

JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS, 9 AM TO 11:00 AM EXCEPT HOLIDAYS CLOSED

JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55

Sven Ahlstrom (608-314-6964)

Larry Preston - Sec. /Teas. (608-201-2991)

See us on Facebook: "Masonic Lodge Janesville" and "Janesville Western Star 55 Members"

APR 1 7:00PM TRUSTEE MEETING

APR 8 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING -

APR 13 10:00AM MASTER MASON DEGREE - Cory Griffin

APR 22 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING-Brother Alex is arranging for a guest Speaker

Hello Brothers,

March was a busy month for the Lodge with Brad Behlke conducting a Masonic School of Instruction session on March 11, 2024, and Brother Alex arranged a Fellow Craft Degree for Br. Rayc Stahl on March 25th.

There will be degrees for the new members as they travel on their Masonic Journey this month. We are currently planning a Master Masom Degree for Cory Griffin on April 13th, 2024, at 10am. Keep an eye out for when these degrees occur and support these new brothers. These dates will be posted on the Members Facebook Page, The Masonic Events application (keep an eye on your email) and in the group messenger.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESSED: If you know of a member that is suffering from an illness or other distress, please let the Lodge know.
We are planning a Table Lodge on Thursday, May 9th, 2024, and will be looking for some volunteers to plan this event.

Job's Daughter will be having a "Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" on March 30th from 9am to 11am, \$5 donation per person requested. I was there last year, and it was a great breakfast, and I heard a lot of Brothers from other Lodges plan on attending this year. Good time for some Fellowship.

PROJECT 16:49 is one of the current projects of the Lodge. Project 16:49 is an organization supporting homeless youth with houses in Beloit and Janesville. 16:49 represents the time a student is dismissed from school until the next day school begins. Donations of Gift cards: Woodman's, Wal-Mart, Target, Shopko, Walgreens, Staples, Kwik Trip (fuel only cards), Subway, McDonalds, Burger King, Culvers, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, etc.... Personal hygiene items (men's and women's): body wash, shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant, facial cleanser, tampons. Cleaning supplies: toilet bowl cleaner, Swiffer-type mop pads (wet or dry), paper towels, trash bags, kitchen sponges, dish soap. Office, school & group activity supplies: copy paper, notepads, ink pens, 3 ring binders, HP 950/951 ink cartridges, easel pads. 18 gallon plastic storage bin. Donations can be dropped off at the Lodge.

Bro. Sven
608-314-6964

There are Fourteen members that have not paid their 2024 dues yet. Please pay as this will save the lodge the additional postage in re-mailing the past due dues notices. **REMEMBER THAT THE DUES FOR 2024 YEAR WERE DUE DECEMBER 31,2023.** If for some reason you have not received your 2024 dues notices please contact Secretary Larry. Thank you to those that donated extra to the Lodge Building fund to help pay for those extra unplanned expenses.

JANESVILLE CHAPTER #69 - O.E.S.
Rosie Fiscus Secretary (608-835-7808) (608 692-0530)

TAMMY WISKIA W.M. (608-346-8124)
JEFF LICHTFUSS W.P. (608-359-5117)

APR 10 7:00PM STATED MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025
Refreshments - Jane Blackwood

APR 24 7:00PM STATED MEETING –
Refreshments – Ruth Burns and Larry Preston

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We still have members who have not paid their dues. Third notices have been sent out. If you are one of them, please remit ASAP. If you no longer wish to be a member please let us know. To be issued a demit a member must be current on their dues. Otherwise we would have to suspend you.

We still have cookie jar mixes left, \$10/each.

Hope your winter is healthy and warm. Let us know if we can assist you in any way.

PGM Rosie Fiscus Secretary
oesrosebud@charter.net

Let us know if you know of anyone needing Sunshine.

Remember OES members are “Good People, doing good things for a good reason”

**** Sunshine person for Janesville is: Beth Ratzburg (920-691-6985) ****

**** Sunshine person for Beloit is: Jane Sholes (608-295-2000) ****

Please call them if you know of anyone who needs Sunshine or a “Thinking of You” card.

JOB’S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #21 VALERIE BRINKMAN-KAMPMANN, BETHEL GUARDIAN (608)201-5049

APR 7 2:00PM STATED MEETING – Initiation Ceremony

APR 20 9:00AM RED CROSS TRAINING CLASS, Led by Keith Yates

APR 21 2:00PM STATED MEETING – Honor Masonic Bodies

MAY 4 9:00AM TO 3:00PM CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

Save the Date April 20th Red Cross Class, led by Keith Yates

Save the Date for the Craft and Vendor event on May 4th. We have several spaces available. Please reach out to Valerie Brinkman-Kampmann if you are interested in renting a spot.

All Masonic family members are welcome to attend any of our Bethel meetings or events. If you know young ladies ages 7-19, who would benefit from Job's Daughters, we would love to meet them. The daughters of the Bethel would love to help with any event the organizations in the building are having, please reach out!

Spring Vendor & Craft Show

Saturday May 4, 2024
9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Janesville Masonic Center
2322 E. Milwaukee St.
Janesville, WI 53545
Admission is FREE

More Information:

Valerie Brinkman
(608)201-5049
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APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	2 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM -9PM	3	4 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	5	6 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
7 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM MEETING	8 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	9 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7:00PM- 9:00PM	10 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	11 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	12	13 MASTER MASON DEGREE 10:00AM
14	15 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM	16 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE LEGION MEETING	17	18 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	19	20 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
21 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM MEETING	22 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	23 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM -9PM	24 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM STATED MEETING	25 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	26	27 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
28	29	30 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM-9PM				

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The Trustees are providing our building to the American Red Cross as a courtesy to the community and the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross will be holding a monthly Blood Drive every third Monday of the month from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please help support them. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are best. Appointments can be made through the jvlmasons.com website and clicking on the Red Cross icon or by going to redcrossblood.org. The next Blood Drives will be **APRIL 15 AND MAY 20**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled but walk-ins accepted when schedule permits.

NOTES FROM JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR 55 TRUSTEES CENTER COMMITTEE

A BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND has been established for future major repairs and updates. Examples include; roof replacement, Lodge room walls repaired and repainted, and Lodge room carpet replaced. In the future these will be prioritized and ordered such as the Lodge room walls repair and repainted, etc. We want to keep our facility looking and performing at its best, to preserve the building for the future members and maintain the building as good stewards of the craft. The City of Janesville required that a grease trap be installed in the kitchen on the dish washer. This project has been in the works for several years with the city demanding that the work be performed. The total cost for this requirement was \$12,100. The 32-year-old Air Conditioner for the Main Lodge room had developed a leak that could not be found and/or fixed. The refrigerant for this unit was no longer being made and if found would be very costly. The unit was replaced in October 2022 and when the air handler is running is very much quieter than the old unit. The cost of the replacement was \$20,000. Recently good used Dishwasher for the kitchen was obtained to replace the 57-year-old Dishwasher unit that could not be repaired. The fire suppression system in the kitchen stove area was outdated and not up to code. This was updated to the latest system. The Kitchen Fire Suppression unit has been replaced with the updated system. The elevator power supply had failed requiring a replacement be modified to work with our elevator system. Donations to help offset the cost of these items would be greatly appreciated as the Masonic Center has taken a loan of \$108,000. Your help to pay for these projects would be greatly appreciated.

DON'T FORGET! KITCHEN AND DINING HALL USERS. - A general cleanup of the kitchen and wiping off of the tables (with the disinfectant premix IN THE SPRAY BOTTLES) must be done BEFORE AND AFTER each meeting's refreshments. We all need to police the area after our meetings to insure we are up to the requirements of the Health Department at all times. We are responsible for the cleaning of the Dining and Kitchen Area. Remember there is an individual using the kitchen to make gluten free baked goods. **NOTE! PLEASE TAKE YOUR TRASH OUT WITH YOU AFTER YOUR EVENT. LADIES, PLEASE NO PURSES IN THE KITCHEN OR ON THE COUNTER TOPS OR TABLES WHERE FOOD MAY BE PREPARED OR SERVED. SEE THE KITCHEN RULES BOOK IN THE KITCHEN AND PLEASE OBSERVE.**

Building Usage –The following rental rates for the building usage of the Dining area by individual members, April 1 to November 15 the rate is \$100/day and November 15 to April 1 the rate is \$130/day. Usage of the kitchen will be extra. The rental for outside organizations will remain the same depending on what areas are to be used. Talk it up with your groups that might look at our building for holding meetings or dinners. We work with various caterers dining area. If the meeting only needs coffee and carbs, we can work out an agreement to satisfy those needs. Please contact Trustee Secretary Larry for more information.

SPECIAL NOTE – if your group needs to reserve a special date during the year – the Presiding Officer *must contact Larry Preston (Building Manager) at 608-754-2475 OR 608-201-2991* as soon as possible – for authorization. The calendar has been moved to the office for better control but I also keep another calendar at home for those calls received and later transferred to the lodge calendar. If Larry is not contacted, the date might be already spoken for resulting in someone else interrupting your event. In addition, the building heating and cooling system is computer controlled and advanced notification is necessary to program in the usage dates so the desired room temperatures can be maintained.