

Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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Greetings from the WGM:

Sisters and Brothers,

Where did the summer go? This one went by very quickly. After a few weeks at home to finalize plans for our fall activities, I am ready to hit the road to meet our members.

Thank you to all the Worthy Matrons/Secretaries who have sent in their programs. We look forward to seeing you on your special nights.

As of this writing, our Conductress schools have been completed. I hope you found them informative and a good preparation for proficiency testing if you are inclined to participate this year. The first testing opportunity will be September 22 starting at noon.

Martha Chapter will host. Please contact PGM Laurie Budwick if you would like study materials and if you would like to attend.

Our activity focus in September is supporting our youth. I know many chapters organize school supply drives in the fall. If you do not have masonic youth in your community, I am sure there are other groups who would love your support. As of this writing, there is

interest in forming a Bethel in the Eagle River area. If you can assist this effort, please contact the Grand Bethel Guardian, Judy Scharfenberger at Grandguardian@wjdi.org.

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, be blessed!

Lori

Travel Bee Updates:

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

Queen Bee Lori is still with Starlight chapter. Since our last report, she has been busy attending events with our WGM.

King Orville is at Alpha chapter.

Princess Judy is still at Honor chapter where she has been busy traveling with District Deputy Connie Skarvan. She is going to be one smart bee!

Prince Alan is back from a month-long cruise with PGM Rosie. He may get the award for the furthest travels.

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.

Individual Travel Award

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. 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.



Please see the attachments in this mailing regarding our project, the symposium, and the Guardian app to enhance the well-being of first responders in your community. If your lodge allows it, please post information for members and visitors to the lodge.

I have found first responders have been very receptive to receiving information about this group. It would be particularly helpful to contact healthcare personnel. These hard-working individuals are typically forgotten when support is needed.

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 just 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 October 2024 Newsletter is: September 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

Upcoming Events

- Sep 3** – Trillium, Crivitz – OV with initiation of a new member – 7 pm
- Sep 4** – Starlight, Madison - LEDR Team speaker, 7 pm
- Sep 5** – Lake Lodge – Open House
- Sep 5** – Viroqua – Speaker on Service Dogs – 7 pm
- Sep 6-7** - Buzzin' Around Door County
Motorcycle/Vehicle trip around Door County
- Sep 10** – Ozaukee, Port Washington – Initiation
- Sep 11** – Fond du Lac – Honor Secretary & Treasurer
- Sep 12** – Star Cruisers Area Club – Appleton Machine Shed 11:30 am – RSVP with Karen Kaas
- Sep 13** – Foundation Meeting – 1:00 pm.
- Sep 13** – Triwaukee Club - Ozaukee, Port Washington Hosts – 7 pm.
- Sep 14** – Grand Officer Party for Grand Chaplain, Maureen Wise and Grand Ruth, Ruthann Watts
- Sep 17** – Dodgeville – Honoring Organists (Including Grand Organist, Kristen Schoville) 7 pm
- Sep 19** – Tycopera Guides – Dinner at Great Dane East. RSVP with Marianne Totsch.
- Sep 22** - Proficiency Testing at Martha Chapter. Noon start
- Sep 22** - Joint meeting of three bethels in Janesville. RSVP to KatieJ22278@gmail.com
- Sep 25** – Janesville – OV with an initiation of a new member – 7 pm (Site may have to be moved, watch the Blast for updates)
- Sep 28** – Souper Crafty Festival – Vega Chapter 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
- Sep 28** – Meatball Dinner – Union Grove Chapter – 4 pm – 6pm
- Sep 29-Oct 2** – Illinois Grand Chapter – Springfield
- Oct 2** – Starlight, Madison – Honor Grand Officers – Western Theme and Cancer awareness – 7 pm.



Congratulations

New Grand Representatives:

Patrick Barber	Ozaukee	Georgia
Michael Allen	Wauwatosa	Nebraska
Will Roelke	Kilbourn	Tennessee
Paula Trigleth	Kilbourn	Texas

From the Grand Secretary

I am obtaining 12 Large Print Ritual from Illinois Grand Chapter. Three are already spoken for. 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.

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

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.

Save the Date!

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.

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.

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.



FAGO

(Former Appointed Grand Officers)

We understand there is interest in keeping 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.

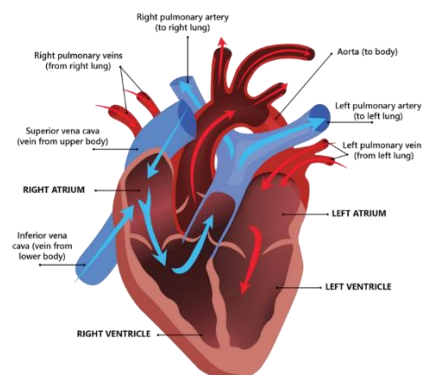
There is interest in working on a project for Grand Chapter. I would be interested in working with this group. There was no consensus about what this group would like to be called.

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

Heart News

Thank you to Beth Wroblewski, Worthy Matron of Starlight Chapter for providing members with a wonderful review of signs/symptoms of heart attack and stroke.

It was great to be able to differentiate symptoms that may be different for women. As caretakers, women tend to disregard symptoms and may not seek care in an appropriate time frame. We were assured that healthcare providers would not consider us silly to request to be seen.



It was helpful to be reminded that we should call 911 rather than driving ourselves to a hospital. We also reviewed the use of the defibrillator we have in our lodge. Symptoms of a heart attack in women can be found at the following link- <https://www.goredforwomen.org>.

Also, since the heart was our focus, I am sharing this poem by e.e.cummings -

[i carry your heart with me](#)

i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my heart)
i am never without it (anywhere i go you go, my dear; and whatever is done by only me is your doing, my darling)
i fear no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet)
i want no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true) and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant and whatever a sun will always sing is you
here is the deepest secret nobody knows (here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows higher than soul can hope or mind can hide) and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart
i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)

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 hope to visit the residents to bring cheer. Our tea for the residents is always a pleasant afternoon. Please look for further details in the fall mailings.

ESTARL Committee

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

Please contact PGM Rosie Fiscus or Karen Larson if you need membership materials, ideas, or bees for your hive. We know chapters are doing activities to earn bees. We hope the hives will be buzzing when they return to Grand Chapter next year.

Please watch the monthly mailing and Blast for initiation dates in chapters. We have several chapters who are presenting petitions and scheduling initiations. I know chapters would appreciate your support as they initiate new members.

California OES is asking their members why OES? That got me thinking about our jurisdiction. Are we able to articulate what membership in our Order means? What makes OES different from other groups we belong to? What would you miss if you no longer attended or were no longer a member? Do you have an “elevator speech”? If yes, what is it? What information does it include? When do you use it? If you have a compelling example, please send it to the Membership Committee as the current brochure is being updated.

Uniform Proficiency Committee

The first testing session is scheduled for September 22, 2024, starting at noon. Martha Chapter (Jefferson) will be the host. 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 show 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 protoms at the ready. We are in particularly in need of members who are willing to be Organist, Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Associate Conductress and Conductress.

The committee has also been tasked to consider methods to mentor members who want to learn the Worthy Patron and Associate Patron work.

Throughout the 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 finding 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.

Burlington Lodge

No. 28 F & AM 175th Anniversary Celebration
September 21st, 2024

325 N. Kane Street, Burlington, WI

Our schedule of events for this special day.

1pm - Open House

3pm - Reconsecration Ceremony

4pm - Cocktail / Social Hour with Entertainment provided by Don Wiggins until 7pm

5pm - Mini Program (Welcome/Toast/Prayer/Presentations: Citizen of Year, Donations, etc.)

5:30pm - Dinner (Chicken or Prime Rib with sides of Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, and Dessert.) Cost is \$30 – Reservations to Burlington Lodge by August 30

7pm - Closing Remarks

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”



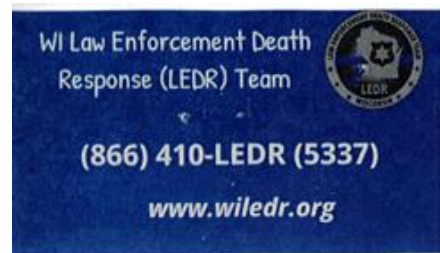
Our Grand Secretary is PGM Jane Blackwood. Jane is a member of Janesville Chapter. She is a Cataloger at the Beloit Public Library. Jane is a majority Rainbow Girl and is a Past Worthy

Advisor and Past State Mother Advisor. She was Worthy Matron of Phoenix Chapter Beloit several times before they consolidated with Janesville Chapter. She loves her two cats, traveling and is a diehard Cub fan. Her escort is FAGO Marcia Earl.



Our Grand Treasurer is PGM Mary Jane Jacobson. She is familiar to many from her multiple positions and travels on behalf of our Order. Members may not know that Mary loves to travel. It is not unusual to hear she is going on a cruise somewhere. Mary has been the Worthy Matron of Kilbourn chapter for many years. She has also had two General Grand Chapter appointments. Members enjoy seeing pictures of her very cute dog, Marley.

WGM/WGP Project



Grand Chapter News



Paula Trigleth receiving her Grand Representative appointment to Texas at Kilbourn Chapter.



Mike Allen of Wauwatosa Chapter receiving his Grand Representative appointment to Nebraska from WGM Lori.



AGP Alan Weir with escort Gail O'Connell, and AGC Kate Smillie with escort Tim Smillie at Jobie Jamboree in Green Lake, WI

Reception for Worthy Grand Chaplain, William Shoulders, PGP of Indiana



Wisconsin Grand Officers attending the dinner.



Multi-State – Plainfield, Indiana Luau



MWGM Glenda Winchester and our own PGM Mary Jacobson.



WGM Lori Williams doing the Hula with others.



Dan Williamson, Grand Wardeer with PGP Damon Stotts from Illinois.



Cindy Ryan, Grand Martha, and her counterpart from Illinois.



Brenda Konemann, Grand Electa, and her counterpart from Indiana.



Yvonne Holtz, Grand Esther with her husband Lou.

Where are the Bees?



Prince Alan and Moses (the busy bees). Watched the DD school from the East in New Richmond. They thought the officers did great!

Ahoy Matey !



It's a pirates life for me!
Multi State 2025

Sized by Michigan Grand Officers

It's a pirates life for me! Multi State 2025

August 16, 2025

Gene Davis Catering
3575 Francis St.
Jackson, MI 49203

**Dress code: Ye old pirate garb!
Or Business Casual**

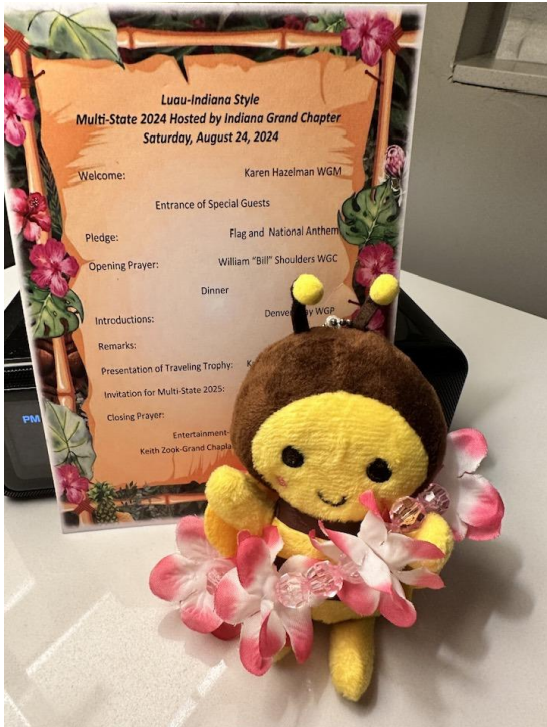
**SAVE THE DATE &
WE LOOK FORWARD TO
YOU JOINING US!**



**Michigan's Hosting
Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois,
Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky**



Princess Judy hanging out with Sister Connie Skarvan this morning as she practices the organ for the church service today.



Queen Bee Lori at the Multi-State in Indiana

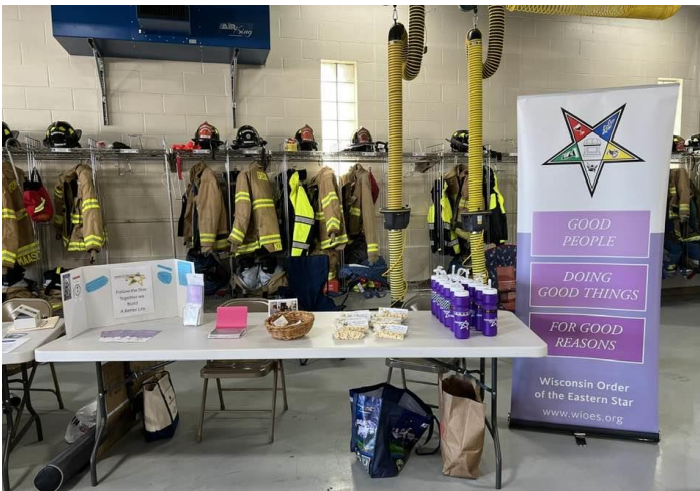
From the Chapters



Wautoma Chapter at their annual car show.



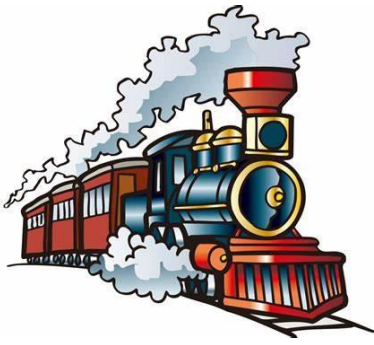
Current and Former Star Points at Loyalty Chapter, Plymouth.



Oregon Chapter had a membership display at the First Responders appreciation event in Oregon.



Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah, brown bagging it before their stated meeting.



*From Land to Sea
OES Reaches Far and Wide
Just to say, "Hi"*

Join us to Celebrate our

Far-Roaming
Grand Representatives

From Ozaukee Chapter:

Sister Carolyn Heatwole – Arkansas

Sister Jonda Johnson – Nebraska

Sister Lisa Schulze – Scotland

Sister Sheila Barber – Puerto Rico

(Commission Complete)

Our Adventurous Sisters will continue their
exploration at their Celebration

*Tuesday September 24th at
Port Washington Masonic Center*

6:00 Social Exploration and Provisions

We "Bar" no expense

Expansive Baked Potato Bar

Chilly but Sweet Ice Cream Sundae Bar

7:00 (Program) *We all join in the expeditions
And Celebrate their Land and Sea Commissions*

Please confirm your berth (seat) on this Adventure by September 21 (RSVP)

to

Gail O'Connell 920-933-2954 or alan.weir8510@fytc.edu

Your passage is covered by Ozaukee Chapter (no charge).



"Tree of Life"

Celebration for:



*Maureen Wise, Grand
Chaplain*

Ruthann Watts, Grand Ruth

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Gathering: 11 am

Buffet: 12 noon

Place: "The Venue"

2645 Main Street

East Troy, WI 53120

Cost: \$35

Checks payable to: Wauwatosa Chapter #219

Send to: Deb Morgenstern

150 Teddy Ave., Hartford, WI 53227

RSVP by: Sept 2, 2024

Silent Auction: supporting WGM/WGP Project WI-LEDR-Team

Contact: Daylene Bain: dk326@aol.com with your donations



DODGEVILLE CHAPTER #39

“TRUST IN THE LORD”

**RECEPTION AND PROGRAM
IN HONOR OF:**

**PGM KRISTEN SCHOVILLE
GRAND ORGANIST
AND ALL
FORMER GRAND ORGANISTS
AND
CHAPTER ORGANISTS**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

**Regular Meeting will start at 5:00 pm
Dinner and Program at 6:00 pm**

Please RSVP for meal count by September 10, 2024

Send reservation with Titles to:

Elise Lindeman

511 Powell St., Dodgeville, WI 53533

Phone: 608-935-9426

Email: elise.lindeman@yahoo.com

(P.S. Let me know if you are a chapter organist or former organist – we would like you to showcase your talents with a couple of your favorite music)

Report from our Exemplifications:

Our first event was hosted by Lemonweir Chapter (Tomah) on June 22, 2024. All Grand Officers were present except for the Associate Grand Conductress (Holly Swenson PT- LaBelle), and Ruth (Mary Moen-PT) Sparta, Viroqua). Both were given Honorary memberships to the Trust in the Lord Grand Family. We exemplified the floor work and Red Book instructions for an Official Visit. Grand Electa gave her lecture. Our protem Ruth demonstrated what would be done in case of a protem. Business included reports about our joint WGM/WGP project, membership, proficiency, and the schedule for Conductress classes.

We had a fantastic picnic lunch. After the work of the day, we had a memorial for our first WGM Agency Irons given by the WGM, and a beautiful memorial for PGM Helen Wheeler provided by the Western Stars area club. A travel award was presented to Christine Sericati who traveled from Iron Mountain chapter in Menomonee, Michigan. The sunshine total was \$126. This was collected for the joint WGM/WGP project.

The event was well attended with the following chapters having the most members present- Sparta (8), Lemonweir (7), Ruth (6), Viroqua (5) and Wautoma (4). We had twenty-one chapters represented including one in Michigan. There were eighty-two members listed on the sign in sheets, consisting of GGCC members (2), PGMs (6), PGP (1), Grand Officers (17), Worthy Matrons (10), Worthy Patrons (2), District Deputies (2), Grand Representatives (5) and members (37).

Our second Exemplification was held July 13, 2024, and was hosted by Janesville Chapter. We used the same meeting format. Gail O-Connell (Ozaukee, Loyalty, and Fond du Lac) was our protem Ruth. Janine Coley (LaBelle) was our protem Warder. Both were given honorary memberships. Sister Esther did her lecture. Sister Ruth provided an example of the protem requirements for initiation.

We had a fabulous lunch provided by the chapter. Our sunshine total was \$111. Oregon had the most members present. Sisters Debi Ahrens and Joan Lillie (Northwest Chapter) traveled the farthest. We did have other travelers (PGM Marty Swanson and her husband Bruce) who were visiting from Florida via Lake Geneva.

Bridget Briski (Martha) was appointed Grand Representative of Colorado in Wisconsin. Twenty-four chapters plus one Michigan chapter were represented. Fifty-one members were signed in including GGCC members (3), PGMs (7), Grand Officers (17), WMs (3), WP (1), District Deputies (2), Grand Representatives (2) and members (16).

Our final Exemplification was held July 27, 2024, at Wauwatosa Chapter (Brookfield). It was a bee-utiful day. We followed the same business format. Our protems for the day were Chaplain (Holly Swenson- LaBelle), Adah (Gail O'Connell- Ozaukee, Fond du Lac, Loyalty), and Ruth (PGM Carole Biddick- Trillium). These members were given honorary memberships. Our sunshine totaled \$105

The travel award was given to PGM Vickie Wallner who traveled from Davenport, Iowa to be with us. Sister Connie Skarvan (Honor) was a close second. The presidents of Triwaukee and Southeastern Area Clubs (Gail O'Connell and Jan Winget) presented GGCM Mary Barnett a check for \$1900 for the service dog project. PGM Tammy Hundhausen was given a check for \$1900 for the Youth Scholarship fund. These monies represented proceeds from this year's wine and cheese pairing.

The Appointed 10 provided a skit for our Grand Lecturer, PGM Mary Barnett. She received several beautiful peacocks to add to her collection. Twenty-one chapters were represented in addition to one each in Michigan and Iowa. Attendance was around fifty members, including GGCCM (2), PGMs (5), PGP (1), Grand Officers (16), Grand Representatives (3), District Deputies (3), WMs (5), WPs (2). We appreciate all who took the time to attend Exemplifications this year. We hope the format provided information clarifies what is expected at this year's Official Visits.

Formation of a New Committee:

Per the request of a motion passed at Grand Chapter, I have assembled a committee to evaluate our needs on 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.

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



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

AED Steps



[Automated external defibrillators](#) can save lives during sudden cardiac arrest. This is a quick step-by-step guide that you can print up to review the AED steps and keep them fresh in your memory.

How to Use An AED

These AED steps should be used when caring for a non-breathing child aged eight or older who weighs more than fifty-five pounds, or an adult.

After checking the scene and ensuring that the person needs help, you should ask a bystander to call 911 for help.

1 Complete the CHECK and CALL steps

2 As soon as an AED is available, turn it on and follow the voice prompts

3 Remove clothing and attach pads correctly

- Remove all clothing covering the chest. If necessary, wipe the chest dry
- Place one pad on the upper right side of the chest
- Place the other pad on the lower left side of the chest, a few inches below the left armpit

Note: If the pads may touch, place one pad in the middle of the chest and the other pad on the back, between the shoulder blades

4 Plug the pad connector cable into the AED, if necessary

5 Prepare to let the AED analyze the heart's rhythm

- Make sure no one is touching the person
 - Say, "CLEAR!" in a loud, commanding voice
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6 Deliver a shock, if the AED determines one is needed

- Make sure no one is touching the person
 - Say, "CLEAR!" in a loud, commanding voice
 - Push the "shock" button to deliver the shock
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7 After the AED delivers the shock, or if no shock is advised, immediately start CPR, beginning with compressions

Know the warning signs of heart attack and stroke

You could save your life



Heart attack and stroke are life-or-death emergencies — every second counts. If you think you or someone you're with has any symptoms of heart attack or stroke, call 911 immediately.

For a stroke, also note the time when the first symptom(s) appeared. A clot-busting drug received within 3 to 4.5 hours of the start of symptoms may improve your chances of getting better faster.

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most of them start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. The warning signs are:

-  • Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
-  • Shortness of breath. This may occur with or without chest discomfort.
-  • Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
-  • Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

Stroke Warning Signs

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

The acronym F.A.S.T. is an easy way to recognize and respond to the sudden warning signs of stroke.

The letters stand for:

-  • **Face drooping** — Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop or is it numb?
-  • **Speech difficulty** — Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence such as, "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly? Are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand?
-  • **Arm weakness** — Ask the person to raise both arms. Is one arm weak or numb? Does one arm drift downward?
-  • **Time to call 911** — If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get them to the hospital immediately.

The American Heart Association and National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute are working together for women, for healthy hearts.

GoRedForWomen.org

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.

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.

Saturday morning at 8 am we will distribute the route map, draw the first card of the Poker Run 50/50 fundraiser (proceeds to WGM/WGP project), bless our vehicles and head out by 8:30 am. We will head north on the east side of Door County and then cross over and return to Sturgeon Bay via the west side. Regardless of the weather, we will see beautiful views and visit many interesting places. We will stop for a cash lunch in Sister Bay, splitting up into smaller groups for the restaurant of your personal choice. We will have menus available to help you decide what you prefer for lunch. All restaurants are close to the beautiful Sister Bay Beach, and we will have a map with locations/addresses.

At four of our stops, we will draw the rest of our cards for the Poker Run fundraiser. When we return to Sturgeon Bay, Honor Chapter No. 1 will host our dinner, at the Henry S. Baird Masonic Center, 31 South Third Avenue and after dinner we will name the Poker Run winner, socialize with Honor Chapter and have games.

Registration for our Door County trip is \$20, which includes one entry into the 50/50 Poker run fundraiser, water and snacks during the Saturday trip, and the dinner with Honor Chapter. Checks payable to Elaine Engelke, 400 North Main Street, Blanchardville, WI 53516. Please join the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this great trip around Door County.

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

Souper Crafty Festival



Saturday September 28th 11:30am to 2:30pm

1235 E Howard Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

(enter the parking lot off Clement Ave – ADA accessible)

Bowl of Soup	\$6.00
3-Cup Soup Flight	\$10.00
Side salad	\$2.00
Crafts & Bake Goods per the table*	

*Proceeds will be for those selling those items

Sponsored by West Allis Chapter & Vega Chapter



Order of the Eastern Star



All Masonic Organizations are welcome to have a selling table at no charge if funds are collected for a Masonic related charity. Private vendors pay \$20. Please contact Dawn Wenzell at 414-254-2187 or vega76oeswi@gmail.com

Saturday September 28, 2024

4 - 6 PM

JUMBO ALL BEEF MEATBALL DINNER
INCLUDES 2 OVEN ROASTED MEATBALLS

with

POTATO, GRAVY, BAKED BEANS, SALADS, DESSERT,
BEVERAGE

\$14/Person

RESERVATIONS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Call or Text George Winget @ 1-414-412-1837

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

UNION GROVE MASONIC CENTER

1021 11TH AVE.



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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2024 Official Visit Schedule (any changes need to be approved by the WGM) Revised 7/24/24

Date	WGM	WGP	AGM	AGP	GC	AGC		Sentinel
9/3	Trillium							
9/4						Bristol		
9/5					Alpha	Union Grove		
9/9	Shullsburg		Fidelity 6:30pm			Kenosha		
9/10	Everett 6pm potluck							
9/11		Wauwatosa						
9/16	Kinnickin- nic				Sparta			Superior
9/17			Ruth					Eagle
9/23			Willow River					
9/24			Northwest	West Allis				
9/25	Janesville							
9/26	LaBelle							
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				Kil- bourn				
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 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

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- ✓ Dealing with Trauma
- ✓ Self Care
- ✓ Mental Health Resources
- ✓ Leadership skills
- ✓ Tips to Reduce Stress



Paul Butler

Master of Ceremonies

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2024**

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