

Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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June 2026

Sisters and Brothers,

Grand Chapter is complete and a new core of Grand Officers has been installed. Thank you to all the Sisters and Brothers who attended the “Our Guiding Light” session and “Faith-Harmony-Service” installation. Moses and I are very excited to start implementing the plans we have been working on.

Your Worthy Matron and Secretary packets are filled with a lot of information. We are not requesting that our message in this newsletter be read at each meeting as we are hoping that members will take the time to read it shortly after it has arrived. Our Grand Secretary takes a lot of time and care in providing updates and current news in our newsletter. The weekly OES Blast is another resource for information. We would ask that if you or any of your members change their email address and/or home address that you update both the Grand Secretary and the OES blast editor.

We would ask that Chapters find ways to make your Chapter the place to be. Roar loud and proud of the work that your Chapter does and why your members will want to be part of all the good things you are doing. If you need ideas on programs or activities call or email our Membership Committee. We would also encourage chapters to do a fun activity either during the meeting or during refreshments to lighten the duties of active members. These activities are part of the reason members attend meetings. Make your meetings meaningful and fun.

Our project this year is the Honor Flights in Wisconsin. There are (6) six different Honor

Flights that began sending Veterans to Washington DC on May 1, 2026. The Honor Flights run through October (weather dependent) and if there are funds to support them. The funds provide snacks for the participants, and it helps fund the flights. Each area has committee members, but they need everyone’s help. Plan to write letters to the Veterans, try to attend a send-off and/or a return flight. Plan fundraisers to help the Honor Flights continue. Watch for other articles on fundraising for the Honor Flights.

We are doing Educational Sessions in place of exemplifications. We are trying to focus on education of the work of our Order and technology that affects our organization. Please consider signing up for (2) two sessions in the morning and (2) two sessions in the afternoon. Please read the complete information concerning these sessions that was included in the Secretary’s packet. If you have any questions, please contact the WGM.

We have continued to allow Chapters to do their District Deputy School and Official Visit with another Chapter (s). It takes a lot of time by our Grand Lecturer to schedule the Official Visit. Change requests **MUST BE IN WRITING** to the Grand Lecturer and WGM. A written response will be provided within (3) three business days. Not all changes can be made and **SHOULD NOT** be made with the Grand Officer that is your Official Visitor. Your District Deputy will schedule your school prior to your Official Visit. It will not be counted as one of your initiations as there will be no lecturers given at the schools. Schools are to be a place to learn, renew knowledge and practice.

Wisconsin is hosting (2) exchanges: August 22nd and October 24th . We hope you will consider attending at least one of them. Our trip is a cruise to the Caribbean February 14-21, 2027.

We are not having an All-State Christmas party but a celebration of our Masonic Family at the Pa'ina feast on January 30, 2027. We are having only (2) two Grand Officers parties. The Grand Sentinel party will be on March 6, 2027. The other Appointed Grand Officers' party will be on February 27th in Stevens Point. We hope this will allow many of our members to attend these events as your time is very valuable.

We all joined the Order of the Eastern Star with a belief in a Supreme being and not one particular religion or belief. We are not a religious group, but we do our teaching through religious stories. Please be welcoming and encourage diversity in our Chapters.

We wish to congratulate all the Elected Grand Officers and the (3) three-year Trustee. To those who have either lost in an election or are thinking about your goals in the future. It is important that everyone that has a dream look at the reason for the dream and if it is for the right reasons, the wait is worth the time. Walt Disney was fired from a newspaper for lacking creativity; he filed bankruptcy several times and yet went on to create one of the most successful entertainment companies in the world. Thank you to those who never gave up on me and my dream.
Linda and Moses

FROM PAST GRAND MATRON JUDY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
I hope you enjoyed our Grand Chapter Session as much as I did. Thank you for your loving support this past year. May you all continue to be Guiding Lights in your Chapters.
Always remember you are unique like a snowflake and together we can, AND DID, make a difference.
Past Grand Matron Judy

NEWS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the July newsletter will be: June 22, 2026.

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

Thank you Sisters for picking up your WM elect and Secretary packets at Grand Chapter. I am happy to report all were signed for so none came back to the GC Office with me. If you are missing something in your packet, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office.

Sister Marianne Totsch has placed the Annual Report online in a PDF Fillable format. YOU WILL NEED ADOBE ACROBAT TO USE and it will have to be enabled to be fillable on your end.

ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS

Northwest Chapter #98, Clear Lake has switched Worthy Matron and Secretary officers. Please change WM to Debi Ahrens and Secretary to Brenda Gaulke, PGM.

Brenda/Carl Gaulke – **HOME** telephone does not exist. **Please delete #715-425-6698.**

Janet Singer, WM-Everett Chapter, Marshfield:
Email is: bowlnstar@gmail.com . **There is no "I" before the n.**

NW Area Club, President is Brenda Gaulke and **there are no dates/events confirmed. Please delete and for club meetings/events, please contact Brenda at 715-307-0574.**

From PGM Sister Laramie Reissner

Hi Wisconsin Members -

I hope you enjoyed Grand Chapter and are looking forward to Chapter Installations.

Kate Smillie AGM and I would like to invite you to take a proficiency test for the Red Book. It's a great opportunity to assess your current level and identify areas for growth. Individual station testing is also available.

Please let me know when you are available, and I'll be happy to schedule a test with you. We will be scheduling testing in Union Grove this summer/fall. Other testing will be scheduled based on the areas we receive requests for.

Fraternally,
Laramie Reissner, PGM Proficiency Committee,
lreissner102@gmail.com

Membership News

Worthy Matrons: As you plan your term, remember to appoint at least 3 people to your membership/promotional committee. Please share the names and emails with Dawn Wenzell dawnwenzell@gmail.com The WI membership committee will be holding state wide zoom meetings to brainstorm ideas to attract/retain new members and let our communities know we still exist. Dawn Wenzell dawnwenzell@gmail.com or 414-254-2187

Mark your calendars:

Mr. and Mrs. OES annual meeting.
October 11, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.
Lake City Social Grill & Bar
644 Wisconsin Dells Parkway
Wisconsin Dells

Mr. and Mrs. OES is a social group for those who have served in the East with their spouses. We will have a private room and order off their delicious menu. Please join us!

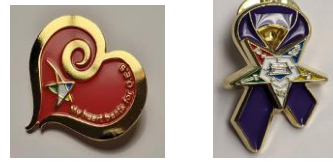
Wisconsin OES Foundation

Applications are available on the website (www.wioes.org). The next Foundation Meeting will be June 12, 2026. **Deadline for receipt of Applications is June 1, 2026** **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.

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

GENERAL GRAND PINS FOR SALE



These are the pins for Heart and Alzheimer's. Both are selling for \$10.00 each. All money sold in Wisconsin stays here ❤️. Please see Terri Hundhausen, PGM, a member of the Heart Committee or Jane Blackwood, PGM, a member of the Alzheimer's Committee for them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Catching up on the last several newly appointed Grand Representatives now that they have all been received.

Brenda Schuette – Fond du Lac Chapter, representing Arkansas



Jacquelyn Drexler Rauth – Everett Chapter, Representing Iowa



Jeffery Mark Hensley-LaBelle Chapter,
representing Vermont



Alexandra (Bunny) Brueggeman-Kinnickinnic
Chapter representing New Brunswick



INSTALLATION INFORMATION
Congratulations to all Chapters/Officers
CORRECTIONS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

Crivitz	6/2/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Janesville	6/3/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Eagle River	6/2/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Sturgeon Bay	6/4/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Argyle	6/4/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Plymouth	6/8/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Tomah	6/8/2026	1:00 PM	Closed
Shullsburg	6/8/2026	7:30 PM	Closed
Willow River	6/8/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Wisconsin Rapids	6/9/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Fond du lac	6/10/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Milwaukee-Vega	6/13/2026	2:00 PM	Open
Kenosha	6/15/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Oregon	6/15/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Dodgeville	6/16/2026	7:00 PM	Open
River Falls	6/15/2026	6:30 PM	Closed
Wautoma	6/15/2026	6:00 PM	Closed

Superior	6/29/2026	7:00 PM	Open
LaCrosse	6/30/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Ellsworth	6/16/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Port Washington	6/23/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Madison	6/17/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Union Grove	6/18/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Middleton	6/18/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Viroqua	6/18/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Wauwatosa			
Brookfield	6/24/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Clear Lake	6/23/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
West Allis	6/23/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Wisconsin Dells	6/25/2026	7:30 PM	Closed
Mukwonago	6/25/2026	7:00 PM	Open
Jefferson	6/27/2026	2:00 PM	Open
Neenah	6/22/2026	6:30 PM	Open
Marshfield	6/23/2026	7:00 PM	Closed
Bristol	6/28/2026	1:00 PM	Open

PAGO (Past Appointed Grand Officer) PEARLS

As you all know, the PAGO Association met after the Kickoff Banquet on Monday night at Grand Chapter. We had an enthusiastic turn out. We had 55 members pay dues and Elaine will be creating an email list and sending out the minutes later this week.

You can still send Elaine your \$5 at any time and be included on the membership list. Checks payable to Elaine Engelke, 400 North Main Street, Blanchardville, WI 53516.

The first PAGO Pearls went out before Grand Chapter and Marianne will be putting it on the OES website so all interested can view it. We have been contacting Grand Chapter committees to see if PAGO can help. We have a volunteer with a zoom license who can facilitate meetings if there is interest. Membership, World of Youth, Occupaws and Medical Research have already said YES!! We will also be taking orders for an Alzheimer's T-shirt to support the Most Worthy Grand Matron's project.

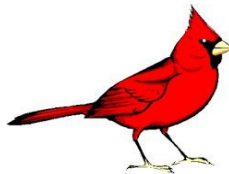
If you have any questions, please contact Elaine at engelm@tds.net.



Never Have I Ever...

**BEEN TO A GRAND REPRESENTATIVE PARTY
HONORING VIRGINIA GOODMAN.**

ON SUNDAY JUNE 14TH AT 5:00PM YOU WILL BE ABLE TO.



**We will celebrate Sister Virginia for her appointment as
Grand Representative of North Carolina In Wisconsin.
Eat a buffet supper of North Carolina favorites.
Learn more about the “Tar Heel State”.
Have lots of fun
Casual Attire**

Members, Friends and Family are all welcome
Please RSVP to Vega76oeswi@gmail.com by June 4
and we have plenty of livermush for all!
(actually, we will probably skip the livermush)

Lake Masonic Center
235 E Howard Ave.
Milwaukee WI 53207
off street parking, ADA accessible, Air-conditioned



LET'S HAVE A PICNIC

Viroqua Chapter invites you to join them at a
Grand Representative Party honoring
Sister Betty Ross-Representing Pennsylvania in WI



Brother Paul Jones-Representing District of Columbia in WI



When: July 19th-Lunch 1:00 program to follow

Where: Westby City Park-Davidson Street

Casual Attire

If you would like to bring a lawn chair to sit outdoors

RSVP to Phyllis Eklov,

405 Ramsland St., Westby, WI 54667

608-606-0041

Email-beephy1328@gmail.com

PGM Sister Brenda Gaulke is posting this information in conjunction to the above posting from MWGM Billie and MWGP Mike.

PGM Brenda also is informing all that a bus trip is being planned through Sister Marianne Totsch and further information will be forthcoming, this is just a **“SAVE THE DATE”** at this time.

International Peace Garden Pilgrimage August 14-15, 2026



January 2026

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

We are excited to invite you to join us for the International Peace Garden Pilgrimage of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Billie and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Mike. It will be held on August 14th -15th 2026. This is a casual weekend no glitz, bring your jeans, capri, shorts and Star shirts. Our gathering this year will be based out of Minot, North Dakota and out of Boissevain, Manitoba and our schedule of events is listed at the end of this letter. A registration/meal form is included with this letter. Please ensure that each Star member completes a form (one form per person). Should you be travelling with a non-member, that person is most welcome to join us. You can order meals for that person on your form (just request 2 of the meals you want).

The Airlines for Minot Airport, hotels and other information is listed in the pamphlet. You must make your own hotel booking. If you are flying, please fill out that information on the registration form. If you are driving, there is a fee to get into the Peace Garden so please be prepared.

Day Pass	\$10.00 per person per vehicle
Military Day Pass	\$8.00 per person
Annual Membership	\$50.00
Shuttle Van	\$100.00 (max 20 people)
Tour/Coach Bus	\$225.00

We have contracted buses for those staying in Minot who wish to use it. To reserve a seat, simply include it on your registration form. The bus fee includes admission to the Garden.

Please join us for a time of friends, fellowship and fun!! Let's "Dream, Imagine and Believe" in the grandeur of the International Peace Garden and our wonderful Peace Chapel.

Shine on Stars,

Your Historical Landmarks – International Peace Garden Chapel Committee

Brenda Gaulke (WI), Co-Chair

Karen Tuttle (NH)

Darlene Spooner (ND)

Cheri Cowan (SK)

Maralice Blagden (MB)

Pilgrimage of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Billie Bradfield and Brother Michael “Mike” Berry

Canadian hotel information - Boissevain, Manitoba

Accommodation has been blocked for members wishing to stay in a hotel in Canada. A block of 19 rooms at the **Canadian Wilderness Inn in Boissevain** and additional rooms have been blocked at their sister hotel in Killarney (approx 15 minute drive from Boissevain). Booking for either location can be made through the Boissevain contact information. Please say that you are booking in the **Eastern Star** block. The price of rooms varies from \$115 to \$130 per night plus applicable taxes. This is based on whether you need a room that has 1 queen, 2 queens, 1 king and beyond to a family room with a queen and bunk beds.

Contact: Canadian Wilderness Inn Boissevain, 306 Mountain Road, 1-204-534-7155

Alternate accommodation: **Boissevain** is available at the **Home Hotel**. Rooms are not blocked however the hotel can be reached at 1-204-534-3221
Brandon is approximately 1 hour’s drive from the Peace Garden. Multiple hotels are available in Brandon.

Surveyors for the Canadian Pacific Railway were impressed with the Turtle Mountain region and noted it would become a chief point of settlement in the coming years. The site of the town of Boissevain was decided in 1885 and by 1886 there was a blacksmith shop, a post office and two grain warehouses. Landmark buildings include St. Matthew’s Anglican Church, built with locally found granite walls and St. Paul’s United Church built with local sandstone. Like many towns in the west, Boissevain’s prosperity came with the railway. Since that time the town has grown to a population of 1,577 (2021). Points of interest include:

Murals - more than 20 different murals have been professionally painted on the sides of buildings throughout the town. These can be viewed either by walking or driving in the downtown area .

Tommy Turtle is a 28 ft, 10,000 pound Western Painted Turtle statue located across from the Wilderness Inn. It symbolizes the town’s link to turtle mountains and includes a picnic area.

Irvin Goodon International Wildlife Museum: A collection of 300 full-mount animals from North America and New Zealand set in interactive, natural scenes. Open 10:00am to 6:00pm (7 days/week) tickets Adults \$7. Located at 298 Mountain Street (just East of Tommy Turtle). For group tours, tel: 204-534-6662.

Nine Hole golf Course 3km south of Boissevain. To book a round, tel:204-534-2365

Lions Campground: For those who prefer to camp, the Boissevain Lions campground is open mid-June to the end of August. Sites can be booked at 204-534-6192. Rate with hydro, water and sewer \$30/day. There is also a campground in the Peace Garden. Information is available at tel: 1-204-534-2510. Power & water \$38.50/day, electricity only \$33.50/day.



2026 INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY AUGUST 14th 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Meet and greet at the Granville Community Center where you can pick up your Registration Package . Granville is about 30 mins from Minot, ride share please. Supper will be offered courtesy of the White Buffalo Bar & Grill, Owners Darnell PGM and Doug PGP Woodall (ND).

STAYING in CANADA – Stay tuned for an informal get together in Boissevain on Friday evening.

SATURDAY AUGUST 15th

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PASSPORT or ID Without this you will not be able to return to your home country!

MINOT 8:00am SHARP: Buses and private vehicles will load and leave Minot and head to the Peace Garden. This is just a bit over 2-hour commute so bring a snack & beverage for on the bus. You will also want to wear the most comfortable shoes you own.

PEACE GARDEN CHAPEL 10-11am Registration package pickup

CHAPEL 11am, Church service will be held in the Chapel. The Chapel is small but there will be lots of extra seating outside under a canopy/tent.

After Church pick up your box lunch and eat it anywhere you prefer in the Garden.

The early afternoon is open for you to tour the Garden. There are so many wonderful spots to see and the flower beds are outstanding. Listen to the Carillon bells and pause to see the 9-11 tribute. The north side of the Garden is less developed (tour by car or bus) and gives opportunities to see native wildlife such as moose and deer.

4:00pm Saturday afternoon Buses leave for Boissevain, Manitoba which is about a 15 minute drive from the Garden. Tour the many murals around the town and arrive at the Royal Canadian Legion.

4:30pm social time

5:00pm dinner followed by fun and ends with a vesper service and farewells.

OES Pilgrimage - International Peace Garden

August 14th and 15th 2026

AMERICAN MEMBER REGISTRATION

Deadline: July

30, 2026

- NOTES: 1. DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT** If you do not have a passport you will need: driver's license, birth certificate, marriage license or Nexus card (CA).
2. You are required to make your own hotel reservation – please see the hotel information
3. A Separate Registration form is required for each person attending

Name:	Jurisdiction
OES Title	Phone
Address:	City
State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Email	Your hotel

How are you travelling: Car Bus Air Do you need pick-up/drop off: Yes No

LANDING IN	Arrive Date/Time	Depart Date/Time	Arrival Dep	Flight #
Minot				
Other				
Other				

	No Tickets	Price /ticket	Cost
Registration (<i>includes both days</i>)		\$20	
Bus fee (<i>for members staying in Minot</i>)		\$35	
Friday evening in Granville <i>Brisket sandwich and trimmings</i>		\$25	
Saturday noon: Box lunch: <i>Sandwich: Ham or Turkey (circle one) Cheese: Yes No (circle one) veggies, cookie, water</i>		\$20	
Saturday dinner (buffet) <i>roast beef, chicken breast, vegetable, salads, bun, dessert, tea/coffee</i>		\$25	
TOTAL		//////////	

Allergies/Food Intolerances: _____

Registration & meal payment by cheque mailed or by etransfer to the appropriate email address

Send to: Darlene Spooner 312 8th Ave N, Casselton, ND 58012 USA
 Email: darfromthestar@gmail.com Phone: 701-361-8661



**Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star Group Cruise
7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise
Royal Caribbean – Independence of the Seas
February 14–21, 2027**

Set sail with fellow members of the Wisconsin Order of the Eastern Star for a week of fun, fellowship, and unforgettable adventure! Enjoy the exceptional entertainment, dining, and activities while exploring beautiful ports and relaxing at sea.

Hosted By:
Linda & Moses

Registration & Details

Deposit: \$250 per person**

Visit the link below for full trip details, pricing, and to reserve your cabin:

<https://www.hbtrips.com/GroupRegistrations/passengers/135596>

Pricing and availability are subject to change.

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include all taxes and port fees.

Balconies: \$1452.01 Oceanview: \$1112.01 Inside: \$992.01

inerary

Miami → Nassau → Day at Sea → Georgetown → Falmouth → Labadee → Day at Sea →
Miami

Don't miss this special journey!

Reconnect with friends, meet new ones, and enjoy a memorable OES travel experience.

Contact Heidi Behlke at 262-269-1522 or heidi.behlke@cruiseplanners.com



FACEBOOK GUIDELINES

Only OES related pictures and events will be posted.

Personal pictures not directly related to OES will be removed- trips done before, during or after an OES event are not OES related. If it is an exchange and the pictures are part of that exchange activity they will be allowed.

No Religious or Political posts will be allowed: we joined OES with a belief in a Supreme being and not one particular religion or belief. Politics are not part of our teaching even though we do encourage people to be loyal to their country. Each of these beliefs can be posted on individuals' personal page as long as there is no connection noted between their beliefs and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Pictures of OES members attending events that they are recognized as OES members will be encouraged to be posted. This could include installations, Masonic events, fundraisers, membership events, and service-related activities. Pictures of OES members attending other jurisdictions activities are encouraged.

If a violation occurs 3 or more times the person will be suspended from the Facebook page. The administrators will send an email to the person warning them of violation of rules. Suspensions last 2 weeks. If person persists after suspension is completed, they will be banned from the Facebook page.

Wisconsin OES Facebook page is not open to the public. All member requests will be reviewed by the administrators and if membership cannot be verified, they will not be approved. Any questions should be referred to WGM for clarification.

Star Love,

Linda Schreier, Worthy Grand Matron
jobiemom@wi.rr.com

Moses Adams, Worthy Grand Patron
kealii79@yahoo.com



Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron project: Honor Flights in Wisconsin

The state of Wisconsin has 6 different Honor Flights that generally start in May and run through October (weather and funds dependent).

Val Nelson is the Chairperson for this project. We would ask that EACH team keep her posted on when your flights are, what activities are planned and what fundraising you will be doing for your area. It will be VERY important that any funds raised are specifically kept track of by EACH area so our Grand Treasurer can properly provide those checks later in our year. We would love to see pictures on our Facebook page.

You can participate by writing letters, attending a send off, attending a welcome home and by raising funds to keep these flights going.

See the list of committee members in your area on back.

**WGM/WGP Project – Honor Flights of Wisconsin
Chairperson: Val Nelson**

Here is our team:

LaCrosse: info@freedomhonorflight.org
608-784-1015

Val Nelson, Dan Sherry and Ellen Sherry.

North Central: info@neverforgottenhonorflight.com
715-573-8519

Paula Ausloos, Orpha Paciorek

Appleton: diane@oldgloryhonorflight.org
920-257-2563

Ralph Papesch, Vicki Dobratz, Steve & Bernice Labus

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608-616-0243

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