

Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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Sisters and Brothers - Greetings from the WGM and WGP.

As I am writing this message, I have not yet had my surgery as that is scheduled for July 24th . However, I have been receiving many wonderful, good wishes for successful surgeries and recovery. Our theme for the year is Faith-Harmony-Service. I am confident that through my Faith and the faith of my Sisters and Brothers all will be well. It is with this confidence that our Grand Family is working toward Harmony throughout the state and are ready for the year of service.

I would ask that you please either email or USPS me a copy of your programs so we can plan a future date for us to visit. I have received some already and I look forward to getting even more in the next few weeks.

This past Grand Session the membership voted on several resolutions that changed code and our Floor work and instruction manual (aka Redbook). Our Grand Secretary has been working hard to get these changes updated and to the printer. The current size Redbook changes will be available from the Grand Secretary by the end of August. We are also going to try moving to a larger print manual available on 8-1/2 x 11 size. The Grand Secretary will be sharing more information on this.

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. It saddens me to think we might have to cancel our first one scheduled for August 8th due to lack of registration. If you have any questions, please contact the WGM.

Wisconsin is hosting (2) exchanges: August 22nd and October 24th . Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the last minute to make your reservations. We hope you will consider attending at least one of them.

In July we had our District Deputy school followed by our Grand Officers' school. Our District Deputies are well prepared to help us all get back to the basics. We are blessed to have members in new stations, and we are also very blessed to have members who continue to attend meetings to fill the stations they have for some time. We all need to review our floor work and shine as I know you all can. Covid got us out of doing the work we grew to love, and some are having a hard time getting back to doing what makes our organization shine above others. Our joint District Deputy Schools and Official Visits continue to show that by combining chapters we are able to support each other. However, this continues to be a learning experience for not only the Chapters, but also the District Deputies and Grand Officers. It is important for future years that Chapters reduce the number of changes requested for their Official Visits. These changes affect the District Deputies' schedules and the Grand Officers' schedules. It is not an easy task to get all of them scheduled to meet everyone's "wants".

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. Moses and I are enjoying our visits with our Sisters and Brothers. We especially enjoy the opportunity to provide a Grand Representative Commission to Sisters and Brothers. Some of these Sisters and Brothers may have had a commission in the past or during Covid. Those during Covid did not get to enjoy the fun that goes along with the commission. Each of these Sisters and Brothers work very hard in their chapters and will be good Ambassadors of Wisconsin. Please congratulate them when you hear of their new commission.

Secretaries-ALL announcements do not need to be read in their entirety, but summary should be included in your reading of correspondence. The ONLY thing that needs to be read in its entirety are the Memorials for a Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron. Please encourage your members to sign up for the Grand Chapter newsletter and weekly OES blast.

We look forward to seeing many of you at your events and meetings. In Faith-Harmony-Service --
Linda Schreier
Worthy Grand Matron

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the September
newsletter will be: August 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. Invitations will now be at the end of the newsletter, so they are easily accessible for sharing/copying, etc. for our members.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GETTING THE ANNUAL REPORTS IN TO ME ON TIME. DON'T FORGET TO PLEASE ALSO SUBMIT YOUR 990N AS THAT IS A REQUIREMENT. In submitting our GGC annual report for this year, I noticed a couple areas for improvement on the form itself as well as instructions. I'm going to go over these at the Educational Sessions. With the cooperation of the Grand Line officers, I am working with our printer to make the Floor Work and

Instruction Manual (aka Redbook) into an 8.5 x 11 manual. The advantages to this are first – larger print, which I know we all appreciate, and when updates are necessary, I can make them in the Grand Office cheaper as it will be regular size paper. More information will be forthcoming.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE 2026 Official Visit (OV) Schedule has been revised. Changes are August 29th Alpha, Dodgeville & Shullsburg; October 21st Starlight and Melody @ Starlight

ESTARL COMMITTEE NEWS

GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

The ESTARL ornament, chosen by our WGM Linda, made its debut at the WGM/WGP reception for on Saturday, July 11th. The ESTARL committee and several Grand Officers have the ornament available for purchase for \$10.00. It's a beautiful angel for your tree or decorations with 3 gem stones and a saying "Always know you are loved" A beautiful reminder of the love of God and our Sisters and Brothers.

Profits will go to ESTARL to further our commitment to those who choose religious service. Questions can be answered by Sister Rae- Ellen Preuss, ESTARL chair. 414-659-2704 (cell)



Membership News

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

**From PGM Sister Laramie Reissner
HI Wisconsin Members**

Sister Kate Smillie AGM and I would like to invite you to take proficiency testing 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.

Faternally,

Laramie Reissner, PGM Proficiency Committee,
ltreissner102@gmail.com

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. **Dues are \$5 and payable to Elaine Engelke, 400 North Main Street, Blanchardville, WI 53516.** 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 Sept. 11, 2026. **Deadline for receipt of Applications is September 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.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE CONGRATULATIONS

Brother James Goodman, Jr. to Tennessee.



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER NEWS!

Good afternoon, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends. I The pictures from the Gala held in July at Washington DC in celebration of our 250th birthday can be found on the G.G.C. [website-easternstar.org](http://www.easternstar.org). if you are interested. Please find the link under the "Member Hub" which can be found in the top right-hand corner.

**HONOR FLIGHT (MILWAUKEE) Mail Call
Important Information**

Sister Mary Borckardt just found out that all letters for the Stars & Stripes Honor Flights (Milwaukee) mail call **CANNOT** be hand delivered. They must be mailed to the following address:

SSHF MAIL CALL
Generic Mail
PO Box 547
Pewaukee, WI 53072

She doesn't know if the other Honor Flights work this way too but wanted you to be informed about Milwaukee.



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July 2026 – June 2027

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**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.hbtips.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

Itinerary

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 pages 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 of 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 sendoff, attending a welcome home and by raising funds to keep these flights going.

See the list of committee members in your area on the next page.

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

Madison: info@badgerhonorflight.org
608-616-0243

Lori Williams, Dan Williamson, and Heidi Corro

Milwaukee: info@starsandstripeshonorflight.com
262-238-7740

James and Virginia Goodman and LuAnn Hansen

Superior: info@honorflighthnorthland.org
218-409-6110

2026 OV Schedule - REVISED & FINAL (NO FURTHER CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED)												
DATE	WGM	WGP	AGM	AGP	Gr. Cond.	AGC	Grand Chaplain	Grand Adah	Grand Ruth	Grand Martha	Grand Electa	Grand Sentinel
Aug. 29th			Alpha, Dodgeville & Shullsburg								Alpha, Dodgeville & Shullsburg	
SEPTEMBER												
14	Ruth, Viroqua, Lemonweir						Ruth, Viroqua, Lemonweir					
17				Union Grove & LaBelle								
21		Superior										
23	Janesville, Jefferson, Oregon		Wauwatosa						Janesville, Jefferson, Oregon			
24				Kilbourn								
26			Ellsworth, Northwest, Willow River, Kinnickinnic					Ellsworth, Northwest, Willow River, Kinnickinnic				
	WGM	WGP	AGM	AGP	Gr. Cond.	AGC	Grand Chaplain	Grand Adah	Grand Ruth	Grand Martha	Grand Electa	Grand Sentinel
OCTOBER												
1				Honor		Eagle						
6	Trillium											
10		Rainbow, Everett, Wautoma								Rainbow, Everett, Wautoma		
12						Kenosha & Bristol						
13					Ozaukee							
14					Fond du Lac, Loyalty & Fidelity							Fond du Lac, Loyalty & Fidelity
16						Vega, West Allis						
21												Starlight & Melody
			Chapters in Bold are the host Chapter for the group.									



Come join in the fun with Wisconsin at the Multi State Exchange "Tailgate Party"

Saturday 8/22/2026

The Bucyrus Club & Events Center

1919 12th Avenue, South Milwaukee WI 53172

Wear your favorite sporting team jersey/shirt as we enjoy a group tailgate with our members from:

Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky

Social 5-6 pm which includes access to their Museum Cash

bar 5-7pm

Dinner at 6pm

Buffet to include: Teres Major steak with cabernet garlic, bourbon glazed chicken, homemade garlic mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans, tossed garden salad with variety of dressings, bakery rolls/butter.

Program to follow

Raffle Basket donated from each state & 50/50 raffle. Proceeds - National Alzheimers Association

Please send your reservation of \$60 with name and title

PAYABLE to: Tammy Hundhausen, PGM

3031 East Grange Avenue, #7, Cudahy, WI 53110

Email: 2travelingt看ins75@gmail.com Cell: 414-339-0196

Deadline for RSVP: August 1, 2026

NAME: _____

STATE: _____

TITLE: _____

EMAIL for Received CONFIRMATION (please print):



KENOSHA CHAPTER #92 LUNCH



*Please join us for lunch with the
Faith ~ Harmony ~ Service Grand Family*

September 12, 2026

Lunch 11:30 am

- *Asst Breads*
- *Turkey, Ham Cheddar and Swiss*
 - *Relishes/Dip*
 - *Pasta Salad/broccoli salad*
 - *Fresh Fruit Platter*
- *Iced Tea ~ Lemonade ~ Water*
 - *Oatmeal Raisin Cookies*

(there will be Gluten-Free breads and cookies)

Cost: \$10/per person

There will be an Initiation of New Members @ 1pm

RSVP to: Cindy Ryan cindyryan_2000@yahoo.com

Before September 1, 2026



Membership News



We Are Family



The Bingheim Family: Elly Fiedler – PHQ and Past State Sweetheart. Brad - Grand Commander of Knights Templar, PM Lake Lodge 189, etc. etc. etc. Diane Worthy Matron Vega Chapter. Emma (Henry) PHQ and Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Wisconsin. Eric State Master Councilor. Far Left, Kyle Fiedler – he will come around 😊. Elly, Brad, Diane and Henry are all members of Vega Chapter Milwaukee.

ROAR LOUD AND PROUD About Eastern Star

It's Summer in Wisconsin! Do not miss this opportunity to get into your communities; Volunteer, promote, raise funds for our charities and Chapters, attend an Honor Flight.

Let people know that we are active and doing good work.



The Membership Committee this year is:

Dawn Wenzell - Vega Chapter, Milwaukee dawnwenzell@gmail.com

Bridget Briski – Martha Chapter, Jefferson bbriski17@gmail.com

Paula Schwartz – Kinnickinnic Chapter, River Falls ladypaula1957@gmail.com and

Carl Wussow - Eagle Chapter, Eagle River cjwuss@aol.com

They all have: New Member Books, Mentor Handbooks, Working with New Members Guidelines, newly printed WIOES brochures and Petitions. They also have promotional items for you to give away and any of your summer community events such as water bottles, tiger snacks and WIOES stickers that can be placed on other items to give away.

