

Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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November 2025

Sisters and Brothers:

“Although Thanksgiving comes but once a year, every day should be a day of thanks.”

Can you believe October is gone and its now November! Our District Deputy Schools are completed as are our Official Visits. A special thanks to the Chapters for their warm hospitality and courtesies extended to the Grand Officers and District Deputies. We hope that the time was a positive learning experience and everyone came away with a greater love and respect for our beautiful Order.

Our Appointed Grand Officer parties have started. We look forward to seeing our members at Grand Adah Brooke and Grand Marshal Jim’s party on November 8 and then on November 16 will be Grand Chaplain SuAnn and Grand Warder Kathy’s party.

The All-State Christmas party will be on December 7th at the Ridges Golf Course and Banquet Facility in Wisconsin Rapids. We are looking forward to seeing our members in their Christmas attire.

Congratulations to the Chapters who have initiated new members. And welcome to our new sisters and brothers. Initiations are also planned for November 3rd and 7th.

I encourage our members to continue to visit and to attend events hosted by our Chapters and the area Clubs. They are times of fellowship and fun.

November has been designated as Service Dog-Occupaws month. Please save dollar bills in which the serial number begins with a “C” (for Canine) or “D” (for Dog). The Chapter that saves the most dollars will be given a prize at Grand Chapter.

Remember Veteran’s Day which honors anyone who served in the armed forces. Thank you Veterans for all you’ve done.

And 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

FROM THE Grand Secretary

Proceedings for 2024-2025 have been ordered. When they are in the grand office, I will contact you and let you know so payment and/or distribution can be arranged. Thank you.

With Grand Lodge moving across the street, receipt of USPS mail is currently being affected as mail is being inadvertently forwarded to them. I am working with Grand Lodge and the Dousman Post Office, but it is taking some time to get straightened out.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

DEADLINE for the December 2025 Newsletter will be: November 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

990N IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

There is a bit of confusion on trying to file your Chapter's 990N form. You need to be on the IRS website to file for free. Log onto www.irs.gov and you want Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for small exempt organizations (990-N postcard) Thank you PGM Sister Rosie for this information.

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.

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

Wisconsin OES Foundation

Applications are available on the website (www.wioes.org). The next Foundation Meeting will be December 12, 2025. **Deadline for receipt of Applications is December 1, 2025.**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR MAILING APPLICATIONS and/or donations to the foundation: Mail to Grand Chapter Office, **WISCONSIN OES FOUNDATION, 275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI 53118.** All foundation mail **MUST** indicate OES foundation.

A reminder for any donations to the OES Foundation, checks are to be made out to WI Eastern Star Foundation. The mailing address changed at the last meeting and any questions are to be directed to Alan Weir, Board President.

Thank you to members for their words of comfort and sympathy on the recent death of my mom, PGM Evelyn Menke. Whether you sent a card, a memorial, or attended the services your support was appreciated. OES was very important to her.

Thanks to her chapters Wautoma and Fond du Lac for conducting the OES funeral service. PGM. Rosie Fiscus and her family

**IN TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS,
REMEMBER TO THANK THEM
FOR THEIR SERVICE**



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.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE NEWS!!

Congratulations to Brother Mark Fischer who is the new GR to Nevada.

Enjoy your commission!!



IMPORTANT: Starlight Chapter News!!

Starlight Chapter has voted to move its first Wednesday meetings to Columbus Masonic Lodge, 318 N. Ludington St, Columbus while repairs are being conducted at the Madison location. A dispensation has been granted by the WGM. Meetings start at 7pm.

November 5, 2025 - Honor Elected Officers; Reggae/Tie Dye theme meeting

December 3, 2025 - Regenerative Medicine Speaker

March 4, 2026 - Welcome back after break

Starlight has cancelled events planned for the second Wednesday meetings and will convene only to conduct Chapter business. Please join them at their temporary for one or all of the dates listed above.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PINS FOR SALE



These are the pins for Heart and Alzheimer's. Both are selling for the price of \$10.00 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

Note about other Masonic Bodies

Many organizations related to or affiliated with Masons are having fun events or open houses – check out their websites for more details. It encourages fun, fellowship, and communication between all of us.



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 Eden, a 9-month-old golden retriever. I got out of New Lisbon correctional last week where the inmates helped with training and now, I am excited to continue my training on the “outside”. As you know, dogs must move around for a more well-rounded training, so Igloo went to a new raiser who lives in Madison. Don’t worry, you will have a chance to see him again. Now, Eden would like to continue what Igloo started and ask for continued help from the Sisters and Brothers of Wisconsin Eastern Star. This year, the Service Dog Committee, Jim and Kris Schoville and Gladys Jacobson, 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 – Chapters find a container that you can save these dollars, add them up in March 2026 and the Chapter that saves the most dollars will win a prize at Grand Chapter. Chapters, please send me your total by April 15, 2026, to goldenoessgirl@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. It is only 3 months to Christmas so maybe think about starting your shopping early and support the dogs as well. We also have regular gift cards of \$10, \$20 and \$25 denominations too. Please let me know how many you need. If you have questions, please let Brother Jim or I know.

Did you know that the average bag of dog food costs around \$65 – on the average, a pup in training eats 1 bag every 4 to 6 weeks. That doesn’t seem bad but when we are feeding 50 dogs...well we will let you do the math. PS – that is a lot of bags of food.

“OUR GUIDING LIGHT” grand family wishes all a wonderful, filling, THANKSGIVING.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA DIERS
OREGON CHAPTER ON RECEIVING HER 60 YR PIN**



SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 14, 2026

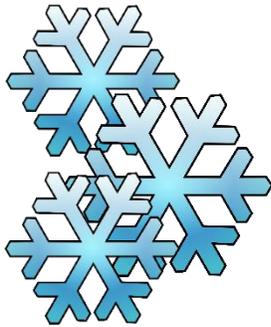
Grand Sentinel Party for Brother PAUL TWARDY

More information will be forthcoming.



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.

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Bristol Chapter #164 and Kenosha Chapter #92 invite you to

GUIDING LIGHTS OF THE SEASONS

honoring Grand Chaplain

SUANN GASCOIGNE

and Grand Warder

KATHY LYTLE

Sunday, November 16,

at Parkway Chateau Bristol Room, 12304 75th St., Kenosha

Enter at Entrance B

11 a.m. social hour with cash bar

Noon buffet lunch, followed by introductions and presentations

Cost: \$30 per person * Deadline: Nov. 1 (no refunds)

Make checks payable to Bristol Chapter #164 and mail,

along with titles of those attending, to:

Tara Schweningen, 5211 52nd Street #5, Kenosha, WI 53144

Email: sapphiremom79@gmail.com

Select hotels near the venue:

* Comfort Inn & Suites Kenosha-Pleasant Prairie, 7206 122nd Ave. Kenosha: (262) 857-3450

* Hampton Inn & Suites Kenosha Pleasant Prairie, 7300 125th Ave., Kenosha: (262) 358-9800

* Best Western Executive Inn Kenosha/Pleasant Prairie, 7220 122nd Ave., Kenosha: (262) 857-7699



ALL STATE CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7, 2025

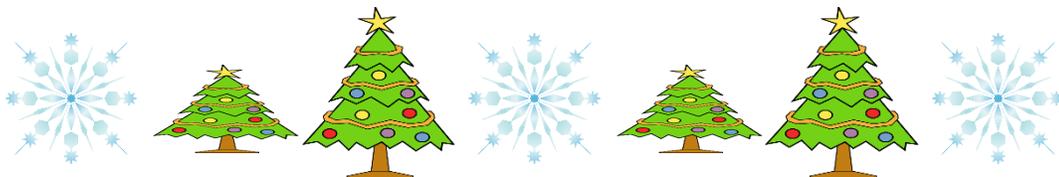
50/50 Raffle

Bring-A-Book
(Free Raffle Ticket With Donation)

Tin Can Raffle – Please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.00 or more to be auctioned off by our guest auctioneer, Jim Schoville.

Payment for any item must be cash or check only.

Contact Cindy Ryan - 262.617.9922, cindyryan2000@yahoo.com with question and if you are bringing a gift.



Martha Chapter # 66 Jefferson
LaBelle Chapter # 40 Mukwonago
Wauwatosa Chapter # 219 Brookfield



*You are invited to join us for a luncheon and program
Celebrating our Grand Officers:*

Dawn Bergren Grand Esther

Inga Adams Grand Electa

Marcia Earl Grand Organist

February 14th, 2026

The Venue 2645 Main St. East Troy, WI 53120

Social 11am Buffet Lunch 12 noon

Cost \$30.00 (no refunds) R.S.V.P before January 28th

Make checks payable to Wauwatosa Chapter # 219

Send to Barbara Dunham 1245 N 123 St. Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Nearby Hotel: Quality Inn & Suites 2921 O'Leary Lane, East Troy, WI Ph: 262-222-2361

Name & Title _____

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