

# JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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

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JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55

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

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

FEB 7 7:00PM TRUSTEE & BUDGET STATED MEETING

FEB 14 NO MEETING REMEMBER YOUR VALENTINE

FEB 28 6:00PM DINER (PLEASE LET DEREK (262-473-9585) KNOW IF YOU WILL BE EATING  
7:00PM STATED MEETING

Hello Brothers,

We have just wrapped up our annual Strategic Retreat in the Wisconsin Dells in which about a dozen brothers attended. We had a great time with fellowship and having some great meals. We also accomplished our big goal of having a detailed strategic plan for the lodge. All the brothers had the ability to discuss, add in their ideas, and commit to things that we are all excited about.

We have another half dozen really good men interested in joining our lodge currently so we are looking at another year of tremendous growth. The beautiful thing is we not only will be growing still but now have the man power to spread out the work and start new initiatives. I am very excited to see all this come in to reality.

Part of the new strategic plan is also being more engaged with the ladies at the Eastern Star and young ladies at Job's Daughters. I really look forward to giving them even more support but also teaming up with these groups for the overall betterment of all of us.

Lastly, we really enjoyed ourselves at the Beloit lodge as they hosted a Table Lodge with the Ceremony of Seven Toasts. This was a combined lodge gathering of Milton, Janesville, Beloit, and Prince Hall Kennedy Lodge. Thanks to Beloit for hosting!

I hope all of you are enjoying the start of the year. Stay happy and healthy my friends

DUES NOTICES – YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD ONLINE AT “[55-wi.ourlodgepage.com](http://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 \$4.04 PLUS \$0.99 TO COVER FEES CHARGED TO THE LODGE FOR THE USE OF DEBIT CARDS.

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JANESVILLE CHAPTER #69 - O.E.S.

Jane Blackwood Secretary (608-346-8435)

ROSIE FISCUS W.M. (608-835-7808)

RON RASMUSSEN W.P. (608-774-1613)

JANUARY – FEBRUARY NO MEETINGS

March 9th Our first meeting back, we will be honoring our life members. We will be meeting in the upstairs Chapter room.

March 23rd, we are honoring the Compass points

April 13th, Looking ahead, Election of officers and we will be exemplifying the work. We will need help. We need all 5 Star Points and 2 courtesy candidates. Please let me know if you can help.

We cancelled our January get together.

Oregon Chapter is hosting the IL/WI exchange on February 26, the meal is only \$20. Call Rosie for more info.

I hope you all are staying healthy during these cold winter days. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you or if you know of someone needing sunshine.

Star Love

Rosie

Let us know if there is anything we can do for you or if you know someone that needs sunshine

\*\*\*\* 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.

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JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #21

, Guardian Secretary ()

MOM VALERIE BRINKMAN-KAMPMANN, BETHEL GUARDIAN (608)201-5049

MOM KELLEY MAROTTA, Guardian (608)931-0322

FEB 6 5:00PM STATED MEETING

FEB 20 2:00PM STATED MEETING – TIE DYE T-SHIRTS

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SHRINE CLUB

DUANE HARVEY (608-754-1377)



# JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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**FEBRUARY 2022**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	4	5 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
6 JOB'S DAUGHTERS STATED MEETING 5:00PM	7 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR TRUSTEES & FINANCE COMMITTEE 7:00PM	8	9 CHAPTER 69 OES NO MEETING	10 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	11	12 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
13	14 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 NO MEETING	15 AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 6:00PM	16	17 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	18	19 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM AT
20 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM STATED MEETING	21 BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM- 2:30PM ZOR SHRINE CLUB 7:00PM	22	23 CHAPTER 69 OES NO MEETING	24 MASONIC ALL DEGREE'S STUDY GROUP 7:00PM	25	26 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
27 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM COOKING BAKING	28 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING					

**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](http://jvlmasons.com) website and clicking on the Red Cross icon or by going to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). The next Blood Drives will be **FEBRUARY 21, 2022 AND MARCH 21, 2022**. These drives have been well attended with the appointment schedule filled.

**HELP:** THE 32-YEAR-OLD AIR CONDITIONER FOR THE MAIN LODGE ROOM HAS SEEN ITS BETTER DAYS AND QUIT. THE TRUSTEES HAVE RECEIVED QUOTES FOR THE REPLACEMENT AT A COST OF \$20,000. YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED HELPING THE MASONIC CENTER OFFSET THE COST OF THIS REPLACEMENT. EARLIER THIS YEAR THE CITY OF JANESVILLE REQUIRED THE CENTER INSTALL A GREASE TRAP IN THE LITTLE USED KITCHEN WHICH COST THE CENTER \$12,100. THE CENTER WILL BE TAKING OUT AN ADDITIONAL LOAN TO COVER THE AIR CONDITION UNIT FOR A TOTAL LOAN OF \$32,000. THANKS TO THOSE THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO HELP THE MASONIC CENTER PAY FOR THESE UPDATES.

## 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, and Lodge room carpet 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.

**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 \$100/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 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 MARCH Trestle Board is *due at the Masonic Center by FEBRUARY 22, 2022*. 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 [ljmasonic@charter.net](mailto:ljmasonic@charter.net) to send this information.

**KITCHEN UPDATE:** 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. Lloyd's Plumbing had been studying the requirements of the grease trap to handle the water consumption of the dishwasher. The work started on February 1 with the removal of the dishwasher and sinks. The floor had to be x-rayed for the floor drain and electrical conduit locations. Rock Cut Co. came in to cut and remove the floor in the area of the dish washer. The grease trap fitted below the floor level and it was found that the electrical conduits had to be replaced for drain clearance. After this work was done, the floor was cemented and new floor tiles installed. The Dish washer and sinks were reinstalled everything returned to the kitchen. The kitchen and dishwasher were back in order as of February 26, 2021. **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 and when the air handler is running is very much quieter than the old unit. **The cost of the replacement was \$20,000. Donations to help offset the cost of the grease trap AND the replacement of the 32-year-old air conditioner for the main lodge room would be greatly appreciated as the Masonic Center has taken a loan of \$32,000. Your help to pay for these projects would be greatly appreciated.**