

Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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Greetings from the WGM,

Sisters and Brothers,
Grand Chapter is over and the new Grand Officers have been installed. A special thank you to all the sisters and brothers who attended both the “*Trust in the Lord*” session and “*Our Guiding Light*” Installation. WGP Alan and I appreciate your vote of confidence and are excited to be starting our year as your Worthy Grand Matron and Patron. We look forward to implementing our goals for the year.

Congratulations to our Chapters as they prepare to install their new officers during the month of June. We encourage our members to support each other and attend as many of these installations as they can. If your Chapter is having an Open Installation, we encourage you to invite your Lodge brothers and their families. We want to forge and strengthen our links with our Lodges.

We would also like the members of each Chapter to renew their Obligation and rededicate themselves to the Order of Eastern Star, to each other and to the promises they made when they were initiated. We would like this to be done at one of the Chapter’s first meetings after their new officers are installed and would like their Worthy Patron, or another



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brother, to lead in reciting the Obligation. If a Chapter requests one of the Male Grand Officers to lead the Re-Obligation, we will try to honor that request. What a wonderful way to start your Chapter’s year.

The packet your Chapter’s Secretary and Worthy Matron received at Grand Chapter includes much necessary information for the coming year. This includes information on your Official Visitor, District Deputy, and Official Visits from our Grand Lecturer Laurie Budwick; Information on Exemplifications, with the first one on August 2 in Ellsworth; Invitations to the WGM and WGP parties in July; WGM’s Chapter Accomplishment Award and the Individual Travel Award.

Our WGM/WGP joint project for the year is “Reach-a-Child.” They provide at no cost, children’s books and drawstring backpacks to First Responders around Wisconsin so they can better comfort children in crisis situations. We encourage Chapters to contact their local First Responders, both fire and rescue, and our committee so we can make arrangements to provide the first Responders with this help.

You are invited on *Our Guiding Light* Grand family bus journey August 14-18 to Michigan for the Multi-State Exchange. We will travel north through the Upper Peninsula, over the Mackinac Bridge, spend the day at Mackinac Island, then travel south through Lower Michigan. We will join with our OES sisters and brothers from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky for

fellowship and fun at the Exchange. Information on the trip can also be found on www.oes.org and in the Secretary's packet. Always remember you are unique like a snowflake and together we can make a difference and be a light to others.

Judy Paust, Worthy Grand Matron



From PGM Lori Williams

Sisters and Brothers,
It has been several days since our "Trust in the Lord" session closed. I remain exhilarated and feel so much gratitude for the opportunity to serve in a very unique capacity.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to help us achieve our goals. We are so very grateful.

As I return to the ranks, I plan to continue to be of service in any way that I can. May we continue to place our trust in Him and be guided by the principles of our Order.

Bee blessed,
Lori

Newsletter Deadline

DEADLINE for the July 2025 Newsletter is:
June 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

Email Corrections for Grand Officers

WGP Alan Weir- weiralan8@gmail.com

AGP Moses Adams- kealii79@yahoo.com



*Please check out the
OES BLAST by EMAIL
for more OES News, updates, and events.
Subscribe at
jobiemom@wi.rr.com*

Upcoming Events

Installation Dates

Sparta	6/2	7:00 PM	Closed
Wautoma	6/2	1:30 PM	Closed
Eagle River	6/3	7:00 PM	Closed
Honor	6/5	7:00 PM	Closed
Alpha	6/5	7:00 PM	Closed
Lemonweir	6/9	1:00 PM	Closed
Willow River	6/9	7:00 PM	Closed
Shullsburg	6/9	7:30 PM	Closed
Loyalty	6/9	7:00 PM	Closed
Rainbow	6/10	1:30 PM	Closed
Fond du lac	6/11	7:00 PM	Open
Oregon	6/16	7:00 PM	Open
Kinnickinnic	6/16	6:30 PM	Closed
Superior	6/16	7:30 PM	Closed
Ruth	6/16	7:00 PM	Closed
Ellsworth	6/17	7:00 PM	Closed
Dodgeville	6/17	7:00 PM	Closed
Ozaukee	6/17	7:00 PM	Open
Starlight	6/18	7:00 PM	Open
Union Grove	6/19	7:00 PM	Open
Melody	6/19	7:00 pm	Open
Viroqua	6/19	7:00 PM	Closed
Vega	6/20	7:00 PM	Open
Trillium	6/21	2:00 PM	Open
Kenosha	6/22	3:00 PM	Open

Martha	6/22	2:00 PM	Open	Grand Electa
Fidelity	6/23	6:30 PM	Closed	
West Allis	6/24	7:00 PM	Open	Grand Warder
Everett Chapter	6/24	7:00 PM	Open	Grand Sentinel
Northwest	6/24	7:00 PM	Closed	
Janesville	6/25	7:00 PM	Open	Grand Trustees
Wauwatosa	6/25	7:00 PM	Closed	1 yr.
LaBelle	6/26	7:00 PM	Open	
Kilbourn	6/26	7:30 PM	Closed	2 yr.
Bristol	6/28	1:00 PM	Open	3 yr.

Inge Adams
LaBelle
Kathy Lytle
Kenosha
Paul Twardy, Sr.
Starlight

Ian Watts, PGP
Martha, Wauwatosa
Brenda Gaulke, PGM
Kinnickinnic, Northwest
Jan Winget, FEGO
Union Grove

Congratulations

“Our Guiding Light” - Grand Family 2025-2026

Worthy Grand Matron	Judy Paust Trillium
Worthy Grand Patron	Alan Weir Ozaukee, Fond du Lac, Loyalty
Associate Grand Matron	Linda Schreier West Allis, Vega, Kenosha
Associate Grand Patron	Moses Adams Trillium
Grand Secretary	Debra Bower, PGM Melody
Grand Treasurer	Mary Jane Jacobson, PGM Kilbourn
Grand Conductress	Kate Smillie Martha
Associate Grand Conductress	Maureen Wise West Allis
Grand Chaplain	SuAnn Gascoigne Bristol
Grand Lecturer	Laurie Budwick, PGM West Allis, Kenosha, Bristol
Grand Marshal	James Schoville Dodgeville
Grand Organist	Marcia Earl Wauwatosa
Grand Adah	Brooke Froelich Starlight
Grand Ruth	Valerie Nelson Ruth
Grand Esther	Dawn Bergren Martha
Grand Martha	Paula Schwartz Kinnickinnic, Northwest

New Grand Representatives:

New York – Debra Schulze – Port Washington
North Dakota – Doug Kalland – Superior

Upcoming Events

Jun 2 Oregon Chapter, Honoring Marshal, Chaplains, Organists, Warders & Sentinels. 7 pm
Jun 4 Wauwatosa invited all to Dutch treat lunch at Maxims in Brookfield. 1 pm. Contact Barb Dunham for reservations
Jun 10 Ozaukee Chapter, Initiation. 7 pm
Jun 11 Wauwatosa Chapter picnic theme dinner at 5:30 with Beach (appropriate) attire for meeting.
Jun 16 Kenosha Chapter. 7 pm

Rainbow Chapter, Wisconsin Rapids: for June, and July they are changing their meeting time from 7 pm to 1:30 pm

Wautoma Chapter, Wautoma: for June 2, and July 21 meetings the time has been changed from 7 pm to 1:30 pm.





From the Grand Secretary

Congratulations to Deb Bower on her election to the office of Grand Secretary, I wish her the best of luck. She will be starting her office hours on July 1. Until then I will be training her in what must be done in the office. Her email will be secretary.wioes@gmail.com, her phone 262-965-2200.

I wish to thank the members of Wisconsin OES for giving me the privilege of serving you as your Grand Secretary for the last four years. Despite my crazy hours, I loved the job, and it had always been a dream of mine. I wish I had been retired, but I have at least three more years to go.

Hugs,

Jane M. Blackwood, PGM

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).

Deadline for applications: September 1, 2025.

The next Foundation Meeting: September 13, 2025.

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, 375 Sunset Dr. #3000, Dousman, WI. 53118.

Worthy Matron Handbooks for Sale

Will your chapter have a first time Worthy Matron in the future or new line officers preparing for their turn in the east? Southeast Area Club has a Worthy Matron Handbook for sale. The pages are 8-1/2 by 5-1/2 so it fits in the same size binder as the Red Book. The complete insert, which includes the Order of Business that can be used for preparing for meetings, is \$10. If you only need the Order of Business pages, for those who have been to the east before, a set of 20 meetings are 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.

Grand Chapter Used Formal Sale

Thank you for the formals we received for the Used Form Sale. Proceeds of \$305.00 were collected for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Bonnie Haugen, Oregon Chapter.



Message From the Webmaster

Send all updates to: 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.

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: Supreme Session in Phoenix Arizona: July 20-26th. Jamboree August 22-24.



Wine and Cheese Pairing

When: June 8TH 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.

Heart Pin



This is the pin the Heart Committee is selling for the price of \$10. All money sold in WI stays in Wisconsin. 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, a member of the Alzheimer's Committee of General Grand Chapter.

From the Chapters

Bowling with the Stars



On Feb 21, Vega Chapter and their families invited members of Doric DeMolay and Job's Daughters from Bethels 6,19,35 and 60 to a night of bowling. We had 12 Young people and 10 Adults Bowlers as well as some "sideliners"

Cheering us on. It was a fun night of Masonic Family fellowship. Doric Chapter even gained a new member that night! **Our whole group.** Soft drinks and various Fried Foods were included. We also celebrated Vega's 129th Birthday – they let you bring in cake 😊



Brother Dan Williamson, Navy Veteran, and a member of Starlight Chapter was on the Badger Honor Flight on May 31 to Washington DC. He was greeted back by family, friends, and his OES friends.



**In Memoriam
Jean M. James, PGM
2001-2002**



Jean Marie James (nee Zluticky), 77, passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2025, with her family by her side.

Jean was born on May 27, 1947, in LaCrosse, WI to the late David and Ione (nee Burns) Zluticky. Jean graduated from Logan High School in LaCrosse.

She was united in marriage to John James. Jean's primary career was as a workman's comp auditor. She later formed her own companies called JM Accounting & Tax Service as well as The Payroll Company.

Jean was appointed as Grand Martha by PGM Carla Badgley and PGP Elmer Janka in 1996-97. She served as Worthy Grand Matron with Worthy Grand Patron Willis Swartwout 2001-2002 in the "Faith Lights the Way" year. The motto was "Let Your Light Shine," their session was in Oshkosh May 21-23, 2002. Her WGM project was the Ronald McDonald houses.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, John, children, Kirstin Holtan-Pirkl and Erik Holton; three grandchildren; nieces and nephews,

In addition to her parents, Jean is preceded in death by her brother, David Zluticky.

Per Jean's wishes there will be no funeral services held.

**Judy Paust
Worthy Grand Matron**

**Alan Weir
Worthy Grand Patron**

**Jane M. Blackwood PGM
Grand Secretary**

Trillium Chapter 208

Order of the Eastern Star

**Cordially invites you and your Escort to a
Luncheon and Party
Honoring**

Sister Judy Paust, Worthy Grand Matron

Sunday, July 13, 2025

**Waubee Lake Lodge
18398 Waubee Park Lane
Lakewood, Wisconsin 54138**

**Social Hour, Cash Bar: Noon
Meal at 1 PM
Cost: \$40.00**

**Special Entertainment: Don Marovich
Formerly with the Kingston Trio**

**Reservations with Remittance payable to Trillium Chapter OES #208
Non-refundable**

to:

**Mrs. Renee Campbell
409 S. Washington Street
Shawano, WI 54166**

check made out to Trillium Chapter OES #208

RSVP due by July 7, 2025

Name: _____ Titles: _____

Name: _____ Titles: _____



New Year, Something Different!

Party Honoring Sister Judy Paust

JULY 13th 2025

Waubee Lake Lodge

Lakewood, WI

Social Hour: 12:00 pm Lunch: 1:00 pm

We will be doing a 50/50 Raffle!

(In Place of a Silent Auction)

Judy has asked if everyone could bring a new Children's Book
for the WGM/WGP Project!

Bring a new book and receive 2 FREE tickets for the Raffle!!!!

Tickets: 6 for \$5.00/12 for \$10.00

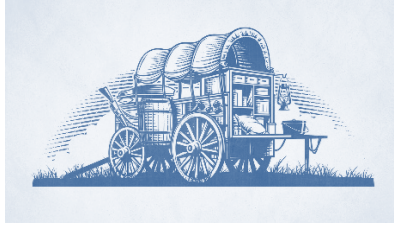
Hope to see you there!

Any questions please contact Cindy Ryan

262.617.9922 cindyryan_2000@yahoo.com



HOWDY PARTNERS!



WELCOME TO "OUR GUIDING LIGHT'S" PARTY
HONORING

ALAN WEIR, WGP

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

CEDARBURG CULTURAL CENTER

W62 N546 WASHINGTON AVE

CEDARBURG, WISCONSIN 53012

CHUCK HOUSE WILL START SERVING AT 12:00 PM

BUFFET INCLUDING BBQ CHICKEN

(COOKED IN THE PARKING LOT)

COWBOY BAKED BEANS, CREAM COLESLAW, MAYONNAISE

POTATO SALAD, FRUIT PLATE

COFFEE (REGULAR ONLY), MILK, TEA, BOTTLED WATER, CAKE.

WEAR YOUR BEST WESTERN WEAR

NAME & TITLE ALONG WITH CHECK FOR \$35.00 PER PERSON,

MADE OUT TO: OZAUKEE CHAPTER AND SENT TO

SHEILA BARBER W59 N432 HILGEN AVE, CEDARBURG, WI 53012

*NAME & TITLE*_____

*NAME & TITLE*_____

It is Time to Renew



July 2025-June 2026

Electronic newsletter: Free

Paper (mailed) newsletter - \$25.00.

If you receive the newsletter via US Mail and would like to continue receiving it for the coming year, please renew your subscription by sending your name and \$25.00 (payable to WI Grand Chapter OES). If you have been receiving it by email (which is free) but would like to start getting it in paper copy, please remit your name, \$25.00 subscription fee, and a note that you want to change how you receive the newsletter. The form below is provided for your convenience to renew your subscription or begin subscribing to the printed version. Subscriptions end June 2025 edition.

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Grand Chapter O.E.S. of WI

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

Name: _____

PGM/PGP: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Renewal: _____

Message/Note: _____

District Deputy School Information

We are looking forward to the new format for Official Visits. This means a few changes in our DD Schools. Your DD School will be done with the Chapters that will work together for the OV. The same person must do the Office they will be doing at the OV.

We suggest you have your DD school at a time that is different than your regular meeting. Worthy Matrons will work with your District Deputy to set date and time for your school

Guidelines:

1. If you want the DD initiation to count for 1 of your Chapter's initiations, **All** initiation lectures, floor work, signet, and secret work must be done in its entirety, with 2 candidates. And your Chapter must have 7 members present.
2. **NO** new members are to be initiated at the DD School.
3. DD School must include all parts of the meeting except business, i.e.: minutes, reports etc.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Budwick, PGM.

Star Hugs,
Laurie Budwick, PGM
wiladybug@gmail.com 414-587-0552

DD Chapter Assignments

Connie Skarvan - Ellsworth, River Falls, Clear Lake & New Richmond - Plymouth & Fond du Lac; Fidelity

Gail O'Connell - WI Rapids, Wautoma & Marshfield; Honor

Terri Hundhausen - Union Grove & Bristol; Jefferson, Janesville & Oregon; Ozaukee

Claudia Kosman - Sparta, Tomah & Viroqua; Crivitz

Karen Larson - Argyle, Dodgeville & Shullsburg; Madison & Middleton

Jane Wiese - Vega & West Allis; Mukwonago

Official Visit Information

We are looking forward to the new format for Official Visits and hope you are also. Here are a few reminders and guidelines.

Remember Chapters that are going to another Chapter for a joint OV must request a special dispensation. And yes, it must be brought up and voted on by your Chapter.

For OVs with 3 or 4 Chapters, you will have an Elected Grand Officer and an appointed Grand Officer your visitor. The Appointed Grand Officer will help with reading the books and doing other tasks. Please extend courtesies to both Grand Officers.

Please follow the guidelines listed below. If your Chapter doesn't have 7 people present, an Official Visit will be scheduled for your Chapter at a later date.

Your DD School will be done with the Chapters that will work together for the OV.

Guidelines:

1. **Must** have seven (7) members present to have the OV count
2. Dual or plural members can count for **each chapter**
3. **All** initiation lectures, floor work, signet, and secret work must be done in its entirety, with two candidates.
4. **ALL** official visits, regardless if done by one chapter or joint, must have all lectures, floor work, signet and secret work done in its entirety whether they are a member of the chapter or protem. There will be no shortened version of any lecture, including the Associate Patron's lecture.
5. **NO** new members are to be initiated at the OV.
6. Hosting Chapter does not need a special dispensation unless they change the date or time of their normal meeting for the OV.
7. Joint chapter(s) need a special dispensation to change the meeting location, date, and time for the OV. The dispensation (s) must be present at the Official Visit.
8. Official Visits should try to take place at the Host chapter's meeting night. Saturday dates can be considered with ok from WGM and Grand Lecturer.
9. **ALL** Chapters' Treasurer and Secretary books must be available prior to the meeting for review.
10. The Official Visit will include opening, balloting, initiation and closing.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Budwick, PGM.

Star Hugs,

Laurie Budwick, PGM

wiladybug@gmail.com 414-587-0552

2025 Official Visit Schedule

Sep	WGM	WGP	AGM	AGP	Gr. Cond.	AGC	Grand Adah	Grand Ruth	Grand Esther	Grand Electa	Grand Sentinel
2		Crivitz	Eagle								
8	Plymouth Fond du Lac			Kenosha							
9	Ozaukee										
10						Wauwatosa					
15		Sparta Tomah Virqua									Sparta Tomah Viroqua
16			Ellsworth New Richmond Clear Lake River Falls					Ellsworth New Richmond Clear Lake River Falls			
18					Union Grove, Bristol						

20									* WI Rapids Marsh- field Wau- toma		* WI Rapids Marsh- field Wau- toma
22		Fidel- ity									
24						Janes- ville Jeffer- son Oregon				Janes- ville Jeffer- son Oregon	
25					WI Dells						
Oct											
2			Honor		Mid- dleton Madi- son						
17				Vega West Al- lis							
20											Superior
21			Argyle, Dodge- ville, Shulls- burg			La- Crosse	Argyle, Dodge- ville, Shulls- burg				
23				Mukwon- ago							
	Chap- ters in Bold are the host Chap- ter for the group.										
	*Spe- cial meet- ing										

2025-2026 *Our Guiding Light* Individual Travel Award

Earn 175 points and receive the Star Travel Award

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Date: _____

Grand Chapter:

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|---|------------------|
| _____ I attended <i>Trust in the Lord</i> Grand Session 2025 (May 20 - 21) | 5 points per day |
| _____ I attended the 2025 Kick Off Banquet May 19 | 5 points |
| _____ I attended <i>Out Guiding Light</i> Installation 2025 (Thursday May 22) | 5 points |
| _____ I attended the WGM/WGP Party | 5 points each |
| _____ I purchased WGM/WGP Pin, a Roster Book and/or Sheet music | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended a 2025-26 Grand Officer Party – list GO name | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended a 2025-26 Grand Representative Party – list name | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended Grand Chapter ALL State Christmas Party | 5 points |
| _____ I attended another Chapter's Installation – List Chapter/date | 5 points each |
| _____ I was an Installing Officer in another Chapter – List Chapter | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended an Exemplification – List date | 5 points each |

My Chapter/Chapters:

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| _____ I am an Officer(s) – list office/Chapter(s) | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended my Chapter(s) Installation | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended my Chapter(s) DD School – list date(s) | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended my Chapter(s) Grand Officer Visit | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended 5 meetings in my Chapter(s) | 2 points each |
| _____ I serve on a Chapter(s) Committee - List committee | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended or participated in an OES Funeral | 5 points each |
| _____ I visited or sent a card to a Star member who was homebound/
Resident of a care facility/in a hospital | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended another Chapter's meeting – list Chapter/date | 5 points each |
| _____ I was a Pro-tem officer for a Chapter (not my own) | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended a fundraiser or event given/sponsored by
Masonic Organization | 5 points each |
| _____ I attended a Masonic Youth Group Meeting – list group/date | 5 points each |

Membership

- | | |
|--|---------------|
| _____ I was a First- or Second-Line signer on a Petition | 5 points each |
| _____ I invited an inactive member to a meeting | 5 points each |
| _____ I hold a current Proficiency Card | 10 points |
| _____ I hold a Station Proficiency – list station(s) | 5 points each |
| _____ I receive the "OES Blast." | 5 points |

_____ **Total Points earned**

Please give your completed form to any Grand Officer no later than April 15, 2026.

WGM Judy and WGP Alan would like to thank each of you for taking the time to be a part of our beautiful Order of Easter Star

United States 250th Birthday Celebration

July 3, 2026

Hotel Reservation Information

The Dupont Circle Hotel
1500 New Hampshire Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Rooms have been blocked for this special event.
Reservations can be made beginning
July 1, 2025.

DEADLINE to make a reservation is June 11,
2026. Please call 202-483-6000 and reference
"Order of the Eastern Star July 2026 Room
Block."

Don't delay as only 40 rooms are reserved!

Room rates are \$229 (plus any applicable fees
and taxes) for single & double occupancy. These
rates are only good for July 2 - 5, 2026.

Valet parking is \$55 per night.



THE HIKE FUND, INC
Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment Fund
Supported by Job's Daughters International®

530 Elliott St. Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0202



Dear Friends:

As members of the Masonic Family, philanthropy holds a special place in our hearts and is central to the work we do. With this letter, we're excited to share how one branch of our Masonic Family—**Job's Daughters International® (JDI)**—continues to live out this spirit of charity in a powerful and meaningful way.

JDI is a leadership and service organization for young women, ages ten to twenty, who have a connection to a Master Mason. Since our founding in 1920 in Nebraska, Job's Daughters has grown to include Bethels across the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines, and Brazil.

From the very beginning, service and philanthropy have been cornerstones of our mission. In 1985, members and supporters of JDI founded a charitable organization of their own: **The HIKE Fund, Inc.**—which stands for *Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment*. HIKE raises funds to provide children, from birth to age 20, with hearing aids and assistive devices when there is both a medical and financial need. Awards of up to \$5,000 are granted regardless of gender, race, or religious affiliation.

Today, The HIKE Fund continues to thrive as a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers, HIKE maintains operating expenses below 10%, meaning more than 90% of every dollar donated goes directly to helping children. To date, JDI has raised over **six million dollars**, changing the lives of nearly **3,000 children**—with many more waiting for assistance.

The success of HIKE inspires a deep sense of pride among Job's Daughters, reinforcing the values of compassion, service, and Masonic heritage. Few organizations can offer a ten-year-old girl the chance to change another child's life—but JDI can. It's this profound impact that gives HIKE its motto: **Kids Helping Kids**.

We invite you to be part of this incredible work. All donations to The HIKE Fund, Inc. are tax-deductible (Tax ID: 36-3406438) and may be made securely online at www.thehikefund.org. Checks should be made payable to "The HIKE Fund, Inc." and mailed to:

The HIKE Fund, Inc.
ATTN: Executive Secretary
530 Elliott Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
HIKESecretary@gmail.com

HIKE recipients are celebrated nationwide, and Job's Daughters Bethels often join families in commemorating these life-changing moments. If you ever have the chance to attend one of these presentations, we strongly encourage you to do so. Witnessing a child hear their parent's voice or their own laughter for the first time is unforgettable—and knowing you helped make that moment possible is truly life-changing.

Thank you for your time, generosity, and continued support.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Ingles, President HIKE Board of Directors

GRAND COURT OF WISCONSIN

ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

Honored Lady Mary Lubach, Grand Royal Matron

Sir Knight Dale Holmen, Grand Royal Patron

Sir Knight Jamison Kifer, Grand Secretary

May 5, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On August 9, 2025 the Grand Court of Wisconsin, Order of the Amaranth will hold the first annual Euchre Tournament to benefit Amaranth Charities which include Diabetes Research and Scholarships.

We will be offering door prizes and free lunch to the players who participate in our tournament as an incentive. Won't you please help us to fund our philanthropic endeavors by the donation of an item or gift certificate, or items to be used as door prizes, raffle items or a basket auction? A flyer is attached with date, time and place of the Tournament. Even if you cannot donate, we invite you to come and PLAY. If you cannot come or donate an item, can you make a financial contribution to this worthwhile cause? Any donations could be picked up by a member of our committee at your convenience. Checks should be made payable to the Grand Court of Wisconsin, Order of the Amaranth. You will have a great time and a wonderful experience if you attend and your contributions will go to worthwhile Masonic endeavors. Once again, a flyer is enclosed.

Any assistance would be appreciated. Could you also please post this at your meeting space and spread the word to other Lodges, Courts, Chapters, Shrines, Bethels, organizations, families and friends? Our event is open to all.

We can and will be successful in our efforts with your assistance. God Bless.

Fraternally yours,

Sir Knight and R.W. Bruce E. Kenney, Tournament Chairman (716-560-5883) everett5150@aol.com

Honored Lady Christin Kifer, (920-422-2187) christinkifer@hotmail.com