

Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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Sisters and Brothers –

Where has the summer gone? The temperatures are starting their craziness which is normal for this time of year, but it doesn't seem like it should be September already.

Your grand family just finished the exemplifications around the state, but also stayed busy traveling to other masonic events and even attending a couple WGM/WGP chapter visits. We hope all those that attended the exemplifications learned the importance of the adaptations we are trying to put into place this year to aid chapters especially in their Official Visits. Easing the pressure of trying to find protem officers, simply working with the number of members you normally have at a meeting to sustain your chapter and keeping your chapter viable in the community is the hope. We are all looking forward to both your elected officer visit and appointed office visit.

Many of us had the opportunity to attend Jobs Daughters Supreme Session in Middleton, where Sister Maureen Wise presided. Later we attended Grand Bethel Installation during Jobie Jamboree in Green Lake. Both were wonderful and it was an excellent time spent with the girls. WGM Deb and WGP LeRoy will remember them fondly as we were asked for remarks. The WGM and WGP were also guests at the Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queens Visit/Banquet to Ajob Temple, Green Bay. These

invitations are special as we are getting our name/faces out to other Masonic organizations and building relationships. Some other grand officers were able to attend multi-state in Springfield, Illinois and reported a wonderful time getting to know counterparts from other states. We've had several WGM/WGP visits to chapters, and they are very relaxing, fun and a wonderful experience just being around members in a laid-back fashion.

We are designating September as Youth Month for charity purposes. Please try to support any of our Job's Bethels or DeMolay Chapter. Invite their youth and/or leaders to a meeting or go to one of theirs, encourage them with the principles and teachings of our order. They have similar ideas and are always looking for new ones as we should. Maybe we can learn from one another. The World of Youth committee chaired by Sister Lisa Schulze can be a great resource to you in finding dates, times and meeting places, I'm sure. Also remember the WoY Scholarship Program. She can assist there as well.

We have some grand officer parties to attend in September and they are always a fun time. Please get your RSVPs in and join us. September 23 we are honoring PGP Brother Ron Pete, Grand Organist in Superior and September 24 we have a combined party for Sisters Angela Pishion, Grand Adah; Rhonda Roalkvam, Grand Esther; and Gladys Jacobson, Grand Warder in Westby. Information is in the newsletter as well as the weekly blast and on the website: www.wioes.org.

Unfortunately, we have a consolidation of Burlington Chapter with Union Grove Chapter on Thursday,

September 28 at 7:00pm. Burlington has served their area exceptionally well and it is going to be bittersweet, but Union Grove is welcoming them with open arms, and we know all members will thrive together as one. Please join us that evening if possible. We will be having the ceremony in the lower level, so members do not have to climb the stairs.

Remember to keep working on your "Start Your Engines" membership events. Cars are starting to gain laps on the track!

Enjoy the changing weather, gather around those bonfires on cool evenings, talk about memories and make new ones. Be mindful of others, stay safe and as your children, grandchildren or possibly great grandchildren return to schools guide them with love and tell them always to "Follow Their Dreams".

Trunks Up – WGM Deb and WGP LeRoy

NOTE: The Worthy Grand Matron will be out of State September 10-19. If her attention is needed for anything during this time, please contact the Worthy Grand Patron, LeRoy Kifer. He will be in contact with the Worthy Grand Matron or make the appropriate decision.



Newsletter DEADLINE

DEADLINE for the October Newsletter is September 16th

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

Upcoming Events

- Sep 11 – Honor Chaplains – Shullsburg
- Sep 23 – Grand Officer Party for PGP Brother Ron Pete, Grand Organist – Superior
- Sep 24 – Grand Officer Party for Sisters Angie Pishion, Grand Adah, Rhonda Roalkvam, Grand Esther, and Gladys Jacobson, Grand Warder – Westby

Oct 7 - Union Grove Chapter. Annual Meatball Dinner. 4:00-6:00 pm.

Oct 8 – Mr. & Mrs. OES, Thunder Bay Grille, Waukesha. Buffet, 12:00 Noon, approximately \$.00 per person.

Oct 15 – Vega & West Allis Chapters Fall Festival at Lake Masonic Center. 4:30-6:00 pm.

Wisconsin OES Foundation

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

The OES Foundation was set up to assist Sisters and Brothers who belong to the Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star. We are sustained by contributions of our members and Chapters. This past year only six Chapters donated to the Foundation and we want to remind you to add the Eastern Star Foundation to your Charity budget for the upcoming year. Our purpose is to assist our Eastern Star members in their time of need. Members can also donate through memorials and estate allocations. Again, your help is needed to sustain the Foundation. We thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

Star Love
LeRoy Kifer, President
Ruthann Watts, Treasurer

Deadline for applications is November 20, 2023. The next Foundation Meeting is December 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

Congratulations

New Grand Representatives:

- Louisiana – Dean Swett – Everett Chapter
- Maryland – Dan Sherry – Ellsworth Chapter
- District of Columbia – Dave Elmer – Fond du Lac Chapter

Grand Chapter Happenings

Exemplifications Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah



Grand Escorts PGM Phyllis Eklov and Lorraine Beeman



Baked Potato Bar



Grand Star Points



WGM Debra Bower, WGP LeRoy Kifer and Rhonda Roalkvam, WM of Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah

Janesville Chapter



WGM Debra Bower, WGP LeRoy Kifer and Tammy Wiskia, WM of Janesville Chapter



Sisters Jan Winget and Linda Schreier, representing the Southeast Club and Triwaukeee Clubs Present to the WGM and WGP \$1600.00 towards their project at Riverside Lodge at Three Pillars and to GGCCM Mary Barnett \$1600 for the Vesta Dog Service Dog Project.

Jobie Jamboree



Former Jobie's who are now OES members at Jobie Jamboree at Green Lake.



MI/IL/KY/OH/IN/WI Exchange at Springfield, IL



AGM Lori Williams extending greetings from Wisconsin



AGC Linda Schreier, GCond Pam Brandenburg from Illinois, and AGM Lori Williams



PGP Craig Wepprecht, PGM Jane Blackwood, GSec, AGM Lori Williams, AGC Linda Schreier and PGP David Schreier attendees from Wisconsin



PGP David Schreier



Next Year!



Chapter Happenings



Brother Dan Sherry of Ellsworth Chapter receiving his Grand Representative appointment to Maryland at the Northwest Club picnic.



Members of Willow River Chapter, New Richmond spending the evening in Clear Lake listening to a bell choir and barber shop music.



Northwest Club Picnic



Vega Chapter Membership Tent at Chill on the hill.



West Allis Chapter working a Brat Stand



Brother Dave Elmer of Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth receiving his Grand Representative appointment to the District of Columbia.





Sister Cleda Weittenhiller celebrating her 100th Birthday at Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah



Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth enjoying their Monday dinner out.



Robert Latzel of Eagle Chapter, Eagle River celebrating his 90th birthday at Riverside Lodge at Dousman with a visit from PGP Dave Schreier and PM Yvette Presnell of Vega Chapter, Milwaukee.



During the months of July and August Union Grove Chapter collected school supplies for the Union Grove Elementary School. Pictured are the Union Grove members with the supplies.



Union Grove delivered school supplies to the Union Grove Elementary School and presented them to Tom Hansen, principal.



Brother Dean Swett of Everett Chapter, Marshfield receiving his Grand Representative appointment to Louisiana.



Wauwatosa Chapter helped Bethel #3 work a Brat Stand at Festival Goods



Lorin Christie Jones, Grand Martha and Ralph Behlke, Grand Representative to Montana attending the Wisconsin Widows Sons ride for the Most Worshipful Grand Master.



Members of Janesville Chapter attended a Beloit Sky Carp Minor League Baseball Game



Kentucky Derby Grand Representative Reception for Sharon Klinger, Grand Representative to Kentucky of Wautoma Chapter.



PGM Terri Hundhausen and Sharon Klinger, Grand Representative to Kentucky



Off to the races!



Paula Ausloos, Grand Marshal



Dodgeville Chapter collected School Supplies for area schools.



Fond du Lac Chapter collected School Supplies for the Fond du Lac Boys and Girls Club.



WM Brooke Froelich



AP Paul Twardy



Grand Officers and Escorts at Hawaiian Night at Starlight Chapter, Madison



Union Grove Masonic Bodies Picnic

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.



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.



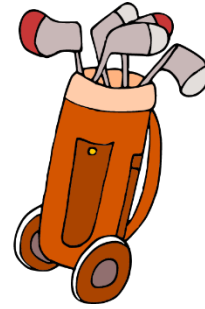
Dodgeville Chapter #39
Lemonweir Chapter #158
Viroqua Chapter #35

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.

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MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN / IOWA EXCHANGE

Cute kitties, steel drums along with birdhouses and bicycles are joining elephants and golf clubs on Saturday, November 4, 2023, in beautiful Dodgeville, WI. We are excited to welcome you!

A block of rooms is set at the Best Western hotel for Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5. The cost per night is \$125.00. Use "Wisconsin OES" when making your reservations.

We plan on having a bus to take us around Southwest Wisconsin visiting the area and including lunch at the Potosi Brewery then a visit to Carr Valley cheese, Rural Route Popcorn, and Spurgeon Winery. The cost for the bus tour is \$12 per person and does not include lunch. We will return to the Dodgeville Masonic Lodge Saturday evening for a homemade beef pasty dinner at 5:30pm with introductions and skits to follow. An afterglow will be planned at the hotel afterwards.

What is a pasty you ask? It is a Cornish dish with a combination of potatoes, beef and onions all wrapped up in a pie crust. You have the option of leaving the onions out if you wish. If you have any dietary restrictions, please contact Kristen.

Send reservations with remittance of \$15.00 with name and title, no later than October 25, 2023 to: **Kristen Schoville, PGM – 409 Moundview St. Cobb WI 53526**

Phone number is 608-574-3695 and email is: goldenoegirl@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Name: _____ Title _____ Pasty Onions: Yes or No

Name: _____ Title: _____ Pasty Onions: Yes or No

Bus reservations: Number of reservations: _____ (Cost is \$12/person)

