

Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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Greetings from the WGM:

Sisters and Brothers,

Since our Grand Chapter Session, your Grand Family has been very busy. On May 31-June 1, we had a school in Dodgeville to prepare for Exemplifications, Official Visits and visiting Chapters.

On June 2, I was so pleased to have almost one hundred members and family present to help WGP Orville and myself kick off the year. We were pleased to have the President of the Wisconsin LEDR Team present to explain the program and identify where OES can help. I hope those in attendance found Mike as compelling and passionate as I have.

Our project committee and faithful donors had wonderful items to bid on during the Silent Auction. Around \$800 was raised.

Your Grand Family has traveled to the initiations in Bristol, Starlight, and Union Grove, as well as several installations. Welcome to our newest sisters. Best wishes for each chapter as we begin a new year.

We look forward to sharing what we have learned in our proficiency study to assist chapters to prepare for their Official Visits. We are confident our very knowledgeable District Deputies will also help you with any concern you may have. If there is anything our Grand Family can do to help your chapter, please let us know. We have many and varied talents among the group.

I would like to ask those members who are traveling this summer to OES events to consider posting your pictures and sharing your adventures in future monthly mailings. It would be great to share the memories, ideas, and opportunities available in our sister jurisdictions.

Thank you to PGM and Worthy Matron Laurie Budwick who is using this quote for Kenosha Chapter's programming this year. Exceptionally good reminder for us all.

*If nothing changed, there would be no butterflies
~ Walt Disney*



Newsletter Deadline

DEADLINE for the August 2024 Newsletter is:
July 22, 2024

Please get your items in on time. Send pictures (with descriptions) that you want included in the newsletter to secretary.wioes@gmail.com

Rhonda Roalkvam, Worthy Matron and
Jim DeVoe, Worthy Patron

Upcoming Events

From the Grand Secretary

- Jul 8** – Lemonweir, Tomah – Meeting and initiation, 1:00 pm
Kenosha, Kenosha - Re-obligation Night
7:00 pm
- Jul 12**- All Member Learning Session – Martha, Jefferson, 6:30-9:30 pm.
- Jul 13** – Exemplification – Janesville.
- Jul 18** - Celebrate Fourth of July at Melody, Middleton
- Jul 20** – All Member Learning Session – Ruth, La Crosse, 12:30 – 3:30 pm.
- Jul 23** – Everett, Marshfield - Grand Representative Reception– 6:00 pm – Honoring Erin LeSage and Dean Swett.
- Jul 26** – All Member Learning Session – Vega, Milwaukee, 6:30-9:30 pm.
- Jul 27** - Exemplification – Wauwatosa, Brookfield
- Aug 10** – All Member Learning Session – Trillium, Crivitz, 12:30 – 3:30 pm.
- Aug 23-25** – Jobie Jamboree, Green Lake, WI.
- Sep 13** – Foundation Meeting – 1:00 pm.

Annual Reports have been sent out to all the Chapter secretaries, both paper and an excel file.

Secretaries, if you are having problems figuring out who is a primary member or dual member, please contact me so I can help you with getting the correct answer.

I will be out of the office Sunday, July 2. I will be coming home from GCC orientation in Louisville, KY that day. I plan to be in the office on July 3.

Just a reminder: If you need to contact me when I am not in the office you can contact me by email at secretary.wioes@gmail.com or call my cell which is 608-346-8435 and leave a message.

Jane M. Blackwood, PGM Grand Secretary

Congratulations

New Grand Representatives:

Barbara Ritchie Shullsburg California

Brother Brad Bingheim of Vega Chapter will be installed on July 27 as Associate Supreme Guardian of the Supreme Guardian Council of Job's Daughters International ®

Individual Travel Award

Thank you to Paula Schwartz and Jill Thomas, the creative force behind this year's individual travel award.

Members you can earn the coveted individual travel award pin. In addition, look out for bees when you travel. We have several bees we would love to see buzzing around the state.

Stay posted for information about how to capture these bees. If you capture one, take it on an adventure. Document travels in the bee's journal. Take photos to share on our Facebook site website and future monthly mailings.

Up Coming Initiations

Grand Chapter Formal Sale

Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah will be initiating a new member, Christina Wright will be initiated at our Monday July 8 meeting at 1 pm. She is a third generation OES member. Her grandparents are Don & Lesley Ross, and her mother is Heather Fritz, all members of Lemonweir Chapter. Please come and join us.

Thanks to everyone who either brought a formal or bought a formal. We were able to raise \$305 for LLS (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society). Leftover formals will be donated to a Hospice Thrift Store. Enjoy wearing your "new" duds.

PGM Rosie Fiscus

Membership



Do you have Bees buzzing around your hive?

Bristol, Union Grove, and Starlight Chapters have earned a bee for initiating a new member.

Wisconsin OES Foundation



The OES Foundation was set up to assist our Sisters and Brothers who belong to the Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star. We are sustained by the 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
Orville Olson, President

Deadline for applications: September 1, 2024.
The next Foundation Meeting: September 13, 2024.

Applications are available online on our website which is www.wioes.org

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.

Worthy Matron Handbooks for Sale

Will your chapter have a first time Worthy Matron in the future or new line officers preparing for their turn in the east? Southeast Area Club has a Worthy Matron Handbook for sale.

The pages are 8-1/2 by 5-1/2 so it fits in the same size binder as the Red Book. The complete insert, which includes the Order of Business that can be used for preparing for meetings, is \$10.

If you only need the Order of Business pages, for those who have been to the east before, a set of 20 meetings is available for \$5.

If you are interested contact Jan Winget, j.winget0432@att.net. We will have the inserts available at Grand Chapter near the silent auction.

Cancer & Heart Fund Donations for 2024-2025

Cancer:

Any funds collected this year will be sent to the Carbone Cancer Center at the University of Wisconsin. Orville and I have both been affected by cancer in our families. We are grateful for the care our family members received. In addition to raising funds, we would like to support our members fighting this terrible disease, and provide education, specifically for cancers of the prostate, ovary, and cervix.

Heart:

Any funds collected this year will go to the Department of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. This project is of special interest to WGM Lori as her father died from heart failure. In his honor, we are asking chapters to consider being trained in CPR and/or learn how to use the defibrillator if your meeting place has one. Your local Red Cross or American Heart Association will have information on a variety of classes that will enhance the health of members.



All-Points Bulletin!



Are you scraping at the bottom?
Used up every little last quantum?
No need to cry at a bar,
Gail will take your empty jar
And refill that tasty treat
With more jam it is so good and sweet.

Contact: 920-933-2954; alan.weir8510@fvtc.edu

Subordinate Chapter Term Plans

Please send Lori and Orville and the Grand Secretary a copy of your term plans. We would love to visit you.

Our Appointed Officers are also looking forward to the opportunity to visit on a fun night. Let us know what you have planned, and we will send you a few visitors to join in the fun.

Bling It On!

Support our project. **Bling It on Sisters** is a hobby business owned by majority and past grand Rainbow Girls from California. They have gorgeous OES, Rainbow, and Jobie items (jewelry, bags, bumper stickers) for sale. I personally recommend the sheaf of wheat brooch, lily of the valley brooch, the OES, Rainbow, and Jobie crown brooches.

Please see their Facebook site for images of their gorgeous items. You will also see me wearing items this year. Our project will receive a percentage of the items sold between May 23 and July 27.

Checks can be mailed to Stacey Taub, 26206 Rainbow Glen Drive, Newhall, California 91321. Please document items ordered in the memo section of your check. Ensure your correct mailing address is on your check. I promise you will love, love, love your items.



Your Grand Officers “The High Flyers”



Our Grand Chaplain is Maureen Wise from West Allis Chapter, West Allis. We are fortunate to have such a lovely and gracious lady in this office. She previously served as Grand Chaplain in 2009-2010.

Maureen is well known in the Jobie world after completing her term as Supreme Bethel Guardian recently. In her spare time, Maureen enjoys singing in her church choir and playing handbells.

Maureen’s escort is the talented Janine Coley. Janine is also incredibly involved in the Jobie world on the local, state, and international level. Janine is from LaBelle chapter, Mukwonago.





Our Grand Marshal is James Goodman Jr. from Vega Chapter, Milwaukee. James is involved in multiple Masonic activities on the local and state level. He has been an OES member for about 20 years.

His escort is his wife, Virginia (Jenny) who is also a member of Vega Chapter. These two bring a great deal of energy, laughter, and perspective to our family. WE thank James for his service to our country.



Our Grand Organist is PGM Kristen Schoville. She is one busy lady this year as she is also the co-chair of the Flying Worker Bees this year.

Kris is a fellow nurse, grandma and typically has a furry friend with her (in addition to her husband Jimmy).

Kris and Jimmy are members of Dodgeville Chapter. It is crazy how life brings people in and out of our lives. Kris was my Granny back in 2017-2018. I am so grateful to be able to work with three generations of her family this year.

OES Travels

PGMs Terri and Tammy traveled to Fargo, ND for their Grand Chapter installation on Saturday June 8th.

It was a special moment as both the WGM and WGP were installed by their parents. Heather's mom, a PGM was Installing Grand Matron and Mason's dad, a PGP was Installing Grand Patron. The Installing Marshal was Mason's mom, a PGM.

Their altar top and Marshal's baton stand were both made from old chapter signets.

Terri is a former Grand Representative of ND, and we have traveled there many times since her commission ended and made many friends there.





Initiations



On June 6 Union Grove Chapter earned the first bee on their beehive with the initiation of Sister Kathy Ginther. Sister Jayne Murnane, initiated on April 4, walked with our new Sister during the initiation.



Katherine Nobel, was initiated on June 5, into Bristol Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron/ Worthy Grand Patron Reception



Janice Meier is the newest member of Starlight, Madison





Wine and Cheese Tasting by the Southeast Club



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

SPECIAL EVENT TONIGHT
A
PAIRING
EXPERIENCE

30 WINES AND 6 CHEESES
50/50 - RAFFLES
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023
7 TO 10 PM
TICKETS: \$40.00/PERSON

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT WIOCCU PAWS & STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships

WIOCCU Paws
Guide Dog Association





June 22 Exemplification at Lemonweir, Tomah





Memorial Service for PGM Helen Wheeler by the Western Stars Club on June 22 after the exempflication at Lemonweir, Tomah.



Adency Irons, first WGM of Wisconsin. Because of rain, the memorial service for her was held at Lemonweir, Tomah.



Installations 2024



Sue Shefchik and Joan Burr delivered stuffed animals collected by Honor Chapter to the Door County Emergency Services Department. Stuffed animals are given to young children by the EMT'S during traumatic situations.



Sparta #18



Dodgeville #39



Barb Ritchie of Shullsburg received her Grand Representative commission to California at the WGM/WGP Reception in Ridgeway.



Martha #66





Ellsworth #116



Union Grove #71



Kilbourn #120



Kenosha #92



Melody #150



Alpha #114





Bristol #164



Fond du Lac #289



Starlight #283





Sisters and Brothers, the
HAVE FAITH in YOUR DREAMS
Grand Family and Escorts
leave you this year with a quote
from a very important Mason.

“THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES” - *Bob Hope*



*Thank you for an exciting year and we extend our best wishes to
the Trust in the Lord Grand family!*

Deb and LeRoy



What's All the Buzz about OES

What is Eastern Star? When asked that question, are you ready with a reply?
BEE enthusiastic in your reply!

How about:

We are a group of women and men who belong to this wonderful organization that is worldwide. Our purpose is to promote fellowship, engage in charitable activities and help our communities in service projects. The Service Dog project is our main charity, but we also support many local and State Charities. We are Good People Doing Good Things for Good Reasons.

A Fraternal Organization is a brotherhood or a type of social organization whose members freely associate for a mutually beneficial purpose such as for social, professional, or honorary principles.

We know there has been a steady decline in fraternal organizations in the last 25 years. We need to continue to promote our order.

Besides using our social media and word of mouth, a Membership Display in your Lodge or at any event is a wonderful way to bring attention to our order.

Your display needs to be engaging and informative. What message do you want to convey to visitors?

Design your display, use display boards, frames, or glass cases to organize and present items.

The Membership committee has three small posters to loan and one large poster.

Use small pocket Kleenexes to hand out with a contact person on it.

Hand out a card with smartie candy saying, "Be a Smartie, Join Eastern Star."

Wear clothing and buttons with the Eastern Star logo on them.

The membership committee has Water Bottles to hand out.

The membership committee has Honeycomb Cereal in a bag to put your Contact info on.

Use our brochures and project information.

Promote Service Dogs as our permanent Worldwide project.

Use some photos of your Chapter having fun or at a fund-raising event or past memorable events.

BEE Proud to be a member of the Order of Eastern Star

BEE looking for new opportunities to share your love of the Order

BEE able to eliminate negative thoughts, complaints and excuses

BEE expecting good things to happen, and they will

BEE-LIEVE IN THE ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Everett Chapter Marshfield

Cordially invites you
To a party honoring



Erin LeSage,
Grand Representative of
Washington in Wisconsin 2022-2024

and

Dean Swett,
Grand Representative of
Louisiana in Wisconsin 2023-2025



Tuesday, July 23, 2024
at 6 PM (Party only - no meeting)
Marshfield Masonic Lodge
402 W 4th Street, Marshfield, WI

RSVP by July 9, 2024, to Janet Singer,
715-383-2017 or bowlnstar@hotmail.com
Designate – Grand Rep Party on the subject line.

It is Time to Renew



July 2024-June 2025

Electronic newsletter: Free

Paper (mailed) newsletter - \$25.00.

If you receive the newsletter via US Mail and would like to continue receiving it for the coming year, please renew your subscription by sending your name and \$25.00 (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, \$25.00 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 2025 edition.

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Complete the form and send with \$25.00 payable to
Grand Chapter O.E.S. of WI

Mail to: Grand Chapter OES, 275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118-9349

Name: _____

PGM/PGP: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Renewal: _____

Message/Note:



Calling all Wisconsin OES members.

We all know what we have been taught or have learned, but is this the desired way to perform our work? Let us review our work together to enhance the beautiful work of our order.

Let us continue to build upon our learning from last year's exemplifications. Now that we know we can perform our work with only a quorum, let us focus on perfecting the details. We will use our "Sources of truth" (our Ritual, Red book, and Code) to provide clarification.

We will start each session at 10 am, and plan to conclude by 3 pm. Lunch will be provided by our host chapters.

Please see the specifics below to register and send your nonrefundable \$10 per person fee.

Saturday, July 13 at the Janesville Masonic Center

2322 East Milwaukee Street

Janesville. 53545

Reservations no later than July 1 to

PGM Rosie Fiscus

210 S. Burr Oak Avenue. Oregon 53575

(608) 692- 0530

oesrosebud@charter.net

Saturday, July 27 at the McKinley Center

4550 N. Pilgrim Road. Brookfield 53005

Reservations no later than July 19 to

Barbara Dunham

1245 N. 123rd Street. Wauwatosa. 53226

(414) 378-2110

bdunham@milwpc.com

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Ask for our Travel Coordinator, Lauren Lindley.

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,980

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Buzzin' Around Door County



WGM Lori and WGP Orville invite you to join them on a motorcycle/vehicle trip "Buzzin' Around Door County".

Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7.

Our headquarters hotel is the AmericInn, 622 South Ashland Avenue, Sturgeon Bay.

Rooms are double queens at \$224 plus tax per night, 920-743-5898.

Eastern Star 2024 is the name of the block.

Rooms must be booked by August 6, 2024.

The trip will include a Poker Run as a fundraiser.

We will also do a type of scavenger hunt for the sights on our travels.

On Friday night we will gather at the hotel for social and games.

Saturday morning at 8am we will distribute the route map and bless our vehicles and head out by 8:30am.

Depending on the weather our Saturday trip will include such stops as US Coast Guard Pier 1 lighthouse, Cave Point County Park, Ridges Nature Center and Lighthouse, Cana Island Lighthouse (view only), Ellison Bay Bluff, Frank E. Murphy County Park, Door Peninsula Winery, a farm market, Wisconsin Motorcycle Memorial, Edgewood Orchard Gallery, Old Orchard Antiques, George K. Pinney Park and the UW Gardens.

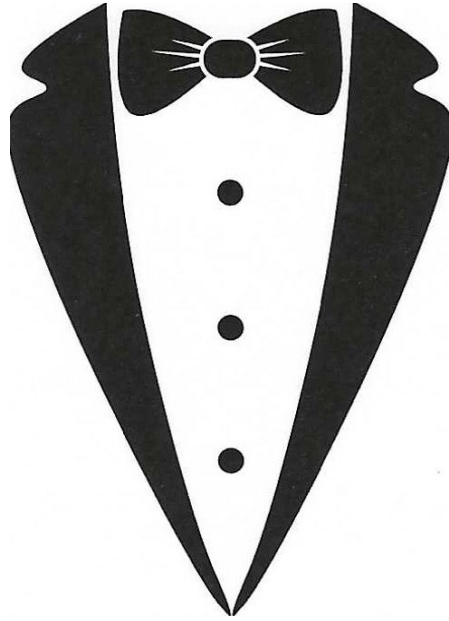
We will also be stopping somewhere for lunch, to be determined based on weather and schedule. All stops are free, including wine tasting, except Ridges which asks for a \$5 donation, and our lunch/ice cream stops.

An Ice cream stop at either Wilson's or Door County Creamery.

We will have dinner together in the evening back at Sturgeon Bay, a place to be determined, and then more social and games at the hotel. A group event may also be planned for those arriving earlier Friday or staying awhile on Sunday before returning home.

Please join us for this great trip around Door County.

Questions to Marv and Elaine at engelm@tds.net or 608-523-4134.



Please Join

Indiana Grand Chapter

as we proudly

honor our very own

BROTHER WILLIAM SHOULDERS

Worthy Grand Chaplain

of the General Grand Chapter

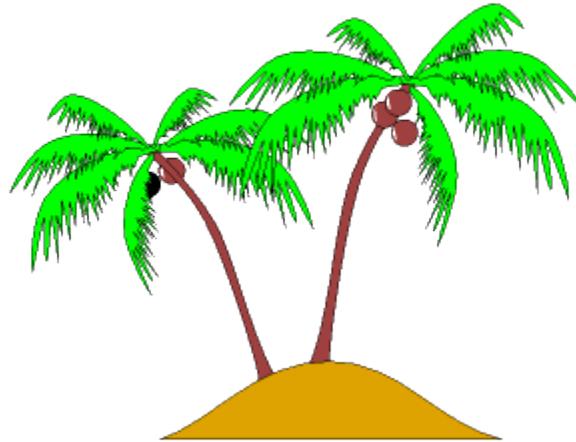
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

Cash Bar - 5:30 p.m. | Dinner - 7 p.m.

**Convention Center Embassy
Suites by Hilton
Plainfield Indianapolis Airport**

I *6089 Clarks Creek Road
Plainfield, IN 46168*

Multi-State Exchange
August 23-24, 2024
Plainfield, Indiana



The Indiana Grand Chapter, OES

Cordially Invites you to the

Luau - Indiana Style

Multi-State Weekend

Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Embassy Suites Plainfield / Indianapolis Airport

6089 Clarks Creek Rd, Plainfield, IN

Cash Bar: 5:30pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

See Registration Form for Payment and Hotel Information

RSVP with remittance by July 23rd

A WEEKEND OF HOOSIER HOSPITALITY
Indiana Grand Chapter
General Grand Chapter Honor Night - Multi-State Friends' Night
August 23 and 24, 2024

ALL-IN-ONE REGISTRATION AND MEAL SELECTION FORM –
ONE FORM PER PERSON DEADLINE: JULY 27, 2024

NAME: _____

JURISDICTION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Title as of August 2024: _____

EVENT	FEE	TOTAL
Friday, August 23, 2024		
Honor Night Worthy Grand Chaplain		
Chicken Bruschetta	\$65	
Salmon	\$70	
Vegetarian Option	\$45	
Saturday, August 24, 2024		
Day time tour of Scottish Rite Cathedral and local winery		
(will return in plenty of time to freshen up for the evening)		
Lunch	\$20	
Motor Coach	\$30	
Saturday evening, August 24, 2024		
Luau Indiana Style (no formals please...Hawaiian dress)		
Delicious buffet featuring pork loin and vegetarian tortellini)	\$80	
TOTAL (All costs include tax and gratuity)		

For hotel reservations: Embassy Suites by Hilton, Plainfield Indianapolis Airport, 6089 Clarks Creek Road, Plainfield, IN 46168. Call 317-839-1106 and ask for Eastern Star group (\$174 plus taxes per night) (Rate effective until July 23, 2024)

Make check or money order (U.S. currency) payable to: Diana Surfus, PGM Mail

completed form(s) and check to: Kim Frederick

1910 Pro Am Place
 Indianapolis, IN 46229
 E-mail: kfred@outlook.com or Phone: 765-661-1382



"By The Shore in 24"

UPDATE

Tuesday night October 29 at 6:30 pm we will be "Getting the Red out" at the Rip Tydz Restaurant, 1210 N Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach for our Wisconsin dinner.

Hopefully, the weather will co-operate, and we will be seated on the outdoor patio overlooking the ocean. We are close to the Boardwalk, where there are many activities. The restaurant is about a mile from the convention center. There is a small lot next to the restaurant that has free parking, but there are several parking lots in the area.

We will be ordering off the under \$25 menu and they are allowing us to do separate checks.

Throughout the session we will have Wisconsin Shaped pins to wear on our shoulders to identify us as Wisconsin members. You can still wear a Red Blazer if you would like. There may be a \$5 charge for the pins. I will be distributing them when they are completed.

Do not forget to get your registration in by September 20, forms and schedule are on the General Grand Chapter website.

PGM Rosie Fiscus GGCCM oesrosebud@gmail.com (608 692-0530)

Chapters **BEE** ready for another year with the hope that we can **BEE** inventive, **BEE** resourceful and **BEE** creative in the hopes of getting new members, bringing members back and putting our name out there so that all you hear is.

What's all the buzz about?

This year each chapter will receive a *beehive*, *bees*, and pins. The following instructions will show how to get the *bees* on the hive.

Category One (I) Informed

Each new member
Each member brought back
Each NEW dual member

Category Two (I) Active

Event with Masons
Event with another Chapter
Membership Event
Fundraiser Event
Water Bottles (request for Hand-outs)

Category Three (I) Visible

Signage (Town or City, on the Masonic Center, etc.)
Buttons/Shirts (group)
Parade (group)
Facebook
Display- Hand-Outs
Newspaper Articles

Bee Ready!

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oesrosebud@charter.net
608-692-0530

Karen Larson
kare4uall2day@gmail.com
608-444-4536

2024 Official Visit Schedule

Date	WGM	WGP	AGM	AGP	GC	AGC	Sentinel
8/12					Loyalty		
8/13						Ozaukee	
8/14					Fond du Lac		
9/3	Trillium						
9/4	Bristol						
9/5				Honor	Argyle	Union Grove	
9/9	Shullsburg		Fidelity			Kenosha	
9/10	Everett						
9/11		Wauwatosa					
9/16	Kinnickinnick		Wautoma		Sparta		Superior
9/17			Ruth				Eagle
9/19				Melody			
9/23			Willow River				
9/24			Northwest	West Allis			
9/25	Janesville						
9/26	LaBelle						
10/1							
10/3				Viroqua			
10/4		Vega					
10/14	Lemonweir						
10/15	Ellsworth				Rainbow		
10/21						Oregon	
10/24				Kilbourn			
11/5	Dodgeville						
11/6		Starlight					
11/11		Martha					

2024 - 2025 Individual Travel Award Points

Once you have accumulated 125 points, turn your sheet into any Grand Officer to receive your Individual Travel Award Pin.

		maximum points	points earned
1	Attend Grand Chapter 2024	5	5 _____
2	Attend a Masonic Installation	3	6 _____
3	Purchase Worthy Grand Matron or Patron Pins	3	9 _____
4	Accept Office in Home Chapter	5	5 _____
5	Accept Office in Dual / Plural Chapter	5	10 _____
6	Earn or Hold a proficiency card or station certification	3	6 _____
7	Be a First or Second Line signer on a petition	2	6 _____
8	Attend Worthy Grand Matron / Patron Party	5	5 _____
9	Attend Grand Officer Party	5	10 _____
10	Attend Grand Representative Party	5	20 _____
11	Attend Grand Chapter Christmas Party	5	5 _____
12	Attend Another Chapter Installation	2	10 _____
13	Be an Installing Officer in Another Chapter	3	6 _____
14	Attend your Area Club Meeting	2	10 _____
15	Attend 5 Meetings in your Home Chapter	2	10 _____

16	Attend 5 Meetings in you Dual/Plural Chapter	2	10	_____
17	Visit or Send Cards to Homebound Members	2	10	_____
18	Attend a Red Book School / Review	5	5	_____
19	Serve on a Committee in Your Home/Dual/Plural Chapter	3	6	_____
20	Be a Pro-tem Officer in a Meeting (not in own chapter)	2	6	_____
21	Make a Personal Donation to Worthy Grand Matron / Patron Project	5	5	_____
22	Assist with a Chapter Fundraiser	5	5	_____
23	Visit Another Chapter List dates/chapters visited on the back	2	10	_____
24	Attend Grand Officer or District Deputy Visit in Home/Dual Chapter	5	10	_____
25	Capture one of the "Traveling Bees" and document travels in their "Passport"	5	10	_____
26	Post a picture of your travels with the Traveling Bee on the Traveling Bee Facebook page	5	10	_____
27	Write an Article for the Newsletter or Facebook	5	15	_____

**Total
Points: _____
225**

Member name / Title

Date

Chapter

Program Planning for Worthy Matrons

I have had requests to know what charities will be focused on throughout the year.

If your chapter is dark during a particular month, please consider moving the activity to a time you do meet. Activities might be more feasible during a social rather than a business meeting. If you bring in a speaker, please advertise this so we can all learn.

July -	Member Retention/Recruitment. Please contact the Membership Committee.
August-	CPR/Defibrillator training.
September-	Support Our Youth
October-	Cancer Awareness
November-	Service Dogs
December-	Cheer
January-	Re-obligation
February-	Heart Fund, heart health
March-	ESTARL
April-	Leader Training Resources
May-	OES Foundation

Heart Committee

Heart health is especially important for our members, and our communities.

When we are meeting in our lodges, it would be amazing to have members who can intervene if a member is having an issue. Many of our lodges have defibrillators, but how many members know how to use one?

How many members would recognize when a member was having a heart attack, a transient ischemic attack (TIA) or a stroke? Seconds count when responding to any of these emergencies. With knowledge, we can intervene in a helpful way before any first responders appear.

There are many entities that provide classes at minimal cost to students. These entities include local hospitals, fire departments and rescue squads, the Red Cross, and the American Heart Association.

Be aware, heart attack symptoms can be vague in older adults, and differ between men and women. It is important to be aware that signs can also build up over time.

Signs to be aware of include:

Chest pain
Pressure
Tightness
Squeezing
Aching,
Burning
Stinging, that does not improve with rest.

These symptoms can spread to the:

Neck
Jaw
Back
Shoulders

Arms
Upper abdomen
Teeth. Fatigue,
Sudden lightheadedness or dizziness,
New or severe nausea
Heartburn
Indigestion
Shortness of breath
Sudden sweating
Anxiety
Coughing or wheezing
Swelling in the feet, ankles, or legs
Sudden onset of confusion

Signs of a stroke in an older person are described below. Minutes matter to preserve brain health. Call first responders immediately if you discover any of the following:

Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg, especially if on one side of the body
Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding speech
Sudden problems seeing in one or both eyes
Sudden dizziness, loss of balance, coordination, or trouble walking
Sudden severe headache with no known cause
Nausea and vomiting

Do not drive yourself or have someone drive you to the hospital. Call 911 so that you can begin to get help immediately. Acting fast is the key to stroke survival and an improved outcome.

Cancer Committee

Cancer awareness- I want to specifically focus our energies to support those fighting against cancer. My family has been riddled with cancer, and I have had my own scare.

I would like to increase awareness of some forms of cancer that we do not want to talk about, specifically cervical, ovarian, and prostate cancer. My life has been impacted by each of these.

In addition to donating money for prevention, there are opportunities to provide support by:

Providing blankets and/or chemo caps for patients undergoing chemotherapy
Providing transportation and companionship during treatment
Offer help with household chores or errands- cooking, cleaning, laundry, yard work, etc.
Give emotional support.
Give caretakers a break.
Donate blood or blood products

Parliamentary Procedure

To be recognized and speak:

- Stand and say **“Worthy Matron”** or **“Worthy Patron”** if he is presiding. The Worthy Matron will recognize you and you then have the floor. If another member is speaking, wait until they are finished before standing and being recognized. If two members rise in unison, one will be recognized and the other will sit until they have finished speaking.

Motions

- If you are bringing a motion to the floor that you have been considering, please have it in writing. Bring three copies, one for yourself, one for the Worthy Matron and one for the Secretary. This will aid in accurately reading and recording the motion during the voting process. If possible, please discuss the motion with the Worthy Matron before the meeting so she can determine if it is in the proper form and can make sure it is addressed under the proper order of business.
- If you are bringing a motion from the floor during a meeting, please take a moment to consider the problem and formulate a concise motion. Adding amendments to correct a motion can cause confusion.

To make a motion during the proper order of business:

- Stand and say, **“Worthy Matron.”** When recognized, say **“I move that...”** and precisely describe your proposal. It will be voted on as described. After making the motion, please be seated.
- A member will need to say **“Second”** to allow the motion to be debated.
- The Worthy Matron will then state the question **“It has been moved that...”** and will exactly repeat the motion as proposed. This is the verbiage that will be acted upon if approved and recorded in the minutes, so accuracy is important. The Worthy Matron will normally allow the maker of the motion to start the debate and explain their motion if needed. Debate should be limited to the motion on the floor.
- If a motion needs correction before a vote is held, a motion and second to amend the original motion is required before the change can be addressed. A vote will be held on the amendment and if approved, a vote on the amended motion will follow. If the amendment is not approved, a vote on the original motion is held.

Voting

- When debate appears to have ended, the Worthy Matron will ask **“Is there any further debate?”** The Worthy Matron will then say, **“The question is on the adoption of the motion that...”** and restate the motion. She will then ask those in favor of the motion to vote by the method instructed. She will then ask that all opposed vote by the same method. The Worthy Matron will then announce the vote results. If the motion is accepted, she will restate the motion and its effect and then continues business. If it fails, she moves to the next order of business.
- **Optional:** For this meeting, a **“Move the Previous Motion”** or **“Call for the Question”** will *not be entertained*.
- If a member desires to end debate, they must be recognized and state **“I move the previous motion.”** A member will need to say **“Second”** to allow this motion to proceed. If another member seconds this motion, the Worthy Matron will state **“It is moved and seconded to order the previous question”** and will immediately order the vote. This requires a 2/3 majority to pass and end debate. If it passes, she will order the vote on the original motion.

Elections

Nominations

- From the floor
The Chair calls for nominations from the floor by saying “**Nominations are now in order for the office of ...**” Any member may then call out “**I nominate ...**” without first standing or being recognized by the chair. When it appears there are no further nominations, the chair says “**Are there any further nominations?** [Pause] **If not, nominations are closed.**”

Election

- Elections are commonly conducted by ballot. If only one candidate is nominated for an office, the Chair simply declares the nominee elected by “**acclamation**” unless the bylaws require a ballot vote.
- If no candidate receives a majority, balloting continues, retaining as candidate all who do not voluntarily withdraw.
- An election becomes final when the Chair announces the results if the candidate is present and does not decline or is absent but has previously consented to serve.

Other Motions and Voting

- **Subsidiary Motions made after a motion is on the floor**
Amend (majority vote)
Lay of the Table (majority vote)
Refer (to a committee) (majority vote)
Postpone Indefinitely (majority vote)
Postpone to a Certain Time (majority vote)
Limit or Extend Limits of Debate (2/3 majority vote)
Previous Question (see Voting on page 1) (2/3 majority vote)
- **To bring a Questions Again Before the Assembly**
Take From the Table (majority vote)
Discharge a committee (before they complete their work) (majority vote)
Rescind Motion Previously Adopted (2/3 majority vote)
Amend Motion Previously Adopted (2/3 majority vote)
- **The Chair can debate a motion:**
If they give up the Chair until the issue is disposed of.
- **The Chair can vote when:**
The vote is by ballot
In a tie and the Chair would vote to approve motion

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