

Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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Sisters and Brothers –

July is gone and we were so busy we sure hope we didn't miss anything.

We had an absolutely wonderful Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron party. **Thank you** to all who attended, brought baskets for our raffle and offered many good wishes to us both for our upcoming year.

Our motorcycle ride was such a fun day! Beautiful scenery, interesting historical landmarks, sunshine, and delicious ice cream added to the memories made. We had 9 riders and 9 that led or followed in cars. Thank you, Elaine and Marv Engelke, for the wonderful journey.

We enjoyed seeing many of you at our exemplifications in Fond du Lac and Eau Claire. We hope the objective we are trying this year for your elected officer official visit will be welcomed in your chapters. As always, any questions with these adaptations, don't hesitate to ask us. We look forward to seeing many more at the remaining exemps August 5 in Tomah and August 26 in Janesville. Information is in the weekly blast and website www.WIOES.org.

We also had the great pleasure to congratulate Sister Maureen Wise, Supreme Guardian of Job's Daughters International at her Session. The "Daughters"

definitely had one of the best in leadership. Wisconsin is proud!!

The Worthy Grand Matron/Patron visits have started, and it is so fun seeing the Chapters and members in an "unofficial" mode. The laughter, silliness, and even the mistakes are fun!

August is a somewhat less active month but don't let opportunities of time slip away. As chapters, get out and attend your local fairs/parades and maybe provide drinks, sell pies, something to keep your name visible. Remember your pocket petitions and keep them handy. PGM Rosie Fiscus, membership chair has plenty if you need some – contact her.

Summer means happy times and good sunshine – enjoy them both until we meet again.

Deb and LeRoy



Newsletter DEADLINE

DEADLINE for the September Newsletter is August 20th (This is earlier than usually)

Please get your items in on time, looking for chapter events, etc. to include.

Upcoming Events

- Aug 5 – Exemplification at Tomah Masonic Center, 10:00 am
- Aug 12 – Northwest Club Picnic – Summit Park, Ellsworth
- Aug 14 – Honor Star Points - Shullsburg
- Aug 18-20 – Jobie Jamboree – Green Lake
- Aug 19 – Multi-State Exchange – Springfield, IL
- Aug 21 – Grand Representative Reception – Wautoma
- Aug 26 - Exemplification at Janesville Masonic Center, 10:00 am
- Sep 11 – Honor Chaplains – Shullsburg

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

The Wisconsin OES Foundation is also soliciting donations from our subordinate chapters. Giving has been down in 2023. Please send all donations made out to the Wisconsin OES Foundation to the Grand Chapter Office at 36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118

Congratulations

New Grand Representatives:

- New York – Sally Acuff – Melody, Middleton
- Saskatchewan – Mary O Johnson – LaBelle, Mukwonago
- West Virginia – Tyler Opgenorth – Ozaukee, Port Washington

From the Grand Secretary
Secretary.wioes@gmail.com

Thank you to all the Secretaries that got their Annual Reports in on time. I will now work on getting our Annual Report for General Grand Chapter completed.

If you heard a rumor that the Grand Office is moving to a new office in the building, just to let you know it is true. Brenda Gaulke, Chairman of our Grand Trustees is working with the Grand Lodge Trustees to get this done in an timely and orderly manner. More news in the September newsletter. As of now it is "Business as Usual".

Chapters that have not sent me their calendars for the 2023-2024 year, please do so, so that your special nights can be included in our "Upcoming Events" in the newsletter.

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). These checks all go into our charity accounts and one check is made out from the 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.

From the Grand Lecturer

2023-24 Grand Officer Name Pronunciations

Our Grand Officers look forward to visiting your Chapters this year. Name pronunciation assistance is provided below.

Grand Marshal: Paula Ausloos (aws-loose)

Grand Adah: Angela Pishion (pish-on)

Grand Ruth: Mary Lubach (lou-bock)

Grand Esther: Rhonda Roalkvam (roll-quam)

It's 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
Grand Chapter O.E.S. of WI

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Catching a Dream Ride



Eastern Star members joined Worthy Grand Matron Deb and Worthy Grand Patron LeRoy on Saturday, July 22 in Sparta to enjoy a day of traveling through the beautiful driftless area of Wisconsin and down the mighty Mississippi River, the Father of Waters. After a Prayer for our safety, we headed to Viroqua.

Our first stop was the Vernon County Museum housed in a building built in 1906 for a teacher's college. It is two floors of interesting exhibits on agriculture, astronauts, the teacher's college, a general store, period veterinarian and dentist equipment, native American artifacts and even some dinosaur relics. Plus, lots and lots of interesting photographs. Our own OES member, Dian Krause, Viroqua Chapter is the Chair of the Board of Directors. They have an excellent museum there.

We drove west and reached the Mississippi, then south to the Great River Road Interpretative Center and US Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery outside Genoa. There is a small museum there explaining the driftless area, the fish and wildlife, and the Blackhawk War. Behind the interpretative center are three large buildings that house the tanks where the sturgeon, trout, mussels, catfish and even endangered dragonflies are raised to populate local lakes and streams. Some are also shipped to other states.

Next, we crossed the river to the Driftless Area Education & Visitor's Center at Lansing, Iowa. We

enjoyed a video on what the driftless area means (an area missed by the glaciers), and explaining the many sinkholes, caves, and springs in the area. They also have a small, well-done exhibit area and a beautiful deck overlooking the river. Elaine gave a short talk on the history of the area.

The first non-natives to see it were Louis Joliet and Father James Marquette in 1673. President Thomas Jefferson sent Zebulon Pike to explore the area in 1805 at the same time as the Lewis and Clark expedition. In 1832, the area was the site of the final battles of the Blackhawk War. Blackhawk surrendered to Lieutenant Jefferson Davis who later became the president of the Confederacy. Davis turned Blackhawk over to the commander of Fort Crawford at Prairie du Chien, Zachery Taylor, who became our 12th President in 1849.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam No. 9 south of Lynxville was our next stop. We saw a barge approaching but couldn't wait to see it through. One of the engineers told us even though it was in sight it would take about 20 minutes to reach the dam. There were 12 barge units, and they would need to split it into two groups of six to fit through the dam and the whole process would take two hours!

From the dam, we traveled cross county on some interesting backroads to Readstown. We enjoyed shopping at Crazy Frank's flea market. Some more gorgeous backroad country roads and we arrived at the Westby Creamery Cheese Store. I think more flavors of delicious ice cream were enjoyed than cheese. We were going to see the international ski jump north of Westby but decided to head back to the hotel to get ready for dinner.

The sky outside of Sparta was black and scary, but we only got a little wet before the safety of the hotel. We enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship at the Family Inn across from our hotel. Thanks to Grand Warder Gladys and PGM Phyllis for joining us at a couple of stops and for dinner.

We capped off this fun day by playing games and socializing in the breakfast room at the hotel. joining us at a couple of stops and for dinner. We capped off this fun day by playing games and socializing in the breakfast room at the hotel. Elaine Engelke at engelm@tds.net or 608-523-4134.



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 Matron (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.

Kentucky Derby Time



Come help Wautoma Chapter
Celebrate the Kentucky Derby
In honor of Sharon Klinger
Grand Representative of Kentucky in Wisconsin
Monday, August 21, 2023
Food, fellowship and fun begins at 6:30 pm
Wautoma Masonic Center
203 S. Scott St.
Wautoma, WI

Test your skill for picking the horses to win, place or show at the races.
Dress is Derby style or day casual.

Luau at Three Pillars

Do you recognize the Don's



PGP Don Haas & Don Badgely



Grand Chapter Happenings

WGM/WGP Reception



2023-2024 Grand Officers



PGM Karen Stauffer, Mistress of Ceremonies



Raffle Prize



Tyler Opgenorth receiving his GR appointment to West Virginia

Exemplification in Eau Claire



PGM Esther Fraiser with AGM Lori Williams



Grand Electa Daylene Bain and Grand Martha Lorin Christie-Jones



Chippewa Valley DeMolay Served us a Wonderful lunch



Chippewa Valley DeMolay



Grilled Chicken Salad, Yum!

Chapter Happenings



Mary O. Johnson receiving her GR appointment to Saskatchewan at LaBelle, Mukwonago



Alpha, Argyle Initiation



Honoring GR Marcia Ginter-Roelke, Kilbourn, Wisconsin Dells



Ellsworth Chapter



Lemonweir, Tomah



Sally Acuff receiving her GR appointment to New York at Melody, Middleton

Supreme Job's Daughters Supreme Session



Maureen Wise, Supreme Bethel Guardian with Janine Cooley, Past Supreme Bethel Guardian



WGM Deb Bower and WGP LeRoy Kifer



INFORMATION ON OFFICIAL VISITS CONDUCTED BY AN ELECTED GRAND CHAPTER LINE OFFICER

Submitted by Kris Gruber-Twardy, Gr. Lecturer

Many helpful questions were asked at the Fond du Lac exemplification on July 15 about the Official Visits this fall, and I thank all in attendance for their attention and participation. Based on those questions, I am providing information and clarification on the Official Visits. Your Official Visit will be conducted by one of the Elected Grand Chapter Line Officers and will take place at your stated meeting.

A focus of the Official Visit will be conducting all parts of a meeting with the number of Chapter members present. If you have a full corps of officers or almost a full corps, your Official Visit will seem very similar to how a District Deputy school has been run in the past; this year there are no District Deputies so your Elected Grand Officer will conduct the Official Visit in a stop-and-go format. If your Chapter has less than a full corps of officers, portions of the meeting will be altered to adapt to the number of Chapter members present. The Elected Grand Officer will work with your officers and members to successfully exemplify the work.

Several things to point out about the format of initiation at your Official Visit. Remember, these items pertain to your **Official Visit meeting only**. How your stated Chapter meetings run for the rest of the year does not change; they are not affected by the modifications we are making for the Official Visit.

- This year for the Official Visit, protem officers from other Chapters **will not** be used; visitors attending an Official Visit of another Chapter will be welcomed as sideliners. Your own Chapter members **may** protem a station at your Official Visit. Installed officers are encouraged to know the memory work for their station. Chapter members proteming a station are not required to give the spoken word for the station.
- All parts of the meeting will be exemplified: opening, proving, flag presentation and retirement, introductions, petitions, balloting, initiation, closing.
- As this will be a stated meeting, it is up to each individual Chapter how much business they wish to conduct at the Official Visit.
- Your Official Visit will count as one of your two required initiation exemplifications for the year.
- Your Elected Grand Officer will plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to your meeting. As the Official Visit will take place at a stated meeting of your Chapter, please encourage all Chapter members to attend. You will need at least seven (7) Chapter members present to fill the quorum stations.
- The Degrees cannot be conferred unless a Brother in good standing in the Order presides. If your Chapter does not have an installed Worthy Patron, another Brother from your Chapter will protem at the Official Visit so that the obligation can be given as well as the final instructions and Secret Work of the Order. If your Worthy Patron or the protem has not memorized the obligation and secret work, it will be read.
- The Star Point lectures are to be given by your installed Star Points. At your Official Visit, if a Chapter member proteming a Star Point will not be required to give the lecture, only the sign and pass will be given. If a Star Point station is empty, the sign and pass still needs to be given for initiation. In that case, a Chapter member can move into the vacant Star Point station, give the sign and pass, then return to their place in the Chapter room.
- During a real initiation the Associate Patron is required to give his lecture in its entirety. On the night of your Official Visit, your installed Associate Patron should give this lecture from memory; if he is unable to do so he may read the first 2 paragraphs and the last paragraph of the lecture. If your Chapter does not have an installed Associate Patron, the Worthy Patron may give the Associate Patron's lecture from the East. In this instance the Worthy Patron may choose to give the first 2 paragraphs and the last paragraph, omitting the center section enclosed in brackets.
- If your Chapter does not have an installed Associate Conductress, and a member of your Chapter is not available to protem Associate Conductress for your Official Visit, your Elected Grand Officer will work with your Chapter on exemplifying the work of our Order without an Associate Conductress.



**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, 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



*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](#)



SUPERIOR CHAPTER 252

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Cordially invites you and your escort to a

DINNER AND PROGRAM

Honoring

**PAST GRAND PATRON BROTHER RON PETE GRAND ORGANIST 2023-
2024**

Saturday September 23, 2023

HAMMOND STEAK HOUSE

1402 North 5th Street

Superior, Wisconsin

At the foot of the Blatnik High Bridge

4:30 PM Social

5:30 PM Dinner

\$28.00 per person (no refunds after Sept. 15)

MENU CHOICES

King Cut Prime Rib

Broiled Walleye

Deep Fried Shrimp

Reservations must include Name, Title and meal choice Checks payable to: Superior Chapter by Sept. 10, 2023

Joanne Freiman, PGM

10328 Red Stone Lane #8,

Hayward, WI 54843

The Hammond Steak House is not handicap friendly. There are 22 stairs from ground level to dining room.



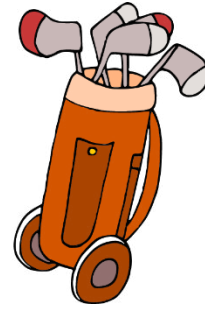
Dodgeville Chapter #39
Lemonweir Chapter #158
Viroqua Chapter #35

Cordially invites you to attend the reception for:

Angela Pishion, Grand Adah
Rhonda Roalkvam, Grand Esther
Gladys Jacobson, Grand Warder

September 24, 2023

Olde Towne Supper Club
100 E. Old Towne Rd.
Westby, WI 54667



Social: 12:00pm, Buffet Lunch 1:00pm

Remit \$30.00 per person – Checks payable to Viroqua Chapter #35
Send to: Phyllis Eklov, PGM, 405 Ramsland St. Westby, WI 54667

RSVPs DUE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2023



Return this bottom portion with remittance.

Name: _____ Title: _____

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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 1906 "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
- Luggage Handling For One Suitcase Not To Exceed 50#
- 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)
- \$1,759.00 per person - 2 to a room(1 or 2 beds)
- \$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/9319 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 MEMORIAM
RONALD R. RASMUSSEN, PAST GRAND PATRON 2008-2009



Ronald R. Rasmussen, age 86, of Janesville, Wisconsin, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was born to Anton and Audrey (Bloom) Rasmussen on July 11, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois. Ron married his Sunshine, Patricia (Hawkins) Rasmussen, on March 28, 1959, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A few months later, Ron graduated from Beloit College. Over the next few years, Ron and Pat were blessed with four children: Katherine, Cheryl, Ronald, and Michael.

Ron lived a full and active life. He loved being outdoors, fishing, hunting, and camping. He spent many hours on his boat, relaxing with Pat and his children and pulling his grandkids around on inner tubes. He was also a master on the grill and could grow anything in his garden, including buckets of zucchinis which Pat would often turn into delicious zucchini muffins. He also enjoyed playing games with his family, such as chess, cribbage, and Nintendo.

He was actively involved in the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) serving as Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin in 2008 – 2009 during the “Seasons of Blessing” year. The Project was HOPE of Wisconsin. HOPE stands for the Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts. HOPE provides support, education and programs for Hospice centers throughout the state. “It’s how you live” are words for all to heed. \$15,300 was donated. Ron ended his visits and Grand Chapter with the following words:

We look to the past with gratitude; we look to the future with hope; we look upward and find strength; we look inward and find peace. may the blessing of peace be with us all.

Additionally, he was heavily involved in his local church and community. A Mason for 37 years, Ron served in many capacities including as the Worshipful Master of the Morningstar Lodge #10 and the Reedsburg Lodge #79 and as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Wisconsin.

Ron is survived by his children, Katherine White, Cheryl (Randy) Riley, Ronald P. (Leann) Rasmussen, and Michael (Penny) Rasmussen; grandchildren: Zakk (Jacqueline Yarbrough) White, Emily (Deke) Jones, Alex White, Jessica Riley, Rachel (Brian Gump) Riley, Sarah (Joseph) Schoolman, Michelle Riley, Krystal (Cody Beard) Rasmussen, Samantha (Jeff Wilhalme) Rasmussen, Katelyn (Austin) Quartullo, and Megan (Jacob) Rasmussen-Silman; six great-grandchildren (with one more on the way!); sisters-in-law: Jacqueline Rasmussen, Gail Hinman, and Yvonne Hawkins; his dog, Molly; and numerous extended family members and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and his brother, Donald Rasmussen.

A memorial service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, located at 3414 Woodhall Dr., Janesville, WI 53546. Donations in Ron’s memory may be made to the First Baptist Church.

Debra Bower, Worthy Grand Matron

LeRoy Kifer, Worthy Grand Patron

Jane M. Blackwood, PGM, Grand Secretary



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,**

Rosie Fiscus
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608-692-0530

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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 tabletop 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.

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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

210 S. Burr Oak Ave, Oregon, WI 53575

608 835-7808 or oesrosebud@charter.net



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