

# Wisconsin O&S Newsletter



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## Greetings from the WGM,

Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this month, I am reflecting on our visits to our chapters. As we prepare for elections, it is my hope that each member thoughtfully considers what skills they may have that would be of benefit to their local chapter and Grand Chapter. As you know, we elect the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Associate Grand Conductress and one Grand Trustee each year. These are very important positions that help with the continuity of our Grand Chapter. On the local level, there are a variety of needs. If this is not the time to commit to being an officer in your chapter perhaps you have another skill that would serve the chapter well. As I have traveled this year, it has been apparent that we no longer utilize a progressive line to prepare Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to have a smooth year while they are presiding. Please take this month to reflect on what resources you have to groom chapter leaders. If you have a resource that would be helpful to other chapters, please consider sharing it via our website. I would love to have a repository of resources such as programs, meeting minute templates, meeting Agenda templates, installation

program templates for new or returning officers to use. Sometimes it is just as hard to step into a position when you have experience because you know the job. Thank you to those who have already shared your resources with me this year. It is truly appreciated. There are many activities to attend in April as we prepare to close out the year. I look forward to visiting chapters that I have not been to yet this year. Hopefully, the weather and my health will cooperate so I can see you soon.

Until we see you on the Star trail, be industrious!

Lori



## Newsletter Deadline

**DEADLINE for the May 2025 Newsletter is:**  
**April 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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## Traveling Bees Update



We hope you are enjoying the adventures of our travel bees on the Wisconsin OES Facebook page. Queen Bee Lori is still at Janesville Chapter. Prince Alan is at Ozaukee Chapter. King Orville is at Alpha Chapter. I know there are several chapters planning a visit to steal a bee. Princess Judy is at Trillium Chapter. They always welcome visitors. Princess Linda is at Wauwatosa Chapter. Moses Bee is currently with Kinnikinnic Chapter. 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. 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 any questions, contact the WGM for clarification.



## Upcoming Events

- Apr 1** – Eagle Chapter’s meeting has been changed to April 29th
- Apr 2** – Starlight Chapter honoring MCOWS (Marshal, Chaplain, Organist, Warder, and Sentinel) – 7pm
- Apr 5** – Grand Sentinel Party – 12pm social, 1pm lunch, Marinette Masonic Center, Marinette
- Apr 7** – Wautoma Chapter – Change of meeting time to 2pm instead of 7pm

**Apr 9** – Wauwatosa Chapter – Election of Officers and honoring MCOWS (Marshal, Chaplain, Organist, Warder, and Sentinel) – 7pm (Formal attire)

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

**Apr 14** - Willow River Chapter – 70’s theme “Meet and greet” with the Masons of New Richmond and Star Prairie – 6-8pm.

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

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

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

## Congratulations

### ***New Grand Representatives:***

Idaho – Renee Campbell - Trillium

Ohio – Ellen Sherry – Ellsworth

Utah – Tara Schweninger - Bristol

Wyoming – Eulie Bing – Union Grove



### ***OES Life Members:***

Faith Arnold - Janesville

Joyce Beyer – Superior

Dan Cross – Fond du Lac

Lois Hagen – Superior

Linda Lueck – Dodgeville

Karen Schwarz - Melody

### **Badger Honor Flight:**

George Jordan from Starlight Chapter He is going on a Badger Honor Flight on April 19, 2025.

## From General Grand Chapter

Hello Grand Secretaries,

You would not believe the number of new chapters under General Grand Chapter starting up in South America! We have almost exhausted the legacy paraphernalia items that Grand Chapters donated to GGC HQ over time. We could greatly use your help! If you have “gently used, in good repair” star-point paraphernalia and badges.... veils, plastic wheats, crowns, scepters, columns, cups, badges, cords in good shape...the small stuff that would be easy to ship, please consider donating them to GGC HQ. Please do not send Bibles, altar covers, pedestal covers, or real wheat. If you have any questions, please reach out. We greatly appreciate your support. Thank you for your help,

Yours in Service,

Kelly L. O’Malley

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General Grand Chapter, OES

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## 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.

## Grand Chapter Used Formal Sale

Bring your formals to the racks close to the registration table. On your honor \$5 each. If you want your unsold formals back, please pick up before installation on Thursday AM. Proceeds will be going to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Bonnie Haugen, of Oregon Chapter will be the contact person this year.

## 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

My April hours will be posted in the Blast. Included in this newsletter is the updated Trifold. There will be a separate mailing of the Budget, Fee Schedule, and the Resolutions for the Grand Chapter Session.

**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

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



## Badger Honor Flight



If you desire to participate in the mail call for our Grand Warder's (Dan Williamson) Badger Honor Flight, please send a note or card to Lori at this address: N3021 Jahnke Road Columbus, WI 53925 (This is a neighbor's address).

The deadline is April 30, 2025. This is a secret, so please do not mention the mail call to him or send cards to him at his address.

## 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:** June 1, 2025.

**The next Foundation Meeting:** June 13, 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 WGM still has ornaments, please contact her if you would like one. We hope you will love the ornament and add it to your home. They sell for \$15.00 each.



## Membership Committee

As winter's chill fades away and nature awakes, spring arrives like a breath of fresh air, bringing warmth, color, and new beginnings. The season of renewal is when flowers bloom, birds sing, and the world seems to come alive with possibilities. It is a season of transformation, reminding us that change can be beautiful, and that growth is always within reach. Let us continue to promote our order and reach out so we can "grow" our order.

*Rosie Fiscus & Karen Larsen Co-Chairs*

## Silent Auction at the Grand Chapter Session

Now that hibernation is over, it is time to get back at it. As soon as you know that you or your Chapter will be donating to the Silent Auction at Grand Chapter, please let me know at [dk326@aol.com](mailto:dk326@aol.com) so that I can get the bid sheets ready. Please remember - if there is an alcoholic beverage involved let me know so that it can be marked properly. Also, no lottery tickets are allowed. I will BEE waiting to see your HONEY of a deal this year. Let us create quite the BUZZ at Grand Chapter.

Star Love,  
Daylene Bain

## 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.

April- Leader Training Resources  
May- OES Foundation



## 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.

**WILEGuardians App**  
Free Wellness Tool

- Statewide Peer Support Resources • Training • Get Help Now
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WI Law Enforcement Death Response (LEDR) Team  
(866) 410-LEDR (5337)  
[www.wiledr.org](http://www.wiledr.org)

## 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.

## 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).

## Supporting Our Youth

This is the time of year that Jobs Daughters are doing fundraisers and looking for financial support for their girls to attend several events. These are activities that encourage our youth to stay involved. If you do not have a Bethel in your area-you can still support those in the State. Please consider how important you can be to continuing Jobs Daughters in WI. The events coming up for their travel, hotel, and meal expenses are:

Grand Guardian Council weekend May 16-17

Supreme Session in Phoenix Arizona: July 20-26<sup>th</sup>

Jamboree August 22-24



## Wine and Cheese Pairing

When: June 8<sup>TH</sup> from 2-4 pm

Where: Three Cellars in Menomonee Falls

**PRE-EVENT TICKETS ARE \$35. TICKETS AT THE DOOR ARE \$40**

Follow this link to purchase tickets online:

<https://threecellars.square.site/?location=11ea34a46b47d299a1470cc47a2aeaec>

Tickets can also be obtained from Jim Nelson, Jan Winget or Linda Schreier. This event is sponsored by SE Area Club and Triwaukee Club. The funds are used to support Youth Scholarships and Service Dogs.

## Thank You!



THANK YOU SO MUCH to my OES Sisters and Brothers for warming my heart with you calls, cards, and attendance for my 100th birthday celebration. It has been a great one hundred years and Eastern Star has always been an important part of it. See you on my 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Star Love. PGM Esther Frazier

## In the Chapters



Sparta Chapter #18 Order of Eastern Star had an Initiation for a new member, with the support of area chapters, on March 17, 2025. We welcome Sister Hailey Herbst

## Grand Representative Card Shower



Fond du Lac, Loyalty and Wautoma Chapters are holding a card shower to honor and celebrate our Grand Representatives!

Steve Labus-VA (just finished), David Elmer- DC  
Karen Stauffer-PGM- Nova Scotia and PEI  
Cards are to be sent by 5/9 in C/O Barb Foster,  
56 Hillside Circle, Fond du lac, WI 54937



## Heart Pin



This is the pin the Heart Committee is selling for the price of \$10. 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 money collected will stay in Wisconsin. Jane Blackwood, PGM, Grand Secretary, a member of the Alzheimer's Committee of General Grand Chapter.





**The Legend of the Butterfly**  
**Source: Unknown**



**When our Lord was crucified, all nature wept.  
The very earth trembled in anguish,  
and every creature of God was filled with sorrow.**

**The trees shed their leaves,  
and flowers lost their petals.**

**Outside the tomb of the Lord, a tiny caterpillar spun itself  
a shroud of silk in preparation of death.**

**Then, on the third day,  
Christ rose from the dead gloriously and triumphantly,  
and left the tomb to walk again among the beauties of nature  
that He loved so much.**

**He saw the silken cocoon and touched it.  
Suddenly, the caterpillar burst forth in new splendor;  
a butterfly of breathtaking beauty, rising heavenward with new life.**

**Even so today, the butterfly testifies every spring to the miracle of  
the resurrection and the beauty of God's great love.**

**May each butterfly sighting remind you of His love**

**Bee blessed this Easter season  
The Trust in the Lord Grand Family**



**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





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.

# 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

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

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

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

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

**Illinois & Wisconsin Job's Daughters**

**Cordially invites you to a**

**Reception honoring:**

**Jennifer Selock**

**Supreme Guardian**

**Brad Bingham**

**Associate Supreme Guardian**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025**

**Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago**

**383 East Lake Street**

**Bloomindale, Illinois**

**5:00 pm - Doors Open**

**6:00 pm - Dinner**

**\$36.00 per person**

**Also honoring from Illinois:**

**Margo Nelson  
Supreme Chaplain**

**Carol Deserio  
Supreme Bethel Guardian**

**Lauren Robertson  
Supreme Bethel Librarian**

**Mariah Berry  
Supreme Bethel Representative  
of Parana**

**Also honoring from Wisconsin:**

**Tamara Kaddatz  
Supreme 3rd Messenger**

**Doug Moorhouse  
Associate Supreme Bethel Guardian**

**TiAnna DiMartino  
Supreme Bethel Representative  
of Mato Grosso**

**Atlas Heinz  
Supreme Bethel Representative  
of South Dakota**

***Formal Attire is Requested***