

Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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September 2025

Sisters and Brothers:

Summer is now history. Schools have started, including our Chapter's Schools of Instruction. Our District Deputies have been busy helping the Chapters prepare for their Official Visit. Official Visits will be held during September and into October. Chapter Trustees, don't forget all books need to audited and inventory completed before your Official Visit. Chapter's Annual Treasurer, Secretary and Trustee Reports also need to be done.

Many Chapters had a "Custard Day" in August and shared pictures on Wisconsin's facebook page. This was a fun joint event with your local Lodge, Bethel and DeMolay Chapter and their families. It is not too late to celebrate "Custard Day" and build links with your lodge, Jobs Daughters and DeMolay. Be sure to take pictures and send them to our Grand Secretary.



Our Guiding Light bus trip to the Multi-State Exchange in Lower Michigan on August 14-18 was truly enjoyed by all who went. It was a time of fellowship and fun as we traveled north through the Upper Peninsula, over the Mackinac Bridge. We enjoyed a ferry ride under the bridge, spent the day on Mackinac Island with a horsedrawn carriage ride tour, and of course, FUDGE. We continued through Lower Michigan to the Exchange stopping

first at the beautiful Dow Gardens in Midland, Michigan. Wisconsin had 25 members on the bus with another 13 sisters and brothers who drove to the Exchange, for a total of 38 Wisconsin pirates. A special thanks to Marianne for arranging this trip for us. It was everything I hoped it would be!!

We have one more Exemplification planned at Lemonweir Chapter, Tomah. It will be on Saturday, September 6th, with registration at 9:30, lunch at noon – cost \$10, and we should be done by 3 pm. We will focus on instruction from our Ritual and Red Book. Please let the Chapter know you are coming for a lunch count. We hope you will join us for learning and fellowship. Grand Conductress Kate and Associate Grand Conductress Maureen have another All-Member Learning Session planned for September 13th from 1 to 4 pm at Wautoma Chapter. Please let them know if you will be attending.

Our Charity for September is World of Youth. Continue to visit, visit, visit. Be sure to fill out your Individual Travel Award. When completed, turn in to any Grand Officer for your pin. Travel safe, enjoy the colors of Fall and we can't wait to see you along the star trail. Always remember you are unique like a snowflake and together we can make a difference and be a light to others.

Judy and Alan





**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
Order of the Eastern Star
Established November 1867**

To all Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers around the world,

On behalf of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Billie Bradfield and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Mike Berry, I am authorized and honored to share this important message with you.

As we have all witnessed—and many have personally experienced—natural disasters are affecting communities across the globe, often striking in the most unexpected places. The devastation, the destruction of homes and livelihoods, and the tragic loss of lives are heartbreaking.

When we knelt at the Altar, each of us made a vow to extend generous aid to those in poverty and distress. **Now is the time to honor that sacred promise.**

The General Grand Chapter Disaster Relief Committee was established during the 51st Triennial Assembly in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in November 2024. This Committee includes Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from 13 Jurisdictions across North America, along with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and the three Right Worthy Grand Trustees.

The mission of the Committee is to raise and distribute funds to support Jurisdictions affected by natural disasters. Requests for assistance should be submitted by the Worthy Grand Matron to the Committee Chair, **John P. Groves.**

To date, our Disaster Relief Fund has provided aid in response to:

- Floods and landslides in Brazil
- Wildfires in the Province of Manitoba, Canada
- Floods in Texas
- Hurricanes in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina
- Fires in California and floods in Kentucky (assisted locally within those Jurisdictions)

Since January 1, 2025, **over 39,995 fires** have burned more than **3 million acres** across North America. Floods have caused catastrophic damage and loss of life in **9 U.S. states, 4 countries in South America,** and across **central and eastern Europe.** And the **hurricane season is just beginning.**

Our Disaster Relief Fund cannot continue to meet these urgent needs without **your help.**

What can you do?

- **Organize fundraising events** in your Chapter, District, County, or Jurisdiction.
- **Collect “B Dollars”**—U.S. currency with the letter “B” in the serial number—as well as any form of currency.
- **Designate a "Good of the Order" Collection** for Disaster Relief in **two months** of your choosing during the years **2025, 2026, and 2027** (we recommend May and November).
- **Send your donations**, in U.S. currency, made payable to **“GGC Disaster Relief Fund”**, to the **Right Worthy Grand Secretary, 1618 New Hampshire Ave, NW, Washington DC, 20009.**

Every penny, peso, euro, real, leu, sol, guarani or florin makes a difference.

The next disaster could strike **tomorrow.**

Let us stand ready—united in love and service—to help our Sisters and Brothers in their time of need.

Help us help you. Please act today.

Dream, Imagine and Believe,

General Grand Chapter Disaster Relief Committee

John P. Groves, GGCCM, PGP of Michigan

Chairman

(248) 906-9357 mobile jgrovesoes@gmail.com

We thank you!

This letter is approved and endorsed by:



MWGM Billie Bradfield




MWGP Michael E. Berry

DEADLINE for the October 2025 Newsletter will be: September 22, 2025.

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



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

Chapter Announcements



Everett Chapter new advertising idea. Utility pole in City. (Image turned so you can read)

Secretary and Treasurer address information for Alpha Chapter, Argyle are switched around. Treasurer is Janet Wymore 240 S Kennedy, Shullsburg, WI 53586 Secretary is Sharon Bruun 29900 County Rd B, Platteville, WI 53818. Please change your contact information in book accordingly.

Eagle Chapter, Eagle River meets on the 1st Tuesday. May - Oct 7 PM; Nov, Dec, Mar& Apr - 1 PM. Recess Jan& Feb

Kinnickinnic Chapter, River Falls - 1st & 3rd Monday 6:30 pm

Wisconsin OES Foundation

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. A reminder for any donations to the OES Foundation, checks are to be made out to WI Eastern Star Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Please remember to inform the membership committee when your chapter is hosting an initiation or has voted to reinstate a member.

Thank you, Bridget

Briski, bbriski17@gmail.com and make sure the Grand Secretary and Blast editor get your new member's email.

There are NEW membership brochures!! Contact the committee for your supply and then PLEASE, PLEASE TOSS OUT THE OLD BROCHURES.

From the Grand Secretary

All Chapter secretaries - **thank you** for getting your annual report information to me as



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To Members and Visitors Planning to Attend the 2025 Grand Chapter Session:

Please note the Informal Opening, Presentation of Officers and Introduction of Guests will begin at 6:30 p.m., NOT at 7 p.m. as previously published. A new Trifold is available on the Grand Chapter website.

Roster Book Changes

requested. **A very special THANK YOU to PGM Kris Gruber-Twardy and PGM Mary Jacobson with excel formulas and extra sets of eyes.**

One (1) copy of the Red Book AND Code of Laws changes from the 2024-25 GC Session have been sent to all Chapter Secretaries. If you would like a copy of the Code changes, ask your secretary to make a copy for you. **If you have a Code of Laws with Page 12A, your code is not correct with the index and page numbering from previous updates. You should purchase a new Code of Laws.** If you are interested in the Red Book changes, please request them through your Chapter secretary at a cost of \$5.00 per set. Thank you.

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 is available for \$5.00. If interested contact Jan Winget, j.winget0432@att.ent.

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.

WGM Judy and WGP Alan at Grand Bethel Installation. Congratulations Henry Bingheim, Grand Bethel Honored Queen. It was our pleasure to attend your beautiful installation.



Necrology Reminder

Sister Joan Burr, Necrology Chair is reminding Chapter secretaries to send her information on any deaths of their members. Her email is jfburr@charter.net. Thank you.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE NEWS!!

Congratulations to Brother Bob Bradley, GR to Montana; Brother Donald Ross, GR to Maryland and Sister Lorraine Beeman, GR to Alabama.
Enjoy your commissions!!

General Grand Chapter Pins



These are the pins of the Heart and Alzheimer's Committees. Both are selling for the price of \$10 each. All money sold in WI stays in Wisconsin! Please see Terri Hundhausen, PGM, a member of the Heart Committee or Jane Blackwood, PGM, a member of the Alzheimer's Committee for them.

PARTY FUN AND "CULVERS" FUN!

At WGP Alan's party on July 26th, Presidents Jan Winget, Southeast Area Club, and Gail Oconnell, Tri-waukee Club presented two checks, EACH for \$2,100, to PGM Kris Schoville, Chairman of the Service Dog Project-Occupaws, and Lisa Schulze, Chairman of the World of Youth Committee.

The checks represented the earning of the Wine Pairing Event held on June 8th at 3 Cellars, Menomonee Falls. Sister Jan thanked the club members for their support and work, Gino from 3 Cellars for allowing us to hold the event at his business establishment and Brother Jim Nelson who donated all the cheese for the event. Great job supporting the Service Dog Project and World of Youth!!



The event for 2026 has been scheduled for Sunday, June 7th at 3 Cellars from 2 to 4 pm.

Celebrating National Custard Day!!



LaBelle Chapter



Rainbow Chapter

Starlight Chapter had a wonderful ice cream social welcoming 14 Masons from 4 area lodges and welcomed three perspective members.



Oregon Chapter enjoying Culver's too.

Members, family and friends of West Allis Chapter,

Lake Lodge, West Allis Lodge, Bethal #19 and Daylight lodge celebrated with Ice cream



Kenosha Chapter enjoying ice cream

Union Grove Masons and Eastern Star had a pot luck, watched a movie and had ice cream together having a wonderful evening.



Melody Chapter participated in a Share the Night at Culver's in Middleton. Proceeds are going to Reach-A-Child. Fun times!!



Dodgeville provided ice cream and desserts for the Dodgeville Lodge Masons before their meeting.

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.

To renew your subscription or start receiving a paper copy:

Complete the form and send with a check for \$25.00 payable to

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: _____



Hi, I am Igloo, a 4-month-old English crème golden retriever. I am working hard to become a Guide Dog for the Blind through OccuPaws Guide Dog Association. I need help from the Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Eastern Star. This year, the Service Dog Committee is asking you to save dollar bills in which the serial number begins with a “C” or “D”. “C” is for Canine and “D” is for Dog so let’s save those dollars. Let’s have a Chapter challenge – the Chapter that saves the most dollars will win a prize at Grand Chapter. Chapters, please send me your total by May 1, 2026, to goldenoegirl@yahoo.com.



Brother Jim and I also have Kwik Trip gift cards for sale as well. We are selling 5 ultimate car wash cards for \$35, and the Service dog committee makes \$15 for each card. Please let me know how many you need. If you have questions, please let Brother Jim or I know. Did you know that a fully trained guide dog takes about 15 to 18 months to train and prepare for placement?

**West Allis Chapter and Vega Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
invite you to a**

Souper Crafty Festival

**Saturday September 27th
11:30am to 2:30pm
Lake Masonic Center**

**1235 E Howard Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207
(enter the parking lot off Clement Ave – ADA accessible)
A variety of soups to choose from**

**Including Cheesy Broccoli, Chili and Loaded Baked Potato
available by the Bowl \$6 or a Three-Cup Flight \$10
Shop from diverse vendors and enjoy delicious homemade soups.**

In anticipation of your Official Visit, here is the pass requested to be used for proving of the Chapter.

Grand Officer	Pass
Judy Paust, WGM	Martha
Alan Weir, WGP	Adah
Linda Schreier, AGM	Adah
Moses Adams, AGP	Ruth
Kate Smillie, GC	Adah
Maureen Wise, AGC	Esther
Brooke Froehlich, G Adah	Adah
Val Nelson, G Ruth	Ruth
Dawn Bergren, G Esther	Esther
Paula Schwartz, G Martha	Martha
Inge Adams, G Electa	Electa
Paul Twardy , G Sentinel	Adah

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						Wauwa- tosa					
15		Sparta Tomah Viroqua									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 Wautoma			* WI Rapids Marsh- field Wau- toma		
22		Fidelity									
24						Janes- ville Jefferson Oregon				Janes- ville Jeffers on Orego n	
25					WI Dells						
Oct											
2			Honor		Middleton Madison						
17				Vega West Allis							
20											Superior
21			Argyle, Dodgeville, Shullsburg			La- Crosse	Argyle, Dodgevill e, Shullsbur g				
23				Mukwon- ago							
	Chapters in Bold are the host Chapter for the group.										
	*Special meeting										

Attention all Wisconsin OES Members

Exemplifications are meant to help in our goal of uniformity of our work.

Our Grand Officers are proficient and know the work well. The Exemplifications are opportunities for them to show the general membership the correct way to do the work. We will be doing three (3) Exemplifications this year. They will again be a combination morning and afternoon event, focusing on instructions from our Ritual and Red Book. There will also be discussion on our Official Visit format for 2025, our Project, and the OES Foundation.

Each Exemplification will start at 10 am, with social at 9:30, and should be done by 3 pm. Lunch will be provided by the host chapters at the cost of \$10.00 per person.

We hope you will join us for learning and fellowship and come away with a renewed interest and enthusiasm for our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star.

Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Tomah Masonic Center, Tomah

520 Saratoga Street, Tomah, WI 54660

Reservation and check for \$10.00 per person (no refunds) no later than August 30

To: Bonnie Clark

N4825 Co Rd B

Mauston, WI 53948

608-847-7661

Onionhead200@hotmail.com

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(This Pledge drive will run from June 30th through September 30th)

LET'S HIT IT OUT OF THE BALL PARK!



For our Historical Landmarks that represent our beautiful Order.



- International Headquarters in Washington, DC
- International Peace Garden Chapel on the border between Manitoba and North Dakota
- Little Red School House in Mississippi
- Rob Morris Home in Kentucky.

Here’s how **YOU** can make a difference: **All OES members are encouraged to make a pledge or a donation to ensure the successful preservation of our Historical Landmarks.**

(A pledge of \$10 each year for 3 years **OR** a 1 & Done donation of \$25). Your donation **will be divided** among the Landmarks; you can designate which Landmark will receive 55% of your gift with the remaining balance divided equally among the remaining Landmarks! In the memo on your check, put your designated Landmark; if nothing is noted, it will be divided equally among all four.

Send your check to & Make Payable to:

General Grand Chapter
% Kelly O’Malley, RWGS
1618 New Hampshire Ave. NW;
Washington, DC 20009-2549

Or use Our QR Code



Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Jurisdiction: _____

___ I Pledge \$10.00 now for year for 2025 OR ___ 1 & Done for \$25.00 for all 3 years

I support this Historical Landmark _____

Feeling Generous ??? Bronze \$100 Silver \$250 Gold \$500 Platinum \$1000
These Donations will be honored with a specific gift



**KINNICKINNIC CHAPTER
AND NORTHWEST CHAPTER
INVITES YOU TO A RECEPTION HONORING PAULA SCHWARTZ, GRAND MARTHA**

**Saturday, October 25th, 2025
Spirit of Grace Church
127 S 2nd St, River Falls**

**5:00 Social
5:30 Dinner
Program to follow
\$22.00/ person (no refunds)**

**RSVP with Name & Title to:
Brenda Gaulke
221 W Hamilton Dr
River Falls, WI 54022**

**Block of rooms are held until September 24th
Country Inn, 1525 Commerce Court, River Falls
\$149.00 ask for OES Group
715-425-9500**

brendagaulke59@gmail.com





Ruth Chapter #23
cordially invites
you to the
reception honoring

Valerie Nelson
Grand Ruth 2025-2026

Sunday, October 26, 2025

at La Crosse Masonic Center
116 8th Street, South, La Crosse

1:00pm - Welcome & Introductions
1:30pm - Buffet Meal
2:30pm - Entertainment

\$25.00 / person (no refunds)

Please RSVP by October 15th
Send payment, name & title to:
Judy Rowley, Treasure, Ruth Chpt #23
1900 Nakomis Ave., La Crosse, WI 54603

Questions?
Please call WM, Lorraine Cafe at 608.526.4310



Welcome



Starlight Chapter #283
Dodgeville Chapter #39

Cordially invite you to attend the luncheon and program for:

Brooke Froelich, Grand Adah
James Schoville, Grand Marshal

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Rex's Innkeeper
301 N. Century Ave
Waunakee, WI 53597

Social: 11:00pm
Buffet Lunch: 12:00pm

Remit \$30.00 per person – Checks payable to Starlight Chapter #283

Send to: Beth Wroblewski, 223 Parador Pl. Cottage Grove, WI. 53527
608-334-1354
(beth.wroblewski@yahoo.com)

RSVPs DUE NO LATER THEN NOVEMBER 1, 2025
NO REFUNDS



Return this bottom portion with remittance.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____



Saturday, October 18, 2025

You are invited to explore our town and area at your leisure during the day
- here are some ideas of what to see:

- Camp Algona POW Museum - tours available, 1-4 p.m., Saturday Suggested donation \$10-\$15
- Algona Nativity Scene - built by the POW's. 9 a.m.-12, Saturday. Freewill donation.
- Grotto of the Redemption @ West Bend. Tours available - allow 1.5 hrs. Suggested donation \$8.00
This is a religious shrine with 9 Grottos depicting scenes from the life of Jesus.
Contains a vast collection of rocks & minerals from around the world. Gift shop available.
- Plum Creek Winery - 2306 160th Ave., just a short drive NE of Algona. (Open 10-6, Fri., Sat. & Sun.)
- Freedom Rocks painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorenson II - there is one in every county in Iowa.
Whittemore, Iowa - (close to the Grotto in West Bend)
Livermore - south of Algona approx. 15 miles then east to Livermore - south of the Elevator

Algona area motels:

Please make your own reservations at the motel/hotel of your choice if you are staying over a night in our city.

AmericInn of Algona
600 Highway 18 West
Algona, IA 50511
Phone: 515-295-3333

Brookstone Lodge of Algona
1909 Highway 18 East
Algona, IA 50511
Phone: 515-200-0027

GrandStay Hotel & Suites 840
Highway 18 West
Algona, IA 50511
Phone: 515-395-7829

*Please call or
check the hotel
websites for their
current rates.*

*There are several nice
restaurants in Algona and
West Bend for your lunch
time enjoyment as you tour
the area.*

Whittemore
Freedom Rock



Livermore
Freedom Rock



There will be a catered meal at 5:30 p.m. at the Algona Masonic Lodge 1413 North McCoy Street, Algona, Iowa • Cost: \$25/person Social time 4:30 p.m. and following dinner.



Please RSVP with your name & payment to: Bill Howie, PO Box 952, Manson, IA 50563 for your meal reservation by October 1, 2025 Please make checks payable to Algona Chapter OES Questions? - email: bhowie1026@gmail.com

In Memoriam William E. "Bill" Owen
Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron Oklahoma, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Once again the Golden Chain of our Grand Chapter has been broken with the passing of another precious link, Brother William Edward "Bill" Owen, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, Oklahoma's Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma. Brother Bill was born on August 20, 1933, in Jacksboro, Texas to the late Edmond F. And Willie J. Thomason Owen. He was the eighth child and first son of a family of eleven. He passed from this life July 19, 2025, at the age of 91.

Bill moved to Oklahoma City at the age of eleven. He served in the U.S. Army for four years, serving overseas in Japan and Korea during the Korean conflict. Bill was a certified Public Accountant and obtained a Juris Doctorate Degree from Oklahoma City University in 1965. He opened the accounting firm of Owen & Thorp in 1966.

Bill enjoyed fishing trips to Cree Lake in Canada with the same group of friends each summer, He had a deep appreciation of Native American artwork which led to an impressive collection. He did documentaries on five Native American artists.

He is survived by his loving wife, Doris, his daughters, Cheryl Hill, Kathy Male (Bill), Becky Vissage (John), and Debra Hough (Rod), stepdaughters, Leigh Anne Gleghorn (Mike), Pattie Kimmerly, Jennifer French (Jason), and stepson, Dennis O'Malley (Martine), sixteen Grandchildren, and sisters, Peggy Owen and Mary Garbett, and a brother Johnny Owen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Evelina, his son, James Owen and seven sisters,

He was very active in the Masonic Fraternity for over 50 years, serving as Worshipful Grand Master, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma in 2005.

Brother Bill was initiated in Bethlehem Chapter, April 1, 1985, which consolidated with Siloam Chapter in 2001. He has served Eastern Star in Oklahoma for 40 years. He became a plural member with Norman Chapter in 2011 and is a Perpetual Member in Siloam and Norman. Bill was appointed Grand Sentinel in 2005, serving with the "Clan" Grand Family, Sister Margaret Andrews, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother John Carmichael, Worthy Grand Patron. In 2006, he was elected Associate Grand Patron and served with "The Night Owls" Grand Family, Sister Wanda Kimbrell, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Billy Orick, Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Bill served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Nancy Tillman, Worthy Grand Matron and the "Soaring Eagles of 1997" Grand Family at the 89th "World of Love" Grand Chapter Session.

William E. Owen's service to General Grand Chapter began as a General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Brazil in 2000-2003 for Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Harles I. Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron. He was elected and served as a Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron in 2003-2006 with Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Loyal L. Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron. Then in 2006, he was elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron and served with Barbara Benton, Most Worthy Grand Patron, with the "Star Tribe" in the "Choctaw" Triennium 2006-2009. The 46th Triennial Assembly "Council Fires" was held in Tulsa, Oct. 30 – Nov. 5, 2009, with the Eastern Star World in attendance.

Bill's Memorial service was held July 26, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the Southgate Baptist Church in Moore, OK with a great number of family and friends. Eastern Star was represented by our Most Worthy Grand

Matron, General Grand Chapter, Sister Billie Bradfield and numerous members from Oklahoma and out of state. Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was well represented with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, James Roderick in attendance and many Past Grand Masters and Brother Masons. The service included the Military Flag Presentation, Eastern Star Funeral Service and the Masonic Funeral Ceremony.

Bill's favorite Scripture when he was Worthy Grand Patron with the "Soaring Eagles of 1997":.

Isaiah 40:31

*"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength:
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary;
And they shall walk, and not faint"*



We extend our deepest sympathy to Bill's family, friends, Siloam and Norman Chapters, the "Soaring Eagles of 1997" and "The Clan of 1995" Grand Families and the "Star Tribe" General Grand Chapter Family. In loving remembrance of our departed, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma, please read this Memorial and drape the Altar at the first meeting after its receipt.

Mary Kay Hapke

Mary Kay Hapke
Worthy Grand Matron

Jack Randall

Jack Randall
Worthy Grand Patron

Leatrice Jo Massey

Leatrice Massey
Grand Secretary