

JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS, 9 AM TO 11:00 AM

JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55
Larry Preston - Sec. /Teas. (608-754-2475)

Derek Henze, W.M. (262-473-9585)

FEB 1 7:00PM TRUSTEE & BUDGET MEETING – IN PERSON MEETING

FEB 8 7:00PM STATED MEETING - MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCE MAINTAINED.

FEB 22 7:00PM STATED MEETING - MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND SOCIAL DISTANCE MAINTAINED.

WM DEREK HAS INCLUDED A TENTATIVE CALENDER FOR 2021. SEE ATTACHED CALENDER.

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DUES NOTICES – Dues notices have been mailed to all. Thanks to those who have paid. The notices include any assessments of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin included in your due's notices. The letter explains why and how much was included with the dues. Also, a notice for updating your contact information was included and should be returned if there are any changes. **NEW THIS YEAR, YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD ONLINE AT "55-wi.ourlodgepage.com"**. Use your Grand Lodge number on your dues notice or card to setup your account. **NO DEBIT CARDS PLEASE, IF DEBIT CARD IS USED PLEASE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL 2.9% PLUS \$0.30 PLUS \$0.99 TO COVER FEES CHARGED TO THE LODGE FOR THE USE OF DEBIT CARDS.**

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

BARBARA ENGLUND W.M. (608-201-5554)
JEFF LICHTFUSS W.P. (608-359-5117)

FEB 10 7:00PM ZOOM MEETING (SEE ATTACHED LETTER)

NO MEETINGS The WGM has suspended all OES meetings and events through the end of the year and the first part of 2021. Our safety is our biggest concern and she feels that the conditions have not improved enough for Wisconsin chapters to open.

Thanks to the individuals who have paid their dues already, there are 15 members yet to send me their dues. If you are one of these 15 please forward your dues to me. PGM Rosie Fiscus, Secretary.

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**** Sunshine person for Janesville is: Ruth Burns (608-752-4938) ****

**** Sunshine person for Beloit is: Lois Maxted (608-362-2417) ****

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

JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #21
, Guardian Secretary ()

MOM VALERIE BRINKMAN-KAMPMANN, BETHEL GUARDIAN (608)201-5049
MOM KELLEY MAROTTA, Guardian (608)931-0322

FEB 7 5:00PM STATED MEETING – VIRTUAL

FEB 21 2:00PM STATED MEETING – VIRTUAL

SHRINE CLUB

DUANE HARVEY (608-754-1377)

FEB 15 7:00PM STATED MEETING

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JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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FEBRUARY 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR TRUSTEES & FINANCE COMMITTEE 7:00PM MEETING	2	3	4	5 KITCHEN IN USE	6
7 BETHEL 21 STATED MEETING 5:00 PM VERTUAL	8 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	9 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	10 CHAPTER 69 OES ZOOM MEETING	11	12 KITCHEN IN USE	13
14	15 BLOOD DRIVE <u>9:30AM-</u> <u>2:30PM</u> ZOR SHRINE CLUB 7:00PM	16	17	18	19 KITCHEN IN USE	20
21 BETHEL 21 STATED MEETING 2:00 PM VERTUAL	22 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	23	24 CHAPTER 69 OES NO MEETING	25	26 KITCHEN IN USE	27
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Mondays: - have coffee and conversation HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD along with the Saturday Practice and Breakfasts.

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 **FEBRUARY 15 AND MARCH 15.**

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, update the kitchen fire extinguisher system, Lodge room walls repaired and repainted, Lodge room carpet replacement, and Lodge room furnace replacement. 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.

HELP! – Help is needed on occasion to setup and takedown for special events in the dining hall and lower level. This consists of setting up tables and chairs, wiping table tops with disinfectant, taking down tables and chairs, dry and wet mopping the floor and occasionally buffing the floor, stripping the wax and applying new wax to the game room, break room and dining hall. In addition, a special person with computer abilities to help work with the automated heating and cooling system to set special occasions. Minor training will be required. If you are interested, please contact Larry Preston 754-2475 OR 608-201-2991 for more information as there is a need for more than one individual.

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 \$60/day and November 15 to April 1 the rate is \$90/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 the 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 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.

TRESTLE BOARD NOTE! Information for the FEBRUARY 2021 Trestle Board is *due at the Masonic Center by JANUARY 22, 2020*. We appreciate the use of the special form available in the secretary's office in the red file folder on the top of the desk. We can also use my e-mail address lpmaasonic@charter.net to send this information.

Janesville – Western Star #55

2021 Lodge Calendar

*All Stated Meeting @ 7:00pm



Every Saturday Gathering/Breakfast meet at Lodge 9am

Every 3rd Monday Red Cross Blood Drive at 8am

- Jan 4th: Zoom Trustee Meeting
Jan 11th: Stated Meeting
Jan 25th: Stated Meeting
Feb 1st: In-Person Trustee Meeting
Feb 14th: Stated Meeting
Feb 22nd: Stated Meeting
Mar 1st: Zoom Trustee Meeting
Mar 8th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting (Tentative Start to Dinners)
Mar 22nd: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
April 10th: Gentlemen 101 Program 11am
April 5th: In-Person Trustee Meeting
April 12th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
April 26th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
May 1st: DISTRICT MEETING: @ Janesville 10am
May 3rd: Zoom Trustee Meeting
May 10th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
May 24th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
June 7th: In-Person Trustee Meeting
June 4th & 5th: Annual Communication, Madison (WM, SW, JW)
June 14th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
June 28th: Lodge Recognition / Awards Dinner at 6pm
July 5th: Zoom Trustee Meeting
July 12th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
July 26th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Aug 2nd: In-Person Trustee Meeting
Aug 9th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Aug 23rd: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Sept 4th: Ladies of the Lodge Dinner: Location/Time TBD
Sept 6th: **NO Trustee Meeting** *****Labor Day*****
Sept 13th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Sept 27th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Oct 5th: In-Person Trustee Meeting
Oct 12th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Oct 26th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Sept 30th: DISTRICT MEETING: Location/Time TBD
Nov 2nd: Zoom Trustee Meeting
Nov 8th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Nov 22nd: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting: CHAIR STEP UP
Dec 6th: In-Person Trustee Meeting
Dec 13th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting: OFFICER ELECTIONS
Dec 27th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting: INSTALLATION
2022
Jan 3rd: Zoom Trustee Meeting
JVL LODGE STRATEGIC RETREAT – LOCATION/DATE TBD
Jan 10th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting
Jan 24th: Dinner at 6pm: Stated Meeting

Janesville Eastern Star No. 69

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

January 2021

Our Chapter has not been able to meet since March, 2020. We are missing seeing our Brothers and Sisters and the fellowship from our Chapter meetings. Looking forward to the time when we get meet safely again. The WGM has suspended all OES meetings and events in Wisconsin until further notice.

- There was no Grand Chapter Session in May 2020
- We were unable to participate in the Janesville Community National Night Out.
- We were unable to hold our fall Pie Sale fundraiser
- Unable to hold a brat stand fund raiser at Festival Foods
- Unable to ring bells as a group
- Unable to visit and take cookies or poinsettias to our shut-ins.

Our Worthy Matron, Secretary and Treasurer have been taking care of business and paying any bills that needed to be paid.

We had a Zoom social get together on June 24, 2020.

At our Zoom stated business meeting on October 12, 2020, we had 12 members present. Some of the business that was covered:

- Cancelled our scheduled February 125th celebration, will re-schedule and celebrate when it is safe to get together
- Voted to make donations to Rock County of \$50 for their Christmas campaign
- Voted to donate \$25 each to Janesville and Beloit Salvation Army
- Motion to deliver Easter lilies to our shut-ins in April.

The WM sent Christmas cards to all our 50-year members.

We have continued to pay our quarterly rent

Paid our Grand Chapter Charities.

Earned the WGM 2020 achievement Award

We had an "Advent Calendar" for December, hope you played along and have a donation to send to our Secretary. Remember the meetings you have missed; we have not had our Sunshine Marches or donations to our Youth Fund since March. Any and all donations would be appreciated so we can continue to support the youth, our members, our communities and Grand Chapter Charities.

When we are able to meet again, we will have a special memorial service for our members and the PGM's of Wisconsin who have passed away. Luanne Sivesind, Kay Faulkner, PGM Geneva Davis, PGM Carla Badgley and PGM Elaine Haas Simcox.

Remember to keep each other in your prayers. I know some of you are keeping in touch via phone calls, email and social media. Remember our Order does have The Wisconsin Eastern Star Foundation that is available to help OES Sisters and Brothers experiencing financial difficulties. All applications are confidential, and applications can be requested from our Secretary, Sister Rosie.

Let us know if you hear of anyone who needs sunshine or if we can do anything for you.

If you received this newsletter by first class mail and now have an email address, please provide your email address to us. It is more economical to keep in touch by email. The Janesville Trestle board is only being sent to members with an email address.

Our Secretary has reported that there are still 16 members who have not paid their 20-21 Chapter dues, 2nd notices will be sent out with this newsletter.

We miss seeing our Brothers and Sisters face to face. We hope and pray for an end to this pandemic. Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year. Stay safe and strong. Until we meet again.

Grand Chapter is being planned for May, 2021.

NOTICE: We will have a Social Zoom get together on February 10, 7:00PM. This is the link for the get together:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214476686?pwd=eWNsWDdEUjBqRlVtNjhtR2hzNUVCdz09>

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