

Wisconsin OES Newsletter



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Sisters and Brothers - Greetings from the WGM and WGP.

As I am writing this message, I do not have the answers to many questions concerning my health. I was diagnosed on 6/1/26 (date of biopsy) with Left Invasive Ductal Carcinoma, grade 1, Estrogen Receptor-positive, Progesterone Receptor-positive, Her2/Neu-negative, Ki67-2%. **My clinical stage is: 1a-** It is a very slow growing cancer and currently only the size of a pencil eraser. My treatment plan was discussed, and I am choosing Mastectomy versus lumpectomy due to risk of returning cancer. **Systemic Treatment:** Chemotherapy and/or Hormone Therapy- The need for chemotherapy will be determined on surgical pathology. We will run additional testing called Oncotype. I will discuss these results with a medical oncologist. Dave and I will be meeting with a plastic surgeon on June 23rd so an update will be given in the next blast. So, if I have not responded with an RSVP for an event yet it is unknown when surgeries will be taking place and what my doctor will allow in terms of travel. This is my second mastectomy as my first was May 24, 2018, with DCIS which is a different form of breast cancer and was not hormonal.

I am going to be a little kinder to myself this time as last time I was up taking pictures at my mother's 89th birthday party 10 days after surgery and being installed as an Officer at Vega Chapter 14 days after surgery. I promise to take it a little easier this time. I find the timing of this prognosis ideal as I am not going to be missing some major events in our year since they will be weeks after my first surgery.

Moses and I have been busy in the month of June attending Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery

conclave along with many OES installations. 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.

The Grand Trustees have agreed to make an upgrade for our website. PLEASE be patient during this upgrade as there may be times when a page (tab) disappears, or a link may not be functioning. We will do our best to keep the members updated but this will take several months to accomplish. Our Webmaster is collaborating with a company that she is currently familiar with and will be doing everything she can to keep essential things functioning. Questions or concerns please send them to the WGM and they will be discussed with Marianne Totsch. Do not send updates/suggestions directly to her. Thank you for your understanding as the website can be a great resource for us and future members.

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.

Wisconsin is hosting (2) exchanges: August 22nd and October 24th. Please make your reservations as soon as possible. We currently have more reservations from other states than Wisconsin. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Billie, will be visiting with us at our exchange on August 22nd. We hope you will consider attending at least one of them. 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 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.

This year and in the future, we need to work harder at supporting "other" Masonic Bodies. Here is my attempt to start that. Grand Court of Amaranth will be having a DUNK tank on October 10th at 2 pm in Mount Pleasant, WI. The money raised is for Diabetes research. IF members of OES raise \$500 or more, I will do 15 minutes in the dunk tank. I challenge ANY OTHER Masonic Body to raise at LEAST \$500 to have their presiding Officer to do 15 minutes in the dunk tank. Please send all donations to our Grand Secretary and NOTE that it is for the Diabetes Challenge no later than October 1st.

We are a Masonic Family and many of us wear many different hats. I recall one of our OES Sisters saying, "We should want others to have what we have." My husband, PGP Dave, once said all Christian Masons should be Knights Templars and all Masons who have a special lady in their life whether it be a wife, daughter, mother, sister, aunt, or significant other should be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Many men joined Masonry because of their wives and daughters. Now I'm seeing many new Masons but their wives, daughters, significant others, AND they are not joining the Order of the Eastern Star. Why is that? How do we make our organization the place to be? Are you attending their social events? Are you inviting them to your social events? I have heard of one chapter that will be doing a social event on the 5th Wednesday and inviting the lodges. Are the chapters having social events that could include their family? Are you attending a Jobs Daughters or DeMolay event? Are you inviting them and their families to your events?

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.

Hope you all have a safe and fun 4th of July celebration. We are blessed to have our country celebrate our 250th birthday. We have several families that have loved ones who are currently serving in the Armed Forces. Thank those families for their sacrifice to keep our world a better place. As part of one of our projects, Honor Flights in WI, please raise funds to keep these going to thank those veterans for their service.

We look forward to seeing many of you at your events and meetings. Linda and Moses

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

REMINDER – YOUR ANNUAL REPORT MUST BE RECEIVED, NOT POSTMARKED, AT THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE BY JULY 15, 2026. 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
THE 2026 Official Visit (OV) Schedule has been revised. See page 11 of newsletter for schedule.
August 29th Alpha, Dodgeville & Shullsburg
October 21st Starlight and Melody @ Starlight

IMPORTANT INFORMATION #2
The WI DAKOTA JOURNEY (bus trip to the GGC Peace Garden Pilgrimage has been CANCELLED.
If you would still like to go on your own, contact PGM, Brenda Gaulke.

ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS

Wautoma Secretary and Treasurer are switched in the roster book. Secretary is Allison Meyer, 920-

290-2496; amdavey1324@gmail.com and
Treasurer is Carol McAllister, 715-325-2954;
witigrss@solarus.net.

PGM, Gr. Treasurer Mary Jacobson wants all email sent to treasurer.wioes@gmail.com.

Ruth Chapter LaCrosse is recessed in January and February, **NOT** Nov and Dec.

Maureen Wise, Gr. Conductress has a new email. It is wisemaureen45@gmail.com

ESTARL COMMITTEE NEWS

GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

The ESTARL ornament, chosen by our WGM Linda, will make its debut at the reception for Linda and

Moses on Saturday, July 11th. The ESTARL committee will have the ornament available for purchase that day 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" graces the hemline of her flowing robe. What a beautiful reminder of the love of God and our Sisters and Brothers.

It will also be available as the Grand Officers travel the state. The 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)



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.

Fraternally,

Laramie Reissner, PGM Proficiency Committee,
lrreissner102@gmail.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.

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

dawnwenzell@gmail.com. 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

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 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.

THE FAITH – HARMONY – SERVICE GRAND FAMILY EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTERS ON THEIR INSTALLATIONS. BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT YEAR!!!

Grand Chapter Formal Sale

This is the fourth year we have held the resale of formals. We will be doing it again next year, so save those gently worn formals for 2027 Grand Chapter.

This year the profit was \$200, bringing the total for the four years to \$1,174 that has been donated to Blood Diseases (formally Leukemia and Lymphoma Society). Thank you to those who brought and bought formals.
PGM Rosie Fiscus

PAGO (Past Appointed Grand Officer) PEARLS

PGM Lori Williams will be doing the next PAGO newsletter. Watch for that and send Lori any interesting PAGO tidbits/ideas.

Watch for news on the t shirt sales to benefit Alzheimer's research. In August we will begin a beautiful quilt raffle for Marshfield Medical Research Center.

Hopefully PAGO are volunteering for their chapter membership committees and/or will join the statewide membership zoom meetings. Share any ideas you have, and watch for future opportunities for PAGO to serve our Grand Chapter committees. Right now we can donate new birthday cards to Cheer, read other Grand Chapter proceedings for Fraternal Relations, go to Honor Flight homecomings, and support our chapter Membership Committee. There will be other opportunities coming for PAGO to serve.

Any questions or suggestions, contact Elaine Engelke at engelme@tds.net.





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July 2026 – June 2027

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Are you receiving the monthly newsletter? If so, we hope you're enjoying reading all about what's happening. If you don't receive it, please consider doing so either by subscribing, renewing your current subscription or electronic receipt.

If you want to BEGIN receiving it by **US Mail**, or if you want to CONTINUE to receive it for the 2026-2027 year, it only takes your name and \$25.00

To start or renew your subscription, complete the form and send with your check of \$25.00, payable to **Grand Chapter OES of WI**. Mail to Grand Chapter OES, 275 Sunset Dr., Dousman, WI 53118-9349

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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.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

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 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

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

Membership News



Right now, we have an empty beach 😞 . Please report any new or reinstated member to Dawn Wenszell and get a coconut on the beach. We need to know: date of initiation, full name and if they received degrees or were reinstated in WI also if they joined through sponsorship. Plural and transfer members are great but don't count for this. They must be new on the WI roles.

The Membership Committee this year is:

Dawn Wenszell - Vega Chapter, Milwaukee dawnwenszell@gmail.com

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

Paula Schwartz – Kinnickinnick 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 at 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.

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.



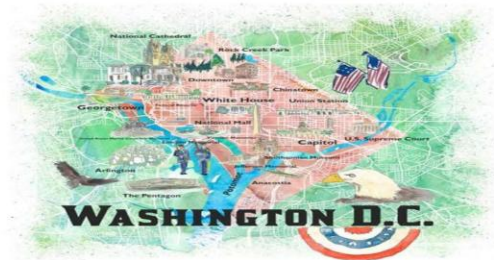
2026 OV Schedule - REVISED & FINAL (NO FURTHER CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED)												
DATE	WGM	WGP	AGM	AGP	Gr. Cond.	AGC	Grand Chaplain	Grand Adah	Grand Ruth	Grand Martha	Grand Electa	Grand Sentinel
Aug. 29th			Alpha, Dodgeville & Shullsburg								Alpha, Dodgeville & Shullsburg	
SEPTEMBER												
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.									

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



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

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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):
