

# Wisconsin OES

# Newsletter



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HELLO AUTUMN, Sisters and Brothers!!

Some of the true blessings of our Heavenly Father are starting to appear. The Baraboo Bluffs are showing brilliant color changes already and against the backdrop of green – they are absolutely lovely. Other parts of the state are experiencing this as well as we saw over the weekend of Sept 23-24 at our first Grand Officer parties in Superior and Westby. I hope you all take time to ENJOY them in your area and that they are just as brilliant!

Elected Grand Officer Official Visits have begun and the comments I've heard are very positive. Thank you all for adapting to the new concept we are introducing – remembering it is for the good of the chapter and its members. As always, if you have any questions, get in touch with me or PGM Kris Gruber-Twardy, our Grand Lecturer.

The Appointed Grand Officer Visits are also in full swing, and I have seen many pictures. Looks like everyone had a good time. The concepts this year are part of Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone for many and we are glad to see and hear the officers are having fun while still keeping the ritualistic business of our Order in the forefront.

This month our OES charity will be ESTARL. We encourage chapter members to ask your church leaders for any names of individuals that could use the assistance of the ESTARL Scholarships. This is an excellent opportunity, and we don't like to see it not being used. PGM Sister Joann Freimann is chairperson of the committee. Any questions can be directed to her or the WGM. Thank you in advance for any/all support.

Keep working on your chapter "Start your Engines" membership events. I heard from Sister Rosie that cars are moving on the track so let's get this race going. With the change in weather and seasons, remember it is cooler at night and getting darker earlier. Be safe in your travels: keep a flashlight, blanket and a bottle of water with you in your vehicle and NEVER put yourself in harm's way while traveling. We all like to see each other in chapters but be careful!!

For you golfers out there - get those last games in and trunks up for luck!!

WGM Deb and WGP LeRoy



## Newsletter Deadline

**DEADLINE for the November Newsletter is  
October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**DEADLINE for the December/January Newsletter is  
November 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please get your items in on time. Please send pictures that you want included in the newsletter to [secretary.wioes@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wioes@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Events

- October 2-4** - Illinois Grand Chapter- Springfield
- October 4** – Honor Elected Office Night, Starlight Chapter – Madison
- October 5** – Honor Jennie Andrews, GR of New Hampshire, Alpha Chapter - Argyle
- October 10-13** - Michigan Grand Chapter- Muskegon, MI
- October 11** – Youth Night – Janesville. Fun with the youth at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:30 pm
- October 13** – Triwaukee Club at West Allis
- October 13-14** - Grand Court of Amaranth – Wisconsin Dells
- October 13** - Southeast Club – Union Grove
- October 14** – Northwest Club – New Richmond
- October 17** – Sou’westers Club - Dodgeville
- October 19** – Tycopera Club - Middleton
- October 19-21** - Ohio Grand Chapter
- October 20-21** - Iowa Grand Chapter- Cedar Rapids, IA
- October 21** - Honor Masonic Bodies meeting – Wis Grand Bethel – 4:00pm Washburn Lodge Bristol Wis.
- October 22-28** - WGM/WGP Bus Trip to Smokey Mountains
- November 4-5** – WI/IA/MN Exchange – Dodgeville

## From our Grand Lecturer

*All Member Learning Sessions  
(AMLS)/Exemplifications; Summer 2023*

Thank you to all who were able to attend the AMLS/Exemplifications held in four locations around the state in July and August. We were so pleased with the turnout, the participation of our members and the four wonderful hosts. Not counting the Grand Officers and Escorts, 32 of our 36 Chapters were represented by at least one member at an AMLS/Exemplification, and over 150 members attended.

We appreciate the interest of the membership and your willingness to try a new format for this event.

“Have Faith in Your Dreams” Grand Officers and Escorts

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## From the Grand Secretary

The move to the new office is done and the unpacking continues but will be done soon. Secretary’s if I have not fulfilled your supply orders, please send them to me again. Currently we are out of Rituals and Red books, but they are on-order and will be in soon.

I have been notified by Grand Lodge that the address of the Grand Masonic Center is changing on November 6. Grand Chapter’s new address will be:

**275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118**

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## 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](http://wioes.org)

**Effective immediately all applications for assistance should be sent directly to:**  
 Mary Olson, Secretary, 293 State Road 138  
 Stoughton, WI, 53589.

**Donations should be sent directly to:**  
 Ruthann Watts, Treasurer, 1361 Mockingbird Drive, Oconomowoc, WI, 53066.

Please share this information with your members. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

LeRoy Kifer President  
 Mary Olson Secretary  
 Ruthann Watts Treasurer

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## Congratulations

### New Grand Representatives:

Connecticut – Carol Turner – Lemonweir, Tomah  
 Kentucky – PGM Mary Lou Reilly - Wautoma

### October's Grand Charity of the Month is: "ESTARL".

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## Mr. & Mrs. OES

Mr. & Mrs. OES will meet on  
 Sunday, October 8, 2023  
 12 Noon  
 Thunder Bay Grille  
 N14W24130 Tower Place Waukesha.

Buffet dinner costing about \$30.00 per person.  
 A short business meeting will follow lunch.  
 Please send RSVP to Anna Olson at [oranno@frontier.com](mailto:oranno@frontier.com) by September 30.

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## 2022-2023 Proceedings



I would like to order a copy of the Proceedings Book for the 131st "Pathways of Joy" Grand Session.

### DEADLINE TO ORDER IS NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_, STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Past Grand Matron or Patron?  
 Y or N (Circle one)

Check one: \_\_\_ Hard-bound book  
 - (approx. \$40.00)  
 \_\_\_ Spiral-Bound Book  
 - (Approx. \$40.00)  
 \_\_\_ PDF (free)

Those members to be billed will receive their invoice with their order.

Send to: Grand Secretary, OES  
 36275 Sunset Dr.  
 Dousman, WI 53118-9349



You are cordially invited:  
Elected Officer Night  
With Starlight Chapter

Date: Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 7PM

Location: Starlight Chapter – 85 Stoughton  
Road Madison WI

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*Union Grove Chapter #71  
Annual Meatball Dinner*



Meatballs, Mashed Potato & Gravy,  
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread,  
Homemade Desserts & Beverages

Where: UG Masonic Center, 1021 11<sup>th</sup> Ave

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Dine In or Take Out - Cost: \$13 per person.

**Tickets available from Chapter members or call  
George @ (262-878-1837) or call/text George @  
(414-412-1837)**

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*Official Visit Schedule*

**Official Visit schedule for October/November**

- 10/5 WGP to Melody Chapter, Middleton
- 10/5 AGM to Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay
- 10/5 AGP to Union Grove Chapter, Union Grove
- 10/6 WGM to Vega Chapter, Milwaukee
- 10/9 WGM to Kenosha Chapter, Kenosha
- 10/9 AGM to Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth

- 10/9 AGC to Shullsburg Chapter, Shullsburg
- 10/10 AGC to Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington
- 10/16 GC to Oregon Chapter, Oregon
- 10/17 AGM to Ruth Chapter, LaCrosse
- 10/19 AGC to Viroqua Chapter, Viroqua
- 10/23 GC to Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah
- 10/24 GC to Everett Chapter, Marshfield
- 10/25 AGP to Janesville Chapter, Janesville
- 10/26 AGP to LaBelle Chapter, Mukwonago
- 11/1 GC to Bristol Chapter, Bristol
- 11/6 WGM to Superior Chapter, Superior
- 11/6 AGM to Wautoma Chapter, Wautoma
- 11/7 WGM to Eagle Chapter, Eagle River
- 11/8 WGM to Fond du Lac Chapter, Fond du Lac
- 11/9 WGP to Kilbourn Chapter, WI Dells

**Appointed Grand Officer Visit schedule for  
October/November**

- 10/2 Gr Ruth to Wautoma Chapter, Wautoma
- 10/2 Gr Electa to Kinnickinnic Chapter, River Falls
- 10/3 Gr Marshal to Eagle Chapter, Eagle River
- 10/3 Gr Esther to Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth
- 10/4 Gr Sentinel to Bristol Chapter, Bristol
- 10/9 Gr Chaplain to Fidelity Chapter, Appleton
- 10/9 Gr Marshal to Willow River Chapter, New Richmond
- 10/9 Gr Adah to Martha Chapter, Jefferson
- 10/10 Gr Marshal to Northwest Chapter, Clear Lake
- 10/11 Gr Martha to Fond du Lac Chapter, Fond du Lac
- 10/12 Gr Sentinel to Kilbourn Chapter, WI Dells
- 10/16 Gr Ruth to Sparta Chapter, Sparta
- 10/17 Gr Warder to Dodgeville Chapter, Dodgeville
- 10/18 Gr Esther to Starlight Chapter, Madison
- 10/25 Gr Adah to Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield
- 11/2 Gr Esther to Alpha Chapter, Argyle
- 11/2 Gr Martha to Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay
- 11/7 Gr Ruth to Trillium Chapter, Crivitz
- 11/13 Gr Martha to Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth
- 11/14 Gr Chaplain to West Allis Chapter, West Allis
- 11/14 Gr Warder to Rainbow Chapter, WI Rapids







Southeast Club and Triwaukee Clubs Present to the WGM and WGP \$1600.00 towards World of Youth Scholarships and to GGCCM Mary Barnett \$1600 for the Vesta Dog Service Dog Project. (Correction from the last newsletter)

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### Request from Shullsburg Chapter

Shullsburg Chapter #30 is looking for emblems to put on their new wooden star that will be hung next to the entrance. The dimensions for the star. The points are 3" by 5", and the middle is 4x4x4x6. If anyone has any, please email Fanny Ingwell. Her email is: [ronfan@yahoo.com](mailto:ronfan@yahoo.com)

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### Code Changes & Index

Code Changes are included in this mailing. Table of Contents and Index are available by contacting the Grand Secretary at [secretary.wioes@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wioes@gmail.com)



## Martha Chapter Initiation

Martha chapter will be holding an initiation on Wednesday October 11th at 7pm. Please come if you are able to and help them welcome our new sisters.



## Vega and West Allis Chapters

**OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4:30-6 PM AT LAKE MASONIC CENTER**

Vega Chapter and West Allis Chapter will be having a Fall Festival fundraiser. There will be soup by the bowl or flight for sale, games, crafts, and raffles. A bowl of soup is \$8, to add a side a salad is \$2 extra. A flight (3 smaller bowls) of soup is \$12.

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## Area Construction Projects To Affect Travel

Please be aware there will be upcoming construction projects affecting travel around Three Pillars. The first is on HWY 18/Sunset Drive, which will be closed to through traffic from Waukesha/Jefferson county line to WIS 67 through late November of 2023, and then again from mid-February to early summer of 2024.

The second project includes sealing on Main St. from HWY 18 to Ottawa Ave. in late September to early October.

# Grand Chapter Happenings Grand Officer Parties

PGM Ron Pete,  
Grand Organist Party  
Hammond  
Superior, Wisconsin  
September 23, 2023



The star of the Evening,  
PGP Ron Pete, Grand Organist.



Sister Marianne Totsch, MC for the evening.



The men were told they could take their jackets  
off because it was very warm in the room.



PGM Laramie Reissner, WM and PGP Ron Pete,  
Grand Organist.



PGP Ron being presented with his gift from the  
WGM and WGP







PGP Ron Pete presented PGP George Winget and his bride, Jan Winget a cake in honor of their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary which was on that day.



Grand Adah, Angie Pishion and her husband Brad.



Poking fun at the camera.



Former Grand Ruth's in Superior



Prime Rib!

*Dream  
Big*



Party for  
Angie Pishion, Grand Adah  
Rhonda Roalkvam, Grand Esther  
Gladys Jacobson, Grand Warder  
Old Towne Inn, Westby, WI  
September 24, 2023



The honorees



PGM Phyllis Eklov was the other MC for the party.



Golf Decorations.



PGM Kristen Schoville, one of the MC's of the party with the honorees.



Grand Warder Decorations.





Grand Esther Decorations



Grand Esther, Rhonda Roalkvam with her gift from Lemonweir and Sparta Chapters.



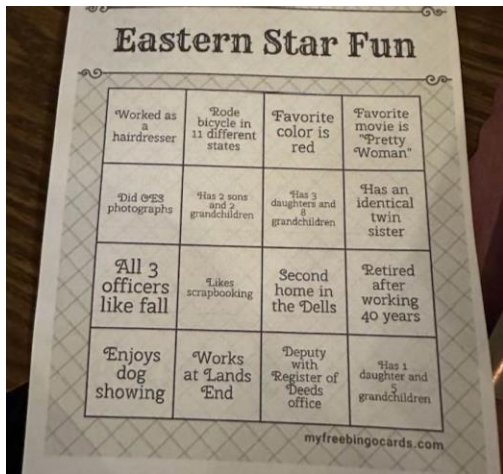
Grand Adah, Angie Pishion with her gift from Dodgeville Chapter



Grand Warder, Gladys Jacobson with her gift from Viroqua Chapter.







Do you really know our honorees?



Viroqua and Sparta Members have a good time!



PGM Mary Barnett



What's Gail O'Connell up to now?

## Have you ever made a dreamcatcher?



Buy a feather from any Grand Officer and help us make one for Grand Chapter. You can write on this feather a word about dreams, faith, an inspiration, goal, name of loved one you want protected by the dreamcatcher – anything that makes you happy or creates a memory! Our webbing and band will be colorful, so coloring your feathers is optional. Return it to a grand officer and at Grand Chapter we will have them all collected in at least 1 dreamcatcher to collect all your thoughts, prayers, love, and memories. We hope you can have fun with this and maybe if you dream it for us, it will come true for you!! **Each feather costs \$1.00 and the proceeds will benefit the WGM/WGP Project.** There are still WGM & WGP pins available for sale, along with roster books. Ask ANY Grand Officer to purchase your items.



## Chapter Happenings



Members of Melody Chapter, Middleton providing water for the Good Neighbor Parade/Festival



PGM Mary Barnett a GGCCM of the Service Dog Committee presented with a check for the Vest a Dog project.



WGP LeRoy Kifer receiving a gift from his chapter, Fond du Lac Chapter



Casino Night at Union Grove



Members of Northwest Chapter pickin' and a grinnin'







Lorraine Beeman at Union Grove Casino Night



LaBelle Chapter members with Officer Nikki and Officer Ryker, Waukesha PD Search dog. At Fall Fest supporting Vest-a-Dog.



LaBelle Chapter, Mukwonago at Fall Fest.



Sister Carol Turner of Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah received her Grand Representative Appointment to Connecticut.



PGM Mary Lou Reilly of Wautoma Chapter received her Grand Representative Appointment to Kentucky.



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Coke Night at Janesville Chapter, honoring the late father of WM Tammy Wiskia with PGM Rosie Fiscus



A few things from Roger Wiskia's Coke Collection.



Golden Chain of Friendship mini reunion



## Consolidation of Burlington Chapter with Union Grove Chapter September 28, 2023



Have Faith in Your Dreams Grand Officers



WM Jan Winget presenting the gavel to WGM to preside over the consolidation.



Grand Officers and Escort





WM Jan Winget at the altar closing the chapter with a candle ceremony.



Kay Beix, WM of Burlington Chapter and Jan Winget, WM of Union Grove Chapter



Members of Burlington Chapter and Union Grove Chapter after the consolidation.

# Save the Date

ALL STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 3, 2023  
BELVEDERE SUPPER CLUB  
MARSHFIELD, WI

SOCIAL 11:30 AM  
BUFFET LUNCH 12:30 PM  
PROGRAM 1:30 PM

WE WILL BE HAVING A SILENT  
AUCTION  
AND SHARE THE WEALTH!  
BRING A SMALL WHITE  
ELEPHANT GIFT  
TO BE EXCHANGED AT YOUR  
TABLE!



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!!!  
CINDY RYAN @ [cin-  
dyryan\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cin-dyryan_2000@yahoo.com)

WITH ANY QUESTIONS!!!!



## 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.

## Facts and Lessons of The 5 Star Points

This narrative was presented by the Grand Star Points at the All-Member Learning Sessions/Exemplifications this summer. The author is unknown.

### **The lesson of Adah is found in Judges 11: 1-40**

She shares lessons of duty of obedience to the will of God. The name Adah does not appear in the Book of Judges. She is referred to as Jephthah's daughter. "Adah" was the name given her by the founder of our Order, Dr. Robert

Morris. She represents the Ideal Daughter because of her sense of duty and her devotion to her father. The name Adah means "Ornament."

Although the name does not appear in the Book of Judges it is an appropriate choice. Not only may it be said that Adah's innocent spirit and faultless character were her own personal ornaments, but she was a daughter who so exemplified these virtues as an ornament to her father's life.

The clear blue of the skies is the color dedicated to the first Star Point. It is the symbol of fidelity, loyalty and intelligence.

The violet is dedicated to Adah because of its association with meekness and humility. The symbol for the first Star Point is the Open Bible. It was to signify that only the Word of God may direct the individual in the right way in which to go.

The turquoise or the blue sapphire are used to represent the virtues of Adah. Adah represents the spring of the year. Her life is representative of the early womanhood of life.

The story of Adah challenges each of us to carry throughout our lives, the innocence and sweetness of a young girl and to approach our live problems with enthusiasm and willingness as Adah approached the problems she had to face.

The emblem for Adah is the Sword and Veil. It represents the concept that the sword must sometimes be taken up in the defense of right and in the performance of duty.

### **The story of Ruth is found in the Book of Ruth**

She shares lessons of Honor & Justice. The name Ruth means "friend." She represents the "Ideal Widow" because she cherished her family, faith, and inheritance of her husband above her every personal ambition, her original native allegiance, and her originally heathen religion.

The color yellow represents "constancy," "exalted," and richness. Ruth is definitely characterized by a strong and radiant personality and therefore the "color of the sun" is dedicated to her.

The yellow jasmine is dedicated to Ruth because it has a meaning of "humbleness." The symbol of the station of Ruth is the Lily of the Valley. It is said, as Christ, the Lily of the Valley, left his heavenly home and His Father to serve humankind on earth, so Ruth left her home and people to serve her fellow man in strange and unfamiliar country.

The yellow Topaz, which is very rare, is the jewel dedicated to Ruth. A friendship such as Ruth and Naomi is a rare "gem" and well worth treasuring.

Ruth represents the summer season. The time of growing and maturing of life itself. The story of Ruth challenges each of us to serve our fellow man and to extend the hand of friendship to those in need.

The sheaf is the emblem dedicated to Ruth. It represents the collective worth of many small deeds of kindness which are done for the sake of another.

### **The story of Esther is found in the Book of Esther**

She shares lesson of Loyalty to Family and Friends. Her name means "star." Her intercession on behalf of the Jewish people was a "star of hope and encouragement.



The color white is appropriate to Esther because though crowned a queen, was beautiful and wealthy, she succeeded in remaining pure, upright, and simple. Her life and actions were free from blemish in every way.

The beautiful white lily symbolizes purity and peace. The symbol for the third Star Point is the "SUN." It is the source of light, power, and strength and symbolizes the leadership of Esther which made her the strength and power of the Jewish people.

The diamond is the jewel chosen to represent Esther. Her character was flawless, her standards and beliefs durable, and her life was of great value to her people.

The Crown symbolizes the highest honor and obligation; the Scepter represents great power Together they symbolize the forces of power and authority to insure justice to all. Esther represents the Ideal Wife. She succeeded in fulfilling her duty to her husband but also maintained her high standards and performed her duty to God and her nation.

#### **The lesson of Martha is found in St. John 11: 1-57**

She shares the lesson of Faith and Trust to God and everlasting life. Martha represents the "ideal" sister. She assumed responsibility for the care and comfort of her brother Lazarus and her sister Mary. Martha's name means fortitude, abiding and instructed by God. Martha had the fortitude to maintain her faith, even upon the death of her brother, and by abiding in the Word of God as instructed by Christ.

Deep green represents the color of Martha's station. Green, which symbolizes renewed life and growth is the symbol of new life which is eternal for all men through Christ.

The fern is a symbol of the endlessness of eternal life. The symbol for the 4th Star Point is the lamb. In this time, the lamb was symbolic terminology for Christ.

The jewel to represent Martha is the emerald. It is said that the emerald insures all kinds of domestic happiness. Ancient superstition held that the emerald possessed certain medicinal properties.

Winter is the season which represents Martha. Martha represents the knowledge that the winter of mortal life, or death, comes to all.

The emblem symbolizing Martha is the Broken Column. Martha's faith in God's promise of eternal life through faith in Christ remained constant even when her brother's life was taken by a mortal death.

#### **The lesson of Electa is found 2nd Epistle of John I: 1-13**

She shares the lesson of charity and hospitality. Electa represents the "Ideal Mother." She sacrificed everything to establish a Christian heritage for her children. Her name means "honorable, Lady, and "called of God.

The brilliant red represents fervency, hospitality and love. The deep red rose is symbolic of love. It represents Electa's love of family, her fellow man, and Christ and God.

The lion represents Electa as a symbol of power and strength and her devotion to Christ. The ruby is dedicated to Electa. It represents her warmth, love, and sacrifice.

The season dedicated to Electa is autumn. Autumn represents the period of full maturity in the lifetime of an individual.

The cup is the emblem of Electa. It represents one's allotted portion of life's joys or sorrows. The ideals of Electa are Love and Hospitality. These characteristics may be emulated by acting with love toward one's fellow man, and by loving Christ and God with all of the mind and heart.



## Do you have a “Can” or a “Can’t Attitude?”

### CAN

- We have the opportunity to be first.
- Let’s look at it from a different angle.
- Necessity is the mother of invention.
  - We’ll give it a try.
- We’ll re-evaluate some priorities.
- We learned from the experience.
  - We can make it work.
  - Think of the possibilities.
- The investment will be worth it.
- Let’s network with those who do it.
- There’s always room for improvement.
- Maybe there is something we can cut.
  - We’re a lean machine.
- Temporary space may be an option.
  - Maybe we can sub it out.
  - We’ll try one more time.
  - It will be a challenge.
  - Let’s open the channels.
- Days go by quickly around here.
- I’ll come up with some alternatives.
- I’m ready to learn something new.
- We’re in touch with our members.
  - Let’s take a chance.
- We’ll do better at educating them.
- Let’s show them the opportunities.
  - We’re perfect for this project.
    - We should look at it.
    - Anything’s possible.

**I CAN!**

### CAN’T

- We’ve never done it before.
  - It’s too complicated.
- We don’t have the resources.
  - It will never work.
- There’s not enough time.
  - We already tried it.
- There is no way it will work.
  - It’s a waste of time.
- We don’t have the expertise.
- Our members won’t go for it.
  - It’s good enough.
- We don’t have enough money.
  - We’re understaffed.
- We don’t have enough room.
- We don’t have the equipment.
- It’s not going to be any better.
  - It can’t be done.
  - No one communicates.
  - Isn’t it time to go home?
  - I don’t have any idea.
- Let someone else deal with it.
- We’re always changing direction.
  - It’s too radical a change.
- It takes too long for approval.
  - Our Chapter won’t buy it.
    - It doesn’t fit us.
  - It’s contrary to policy.
    - It’s not my job.

**I CAN’T!**



# 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](mailto:goldenoegirl@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Pasty Onions: Yes or No

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





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