

Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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Sisters and Brothers –

It has been such a wonderful time attending installations and seeing chapters gearing up for another year. **Congratulations** to all our Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and officers. Worthy Grand Patron LeRoy and I are excited to have you as our Faithful Dreamers and Bogey Brothers!! We have a few new people in leadership roles in some chapters and other returning members taking an active role as well. Know that we are here to support you in all ways possible.

We are looking forward to the “work” of our order starting with the exemplifications. Our dates and times are posted in the blasts as well as online at www.wioes.org. I do want to remind everyone the lunch charge is a fundraising effort on behalf of the individual chapters as well as the Order of DeMolay for Eau Claire. We appreciate their efforts.

July is also when we honor our Country. At our installation, one of the best songs ever was played as our flag was retired. It resonates so much and in parts states:

“I thank my lucky stars to be living here today, cause the flag still stands for freedom and they

can’t take that away. I’m proud to be an American.... I will gladly stand up next to her and defend her still today – cause there ain’t no doubt I love this land – **GOD BLESS THE USA.”**

Sisters and Brothers keep our country in your mind – its leaders, its beliefs, in yourself and for organizations such as Eastern Star.

Happy July 4th



We also want to take this moment to congratulate Brother Dave Ritchie (Shullsburg Chapter) on his installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in Wisconsin. We hope you and your officers have a wonderful term and we look forward to working with you.

Everyone be safe in your travels, enjoy summer activities and we can’t wait to see you all along the star trail. Trunks up and keep shooting at that green!!

Deb and LeRoy

DEADLINE for the August Newsletter is July 25th.

Upcoming Events

- Jul 6 – Sou'West Area Club at Alpha Chapter, Argyle
6:00 pm dinner, 6:30 pm meeting,
7:00 pm initiation by the Grand Family
- Jul 9 – Worthy Grand Matron/Grand Patron Reception – Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Social noon, Buffet lunch, 1:00 pm
- Jul 15 – Exemplification at Fond du Lac Masonic Center, 10:00 am
- Jul 17 – Worthy Grand Matron visit to Superior Chapter
- Jul 18 – Worthy Grand Matron visit to Ellsworth Chapter
- Jul 22 – “Catch a Dream” Motorcycle Ride along the Mississippi River Trail (See flyer)
- Jul 26 – Maureen Wise’s JDI Supreme Session, Middleton Marriott Hotel
- Jul 29 – Exemplification at Eau Claire Masonic Center, 616 Graham Street, 10:00 am
- Aug 5 – Exemplification at Tomah Masonic Center, 10:00 am
- Aug 26 - Exemplification at Janesville Masonic Center, 10:00 am



Wisconsin OES Foundation

Deadline for applications is September 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



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

Due to a few glitches with the new Secretary's computer in the grand office, Code changes will be in the next newsletter.

A reminder to our chapter secretary's that the Annual Reports are due in the Grand Chapter office by the end of the month. Please do not wait until the last minute.

When sending charity checks to the Grand Chapter, please make sure that the checks are made out to "Grand Chapter O.E.S. of WI (or Wisconsin). Recently several checks have come in payable to the Heart fund, USO, Service Dog, etc. These checks all go into our charity accounts and one check is made out from Grand Chapter.

Our Grand Treasurer asks that each chapter only send one check for supplies instead of a check for each invoice at a time. We have a limit on how many checks we can deposit each month without being charged for going over the limit.



Congratulations

New Grand Representatives:

Alberta – Maria Lemieux, Dodgeville
New Jersey – Daniel Williamson, Starlight, Madison

It's Time to Renew

July 2023-June 2024

Electronic newsletter: Free

Paper (mailed) newsletter: \$15

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Complete the form and send with \$15 payable to
Grand Chapter O.E.S. of WI

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

Name:

Address:

City:

State: _____ Zip: _____

Message/Note:

Catching a Dream Ride

We will be starting our ride through the beautiful driftless area of Wisconsin at 10 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot of either the Vernon County Museum in Viroqua (to tour two floors of exhibits) or the Kickapoo Valley Visitors Center in LaFarge (to tour the Discovery Center). Yet to be determined.

We will then travel through the lovely countryside to the Great River Interpretive Center and U.S. Fish Hatchery on the Mississippi (free). We will view the two floors of exhibits there, a 15-minute video on the history of the area and tour the hatchery where they raise salmon and trout for distribution throughout the Midwest waters.

From there we travel south down the mighty Mississippi, crossing into Lansing, Iowa and the Driftless Area Visitor's Center. There we will view a 20-minute video on the history of the area, and 2 floors of exhibits. We can have some of our snacks on either of two beautiful decks overlooking the Mississippi.

We will then cross back to Wisconsin and continue south along the river. We will tour the U.S. Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam 9 at Lynxville and hopefully get to see a barge going through. An engineer will be there to tell us all about the dams along the Mississippi.

From the dam, we will either travel to Prairie du Chien to see the St. Feriolo Island gardens and sculptures and then enjoy a fantastic dinner at The Barn Restaurant in Prairie du Chien.

(or)

From the dam, we will travel north along the river to the Blackhawk County Park, the scene of the final battle of the Blackhawk War where we will have a little lecture about the interesting history of the area including Chief Blackhawk, Zebulon Pike, Zachery Taylor, Jefferson Davis, and even Abraham Lincoln! We will then continue back to Sparta and have dinner at the Sparta Family Restaurant right next door and then the Super 8 for games or the pool.

(or)

From the dam, we will travel cross country to view the historic log cabins at Gays Mills, north to the International Ski Jump at Westby, and where we will also have a fine meal at the Old Towne Inn before heading back to the hotel in Sparta.

Throughout our trip, at every stop, we will have complimentary cold water, juice boxes, fruit and snacks so no one goes hungry during the trip!

For those staying at the Super 8 or some other accommodations in Sparta, I have several things we could do as a group on Sunday, including the Fiberglass Mold Graveyard just outside Sparta (free) and then about 10 miles away on back roads to the Wegner's folk-art grotto (free).

I will have brochures for the many other things to do in the area before you head home.

Please let me know if you are joining the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron so we can plan accordingly and be able to contact you with our finalized plans for the Catch a Dream Ride. Rooms are still available at the Super 8 for July 22 at \$159. Let me know you are coming! - Elaine Engelke at engelm@tds.net or 608-523-4134.

For Sale



FOR SALE by OES Grand Trustees of WI
2004 CargoMate gooseneck tri-axle trailer, 42 ft long (8 ft neck, 34 ft deck) Has rear ramp and side door.

Always stored in a shed and parked on concrete. Used for storage by a fraternal organization. Hauled less than 500 miles per year for annual convention. Has dent in rear ramp/door. Otherwise in great shape. Asking \$20,000 608-884-3944

Silent Auction "Share the Wealth" Raffle

It's time to celebrate our new Worthy Grand Matron, Deb Bower and Worthy Grand Patron, Leroy Kifer. We will be doing this at the Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells on July 9th .

We are asking Chapters and Members to donate items for a Silent Auction. We will also have a "Share the Wealth Raffle". Tickets will be sold at the door for both Raffles.

Please contact Cindy Ryan at 262.617.9922 or email at cindyryan_2000@yahoo.com or Shawn Opgenorth at 920.627.4296 or email momsnoopy@gmail.com if you are bringing an item.

All proceeds will go to the Landscaping of Riverside Lodge, Memory Care Building, Three Pillars and Vest A Dog.



Chapter Happenings

Union Grove Chapter hosted Union Grove Lodge members and significant others to an Appreciation Dinner. It was a baked potato bar with several toppings. Just a way to say THANKS.

Daylene Bain
Worthy Matron





**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

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 RIVER

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 sites along the way. We will travel the length of the Mississippi River from south of La Crosse 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 are still available.) 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.



*The Grand Chapter of Illinois
Invites you to Multi-State Night*

In The Land of Lincoln

*The President Abraham Lincoln Museum
212 North 6th Street
Springfield, Illinois*



Saturday, August 19, 2023

6:00-10:00 p.m.

Doors will not open until 6:00 p.m.

Cash Bar

Dinner at 6:45

Tour exhibits before and after dinner

Reservations of \$50.00 by August 4, 2023 to:

Grand Chapter of Illinois

P.O. Box 317

Macon, IL 62544

217/764-3326

*A block of rooms has been reserved at the
President Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel*

701 E. Adams St.

Springfield, IL 62701

*Click on link below to make your reservations or by calling and giving
ETS as code*

[View your attendee website](#)

Other Hotels in Springfield within 15 Minutes of Museum

Baymont Inn
5871 S. 6th St. Frontage
Springfield, IL
217/529-6655

Candlewood Suites
2501 Sunrise Dr.
Springfield, IL
217/522-5100

Courtyard by Marriott
3462 Freedom Dr.
Springfield, IL
217/793-5300

Crowne Plaza
3000 South Dirksen Pkwy
Springfield, IL
217/529-7777

Northfield Inn and Suites
3280 Northfield Dr.
Springfield, IL
217/523-7900

State House Inn
101 E. Adams
Springfield, IL
217/528-5100

Wyndham Springfield City Centre
700 E. Adams
Springfield, IL
217/789-1530

Scenic Smoky Mountains Getaway

October 23-28, 2023 (6 Days)



Day #1 Monday, October 23, 2023

We are off! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the company of your traveling companions as we journey to Indiana for our first overnight stay. Mid-afternoon finds us at the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway**. Join us as we take a lap around this famed 2.5-mile oval track. You will have an opportunity to do what race winners have done since 1996 "Kiss the Bricks". We have also included a self-guided museum tour. Our overnight is in Indianapolis. (Kick Back Reception)

Day #2 Tuesday, October 24, 2023

After an included breakfast we continue traveling through Kentucky, stopping at Berea for an included lunch. Later we travel to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and our accommodations for the next three nights. This evening we enjoy the entertaining Hatfield & McCoy's "Dinner Disaster Show". Become part of the longest running feud in history.... can you help settle their differences? (B, L, DS)

Day #3 Wednesday, October 25, 2023

This morning we are joined by a local tour guide as we make our way through the **Great Smoky Mountain National Park**. The scenery is beautiful. Watch for the wildlife residing in the park. The park has one of the most diverse collections of flora and fauna in the United States. We spend the afternoon at Dolly Parton's famous musical theme park - **Dollywood**. Nestled in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains, Dollywood has something for everyone "Country, Bluegrass, Mountain Music, Craftsmen demonstrating Blacksmithing, Glass Blowing and Wood Carving". Tonight, we enjoy an included festive dinner with all the trimmings at the locally famous Applewood Farmhouse. Next, take your seats for an evening of entertainment at the Comedy Barn. This family-friendly comedic show features performing animals, magicians, jugglers, music & more. (B, D)

Day #4 Thursday, October 26, 2023

Following breakfast, we leave the Smoky Mountains and make our way to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here you will explore the 8,000-acre **Biltmore Estate** built by George Vanderbilt. This 250-room castle is America's Largest Home, and the gardens are filled with rich waves of color from glorious golds to russet reds. Lunch is included. Mid-afternoon finds us making our way back to Pigeon Forge where you will have free time to explore The Island at Pigeon Forge. This shopping and restaurant mecca has many options for dinner including Paula Deen's Family Kitchen, Dick's Last Resort, Yee-Haw Brewing Company just to name a few. (B,L)

Day #5 Friday, October 27, 2023

Following our breakfast, it is time to leave the Smoky Mountains behind and make our way to Louisville, KY. Prior to checking into the hotel, we have arranged a guided tour of the **Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory**. You will see bats being made and receive a miniature bat at the end of your tour. It is time to check into our hotel where you will have time to enjoy the kick back reception before reboarding your motorcoach for Louisville's most spectacular Halloween event. You will be in awe as you walk through Iroquois Park to view 5000 artistically carved pumpkins. (B, Kick Back Reception)

Day #6 Saturday, October 28, 2023

After an included breakfast we are homeward bound. The Smoky Mountains have provided us with some extraordinary scenery and interesting attractions. We arrive home today in the early evening. (B)

Your Tour Includes*:

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation (1-56 passenger motorcoach)
- 5 Nights' Accommodations Full Time Tour Director
- Indy 500 Raceway
- Hatfield & McCoy's Dinner Show
- Great Smoky Mountain National Park
- Dollywood
- Comedy Barn
- Biltmore Estate & Gardens
- Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory
- Jack O Lantern Spectacular
- 8 Meals: 5 Breakfasts/2 Lunches/1 Additional Dinner
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- Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, Meals and Local Step On Guide

**Not Included: Travel Protection Plan, Gratuities to Tri-State Travel Motorcoach Driver and Tour Director Or Items of a Personal Nature

Your Tour Price:

- \$1,509.00 per person - 4 to a room(2 beds)
- \$1,599.00 per person - 3 to a room (2 beds)
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- \$2,259.00 per person - single(1 or 2 beds)



Biltmore Estate

PAYMENT/CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (Tour Participants)

- \$250.00 per person deposit due with reservation form
- Balance of payment due on or before August 15, 2023
- Cancellations received on or before August 15, 2023 will receive a full refund less a \$100.00 administrative fee
- Cancellations received after August 15, 2023 and prior to September 1, 2023 will be assessed a \$250.00 per person cancellation fee
- Cancellations received after September 1, 2023 and prior to September 15, 2023 will be assessed 50% of the per person tour price
- Cancellations received after September 15, 2023 will forfeit the full cost of the tour

THE TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

The Travel Protection Plan is not included but is available and strongly recommended. There are three plans available.

#1 Sign up for the insurance and pay the premium at the time you register for the tour and pre-existing condition waiver is included (refer to insurance flyer for details)

#2 Sign up for the insurance any time after you make our initial trip deposit and prior to the final date for trip registration and received the same travel insurance inclusions except the pre-existing waiver will not apply

#3 Decline the Travel Protection Plan

The trip interruption and medical cancellation insurance premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip-Mate Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received suppliers for the package (airlines, cruise companies, hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package. For those individuals who may have purchased the Travel Protection Plan this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan premium. Please refer to www.tripmate.com/Plan/TPD013 for information regarding detailed coverages and limitations to the insurance policy. Waiver of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. The exclusion for pre-existing condition will be waived provided

- (a) your payment for this plan is received with your reservation
- (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid.

PRE-NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS:

Your Smoky Mountain Getaway Is scheduled to depart on October 23, 2023 at 6:00 AM from Galena, IL @ Tri-State Travel/4319 Industrial Park.

Pre-night accommodations (October 22, 2023) have been blocked at Country Inn & Suites/Galena, IL (across the highway from Tri-State Travel) at \$150.00 per room night. This cost is in addition to the tour program.

Please note on your reservation form if you are in need of pre-night accommodations and Tri-State Travel will handle those reservations. Tri-State Travel also offers complimentary parking at their office.

ACTIVITY LEVEL 3

Walking associated with two or more city blocks, including airport terminals, security lines, or climbing stair wells on sightseeing cruise boats and observation areas that may not be equipped with elevators and handling their own carry-on bag.

***RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

Tri-State Travel and Eastern Star Wisconsin in offering this tour, do so only as agents as outlined in this brochure. Therefore, Tri-State Travel and Eastern Star Wisconsin shall not become liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage to person, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, pandemics, dangers incident to the waters, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments, or other civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, defaults, delays, quarantines or cancellations of or changes in itinerary, accommodations or schedules. The right is reserved to decline, to accept or retain any person should a person's health, mental or physical condition or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare or enjoyment of the other passengers and a refund of the unused land tour services is the limit of the agent's liability should such a person be required to terminate the tour. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour at any time and liability is limited to refund of all monies received. No refunds will be granted for unused portions of this tour unless arranged with the operator's approval in writing in advance. Application for membership and /or posting deposit for this tour shall constitute the participant's consent to the above terms and conditions.

For Additional information or to Make a Reservation Please Contact

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IN MEMORIUM



With sadness we announce the broken chain of our Past Grands with the passing of Past Grand Matron Sister Mary J. (Holmes) Traupmann on April 30, 2023. Sister Mary was born February 28, 1926, in Waukesha. Coming from a Masonic family, she joined the Order of Eastern Star at age 18 and was a 79-year member. Sister Mary was devoted to the Order and served her chapter in many offices for many years. She was also a District Deputy and served on many Grand Chapter committees. She was appointed Grand Chaplain in 1980 by Past Grand Matron Sister Mary Lou (Zemple) Reilly and Past Grand Patron Brother Merwin Snyder. From that office she was elected Associate Grand Conductress and progressed through the Grand Chapter line to become Worthy Grand Matron in 1984, serving in the East with Past Grand Patron Brother Robert Mess. Their “Chapel of the Chimes” session was held in Waukesha in 1985.

Reviewing the proceedings of Sister Mary’s installation and her session, it is noted that she carried her original station of Grand Chaplain forward as she served Wisconsin Grand Chapter. Her Worthy Grand Matron’s installation address began, “The first words in the Bible are, ‘In the beginning, God’... As we make a new beginning, God will be with us each minute of the way. We do not know what lies ahead of us, but God’s grace is sufficient for all our needs.” Her year of service as Worthy Grand Matron was not terribly convenient for her since she was still working a full time job and Wisconsin had 186 chapters at the time, but she did manage to visit many of the chapters during her years in the Grand Chapter elected line.

She concluded her Worthy Grand Matron’s report with the following:

I bring you no message grand with wonders I have done;
No great achievements can I show at this year’s set of sun.
But humbly, I submit to you the record of my task;
If it meets with your approval that is all I ask.
I have given my best to you with heart and courage strong;
While I prayed for keener wisdom that my acts may not go wrong.
Doubtless, I have erred in judgment...and have not clearly seen the way;
But I trust you will judge me kindly by what I tried to do each day.

In addition to Eastern Star, she was a member of PEO and the First United Methodist Church of Waukesha. On August 8, 1999, Sister Mary married Robert Traupmann and they spent nearly 17 years together until his passing in 2016. She was further preceded in death by her parents and her sister Grace Glumm. She is survived by a special niece Patricia Michelson and other nieces, great nieces and nephews, many friends and her Eastern Star sisters and brothers.

Graveside services were held at the Prairie Home Cemetery in Waukesha on May 9. Sister Mary will long be remembered for her calming voice and her meticulously clear thinking. We request that this memorial be read after its receipt in each subordinate chapter and the charter of each chapter draped for a period of 30 days.

Debra Bower, Worthy Grand Matron

Leroy Kifer, Worthy Grand Patron

Jane Blackwood, PGM, Grand Secretary

In Memoriam
Loyal Stark, 33°
Most Worthy Grand Patron
2003-2006
Past Grand Patron of California



Loyal Leroy Stark peacefully transitioned from his earthly life to “that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the age of 88 years old. He was born on March 24, 1935, in Greenville, California, to the late Jack and Twila Stark, who instilled in him the desire to make each day better than the one before. He remained in California throughout his life and for the last 60 years he lived in the San Francisco Bay Area. As young people, Loyal and Joan -- his wife of 67 years -- were active in DeMolay and Job’s Daughters, respectively, and they were destined to meet and marry at Carmichael Presbyterian Church on May 19, 1956. They are the parents of two children: daughter Patty (Neil), and son Jim (Marisa). They are the proud grandparents of one grandson Kurtis (Alec).

Loyal retired after 46 years with IBM Corporation as a Senior Information Technology Specialist. While raising their children, Joan and Loyal were both active in school and youth activities including Job’s Daughters and DeMolay. Loyal also served on the local YMCA Advisory Board and as a Little League coach and manager.

The Masonic Fraternal Family was always an integral part of the Stark Family. Loyal was raised a Master Mason in San Juan Lodge #732 in Fair Oaks, California, in 1956. After affiliation with Acacia Lodge #243 in 1972, he progressed through the line to become Master in 1982. A proud moment was to raise his son, Jim, as a Master Mason. After working with the local lodge, Loyal became active in Grand Lodge of California programs, serving as a Masonic Inspector for 5 years, Grand Marshal in 1991, Chairman of the Charters Committee in 1993 and the Policy and General Purposes Committee for 8 years. He had the real pleasure of working with the Grand Lodge Warden’s Leadership Training Programs from 1994 until 2002 when his travels with Eastern Star began in earnest. Upon their completion, Loyal once again served Grand Lodge in 2011 as Grand Orator. One of the

highlights of that year was when Loyal and son Jim took part in raising grandson Kurtis as a Master Mason.

Loyal's other fraternal activities and honors included: 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; DeMolay Active Legion of Honor; DeMolay Cross of Honor; Chairman and Dad Advisor for Hayward Chapter, Order of DeMolay; Grand Cross of Color, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Aahmes Shriners, Past Master's Unit; and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Eastern Star became a part of Loyal's life when he was initiated with daughter Patty, in 1977. (Joan thought it would give them something to do after the children were raised; did that ever come true!) Joan and Loyal served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of San Lorenzo Chapter #103 in 1985. They worked on various Grand Chapter Committees until that memorable day in 1988 when Loyal was elected Associate Grand Patron of California. He was most honored to serve with Kay Cosby as Worthy Grand Patron in 1989-1990. Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Maxine Flint Justice, asked Loyal to serve as Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter during the 1994-97 Triennium. Soon after, Pat Rasmusson honored Loyal, Joan, and California by inviting them to join her, Gary, and Minnesota on a journey of service throughout the Eastern Star world.

Loyal was elected Right Worthy Grand Sentinel in 1997, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron in 2000 and was installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter on November 6, 2003, in Portland, Oregon. Loyal said that he was privileged to serve alongside such a dynamic and sincere Most Worthy Grand Matron as Pat and to have the good fortune to meet and greet the many wonderful Eastern Star members throughout the world. His motto was to do everything with DIGNITY – QUALITY – SUBSTANCE – STYLE, and a TOUCH OF CLASS and he especially showed that as he and Pat presided over the 45th "Fabulous Fraternal Family" Triennial Assembly in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 27 to November 2, 2006.

During his most recent years, Loyal continued to enjoy his lifelong passion of golf, which he was able to play regularly. He had recently taken up bocce, a great way to showcase his enthusiasm for teamwork and where his competitive spirit thrived.

In many facets of Loyal's illustrious service to others, he was inspired by the symbolism of the candle. He often admonished friends and co-workers by saying, "May the candle in all our hearts and lives burn brighter each day, because the world really needs our beautiful Order." In that same spirit today,

"We light a candle for each sunrise and sunset our brother's eyes beheld.
We light a candle for each star that his heart wished upon.
We light a candle for the tears that spilled out of his eyes in moments of sorrow and moments of sheer awe.
We light a candle for the sound of his laughter echoing still in our hearts.
We light a candle for the lessons he learned and in return shared,
We light a candle for love!"

(-- Author Unknown)

Tribute by Michael Berry, RWAGP



Chapters **Start your Engines** for Membership

All Star 200 here at **OES Dream Way** in Wisconsin

Who will win the checkered flag?

The winner will receive a basket of goodies for your chapter refreshments.

Each chapter will have a car in the race.

Activities that will move your car forward on the track:

Miles **Activities**

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| 20 | Initiate a new member |
| 20 | Get a member to come back to Chapter |
| 10 | Dual membership |
| 10 | Have a membership display |
| 10 | Talk to your Lodge Chapter about OES |
| 10 | Wear OES clothing or buttons at a Fund raising event |
| 10 | Have membership brochures available |
| 10 | Have a Chapter membership event |
| 10 | Have a joint event with a Chapter in your area |
| 10 | Request and handout OES water bottles at an event |
| 10 | Have an OES sign at the entrance to the community |
| 10 | Participate in a community parade |
| 10 | Publish an article in your local paper |
| 10 | Display a notice outside your Lodge stating meeting times |
| 10 | Request \$35.00 reimbursement for Chapter expenses for membership activities; etc.; |
- help pay for advertisement, refreshments or promotional items to hand out for a membership event.

Hopefully all **Pit Stops** are minimal.

Let Karen know when you achieve any of the above so we can move your car.

Membership **Pit Crew,**

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CHAPTERS – START YOUR ENGINES

MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES

- New Member Book
- Membership buttons – Free (ready by August)
- Re-usable Water bottles for your promotional events
- “What is Eastern Star?”—Brochure-Free
- “What is OES” cards
- Pocket Petitions
- 3 “R’s” of Membership brochure
- Large Membership banner
- Small table top poster
- Sample “”What to say Scripts”
- New Member pins
- Signer Pins

Websites:

Wisconsin Grand Chapter www.wioes.org program ideas, forms, petitions

North Dakota Grand Chapter <http://www.ndoes.org/> Programs

Contact one of your “PIT CREW” to request any of the above items.

Rosie oesrosebud@charter.net or **Karen** kare4uall2day@gmail.com
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“Start Your Engines” Membership Reimbursement Form

Maximum amount \$35

Name of Chapter _____ Date of Event _____

Type of Event/Cost _____

Number of Chapter members attending _____

Number of non-members attending _____

Send along: announcement of your event, any newspaper articles and the approximate cost of your event. Any other comments are appreciated.

Examples of acceptable reimbursement costs:

- Purchasing promotional materials
- Ads in papers
- Food/costs for membership events
- Other costs associated with promoting membership

Mail/e-mail the above form to Rosie Fiscus

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**BE LIKE ME – LIVE LARGE AND BE
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For information contact (262) 965-2200 or
secretary.wioes.com.

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