

Wisconsin OES Newsletter

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Greetings from the WGM & WGP:

Sisters and Brothers,

Your Grand Family is on the road again this month. The officers have been out supporting chapters for their special nights, initiations, and Official Visits. We are excited to have this opportunity to meet you, to learn about your chapter and welcome the new Sisters and Brothers. WGP Orville and I are so pleased with the number of petitions that are being read, and the initiations being scheduled. Please keep us posted regarding your dates.

Thank you to all who were able to celebrate our Grand Chaplain and Grand Ruth on September 14. It was a bee-utiful day. We are so proud of these two lovely ladies. Please enjoy the pictures if you were unable to be with us.

The Official Visits are going well. We are finding chapter members working hard to learn their parts, and to adjust as needed for the comfort of our members. We have many members who are new to their stations. We are so encouraged to see members trying new stations, especially those who have accepted elected offices. You, who are doing a bee-utiful job. Please consider

taking a station proficiency. The Proficiency Committee has study resources that can be used to help you understand what the testing experience would be like.

I learned at a DD school recently that “it is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything, will affect its successful outcome. Thank you to our Conductresses, District Deputies and Grand Officers for the time and travel around the state to help our chapters be prepared for the OV season. Several chapters are initiating real candidates at their OVs, so all this learning will be put to good use.

Our activity focus for October is Cancer Awareness and support of our members who are diagnosed with cancer. I have cared for many family members with cancer as well as having my own scare. This topic is also very close to our WGP’s heart. Please consider a donation of funds or time for those experiencing this dreadful diagnosis.

Please mark your calendars for an exchange with our Sisters and Brothers from Iowa and Minnesota. This event will be November 15-16, 2024. We are finalizing the site and details. Both jurisdictions have fun members and exciting activities that would be of interest to learn about. I will forward further details as I know them.

Until we see you on the Star trail, bee blessed!

Lori & Orville

Travel Bee Updates:



We hope you are enjoying the adventures of our travel bees on the Wisconsin OES Facebook page.

Queen Bee Lori remains with Starlight chapter. Since our last report, she has been busy attending events with our WGM. King Orville is at Starlight chapter. Princess Judy remains at Honor chapter where she has been busy traveling with District Deputy Connie Skarvan. She is going to be one smart bee! Prince Alan has returned from his cruise and can be found visiting Oregon chapter. Worker Bee Linda can currently be found at Wauwatosa Chapter. Moses Bee is flying around the chapters in the northwest area. Looks like he is having fun up there.

We hope you are documenting your activities so you can earn an Individual Travel award. Once you have earned your award, turn the form in to a Grand Officer to receive your pin. Our hope is that the message on the pin will be relevant to you beyond this Grand Chapter year. We look forward to celebrating members who earn this award.

WGM/WGP Project-

Thanks to all who are contributing to our project. We appreciate the donations from chapters and individuals. Approximately \$800 was raised at the silent auction at the Grand Officer party. Thank you to the clever item donators and eager shoppers. As of the end of August, we have raised about \$3000. Of interest to me is the ability to increase traffic on the LEDR Guardian app. If we

can intervene with resources for first responders who are struggling, imagine the exponential impact we would have. The LEDR Team is very interested in reaching out to health care professionals. Please share our information with any you may know in your community.

If you did not get term pins, we have an alternative. For \$5, you can be the envy of your chapter by sporting one or more bees on your lapel. Several Grand Officers have a supply, so please contact them.



Lapel Pins

Do you have lapel pins that need to be re-homed? Please consider donating pins that you may no longer need and offer them a new home. If we can get a substantial number, we will have them at state-wide events. We ask for a goodwill offering if you find a pin that speaks to you.

Please let Lori know if you need additional business cards, symposium flyers or help to contact a speaker. Members of LEDR are willing to come to chapters and area clubs to speak.



More from the WGM

Are you missing music during your meetings? I recently attended an entire grand session for the Order of the Rainbow that used recorded music throughout. The music was appropriate, beautifully arranged and well timed. All the selections added to the solemnity and beauty of the floorwork.

If you are not fortunate enough to have an organist or pianist in your chapter, we do have several chapters that have successfully transitioned to recorded music and they are willing to help.

Please contact these sisters:
Mitch Belke, Secretary at Martha Chapter
Janet Singer, Secretary at Everett Chapter
PGM Rosie Fiscus, Secretary at Janesville Chapter

Newsletter Deadline

**DEADLINE for the November 2024 Newsletter is:
October 25, 2024**

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

OES BLAST by EMAIL



Subscribe @ jobiemom@wirr.com to receive weekly updates and OES News by email.

Upcoming Events

- Sep 29-Oct 2** – Illinois Grand Chapter – Springfield
- Oct 2** – Starlight, Madison – Honor Elected Officers – Western Theme and Cancer awareness – 7 pm
- Oct 4** – Vega Chapter, Milwaukee will NOT have a meeting.
- Oct 7** – Wautoma Chapter, Wautoma – Meeting changed to 2 pm
- Oct 7-9** – Michigan Grand Chapter - Muskegon
- Oct 11** – Triwaukee Club – Zoom meeting
- Oct 12** – Southeast Club – Union Grove – 10 am
- Oct 14** – Willow River, New Richmond – Initiation – 7 pm
- Oct 13** – Superior Chapter 100th Birthday
- Oct 13** – Mr. & Mrs. OES – Green Lantern Restaurant, McFarland – 11 am
- Oct 17** – Tycopera Club - Starlight, Madison – 7 pm
- Nov 1** – Vega Chapter, Milwaukee – Honoring Diane Bingheim, Grand Representative of Oklahoma, Western attire, no meeting, Introductions, entertainment and refreshments – 7 pm
- Nov 7** – Viroqua Chapter, Viroqua – Honoring Kay Vosseteig, Grand Representative of Ontario – 5 pm Stated Meeting, Social Gathering 6:30 pm follow by lunch and program
- Nov 7-10** – Iowa Grand Chapter – Des Moines
- Nov 9** – Southeast Club – Union Grove – Presentation on Occupaws
- Nov -14** – Star Cruiser’s Meeting – 1951 West, Green Bay
- Nov 15-16** – Minnesota/Iowa/Wisconsin Exchange – Owatonna, MN
- Nov 19** – Ellsworth Chapter, Ellsworth – Meeting changed to 1 pm.
- Nov 21** – Tycopera Club – Oregon – 7 pm
- Dec 14** – All-State Christmas Party – Beja Shrine, Green Bay



Congratulations

New Grand Representatives:

Carol Falkowski	Maine	Wauwatosa
Ed Bergren	New Mexico	Martha
Virginia Goodman	North Carolina	Vega

From the Grand Secretary

I have received Large Print Rituals from Illinois Grand Chapter. I have six rituals left, so, if you need one, please let me know.

Secretaries remember to send me back your Updated Roster sheets that I sent you. This is so I can update the database. I will resend you a current copy after I have received an updated roster from each of your chapters. I will be letting you know soon if I have not received your roster sheets back.

990N's are due into the office before November 1. I have received a few, but I need to have this from every chapter. There is a fine of \$50.00 if it is late.

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. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Jane M. Blackwood, PGM Grand Secretary



Visit to the Grand Chapter Office by the Gaming Commission

OES was visited by an auditor in September. He was not there for an official audit, but rather to provide education because it has been many years since we have been in contact. We did our best to gather the most appropriate people with short notice to listen to the training. We are in jeopardy of losing our licenses if we do not comply with gaming regulations.

Members will receive information via our usual communication mechanisms (Blast, monthly newsletter, website, Grand Chapter reports...) We want to ensure that any chapter wanting to have a raffle or other type of fundraising knows the rules. We will ensure our Grand Charity project committee members have this information each year going forward. Chapters will also be receiving a copy of the PowerPoint that was presented.

If you have questions, please contact our Grand Trustees, our Grand Secretary, or chair of our service project. Thank you to the members who were able to attend the training and are sharing information with us.

Fabric for Sale

Ruthann Watts is downsizing and must sell off her fabric stash. She has 100s of yards of quality quilt fabric that she will sell for \$5.00 a yard to OES members.

Ruthann also has around a hundred kits that she is offering for 50% off the ticket price. Again, all high-quality quilt shop material. She still has several machines that are available.

If you are Interested send her a text message to 1-262-993-0486.

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.

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. If you capture a bee, 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.



Wisconsin OES Foundation



We met on September 6, 2024, and reviewed two applications. Both were granted. We also received bee-utiful notes from the recipients of grants in June. It is so gratifying to be able to help members in their time of need.

Deadline for applications: December 1, 2024.

The next Foundation Meeting: December 14, 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.

2023/2024 Proceedings

I would like to order a copy of the Proceedings Book for the 132nd "Have Faith in Your Dreams" Grand Session.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER IS OCTOBER 10, 2024.
NEW DATE!**

NAME: _____
CHAPTER NO.: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____, STATE: ___ ZIP: _____

Are you a Past Grand Matron or Patron? Y or N

Check one:
___ Hard-bound book - (approx. \$44.00)
___ Spiral-Bound Book- (Approx. \$44)
___ PDF (free)

Those members to be billed will receive their invoice with their order Send to: Grand Secretary, OES 275 Sunset Dr. Dousman, WI 53118-9349

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Mr. & Mrs. OES

Mr. and Mrs. OES Annual Gathering, 13 October at 11:00 and the Green Lantern Restaurant, McFarland.

All couples who have served in the East together may be members of and join us for the Mr. and Mrs. OES gathering. Widows and widowers who had served together with their spouse are also welcome to attend.

We will share a meal, a short business meeting and have some entertainment at the Green

Lantern Restaurant, 4412 Siggelkow Rd, McFarland, WI. The restaurant is just south of Madison (south of Hwy 12), off Hwy 51.



The restaurant is on Lake Waubesa, there should be splendid views! They have a dock you

can walk out on. We will be on the Lower Level. From the outside, there are four steps to the Lower level. From the inside, there are twelve steps.

Restrooms are on the first floor, not on the Lower Level.

RSVP by 6 Oct to Alan Weir or Gail O'Connell, 920-933-2954 or alan.weir8510@fvtc.edu.



FAGO

(Former Appointed Grand Officers)

We understand there is interest in maintaining this group, and as Worthy Grand Matron, I support this work. Sisters Marianne Totsch, Elaine Engelke and Linda Schreier are spearheading information gathering.

At this point, there is interest in keeping this group viable. The group would like to meet once or twice during the year but would not like a separate banquet at Grand Chapter as potential members would be busy with a variety of activities.

There is interest in working on a project for Grand Chapter. I would be very interested in working with this group. There was no consensus regarding what this group would like to be called.

We are extremely fortunate to be able to learn from other jurisdictions. If you have ideas or information that would assist this group, please contact the sisters mentioned above. Please look for further information about this initiative.

Heart News

I hope you found last month's information helpful. Please do not feel silly presenting you or a person you care about to be evaluated. Those unusual symptoms that are often written off as indigestion or heartburn, could be your heart's way of getting your attention.

We extend healing vibes to our WGP after his recent double bypass procedure, and to our Grand Sentinel after his open-heart surgery. Both can share their stories regarding how grateful they are for their recent intervention.

Service Dogs Project



Please watch the monthly mailings and Blast for chapters who are bringing in speakers to discuss the use and training of service dogs. We are fortunate that we have several Wisconsin OES members who give of their time and talent to train dogs.

Cheer Committee



This committee is working to coordinate our holiday events for the residents at Three Pillars. This year's event will be on December 6, 2024. We plan to visit the residents at the Rehab Center at 10:30am. We will have an afternoon tea with our 12 OES members at Village on the Square at 2:30pm. This is always a fun experience.

Door County Adventure

We were blessed with a gorgeous day to explore Door County. We hope you are enjoying the pictures from our stops. We are grateful to PGP Marv and Elaine Engelke for planning this adventure with the precision I have previously experienced. They were ready for any contingency. We were fortunate to be able to join some members of Honor chapter for a delicious dinner and games. Thanks to all who participated. You are appreciated!!

ESTARL Committee

The application forms on the website have been reviewed and found to be current. We will add a date to the document so we can be alerted when the next review should take place. The brochure for laity was updated to add the corrected address for the Grand Chapter office. This year's ornament is here. Grand Officers will have ornaments available at the Official Visits. We hope you will love the ornament and add it to your home this holiday season. They sell for \$15.00 each.



Membership Committee



“Dare to dance with the ghosts of the past and create a new future”

- H** Have a positive attitude about our order
- A** Always respect your sisters and brothers
- L** Lend a helping hand whenever you can
- L** Live your Obligation
- O** Be **openhanded** and always willing to help others in need”
- W** Welcome your members and visitors with a smile
- E** Embrace the stories of the heroines of our order
- E** Be **Eager** to try a new station or activity in the Chapter
- N** Notice when a sister or brother needs a kind word

Membership co-chairs
Bee Keepers Rosie & Karen

Uniform Proficiency Committee

Members in need of study materials may contact PGM Laurie Budwick.

This year, the committee will be working on revising the Arrangement Committee chapter of the Grand Officer handbook. We want to reflect on current practice recommendations and identify the most appropriate accountabilities for the work that needs to be done to make our Grand Chapter session run efficiently.

This year the WGM has asked for the creation of an Excel spreadsheet to identify members who know the initiatory work and are willing to travel to support chapters. It would be extremely helpful for Worthy Matrons to have protems at the

ready. If you are willing, please contact the WGM with the stations you are comfortable with and any other useful information.

The committee has also been tasked to consider methods to mentor members who desire to learn the Worthy Patron and Associate Patron work. Throughout our jurisdiction, the number of men who know the work is dwindling. If you have insight that would be of help, please contact PGM Laurie Budwick.

World of Youth

The committee is doing a wonderful job of identifying opportunities to support our Masonic Youth. Their activities will be advertised for our members to attend. Please watch the Blast and mailings for opportunities to support our youth.

Kudos to our members who continue to support our youth on a local, state, and international level. Wisconsin OES is well represented. I have been extremely impressed with the leadership of our Masonic youth organizations. My hope is that in time, we can encourage these fine young people to join us.

There is interest in forming a bethel in the Eagle River area. If you can help this initiative, please contact the Bethel Grand Guardian, Judy Scharfenberger. She is a member of the Wauwatosa chapter.



Your Grand Officers “The High Flyers”



Our Grand Conductress is Linda Schreier. Those who know her know she is a multi-talented member who usually walks at high speed in her bee-utiful shoes. She is a member of Vega, West Allis, and Kenosha Chapters where she has served as an officer for many years. She has a very long list of other things she has done for our Grand Chapter. If you need info, she probably has it. Her escort is her husband, PGM Dave Schreier.



Our Associate Grand Conductress is Kate Smillie. Kate is also a multi-talented lady with skills that will serve Grand Chapter in the future. Kate is a member of Martha Chapter (Jefferson). Kate’s escort is her husband, Tim Smillie.

Kate and Linda are both Past Grand Adah’s and have served as District Deputies. We are so fortunate to have these ladies in the Grand Line.



Bling It On!

Support our project. **Bling It on Sisters** is a hobby business owned by Past Grand and Majority Rainbow Girls of 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.



Buzzin' Around Door County



Grand Chapter News



Dodgeville Chapter honoring Grand Organist, Kristen Schoville, PGM



Grand Officer Party for Maureen Wise, Grand Chaplain and Ruthann Watts, Grand Ruth



Carol Falkowski of Wauwatosa Chapter was presented with her Grand Representative Appointment to Maine by Grand Marshal, James Goodman, Jr.





Virginia Goodman of Vega Chapter was presented with her Grand Representative Appointment to North Carolina by her husband, Grand Marshal, James Goodman, Jr. at the party for the Grand Chaplain & Grand Ruth



Moses went golfing in Ellsworth



Princess Judy hanging on a rearview mirror

Bee Sightings



Prince Alan camping in Grantsburg



King Orville visiting at Dodgeville



Queen Bee Lori at the Grand Chaplain & Grand Ruth Party



Star Cruisers at the Machine Shed in Appleton

From the Chapters



Official Visit at Sparta Chapter



Queen Bee Lori & King Orville in Door County

Area Clubs



Tycopera Club Kick-off Dinner at the Great Dane East in Madison



Official Visit at Trillium Chapter, Crivitz





Official Visit at Northwest Chapter, Clear Lake



Official Visit at Janesville Chapter



Official Visit at LaBelle Chapter, Mukwonago



Official Visit at Ruth Chapter, La Crosse



Official Visit at Willow River Chapter,
New Richmond



Official Visit at Wauwatosa Chapter, Brookfield



Official Visit at Kenosha Chapter



Official Visit at Shullsburg Chapter



Official Visit at Everett Chapter, Marshfield



Official Visit at Alpha Chapter Argyle



Initiation at Ozaukee Chapter, Port Washington



Official Visit at Fidelity Chapter, Menasha



Vendors at Vega and West Allis Chapters
Souper Crafty Festival at Lake Lodge



More vendors at Vega and West Allis Chapters Souper Crafty Festival at Lake Lodge



Rainbow Chapter was visited by Kristen Schoville, PGM, Grand Organist, her husband Jim and a four-legged friend, Banks. We were given an informative program about OccuPaws.



School supplies collected by Trillium Chapter



Winter, Jim, and Kris Schoville went to Mukwonago to help LaBelle Chapter at the fall festival, raising funds for the service dogs and OccuPaws.



Northwest Chapter



School supplies collected by Dodgeville Chapter



Union Grove chapter delivering collected school supplies to the elementary school.



Jumbo Meatball Dinner at Union Grove Chapter
School supplies collected by Dodgeville Chapter



Kenosha Chapter's fundraiser for the K-9 Unit of the Kenosha Police Department. We invited the Blue Lodges who meet at Unity Lodge for dinner and a presentation by Sgt. Anthony Barriere and K-9 Lupo.



Queen Bee's cousin Lady Jasmine traveled all the way to Boston with some sisters from Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth



*You are cordially invited to attend
the
100th Anniversary Celebration
of
Superior Chapter*

Sunday, October 13, 2024

*Billings Park Civic Center
3903 N. 18th Street
Superior, Wisconsin*

*12:00noon Social
1:00pm Dinner
Entertainment Following*

*All will be guests of Superior Chapter.
We ask that you R.S.V.P. before October 7th so that we
have an accurate count.*

RSVP to: P.G.M. Laramie Reissner
Email: lreissner102@gmail.com
Phone: 715-651-6221



Vega Chapter, Milwaukee
invites you to
don your finest western apparel
as we honor Diane Bingheim,
Grand Representative of Oklahoma
in Wisconsin.

Friday November 1st at 7pm
Lake Masonic Center 1235 E Howard Ave
Milwaukee WI 53207

There will be a program, entertainment, and light refreshments.
Please RSVP to Kim Gascoigne
Kagascoigne547@gmail.com
262-960-9091



**SISTER KAY VOSSETEIG
REPRESENTING
ONTARIO
IN WISCONSIN
2023-2025**



**PLEASE JOIN VIROQUA CHAPTER IN HONORING SISTER
KAY VOSSETEIG**



**NOVEMBER 7, 2024,
VIROQUA MASONIC CENTER
FOLLOWING OUR 5:00 STATED MEETING
SOCIAL GATHERING 6:30
LUNCH & PROGRAM TO FOLLOW**

Janesville Chapter No. 69 Janesville, Wisconsin



**Invites you attend our
Elected Officer Night on
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
7:00 PM
2322 E. Milwaukee St.
Janesville, WI 53545**

**Where we will also honor
Brother Larry Preston
Grand Representative of Sao Palo, Brazil**



Refreshments to follow

**Please RSVP to:
Jane Blackwood, PGM, Grand Secretary
Stormkat1216@gmail.com or 608-346-8435
By November 6, 2024**

Ralph Behlke

Grand Representative of Montana in Wisconsin 2023-2025
Martha Chapter #66, Jefferson, Wisconsin

Michele and I were able to attend the Montana Grand Chapter held in Butte, Montana in July of 2024. I was very proud to represent Wisconsin as Grand Representative of Montana in Wisconsin. I received my appointment from WGM, Debbie Bower and WGP, LeRoy Kifer, while attending Wisconsin Grand Chapter; what a surprise! We attended Thursday afternoon "Starlight Over the Waters" 134th session, and the Friday session. We were able to connect with my counterpart, PGM, Margo Hellickson; what a great lady! Each Grand Officer and escort were introduced including their initiation date, offices served, family heritage, bad weather stories, favorite Grand Officer skit, funniest grand family incident, and favorite fun symbol. It was hilarious and fun to hear.

Items of interest:

- *Montana has no Trustees; the Finance, Ways and Means committee handles that business.
- *Montana does not have a Grand Lecturer.
- *Montana does not have District Deputies
- *The WGM visits all Chapters as Official Visitor, Grand Officers may attend with the WGM.
- *Montana has 31 Chapters
- *Montana has 1827 individual members
- *Grand Conductresses do not carry staffs
- *Grand Officers enter Grand Chapter by squaring the Chapter room and line up outside the labyrinth. The WGM & WGP are escorted to the East through the labyrinth.
- *The presentation and Tributes to the flags was given by the WGP
- *Reports, welcomes, responses, or tributes are given at a lectern that is positioned on the floor in front of the secretary's desk.

Ralph and PGM Margo Hellickson



Grand Representatives



Grand Representatives are introduced under the Fraternal Correspondence. Each state was reported with both representatives approaching the East where they placed their state flag in a plaque. We also attended the Grand Representatives lunch and Distinguished Guest's lunch. Sister Margo was a great hostess and introduced us to many new friends. We have many fond memories of Montana and made a special friend, Margo Hellickson.

Thank you for this appointment.
Fraternally,
Ralph L Behlke

Formation of a New Committee:

Per the request of a motion passed at Grand Chapter, I have assembled a committee to evaluate our needs for scheduling future Grand Chapter sessions after our current contract expires.

I have asked PGM Brenda Gaulke to chair. The other members are PGP Craig Wepprecht, PGMs Bobbi Jo Clark, Rosie Fiscus, Terri Hundhausen, and Sister Marianne Totsch. I have asked the group to consider the following:

1. Should we meet at a different time of year?
2. Should we meet on different days of the week?
3. Should the session length be changed?
4. Is our current location still central?
5. If we keep our current venue, are they able to provide the services/amenities we think we need?
6. What can/should be done to encourage attendance by our members?
7. What can/should be done to encourage attendance by guests from other jurisdictions?
8. What can/should be done to encourage attendance by our affiliated Masonic organizations?
9. How can we increase the number and variety of vendors?
10. How will any proposed changes affect our by-laws and fiscal year?

I would also like this group to develop a template to use when considering alternative sites. I would ask that we consider accessibility for members with mobility challenges not only for Grand Chapter, but for any state event. We should also identify the services we need at our events. The use of a sound system is one of many services we ask for at our venues.

If you have information, you feel would help this group in their work, please contact PGM Brenda Gaulke. This group will present a report of their findings at our Grand Chapter session in May of 2025.

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.

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



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 several 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 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

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!

Rosie Fiscus
oesrosebud@gmail.com
608-692-0530

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

2024 Official Visit Schedule

(Any changes need to be approved by the WGM)

Revised 7/24/24

Date	WGM	WGP	AGM	AGP	GC	AGC
10/3				Melody		
10/7			Wautoma			
10/8					Rainbow 1:30 mtg	
10/14	Lemonweir 1pm					
10/15	Ellsworth					
10/16		Starlight				
10/17				Viroqua		
10/18		Vega				
10/21						Oregon
10/22						Ozaukee
10/24				Kilbourn		
11/5	Dodgeville					
11/7				Honor		
11/11		Martha			Joint Loyalty & Fond du Lac At Fond du Lac	



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 Protem 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	2	10	_____
	List dates/chapters visited on the back			
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	_____

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