

# Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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## Greetings from the WGM,

Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this month, there are many hands working to make your Grand Chapter session a bee-utiful experience. Thank you to all who are planning banquets, preparing music, writing special ceremonies, and organizing all the aspects of Grand Chapter that to the uninformed seems to happen magically. I can assure you it may look like a seamless operation, but it takes many informed members working together to create this effect. I have been reflecting on all the wonderful chapter meetings and special events I have either experienced myself or have become aware of via posts on our Wisconsin Facebook site this year. I am so grateful for the creativity of our chapters. I truly feel these efforts have brought members back to chapter and have created interest in traveling to other chapters. It will be fun to read chapter minutes next year and learn about all that was accomplished this year. Thank you to our faithful new members who have eagerly attended meetings since their initiation. We are re-energized by your enthusiasm. Thank you to the members who have overcome their suspensions or have reconsidered asking for a

demit this year. We are excited to welcome you back to chapter. Our focus this month is the ESTARL fund. This program originated from the General Grand Chapter in 1952. Wisconsin Grand Chapter adopted this charity in 1953. Since that time, Wisconsin OES members have helped support people who desire religious training. The committee's foresight years ago broadened the definition of religious study and created a program for lay people also. ESTARL committee members are happy to discuss the fund with you. I have also asked to have several programs I have found posted to our website. Please consider discussing ESTARL at a meeting this month. There are many activities to attend in March. We look forward to celebrating six of our grand officers, as well as renewing friendships with our counterparts in Michigan and Illinois. Please consider attending a chapter you have never been to before if the weather allows you to travel safely. Let us stretch a bit and add a third or fourth person to the car so we can get our traveling bees out and about.

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

Lori



## Newsletter Deadline

**DEADLINE for the April 2025 Newsletter is:**

**March 15, 2025**

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

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OES BLAST by EMAIL  
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## Traveling Bees Update



We hope you are enjoying the adventures of our travel bees on the Wisconsin OES Facebook page. Queen Bee Lori and Prince Alan are still at Oregon Chapter. King Orville is at Alpha chapter. There is an opportunity to visit them on March 6 when they honor Grand Representative Karl Gant. Princess Judy is at Trillium chapter. They always welcome visitors. Princess Linda is at Wauwatosa Chapter. Moses Bee is currently with Kinnikinnic Chapter. They are having a St. Patrick's Day potluck at their meeting on

March 7. I can attest their potlucks should not be missed. Load up your car and plan a visit. Bees can be captured at any stated/special meeting or publicized event hosted by a chapter. At least three visitors must be present, with one visitor being an elected officer. See the website or past newsletters for the rules to break a tie.

- a. The chapter with the most members visiting.
- b. If there is a tie, the chapter that traveled the furthest based upon the location of their home chapter.
- c. If there is a still a tie, the chapter with the highest-ranking officer in attendance would capture the bee.
- d. If there is still a tie, the chapter with the newest member (based on initiation year, month, day) would capture the bee.
- e. A bee can only be captured once per day.
- f. Only one bee can be captured if a chapter has multiple bees.
- g. The capture should be documented via a post on our WI OES Facebook site.
- h. If there are questions, contact the WGM for clarification.



## Upcoming Events

- Mar 8** – Northwest Area Club – 9am – Northwest Chapter
- Mar 8** – Southeast Area Club – 10am - Bristol
- Mar 10** – Grand Representative Reception – Martha Chapter, Jefferson for Brother Ralph Behlke, Grand Representative of Montana – 7 pm – NO chapter meeting
- Mar 10** – Sou'Westers Area Club – Shullsburg
- Mar 13** – Star Cruiser's Club – 11:30 am –

Machine Shed – Appleton

**Mar 14** – Triwaukee Area Club – 7pm -  
Mukwonago

**Mar 15** – Grand Officer Party – Grand Esther,  
Grand Electa & Grand Warder – 11am  
social, 12pm lunch & 1pm program –  
Club 60, Columbus

**Mar 20** – Tychopera Club – 7pm. Janesville

**Mar 22** – Grand Officer Party – Grand Marshal,  
Grand Adah & Grand Martha – 11am  
social, 12pm lunch. Alioto's, Wauwatosa

**Mar 29** – Wisconsin/Michigan Exchange, Grand  
Rapids, Michigan

**Apr 5** – Grand Sentinel Party – 12pm social, 1pm  
lunch, Marinette Masonic Center,  
Marinette

**Apr 12** – Announcement Party – 11am social,  
12pm lunch, LaSure's Banquet Hall,  
Oshkosh

**Apr 23** – Western Stars Area Club – 1pm – Tomah  
Masonic Center

**Apr 24** – Grand Representative Night honoring  
Mary O Johnson, Grand Representative of  
Saskatchewan and all Grand  
Representatives – 7pm – LaBelle Chapter,  
Mukwonago

**Apr 26**- Illinois & Wisconsin Supreme Jobs  
Daughters international Reception -  
Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago, Jennifer  
Selock Supreme Guardian & Bradley  
Bingham Associate Supreme Guardian

## Congratulations

### **New Grand Representatives:**

Oklahoma – Judy Wiskia – Janesville

Virginia – Lynn Elmer - Loyalty

### **OES Life Members:**

Inge Adams - LaBelle

Gerald Babcock – Janesville

Helen Brown - Martha

Howard Estervig – Starlight

Harald Halvorsen - Honor

Dawn Jones - Martha

Debra Morgenstern – Ozaukee & Wauwatosa

### **Birthdays:**

Mary Louise Schenkenberger of Kenosha Chapter  
on her 106th

PGM Esther Frazier of Ellsworth Chapter on her  
100<sup>th</sup>.

### **Awards:**

Charles Clarage of Trillium chapter for winning  
the Robert E. Simon Advisor of the Year from  
Wisconsin DeMolay.

## Grand Chapter Committee Reports

All Grand Chapter Committee reports are due on  
April 15, 2025, to the Grand Chapter Office. They  
need to be in MS Word (not a PDF). These will be  
published in the Grand Chapter Program. Any  
committee with a change or update to their  
report will be given at the podium during  
session. The Grand Secretary needs time to get  
the reports into the program so they can be sent  
to the printer by May 1.

## **Attention Chapter Secretaries** **Necrology Reports**

*Necrology reports from sub-ordinate chapters  
need to be sent to Linda Knee NO LATER than  
March 31<sup>st</sup>. ([jknee@wi.rr.com](mailto:jknee@wi.rr.com)) or 3718 S Rutland  
St., St Francis, WI 53235-4139*

## Calling All Chapters

Triwaukee club has been asked to host the  
Wednesday dinner at Grand Chapter. We want  
to highlight the good work our Chapters do for  
our communities. Things such as: Food Drives,  
collections for people in need, scholarships, and  
the many other ways we volunteer our time as a  
group to do good work. Please send a Jpeg or  
PDF photo(s) with description to Dawn Wenzell  
at [dawnwenzell@gmail.com](mailto:dawnwenzell@gmail.com) or to Vega Chapter  
at 1235 E Howard Ave Milwaukee WI 53207.

**Please submit before April 1<sup>st</sup>.**



## From the Grand Secretary

The new rituals have arrived. I bought fifty so all orders can be filled. My March hours have been posted in the Blast. If you need to see me at the office, please call ahead of time so that I know to expect you.

the General Grand Chapter I have pins for sale.

They are \$10.00 and all monies collected will stay in Wisconsin. Email me at

[stormkat1216@gmail.com](mailto:stormkat1216@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**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](mailto:secretary.wioes@gmail.com) or 262-965-2200, Ext 210 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*

## Nominations for Elected Grand Officers and Grand Trustees

Worthy Grand Patron,

I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Past Grand Matron, Sister Debra Bower for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. Sister Debra is a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Melody Chapter #150 Middleton, where she has served as Worthy Matron three times and is currently serving as secretary, a position she has held since 2006.

She is quite proficient in office procedures as her professional qualifications required the use of Access databases, Microsoft office and excel. She ran a business within the Wisconsin State Government for 15 years offering civil service examinations to cities and counties within the State. She was responsible for creating and maintaining several databases relating to her clients and products, printing orders and

distribution documents in Word, maintaining ledgers and spreadsheets, and interacting with individuals. She retired in 2022. She served as Grand Ruth in 2000-2001, Grand Esther in 2018-2019, and Worthy Grand Matron in 2023-2024. She has served the Grand Chapter as meal chairman for 13 years, which utilized her organizational abilities. Her attention to detail and ability to multi-task would be an asset for the job duties of the Grand Secretary. As Worthy Grand Matron, she was charged with overseeing the operation of the Grand Chapter office at Dousman and saw the various duties the Grand Secretary performed. Her knowledge of those duties and the importance to the effective and efficient running of Wisconsin Grand Chapter is something she can perform.

Mary Olson,  
Secretary of Oregon Chapter #49, Oregon

## Wisconsin OES Foundation



Due to the generosity of our members, we have been able to meet our obligation to aid members experiencing misfortune. We have been able to give members a hand when they are facing financial difficulties and provide independence to keep members active and able to provide for their needs. Applications are available on the website ([www.wioes.org](http://www.wioes.org)).

**Deadline for applications:** March 1, 2025.

**The next Foundation Meeting:** March 14, 2025.

Applications are available online on our website which is [www.wioes.org](http://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.



## ESTARL Committee

This year's ESTARL ornament is still available. The Grand Officers will have ornaments available at statewide events or contact the Grand Secretary to purchase. We hope you will love the ornament and add it to your home. They sell for \$15.00 each.



## Membership Committee

### *What is Eastern Star*

Sisters and brothers in fraternal love  
All believing in a God above  
The spiritual healing of a heavenly dove  
This is Eastern Star  
In sprawling cities or on tropical sands,  
In many Chapters in other lands,  
The welcoming faces and welcoming hands  
This is Eastern Star  
Working together over the days,  
Helping the needy in numerous ways,  
Hope and spirits trying to raise  
This is Eastern Star.  
The charities helped year after year,  
Kids sent to camp to bring them cheer,  
And, of course, ESTARL which we all hold dear  
This is Eastern Star.  
We each have a different idea of Star,  
Diverse and complex, yet still on a par.  
We love it, we fight for it; let nothing mar  
Our beautiful Eastern Star.

*Rosie Fiscus & Karen Larsen Co-Chairs*

## Silent Auction at the Grand Chapter Session

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I sincerely hope everyone is staying warm and healthy. It is time to think of warmer weather! Since a lot of

Chapters are closed in January and February; it is a perfect time to get your creative thinking caps on and consider a silent auction item/basket for Grand Chapter. When you go back to meetings you can discuss if the Chapter wants to do an item/basket and/or individually. This will give you plenty of time to think and prepare.

Between now and the Grand Chapter, please let me know so I can have the bid sheet already to go. My email is [dk326@aol.com](mailto:dk326@aol.com).

We will start accepting items at Grand Chapter the afternoon of Sunday, May 18, with the auction closing the evening of Tuesday, May 20. Winners will be announced at the Distinguished Guest Dinner.

Any questions or concerns just let me know. You have my email. You have been so generous and considerate. On behalf of the WGM/WGP, I extend a huge hug to all of you for your support.

Star Love,

Daylene Bain, Chairman WGM/WGP Project

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(866) 410-LEDR (5337)  
[www.wiledr.org](http://www.wiledr.org)



## 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.

March- ESTARL  
April- Leader Training Resources  
May- OES Foundation

## 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 webpage and future monthly mailings.

## Who's with me?

Now that I have my proficiency card renewed, it's time to update my station proficiency cards. I know there are many members who deliver the star point lectures bee-utifully. Most of our stations have a proficiency opportunity. Please contact PGM Laurie Budwick to schedule your opportunity.

## Message From the Webmaster

Send all updates to: [wioeswebmt@gmail.com](mailto:wioeswebmt@gmail.com)  
Please designate one (1) person in your Chapter to send updates to the webmaster. Include your meeting nights each month along with the meeting time. Any other information that is pertinent as far as accessibility will be appreciated as well. Information received will be uploaded into our NEW format so that all members and visitors will be able to locate the needed information! The webmaster is also putting a link from our website to the Facebook page putting a link from our website to the Facebook page.

## Seeking volunteers

Many of us can identify "go to" members when officers are needed for an initiation. I have been asked by several members to create a resource to identify members who would be willing to help. We are aware of which members have a current proficiency card. Having a card does not mean a member would be willing or able to travel to another chapter to help. I am renewing my plea to please identify yourself if you would be willing to help, which station you would be willing to help with, and if there are any contingencies. I would like this information to live on our website so that Worthy Matrons have a resource to minimize their efforts when coordinating an initiation. I have a spreadsheet started and would be happy to add you if you would contact me (Lori).



## Got paraphernalia?

We have received questions from several lodges and some chapters regarding what to do with OES items that are no longer needed in the building. Here are some options:

- 1.) Survey your chapter members to see if they would like anything.
- 2.) Survey chapters in our jurisdiction that may need a replacement or upgrade.
- 3.) Consider a donation to your local high school theater department or theater guild.
- 4.) A local antique shop may be interested in items.
- 5.) Contact the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of OES. The email is [rwgsecretary@easternstar.org](mailto:rwgsecretary@easternstar.org). There may be chapters in other jurisdictions in need of replacements after the disasters we have and are experiencing.

## Heart Pin



This is the pin the Heart Committee is selling for the price of \$10. I have a supply and more have been ordered! All money sold in WI stays in WI ❤️ Terri Hundhausen, PGM, a member of the Heart Committee of the General Chapter.

## Alzheimer's Pin



This is the pin that the Alzheimer's Committee is selling for the price of \$10. I have a supply! All monies collected will stay in Wisconsin.

Contact me at [stormkat1216@gmail.com](mailto:stormkat1216@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Jane Blackwood, PGM, Grand Secretary, a member of the Alzheimer's Committee of General Grand Chapter.



**General Grand Chapter  
Order of the Easter Star  
Established November 1876**

**All tours are by appointment. Tour dates are tentative until confirmed within two weeks of the tour date by the International Headquarters Administrator.**

**LARGE TOUR GROUPS OF FIFTEEN (15) OR MORE – Monday thru Saturday**

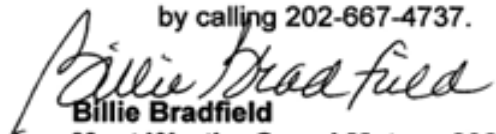
1. A suggested \$10.00 per person donation is encouraged and appreciated for non-Eastern Star or Non Masonic Members.
2. The tour date and estimated number of participants must be scheduled and approved by the International Headquarters Administrator by email at least Thirty (30) days in advance. The tour group must send a deposit of Forty-five Dollars (\$45.00 US\$), payable to the General Grand Chapter-OES at least Fifteen (15) days before the tour date. Please note that the deposit is non-refundable in the case of a no-show but will otherwise be refunded after the tour. The tour coordinator cell phone number is mandatory. The time of the tour is to be no later than 10:00 A.M. on the date scheduled.

**SMALL TOUR GROUPS OF FEWER THAN FIFTEEN (15) – Monday thru Friday**

1. No Small Group Tours will be available on Saturdays or Sundays.
2. The tour request must be approved by the International Headquarters Administrator in writing at least Ten (10) days in advance.
3. Tours are scheduled for Monday through Friday no later than 10:00 A.M when available.
4. A suggested \$10.00 per person donation is encouraged and appreciated for non-Eastern Star or Non Masonic Members.
5. When scheduling the tour, please provide the name of the tour coordinator, contact cell phone number, chapter name, and jurisdiction, if applicable.

**ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES**

1. An unscheduled tour request may be declined due to previously scheduled meetings, building repairs, maintenance, or cleaning.
2. Food or beverage services will not be provided.
3. If unable to arrive at the reserved time, the International Headquarters Administrator must be informed of the estimated arrival time or tour cancellation by calling 202-667-4737.

  
**Billie Bradfield**  
**Most Worthy Grand Matron 2024-2027**

**Helen Delaney,**  
**Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Chairman 2024-2027**

**Larry von Weigel**  
**International Headquarters Administrator**





STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor  
Kathy Blumenfeld, Secretary

January 27, 2025

Order of The Eastern Star General Grand Chapter  
36275 Sunset DR  
Dousman WI, 53118

Dear Ms. Bower,

Re: Audit of Raffle License R-351208

On August 26, 2024, the Office of Charitable Gaming for the Wisconsin Department of Administration - Division of Gaming conducted an audit of your organization's raffle records. This letter is to inform you of the results of the audit. A copy of this audit letter should be retained by your organization to ensure that your successors are aware of the results.


The Division was satisfied that your organization was complying with the other applicable laws and statutes related to the conduct of "B" raffles. The following items were noted as in compliance:

- The organization's financial records identified that all raffle proceeds are deposited into the group's general fund.
- There was no improper usage of raffle funds detected in this account.
- The tickets were consistent in appearance and in accordance with the law.
- The selling price of the tickets was within the acceptable range.
- The gross receipts accurately reflected ticket sales.
- List of winners, of a \$600 or more meets requirements. Please ensure to maintain this list for one year after each drawing held.
- Expenses noted were directly related to the conduct of the raffle. (Allowable expenses include but are not limited to: ticket printing costs, purchase of prizes, advertisement for the raffle, the raffle license fee.)
- Your organization did not exceed the 365 drawing limit per report year.
- There have never been any cancellations of raffles.
- Consistent with a "B" raffle, tickets were allowed only to be sold on the day of the event and the winner was required to be present.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me. Please remember to retain this audit reply with your raffle records. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 270-2536.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF CHARITABLE GAMING

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Randall A. Bansley, MPA, Auditor  
Office of Charitable Gaming

# Grand Chapter Session Survey

Questions for a Survey of Members: ALL RESPONSE ARE TO BE SENT TO PGM BRENDA GAULKE - [brendagaulke59@gmail.com](mailto:brendagaulke59@gmail.com) or 221 W. Hamilton Dr., River Falls, WI 54022

Hello Sisters and Brothers, as you are aware of, we have been asked to consider a few changes to our Grand Chapter Session. We are asking for your assistance with this, as this is not as simple as one might think as there are many things to consider.

Please answer the questions below:

1. Did you attend the Grand Chapter Session last year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered yes: were you a Grand Officer or Committee member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered no: was it because? Check all that apply Cost of meals \_\_\_\_\_,  
cost of rooms \_\_\_\_\_ Can't take time from work \_\_\_\_\_ Don't drive \_\_\_\_\_  
No interest in attending \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you attended Grand Chapter in the last three years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered yes: were you a Grand Officer or Committee member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
If you answered no, was it because? Check all that apply Cost of meals \_\_\_\_\_,  
cost of rooms \_\_\_\_\_ Can't take  
time from work \_\_\_\_\_ Don't drive \_\_\_\_\_ No interest in attending \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you attend on a weekend and what month is best for you?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
Please explain your reasoning: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you consider a different city in which to have the Grand Chapter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
Please explain your reasoning: \_\_\_\_\_  
How close is this city to your home? \_\_\_\_\_  
If less than an hour drive, would you require a hotel stay: \_\_\_\_\_

5. In your opinion, what month would be the best? \_\_\_\_\_

6. In your opinion, what time of the week is best? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Knowing that rates for lodging would change with a different location, would you still attend?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

8. Events at Grand Chapter, should we have ceremonies or just business and meals?  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking a few moments and answering some questions. As stated, there are many parts to consider as our Code states when and what time our Grand Chapter Session must start.

A report of the findings of this survey will be presented at our Grand Chapter session in May of 2025.



**Registration  
for the  
133rd Annual Grand Chapter Session  
of  
Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star  
is now open.**

**Please join us!**

Register one of two ways:

(1) Online: [www.wioes.org](http://www.wioes.org) 2025 Grand Chapter Registration Tab

(2) Via U.S. Mail (2 Forms):

- Complete the Pre-Registration Form and mail to:  
PGM Laramie Reissner P.O. Box 129 Hayward, WI 54843-0129
- Complete the Meal Registration Form and mail to:  
PGM Debra Bower 409 Walnut St. Sauk City, WI 53583





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GRAND  
OFFICER PARTY HONORING:**

**YVONNE HOLTZ, GRAND ESTHER  
BRENDA KONEMANN, GRAND ELECTA  
DANIEL WILLIAMSON, GRAND WARDER**

**SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025**

**SOCIAL HOUR AND CASH BAR - 11 AM**

**LUNCHEON – NOON**

**BAKED CHICKEN AND PRIME TIPS - FAMILY STYLE**

**PROGRAM, FOLLOWED BY MUSIC - 1 PM**



**PATRIOTIC THEME**

**COST: \$35/PERSON**

**LOCATION: CLUB 60**

**W2164 STATE HWY 60 COLUMBUS WISCONSIN  
53925**

**RSVP BY MARCH 1, 2025**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.**

**MAIL RSVP, NAME(S), TITLE(S) AND CHECK TO:**

**BETH WROBLEWSKI**

**223 PARADOR PL, COTTAGE GROVE WI 53527**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO STARLIGHT #283**

**QUESTIONS: [BETH.WROBLEWSKI@YAHOO.COM](mailto:BETH.WROBLEWSKI@YAHOO.COM)**

**608-334-1354**



Please join Vega Chapter, Ozaukee Chapter and Union Grove Chapter  
As We Honor

**James Goodman, Jr., Grand Marshal**  
**Sheila Barber, Grand Adah**  
**Cindy Ryan, Grand Martha**



Saturday, March 22, 2025  
Social Hour 11:00 with a cash bar  
Luncheon at Noon

***Alioto's***

3041 N Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI

***Choice of Meal:***

Chicken Normandy – Chicken breast baked over homemade dressing, mashed potatoes, and gravy

Eggplant Parmesan – Eggplant breaded with Sicilian bread crumbs topped with mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce, served over pasta

Breaded Pork Chops – Two boneless breaded chops served with mashed potatoes and gravy

*All meals included salad with choice of dressing, Italian bread, and coffee*

Cost of the meal is \$35.00 per person

***RSVP by March 8, 2025. No refunds after this date.***

Mail RSVP including Name, Title, and Meal Choice with payment  
***(payable to Union Grove Chapter)***

to:

Jan Winget

507 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Union Grove, WI 53182



Trillium Chapter #208- Crivitz  
Cordially invites you to attend the reception for:

**BROTHER MOSES ADAMS, GRAND SENTINEL**

April 5, 2025  
Marinette Masonic Center  
1610 Main Street  
Marinette, WI 54143  
Social 12:00 Lunch 1:00pm  
Parking available in the rear

*Hawaiian Dress Encouraged*



Cost \$15.00 per person  
Checks payable to Trillium Chapter  
No refunds.

Reservations are limited to the first 90 people that register.

Send to Mrs. Mary Alice Chagnon  
1740 Condor Lane #308  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54313

RSVP by March 22, 2025 – Please include Name and Title.

# Michigan's Decker-Brock Grand Family presents...



## **Michigan – Illinois – Wisconsin Tri-State**

Saturday, March 29, 2025

3 pm to 8 pm

Hosted by: Peninsular Chapter No 65  
Grand Rapids Masonic Center  
233 Fulton Street, East  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

A tour of Frederik Meijer Gardens has been set up for 10 a.m. on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. This will include the butterfly hatch of several varieties of lepidoptera in the Lena Meijer Tropical Conservatory. Guests will have to arrive together to make this happen. You will be greeted by a member of Peninsular Chapter.

Check in starting at 3 pm at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center. We will have dinner including soups, breads, salads, and homemade desserts at 4:30 and the event's program and skits will follow. If you have any dietary concerns, please contact Karen Willard at [karen.willard@comcast.net](mailto:karen.willard@comcast.net)

A block of twenty-six hotel rooms has been made available for overnight stays, beginning Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> at DoubleTree by Hilton – Grand Rapids airport and a group trip to the award-winning Frederik Meijer Gardens is arranged for Saturday morning\*. The room rate (double queen or king) will be \$112 plus taxes and applicable fees. Please make your reservations by no later than Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to receive the OES rate, and show that you are a member of this group.

DoubleTree by Hilton contact phone: (616) 957-0100

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/grraidt-doubletree-grand-rapids-airport/hotel-info/>

We encourage you to wear comfortable shoes to the Gardens as there is a good bit of walking involved. Weather permitting, even MORE! They are ADA accessible, too.

<https://www.meijergardens.org/>

<https://www.meijergardens.org/gardens/tropical-conservatory/>



# Michigan – Illinois – Wisconsin Tri-State

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Saturday dinner \$20 pp; Meijer Gardens admissions \$16 pp

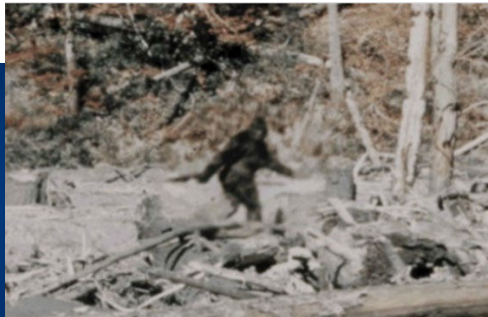
Please reserve a spot for \_\_\_\_\_ (number) for the Tri-State event on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please Include \_\_\_\_\_(number) for the tour of Frederik Meijer Gardens 10 am, Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

\*Attendees will need to use private transportation for this trip.

Make checks payable to "Peninsular Chapter No 65 OES". Reservations for the event and tour are due by March 14<sup>th</sup> to: Brenda Williams, Secretary,  
1128 Glasgow Ave, Wayland MI 49348



## SUGGESTED HOTELS IN ADRAIN, MICHIGAN

Phone numbers not listed as most reservations are made through 800 reservation lines.

1. Super 8 by Wyndham  
1091 US Highway 223  
Adrain, Michigan 49221

2. Comfort Inn & Suites  
425 Industrial Drive  
Adrain, Michigan 49221

3. Hampton Inn by Hilton & Suites  
1335 South Main Street  
Adrain, Michigan 49221

4. Holiday Inn Express  
1077 West US 23  
Adrain, Michigan 49221

5. The Carlton Lodge  
1629 W. Maumee Street  
Adrain, Michigan 49221

## To All Past Appointed Grand Officers

For your information:

We would like to get the Past Grand Officer Association active again. At the last meeting held in October of 2022 in Wisconsin Rapids, a unanimous vote was taken to change our name from FAGO (Former Appointed Grand Officers) to PAGO (Past Appointed Grand Officers) to conform to other Grand Jurisdictions. This also increases our recognition and enables us to access resources from vendors such as pins. We did not meet in 2023 or 2024.

In the past there was a FAGO banquet/lunch and meeting during Grand Chapter each year. In recent years we have had a meeting at Grand Chapter on Tuesday morning.

We have contacted and heard back from many other jurisdictions. Thirty-one jurisdictions have a meal at their Grand Chapter. Fifteen jurisdictions have also shared their By-Laws for our review.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey on the OES website ([wioes.org](https://wioes.org), link below) on your views regarding a Past Grand Officer Association, no later than March 1, 2025 so that the compiled results can be shared with everyone.

Many thanks to Elaine Engelke for her work in drafting this survey and WGM Lori Williams for her input! Any questions, call Elaine Engelke at 608-523-4134. <https://wioes.org/pago-survey/>

# April Blizzard

Will not Stop the Reveal

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Our Guiding Light Announcement Party

**New Location:**

**La Sure's Banquet Hall**

3125 S Washburn St, Oshkosh, WI  
(HWY 41 and S Park Ave, Across from the EAA Grounds)

**Social Hour, Cash Bar: 11:00**

**Lunch 12:00**

Variety of Tortilla Wraps, Buffet Style  
(Gluten Free available, order below)

Pasta and Fresh Fruit Salads

Fresh Vegetables with Dip

Desserts and Drinks

**Cost: \$27**

**Program/Announcement 1:00**

**Attire: What do YOU wear for an April Blizzard?**

Heavy Jacket over T-shirt and shorts?

Stocking Cap or Baseball cap? Boots or Tennis Shoes?

Scarf, heavy mittens or half-finger gloves?

**Reservations to:**

Sheila Barber

W59N432 Hilgen Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012

**\$27**, check made out to Ozaukee Chapter, OES #147

RSVP due by 30 March 2025

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Titles: \_\_\_\_\_

For gluten free wrap, Choose one: Chicken Ranch, Ham and Turkey, Chicken Salad Supreme, Vegetarian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Titles: \_\_\_\_\_

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