

# JANESVILLE MASONIC CENTER TRESTLE BOARD

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

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JANESVILLE-WESTERN STAR #55

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

FEB 2-4 STRATEGIC RETREAT IN MADISON

FEB 5 7:00PM TRUSTEE MEETING

FEB 12 6:00PM DINNER  
7:00PM STATED MEETING

FEB 26 6:00PM DINNER  
7:00PM STATED MEETING

Hello Brothers,

We had our Installation of the Officers and Chairs on January 8<sup>th</sup>, and it was a perfect ceremony. Special thanks to Most Worshipful Grand Master Dave Richie for presiding over the Installation and Past Grand Master Scott Pedley for being the conducting Grand Marshall. Unfortunately, our Senior Warden Alex Petropoulos and Junior Stewart Robert McCormack were not present and will be installed at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> by our District Deputy Paul Larson. This is going to be a great year for the Lodge.

As you are aware we rescheduled the Strategic to February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> because of the wonderful Wisconsin weather. Please confirm with Brother Alex if you will be attending.

There will be degrees for the new members as they travel on their Masonic Journey. Keep an eye out for when these degrees occur and support these new brothers. This would be posted on the Members Facebook Page and those in the group messages.

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESSED:** If you know of a member that is suffering from an illness or other distress, please let the Lodge know.

Special Thanks to Brother Daniel Rodriguez for heading up the "Stick it to Bruce" Food Pantry Fund Raiser. The lodge collected \$850.

**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.

As part of the community outreach that we need to do to show that Mason and Masonry is still alive and growing. We are going to try and get 30 or more Masons from multiple lodges to attend A CAPS Hockey game on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:05PM, at Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Area 2616 N Pleasant View Rd. Middleton WI 53562. This is a benefit game for the Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin. Tickets are \$16 and a portion of each ticket will be donated to the Golden Retriever Rescue. This is a great cause, and it would be awesome to see Masons in the bleachers having a good time and showing we are here and supporting the community.

Bro. Sven  
608-314-6964

2024 Dues notices have been mailed and also emailed to those that have shared their email addresses with the lodge. REMEMBER THAT THE DUES FOR 2024 YEAR ARE DUE DECEMBER 31, 2023. If for some reason you have not received your 2024 dues notices please contact Secretary Larry.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We did not have a White Christmas but January sure made up for it! Hope you got shoveled out and are staying warm.

**REMINDER:** Join the chapter members at Red Robin in Janesville on January 31 at 6:00 for dinner and fellowship. This is a fundraiser also as well as a get together for fun and fellowship. Diners who anytime during the day mention Janesville OES, 20% of the bill will be collected for our Chapter. Take out meals qualify also.

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.

No meetings in February, Happy Valentines Day!

### March Meeting Schedule

3/13/24 7:00PM Honor night for Ruth, Esther and Electa, the WGM and WGP will be visiting us that evening.

3/27/24 7:00PM Compass night - theme Easter Parade, wear your prettiest Easter Bonnet or bunny ears. We will have a Cake/Bakery Walk after the meeting.

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.

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

FEB 4 2:00PM STATED MEETING Valentines Day – Friends Day

FEB 18 2:00PM STATED MEETING Perspective Member Event

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!



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Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to  
your server to have your sales counted.

### **FUNDRAISER DETAILS**

2430 Humes Rd, Janesville, WI 53546

January 31, 2024\*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at [order.redrobin.com](https://order.redrobin.com) and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)\*" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

\*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit [redrobin.com](https://redrobin.com) and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.



# JANESVILLE'S TRESTLE-BOARD DESIGNS

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**FEBRUARY 2024**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	2	3 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR RETREAT IN MADISON
4 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM MEETING	5 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR TRUSTEES 7:00PM MEETING	6 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7:00PM- 9:00PM	7	8 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	9	10 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
11	12 JANESVILLE- WESTERN STAR #55 7:00PM MEETING	13 STUDY GROUP AND <u>PRACTICE</u> LEGION MEETING	14 CHAPTER 69 OES 7:00PM NO MEETING	15 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	16	17 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
18 JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2:00PM MEETING	19 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:30PM	20 STUDY GROUP AND PRACTICE 7PM -9PM	21	22 RITUAL PRACTICE 7PM-9PM	23	24 MEET, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND BREAKFAST 9:00 AM
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**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 19 AND MARCH 19**. 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**

The elevator failed on Friday November 17, prior to Job's Daughters Craft and Vendors Fair. The elevator service company was called but failed to come until a second call was placed Friday evening. The repair person was unable to repair the elevator and stated the control valve needed to be replaced. The repair company quoted a cost of \$23,000 plus to replace the valve. Other companies were contacted to compare the cost of the replacement of the valve. One company

responded and wanted to look at the valve prior to replacement. Upon checking the valve and contacting a valve rebuilder, it was found that the adjustments were found to be way out of specifications and were reset to a desired adjustment. The adjustments were set to the correct settings and with some fine tuning, the elevator was working properly. The contract with the original service company was terminated due to the lengthy 6 plus months and cost to replace the elevator controller power supply the previous year and this years valve replacement quote and a contract with the company that was able to properly adjust the valve established starting in January 2024.

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.