

*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

It's Almost Time to Renew

July 2023-June 2024

Electronic newsletter: Free

Paper (mailed) newsletter: \$15

If you receive the newsletter via US Mail and would like to continue receiving it for the coming year, please renew your subscription by submitting your name and \$15 (payable to WI Grand Chapter OES). If you have been receiving it by email (which is free) but would like to start getting it in paper copy, please remit your name, \$15 subscription fee, and a note that you want to change how you receive the newsletter. The form below is provided for your convenience to renew your subscription or begin subscribing to the printed version. Subscriptions end June 30th.

To renew your subscription or start receiving a paper copy:

Complete the form and send with \$15 payable to **WI Grand Chapter OES**

Mail to: Grand Chapter OES, 36275 Sunset Drive Dousman, WI 53118-9349

Name:

Address:

City:

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Message/Note:



**Does your Chapter have a full corp of officers?
Do you know how to conduct your meetings with less than 18 officers?
Join us for a new combined All Member Learning Session & Exemplification**

We will begin at 10:00 am with the All Member Learning Session portion of the day, focusing on preliminary instructions from our ritual and red book, as well as informational topics, such as discussion on the OV format for 2023, Grand Chapter projects and a presentation on the meaning of the Star Points. Lunch will be provided, after which we will move into the exemplification portion of the day which will showcase portions of a Chapter meeting, balloting and initiation, including how to perform portions of the meeting with less than a full corp of officers. We anticipate the afternoon will conclude at 3:00 pm. We hope you will be able to join us for learning and fellowship and come away with a renewed interest in our wonderful Eastern Star.

Saturday, July 15 at the Fond du Lac Masonic Center

Reservations and check for \$10.00/person (no refunds), no later than July 5, 2023:

Barb Foster
56 Hillside Circle
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Saturday, July 29 at the Eau Claire Masonic Center

Reservations and check for \$10.00/person (no refunds), no later than July 19, 2023:

Bryce Fransway
Chippewa Valley DeMolay
616 Graham Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Saturday, August 5 at the Tomah Masonic Center

Reservations and check for \$10.00/person (no refunds), no later than July 25, 2023:

Bonnie Clark
N4825 Cty. Rd B
Mauston, WI 53948

Saturday, August 26 at the Janesville Masonic Center

Reservations and check for \$10.00/person (no refunds), no later than Aug. 16, 2023:

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



Melody Chapter #150 – Middleton
Fond du Lac Chapter #289 – Fond du Lac
Loyalty Chapter #118 – Plymouth
Cordially invite you to attend the reception for:

DEBRA BOWER, WORTHY GRAND MATRON
LEROY KIFER, WORTHY GRAND PATRON

July 9, 2023

Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Social 12:00 noon, Buffet Lunch 1:00pm
Silent Auction benefitting WGM/WGP Project

Remit \$30.00 per person – Checks PAYABLE to Melody Chapter #150
Send to: Sally Acuff, 1217 Burning Wood Way, Madison, WI 53704.

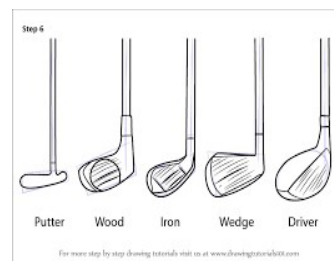
RSVPs DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 25, 2023

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title(s): _____

Title(s): _____



2023-2024 Individual Travel Award

Complete 16 tasks and find the bolded underlined word



Name:

Chapter:

Date:

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- 1) Attend **Grand** Chapter 2023
- 2) Participate in a **fundraiser** in your Chapter or support another Chapters fundraiser
- 3) Visit or send **cards** to shut-ins
- 4) Attend installation of a **Masonic** Organization (Lodge, Shrine, Amaranth, etc)
- 5) Purchase Worthy Grand **Matron**, Worthy Grand Patron, or state pin
- 6) Take an office in your home and/or plural **Chapter**
- 7) Earn a **proficiency** or station certificate
- 8) Support our Masonic **youth** by visiting a bethel/chapter meeting or event
- 9) First or second line signer on a **petition** for the Degrees
- 10) Attend the Grand Chapter **Christmas** party
- 11) Attend **initiation** at another chapter
- 12) Attend another Chapter's **installation**
- 13) Bring an **inactive** member to a chapter event or meeting
- 14) Attend WGM, WGP, Grand Officer or Grand **Representative** party
- 15) Participate in your area OES **club**
- 16) Write an article for a Masonic publication or post on **social media** about an OES activity or event
- 17) Volunteer in a **community** project (humane soc, food pantry, community free meal, blood drive, etc)
- 18) Attend Grand **Officer** visit in home or plural chapter
- 19) Attend 5 **meetings** in your home Chapter
- 20) **Support** non-Masonic youth groups (scouts, special Olympics, 4H, youth sport, etc)
- 21) **Visit** another Masonic Organizations meeting, event or fundraiser
- 22) Bring a **prospective** member to an OES event
- 23) Purchase an **ESTARL** ornament
- 24) Purchase WGM **March** Music

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON JULY 22, 2023



HOW ABOUT "CATCHING A DREAM" RIDE" ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI

Come join the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on a summer motorcycle/vehicle ride along the Mighty Mississippi and through the beautiful driftless area of Monroe, Vernon and Crawford County backroads

We plan on spending the whole day traveling and stopping at shops and historic sights along the way. We will travel the length of the Mississippi from south of LaCrosse to Prairie du Chien.

There are shops along the way with cheese, bakery, candy and ice cream. We will not be stopping for lunch, but at every stop we will have available snacks, fruit, juice and water. At the end of our lovely day, we will gather for dinner together at the Sparta Family Restaurant.

A block of rooms is being held at the Super 8, 716 Avon Road, Sparta, WI until JUNE 22, 2023. Rooms may be reserved by calling 608-269-8489 and asking for the Eastern Star Block. The double queen rooms are \$159 plus tax. The ride will begin on Saturday, but there are also Friday night rooms available for those wanting to come the night before.

If you are planning on joining us, whether you stay at the hotel or not, please contact Elaine Engelke at engelm@tds.net or 608-523-4134 so she can plan for any group tour numbers, and the snacks.



I joined Eastern Star, come & serve with me.

Congratulations WGM Deb & WGP Leroy
“May your drives be long and straight,
and your putts firm to the back of the cup”



Congratulations to Grand Master David Ritchie
of Wisconsin Free Masons.

We Are Proud of Our Eastern Star Brother

Goodbye, Mikayla & Jerry

Call: 262.965.2200
secretary.wioes@gmail.com

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



WISCONSIN DEMOLAY
PRESENTS THE
**STATE OFFICER
INSTALLATION**

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

**5:00 CHECK-IN FOR DINNER IN THE BALLROOM
7:30 INSTALLATION IN THE FINE ARTS THEATER**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - PARKSIDE
900 WOOD ROAD
KENOSHA, WI 53141

BANQUET COST \$35
TO REGISTER:

[HTTPS://WIDEMOLAY.ORG/CONVENTION-2023-
REGISTRATION/](https://widemolay.org/convention-2023-registration/)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2023

